*"Jumpin' January, Bat Man!*

*Look what's coming!"*

 In ancient Roman religion and myth, *Janus*, was the god of beginnings and transitions, and thereby of gates, doors, doorways, passages and endings.  It is conventionally thought that the month of January is named for *Janus*.  It is the month that begins the new calendar year, looking back on what is past and looking forward to what lies ahead, like the two-headed statues of *Janus* with two faces looking in opposite directions

As we move into 2016, there are great things ahead. Small church folks will be looking ahead to our third annual Small Church Conference on Saturday, April 30.  "Ministry Molded by Mountains, Year II - Mustard Seed Ministry," will again bring us together at the Fayetteville Presbyterian Church for a time of joyful reunions, of learning ways that God empowers our ministries, and gaining a renewed and strengthening sense of what it means to be the people of God, growing stronger together as a presbytery ready for an exciting, meaningful, and confident future in faith, hope and love.

Mark your calendars; contact your friends; and begin making plans to attend the Small Church Conference and to celebrate the goodness of God as small churches full of big-hearted presbyterian Christians, eager to "blossom 'n bless 'em" in the Lord.  Our Presbytery of West Virginia family of churches will have the "Welcome" mat out, the coffee brewing, and the snacks ready to nourish you as God's people