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So if you're serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, act like it. Pursue the things over which Christ presides. Don't shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ—that's where the action is. See things from his perspective. Col 3:1-2

The Message

Once again we find ourselves in winter. I often find February difficult. Winter will not begin to end until March or April. The weather is cold, the sun is often not out, and driving can be difficult. There was a time when this would get me depressed. Fortunately over the years I learned that if you dwell on thoughts that depress you, you will be depressed. If you set your mind on happier things, you will be happier. So what thoughts in our mind can cheer us up as we wait for Spring?

Isaiah 26:3-4 Those of steadfast mind you keep in peace—in peace because they trust in you.
⁴ Trust in the LORD forever, for in the LORD GOD you have an everlasting rock.

Mark 12:30 ³⁰ you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.

Romans 8:6 ⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

Ephesians 4: 22-24 ²² You were taught to put away your former way of life, your old self, corrupt and deluded by its lusts, ²³ and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴ and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

Colossians 3:1-3 So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

Also in February we will continue with our series on the observations of the First Presbyterian Church. At the end of February we will have our Conference on the Present. This is a very important part of the On Our Way process. During the Conference we will learn about what is influencing us today and what our strengths presently are given our resources. You will participate by answering questions. One question will concern what is happening in Monticello that affects our church. For example did you know that the state of Indiana grew over 6% from 2,000 to 2,010 but White County declined 2.5%? This figure would even be higher except we have many Hispanics moving into our city. In fact the minority population increased over 20% in White County from 2,000 to 2,010. These trends affect our church.

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Prayer Concerns

Members who are Nursing Home Residents: Monticello Assisted Living & Healthcare:
Aileen Judd; Harry Doremire; Clyde Sickler

Whispering Pines: Joyce Shannon

Heritage Healthcare (Lafayette): Jim Johnston.

Lakeview Commons: Billie Clouse

White Oaks Health Campus: Ruth Smith; Betty Rockhill; Laura Matthews; Tom Spackman
Parkview Haven (Francisville): Jean Hanway

Amethyst Arbor Assisted Living (Peoria, AZ): Joe & Delores Van Meter

Friends and Relatives: Jan Carter (friend of the congregation); Sheila Weckerly (friend of the congregation)

All unspoken prayers.

Service Men & Women

David Bailey (NAVY) (son of Richard Bailey); Jordon Cook (ARMY) (son of Judy Cook); Walker Eifert (ARMY) (great-nephew of Mert & Lucy Jacob); Bobby Fabricius (ARMY) (step-son of Holly Fabricius); David Frew (USMC); Nathan Harding (ARMY) (brother-in-law of Gina Goodman, Jenny Hanes & Cary White, son-in-law of Judy Dowden); David Hargitt (ARMY) (son of Vel Hulsey); Meghan Jordan (USMC) (friend of the Youth Group); Chris Pond (ARMY) (nephew of Jean Madlung); Brian Strantz (NAVY) (son of Tom & Julie Houck) Brad Switzer

(USMC); Ericka Teegarden (US Coast Guard) (granddaughter of Carol Moore); David Ward (USMC)(nephew of Greg & Betsy Bossaer) Tyler Yoder (USMC) (friend of Laura Bossaer)



New additions this Issue:

Kerry W. Anderson (son of Mary Lou Anderson); Gordon Denton; Paul Kopko (friend of Cinda Wilhite); Holly Nolan (W.E.B. Parent); Mark Jordan (grandfather of Haley Jordan, W.E.B. Aide); Dorothy Craft; Jim Davis; Shirley Jacobsma; Jodi Brinkman (daughter of Shirley Jacobsman); Candyce Krumwiede (daughter of Fran Clifton)

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the Family and Friends of Andy Morrison and Jim Ortman (brother-in-law of Bobbi Doll). Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Church Directory

