



First Presbyterian Church, Union MO

## Message from Pastor Bill Vincent

The beginning of Lent is 'L'  
which stands for 'learning' and 'love'.

During Lent we focus our life of discipleship  
by learning more about the love of Christ  
-- a love which went as far as a cross  
... and beyond.

The beginning of Lent is in ashes,  
referring of course to Ash Wednesday.

Ashes suggest sorrow and penitence:  
sorrow for failing God  
and not following in Christ's way;  
and the desire to repent from our sins  
and, with God's help, do better the next time  
... and the next, and the next.

And, remembering the love of Christ,  
those same ashes also suggest forgiveness and renewal:  
forgiveness through a cross;  
renewal through resurrection.

The beginning of Lent is during the end of February  
(this year, at least),

and the end of February is 'Y'  
which stands for YOU!

I hope YOU will grow in your life of discipleship,  
and learn more of the love of Christ.

I hope YOU will know the honesty of penitence  
and the joy of forgiveness,  
the truth of the cross  
and the mystery of resurrection.

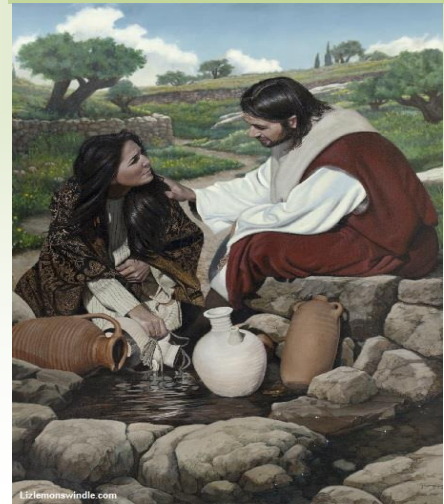
I hope YOU will join with us in our common journey of Lent.

*In Christ, Bill Vincent*

*P.S. - Remember, our Lenten journey begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>. That day we'll share in a joint service with our brothers and sisters from Pacific. The service will be at the Pacific Presbyterian Church (410 W. St. Louis St.) at 7:00 pm.*

*Also, the Lenten devotional, "Becoming a Beloved Community," will be available starting February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Look for it at church!*

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## Presbyterian Women

There has been a change in the date for the February PW/Bible study. It has been switched from February 28 to Friday, February 21. It will be at Cheryl Shollenberger's and Carol Gruber will lead the Introduction and Lesson One.

### *Worshiping and serving God, loving and accepting all*



#### Session Members installed:

Three Session members were installed during the worship service on Sunday, January 26. Left, Pastor Bill, Carol Gruber, Lee Hinson and Karen Calvin



New Year's Eve party included a chili supper and white elephant gift exchange:

Picture on left: Bonnie Woodruff was amused to get a beer stein.

Picture on right: Carissa Lansford liked her stuffed pig.





### Fellowship List for February

- Feb 2 Carol and Myron Gruber  
 Feb 9 Ralph and Dinah Sudholt  
 Feb 16 Leighann and Rich Hoekel  
 Feb 23 Laura and Mike Hill

### Usher List for February

- Feb 2 Ralph and Dinah Sudholt  
 Feb 9 Carole and Dutch Hutchinson  
 Feb 16 Mike Murray, Violet Lansford  
 Feb 23 Leighann and Rich Hoekel

If you are not able to fulfill your assigned Sunday, please ask another member to take your place and let the secretary know of the change. Thank you

Prayers and concerns:

Susan Buchanan recovering from shoulder surgery.

**The Foster Closet** is happy to announce that they are full to the brim with clothing for children! At the present time no more clothing is needed. And please keep in mind that the Foster Closet only accepts clothing that is gently used, clean or new. When the Foster Closet is needing clothes, and you have clothing to donate, please contact Amber Raney of the Foster Closet, 417-838-8178. Thank you!



1:30 – 3:00 pm every Thursday is “shop/you pick” pantry time.

3:15 – 4:30 pm every Thursday is prepared bag(s) are handed out.

There are more food options in the “shop/you pick” pantry time, but the prepared bags will still be a good amount to help each week.

All must still be registered with us to receive either option, but registration is easy.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>2</b> Ushers— Ralph & Dinah Sudholt Fellowship —Carol & Myron Gruber	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> The Welcoming Table - Zion UCC Serving 5:30 PM	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Second Blessings Pantry 1:30 –4:30pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> Ushers—Carole & Dutch Hutchinson Fellowship—Ralph & Dinah Sudholt	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> The Welcoming Table - First Presbyterian Serving 5:30 PM	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Second Blessings Pantry 1:30 –4:30pm	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> Ushers—Mike Murray Violet Lansford Fellowship—Leighann and Rich Hoekel	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> The Welcoming Table - Second Blessings Serving 5:30 PM	<b>19</b> Session Meeting 7 pm	<b>20</b> Second Blessings Pantry 1:30 –4:30pm	<b>21</b> Presbyterian Women at Cheryl Shollenberger's	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> Ushers—Leighann & Rich Hoekel Fellowship—Mike & Laura Hill	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> The Welcoming Table - First Presbyterian Serving 5:30 PM	<b>26</b> Ash Wednesday Service 7pm at Pacific Presbyterian	<b>27</b> Second Blessings Pantry 1:30 –4:30pm	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>