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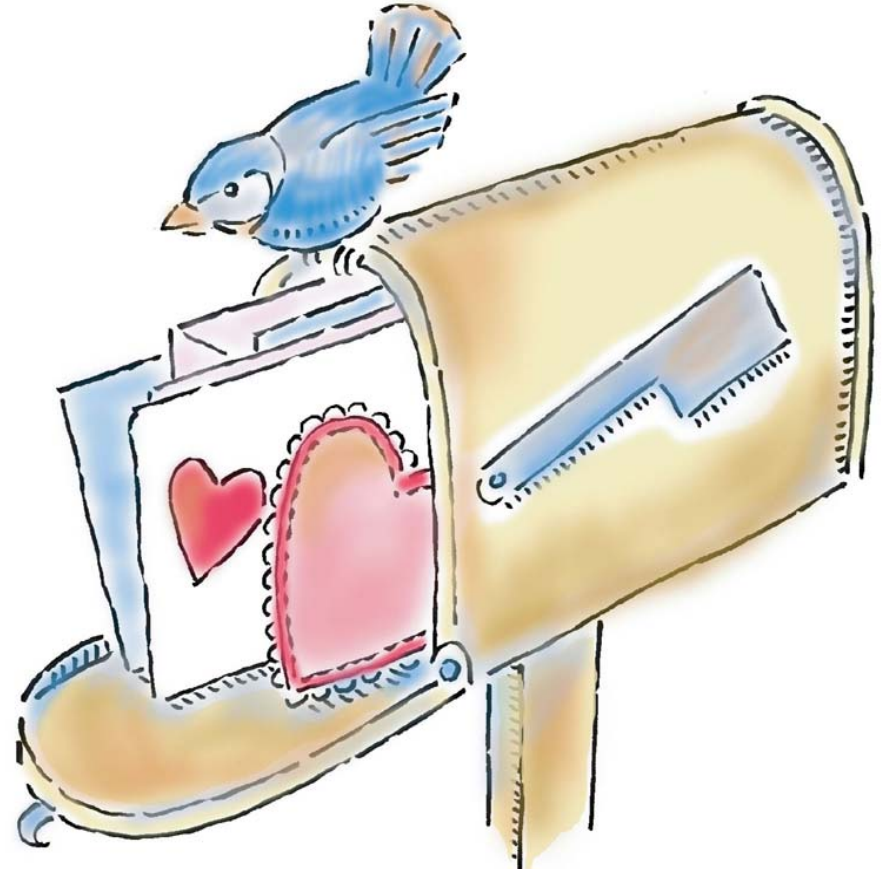
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THE TOWER BELL

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February



New Purpose Statement for Mifflin

As the Session began planning and preparing for the future, many questions were raised that simply did not have answers. Uncomfortable with this lack of information, Session decided to embark on a journey to refocus and to uncover God's Purpose for Mifflin. After six months of faithfully praying, studying and planning, the Session, along with the presence of the Holy Spirit, discovered Mifflin's new Purpose Statement.

Pastor Stephanie's last parting gift to us was the development of our new purpose statement for Mifflin Presbyterian Church. She led the Session in this process of listening to God as God leads us into the future. Thank you Pastor Stephanie.

This Purpose Statement, which will be the common thread for all that we do at Mifflin, provides us with a set of shared beliefs, a strong foundation for future planning and the opportunity to grow closer to God and to each other through community.

This powerful message will be introduced to the congregation over the Lenten season in a number of ways, including a 6-week sermon series, liturgy, music, study groups and daily devotionals. But it doesn't end there! The goal is to not only memorize and understand this statement as a church – but to embrace it and start living it out as our own individual purpose statements.

Through him and for his name's sake, we received grace and apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith. And you also are among those who are called to belong to Jesus Christ. Romans 1:5-6 NIV