Rev. Tom Albaum	Pastor
Ardis Bramlage	Youth Group Leader
Bobbi Doll	Director of W.E.B. Preschool
Laura Lee	Choir Director
Marilyn Denton	Organist
Lucy Jacob	Treasurer
Terry Hudson	Custodian
Flordeliza Sare	Nursery
Angie Hodges	Administrative Assistant
Karen Timmons	Secretary

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Website: www.monticellofpc.org

THE SESSION:

Rev. Tom Albaum	Moderator
Joy Bailey	Clerk of Session

CLASS OF 2012:

Art Anderson, Dennis Boyd, Steve Hoffman
Dave Bramlage, Jason Thompson

CLASS OF 2013:

Jay Janke, Buehl Ponsler, Nina Dellinger
Lucy Jacob, Julie Houck

CLASS OF 2014:

Betsy Bossaer, Shelle Hay, Holly Fabricius
Sara Phelps, Cinda Wilhite

THE DEACONS:

Roslynn Boyd	Moderator
	Vice-Moderator
Andi Janke	Secretary
Mary Lou Anderson	Treasurer

CLASS OF 2012:

Roslyn Boyd, Sue Drake, David Kelly,
DeAnna Paschen, Judy Bertram,
Jessica Phillips (Youth)

CLASS OF 2013:

Jean Morrison, Catherine Smith, Jody Headdy
Lynn Kolter, Carole Shields

CLASS OF 2014:

Mary Lou Anderson, Jim Davis,
Reesa Phillips, Andi Janke, Jon Land

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN:

Peggy Horton	President
Donna Thompson	Historian/Secretary
Margaret Sherry	Treasurer

Program Committee:

Spring: Anita Ledbetter & Lucy Jacob,
Fall: Jane DeMay & Kelly Haygood
Christmas: Rachel Cote & Pam Hollingsworth

Nominating Committee:

Marsha Oilar, Roslynn Boyd, & Dorothy Mills



Pastor's Page

Did you know citizens of White County are doing the right thing and are sending their children off to college, only to find out that when they graduate they seek to live in Tippecanoe County, the Indianapolis area, or other urban areas? Did you know that the number of young persons under 18 in White County and its neighbors is in decline but the elderly population is increasing? These are just some of the factors we need to be aware of and it is our hope that you will contribute so we can see what we are facing.

Also, we will be discerning what are the greatest strengths of our church? You know about God's blessings here. What strengths have helped us get to where we are today? As a people called and empowered by God to participate in God's life-transforming mission, our church is engaged in the discipline of continually identifying and nurturing the rich "giftedness" of all members, focusing their energies, clarifying desired results, developing patience, and strengthening personal motivation and commitment.

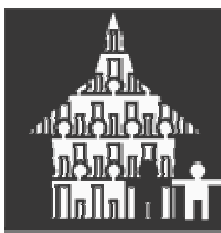
Finally, What do you think is the single most important, life-giving characteristic of your congregation for today? What is the single most important value that makes your congregation a "people called by God and sent on a mission?" The creative movement of the Holy Spirit in the midst of the community of faith is manifested though "dialogue," receptive, humble, and genuine "thinking together." Again, this is why everyone's participation is so important.

At the end of February we also begin Lent. That is right, Ash Wednesday is February 22 and Lent begins. During Lent we will have a Lenten series on Sunday and a Wednesday evening dinner and worship service. This will guide us into Holy Week and Easter which will be April 8.

So despite the weather, our church is vibrant and moving forward to be the church God calls us to be. As guided by the Holy Spirit, your participation will contribute to the future of God's church. God bless you for all you do.

In Christ,

Pastor Tom Albaum



Become Part of Our Church Family



Annual Congregational Meeting

.A benefit of a local church is that it provides you with the spiritual protection of Godly leaders. God gives shepherd leaders the responsibility to guard, protect, defend and care for the spiritual welfare of his flock. We are told, *"Their work is to watch over your souls, and they know they are accountable to God"* (Hebrews 13:17, NLT).

As a member, you receive guidance and help and as you grow, you can provide guidance and help.

