



# Grace Notes

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## 2011 Numbers

It is once again the time of the year that I am working on the parochial report. Of all the information that I have to report, I thought it best to report some of that also to you. Below are the attendance/membership/financial year end values. A + next to the number means it is an increase over last year. I hope that you all can see that the work you have done in the past year has paid off significantly, and that the excitement and energy that we have continues through this year as well.

**New Members received:** 3  
**Funerals:** 2 (neither were members of church, but have connections to SOG)  
**Members transferred/removed from role:** 13 (See Pastor for more info)

**Total Members:** 67(+)  
**Average Attendance:** 49/Sunday (+2 from 2010)

**Mid-week Bible Study Attendance:** 8/week (Average, +2 over 2010)  
**Sunday School Attendance:** 3 Teachers  
12 Students (Average, +2 over 2010)

### Financial Update for 2011:

**Total budgeted for 2011 :** \$144,431.00 (-)  
**Total Expenses:** \$135,521.01(+)

**Total Budget Fund Contributions:** \$82,214.71 (+)  
**Total Contributions (all inclusive):** \$86993.60 (-)

**Total Assets (End of 2011):** \$102,562.17 (+)

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### In our Prayers

- Ann
- Daniel
- Scott S.
- Mike C.
- Charles Pettit and Wendy Scalzo (Hazel's husband and daughter)
- Brent and David Schaeffer
- Barbara Cantrell
- Barbara (Pat M.'s sister)

# February 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Bible Study 10:15am	2	3	4 God's Little Haven 11:30am
5	6 Women's Fellowship 7:00pm	7	8 Bible Study 10:15am	9 Council 7:00pm	10	11
12	13	14	15 Bible Study 10:15am	16 Evangelism Committee 6:30pm	17	18
19	20	21 Shrove Tues- day Pancake Supper 6:00pm	22 Bible Study 10:15 Ash Wednesday 7:00pm	23	24	25 LIPS Retreat
26	27	28	29 Bible Study 10:15 Lenten Supper/ Service 6:15pm			

*This article was printed in the Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital Nurses Newsletter. Our Women's Fellowship is adding prayer shawls to their current ministry. A LIPS (Ladies in Prayer Session) Retreat will be Saturday morning, February 25. Please put it on your calendars now.*

### What is a prayer shawl?

An article from the Palliative Care Team

“A Prayer Shawl is a simple, universal and enduring message of caring. The creation and presentation of a prayer shawl, like all acts of generosity, enriches the giver as well as the recipient. Compassion (for others) and the love of knitting and crocheting have been combined into a prayerful way of passing on love and joy. Many blessings are prayed into every shawl. Shawls can be used during prayer or meditation; while undergoing medical procedures; during an illness and recovery; while ministering to others; as a comfort after a loss or in times of stress; during bereavement. They also can be used for commitment or marriage ceremonies, birthing or nursing a baby, or as graduation, birthday, anniversary, ordination, or holiday gifts.”

As you can see, prayer shawls can be given for many reasons. The Palliative Care team began giving prayer shawls to patients and families about two months ago. Our first recipient was a young man who was losing his battle with cancer. His family was very interested in receiving a shawl, and First Presbyterian Church on W. Washington Street graciously provided one. With the family's permission, that first “gift” of the shawl included our Music Therapist Linda Mattern, who played and sang the patient's favorite hymns. Sister Dorothy led us in reciting the Lord's prayer at the bedside. Numerous hospital staff members were present. The family was able to thank the staff for the care they provided their loved one, and the staff was able to say goodbye. This experience was an extraordinary example of providing personalized, holistic care. Even though this young man died a few hours later, I am certain his family felt the love and support of the St. Francis team, and left to go home with positive feelings towards the staff and the hospital in general.

The presentation of a prayer shawl can be very dramatic like the one described above, but it's not necessary. We have seen the power of the prayer shawl in very quiet, discreet ways as well. One daughter was struggling with the death of her father. She was given a shawl, placed it around her dad, and told him he was wrapped in God's loving arms. She gave him permission to go to heaven, and he passed away peacefully a few minutes later. The shawl became a very important, tangible symbol for this grief-stricken daughter.

