

WEEKEND UPDATE, Friday, February 3, 2012

SCRIPTURES FOR SUNDAY, February 5, 2012

Exodus 18:13-26

13 The next day Moses sat as judge for the people, while the people stood around him from morning until evening. 14 When Moses' father-in-law saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, "What is this that you are doing for the people? Why do you sit alone, while all the people stand around you from morning until evening?" 15 Moses said to his father-in-law, "Because the people come to me to inquire of God. 16 When they have a dispute, they come to me and I decide between one person and another, and I make known to them the statutes and instructions of God." 17 Moses' father-in-law said to him, "What you are doing is not good. 18 You will surely wear yourself out, both you and these people with you. For the task is too heavy for you; you cannot do it alone. 19 Now listen to me. I will give you counsel, and God be with you! You should represent the people before God, and you should bring their cases before God; 20 teach them the statutes and instructions and make known to them the way they are to go and the things they are to do. 21 You should also look for able men among all the people, men who fear God, are trustworthy, and hate dishonest gain; set such men over them as officers over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. 22 Let them sit as judges for the people at all times; let them bring every important case to you, but decide every minor case themselves. So it will be easier for you, and they will bear the burden with you. 23 If you do this, and God so commands you, then you will be able to endure, and all these people will go to their home in peace." 24 So Moses listened to his father-in-law and did all that he had said. 25 Moses chose able men from all Israel and appointed them as heads over the people, as officers over thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens. 26 And they judged the people at all times; hard cases they brought to Moses, but any minor case they decided themselves.

Mark 1:29-39

29 As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. 30 Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. 31 He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. 32 That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. 33 And the whole city was gathered around the door. 34 And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. 35 In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. 36 And Simon and his companions hunted for him. 37 When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." 38 He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." 39 And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEKEND

Sunday, February 5, Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Remembering Other Congregations in Our Prayers

Please remember in prayer other congregations in our presbytery as they strive to bring God's word and love to their communities. Today and during this week, we pray for First Presbyterian Church, Lincoln; and First Presbyterian Church, Heber Springs.

2012 Offering envelopes are in the narthex.

SOUPER Bowl of Caring for CEO

In conjunction with a national focus on hunger relief on Super Bowl Sunday, the youth of FUPC invite you to make today's CEO offering a "SOUPER Bowl of Caring."

C.P.H. Fundraiser Tamales will be delivered beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Payment will be received when tamales are picked up.

Chinese School meets at 1:30 p.m.

Youth Bells meets from 4:00– 4:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary

United Presbyterian Youth meets at 5:00 p.m. at the Boushelle's for a Super Bowl Party

THIS WEEK

Monday, February 6

PW Circle 4 meets at 1:30 p.m., at the home of Rita Manske

Tuesday, February 7

Staff Meeting at 9:30 a.m. in Commons Room

History Sub-Committee meets at 9:30 a.m. in Library

Presbyterian Women's Covenant Group meets at 11:00 a.m. in Upper Witherspoon (Activity Center)

First School Happy Feet meets at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Stephen Ministry meets at 6:30 p.m. in Calvin 202

Gambler's Anonymous meets at 7:00 p.m. in Lower Witherspoon

Wednesday, February 8

Men's Breakfast Group meets at 6:30 a.m. at the Village Inn Restaurant

First School Enrollment (Current Students and Siblings)

First School Visit from Post Office Representative in Library at 10:15 a.m.

First School Jitterbugs meets at 11:20 in the Library

Wonderful Wednesday begins at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Program and Menu:

Old Fashioned Hymn Sing led by Dennis Brewer — Hawaiian chicken, rice, broccoli salad

Ways to reserve:

- Make your standing reservation by emailing wwreserve@fupcfay.org and tell how many people and ages of children.
 - Email weekly to our reservation email wwreserve@fupcfay.org by Monday at noon.
 - **Call 856-6247** and leave your name and number of reservations in each age group by Monday at noon.
 - Complete a registration slip in the Narthex and place it in the Wonderful Wednesday box.
- In all cases, please let us know if you are vegetarian or have any food restrictions. You are encouraged to bring your own dishes, cups and flatware.

Dinner Cost:

Adults and youth 13 years and older	- \$6/ person
Children ages 4 to 12 years	- \$4/ person
Peanut butter and jelly entrée for children	- \$3/person
Children 3 and under	- no cost

Chancel Choir meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Music Room
Ozark Society meets at 7:00 p.m. in Upper Witherspoon

Thursday, February 9

First School Enrollment (Current Students and Siblings)
First School Visit from Post Office Representative in Library at 10:15 a.m.
PW Circle 5 meets at 12:00 noon in Calvin 201.
Intercessory Prayer Group meets at 3:30 p.m. at Butterfield Trail Village.
Youth Sub-Committee meets at 7:00 p.m. in Commons Room.
Everyone Can Sing Community Choir meets at 7:00 p.m. in Upper Witherspoon.