A congregational meeting is called for Sunday, February 12, following the time of worship and a meal. The agenda of the meeting is to approve the minutes of the November 2011 congregation meeting. We will also review the necrology report, the report of session, the approved budget for 2012 and the annual report of 2011. We will elect two members from the congregation to serve on the Church Nominating Committee who will be join Jay Janke, Steve Hoffman, Nina Dellinger and Jim Davis. Judy Bertram is a Deacon alternate. A report on the Conference on the Present will be presented.

Guidelines for when church services and committee meetings are cancelled and church office is closed due to weather.

Church Cancelled:

You can go to the following television station websites: www.wthr.com (Channel 13) or www.wlfi.com (Channel 18). Click on **Weather**; then on **Closing and Delays**. They will be listed in alphabetical order. Watch Channel 13 or Channel 18 and the cancellation will scroll at the bottom of the screen

We will place the cancellation on the church website @ www.monticellofpc.org.

The cancellation will be announced on our local radio station WMRS 107.7.

Church Committee Meetings Cancelled:

The Committee Team Leader will determine if meeting will be cancelled. They are to be conservative in making their decision. Meetings can always be rescheduled or held on the following Sunday after worship service.

- Appears to be snowing and ice – cancel.
- Appears to be cleared up prior to meeting – Committee Leader to decide.

Church Office Closed:

- Twin Lakes School Corporation on 2 Hour Delay – get into the office when you can. Staff should call office and leave message.
- Twin Lakes School Corporation Closed – Staff to call if you can not make it in.

Staff should not take unnecessary risks getting into work. Use your judgment in making decision.

Relay For Life First Presbyterian Church Team

On June 8th there is a special event taking place in Monticello. This event is called the “Relay for Life.” I am starting to organize a church team this year. If you are interested in helping me in presenting a team from our church, to our community showing, our support in helping others, please contact me at my home either by phone or by Email. My Email address is:

pete.shields@comcast.net

As a survivor, I still remember hearing those words, “You have cancer!” Now I hear these words, “You are cancer free!” Let our church team help others to hear those words that they are cancer free!

In the future, I plan to provide more information in the POST with the many ways you can help.

Pete Shields
Relay for Life Team Captain – First Presbyterian Church



OUR CHURCH AT WORK

	<u>February 5th</u>	<u>February 12th</u>	<u>February 19th</u>	<u>February 22nd</u>	<u>February 26th</u>
<u>AUDIO/ VIDEO:</u>	Richard Bailey	Jim Haygood	Mike Rice	Mike Baker	Steve Hoffman
<u>ACOLYTES:</u>	Taylor Russell & Jessica Phillips	Tucker Reyes & Anthony Reyes	Ethan Cote & Cooper Cote	N/A	Bradly Pala & Allie Paschen Carol Moore
<u>USHERS:</u>	Sue Drake Judy Bertram Jeff & Rachel Cote	Pam Hollingsworth Jane Harvey Sue & Dave Winings	Mike & Theresa Baker Judy Cook Nina Dellinger	Betsy Bossaer Ardis Bramlage Mert Jacob Jody Headdy	Carol Mehrings Mert Jacob Jody Headdy
<u>GREETERS:</u>	Ardis & Dave Bramlage	Judy Bertram	Donna Thompson	Andi Janke	Andi Janke
<u>FELLOWSHIP:</u>	Boy Scout Fundraising Meal	Congregational Dinner Hosted By Congregational Life	Theresa Baker Judy Brothers Marilyn Denton	No Fellowship Hour	Bonnie Harmon Sonja Russell Traci Creamer
<u>WORSHIP LEADER</u>	Jason Thompson	Buzz Horton	Dave Kelly	Mike Rice	Liz Rice
<u>FLOWER CALENDAR</u>			Mary Alice Beaumont		



Faith Gonzales received her 4th grade bible on January 8, 2012 from Christian Nurture Chairman, Betsy Bossaer.

