



# The Communicator

February, 2012

Bethany is a community of believers called by God to worship, serve, teach and support.

Dear Bethany Faithful!

Welcome to February, 2012! There are many opportunities provided during this month. There are 7 from BPC working on the NC Presbyterian Pilgrimage weekend # 110 meeting February 9-12. There may still be room for guests if God is leading you to this spiritual renewal experience. Speak with me about the possibility.

Boy Scout Pack 40 has secured the necessary volunteers and boy scouts to re-charter and we give thanks for that. Boy Scout Sunday at BPC will be February 5. Please be present for this important service as we recognize our Boy Scouts and the work of the volunteer leaders. I would encourage any of you who have been involved in scouting in the past to be present as we honor and glorify God and the work of BSA in building Godly character.

On February 14 we observe the secular "day of love". For those of you with significant others, I pray you will remember the special bond that love gives to you and the strength that is borne from that love.

February 22 is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Season of Lent. We will begin Lent with a simple meal in the Fellowship Hall from 5:30 – 6:30, moving into the sanctuary for the Ash Wednesday worship service at 6:30 PM. Each Wednesday evening during the Season of Lent we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a meal and study from 6:00 – 7:30 PM. Our study will focus on Joyce Rupp's book, *The Cup of Our Life: A Guide for Spiritual Growth*. You will be provided the readings for each week to guide your meditations. **Please identify and bring with you your favorite cup.** As you decide upon a cup that you will use for your daily spiritual practice during Lent, I would offer you the following blessing prayer.

*Bestower of Life, Abundant Love, Trusted Companion, Eternal Wisdom, I pray your blessing to be upon this cup and upon myself. Make this cup a sacred vessel as I pray with it each day. May this cup become my teacher, helping me to find my way to you. May this cup hold many messages of your wisdom and your comfort. May this cup connect me with life and create in me a generous heart. May this cup draw me closer into loving oneness with you. Amen.*

We will celebrate Holy Communion on Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday, February 19. Please make plans to be present on this Sunday and, for those deacons who take communion to those in their homes, you may make arrangements for sometime during the following week.

I pray each of you have a wonderful and blessed February.

In Christ,

*Pastor Jennie*

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## Winter Weather

Please stay safely at home if there is any doubt about your ability to get to church. We don't want anyone to be hurt.

If there are questions, please check the church closings on WFMY, Channel 2.

If you have internet access, the closings can be checked quickly at [www.digtriad.com](http://www.digtriad.com).

We will also send out a grapevine email and activate the calling tree for those who do not have email.

Please feel free to call Jennie or Cathy at home to ask, if you have questions.

**When morning worship is cancelled**, all youth and children activities for that day are cancelled as well.

## Flowers in Worship

The flower chart for 2012 can be found inside the church office. If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary on a given Sunday, please be sure to sign the chart.

Flowers are \$45.00 and checks should be made to Bethany Presbyterian Church. We ask that you pay for your flowers in the month in which they are placed, or before.

If no one has signed up for flowers, there will be no flowers in worship.

## Lectionary for February

**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**, February 5, 2012

Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39

**Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**, February 12, 2012

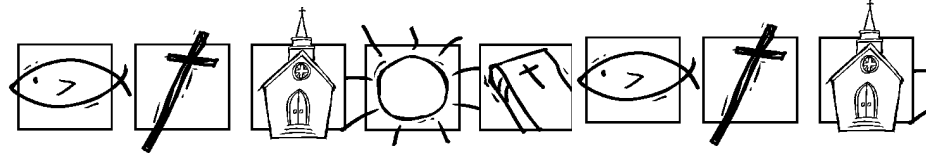
2 Kings 5:1-14 Psalm 30 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 Mark 1:40-45

**Transfiguration Sunday**, February 19, 2012

2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9

**First Sunday in Lent**, February 26, 2012

Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15



**Boy Scout  
SUNDAY**

## Boy Scout Sunday February 5, 2012

The Scouting program at Bethany Presbyterian Church is more than just an activity for our youth to learn about the outdoors.

Scouting provides fun, fellowship, and training to our youth as well as youth in our community. It emphasizes honesty, self-reliance, and respect. Through a year-round program, it affects character, citizenship, and personal fitness.

But the success of our Scouting depends on our volunteers, who serve in a variety of leadership roles so that our young people may benefit from our Scouting ministry.

As the Boy Scouts of America celebrates its anniversary, we salute the splendid volunteers who serve as Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, and Venturing Advisors, and in other positions of leadership.

One pastor believes the following of scouting: "I think the Gospel is a very powerful, yet a very simple message. It is a message of love, respect, and responsibility. Scouting is all of that."

According to a young man who received his God and Country Award: "It (the God and Country program) really made me think about my relationship with God and made me evaluate it."

In fact, when you look at the Scout Law and the principles which Scouting teaches young people, all those things are basically biblical principles. Young men lead devotions and in doing so, they read the Bible more and all boys participate.

