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First Presby News

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First Presbyterian Church will strive to be a welcoming home, a beacon of Christ's light arising from inspiring worship and loving discipleship.

Sunday Worship 8:45 and 11:00

11:00 Radio Broadcast: 580 AM WCHS

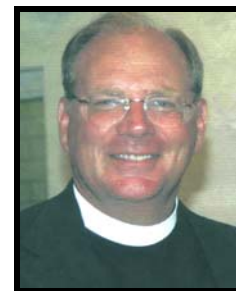
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From the Pastor:

Recently a member of our congregation shared with a few of us a lesson from a fellow preacher. In that message the speaker shocked the crowd by bemoaning the suggestion that God is dead. He said, essentially "worshippers are dejected, down, and distraught. He pointed out that whatever you put your trust in, hope in, work for, dream of and plan for is what you worship – is your god. In our culture our god is money and recently we've experienced the death of our god. We have placed our trust in money and money has let us down. Our god is dead. It's power and potency diminished, demythologized, dead...



Bill McCoy
Pastor

Using the story of Elijah facing down the prophets of Baal, he pointed out that Baal – the god of the storm or the god of rain was being worshipped by Israel. God took away that in which they trusted – the false god. God withheld rain for three and one half years. Finally it was His action, heralded by Elijah, that restored the rain. Not unlike Elijah's people, we as a people have worshipped money and found it to be unable to fulfill us and unable to sustain the blessing and security we have expected from it. We are called rather to hold our money and our "things" loosely and depend on God for the use of those things – His way. Ultimately God removes those things from life that give us a false sense of security and by so doing set us up for final heartache.

These are daunting times for many; difficult for most, disturbing for all. For Christ's followers this is also a time to live our faith and consistently seek our security and our peace in Him, and in His community of faith. May God bless you and may we together be a blessing to those around us in these challenging times.

See you in Church!

Bill

Bill

WELCOME SUE WEBSTER!

Sue Webster isn't the new Frankie - there's nothing wrong with the "old Frankie". But Sue IS the new Director of Community Ministry. She is a transplant from California who discovered WV in 2001.

When you meet her you will see that Sue is someone we can look up to! Her husband, Brett, is part of the Worship Team and went on the last Mexico Mission Trip. Their twin children, Kris and Kate are 13 and attend John Adams.

Sue has an outstanding resume with a background in human resource management. She is a Stephen Minister and is the "Chicken Soup Lady." She is on the board of Daymark. Sue is a member of the Foundations Class, but is on leave to be a table leader in 8th Confirmation this year. **But most important, she feels called to this position.**

We are blessed that she answered, "Here am I, Lord". She would like to talk to YOU about opportunities to serve others in our community.

CAN-STRUCTION

You can view amazing things made from cans of food at Covenant House's "Can-struction" at the Clay Center Feb. 25-March 1. Volunteers are needed Sunday, March 1, starting at 3:00 p.m. to box up the food and deliver it to the Food Pantry on the fourth floor of our Education Building for storage until needed.

CENTS-ABILITY

Cents-Ability is a small first-step in the battle against hunger and poverty. Everyone— ALL ages— can contribute a FEW cents at EVERY meal. This simple act is an expression of thanksgiving for what we have received. It is also a commitment to share with others in response to Jesus' command "You give them something to eat."

Bring your offering to church on the Sunday, March 22, where all of these coins will "make a joyful noise unto the Lord" as they are received and dedicated. Last year First Presby members gave \$2,862 to this simple, but effective, program.



INQUIRERS CLASS

Visitors and New Members are warmly invited to an orientation class for newcomers on March 1, 8, and 15 at 10:00 a.m. in the Cablish Room.

Bill McCoy will teach the first class of the three-week series, and Jim Roberts and Robin Harlow, respectively, will lead the next two. The third class of the series is a tour of the church buildings, and a peek into some of the Sunday School classes.

We will meet in the Cablish Room which is located straight through the right-hand double wooden doors at the front of the Sanctuary and then on the left past the Chapel. If you have questions, call Robin at 343-8961, ext. 138.