Session Mini Minutes for January 24, 2012

The January 24th, 2012 Regular Session meeting was called to order by Pastor Tom Albaum at 7:00 p.m. in the church chapel. Fourteen members of the Session were present. A quorum was declared. Devotions and the Evening Prayer were given by Steve Hoffman. Joy Bailey was elected Clerk of Session for 2012, and Lucy Jacob was elected Church Treasurer for the coming year. The Session welcomed into membership the Bob Young Family (Tina, Kylie, Nicolis, and Morgan) and Larry Fisher and Karen Orr.

A letter was read from Candace Dunbar, a friend of the church, who has presented a gift of \$1,500 to be used by the Deacons of the church. The clerk will send a thank you for this very generous gift. The following Deacons were installed on January 8, 2012 during Regular Worship: Mary Lou Anderson, Jim Davis, Reesa Phillips, Andi Janke, Jon Land, and Jessica Phillips (Youth Deacon). Cinda Wilhite, Holly Fabricious, Julie Houck (for 2 years), Jason Thompson (for 1 year), and Sara Phelps were installed and ordained as Elders. Shelle Hay was installed as an Elder. The Session approved the following dates for Communion: The first Sunday of each month, once a month for shut-ins at the nursing homes, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Christmas Eve.

The Session approved the Girl Scouts using the Fellowship Hall for a Father-Daughter Dance on Saturday, March 10th from 4 to 9 p.m. W.E.B. Preschool will be having a Soup Luncheon on January 29th following W.E.B. Sunday. Spiritual Life is working on preparations for the Lenten Season. Changes are being made to the Last Supper Presentation and the Good Friday service. The team will be organizing a *Relay For Life* Church Team for 2012. Christian Nurture reports that the Secret Santa event went well and they plan to do this activity again next year. The CNT has a donation of \$2,000 from Mr. Dunbar that could be used to help carpet the upstairs Sunday School rooms. The Session approved that the remaining funds needed could be borrowed from the Session Fund.

Pastor Tom continues to meet with the *On Our Way Team* and is helping prepare the *Conference on the Present*. He reads to the W.E.B. children on Monday and Thursday mornings and has worked at the Food Pantry. He conducted retreats for the Elders on January 21st and the Deacons on January 26th. He is presently preaching a four week series for *On Our Way*, looking at themes that identify some of the issues our church is facing.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 8:50 p.m.

DEACON UPDATE

SOUPS FOR SOULS

The Methodist Church hosts Soup 4 Souls on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 4:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Our church is responsible for the 4th Tuesday of each month. We need to provide at least two people to work and donate two plates of brownies. Volunteers are needed.

Please contact Jim Davis if you are willing to serve.

MISSION AND OUTREACH TEAM



REMINDER:

Food Pantry Pick-up – February 27th thru March 3rd

For questions, contact Margaret Sherry on her cell phone, 574-870-2633.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

More than sixty years ago, in response to the devastation of World War II, a Saturday evening nationwide broadcast asked Americans to give generously the next morning in their churches. A remarkable variety of national leaders and celebrities gave their efforts to the broadcast and more than 75,000 churches responded.

Now all of these years later, many Christian denominations continue to work together to make the best possible use of the monies given by church members the world over. Each denomination gives some of the gifts it receives for shared ministry through Church World Services; however, each denomination decides how the gifts its members give will be used. For a complete list of denominations that participate see www.pcusa.org/oghs/history.htm.



Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 22, 2012

Lent begins with our traditional Ash Wednesday Service. This service will include ashes to symbolize our repentance and Holy Communion which gives us God's grace and forgiveness. The theme of the service is Lenten Training. Paul writes to Timothy, "*Train yourself to be godly.*" We will begin Lenten training with this service and then provide sermons on Sunday and Wednesday evening to help you train spiritually until we come to Holy Week and the celebration of Easter.

The Drama of Lent: A Sermonic Series on the Participants in the Passion of Jesus Christ.

We are familiar with the story of the arrest and passion of Jesus Christ. During the story we see many different kinds of people involved. Some of them we know very well such as Peter while others like Simon of Cyrene we know very little. We will look at these people, their background, what they did and what they can teach us about our own walk of faith during the Lenten season.

