

The Newsletter of People's UMC

The LINK... Keeping You Connected

Our Mission Statement: We are here to share God's love by welcoming all to know and love Christ and serve as his representatives in the world. We do this through worship, spiritual growth, personal relationships, and community outreach.

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Pastoral Appointment as of July 1, 2012

On Monday evening, January 23rd our Staff Parish relations Committee along with additional Council members met with our District Superintendent Rev. Sam Ropaya, Rev. Jason Mahnke and his wife Johanna. This was an introductory meeting for a pastoral appointment to begin July 1, 2012. Refreshments were served, introductions were made, many questions were asked and answered. People got to know one another and the outcome was that everyone present agreed that Jason Mahnke was a good match as the new Pastor of People's United Methodist Church. This announcement is made with many thanks to our Bishop and Cabinet, the members of our SPRC committee, our Council and our transition team. Below is the information Jason sent about himself.

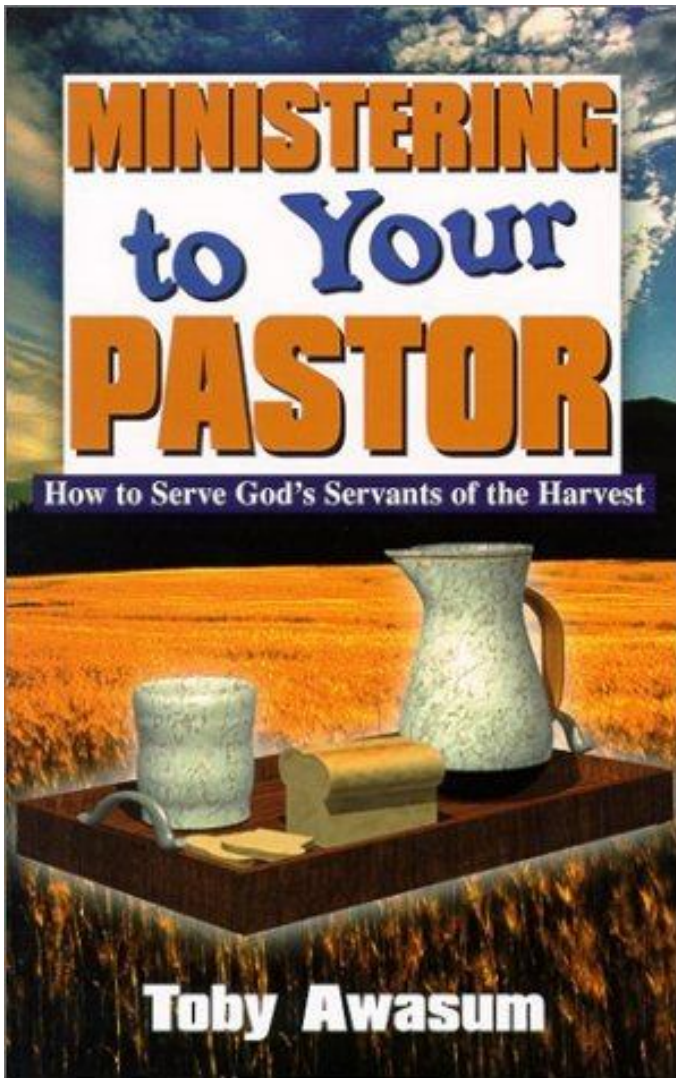
Jason Mahnke grew up in West Allis and Oak Creek. While studying at UW-Whitewater, he began his pastoral career by serving the Whitewater Area Regional Ministry as a part-time supply pastor. After graduation, he moved to Durham, North Carolina to attend The Divinity School at Duke University. During his time at Duke, he served Christus Victor Lutheran Church as Parish Associate in charge of youth ministries and later Wesley and Black's Chapel Charge as a Pastoral Intern. After graduation in 2001, Jason began his first full time appointment as an Associate Pastor at Bethany UMC in Madison, WI. In 2004, he was sent to Wesley United Methodist Church in Kenosha where he is currently serving.



Jason and his wife Johanna (Jo) were married in May of 2006. Jo is currently serving Cargill UMC in Janesville as their Director of Educational Ministries. Jason and Jo have two children. Their son (Jason's step-son) Grady Gruchow is 11 years old, is in 5th grade at RCI, and loves playing soccer, basketball, and baseball. Their daughter Macy is 3 years old, loves the color pink and dancing.