PARTNERS IN PRAYER

We pray for churches in our presbytery, and in the Presbytery of Nyeri in Kenya, Africa.

March 1: Point Pleasant PC; First PC, Ripley; Richwood PC; Githunguri New Church Development, Gaikanja Parish, Kenya.

March 8: Teays Valley PC, Scott Depot; First PC, Welch; Edgewood PC; Kagwathi Church, Kenya.

March 15: Anderson Memorial PC, Welch; Beulah Humble PC, Elizabeth; First PC, Buckhannon; Kariguni, Kenya.

March 29: Second PC, Huntington; Liberty PC, Green Bank; Mill Creek PC; Wamagana Church and Nursery School, Kenya.



NEW BABY

Congratulations to Amber and Brian Panaetta on the birth of daughter Josie Beth on Feb. 16. Amber is the Assistant Preschool Director.

ALZHEIMER'S FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP

The Alzheimer's group will meet at First Presby on Tuesday, March 17, 7:00 p.m., in Room E-310. For more information call 744-7634.

MEMBERSHIP DAY FEBRUARY 1, 2009

First Presbyterian Church is a family that waits with expectant hearts and welcoming spirits for those in search of a place to be nourished and grow in faithfulness to Jesus Christ.

If you have been thinking of joining First Presby, let March 22 be the day that you affirm or reaffirm your commitment to Christ by becoming a part of this wonderful fellowship of believers.

Although new members may be received any Sunday, we are emphasizing March 22, as a time for visitors to take that important step of church membership. Following the joining reception, new members and their families are invited to a chili lunch in the dining room.

What are the membership requirements?

- To trust in Jesus Christ as Son of God, putting your faith in him as Savior, Friend and Guide.
- To be faithful member of this congregation and share in its ministry through your presence, prayers, giving, talents, study and service.

Simply meet a pastor at the Communion Table following either morning service on March 22 for the brief service where you may affirm or reaffirm your faith through the statements above. If you want to transfer your church letter, our church secretary will gladly handle that for you.

For additional information contact Robin at 343-8961, or email robin@firstpresby.com.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

Get your blood pressure checked by a nurse, Sunday, March 8, in the CHURCH LIBRARY.



Spring forward one hour late on Saturday night, March 7. Change all of your clocks so you won't miss Sunday morning events!



WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are so happy to have you as part of the First Presby family. Please let the pastors or staff know how they can assist you.

Lovell "Buddy" Brown comes to FPC by transfer of his church letter. He is retired from the WV Department of the EPA and wants to become involved in adult events and Shepherd Center.

Linda Cantley comes to us from Eastminster Presby in Marietta, GA. She is interested in becoming involved in PW, mission projects, Sunday School and Bible Study.

Ellen Cyrus is a sales rep for WSAZ-TV, and comes to us from Highlawn Presby in Huntington. We hope that Ellen will become involved in young adult activities as she gets to know FPC better.

Sarah Smith comes to us from Hardman Fork Baptist Church in Normantown, WV. She works in the Governor's office as a Special Assistant, and is looking for a Bible study group, a Sunday School Class, mission, music and young adult events.

Helen Jordan and her children Ginny, Mattie Jane and Samuel come to FPC from First Church, Dunbar. She is an art teacher and a homemaker and is interested in finding a Bible study, working on mission projects, and being part of a Sunday School Class.

Betty McClung joins us by profession of faith. She is a former teacher and mother of four grown children, one of which is FPC member Beth Suter. She would enjoy joining a Bible study, PW, and helping with fellowship and recreation activities

Sandy Sibray is returning to First Presby after being baptized and having attended here as a child. She is a Consumer Specialist with Momentive Performance Materials. She is interested in mission projects such as Habitat for Humanity and also would like to be a part of the music program.

Byron Goodew joins First Presby by Profession of Faith and was recently married to Sallie Daugherty, a long-time member. He is a supervisor for Event Production, and is interested in helping with fellowship, recreation and sports programs.

