

## ***WEEKLY NEWS & NOTES***

***February 19, 2012***

### **FELLOWSHIP AND WELCOME**

\*Still looking for groups/families or individuals that can help with the set up and clean up of the coffee fellowship time.

\*Want to make a visitor feel welcome? We have an outreach that brings a loaf of fresh bread to local visiting families. We are looking for another person to help deliver the bread in the Epping area and beyond. Please speak with Gary Hinz if this is something you would be interested in doing 642-5720.

\*We are also looking for more folks to sign up to help as Greeters & Ushers. Thank you to those that have expressed an interest! The sign up sheet is in the lobby.

### **FOOD DONATION IDEAS:**

For the month of February we will be collecting:  
Red jello, spaghetti sauce, red cookies, canned fruit  
Items may be placed in the shopping cart-thank you!

### **HELP YOURSELVES**

We have received a box of assorted Devotional materials & Bibles. Please look through it (box is in the hallway by the library shelf) and if there is something you would enjoy reading, feel free to take it with you!



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### **UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS**

Sun., Feb. 19 Blue Sky 11:30 am (TODAY)  
Mon., Feb. 20 Life Line Screening  
Wed., Feb. 22 Lenten Study 6:00 pm  
Youth Group 6:30 pm  
Ash Wednesday Communion Service 7:00 pm  
Thurs., Feb. 23 Lenten Study 1:00 pm

### **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

Ann Marie Hoyt Feb. 26  
Linda Daigle Feb. 28

### **ASH WEDNESDAY COMMUNION SERVICE -**

Please join us on Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at  
7:00 pm for this special service.

### **SPECIAL MUSIC ON EASTER**

We would like to have the children sing a song on Easter morning! Parents and children interested in finding out more, please stay after the 2<sup>nd</sup> worship service today. We are also looking for leaders to choose the music and help with these practice sessions.



### NURSERY MAKEOVER UPDATE

Praise God! The makeover nursery shower is completed. Thank you to the ladies from the Tuesday Circle and all who sent gifts! Most of the essential needs have now been met.

Next we will be working on setting up everything for March. By March 25<sup>th</sup>, we will be ready for our big OPEN HOUSE. See you there!

### HOLD THE DATES...

Sunday Services during Lent 8:30 & 10 am  
Lenten Small Groups during Lent  
Palm Sunday- Sunday, 4/1 One Service 9:30 am  
Maundy Thursday Communion Service,  
Thurs., 4/5 6:30 pm  
Easter Sunday-Sun., April 8  
Early Service at Hampton Beach 6:00 am  
followed by One Service 9:30 am



### PASTOR'S NEWS....

Dear Friends - I need to tell you some news (which I have not wanted to have to do for the last 8 years) - that Bishop Weaver has asked us to move to the Portsmouth (Rhode Island) UMC starting July 1, 2012 and we have agreed to do so. We trust and believe that this is God's will. We have become convinced, after the initial shock, that this will be best for us and for the church here. We did not request to be moved and in fact requested to stay here - The Holy Spirit seems to be leading otherwise.

We would appreciate your support and prayers through this time of transition and change - God is good and will provide the best pastor for this congregation over the next few weeks (or months).

It will be very difficult to leave and we will miss you all - you are dear friends to us. We announced this to the congregation this past Sunday morning (Feb. 12) in both services, so we wanted to make sure that you are aware of it.

Please be praying for all of us who are dealing with the shock and grief.

I am available to talk with anyone who wishes to know more about this news.

Blessings to you all,  
Pastor Mike and Mickey

“And we know that in ALL THINGS God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose” Romans 8:28