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Newsletter

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:
The old has gone, the new is here! (11 Corinthians 5:17)*

Happy New Year 2012

*a JJ White
Christmas 2011*











...from the pastor's desk

by Charles Ray

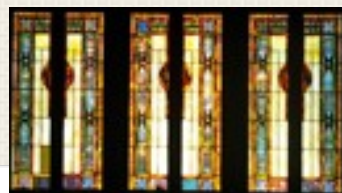
THE 2012 CALENDAR

I recently heard someone say, "Wouldn't it be great if God would fill out a pocket calendar for each one of us and just drop it down to us...telling each of us what each day would hold for us?" That surely would be helpful to us in our busy rushed days ahead. However, God does not do that for us. He gives us the freewill to make our own plans for each day. Most days we can make the days peaceful and free of problems, or we can make them as hectic as time allows. Most of the time it's our choice.

In either situation, God's blessings are available for us. To insure that daily blessings are there for us, I suggest that you begin your day with prayers to the Lord. Give thanks to Him **FIRST**; then ask for His guidance for your activities for the day. And, even if conditions present consequences beyond your control, you are **STILL** in His care.

I pray that God will be with you each day of the year in 2012.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!





Ms. Bess Remembers...

Memories of Roy and Mary Wardlaw

These are memories about a church couple, going 'way back' to times before many of you were born. They were a blessing to us in many ways. Just yesterday I came across a faded yellow envelope with a note inside. It was signed: Mary Wardlaw. Obviously she was thanking me for something I had given her or a compliment someone had told me and I passed it on. That part is blank. Twenty-nine years is a long time ago.

She and husband Roy, both natives of the area, had lived in Illinois. His job with the railroad let him return here, probably in the mid-'50s. Soon she was serving, interim, as church secretary. He was handy with tools and loved gardening and sharing its harvest.

At that time Ben and Dinks Ward were active members. The messages he brought to our Young Adult Sunday School Class often were real sermons. He felt the call to attend Seminary. We were giving them a money shower as farewell gift. My first realization of Mrs. Wardlaw's generous spirit was when she gave me a twenty dollar bill for them. That large sum was unbelievable, in my eyes, for most of us in the class were just getting started in the business world.

Their home was always open to visitors. One Sunday after church she asked the visiting supply

pastor if they had plans for lunch. No, they would get something. She asked them to come home with them, saying it may be peanut butter and crackers, but please come. They accepted. I'll bet they told about that lovely meal for years.

She was active in the night business women's circle. I was their sponsor, meaning I attended and gave the report at the afternoon business meeting. Then all circles rolled bandages for overseas mission hospitals. We collected well-worn cotton sheets, tore them in strips, then manually twisted them and tied with a selvage. We were busy with this, even during business and Bible study. Mr. Roy surveyed hand labor, went to the kitchen, took paper napkins from their cardboard holder, bent length of coat hanger wire to make a windlass and inserted it in holes he had punched.

Soon he appeared with his invention, gave his demonstration and it quickly wound. Next day he took scraps of board and made two or three of them, then more. I wrote a story and it was in the paper. Someone suggested, "Why don't you send it to the Presbyterian Survey." I did. Imagine my surprise when they sent me \$25.00. I donated it to Mrs. Wardlaw's Circle. Maybe that is what she was thanking me for.

They were treasured members, helped in many ways. Martha Kimmel is their daughter.

Church Chatter



JJ White MPC Women's Gathering

About twenty-five JJ White women enjoyed a great gathering in December at the home of Loreice Naklie. Rusty Whittington led an Advent devotional and presented each of the women with an Advent study guide. Loreice Naklie served her delicious food and everyone had a pleasant evening of hearing Christmas scripture, eating, and visiting together. Thanks to Loreice for warmly welcoming us into her home and continuing this JJ White Christmas tradition.

*Happy New Year from the
2012 Session of JJ White Memorial Presbyterian Church.*

Class of 2012

*Phil Terrell
Jane Walman
Sharon White*

Class of 2013

*Robbie DeCoux
Suzi Drummond
Carol Wood*

Class of 2014

*Bill Mitchell
Billie Nance
Kennon Singley
Randy White*

Wayne Hutchison to Serve as JJ White Treasurer

Wayne Hutchison will soon begin serving as the Treasurer of JJ White Memorial Presbyterian Church. We deeply appreciate the work of Chip Gibbes in this position in previous years and are grateful to Wayne for his willingness to accept this demanding volunteer responsibility.

Thank you, Chip and Wayne, for your service to JJ White.

Liturgical Seasons: *Epiphany*... Friday, January 6, 2012

What is Epiphany?

Epiphany is the celebration of God's manifestation or self-revelation to the world in Jesus Christ. In particular, we celebrate the revelation of God's promise and purpose to the nations of the world, as the magi came from the East to worship to the Christ child, and God's covenant of grace is extended to all who believe the good news of Christ Jesus. The symbolism of light is important: not only because of the star that guided the magi, but as it relates to the bright dawning of God's self-revelation in Christ.



from PCUSA website article on Liturgical Seasons:

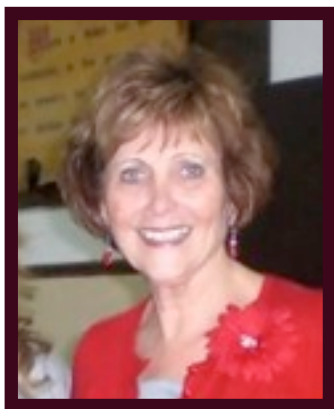
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Mission Notes...