Kurt and Lynnette Dettinger are returning to First Presby and joining by Reaffirmation of Faith. They bring with them their two small children Blaine and Kristen. Kurt is a lawyer with a local firm and Lynnette is a manager for an eye physician's office.

Drex Vealey is a retired lawyer who comes to FPC by Profession of Faith and Baptism. He has two grown children. Drex is interested in finding a Bible study, attending adult events and joining the music program.

Lane Horter joins us by Reaffirmation of Faith. He is a GW student, active in FPC's youth group and plays drums in the youth band. We hear that he is very musical and has a great sense of humor.

Brooke Horter comes to us from St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. She is a paralegal with a local law firm, and the mother of Matt and Lane.

Mort Gamble joins FPC by Reaffirmation of Faith. He maintains the Charleston office as a fundraiser for Bethany College, and is interested in working for First Presby in its stewardship efforts. He would also enjoy helping with congregational care. His wife, M.E., is a member of Sacred Heart.

[This is an exceptional group of new members. Their photos are on the bulletin board by the church office. Please note the photos, greet them by name and welcome them into your classes, groups and activities. To connect, call Robin and she will arrange a phone or personal contact for you.](#)

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

First Presby has several adult Sunday School classes meeting 9:45-10:45 on Sunday mornings. Review the list with March topics below.

(Education Building=E; Activities Building=A)

COVENANT CLASS, Room E-403

- Prophets of the Old Testament

THE CLASS, Room A-204

- Humor in the Bible
- Why Men Don't Listen and Women Don't Read Roadmaps

DISCOVERY CLASS, Recreation Room, Activities Building

- Purposeful Listening
- Into Scripture

FOUNDATIONS CLASS, Room A-109

- Gospel Portraits of Jesus

KOINONIA CLASS, Room E-412

- The Welfare of Charleston
- John Calvin

RUFFNER CLASS, Room A-201

- Biblical Pictures of the Christian Life

SENECA CLASS, Ruffner Room

- New Testament 101

SOJOURNERS CLASS, E-411

- [Conversations With Jesus](#)

TRINITY BIBLE CLASS, in the **SUSIE EARLY PARLOR**

- The Promise of New Life: Ezekiel

SUNDAY MORNINGS FOR CHILDREN 9:45-10:45 A.M.

INFANTS AND TODDLERS are cared for by church member volunteers:

Infants-Room E-108

Toddlers-Room E-114

TWO and THREE-YEAR-OLDS, meet in Room E-217.

FOUR and FIVE-YEAR OLDS meet in Room E-112.

COVENANT KIDS (1st-5th) start in the Chapel then proceed to the third floor of the Education Building for hands-on workshops. Parents: Pick up your children in the Sanctuary at 10:45.

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES

MM2 David A. Kaylor, aboard the aircraft carrier, U.S.S. Dwight D. Eisenhower (grandson of George and Thema Frisch)

2nd Lt. Matthew M. Bruner, US Army, Ft. Benning, GA

Aaron Lloyd, Kuwait/Iraq (step-grandson of Betty Lloyd)

Edwin Anderson, Afghanistan (cousin of Mary Odin)

Airman First Class Caitlin Workman, Omaha, NE (granddaughter of Pat Workman)

Tory Walbe, Iraq (stepson of Marilyn Walbe)

Airman 1st Class Franz S. Workman IV, Moody AFB, GA (grandson of Pat Workman)

Warrant Officer David McDarmont, OH (son of Liz O'Finan)

Owen Brown, Pensacola, FL (son of Earle Brown) in the Navy

David Rucker, Germany (Barbara Brown's nephew)

Donald Boylen, VA (grandson of Dick and Becky Smith)

Please call the church office to keep this information current. Thank you.

LUNCH AND LEARN



Lunch and Learn are free workshops for caregivers hosted by the Alzheimer's Association. Bring a brown bag lunch on March 18 for information about legal and financial issues. Contact April Lewis for more information: 1-800-491-2717, or april.lewis@alz.org.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS!