Friday, February 10

Presbyterian Women Hooks and Needles meets at 10:00 a.m. in Upper Witherspoon.
FUPC Dance Group meets at 7:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.
C.P.H. Retreat begins at 5:00 p.m. in Upper Witherspoon.

Saturday, February 11

C. P. H. Retreat meets from 8:00 a.m.—2:-00 p.m. in Upper Witherspoon

Sunday, February 12

Carly Lynn Polikoff, infant daughter of Rich and Heather Polikoff, will be baptized at the early service on February 12.

Children are especially encouraged to attend.

Cake and beverages will be served in Fellowship Hall immediately following the service to welcome Carly Lynn into our church family.

Youth Handbells will play at 11:00 a.m. service.
Advanced Handbells will play at 11:00 a.m. service.

Youth Mission Fundraiser—Soup Mix and Seasoned Oyster Crackers Sale
Before and after the 11:00 a.m. Worship service on February 12 and 19, the youth will be selling 16 oz containers of handmade soup mixes and 8 oz containers of seasoned oyster crackers. You will have three choices of soups: Vegetarian Black Bean, Calico Bean Soup, or Pasta e Fagioli. The suggested donation is \$10 for a combination of one soup mix and one seasoned cracker container (\$7/ soup and \$3/ cracker container)

Welcoming Committee will meet at 12:30 p.m.

Board of Deacons will meet at 4:30 p.m. at the home of Cathy Irwin.

Stated Session meets at 6:00 p.m. in the Library.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Tuesday, February 21, 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Ash Wednesday Service, Wednesday, February 22 at 6:00 p.m. in Sanctuary

Writers Needed: Our upcoming Lenten sermon series will focus on “Encounters on the Way to the Cross.” For Ash Wednesday, the six Sundays of Lent, and each day during Holy Week, as we move toward Easter Sunday, we will look at the cross from the perspective of individuals who were with Jesus. Our hope is that a Lenten Devotional Booklet will be developed during this season and given to the congregation on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Writers from within the congregation are needed to reflect weekly on Adam and Eve (Genesis 3:1-24); a crippled woman (Luke 13:10-17 and 31-35); Peter and the disciples (Mark 8:27-38 and 14:26-31, 66-72); Mary (John 2:13-22); Nicodemus (John 3:1-16); Lazarus, Mary and Martha (John 11); the crowds (Mark 11:1-11); tax collectors (Mark 11:15-19); the woman who anointed Jesus’ feet (Mark 14:3-9 or John 12:20-33); Caiaphas (Matthew 25:57-68); Judas (Mark 14:10-21, 43-46); the centurion (Mark 15:33-39); Joseph of Arimathea (Mark 15:42-47) and Mary Magdalene (John 20:1-18). Please talk with Jan Butin this week (or send an e-mail to jbutin@fupcfay.org) if you would be willing to study one of these scriptures and write one of these brief devotionals for inclusion in this booklet. The staff will also write, but we’d like to give the congregation the first opportunity. Thank you!

Look Before You Leap Orientation

If you’ve been visiting FUPC, and are interested in knowing more about this congregation, we’d like to extend a special invitation for you to join us for a “Look Before You Leap” orientation **in the Library from 7:00 to 9:00 pm on Wednesday, February 29**, following Wonderful Wednesday. This is preparation for membership, but you may come as inquirers as well. Hope to see you there!

New Information Available from Outreach Committee

Any who are interested in learning more about continued funding of the ¼ cent tax for public transportation (from the “in favor of” perspective) may pick up more information on the oak table in the narthex following worship. This is being provided through the Outreach Committee.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers Needed for our Habitat for Humanity Workday: **Saturday, February 11 from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.!!!** FUPC is scheduled to do "finish work" at the Habitat House on Haddon Street. **Contact Bill Hart at 267-2202 or wdcchart@hotmail.com** if you can be a part of the team working to build a family a home. And contact Ellie Dugan at 442.0241 or elliedugan@hotmail.com to help with lunch. Youth 16 and older can work on-site with parental consent and supervision, and younger youth can assist with serving lunch.

THE FOURTH ANNUAL INTERFAITH HARMONY DAY

Saturday, February 25, 2012 from 2:00 – 5:30 pm
Parish hall at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church
224 N. East St., Fayetteville

Displays by many different faith groups

Performances of music, dances, skits, poetry and a panel discussion

A family-friendly afternoon of connection, food and fun, not preaching or recruiting

To participate contact peace@stpaulsfay.org

FREE ADMISSION TO ALL
We hope you will join us