

A Note from the Administration Committee

This has been a very eventful year for Pisgah in many ways. We began the year with the national economy in free fall, looking for an interim pastor and looking at a budget short fall of \$64,922 for our 2009 budget. I am happy to report the year is ending on a much better note than it began.

The first good news I would like to share with you is that we have received 59 pledges for 2010 totaling \$154,800. Our asking budget was \$142,116 which means

we have a pledge surplus of \$12,684. This surplus can certainly be put to good use on some of the repairs to buildings or other projects that have had to wait until funds were available to do them.

The year end financial reports are just out with more good news! Our total income for pledged and unpledged offering is 110.93% of budget! In a year when many churches are dealing with short falls, the people of Pisgah church have come through as they always have when times get tough! Great Job Everybody!!!!

The expense side of the ledger is good news as well. Our total expenses for the year are 85.17% of budget for 2009. Our hats are off to all of the Elders, Deacons, church staff, and committee members who all found ways to make do with less and cut our expenses this year.

What all of this good news means is that we will carry a budget surplus into 2010 from our 2009 budget. This surplus will be used to fund our Pastor Nominating Committee as they begin our search for a new pastor.

We will also be able to replace the funds borrowed from the roof fund to meet operating expenses at the end of 2008. We will even be able to have some left over for a rainy day fund so we will not be caught short of operating capital in the future.

All of this is made possible because the people of Pisgah church have been generous this year with their time, talent, and their treasure. In a year when many churches are struggling the people of Pisgah have once again shown why this church is still here after over two hundred years. It is because of her people!

Jud Davis



A Word of Commendation from Your Interim Pastor

I want to commend all of you for your faithful stewardship in a time of general economic downturn. Jud's report not only celebrates your dedication in giving, but it also calls attention to the Session's careful management of expenditures!

I call all of you to join me in giving thanks to God for supplying our needs so abundantly through faithful and generous members.

It is a joy and privilege to serve as interim pastor with a congregation that demonstrates its faith in such a tangible way.

To God be the Glory!!!

Faithfully,
Vic Priebe

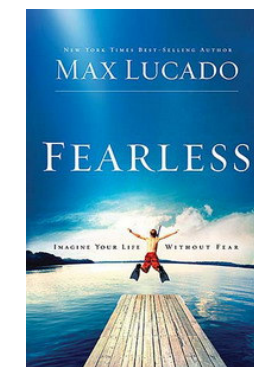
Souper Bowl Sunday

Sunday, February 7 is Souper Bowl Sunday for the youth. Church youth groups across the country will be collecting canned goods for their local charities. Pisgah's youth will be collecting for the Woodford County Food Pantry.



The Men of Pisgah

The Men of Pisgah will begin meeting on Saturday, February 13 at 8:30 a.m. in the Academy Building to study the book, FEARLESS by Max Lucado. The book



addresses some of our biggest fears and shows us how the solutions may be easier than we think. Each discussion will open with a 5-10 minute lesson on DVD featuring the author. Books can be purchased at most bookstores in town or on Amazon at a reduced rate. All men are invited and encouraged to join the study group. For further information, contact Jim

Rodgers: home phone: 873-9411; email: jwrodg@windstream.net

Greetings from Mission & Evangelism

The extent of Pisgah's outreach in 2009 was impressive and in 2010 will be even greater because of your support, your involvement and your commitment to the God's outreach through Pisgah Church and the Mission and Evangelism committee. Below is a partial listing of the organizations that were impacted by your monetary and hands on support.



- WCHS Project Graduation
- Chrysalis House for Women
- Relay for Life – Woodford County
- Baby Health Services
- Woodford County Food Bank
- Habitat for Humanity
- Against Malaria Foundation – Global
- Woodford County Repair Affair
- Theological Educational Fund
- Pisgah Member Missionary trip to South America
- Veterans of America in Nursing Homes
- Surgery on Sunday
- Lexington Rescue Mission
- Taylor Manor Nursing Home
- Woodford County Extension Service
- Faith Pharmacy
- Water Resources for Life – Global
- Naomi Jury - Global
- Transylvania Presbytery – World Relief Services - Global
- PC-USA Mission Work – Global
- Linus Project
- Ronald McDonald House
- Doctors Without Borders USA
- Operation Christmas Child
- God's Special Little Hearts
- Heifer International
- Vistor Bags
- Pastoral Emergency Fund

The Mission and Evangelism Committee wants your involvement and your ideas as we enter 2010. We welcome you to join our committee and welcome your ideas and thoughts how Pisgah Church and the M & E committee can make a difference in Pisgah's outreach.