Congratulations to those who will be celebrating a "90 and over" birthday during February:

Mary Prudich	March 16
Carol Stiles	March 37

COVENANT HOUSE PROGRAM NEEDS

Clothing Closet: socks and underwear -- all sizes -- used socks okay.
 Food Pantry: canned tuna, chicken, or other meat, powdered milk.
 Drop In Center: feminine hygiene items, blankets.
 Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS: multi-vitamins, Ensure.
 Community Housing: bed linens, towels, comforters.

SHEPHERD'S CENTER AT FIRST PRESBY



Highlight March 26 on your calendars!

9:00-11:00

Free blood pressure checks

10:30-11:15 Adventures in Learning: "Trash to Treasure: Using Recycled Materials for New Creations-Crafts for Kids" by Diane Hughes

11:45 Hot Lunch (\$7.00) Spaghetti and Meatballs, Salad, Rolls, Dessert

12:30 Program:

Ethel Caffie-Austin

The Queen of Soulful Gospel!

You need a lunch reservation!

Call Diane Clements, 343-0590, by March 16.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN LUNCHEON Thursday, March 19, 2009

Highlights of Our Home Missions

And a Report from Rob Peterson, Campus Ministry

Myra Moody will lead the Prayer Group at 11:30 a.m. in Room A-203
 Luncheon begins at 12:00.

Be sure to make your luncheon reservation by March 16 – call 343-8961

Childcare is available if reserved by calling Ina at 343-8961, ext. 122.



SCHEDULE FOR PW BIBLE STUDIES

DATE	NAME	CIRCLE CHAIR	PLACE	TIME
March 12	Leah	Sally Slicer 346-1873	A-201; hostess: Helen Conner	9:30 a.m.
March 12	Mary	Sue Shawkey 342-4233 Betty Damewood 346-4417	Edgewood Summit	10:00 a.m.
March 12	Miriam	Sarah McGriff 744-3751	Sarah McGriff, 907 Echo Road, South Charleston	9:45 a.m.
March 12	Martha	Sara Joseph 343-1210 Jackie Taylor 346-6147	A-204, Bring a "brown bag" lunch. Hostess: Nancy Douglas	Noon
March 12	Rebecca (Dinner)	Pam Healy 744-6356 Beth Ann Surber 342-7988	Dining Room-Call to make a dinner reservation.	6:00 p.m.
March 19	Hannah	Nancy Martin 744-9456	A-204	10:30 a.m.
March 19	Ruth	Betty Ann Morton 344-4507 Ruth Pitchford 346-8494	A-201	10:30 a.m.

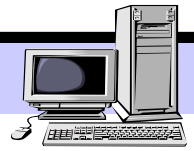
PALS BOOK CLUB



Have you read *My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult? The PALS Book Club (sponsored by the Shepherd's Center and the Kanawha Public Library) will meet March 20 in the Ruffner Room to discuss this book. Everyone who has read this book are welcome to join the discussion from 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Copies of *My Sister's Keeper* will be available from the credenza in the main church office after March 6. Please remember to sign out your copy of the book! All are welcome.

In April we'll read *Contrary Blues* by John Billheimer.



PRAYER FOR THE DAY

God, I can make a difference in the world. Just by choosing to be kind, by choosing to forgive, by choosing to be thankful, I can make a difference. I want your Spirit to be at work in me, helping me to make a difference. In Jesus' name. Amen.

THANK YOU, GOD!

Even the youngest children who come to your table can learn to express thanks for the food that nourishes us. As you gather around the table, include the youngest in giving thanks. Try bringing your hands together in a "clap" and saying, "Thank you, God, for our food. Amen." Repeat this prayer once or twice before each meal and watch the learning take place.

WORD OF THE MONTH

IMAGINE: To imagine is to see something in your mind that hasn't happened yet. Teachers at First Presby imagined a space where children could learn Bible stories by developing workshops in Art, Drama, Cooking, Temple, Music, and Computers. "Covenant Kids" was born and continues to teach and nurture children in grades 1 through 5 as they increase their understanding of God's word to us and our response to God.