February 26, 2012

The Lenten Story of Pilate and Herod

"That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies."

Luke 23:12

March 4, 2012

The Lenten Story of Barabbas and the Pharisees

"But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead."

Mark 15:11

March 11, 2012

The Lenten Story of Peter

"Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said: "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly."

Matthew 26:75

March 18, 2012

The Lenten Story of Simon of Cyrene

"They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus."

Mark 15:21

March 25, 2012

The Lenten Story of the Centurion

"Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God"

Matthew 27:54

April 1, 2012

The Lenten Story of the Crowd

"The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee." "Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed."

Matthew 21:11 & 27:20

ADMINISTRATION TEAM NEWS

2011 ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Report will be ready for your review on February 5, 2012. Please pick up your copy in the Fellowship Hall. Have your questions and/or comments ready for the February 12, 2012 Congregation Meeting.

BUILDING FUND INCOME & EXPENSE GRAPH

In this issue of the *Post* you will find Building Fund Income & Expense Graph for 6-30-2008 thru 01-09-2012.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR JANUARY 1, 2011 THRU DECEMBER 31, 2011

Begin Checking Balance 1-01-2011	\$ 4,064.67
Offerings:	\$212,216.00
Miscl. Income	<u>\$ 2,531.00</u>
Operating Expenses:	
Administration	-\$128,916.00
Christian Nurture	-\$ 1,725.00
Congregational Life	-\$ 1,599.00
Facility Needs	-\$ 49,640.00
Mission & Outreach	-\$ 39,976.00
Spiritual Life	-\$ 1,606.00
Lighthouse Ministries Bldg.	<u>-\$ 783.00</u> Ins. Prem.
Net of Pass-thrus ***	\$ 8,753.72
Checking Balance 12/31/2011:	\$ 3,320.39
Investment Income & Capital Gains	\$ 7,143.00

***Includes, Payables, Receivables & Transfers from Savings

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE NEWS

The Congregational Life Team will be hosting the February 12, 2012 Congregational Dinner following the worship service.



HEART Fellowship—February 14, 2012

Agenda

11:00 a.m. – Registration

11:15 a.m. - Worship

11:45 a.m. - Luncheon

12:30 p.m. – Program

This month's program will be about Prison Ministry. The speakers are Darryl Carson and Todd McAchren.

The program should be over at 1:00 p.m. If you are employed, please feel free to join us for the luncheon and program.

Reservations requested by noon on Monday, February 13, 2012. These reservations can be made by signing up on Sunday or by calling the church office. Reservations are necessary for food preparation.

ENDURING GIFTS TEAM

The Gordon/Jackson Scholarship

Application forms will be available in the Church Office on **February 1, 2012**. Remember to "sign-in" when you pick up your application.

The Deadline for these forms is **April 4, 2012**.

THE APRIL 4th DEADLINE IS FOR THE APPLICATION, RECOMMENDATIONS, TRANSCRIPTS, ETC... NO FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER APRIL 4TH

NEWS FROM THE SPIRITUAL LIFE TEAM

The Spiritual Life Team (SLT) is working hard to find ways to improve our very successful Holy Week services. Each special presentation has been changed making them even more powerful. You will not want to miss these special services.

The SLT is working with Pastor Tom to create a service we are calling "No Excuses Sunday". A Sunday which we will take all the excuses for not attending church away and urge all members to come and enjoy the service.

