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Souper Bowl of Caring

A little more than 20 years ago, a Presbyterian youth group met on Super Bowl Sunday. Their simple prayer, offered as their meeting began, was: "Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat." Amen

And the Souper Bowl of Caring was born! Since that date, over \$81 million has been raised for local charities across the country by church youth groups, community organizations, and businesses. It has become a powerful movement, focused on one day in February each year when the nation's attention is drawn to the hype and hoopla of a football game, to parties and pizza and fun.

If each participant in worship on Super Bowl Sunday will give just \$1, the impact will be enormous. And your opportunity will come on Sunday, February 5th when immediately after both worship services our Nor'kirk youth will be waiting in the narthex, soup bowls in hand, for your donation of pocket change. The money we collect will go to MetroCrest Social Services and will be used to fill their food pantry and help the hungry in our community. No money goes to organizing the event, none goes to celebrity endorsers or sponsors or any kind of administrative fees. Every penny collected will go to MetroCrest for them to use to buy food.

Be here on Sunday, February 5th! Bring some pocket change. Make a difference. Support Souper Bowl of Caring.



February Lectionary

February 5, 2012 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time –
Communion Sunday
Isaiah 40:21-31; Psalm 147:1-11, 20
I Corinthians 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

February 12, 2012 – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
II Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30;
I Corinthians 9:24-27; Mark 1:40-45

February 19, 2012 –
Transfiguration of the Lord Sunday
II Kings 2:1-12; Psalm 50:1-6;
II Corinthians 4:3-6; Mark 9:2-9

February 22, 2012 – Ash Wednesday
Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 51:1-17; II
Corinthians 5:20-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

February 26, 2012 – 1st Sunday in Lent
Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10;
I Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:9-15

Lenten Potluck Dinner Series

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday February 22. We will host our annual Ash Wednesday service, beginning at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to start this season of Lent with a reminder of the call to contemplate the role of Christ in our Salvation.

On Sunday evening February 26, we will begin our evening Lenten series as we gather together for a Potluck meal. There are no specific assignments on what to bring, rather, bring your favorite dish, and enough to serve you and your family along with enough for others to share. Our evening Study this year is based on Cynthia M. Campbell's book "God's Abundant Table." Dr. Campbell is the ninth president of McCormick Theological Seminary. A native of Pasadena, California. She was ordained by the Presbytery of San Gabriel and served in numerous churches in Texas. In 1981, she became associate professor of theology and ministry and director of the doctor of ministry program at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. (cont'd on page 2)



You've seen on E-vites the line designation (+1). As you read this, imagine another meaning for (+1).

Picture a chair. But not just any chair. This is your chair. And you're responsible to fill your chair. But it can't be filled by anyone. It is reserved for someone special. And it needs to be filled in 2012.

The (+1) concept is about bringing someone who is disconnected from church to come to worship with us. (Not church goers and not family/friends from out of town.) In 2012, your mission is to get this chair filled... and that is (+1).

It has been stated that making disciples is easy to talk about, but sometimes difficult to do. The (+1) concept for 2012 is asking everyone who calls The Nor'kirk home to bring 1 person to church in 2012. Just 1. And you have the whole year to do it. It is that simple and that easy.

The hope in this is that in the end people would come to know Christ, and find in our church home a place where they can learn and grow in their faith. And it will all start with you, filling that chair, or pew. (+1).

God bless, Bill



Welcome to our newest member Christy OBryant. She joined The Nor'kirk on Sunday, January 8th following the baptism of her daughter Riley. Christy and Riley OBryant: 2631 Carmel Drive; Carrollton 75006. christyobryant@verizon.net
Welcome!

Lenten Potluck Dinner Series (cont'd from page 1)

Our meal time for the studies begins at 6:00 p.m. on the Sunday evenings beginning on February 26, and continuing through Sunday evening March 25. During the worship service on April 1, we will have a special communion liturgy based on the conversations held during our evening Lenten Study. Plan now to participate in these gatherings at table.

From the Preschool by Diane Haist

Did you see the hall decorated with planets? Our preschoolers had fun learning about space.

One of our special Dad's came to talk to the children about being a pilot and each of the children had their photo taken as an astronaut. February is Dental Health Month and we will have a hygentist share how to care for teeth, and Valentine parties are always a fun part of the month. We will also begin our parent teacher conferences, a wonderful time for parents to learn more about their child's preschool experience. Our teachers continued their training by attending a workshop; topics were "Teaching kindness and respect", "Stress and children" and "Effective Discipline". Our teachers are all a blessing as they keep children a priority.

We began registration for our Nor'kirk families and currently enrolled families for the Fall 2012-Spring 2013 school year. The public is invited to register beginning Feb.20. Please share our phone # 972-395-3707 with other parents of 1 through 5 year olds.

Costa Rica Mission

In the last year, the possibility of participating in a Mission Trip to Costa Rica has been bandied about in our Mission Ministry. Our Director of Music has been involved with a Methodist Mission Camp in Costa Rica, and has shared the importance of the work of discipleship going on at this camp.

During February, Our Director of Music, our Pastor, and their wives will travel to Costa Rica to explore the possibilities of joining in on this Mission endeavor. Lane, Carla, Bill, and Angi will leave on February 2, and be gone for 10 days. While they are there, two different church groups, one Methodist and one Presbyterian, will be working around the camp, getting it ready for the coming year.

Please pray for these two couples as they seek to work for the Lord in this new ministry. While The Nor'kirk is not funding this trip, we do need to support it with our prayers. Especially pray for our pastor in as much as his Spanish vocabulary is limited. Maybe his High School and College Latin will come in handy.

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**KidQuake 2012
is coming soon**

About 15 years ago a very brave Tim McNutt took his son Timmy, then about 8 or 9 and Michael Guinn and a couple of other Nor'kirk boys to one of the very first Grace Presbytery Kid Quake events, held at Camp Gilmont in east Texas. The boys returned to

us, enthusiastic about the praise songs they had learned, the Bible skits they had watched, the "Gilmont Mountain," they climbed, and the fact that none of them had to change clothing or underwear the entire weekend! Their stories took root, and over the years since we have sent many Nor'kirk children to the weekend event. (Note: the girls who have attended seemed to have found time and opportunity for showers and change of clothing!)

It's time again for KidQuake, and any Nor'kirk child in grades 1-5 is welcome to attend. Friends are welcome too. The cost will be \$115 each, which covers registration, a t-shirt, meals on Saturday, Sunday breakfast, and lodging.

The dates this year are March 23-25 OR April 20-22 OR April 27-29. We need to send adult sponsors with the group. If your child is interested, please let the church office know by Sunday, February 5th and let us know which dates are best for your family and if you can attend as a sponsor.