Jason is an avid sports fan, cheering on the Brewers, Packers, and Duke Blue Devils. He enjoys movies (his favorites being the original Star Wars trilogy), reading contemporary and classic novels, and The Simpsons.





Greetings! This has been a week of thinking about having a new Pastor. I found a couple things that will make us laugh and cry. Here they are...

The weekly bulletin from a local church included the following:

"The ideal pastor preaches exactly 10 minutes. He/ She condemns sin, but never hurts anyone's feelings. He/ She works from 8AM to midnight, and also serves as the church janitor. He/ She makes \$400 a week, wears good clothes, and donates \$300 a week to the church. He/ She is 29 years old and has 40 years of experience. He/ She makes 15 house calls a day and is always in his office.

If your pastor does not measure up to these criteria, send this list to six other churches that are also dissatisfied with their pastor. Then, bundle up your pastor and send him or her to the church at the top of the list. In one week you will receive 1,643 pastors. Surely one of them will be perfect. Have faith in this letter. One

church broke the chain and got its old pastor back in three months."

Now the rest of the story as Paul Harvey would say: Pastor Burnout by the Numbers According to the New York Times (August 1, 2010)

"Members of the clergy now suffer from obesity, hypertension and depression at rates higher than most Americans. In the last decade, their use of antidepressants has risen, while their life expectancy has fallen. Many would change jobs if they could.

- 13% of active pastors are divorced.
- Those in ministry are equally likely to have their marriage end in divorce as general church members.
- The clergy has the second highest divorce rate among all professions.
- 23% have been fired or pressured to resign at least once in their careers.
- 25% don't know where to turn when they have a family or personal conflict or issue.
- 25% of pastors' spouses see their husband's/wife's work schedule as a source of conflict.
- 33% felt burned out within their first five years of ministry.
- 33% say that being in ministry is an outright hazard to their family.

- 40% of pastors and 47% of spouses are suffering from burnout, frantic schedules, and/or unrealistic expectations.
- 45% of pastors' spouses say the greatest danger to them and their family is physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual burnout.
- 45% of pastors say that they've experienced depression or burnout to the extent that they needed to take a leave of absence from ministry.
- 50% feel unable to meet the needs of the job.
- 52% of pastors say they and their spouses believe that being in pastoral ministry is hazardous to their family's well-being and health.
- 56% of pastors' spouses say that they have no close friends.
- 57% would leave the pastorate if they had somewhere else to go or some other vocation they could do.
- 70% don't have any close friends.
- 75% report severe stress causing anguish, worry, bewilderment, anger, depression, fear, and alienation.
- 80% of pastors say they have insufficient time with their spouse.
- 80% believe that pastoral ministry affects their families negatively.
- 90% feel unqualified or poorly prepared for ministry.
- 90% work more than 50 hours a week.
- 94% feel under pressure to have a perfect family.
- 1,500 pastors leave their ministries each month due to burnout, conflict, or moral failure.
- Doctors, lawyers and clergy have the most problems with drug abuse, alcoholism and suicide.

The hardest thing about these numbers is that the numbers only tell half the story. The other half is that congregations don't know or understand the nature of pastoral stress and pastors seldom share their concerns and needs.

As we look at our last few months together as pastor and congregation and then your journey begins with Jason as your pastor may these words encourage us to deliberately care for and minister to one another. Peace! Jon Claude

P.S. I hope you noticed the book used as a picture at the beginning of this article.





The Challenge of Ten Apples

Once upon a time there was a couple who had nothing, and God gave them ten apples. God gave them the first three apples to eat. They shared each apple and ate all three.

God gave them the second three apples to trade for a shelter from the sun and rain. They traded the second three for a shelter from the sun and rain. God gave them the third three apples to trade for clothing to wear.

God gave them the last apple so that they might have something to give back to God to show their gratitude for the other nine. But the man and woman looked at the tenth apple, and it seemed bigger and juicier than the rest. They reasoned that God had all the other apples in the world. So they ate the tenth apple and gave back to God the core.

God has given you enough apples to supply your needs - plus one with which you may show your gratitude to God. The choice is yours. Will you return to God the largest and juiciest of your apples - or only the core?

Get Fit and Help Hungry Folks!

