

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2012**

CALENDAR

- **Sunday, February 12:** Children's Choir Sings, practice at 9:15 a.m.
- **Thursday, February 16:** Session meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- **Sunday, February 19:** PANCAKE BREAKFAST & SHROVE SUNDAY – a celebration before Lent
- **Tuesday, February 21:** TUESDAY practice for bell and chancel choirs
- **Wednesday, February 22:** Ash Wednesday Service, 7 p.m.
- **Sunday, February 26:** First Sunday in Lent; Communion
- **Monday, February 27:** Ladies Night out at Midtown Family Restaurant; 6:30 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19 **SHROVE SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST** starting at 8:00 a.m. Prepared by our Youth Group



Plan to come early and enjoy a hearty breakfast before worship.

At 9:30 everyone may join in on a celebration worship full of music before we enter the season of Lent!

YOUTH SCHEDULE

- Sunday, February 12th: 10:45am-Sunday School; 6:30-8:30pm-Youth Group-Sr. High Youth only
- Sunday, Feb 19th: SHROVE SUNDAY; 6:30am-Youth arrive for Pancake Breakfast; 10:45am-Sunday School; NO Evening Youth Group
- Sunday, February 26th: 10:45am-Sunday School; 6:30-8:30pm-Youth Group – Jr. High Youth only

ADULT BIBLE STUDY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays at 11:00 a.m. in the church living room. All are invited!

- February 12: New Testament Overview: The Letters and The Visions of John (Revelation)
- February 26: Lent Study: a DVD study of "24 Hours that Changed the World." Accompanying Books are available for a reduced price of \$8.00 from Pastor Julie.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW SECRETARY! As announced last Sunday during worship, Misti Huedepohl has accepted the position of Church Secretary, replacing Barb Horak, who is retiring. Congratulations, Misti!

CHANGE IN CHURCH OFFICE HOURS With the change in staff, office hours will now be on Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

NEW CLASS TOMORROW NIGHT A new class begins Monday night, February 13 at 7 p.m. "Bread For The Journey" will include meditative prayer and expansion of one's spirit. Terry Zahradnik and Lacey Stockdale will be hosting the class in the church living room. Please join in!

SHROVE SUNDAY (known in the past as Mardi Gras or Jazz Sunday) will be on February 19th. (Shrove Sunday- the Sunday before Ash Wednesday; Origin: 1425–75; late Middle English *shrofsunday*. Shrove Sunday is fifty days before Easter Day.) The Monday and Tuesday before Ash Wednesday are known as "Shrovetide".

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE This year Ash Wednesday is on February 22. Traditionally Ash Wednesday was a day of fasting, hence the feasting on Shrove Tuesday (Fat Tuesday). It is the day that begins the 40 days of Lent by the tradition of marking a cross on the forehead with ash. The ash cross is a sign of repentance, of devotion, of intentions to observe prayer and fasting during Lent. Please join in on the Ash Wednesday worship service, Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY! We are looking for a volunteer or volunteers to schedule people to man our Nursery on Sunday mornings for little ones that need a break from worship services. Please contact Pastor Julie or the church office if you are willing to volunteer your time in this ministry.

EVENING DISCUSSION GROUP The evening group will meet on Sunday, February 26th at 6:30 p.m. The Topics will be: "Meaning": King Solomon may have said in Ecclesiastes 1:2 "Everything is meaningless" but

WELCOME & WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

Feb. 12
U - Huedepohl family
G - Arlene & Ryan Reyman
L - Theresa Harder

Feb. 19
U - Jeff & Diane Reist
G - Janice Horak
L - Matt Zacek

Feb. 26
U - Rob & Julie Kilberger
G - Gary & Pat Kilberger
L - René Tedrow

Mar. 4
U - Carl & Barb Zahradnik
G - Janelle Benish
L - Norm Zahradnik

If you have a conflict with your assignment, let the church office know. Thank you! You may find the yearly assignment sheet on bulletin boards and on the church web site, www.elypres.org

there is more to the story. We will watch a short film titled "Nameless Moment" about Gavin, a pessimist, who is convinced that life is nothing but a series of random, meaningless events.

LADIES NIGHT OUT We will have the February meal at "The Midtown Family Restaurant" (which used to be the "Lark" in Tiffin) located at 1069 Hwy 1 West in Iowa City. Take Hwy 218 south to the Hwy 1 interchange, exit and turn left. The date is Monday, February 27th at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Jennie Netolicky at 848-4712 by Sunday, February 26th if you are interested in joining in the fun.

WINTER WEATHER? In the case of winter weather, please tune in to KCRG Channel 9 for notice of cancellation of church activities. You may also visit KCRG on line to view cancellations. Closings will be determined by 8 a.m. If possible, an email will be sent to those that are on the email database. A link to KCRG is on our web site bulletin board at www.elypres.org.

DONATE TO ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION I am raising funds for the Alzheimer's Association of East Central Iowa. Every year there is a phone gala in January in which I participate. The date this year is January 26 (Thursday). I will be on TV when they break from regular programming between 9am and 10am. If you wish to donate toward this worthy cause, I will be accepting donations through the middle of February. I set my goal high last year and actually reached it - \$1350. This year I am trying to raise \$1500. Any help in this pursuit would be greatly appreciated. For info: www.alz.org – Theresa Grieder