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Friends,

Did you know that over the last 52 years of the Super Bowl, marketers have spent nearly \$5.4 billion on advertisements for the game? Admittedly, as a non-football-follower, the commercials tend to be what I watch for. I can't tell you which teams are playing this year, or where they are from. But I *do* know that those Clydesdale horses are supposed to be back this year.

But have you ever stopped to think about what more we could be doing with \$5.4 billion? Do you wonder what that says about our priorities as a country?

This year, you will be invited to "Change the Game" alongside youth from across the country. The Souper Bowl of Caring started nearly 30 years ago in a Presbyterian youth group in South Carolina, with a simple prayer: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat." Since then, over \$143 million has been raised for local charities that address hunger in their communities. The Souper Bowl of Caring strives to transform the Super Bowl into an opportunity for giving and service (www.souperbowl.org).

When you participate in this year's Souper Bowl of Caring, every dollar you give will go directly to feed our neighbors here in Pulaski through the Daily Bread ministry. Help us follow Jesus' command to "feed my sheep" and his example of loving the lost and the least by giving generously!

With gratitude,

Melissa McNair-King

NEWS FROM PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

From Day Circle by Phyllis Vice:

Day Circle will meet on Monday, February 11th, at 11 a.m. in the Manse. We will be on lesson four, *God With Us When We Seek God*. The focus of this lesson is God summons God's people, and especially God's leaders, to walk in God's ways and to seek God. Scripture for this lesson is: I Chronicles 28:1-21; I Kings 11:1-13, 29-39. Each lesson is independent of the others, so if you have not joined us yet you will not be lost. All are welcome. Bring a sack lunch and stay for fellowship after the meeting.

Bring two to three dozen cookies to prepare Valentine plates for our shut-ins.

February 11-17 is *National Random Acts of Kindness Week*. As Christians we strive to be kind to all at all times. Put a special note on your calendar to use this week as a reminder.

Looking ahead: March 3rd has been designated as *Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday*.

From Night Circle by Dianne Wallace:

Night Circle will meet on Monday, February 11th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Manse. Phyllis Vice will lead us in the study, *In Community With The Living God*, DVD series. In preparation please read the following scriptures: Hebrews 1:1-4, Exodus 3:1-7, Exodus 19:16-25, Hebrews 12:18-24, Hebrews 8:10 and Jeremiah 31:31-34.

For the February service project we will work on blankets for the Cancer Center.

Our meal theme is *Share with a Friend*. Bring a recipe or food idea that a friend shared with you and bring copies to share with each other. Drinks and dessert will be provided. All ladies are welcome and encouraged to attend and join in fellowship and friendship!

Presbyterian Women -
Praying, Studying, Loving, Serving



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS

WELCOME TO THE WORLD Jovie Elizabeth Hale! Jovie was born to Ashley and Willie Hale on December 30, 2018. She was 3 pounds, 15 ounces, and 16" long. In addition to her parents, she is adored by big sisters Victoria and Emery, big brother Davis, and grandparents Eddie & Kathy Hale and Joe & Kathy Weddle. Welcome to our church family!

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY will be observed on February 3rd.

COMMUNION will be served on Sunday, February 3rd.

YOUTH GROUP:

- Help us feed the hungry! On Sunday, February 3, we will join youth across the country by participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring. Youth will collect donations at the end of our worship service, with all money going toward the Daily Bread ministry. Youth Group will not meet that evening – enjoy watching the Super Bowl with your family.
- Save the date! We will join our neighbors at Trinity Lutheran Church on **Saturday, February 16** for an Art Night. Each participant will have the chance to create your own work of chalk art, based on a passage of Scripture. Stay tuned for more details.



Learn
Chalk
Art

Engage – Enrich – Encourage



Friends
Family
Faith



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: The Session has called a congregational meeting following worship on Sunday, February 17 for the purpose of reviewing the pastor's terms of call for 2019. Information about the 2019 budget will also be shared.

PLEASE SUBMIT ITEMS to the church office for the March newsletter no later than Monday, February 18th.

JOIN US FOR *Oils of the Bible* a free class on Thursday, February 28th, 3:30 p.m. in the Manse. The presenter is Julie Stephenson Schultheis. Please RSVP to KD Walters by February 15, 2019 at: 540-509-5304 or kdubois1000@gmail.com. This is for ladies of the Day and Night Circles and their guests.



CHECK IT OUT!



For our Wonderful Wednesdays we are continuing our lessons on learning more of the major religions of the world besides Christianity. We have several resources in the church library that can further your understanding if you are so inclined. Check them out!

261.2 WOG What Christians can learn from other religions by J. Philip Wogaman - Examining other religions provides Christians the opportunity to more deeply understand their own beliefs.

270.8 HUD Coffee, tea, and holy water: One woman's journey to experience Christianity around the globe by Amanda Hudson - Somewhere between making cinnamon cappuccinos, coffee frappes, and chai smoothies, barista Amanda Hudson started pondering the great diversity of caffeine - and the even greater diversity in life, in the church, and in faith.

274 OLS Christianity and the Celts by Ted Olsen - the author digs beneath the layers of romanticization to introduce the reader to the world of the Celts, focusing on their interaction with the Christian faith.

290 HAR Popular aspects of oriental religions by Louis O. Hartman.

297.09 FUL A World without Islam by Graham E. Fuller - The author guides us through history, geopolitics, and religion to investigate whether or not Islam is indeed the cause of some of today's international crises.

CH FIC KIM Herschel and the Hanukkah goblins by Eric Kimmel - Herschel outwits the goblins that haunt the old synagogue and prevent the village people from celebrating Hanukkah.

Join us for Wonderful Wednesdays!

6:00-7:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

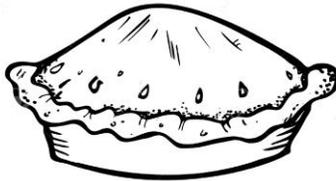
Plan to make Wednesday church nights a part of your regular routine! It is a special time of learning and growing together as a church family. The suggested "offering" for dinner is \$4/person or \$15/family. This is anonymous and give-as-you-can. Everyone is welcome regardless of your ability to give.

This winter, the youth and adult study will focus on Religions of the World. Children will have Bible crafts and games in the Preschool room, then switch to choir during March and April.

Thank you to those who are serving in February:

Date	Cooking Team	Clean-Up Team	Program
February 6	Bruce	Ernie, Larry, Bruce	Buddhism
February 13	Chasity & Melissa	Mike, Bernice	China Mission Presentation (Sue Jean Bradley)
February 20	Pizza & Pie	Jessie, Joe	Pie Night! (See below)
February 27	Ron, KD, Pam	KD, Ernie, Larry	Everyone's Birthday Party!

Join us on February 20 for Pie Night!



This is a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. No offering will be taken for the meal, but please come prepared to give generously for a great cause!

For \$5 per ticket (or 5 tickets for \$20), you will have the chance to participate in a "pie walk" where the winner takes home a pie!

If you would like to contribute a pie (either homemade or store-bought), please let Julie or Melissa know by Wednesday, February 13.



DATE:

LAY READERS:

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS:

2/3/19

Scout Sunday

Mary Catherine Williams

2/10/19

Tom Haller

Bernice Brown

2/17/19

Gene Holt

Debi Fox

2/24/19

Allison Hunter

Kathy Hale