Pastor Peter and help from Elder Christine Kinney

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7-45am-Men's Study 9am-Traditional 10am-Sunday School 11am-Contemporary 6pm-SNL (This is <i>Regular Schedule</i>) 8am-Puppet Practice 12pm-Confirmation Class			11:30am-Staff Mtng (closed til 1pm) 3:45pm-LOGOS 7pm-Chancel Choir	9am-Walkers 6pm-GodStrong 7:30pm-Praise Team	6pm-HS Guys- Hockey Game	8am-Rise & Shine
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12 <i>Regular Schedule</i> Puppet Sunday LOGOS at 9am Worship 12pm-Confirmation Class 1pm-SKG Date #5	13 7pm-STAR-HS Girls 7pm-Quilt Bee-lievers	14 9am-Walkers 9:30am-Prayer Group 7pm-Session Meeting	15 11:30am-Staff Mtng (closed til 1pm) 3:45pm-LOGOS 7pm-Chancel Choir	16 9am-Walkers 6pm-GodStrong 7:30pm-Praise Team	17 9:30am-Preschooler Valentine's Party	18 8am-Rise & Shine
19 <i>Regular Schedule</i> 8am Puppet Practice	20 2:30pm-Open Shelter	21 9am-Walkers 9:30am-Prayer Group	22 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 11:30am-Staff Mtng (closed til 1pm) 3:45pm-LOGOS 7pm-Chancel Choir	23 9am-Walkers 6pm-GodStrong 7pm-Women's Ministry Gathering 7:30pm-Praise Team	24 9am-Walkers 6pm-GodStrong 7pm-Women's Ministry Gathering 7:30pm-Praise Team	25 8am-Rise & Shine
26 <i>Regular Schedule</i> 8am Puppet Practice 10am-Blood pressure Screening 12pm-Confirmation Class	27 7pm-Quilt Bee-lievers	28 9am-Walkers 9:30am-Prayer Group 7pm-Cornerstone Meetings	29 11:30am-Staff Mtng (closed til 1pm) 3:45pm-LOGOS 7pm-Chancel Choir			

In an effort to improve communications and share information, the following is a listing of the current Session Members, the Clerk of Session and the heads of the Deacons and Trustees, as well as their contact information. If you ever have any questions, please feel free to contact one of these leaders in your church.

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February Intercessory Prayer List

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| 1 Betsy Morrison | 17 David & Darla Patrick; Shaina, |
| 2 Steve & Cathy Morrison | Jennifer, Jessica, Brandon |
| 3 Joanne Moyer | 18 Greg Patton |
| 4 Matt & Jill Mumaw; Connor, Samuel | 19 Greg & Rene Patton |
| 5 Christy Murphy; Christopher | 20 Jerrica Patton |
| 6 Ken & Janet Myers | 21 Donna Paxton |
| 7 Pat Nelson | 22 Jim & Ann Pietrykowski; Steven, |
| 8 Chad & Stacy Newman; Samantha, | Ellen, Luke |
| Natalie | 23 Jason & Kathy Pitstick; Gus, Noa |
| 9 Geneva Newman | 24 Jerry & Sharon Pitstick |
| 10 Trent & Debra Newman; Brent, Drew | 25 Frank & Jayne Poches |
| 11 Uy & Betsy Nguyen; Ashley, Reese | 26 Josh & Lauren Polk |
| 12 Dwayne & Laura Nicholson; Celestia | 27 Leroy & Lorraine Pontzloff |
| 13 Dave & Nancy Nungesser | 28 Roger & Kathy Powers |
| 14 Julie Nye | 29 Kristine Provan; Paul Michael, |
| 15 Norma Passmore | Ashleigh |
| 16 Doug & Sandy Patch; Grant | |

February Birthdays

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| 1 Bob Roesky, Jason Sandusky | 20 Sherrie Click |
| 2 Tim Harvey | 21 Justin Johnson, Cory Mason, |
| 5 Linda Delano, JT Houssami, | Jonah Mason, Buck Stinchcomb |
| Tom Weber | 22 Aubrey Scaggs, |
| 6 Kathryn Shockey | Rhonda Steigerwald |
| 7 Jason Amos, Marlene Compton, | 23 Dwayne Johnson, Ryan Whitacre |
| Mary Ropar | 25 Harper Allen, Debbie Baker, |
| 8 Jordan Sprunger | Alayna Bechtel, Lisa Ellison |
| 9 Afton Smith | 26 Luke Amos |
| 10 Shane Moran | 27 John Back, Jaedyn Johnson, |
| 11 Julie Gricar, Scott Hanna, | Maleah Johnson, Gus Pitstick |
| Zach McMichael, Rene Patton | 28 Cynthia Dembroski, Emily Heller |
| 12 Kristy Cross, Joey Frabell | 29 Judy Rollenhagen |
| 13 Ed Conklin, Ainsley Malone, | |
| Megan Malone, Nick Vernon | |
| 14 Madison Hodge, Jay Louks | |
| 15 Jennifer Scaggs | |
| 16 Jen Crowley, Michael Sandusky, | |
| Dave Snavely, Kent Sprunger | |
| 17 Ellen Click, Bob Goldsberry, | |
| Donna Paxton, Boyd Wilson | |
| 18 John Sandusky II | |
| 19 Helen McClung | |

March Birthdays

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| 1 Janet Myers, Jim Pietrykowski, |
| Henry Schaefer |
| 2 Patrick Acocks, Catherine Zulauf |
| 3 Ryan Hussey, Eleni Kokales |
| 4 Gail DeDee, Ryan Hall, |
| Kaitlyn Robar |
| 5 Michael Chattin, Norma Passmore, |
| Susan Wilcox |



Happy Birthday!