Many volunteers give their time so Scouting's members will be involved in a quality program. Merit badge counselors help Scouts learn more about vocations and hobbies. Volunteers see that the Scout camps have the necessary physical facilities and that all camp activities meet the high health and safety standards of the national organization.

Volunteers serve behind the scenes on committees so that community organizations using the Scouting program can find the best leadership possible for the youth related to their organizations. Volunteers, too, provide training for these leaders and offer a continuing service to every Cub Scout pack, Boy Scout troop, and Venturing crew.

Many men and women offer their services to Scouting, but more volunteers are always needed to serve as leaders or share their special skills with young people and other adults. All these people experience a special sense of achievement through their work in Scouting.

We congratulate all the volunteers who are active in Scouting throughout the Bethany Presbyterian Church community and want to offer a special prayer and word of the thanks to the leaders of Pack & Troop 40 chartered to Bethany Presbyterian Church.





*In Loving  
Memory*



*Ollie Ruth Boswell*

Helen Andrews  
Clyde Corbett  
Teresa Belcher  
Mary Bell Moore  
Sherrie Moore  
Jean Payne  
Robert & Brenda Sykes

*Annie Lee Glenn Longest*

Jean Payne  
Lou Crutchfield  
Mary Belle Moore  
Helen Andrews  
Robert & Brenda Sykes  
Byron & Jill Bullis  
Don & Betty Boggs  
Bobby & Joyce Peele  
Tommy & Shirley Lane  
Dr. & Mrs. John Krege  
Graham High School Class of '56  
Joyce Ann Eaton  
Sheldon & Dee Patty  
Hugh & Laurie Watkins  
James & Sherry Sheek  
Jane Ferrell

**Officer Training & "Retreat"**

Friday, March 9 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Saturday, March 10 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Led by Dr. Dianna Wright of Salem Presbytery and Pastor Jennie

**Publication Deadlines**

"The Communicator"

is the fifteenth of each month.

"Sunday Morning Times," is Thursday of each week, and Sunday@7:00 AM for prayer requests.

**Send to:** office@bethanypresbyterian.org.

**Deacon Ministry Team Leadership Roles**

**Class of 2012**

**Barbara Cousins** Shepherd  
Mission Service & Scouting  
Scholarship

**Shelby Smith** Shepherd  
Worship Team

**Jill Bullis** Shepherd  
Ushering  
Scholarship  
Community Outreach

**Nancy Purcell** Moderator  
Shepherd  
Budget & Finance  
Community Outreach

**Class of 2013**

**Katherine Bayliff** Shepherd  
Budget & Finance  
Worship Team  
Hospitality

**Paul Straughan** Personnel  
Building & Grounds

**Ron Kimrey** Shepherd  
Personnel  
Building & Grounds  
Nominating Team (member at large)

**Kim Snyder** Vice Moderator  
Shepherd  
Mission Service & Scouting

**Class of 2014**

**Helen Byrd** Shepherd  
Nominating Team

**Kim Davis** Secretary  
Christian Education  
Community Outreach

**Lisa Holt** Shepherd  
Christian Education  
Scholarship

**Mike Boggs** Building & Grounds  
Hospitality  
Nominating Team

Your Deacons typically meet on the second Tuesday of each month. Please keep them in your prayers as they do the

## Clerk's Corner

The Session held its monthly meeting Monday, January 9

### Items of interest to all:

- † Jean Payne was received into the membership of Bethany. We are glad to have her back "home."
- † Tommy Foust was re-elected to the office of treasurer for Bethany.
- † Sylvia Hayes was elected to serve as clerk of session for 2012.
- † A wedding to be held on our campus was approved for March 16, 2012. Pastor Jennie is officiating this ceremony.
- † Officer Training is to be held March 9 & 10. All officers, currently serving should make every effort to be in attendance. Other officers are welcome to attend.
- † A moratorium on spending was issued (a spending freeze). All spending (with the exception of utilities and salaries) MUST be approved by the session before monies are spent or promised.
- † A reminder that all items in the basement should have been tagged or removed. The cleaning out will begin the last week of January.
- † Our Boy Scouts still need leaders/volunteers to help lead the groups. If you feel led to help, please speak to Byron Bullis or Pastor Jennie.

## Session Ministry Team Leadership Roles

### Class of 2012

Glenn Patterson	Scholarship Team, chairperson
Rick Purcell	Christian Education, chairperson Personnel, chairperson Pastor Nominating Team, Chairperson
Sherrie Moore	Mission, Service & Scouting, chairperson Christian Education Scholarship

### Class of 2013

Pat Flythe	Transition Team Personnel Team
Sylvia Hayes	Clerk of Session Worship Team, chairperson
Tom Foust	Budget & Finance, chairperson Building & Grounds, chairperson Nominating Team Church Treasurer

### Class of 2014

Byron Bullis	Building & Grounds Mission Service & Scouting Nominating Team, chairperson Transition Team
Glenn Thompson	Budget & Finance Team
Randy Cousins	Building & Grounds Worship Team

If anyone has any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Glenn Patterson

## Congratulations to Anna!

Anna Osborne, senior, Williams High School, won a Silver Key award from Scholastic for her Charlie Horse Boot Sculpture.

