

## UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER

January 22, 2012 - 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Faith United Methodist Church

Faith United Methodist Church will host the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual United Campus Ministry Breakfast Fundraiser on January 22, 2012 between 9:00 am and 1:00 pm at Faith United Methodist Church, FUMC Fellowship Hall (downstairs) located at 1623 Central Avenue, Kearney.

Freewill donation.

UCM will be conducting both the 8:45 am and 11:00 am services at Faith United Methodist Church.

Mark your calendar and come share worship and/or food with these wonderful young people!

## SCOTTISH HERITAGE SUNDAY

KIRKIN' OF THE TARTANS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29TH

A wee bit o' Scotland will be returning to First Presbyterian Church in Kearney on January 29 in the form of a "Kirkin' of the Tartans" worship service. We will celebrate our Scottish heritage as Presbyterians with Scottish music, a bagpiper, a beadle, Scottish attire, and following the service, a Ceilidh (a Scottish happening) with shortbread in the Family Life Center.

The Kirkin' of the Tartan service originated in the United States during the 1940s and was instituted by Peter Marsahll, minister of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington D.C. Dr. Marshall began the ceremony as a special offering to aid Scots who were suffering the ravages of World War II. The presentation of the tartans symbolized the rededication of one's life to God's service, and affirms the Scottish roots of our Presbyterian heritage.

Scots are asked to bring a piece of their clan tartan to be blessed. Whatever your heritage, however, all people are encouraged to come and celebrate our roots as a Presbyterian family of faith. Wear something plaid, if you are able, and bring your Scottish friends.

Local Kearney leaders will be joining us as honored guests and their work in the community will be blessed to the glory of God.

*Invite your friends to join us in worship!*

*Welcome!*

*First Presbyterian Church Kearney commits to living forward with God through passion and excellence by nurturing the gifts of our members and reaching out to each other, the community, and the world.*

### A Word to our Guests

We are so glad to have you with us this morning!

Join us for refreshments and fellowship after the service in the Family Life Center, down the hall to the right as you leave the Sanctuary.

Please help yourself to a gift bag that is on the table in the foyer as you leave the building.

### Words of Preparation

Ring out the old, ring in the new,  
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:  
The year is going, let him go;  
Ring out the false, ring in the true.  
~Alfred, Lord Tennyson, 1850

Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right.  
~Oprah Winfrey

January 1, 2012

**WORSHIP FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

10:30 A.M.

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas**

**All hymns numbered 2000 or higher may be found in the "Sing the Faith" hymnal.**

**\*Those who are able please stand**

PRELUDE

"The Three Kings"

arr. Wilbur Held

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETING

Stephen Price-Gibson

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Titus 2:11; Colossians 3:15, 16

Jack Hild, Liturgist

The People walking in darkness have seen a great light;

**on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.**

Jesus Christ is our life and light.

**In His name and in His power, let us worship God!**

\*HYMN

“God of Our Life”

No. 275

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

When Jesus was born of Mary,  
he became like us in all things but sin.  
May we who have been reborn in him  
be free from our sinful ways.  
Let us confess our sin to God.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of light, Lord of the nations:  
you have shown your glory in Jesus Christ, the light of the world.  
Forgive us for the times we have chosen darkness  
and have clung to sins that hide the brightness of your love.  
We bear grudges against our neighbors, while it is your nature to forgive.  
We hold tightly to our possessions, while Christ blesses the poor.  
We live in turmoil, yet in him you have spoken peace.  
In mercy forgive us, and help us to amend our ways.  
We pray in the name of the child who is your Christ and our Lord Jesus.  
Amen.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the good news  
God has caused light to shine in our hearts,  
the light that is knowledge of the glory of God  
in the face of Jesus Christ.  
**To all who received him,  
to those who believed in his name,  
he gave the right to become children of God!**  
Believe the good news:  
In Christ we are forgiven!  
**Thanks be to God!**

\*RESPONSE

“O Little Town of Bethlehem” v. 4

No. 44

*O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!*

## PRIME OF LIFE

Prime of Life will meet on Sunday, January 8, 2012. Please note this is the second Sunday in January. Hosts for January are: Eldin and Annabelle Wells (893-2156), Ron and Diane Panowicz (233-0957 or 293-5008), and Phil and Fia Feese (234-2672). Contact one of the hosts to confirm your attendance. The Taize service is the program.

Prime of Life is a social group that meets at the church on the first Sunday evening of each month for a light meal, delightful program, and wonderful fellowship. We want to extend an open invitation to everyone of the “mature age” of 55 or older. Singles and couples are welcome.

## *Taize Worship Service*

**Sunday, January 8, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.**

*TAIZE worship includes candlelight, prayers, readings, soft music, and silence. The service is very meditative and offers a wonderful opportunity to be silent and center on the Lord.*

**The service is open to the entire community.  
Come as you are – and bring your friends.**

## WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY CIRCLES

BIBLE STUDY CIRCLES meet once a month from September to May. Please consider joining any circle that best fits into your schedule. All women of the church are welcome! The Bible Study’s book, *Confessing the Beatitudes*.

<u>Hannah Circle</u>	<u>Ruth Circle</u>	<u>B.A.G. Ladies Circle</u>
Monday, January 16	Tuesday, January 17	Wednesday, January 18
7:00 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	5:30 p.m.
Janet Pickens’ Home	Church Classroom	Church Library

**Liturgist:** Jack Hild

**Greeters:** Ken and Ruth Slominski

**Communion Servers:** Pat Hild and John McKirahan

**Ushers:** Robin Bowers, Pat Hild, Cynthe Johnson, Ken and Lyn Shaffer,  
and Tiffany Tarvestad

**Organist:** Sandy McKirahan

**Sound System Operator:** John McKirahan

**Nursery Attendant:** Alexis Elliott or Tyler Newby

**December 24, 2011**  
**Church Attendance: 180**  
**Dimes for Mission: 22**

**December 25, 2011**  
**Church Attendance: 70**  
**Dimes for Mission: 41**

## **CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETING FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS JANUARY 8, 2012 - 11:45 a.m.**

A confirmation class is being organized in January. It will begin as part of the Wednesday Night Live program, with the Pastor meeting with the confirmation class from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm each Wednesday from January 11 to March 28. If you have a young person in your family who is interested in participating, in middle or high school, plan to attend a meeting in the church library for parents on Sunday, January 8, immediately following the worship service, to learn more the 2012 Confirmation Class.

## **ELDER AND DEACON TRAINING**

**Sunday, January 8, 2012 - 12:00-1:30 p.m.**

Elders and Deacons will spend some time together reviewing information about Presbyterian Government and the structure of our church. This training is strongly suggested for both those to be ordained for the first time and those who have previously served on either board. Current ruling elders and deacons are also strongly encouraged to attend. Lunch provided.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

**Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit,  
that in your light we may see light,  
in your truth find freedom,  
and in your will discover your peace,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:22-40

Red Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 59  
Gold Pew Bible, N.T., pg. 80

SERMON

*“PAYOFF”*

\*HYMN

“Song of Simeon”

No. 603

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“Apostles’ Creed”

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the  
Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was  
crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose  
again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right  
hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge  
the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of  
the saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the  
life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright” arr. Michael Burkhardt

\*DEDICATION HYMN

“As with Gladness Men of Old”

No. 63

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