DID YOU KNOW?

For 60 years Presbyterians have joined millions of other Christians to support the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. The offering feels the hungry, helps care for people who have been through a natural disaster (like an earthquake or a flood), and helps people get started in jobs so they can take care of themselves and their families. During the month of March, offering given by Covenant Kids each Sunday will go to One Great Hour of Sharing.

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE

Jesus said, "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...and you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

(Mark 12:30-1)

COMPUTER LAB

Excitement mounts as Christian Ed expands its "technological reach." The project began more than a year ago as we challenged Blair Taylor and Kit Reed to redesign our outmoded space. Jim McCain and Dave Cottrell have taken the initiative as they work to create a new lab in Room E-306. Jim and Dave will implement those plans and spearhead what will prove to be a user friendly space for the congregation. Originally designed for Covenant Kids (grades 1-5), the new lab will include internet capability. Jim and Dave have already secured ten new computers. C.E. will gladly accept monetary gifts for this exciting project.



WHAT CHILDREN CAN DO

When someone is sick in your family, what can you do to help them feel better? Think about the ways adults have cared for you when you are sick. Even the smallest kindness can mean a lot when you don't feel well.

DAILY BIBLE VERSES

- 3/1: Matthew 7:7-11
- 3/2: Matthew 7:15-20
- 3/3: Matthew 8:23-27
- 3/4: Matthew 9:2-8
- 3/5: Matthew 9:27-31
- 3/6: Matthew 12:46-50
- 3/7: Matthew 14:22-33
- 3/8: Matthew 15:32-39
- 3/9: Matthew 16:13-14
- 3/10: Matthew 16:15-20
- 2/11: Matthew 16:24-28
- 2/12: Matthew 17:14-21
- 2/13: Matthew 18:10-14
- 2/14: Matthew 20:20-28
- 2/15: Matthew 20:29-34
- 2/16: Matthew 26:6-13
- 2/17: Mark 4:21-25
- 2/18: Mark 4:35-41
- 2/19: Mark 5:1-20
- 2/20: Mark 5:24-34
- 2/21: Mark 8:11-13
- 2/22: Mark 9:33-37
- 2/23: Luke 10:25-37
- 2/24: Luke 12:49-53
- 2/25: Luke 13:1-5
- 2/26: Luke 17:11-19
- 3/27: Luke 18:1-8
- 3/28: Luke 22:24-27
- 3/29: John 5:1-9
- 3/30: John 6:52-65
- 3/31: John 8:3-11

SPIRITUALITY CENTER TO OPEN DURING LENT

"I want a space like this in my bedroom." So said one of our children as he experienced the calm and quiet of First Presby's Spirituality Center last year.

Clay, pictures, paint, soft music, reading and prayer stations, and water fountains set this space apart from others that are full of noisier activity. "This is my favorite place in the whole church," one child commented. "This is the best," said another.

This year's center will include a new design for the labyrinth that is more child-friendly than last year's. Walking the labyrinth is one of the ancient forms of getting in touch with God through prayer and meditation. Janet Chambers has painted our newest version of the labyrinth on canvass.

Located in Room E-306, the Spirituality Center will be open every day throughout Lent, beginning Sunday, March 8. Children (and adults) are encouraged to use this space whenever they have a few moments or a block of unscheduled time. As part of C.E.'s Lenten Growth Groups initiative, Barbara Hopta will be available in the center for anyone who needs assistance, explanation, or encouragement.



YOUTH NEWS

Sunday, March 1
3:00 p.m.
All Youth!

Meet at the Clay Center to help de-construct the canned food sculptures, box it up, and load it to come to the Food Pantry (4th floor of the Education Building)

Sunday, March 8
Middle School Youth meet
4:30-6:00 p.m.
High School Youth meet
7:00-8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 11
All 8th and 9th Grade
Confirmation Students will
attend the beginning of the
Session meeting.
Recreation Room, 6:45 p.m.

No Youth Group meetings on
March 15, week of spring break.