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards have an impressive legacy dating back to 1923 and a noteworthy roster of past winners including Andy Warhol, Sylvia Plath, Truman Capote, Richard Avedon, Robert Redford and Joyce Carol Oates.

The Awards are an important opportunity for students to be recognized for their creative talents. Each year, the Alliance partners with more than 100 visual and literary-arts focused organizations across the country to bring The Awards to local communities. Teens in grades 7 through 12 can apply in 28 categories of art and writing for the chance to earn scholarships and have their works exhibited or published.

For more information on the award, please go to the web page: <http://www.artandwriting.org/Awards>.

# February 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Sundays</b> 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 5:00 PM Sunday Nite 4 Kids & Youth  <b>Tuesdays</b> Noon Bible Study  <b>Wednesdays</b> 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal			<b>1</b> Lynda Gamble	<b>2</b> Eddie Boggs	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> <b>Souper Bowl Sunday</b> <b>Boy Scout Sunday</b>  SN4Kids&Youth 5:00 PM	<b>6</b> Mae Guthrie Ida Whitney  Circle 3, 7:00 PM Circle 4, 7:00 PM	<b>7</b> Bobby Peele  Salem Presbytery  Bible Study Noon	<b>8</b> Kayla Donley  No Choir Rehearsal	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  COPA Ballet@ The Paramount
<b>12</b>  Reid Terrell  Year in the Bible Gathering 2:30 PM	<b>13</b>  Session Meeting 7:00 PM  Circle 1, 10:00 AM	<b>14</b> ♥Jill & Byron Bullis James Davis Bible Study Noon  Deacons Meeting 7:00 PM	<b>15</b>  Deadline for March Newsletter	<b>16</b>  Laura Mitchell-Ayers  Good Shepherd Kitchen	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  Joyce Peele
<b>19</b>  Women's Council Noon  SN4Kids&Youth 5:00 PM	<b>20</b>  Presidents' Day <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>21</b> Rick Purcell Bible Study Noon  Pancake Supper 6:00 PM	<b>22</b> ♥David & Jennifer Foust  Ash Wednesday Meal 5:30 PM  Ash Wednesday Worship 6:30 PM	<b>23</b> ♥Velna & Tom Foust  Sherrie Moore "Mac" Mackey	<b>24</b>  Linda Tanis	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>  Pennies for Hunger Sunday	<b>27</b>  Christian Education Team, 7:00 PM	<b>28</b>  Book Club, 7:00 PM	<b>Deacon on Duty</b> Paul Straughan  <b>Ushers</b> Abby Straughan Reid Terrell Tommy Lane  <b>Money Counters</b> Paul Straughan Tommy Lane Brenda Sykes  <b>Elder Greeter</b> Robert Sykes		<b>Nursery</b>  <b>Feb. 5</b> Kim Snyder & Abby Straughan  <b>Feb. 12</b> The Smith/Sutton Family  <b>Feb. 19</b> Gina & Zach Wagner  <b>Feb. 26</b> Shelvia Russell & Vera Thompson	



# The Season of Lent

Ash Wednesday Worship,  
Wednesday, February 22, 6:30 PM

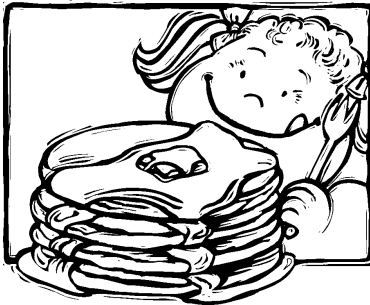
## Fellowship Meals & Book Study

6:00 PM, Wednesday evenings, February 29—March 28  
“*The Cup of Our Life, A Guide for Spiritual Growth*” by  
Joyce Rupp is our guide for the study.

A special class for the children (4—Fifth grade) meets on  
the Second floor, following the meal. If you nursery care  
is needed, please let us know.

For more information, please call the church office.

## PANCAKE SUPPER



Shrove (Fat) Tuesday  
Pancake Dinner  
Tuesday, February 21  
6:00 PM

Brought to you by the children  
of Bethany (and their friends).

Join us for a little indulgence  
before the  
season of Lent begins.

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### Church Office Hours

Monday—Thursday  
9:00 AM—12:00 Noon

If you need to reach someone at other times, please feel free to call:  
Jennie Henrick, (336) 408-7976,  
or Cathy Mooney, (336) 263-3470.