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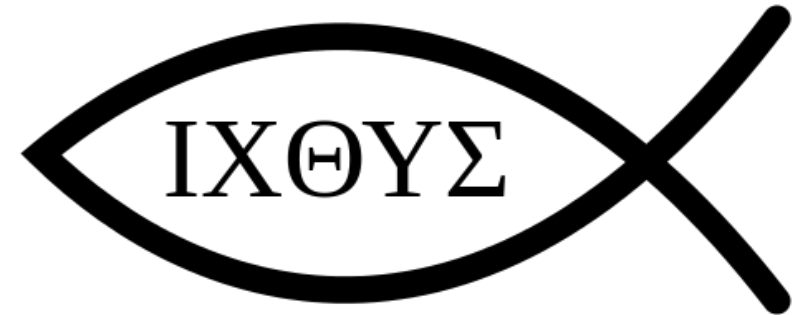


Ben & Maggie Poteet 2/14 1997

Please contact the church office and give us your birthday and anniversary dates. We don't want to miss anyone!

MINISTER'S MOMENT

The fish symbol is popular among many Christians. Its use as a way of identifying those who adhere to Christianity goes back to the second century CE. As with all things religious, there is some debate as to the specifics of how it was used, but most agree that it was a quick way for followers of Christ to identify one another. At the same time, it represented a simple slogan for early Christians. Somewhat akin to the bumper stickers we used to see on cars that said "Honk if you love Jesus." It was a bit of advertising for the early Christian movement.



The slogan aspect of the fish symbol is apparent in the letters inscribed within the drawing of the fish. These five letters are Greek and spell out the word for fish - IXΘΥΣ. The word is also an acrostic, meaning that each letter stands for a word. Understood in this way, the letters form the sentence: *Jesus Christ God's Son Saves.*

Beginning this Sunday, I will be delivering a series of sermons using each of these words as a theme. By doing this, we will not only delve into the history of a common Christian symbol, but we will also explore important aspects of belief within our religious faith. I hope you will join us for worship, and I urge you to invite a friend, as well. See you in church. ~Russell

Serving in February

Elders

*Jim Everit
Bill Harding

Deacons

*Gina Trimble
Janet Emmert
Sandy Peterson
Jenna Trimble

Communion

Stewards

Ruth Kost
Ron Barr

Serving in March

Elders

Dave Mason
Dick Kice

Deacons

*Sheri Fuller
David Fuller
Kathy Nangle
Lynne Nangle

Communion

Stewards

Kathy Nangle
Lynne Maguire

Women's Section Meetings

Section V- Wed., Feb. 14th at 1:00 p.m.

Section IV- Tues., Feb. 20th at 6:00 p.m.



Men's Breakfast
Saturday, February 17th at 9:00 a.m.
in Fellowship Hall

All the men of FCC are invited
Bring a guest!



POTLUCK DINNER

Sunday, February 25th at 11:00 a.m.
in Fellowship Hall

Members and guests are welcome
Section IV will be hosting
*Please bring a dish or dessert to share.

Fun Facts About Leap Years

- Leap years happen every four years.
- It takes the Earth 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, and 45 seconds to rotate around the sun.
- If we didn't have leap years, after 100 years, our calendars would be off by 25 days.
- People born on Leap Day are called "Leaplings" or "Leapers".
- An old Irish tradition says that women can propose to their significant other on leap day.

Annual Chocolate Festival
Hosted by PEO Chapter GQ



"A Chocolate Wonderland"

Saturday, February 10th
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
at First Community Church

\$8.00 luncheon, *kids 10 & under free

Items for sale: chocolate goodies, pies, cakes, cookies, sugar free items, and Superbowl party trays.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m.	5	6	7 Bell Choir 5:00 p.m. Choir Practice 6:00 p.m.	8	9	10 Chocolate Festival 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
11 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m.	12	13 No Board Meeting	14 Section V 1:00 p.m. Bell Choir 5:00 p.m. Choir Practice 6:00 p.m.	15 	16 	17
18 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Fiber Folks 2-4	19 	20 Women's Section IV 6:00 p.m.	21 Bell Choir 5:00 p.m. Choir Practice 6:00 p.m.	22	23	24
25 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Family Dinner 11:00 a.m.	26	27	28 Bell Choir 5:00 p.m. Choir Practice 6:00 p.m.	29		