Join the **Princeton Club's Million Pound Challenge** and raise money for local food pantries while getting or staying physically fit! **Each hour of exercise you log means 10 pounds of free food from Second Harvest Food Bank to our food pantry.** ANY BODY can do this! You don't need to be a member of the Princeton Club or the church to participate, and you can exercise anywhere.

Here's how to do it:

- 1) Go to www.princetonclub.net/mpc/exercise.html. This will take you to the registration page.
- 2) Once on the registration page, fill out your name, phone number and email address, and then create a user name and password
- 3) Answer "yes" to the question about joining a team or school, and click on People's UMC. Then click on the drop-down box beside "Select a Food Pantry." Choose the food pantry of your choice.
- 4) Answer the remaining three questions in terms of your personal situation, but you're encouraged to click "yes" for the last question to get a weekly email reminder from Princeton Club to log hours.
- 5) From now until May 31st, 2012, log in each week to record your time exercising.

Once again: **every single hour of exercise you log means 10 pounds of food donated to hungry people in this area! As of Jan 30, we've already raised 1,497 pounds of food!**

Mission Giving 2011

**\$31,962!! Wow!! Thank you to everyone who helped
People's United Methodist Church reach this amount.**

We are a mission focus church.

January Focus	NINA Fund	\$2,144	
February	World Vision Orphans & Widows Fund	\$1,094	
March	Second Harvest Foodbank	\$1,170	
April	Heifer International	\$1,271	
May	Harbor House	\$1,069	
Yoga Retreat participants	Suzannah Wesley Center	\$170	
June	The Road Home	\$1,339	
First Monday ('10-'11)	Northcott Neighborhood Center	\$217	
July	UMCOR - Spring Storm Relief	\$2,013	
Additional gifts in 2011	UMCOR - Other Advances	\$1,945	(UMCOR total: \$3,958)
August focus	Samaritan Account	\$1,066	
Additional gifts in 2011	Samaritan Account	\$2,161	(Samaritan Fund total: \$3,227)
September**	Church World Service/CROP	\$3,120	
September	10% of Hazel Edwards bequest	\$5,147	
October	Heifer Intern'l - Sunday School '10 - '11 School Yr	\$83	
October	Three Gaits Therapeutic Horsemanship	\$1,183	
November	Operation Homefront	\$1,462	
December	Host-A-Family (gifts purchased by Missions Comm)	\$350	
	Thank you to all who purchased gifts in addition.		
December Focus & Christmas Eve	NINA Fund	\$3,120	
Pastor Jon's Gift + add'l in 2011	IHN The Road Home	\$608	
	United Methodist Special Offerings:		
	One Great Hour of Prayer	\$785	
	Native American Sunday	\$150	
	Human Relations Sunday	\$35	
	World Communion Sunday	\$30	
	UM Student Sunday	\$50	
	Red Bird Mission	\$180	(Total UM Special Offerings: \$1,230)
	Total Mission Giving 2011	\$31,962	
**CROP	Donated to the Oregon-Brooklyn Food Pantry as a result of our CROP walk	\$816	
2011 General Fund Giving		\$384,950	This figure includes \$46,324 from the Estate of Hazel Edwards
Loan Balance as of December 31, 2011		\$136,665	

All of the 2011 Apportionments have been paid.



Children & Youth PROGRAM

Thank you to all who attended the YAC meeting in January. We had a great turn out and very good input! We will be implementing some of those suggestions in our upcoming programming.

Beginning on Wednesday February 8th, Brandon Finch will be facilitating a Bible Study course for High Schoolers. Come and learn about the Bible and what it means to you and how you can apply it to your everyday lives. This course will run every 2nd Wednesday for 4 months and is during Wednesday Night activities from 7:00-8:00pm.

Anyone have a used Wii? Pool Table? Foosball table? Dart board?--We are looking for these items to complete our youth room. If you have any of these, let Cathy or Diane Know.

We are awaiting more info from CONVO and we'll get that to you as soon as we receive it. What we know is that it will be at Blue Harbor Resort in Sheboygan, Wisconsin on April 20-22, 2012.

Keep on with the pennies--Let's get Pastor Jon and Steven out walking!!!

We find ourselves in need of Wednesday night volunteers. We need help from 5:50-7:10. Everything is set up for you. All you have to do is come a few minutes early to familiarize yourself with the lesson. You do not have to have children in programming. We welcome all volunteers!

With some help from Brandon, we hope to have our Web site up and running in February. Anyone interested in helping? This would look great on resumes or be helpful for those wanting to pursue a career in computers.