The Spiritual Life Team

Birthdays

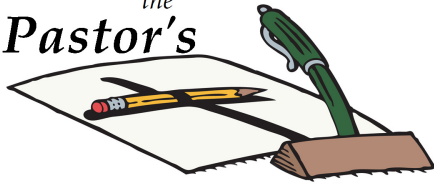
Anniversaries

<u>February 2nd</u>	<u>February 15th</u>	<u>February 27th</u>
Janet Anderson	Scott Andrews	Randy Madlung
<u>February 3rd</u>	<u>February 18th</u>	David Winings
Jo Lottes	Amber Brothers	
<u>February 7th</u>	<u>February 19th</u>	
Shirley Jacobsma	Jon Land	
<u>February 9th</u>	<u>February 21st</u>	
Jody Headdy	Beverly Carmichael	
<u>February 10th</u>	Marion Goffe	
Nina Dellinger	Jim Leverenz	
Sara Phelps	<u>February 22nd</u>	
<u>February 12th</u>	Kelly Haygood	
Bonnie Harmon	<u>February 23rd</u>	
<u>February 14th</u>	Janie Anderson	
Fran Clifton	<u>February 25th</u>	
Bev Fischer	Betty Rockhill	



FEBRUARY 14th

*From
the
Pastor's*



Desk

**Wednesday Evening Lenten Series
The Discipline of Learning the Bible**

During Lent, we will focus in depth on how to study the bible. Many people do not open the bible, as they do not feel knowledgeable in trying to apply God's Word to their life. The sessions will teach practical tools for bible study. They will also help you follow sermons more effectively. The five week series will be held during our worship service on Wednesday evening during Lent. The services will be for 30 minutes and will follow a pot-luck dinner. Dinner will be served at 5:45 and the service begins at 6:30. The structure will allow that if you miss one session you will still learn plenty from the other sessions.

Wednesday, February 29

What to Look For, How to Apply

Wednesday, March 7

People, Place, Plot, Point, Principles

Wednesday, March 14

Present, Parallels, Priorities, Plan

Wednesday, March 21

Our Needs and Problems, God's response

Wednesday, March 28

Receive the message, Reflect on your life, Lay out a plan

Christian Nurture Team

Faith Rodriguez was given her Bible on 1-8-2012. All of our Sunday school are going well but continue to have room for more to attend. Please consider joining one of them!!

We will use a new vendor, the Go Fish Guys, and the theme for VBS 2012 will be "Backstage with the Bible." This group of three dads have been producing VBS curriculum for just three years but the programs appear to be well done, include the use of Bibles by the children every day, and have some great music and videos.

Our Secret Santa went well and CNT will plan to do this activity again next year. Date will be set at a later meeting. We will work to provide some more "sophisticated" crafts for older children.

CNT has received a \$2,000 donation from the Mr. Dunbar; this will be used toward the cost of replacing the very old, very worn, very stained carpet in the upstairs Sunday school wing. We very much want to accomplish this project and have a very good estimate from Professional Interiors for the total of \$6669.83 (old removed and new installed). We are seeking help from other church ministry groups as well as general donations from members of our congregation. This is a special price for carpet squares like the ones in the fellowship hall but one shade lighter and which will no longer be for sale after the current lot is gone. By doing the project all at once and using this particular carpet the savings is just over \$1500!!!

A teacher training/information meeting is being planned for February 5, 2012. This will be a way to make sure we are "all on the same page" and to share information with each other.

Pastor Tom informed the group that he will likely be holding a class for conframands after Easter.

CNT tentatively selected dates for the following events in 2012

- May 20, 2012 Graduation Sunday
- June 19, 2012, 6:00 pm: Combined Teacher training, materials distribution, and VBS AND Safe Child training, a light supper will be held and child care will be arranged, if needed.
- June 24, 2012 Montreat Sunday
- July 14, 2012, Decorate for VBS, 9:00 am
- July 15, 2012, Commission VBS Teachers
- July 15 through July 19, 2012 VBS, 6:00 to 8:00 pm, Sunday through Thursday evenings.
- July 19, 2012, VBS Program at 8 pm
- September 9, 2012 Bibles distributed to 4th graders and commission all Sunday School teachers

Our next meeting will be on February 21, 2012, 6:00 pm, in the Chapel. Anyone is welcome to join us or to give ideas &/or comments to any of our members: Theresa Baker, Betsy Bossaer, Judy Brothers, Julie Houck, Ardis Bramlage, Jessica Phillips, Reesa Phillips