**JJ White Memorial Presbyterian Church
Missions Conference
February 23-26, 2012**

Featured Speaker-Ruth Conard



**Visit Ruth's website for more information
and a list of her books.**

<http://www.designedtobepillars.org/>

Missionaries and Organizations Supported by JJ White MPC Mission Conference

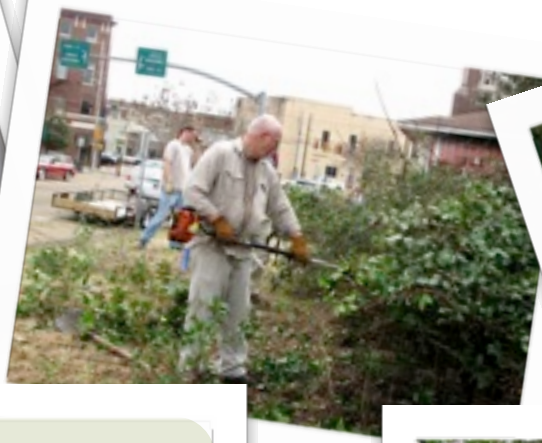
Mexico--Jean and David Legters
Belize--Helen Lacey
Thailand--Mary Peterson
Outreach Foundation, Living Waters for the
World, CUPS, Rivers of the World,
Palmer Children's Home, Natchez Children's
Home,
French Camp Academy,
Chamberlain-Hunt Academy,
MICA, Fig Tree Ministries, Boys and Girls Club



More Mission Notes...

Carol Woods, JJ White Mission Committee Chair and 2012 Missions Conference Chair, has a few items to call to our attention:

- ☀️ Mark these dates on your calendar-February 23-26, 2012.
- ☀️ "Charity Begins at Home" is this year's theme with "*Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought to love one another.*" (I John 4:11) as the focus scripture.
- ☀️ Volunteers are needed for all Conference events. Please contact Carol Wood if you can help.
- ☀️ One event of the Conference will be a luncheon on Thursday, February 23, to benefit "WINGS" (an organization to assist women from abusive relationships to recover and find jobs, etc.) Go through your closet for nice work clothes that could be donated to this cause. More details will be announced later.
- ☀️ The local missions work project will be at the Schroeder property/Scout house. Many volunteers are needed to make this project a success. This will take place after the Missions Conference breakfast on Saturday, February 25.



Snapshots of Work
Project-
2011 Missions Conference



JANUARY

- 1 Chetta Hitt (1917) - #95
Betty Lee (1923) - #89
- 2 Nancy McElwee
- 7 Joan McDaniel (1929)
- 9 Lily Warshauer
- 10 Toni James
- 15 Mark Statham
- 17 Tommy Morgan
- 18 Louise Andrews
- 23 Ralph Brock
Jamie Hart
- 25 Tommy Ratcliff
- 30 Bill Jones
- 31 Henry Gibbes IV
Roger Nickerson



FEBRUARY

- 2 (Jennifer Brill)
- 13 Emily Austin
- 14 (Roger Price)
- 20 Donna Smith
Susan F. Gibbes
- 21 Margaret Ann Morgan
Sam White
- 22 Hannah Catchings
- 23 Lillian White Lack
- 25 Mary Regan

January Schedules and Lists

ELDER OF THE MONTH: Sharon White

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

- 1 India Warshauer
- 8 Susan Gibbes
- 15 Linda Miller
- 22 Carol Rawlings
- 29 Billie Nance



MEN'S WEDNESDAY BREAKFAST GROUP

- 4 Whitney Rawlings, Jimmy Carroll Robertson
- 11 John Drummond, Randy White
- 18 Noggin Wild, Tommy Ratcliff
- 25 Randy Burris, Benny May

USHERS/GREETERS

Tommy Ratcliff, Captain
Robbie DeCoux
John Drummond
Stacey Moak
Johnny Nance
Mark Statham



JANUARY 2012

Teach us to number our days,
that we may gain a heart of wisdom. Psalm 90:12

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

<p>1</p> <p>New Year's Day 2012</p> <p>No Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 Worship</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:15 am Men's Breakfast</p> <p>5:30 Wed. Night Fellowship (all ages)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Knutty Knitters 7:00</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Epiphany</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:00 Breakfast</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 Worship and Elder Ordination</p> <p>5:30 Vespers</p> <p>6:00 pm Session</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Women's Bible Study 11:30 am-12:30</p> <p>Knitting 1:00</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7:15 am Men's Breakfast</p> <p>5:30 Wed. Night Fellowship (all ages)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Knutty Knitters 7:00</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Elders' Retreat 8:30 am</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9:00 Breakfast</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School</p> <p>10:30:Worship</p> <p>5:30 vespers</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Martin Luther King Day</p> <p>Nursing Home Visitation 3:00 pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Knitting 1:00</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:15 am Men's Breakfast</p> <p>5:30 Wed. Night Fellowship (all ages)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Knutty Knitters 7:00</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9:00 Breakfast</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School</p> <p>10:30:Worship;</p> <p>5:30 Vespers</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Nursing Home Visitation 3:00 pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Knitting 1:00</p>	<p>25</p> <p>5:30 Wed. Night Fellowship (all ages)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Knutty Knitters 7:00</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>MICA</p> <p>9:00 Breakfast</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School</p> <p>10:30:Worship</p> <p>5:30 Vespers</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Knitting 1:00</p>				