Check the front page of the web site for upcoming events for the following week.

If you have any ?'S or concerns--let us know 835-3755x25
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C/Y Youth Coordinators

C&Y Staff

Diane Haag & Cathy Weis
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Parents Day Out Dir.

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Children's Music & Drama Dir.

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Parents Day Out Teacher

Sandy Donner
Little Angels Preschool Teacher
Parents Day Out Teacher

Holly Rausch
Parents Day Out Teacher

Nursery Attendant
Ariana Bonsett-Veal
Marisa Koch
Aleksandra Martinka
Joel Meier
Dana YellowBird



Little Angels Christian Preschool (LACP)

In January we learned about the letters G, S, J, D, and P. Nurse Susan will be reading to us this month, our other themes will include winter animals/snow, and germs. Our Bible stories were David and Goliath, Saul's Change, Joseph's Coat of Colors, Daniel in the Lion's Den, and Paul in Prison.

Pre-registration for the 2012-2013 school year for current and alumni LACP families, Parents' Day Out families, and People's United Methodist Church families begins on Monday, January 23rd. Please contact the program director: Katie Grady at 835-1945 or kgrady@wisconsinumc.org for more information



Oregon School District 4K at LACP:

The 4K children worked with Ms. Stacy on challenges (assessments) this month. They are now leading the opening circle time almost completely on their own, and are also exploring more Spanish in their daily message.

The pre-placement request period for current Little Angels Christian Preschool families to attend 4K at our site for the 2012-2013 school year runs January 17th thru Feb 10th. We have received notice that we will have both a morning and afternoon class this fall. Please contact the program director: Katie Grady at 835-1945 or kgrady@wisconsinumc.org for more information.

Parents' Day Out

This is a parent cooperative playgroup. The parent's work one shift per month, and the children come once a week. We will have a couple of spots remaining for the end of this year; we will be opening registration for the 2012-2013 school year in the month of March. Please contact the program director: Katie Grady at kgrady@wisconsinumc.org or 835-1945 for more information.

PLAYGROUND:

The children and families of our programs are very excited to learn that the church council approved the purchase of the new playground system. The families are very excited about assisting in the building of this "community built" playground. THANKS!

The preschool will be holding an open house on Sunday, February 12th from 11:30 to 2:30. At this time registration for the LACP 3 year old program 2012-2013 school year will be open to the public.

Katie Grady



Discipleship

February: for such a short month, there's a lot happening! A circuit-wide leadership training day, Valentine's Day, Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent, and more. What exciting opportunities will you be a part of to grow your faith this month?

All Are Welcome!

Growing Roots: Through a Parent's Eyes

- 9am Sundays, Feb 4-Feb 19
- Facilitator: Stuart McKirdy
- *Growing Roots* is a discussion based series featuring different subjects related to our growth in faith. The first series is about parenting our children - *Growing Roots: Through a Parent's Eyes*.
- Meet for laughter, shared stories, and reflection. Explore the questions kids ask about God, faith, prayer, and life. Bring questions of your own too.
- Bring your kids down to the nursery, and Diane will make sure they get to Sunday School.
- ALL ARE WELCOME, even if you haven't yet come to a class.

Yoga and Beach Body

- Yoga, 5:45-6:45pm, now on TUESDAYS
- Beach Body, a free exercise group for all ages and fitness levels, will continue to meet Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 pm. Led by Paula McDermott.

Your Life According to Scripture

Scripture can offer comfort, guidance and glimpses of God. Hearing others' God stories can build up our faith and help us look for God in our own life events. Here is your opportunity to share your story of how God was with you through Scripture in a particular event or moment in your life. We are creating a booklet of our own stories for a special audience: each other. Turn your story in at the office or email Laura Flood at lauraPUMC@gmail.com

Prayer Chains

- Wed, Feb 15 6-7pm,
- Sun, Feb 19, 9-11:45am

Here's your chance to create a tangible count-down for Lent. We'll have strips of paper you can assemble into chains with a quote, a Scripture reference, and the date on each piece of paper. Each day, as we get closer to Easter, you get a new insight into Lent and a chance to take off one link in the chain.

Ash Wednesday

- Wednesday, Feb 22 6-6:45pm
- Begin the Lenten journey. Gather, pray, hear Scripture, sing, and be marked with ashes. Be transformed and renewed. Childcare available!