Since we started using the shawls with our patients, we have received an amazing assortment of them from several prayer shawl ministries: Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Trinity Lutheran Church, St. Peter's Episcopal Church (all in Greenville), Trinity Presbyterian Church in Travelers Rest and St. Luke's Lutheran church in Amsterdam, NY.

A patient does not need to receive Palliative Care services to be appropriate for a prayer shawl. If you know of a patient in need, please feel free to call our Department and we will make every effort to provide you with one. However, we are in need of more donations. If you know of a prayer shawl ministry that would like to support the work we are doing, or you would like to learn how to make prayer shawls, please contact Andrea Holtzer in the Palliative Care Department at 255-1304 for more information.

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1. From the Church of the Brethren, Elgin, IL, <http://www.brethren.org/homes/prayer-shawls.html>



# SHROVE TUESDAY

ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKES!!!

Tuesday, February 21, 2012

6:00pm-8:00pm

\$4/Adult

\$2/Child over 5

Under 5 free!

\$10/Family Max

Pancakes, Sausage, Coffee, Juice, Milk

*Those Who Serve*

<b>Date</b>	<b>February 12</b>	<b>February 19</b>	<b>February 26</b>	<b>March 4</b>
<b>Refreshments</b>	<b>Kay Otten Gail Brown</b>	<b>Lewis</b>	<b>Faulks</b>	<b>Crawley</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Rich Donaldson Melton Roof</b>	<b>Bob Faulks Marion Varner</b>	<b>Jim Voris Karl Jones</b>	<b>Gere Ablett Larry Cantrell</b>
<b>Greeter</b>	<b>Robyn Forbes</b>	<b>Sandy Fancher</b>	<b>Liz Crawley</b>	<b>Christine Donaldson</b>
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	<b>Bob Faulks</b>	<b>Ron Crawley</b>	<b>Betty DeBerry</b>	<b>Gail Hackett</b>
<b>Counters</b>	<b>Rich Donaldson Betty DeBerry</b>	<b>John Fancher Andrea Holtzer</b>	<b>Ron Crawley Jim Voris</b>	<b>Jane Lewis Diane Ablett</b>
<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Nellie Varner Jane Lewis</b>	<b>Betty DeBerry Pat Morton</b>	<b>Diane Ablett Wendy Zeagler</b>	<b>Marianne Van Wagoner Bobby Torrence</b>
<b>Lector</b>	<b>Alice Smith</b>	<b>Betty DeBerry</b>	<b>Esther Dolder</b>	<b>Norm Lewis</b>
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Carrie Merrell</b>	<b>Connie Faulks Patti DeBerry</b>	<b>Christine Donaldson</b>	<b>Carrie Merrell</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Taylor Crawley</b>	<b>Hunter Crawley</b>	<b>Robert Faulks</b>	<b>Taylor Crawley</b>
<b>Crucifer</b>	<b>Hunter Crawley</b>	<b>Robert Faulks</b>	<b>Taylor Crawley</b>	<b>Isaac Adderholdt</b>



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**Church Council:**

- Melton Roof, President
- Mary Lou Saville, VP
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- Betty DeBerry, Secretary
- Diane Ablett, Worship Chair
- Rich Donaldson, Property Chair
- Jim Voris, Evangelism Chair
- Andrea Holtzer, Education Chair
- Norm Lewis, Stewardship Chair
- Ron Crawley, Social Ministry Chair

**February Birthdays**

**Abby Donaldson—6th**

**Jennifer Crawley—  
15th**

**Karl Jones—27th**

**February  
Anniversaries**

**Larry and Barbara  
Cantrell—9th**

**Back Page Notes**

**Flower List for February:**

- 5th: Lewis
- 12: Open
- 19: Open
- 26: Lent: No Flowers

**January Council Meetings Notes**

- Evangelism Committee is actively meeting to co-ordinate monthly events for the congregation
- Pastor Judson is working on the annual parochial report
- Council and Finance committee members will serve at counters for 2012
- Council will have a retreat on March 3.