Please email or call Joe Johnson, M & E Chairman, at jjohnson@n-ppi.com or 321-6436 with your ideas or if you would like to be a part of the 2010 M & E initiatives.

Joe Johnson

Christian Education

Now that the second half of our school year is underway, the Christian Education Committee has several "Post worthy" news items to report, like our "remodeled" children's church program, an update about our children's sermon, a possible NEW program targeting the younger generation of children in the church, a friends and members Talent and Time search, youth programs to mark on the calendar, and Sunday School updates. Read on for details...!

Children's Church: Our church is very blessed to have a returning, 2009 graduate who is willing to volunteer her time to lead our children as they further their education in the knowledge of the Bible and the Presbyterian tradition. Ms. Katie Graham, assisted by her brother Mathew, has graciously been serving as the Children's Church leader for several weeks now. Children's Church is for children 4th grade and younger. Starting with "big church" in the sanctuary, the children participate in the regular service through the Children's Moment. They then have the option to leave and go over to the Academy Building for a specialized church service targeted for a younger audience that will help the young people adjust to the full service as they age up into the regular sermon.

Children's Moment: The children's sermon will have a new addition in the weekly, light-hearted, fun-filled lesson. As a lesson in tithes and offerings, the children's sermon will begin each week by collecting spare change from the young ones and we will publicly keep track of the amount that is raised in the bank. Once a goal has been reached the children will choose a destination for their money to go towards.

New Children's Program: It has been proposed that we develop some form of program outside of the Sunday school hour for the younger children in the church. The idea is that there would be a monthly (semi-monthly?) program overlapping with youth activities on Sunday evenings so that only one meal would have to be prepared. All children and youth could interact and enjoy each other's company. After the supper, the younger children will head down stairs to participate in an activity that will be led by a volunteer church member (THIS IS WHERE YOU COME IN, readers!)

Time and Talent Search: Are you a storyteller? An artist? A magician? A woodworker or scrapbooking expert? Do you have a special talent or hobby? If so, whether you can volunteer once or on a regular basis, our kids need YOU. As mentioned in the previous section, the children need volunteers to lead them in fun activities for about an hour per meeting on Sunday evenings. Or if Sunday mornings are more "your thing," then leading a 15-minute "specials" session during Sunday school would



be a great way to connect with our younger generation. If you have some ideas or talents or simply love kids, then you can take part in bringing the new children's program to life or spicing up the Sunday school program. To volunteer, please contact **Melissa Scott** at 859.321.2183 or Melissa.a.scott@hotmail.com. Please have all suggestions in soon...by **FEBRUARY 28**, if possible.

Youth programs to mark on the calendar: The youth program in Pisgah is booming and so first and foremost a special applause needs to be given to these great kids for all the hard work that they have put into all the church events and community service beginning last spring and going strong right through Christmas. Coming up this month, we have *SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY* on February 7, where the youth will be collecting canned goods and donations for a nationwide Souper Bowl of Caring. Also, the *30-HOUR FAMINE* is quickly approaching where the youth will experience world hunger first hand as they work to raise awareness.

Sunday school updates: Each Sunday during the announcements before the church service there will be a selected Sunday school class or group that will present updates on who their teacher is, where they meet, when they meet, what they are discussing currently and who is invited to attend their class. Updates will be coming from all classes including adult and youth group which is different than the middle and high school Sunday school.

Pisgah Post readers, please consider this one last thought from your Christian Education team...Children come into this world and our church not knowing much, if anything, about God. It is our responsibility as a church family to teach them and help them grow as God's children. Let us each take it upon ourselves to be responsible for our part in the growth of our children and the future of Pisgah.

Life in the Church

Ordination and Installation:

On January 3, we ordained and installed the following:

Elders: Anne Davis, Hank Graddy, David Prater and Linda Scott (Class of 2012).