PBS returns: God in America

- Wed, 6-7pm, Feb 1, 8, 29 March 28
- Explore the sweeping political, social, economic, and cultural impact of religion in the United States, from our nation's founding to today. Childcare available!

Tips and Tools for Money Management and ReWorking Your Job Search
one-on-one help: see the kiosk for more info

PUMC BLOG

Interested in a class but can't make it in person? Heard something in a sermon that touched your heart? Discuss it at pumctalks.blogspot.com

Book Studies (books available in the office)

Heaven Is for Real by Todd Purpo

- Sun, 10:15am, Feb 26, March 4, 11
- Facilitator: Blair Sanford

Have you ever doubted that there is a heaven? Are you sure that heaven exists but want to learn more? This 3 week study begins next month. Blair Sanford will facilitate the class, about the story of a little boy's trip to heaven and back. It will change the way you think about eternity, make your life on earth more meaningful and your future more hopeful.

The 5 Love Languages by Gary Chapman

- Wed, 6-7pm, March 7, 14, 21
 - Facilitators: Pastor Jon Bartlett and Barbara Mahr
- Of the countless ways we can show love to one another, five key categories emerge. The three classes will include 1) an introduction, 2) a description of the 5 love languages, and 3) identifying your (and your partner's) primary love language. Childcare available!

The Good Book by God

- God in Scripture continues
 - Sun 10:15am, Feb 4 and 12
- Delve into the classic Scripture stories as Pastor Jon preaches on them.



Adult Discipleship continued

Faith and Works

If you'd like a small way to express *and* grow your faith, try one of the one-time service opportunities listed in the attendance pads. Or you could be a Sunday treats provider four times a year, or usher once a month, or volunteer for Wednesday Night Supper clean-up. There are lots of options to discover!

Prayer Chains

This year say "yes" to something for Lent: yes to prayer and being a prayer partner! Last year over 50 PUMC members participated. To be a prayer partner, each person commits to praying for their partner every day during Lent. In turn, their prayer partner prays for them. Many people said they "felt an extra blessing" during that time. Some said, "I knew someone was praying for me and it made my day go better." Other comments included, "It was a great experience", "I felt close to God", and "Wonderful sense of community".

If you would like to be a prayer partner this year for Lent, sign your name and phone number on the form in the narthex between Feb.5th and Feb.19th, and drop it in the box. You will be paired with someone, and during worship on Feb.19th, partners will be announced and will receive a blessing.

Contact Pam McIntyre with questions at 608-424-6285 or grammymc@frontier.com

Committee Minutes

Church Council January 16, 2012

Goal #5: Continue to Encourage Generosity in Giving

Trustees' Report: Playground equipment: Katie would like to include a shade structure for the children and adults; this will be decided later. Playground is used by Pre-K, Preschool, Parents Day Out, and our other children's programs. The budget was discussed. We receive \$12,500 from the school district annually for Pre-K. This proposal assumes a "community build" with professional guidance from the company. The only difference between Options 1 & 2 is pea-gravel vs. wood fiber base. There would be more annual maintenance cost with the wood fiber; there was general agreement on using pea gravel. After Preschool and school district contributions, the remaining \$5110 will need to come from the general fund. Betty suggested that we ask the congregation to participate; Paul will take this to LOFMissions to consider as a "monthly mission". **Motion approved:** The equipment will be installed end of March/first of April - ½ day to resurface, 1½ days to install.

Alan Fogel reported that the Trustees have been working on parking lot lighting – much improved. Thank you to Al Kuehl! Trustees will schedule a workday for the playground installation with Preschool families and Helping Hands group. After discussion, they will also consider a different workday to care for general annual maintenance. Maybe this could be a Service Sunday project? Al is working on obtaining a new icemaker. (post meeting news, the icemaker is in – thanks to Colleen Hasler!)

Financial Report: The year-end balance sheet shows +\$15,160 with all bills paid and \$120,000 remaining on the parsonage loan. The \$15,000 remains from the Edwards bequest, for which we are very grateful. We have received 116 pledges for \$294,000 – pretty much the same as last year. About \$300,000 needed in pledges to make the proposed budget. Wendy said that the Finance Committee will look at "Pledge Plus" giving to make up the difference. Jon suggested that we all thank Sandy for her good and careful work with the finances!