Health Ministry Update for February

Happy Valentine's Day!

Think heart healthy this month. Heart disease is the number one killer of Americans. One of the illnesses responsible for heart disease and stroke is High Blood Pressure or Hypertension. According to the Journal of the American Medical Association, nearly 30% of American adults have hypertension. High blood pressure responds well to the many medications available to treat it, but it also responds well to lifestyle changes. These changes include limiting sodium intake to no more than 1500mg per day, regular exercise and maintaining an appropriate body weight.

Make sure you take your medications as prescribed. The cost of not taking them is high...not just for your health, but for your purse too.

The US healthcare system spends roughly \$290 billion a year on extra treatment and related costs when Americans don't take their medications as directed.

The Health Ministry Team bulletin board (by the water fountain), will be a great source of health info during 2012. Watch for health news and upcoming events here at Mifflin and around the city.

We will continue our monthly Blood Pressure checks and will again offer a glucose screening in the spring.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY from the Health Ministry Team



Adult Sunday Morning Classes *Taking a Closer Look*

Men's Bible Study Ongoing

Room 10 at 7:45am

This group is currently studying the Kyle Idleman book not a fan. Men interested in joining this study are welcome to contact Bob Roesky for more information.

Purpose Statement Discussion

Room 10 at 10am
Sanctuary at Noon

February 19th - March 25th

Join in a facilitated discussion of the Purpose Statement Lenten Sermon series. Each week will offer an opportunity for you to ask questions and get more details of the portion of the Purpose Statement as presented in the sermon that day.

Becoming the Church

Fireplace Room at 10am

February 19th - March 18th

A five week class for those interested in learning more about membership at Mifflin Presbyterian Church. Information on the ministry activities of our Cornerstones and how to become a member at Mifflin will be provided.

Curing Affluenza

Room 5 at 10am

April 15th - May 20th

affluenza, n. a painful, contagious, socially transmitted condition of overload, debt, anxiety and waste resulting from the dogged pursuit of more. There is a cure!



Children's Ministry Updates:

Dear Nursery Parents,

Please take a few minutes to review the following reminders:

If your child is potty-training or recently trained, please visit the restroom with your child prior to signing him/her into the Nursery.

The Nursery is available during the 9am Worship Service, 10am Sunday School Hour and 11am Worship Service.

The Nursery is open to children birth through age five (not yet in kindergarten). Children in kindergarten and older must remain in worship with their family. Worship packets are available in the Narthex and at the side door. Additional coloring pages are located on the Children's Information Station downstairs.

Mifflin's nursery is a peanut free zone. Please leave all bags outside the nursery. Labels are provided to identify your child's bag.

Thank you,

The Christian Education Cornerstone and Nursery Staff

Regular Activities

Sunday School **10am**
Middle School in the Cornerstone Room
High School in the Youth Cafe

Sunday Night Live **6pm - 8pm**
Come and see what the New Year will bring!

STAR for High School Girls **February 13**

High School Lunch **February 7th & March 6th**
Open to all juniors and seniors at GLHS

Special Events

Middle School Lock-In **March 16**
Open to all students in grades 6 - 8



Thank you to all the members at Mifflin who have been faithful in sending cards to me at Westminster Thurber.

~Catherine McMillin



Mifflin Presbyterian Church Library Children's Challenge

Beginning February 1, 2012 all preschool and elementary aged children who check out books from the Mifflin Church Library will have their name posted on the library windows and be entered into a monthly drawing for a free book.

You may check out books, videos or music using the cards located on the desk in the library. Need more information? See the instruction sheet in the Library or contact Mandi Shirley at mshirley@mifflinpres.org.

Youth Mission Trip 2012 Updates



Spaghetti Dinner here at Mifflin

Saturday, February 11, 2012

4:30pm - 7pm

Featuring Rotelli's Spaghetti, meatballs, salad, roll, beverage and sundae bar.

\$8 for adults

\$5 for children 12 and under

Free for toddlers age 2 and under



Please come out for a great dinner and support our Youth Mission Trips. Tickets are available from any Mission Trip participant and at the door.



Women's Ministry at Mifflin Presbyterian Church seeks to be an oasis for all women thirsting for a deeper Christian life. As you thirst for God's kingdom, a closer relationship with Christ and others, knowledge, adventure or purpose, consider joining in this year of exploration. Sign up sheets and more information will be available closer to the date of each gathering.

February: Genuine Relationships
"You Matter More than You Think"
Thursday, February 23rd at 7pm

March: Health/Relaxation
Introduction to Christians Practicing Yoga

April: Finding God in Nature
Walk with Devotion

May: Exploring Prayer
Prayer Labyrinth

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; His love endures forever...for He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things. Psalm 107: 1, 9

