

## Sundays this Month

### January 1

Rev. Kemper Huber

Sunday School None

Worship 10:30am

Scriptures: Psalm 148

Luke 2:22-40

### January 8

Rev. Kemper Huber

Sunday School 9:00am

Worship 10:30am

Scriptures: Isaiah 60:1-6

Matthew 2:1-

12

### January 15

Rev. Kemper Huber

Sunday School 9:00am

Worship 10:30am

Scriptures: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

John 1:43-51

### January 22

Rev. Kemper Huber

Sunday School 9:00

Worship 10:30am

Scriptures: Psalm 62:5-12

Mark 1:14-20

### January 29

Rev. Kemper Huber

Sunday School 9:00

Worship 10:30am

Scriptures: Psalm 111

Mark 1:21-28



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## Pastor's Pen

Happy New Year!

What do you think of when you hear this New Year salutation? Do you think of making resolutions? Are you reminded that another year has come and gone for better or worse? Does it fill you with excitement and anticipation of what is to come in the New Year? Most of us probably relate to most if not all of these questions in one way or another.

The New Year offers us a chance to start with a clean slate. A chance to get rid of those grudges or hurts we have been carrying around; a chance to rededicate our efforts, our commitment to a specific goal or purpose. It is a time for reflection and self-examination. It is a New Year!

Wouldn't it be great if we could begin each day with the same sense of "newness?" How would we live each day if we knew that all of our faults and shortcomings would be washed away with the morning sun? I am here to tell you that you can! But it is not the morning sun that cleans the slate; it is the everlasting Son that cleanses us and washes us anew every day.

God, in His infinite wisdom, knows that we could never live into the perfection God desires from each one of us, without help. So God sent His Son to teach us and show us how God would have us live. And then Jesus gave up his life as an atonement for our shortcomings and sins so that we could be washed clean every day. Our baptism is a symbol of this cleansing love but our baptism does not give us a guarantee that we will never stumble or fall. But through the grace offered to us through Jesus, we can come to God asking for forgiveness and strength to follow the path He laid out; and we are forgiven; we are washed clean; we are blessed with a new beginning!

So Happy New Year! May this year be a year of blessings and joy. And may this New Year be one in which we celebrate the "newness" offered to us every day through Jesus Christ!

In His Service,  
Pastor Kemper



# Mission, Outreach & Service



Working in the kitchen at Robstown



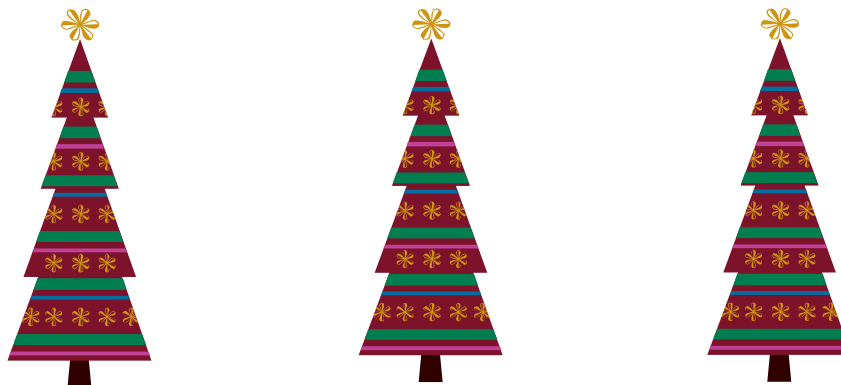
Henry riding his new bike in Robstown

The Missions, Outreach & Service committee would like to extend a heart-felt thanks to everyone who participated in the Christmas Giving projects at Forest Hills this year. Through our Angel Tree project, Christmas gifts were collected and distributed to a total of 40 children and 45 adults. These families at First Presbyterian Church of Robstown and the Presbyterian Children's Home, Child & Family Program, were overwhelmed by the generous gifts and Christian love shown by our Forest Hills saints.

During our visit to Robstown, Texas for the Annual Christmas Party, we enjoyed a wonderful Christmas meal, fellowship and worship with our friends there. We were able to leave them not only with the Christmas presents from our congregation, but 3 much-needed space heaters and 15 prayer bracelets handmade by the women attending the FHPC Women's Retreat the week before.

The response for the PCUSA Joy Gift Offering in December was outstanding! We collected a total of \$1,610.60 that will help provide financial assistance to current and former church workers and their families and enable deserving students to attend Presbyterian-related racial ethnic colleges and schools. We are so pleased to be able to reach out and help all these people, and, in this way, share the love of Christ with our neighbors in need.

Thank you again Forest Hills for showing a genuine Christmas spirit, and may God bless your New Year!



## Note From Pastor Sheila in Robstown



Pastor  
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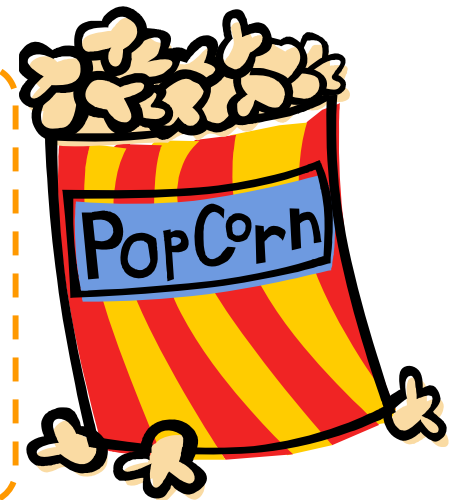
Please share with the congregation that I was just elected President of the Executive Board of Directors for the Wesley Community Centers in Nueces County for "outstanding community efforts". Of course I gave the honor and glory to God first then I mentioned all that your congregation does for us and we would not be nearly as effective in our community outreach without the efforts, love and donations from Forest Hills Presbyterian Church. It just would not have felt right not to have given credit where credit is due. Please let all of our friends there know just how much they help us let so many know the love of God. There's no way we could reach so many folks in need without your efforts, support and prayers.