Deacons: Tessa Dole, Ann Hayes, Melissa Scott and Dani Upton (Class of 2012)



Sympathy was extended to:

The family of Dorothy Davis who passed away on January 5 in Lexington.

Margaret Shropshire on the death of her husband, Dave, on January 16 in Versailles.



To Our Pisgah Family,

We wish to thank you for all your prayers, love, and concern for us over these many days. Most of all we thank you for the beautiful tribute you gave to Dave at his memorial service and reception. It was beyond "beautiful".

My special thanks go to Rev. Vic, the choir, and all of you who contributed food and flowers for us at home and for the reception. Pisgah has been part of me all my life as it was for my ancestors. I am so glad that I converted Dave to be part of the best. He loved Pisgah as much as I do, thanks to all of you. He is now at rest in Pisgah's cemetery.

Fondly,
Margaret, his Children,
and Grandchildren

Dear Members of Pisgah Presbyterian Church,

On behalf of God's Special Little Hearts, I would like to thank you for your recent donation in Honor of Cathy Johnson. It will enable us to continue our mission of helping other families that have a child with a congenital heart defect while showing God's love.

All of our members have a child with a CHD so we understand the importance of knowing someone is there for you and praying for you.

May God Bless You!

Katie Columbia
Chairperson

Prayer List Update

As of Sunday, April 4 we will begin a new prayer list. Please submit all prayer requests along with your name and place them in the offering box. We will begin collecting requests on Sunday, February 7 and continue through Sunday, March 28. The new list will appear in the bulletin starting Sunday, April 4.

Many thanks from Your Deacons



Dear Pisgah Congregation,

Thank you for your generous remembrance at Christmas.

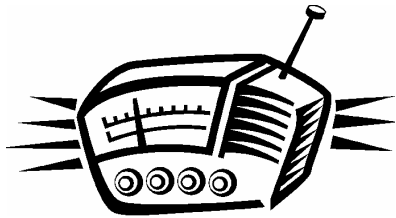
As you know, the music program at Pisgah, under the talented leadership of Linda Jones, is a blessing to the congregation. I am equally blessed to be a small part of this.

With Appreciation,
Brenda Lucas

Dear Pisgah Church,

Thank you so much for the Christmas gift. It was so thoughtful.

Sincerely,
Rhonda Ball



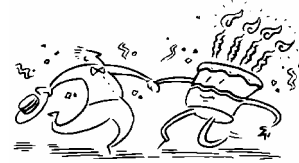
Snippets

- o Congratulations to **Albert Chandler, Lucy Chandler** and **Matthew Fister** for making the WCHS Academic team!

We are always on the lookout for more "Snippets." Help us keep this column going by sending in any interesting little tidbits you hear!

Hospice of the Bluegrass

The Frankfort office of Hospice of the Bluegrass is offering grief group counseling sessions during the month of February. These sessions are available to any adult in the community, regardless of whether or not their loved one was a Hospice patient. For more information, contact Melinda Simpson at (502) 223-1744.



Happy Birthday to You in February

- 2 Patrick Hayes
- 3 Coley Stilz
- 5 Kelly Hill, Tara Lewis
- 6 Jesse Wilder
- 7 Constantine Budovsky
- 8 Catherine Davidson, Curt Welling
- 9 Bob Keller, Charlotte Gilbert
- 10 Ann Keller
- 11 Megan Cullen
- 12 Mary Alice Clark, Margaret Shropshire
- 14 Quin Broadbent
- 16 Page Dunlap
- 17 Bill Busby, Anne Davis
- 18 Carolyn Snipp
- 20 Lynda Clark, Rachel Baston
- 21 Lauren Gilbert, Erin MacLeod
- 22 Tamera Cassidy, Robbie Stilz
- 23 Becky Wilder
- 25 Mary Lee Jones, John Baston
- 26 Rhonda Ball

And in early March...

- 2 J.P. Stilz
- 4 Courtland Johnson, Andrew Ryan
- 6 Anna Gerrow
- 7 Lantz Kindred

Please help us keep this list up to date!

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you have
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through
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it is the gift
of **GOD ...**

Ephesians 2:8, NRSV

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