PRIORITY GOALS

Goal #1: Begin a Faith-Filled Journey with Our New Pastor

Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC): Anne Staton reported that SPRC met with the District Superintendent on Dec.5 – good meeting. We will probably be contacted about a candidate by the end of January. Superintendent was impressed with our seriousness/proactiveness.

Goal #2: Develop High Membership Expectations: See Goal #8: Hospitality Report

Goal #3: Invite Adults into Faith Formation:

Adult Discipleship Team: Pam McIntyre reported that Bible Studies continue, and Stuart McKirdy's small group, "Growing Roots", begins January 15. Look for the PBS series "God in the History of America" Wednesdays 6:00. We will repeat the Prayer Partners program for Lent. Laura Flood will be asking the congregation for contributions "favorite scripture and why" Lenten booklet. Of special note is the "Leading Together through Effective Communication & Collaboration" led by Dan Dick, Conference Director of Connectional Ministries. This is a Circuit wide workshop on Saturday, February 4, 9am-3pm. We are hosting this program and all are encouraged to attend.

Goal #4: Build Passion for Worship

Worship Committee: Mary Malone reported that she was grateful for all the help taking down the Christmas decorations. Christmas Eve was wonderful; attendance at 4pm & 7pm was about equal. January 25, the Committee will hold a Lent/Easter planning meetings with team members and musicians. Saturday evening worship: Barb F. made phone calls to 10 household of regular attenders asking why they came on Saturday night – answers: 1) work on Sunday, 2) convenient for family, 3) like the small service. When asked if they would come on Sunday if Saturday was eliminated, most said "no, that's our service, my place". Suggest promoting this service as "if need to miss your Sunday service, here's your option." We will continue the Thursday evening service to see if we can grow the attendance. Members remarked on the impact of having the Worship Center on the floor level – a focus closer for everyone, encouraging us to feel "this is not a show ("did I get my money's worth"), but a participatory event. Larger size of the Worship Center was also mentioned as part of the impact.

ONGOING GOALS

Goal #6: Continue Focus on Volunteer Development

Lay Leadership Development Committee: Jon passed out a new packet for Committee and Team Leaders to help Chair people and promote consistency. He requested that committees use the included PUMC Agenda and Minutes Page (send minutes to Kathy), and a Committee Report/Communication Form (Give to Kathy to get your meetings on the calendar and a room assigned). Jon also requested a meeting with each Chair individually in the next month. Please call for a time.

Goal # 7: Continue to Build Children and Youth Programs

Jon Temte reported two threats to building the Children/Youth Program. 1) Much competition for children's time, and 2) many children go from house to house on weekends – one parent may bring them to church, the other doesn't. The number of adult leaders/ teachers has decreased; across the board we need more people invested in the programs. Finally, the youth population is very "fractured" and it's getting worse. Karen Baker mentioned a program she and Donna Mahr used years ago: they met with the parents of each child in the class to talk about family needs, what they want their children to learn, and our perspective on Sunday School – perhaps some variation of this would help.

Goal #8: Continue to Develop the Hospitality, Connections, and Member Care program (HCMC)

Health & Wellness Team: This year celebrates the 9th anniversary of the Care Team Ministry. Susan will be attending Grapevine Project training on oral & bone health from which she will offer a program here. Recently Susan has been concentrating on visits to our homebound people and those "attached" to her. For St. Mary's recent certification they focused the Parish Nurse program, and the Certification Team was very impressed.

HCMC Team: Barbara Mahr brought to the Council a proposal from HCMC for a revised Membership/ joining process. The purpose of this is to bring people into the church with higher expectation of growing, participating, and serving. It includes a one hour "Discovering People's Church." session, and three 1 hour "Membership Preparation meetings with emphasis on Christian beliefs, Methodism and getting to know PUMC in depth. The class will be led by the pastor and one or more lay persons. It will also feature a sponsor for each new member. **Decision:** The Council affirmed this pattern and instructed the Team/ Pastor to go ahead. There was also conversation about the "Lady Bug" system "falling down"; Jon reported that we are not getting many names and addresses of our visitors. The team was asked to follow-up on this concern.

Goal #9: Continue to Increase Work Beyond Our Walls

Living Our Faith Missions (LOFMissions): Paul Smith reported that the Committee is working on a Fall Mission Conference at PUMC for District UMC churches. The intent is to find opportunities for us to work together on mission needs such as mission trips, youth and family involvement. **Decision:** the Council encouraged this venture – "do it." Paul: "Anyone want to help? Our next meeting is Thursday 1/19."

