



News of Presbytery of Boise

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*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
O come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
And be Thyself our King of Peace.*

May your Christmas be filled with the joy of the Lord!

Reminders

- **2012 Mission Support Forms** are due by year's end. Please get these completed and returned to the presbytery office.
- **2012 Per Capita statements** have been mailed to each church. Per Capita is based on membership reported based on membership reported in the previous year's statistical report.
- **2013 Mission Grant Applications** will be available in the Spring of 2012. The funding for mission grants is partially based on the amounts pledged by our churches on the Mission Support Form.

Important Dates

Next Presbytery Meeting
March 3, 2012
at Boone Memorial

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HUNGER

Souper Bowl of Caring is February 5, 2012

The Souper Bowl of Caring is an annual event in many congregations. What is it? The Souper Bowl began as a youth ministry project in a local congregation and has grown to be a nation-wide activity among young and old alike. Congregations are asked to collect canned food items and to make contributions that help feed the hungry in the local community. One hundred percent of the proceeds are kept by the local congregation and applied where it sees the greatest need in its community.

Go to www.souperbowl.org to learn more about this event and to get free resources to help your congregation be a part of the Souper Bowl. Please consider how you can be a part of the solution to hunger in your community.

Edward's travels...

One of the aspects of my work as a Presbytery Executive is to maintain the connection of our presbytery to the wider Church. I spend quite a bit of my time traveling locally visiting congregations; to attend meetings of the presbytery and its committees; and to engage in some of the ordinary activity necessary to operate an office. In addition to these things, I represented the Presbytery of Boise at the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service in Boise.

There are other occasions for travel in my work as well. I work alongside other presbytery executives in Mid-Council activities. We hold forum gatherings twice each year to discuss inter-presbytery events and to assist the leadership of the Synod of the Pacific. I serve as a staff resource person to the Synod's Committee on Representation and the Personnel Committee. A recent occasion for travel was a single day trip to San Francisco to meet with Tod Bolsinger, the Chair of the the General Assembly's Mid-Council Commission where we discussed recommendations of that Commission to next year's General Assembly meeting.

My travels each year include participation in the General Assembly's Fall Polity Conference and the annual meeting of the Association of Executive Presbyters. This year's meeting was held in Pittsburgh, PA where we will return in the summer of 2012 for the meeting of the 220th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

In January 2012, Ruth Hicks and I will be attending the meeting of the Fellowship of Presbyterians in Orlando, FL. We, along with many other leaders from presbyteries and General Assembly, will participate in order to better understand the proposals from the Fellowship of Presbyterians. No matter where I may be, I keep in mind that the Presbytery of Boise has called me to be a servant of Christ and to serve Christ as I represent the congregations of our presbytery. I am grateful for this call and I am excited about the ways my travels bring the mission of our presbytery to others

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