Yours in Christ,

Sheila and the bunch at Healthy Choices Outreach

## FHPC Night at the Movies!

**Join your Forest Hills family on **January Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>** for a special "Night at the Movies." We will watch the movie "Courageous" in the sanctuary beginning at **6:30 p.m.** There will be special "kids" movies in the Christian Nurture building for the children so everyone can come and enjoy this special time of fellowship!**



## Congregational Meeting

Make plans to stay after worship on **Sunday January 22nd** for Forest Hills' Congregational meeting. Committee reports, Pastor's report, financial reports, and other business will be presented and discussed. Mark your calendars! We need your participation

## Community Nurture Night

Beginning with a family movie night on **Friday January 13<sup>th</sup>**, when we show the movie “Courageous” and continuing through Maundy Thursday when the Forest Hills family and friends will celebrate the Christian Pass-over with a Seder Meal, the Spring Semester of CNN has something for everyone.

There will be two adult studies offered beginning on **Wednesday January 18<sup>th</sup>**. A men’s study based on the movie “Courageous” will be led by Pastor Kemper. A woman’s study titled “Simply Relevant – Finding Balance” will be led by Laurie Vinton. Both will be a 5 week study.

On **Wednesday February 22<sup>nd</sup>** (Ash Wednesday) the men of Forest Hills will prepare and serve a Fat Tuesday (yes we know it is Wednesday) pancake supper that will be followed by an Ash Wednesday Worship Service in the Sanctuary. Beginning **Wednesday February 29<sup>th</sup>** there will be a Lenten Study offered for everyone. This Study will culminate with the Seder Meal on Maundy **Thursday April 5<sup>th</sup>**.

Every Wednesday there is a meal, classes for all ages (children, youth and adult) and child care offered for the duration of the Spring semester. A donation of \$3.00 per person is asked to cover the cost of the food. Make CNN a part of your week and join your Forest Hills family for this time of fellowship and study.

## Prayer Quilt Ministry

The Prayer Quilt Ministry was started June, 2008 and provides lap-size quilts dedicated and given to people in life crisis or difficult times. The quilts are hand made, then tied with prayer by many people. These quilts give the recipient a feeling of being comforted and loved simply by feeling each knot and knowing prayers were said for them.

To date, we have given 62 Prayer Quilts to recipients of different denominations from California to New York and as far as England and China.

We welcome anyone interested in helping with this ministry.

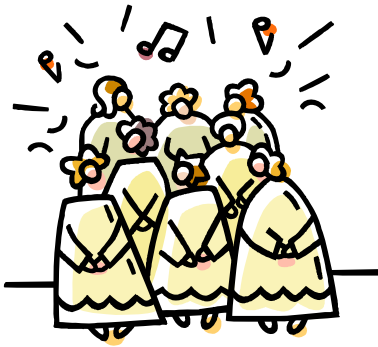
If you or someone you know is in need of a Prayer Quilt, please let Pastor Kemper know.



# January 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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8 9am Sunday School 10:30am Wor- ship 5-7pm Youth group 6pm Choir	9	10 6PM Personnel committee meeting	11	12 7-8:30am Men's bible study 7pm Worship Team	13 6:30PM Movie Night	14
15 9am Sunday School 10:30am Wor- ship  5-7pm Youth group 6pm Choir	16	17 6:30 PM Session meeting	18 6-8pm CNN	19 7-8:30am Men's bible study 7pm Worship Team	20	21
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29 9am Sunday School 10:30am Wor- ship 5-7 Youth group 6pm choir	30	31				

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE



*Happy New Year! We had a great advent season. The Adults and Youth enjoyed their Advent studies as the children's classes prepared for the all church Christmas Cantata and what a blessing it was! There was singing and readings from "children" of all ages...and we can't forget our "live" nativity scene. A great job was done by all who participated in, organize and directed "Come to the Manger." Thank you!*

*Twenty – two (22) children participated in Santa's Workshop on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 -8:30. Children had dinner, made ornaments, decorated cookies, made Christmas presents, played games and watched a movie while their parents took the time to run Christmas er-*



***Sunday School resumes on January 8<sup>th</sup>.** Children thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade meet in the Children's Worship and Nurture Center (CWNC.) This month they will study Moses. All other classes meet in the Family Life Center. The Middle School/ High School class meets in the study. The Pastor's class (conference room) is studying Galatians. The Present Word class meets in the Gold Room.*

*We are thrilled to have so many children participating in Children's Church. For the safety of the children, we need the help of an adult volunteer each week. You don't have to do any lesson preparation. Jennifer will guide you. So that everyone has the opportunity to participate in our regular worship service, we are requiring that all families with children attending Children's Church volunteer at least once every three months. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex or you can let Jennifer Hillen, Children's Church Director, know when you are*



*"They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper." (Psalm 1:3) ...and sometimes they are transplanted...God has blessed us with a family which the United States Air Force is moving to another state at the end of the month. It is with great sadness that Forest Hills and especially the Christian Education Committee bids farewell to the Bringham Family - Shem, Cody, Devon and Dillon. We have been truly blessed by their humble service. God-*



# Presbyterian Women

To God be the Glory for the things He has done!!!....and has in store for us.

The Presbyterian Women of FHPC will meet and greet each other at the first gathering of the Saturday Circle in the year 2012 on Saturday, January 13, 2012 at 2:30. We are continuing the bible study "Confessing the Beatitudes."