Paul has also been talking to the Oregon Ecumenical Pastors Group about cooperative efforts, e.g. CROP, Food Pantry leaders/staff, Summer Vacation Bible School. The cooperative Bible School at St. John's last summer had tons of kids and lots of enthusiasm.

Goal #10: Improve Our Use of Technology to Reach Others

Barbara Feeney is working to get this started. She reported that Kathy needs web-site help. Kathy tries to keep the front page fresh. Peg commented that the web-site is difficult to navigate. Brandon volunteered to help, and is working on recording services to go to shut-ins. Dave Koch said there are lots of on-line resources to maintain our site including those from our web service provider. He also suggested we ask the kids to design their own pages.

Goal #11: Begin Planning for Building Expansion Program

On hold for 2012, but not forgotten

Note: The mood of this meeting was enthusiastic. All were excited about what's happening at PUMC.

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Did you know that the church has a website. Barb Feeney, Brandon Finch and Kathy Itson are hard at work making changes and keeping it up to date. Have you checked it out lately. We have new pages for the youth and children's programs where you can find what they are doing. The Adult page has all the activities that the Adult Discipleship Team have created.

We are hard at work taking training classes learning all we can do on the site. So keep checking it out and see what has changed.

If you have any ideas for our website please let us know. We really want our site to be useful to all. Thanks.



February Birthdays

- 1 Patricia Jenkins-Bock
Orlan Prestegard
- 4 Warren Sproule
- 7 Nicole Varese
- 8 Lorie Anderson
Karen Hammon
Alyssa Haslam
Erin Hill
- 11 Girish Russell
- 12 Dwayne Berg
David Bradley
Max Chase
Larry Mahr
Jo Temte
- 13 Alexander Nelson
- 15 Darren Arttus
Jeanne Carpenter
Jeff Potrykus
Michael Schliem
- 17 CJ Jenkins-Bock
- 18 Pat Zimmer
- 19 Rosie Fiscus
- 21 Cory Dregne
- 22 Martha Hilgendorf
- 23 Bryce Murphy
Liam Palmer
- 25 Pepe Gonzalez
Dallas Rogers
Katrina Rudolph
- 26 Trishia Schroeder
- 27 Barbara Feeney
Bridget Horan
Logan Ihlenfeldt
Mary Sanford
- 29 Marsha Squire

February Anniversaries

- 4 Bill & Betty Meier
- 13 Orlan & Barbara Prestegard
- 14 Bob & Shirley Jones
- 14 Ron & Linda Outhouse
- 16 Dave & Pat Stratton
- 22 Bernie & Theresa Brickner

**Do you notice an error
or an omission?
If you are new to PUMC
or have not turned in an
updated information sheet
recently, we may not have
your birthday or anniversary
date. Please notify the office,
or submit your info on line at:
www.peoplesumc.org/info**



CHECK OUT THE KITCHEN



Have you looked in the kitchen in the last couple of months. A memory shelf was added. Velma Waefler donated the Oak shelf. Frank Huehne added hooks and hung the shelf. One set of green melmac dishes from the past were saved. It brings back memories of all the Washington Day Dinners, Pot lucks and Wednesday Suppers served in the church on Main Street. There are also pot holders and salt and pepper shakers from the old Church. They are a good reminder of where we came from and how blessed we are in this Church today. We received some of Donna Mahr's blue plates and bottles. Joseph Mozuch hung the plates and arranged the bottles. They add a bright spot above the cupboards. So if you haven't seen them yet, take a walk through the kitchen and offer up a prayer of thanks for all the gifts we have been given.



Food Pantry

February's Items

Bath Soap & Shampoo

Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9:00am-3:00pm Worship: Saturday 5pm & Sunday 9am & 10:30am

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Parents Day Out Teacher	Holly Rausch, x32
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Refocus for Lent

Give up complaining — focus on gratitude.
Give up harsh judgments — think kind thoughts.
Give up worry — trust God to provide.
Give up discouragement — be full of hope.
Give up bitterness — turn to forgiveness.
Give up hatred — return good for evil.
Give up anger — be more patient.

Give up pettiness — become mature.
Give up jealousy — pray for trust.
Give up gossiping — control your tongue.
Give up sin — turn to virtue.
Give up giving up — persevere.

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