Both Middle School and High
School Youth Groups will meet
at their regular times on
Sunday, March 22, and Sunday,
March 29.

8th and 9th Grade
Confirmation
Retreat
Saturday, March 28,
9:00-Noon

At this retreat we will focus on
personal faith statements. This
is extremely important.

Contact Claire Butler,
343-8961 ext. 119,
youth@firstpresby.com
for more information.

COVENANT HOUSE PROGRAM NEEDS

Clothing Closet: socks and
underwear -- all sizes -- used
socks okay.
Food Pantry: Canned tuna, chicken,
or other meat, Powdered milk.
Drop In Center: Feminine hygiene
items, Blankets.
Housing Opportunities for People
with AIDS: Multi-vitamins,
Ensure.
Community Housing: Bed linens,
towels and a few comforters.



Saturday night
Coffee House
in the
Recreation Room
March 28

starting at
7:00 p.m.

Everyone
Welcome!

Tell your friends.



Basketball **Banquet** **Tuesday, March 3**

All Players should arrive in the
Gym by 5:30 for photographs
wearing their uniforms.

Bring a change of clothes so that
you can turn in your uniform after
the photographs.

Supper starts at 6:00 p.m.

Friends and family are welcome.
Pizza Supper \$3/per person.



SICK, HOSPITALIZED, **OR IN NEED OF PRAYER?**

Let your church family know of any
needs you have. The church has a
telephone/e-mail prayer chain, a "pray
for" list in the newsletter, and prayers
during worship. Tell us your concerns
or ask a friend to inform us.

If you want to tell us about someone
else, a friend or family member, be sure
to respectfully ask their permission first.

You can also confide in one of the
pastors and request it be kept
confidential.

FINANCE DIVISION REPORT FOR JANUARY 2009

	Budget	Actual	Difference
Pledge Offerings:	\$ 190,000	\$ 187,887	\$ (2,113)
Trustee Funds:	4,380	4,380	-
Other Revenue:	51,110	58,953	7,843
Total Income:	245,490	251,220	5,730
Expenses:	132,874	127,957	(4,917)
<i>Net Income:</i>	<i>\$ 112,616</i>	<i>\$ 123,263</i>	<i>\$ 10,647</i>

Note: Pledge offerings in January include
all pledges that were prepaid in 2008.



MUSIC AND CHOIR NEWS

FROM MARY ODIN

Last month, Tom Marchio made an exciting announcement during worship: In the spring of 2010, our congregation will receive a new pipe organ for the front gallery of our sanctuary. As I write this, Casavant Freres in Canada is working to craft this organ by hand for us, from the tiniest flue pipe to the largest piece of wood in the case. They will build it in their workshop, test every pipe and mechanism, disassemble it, ship it by truck to Charleston, and rebuild it in our sanctuary. Once installed, every pipe of our new Casavant will be adjusted to sound its best in our sanctuary. This process, called "voicing", is likely to take several weeks. We may need to worship one Sunday in the Chapel while the organ is being installed, but the voicing can be done during the week between services. We hope to have our new instrument ready to play in time for Easter of 2010.

And just why, you may ask, do we need an organ in the front of our sanctuary when we already have the Mighty Fisk? The short answer is, we don't. In truth, we don't need the Fisk, either. However, each different instrument we offer to God in worship heightens and broadens our experience of Him in a unique way. When we make music in worship, we participate with God as He reveals Himself to us. All the variety we can assemble will only reflect a small portion of God's vast and limitless nature, but we keep trying.

No two organs are alike, and our Casavant is being designed intentionally to be different from our Fisk. The smaller of the two organs, the Casavant will be able to carry an entire worship service if called upon, and it will contain many voices and sounds that are absent from the Fisk. Just as Brett's guitar, Andy's bass, the harpsichord, and my violin (all stringed instruments) sound different and accompany differently, so the Fisk and the Casavant will serve and contribute to worship in very different ways. I'm excited about the prospect of having more intimate, delicate organ sounds available to accompany our children. The Geneva Choir will be able to sing with organ accompaniment and lead congregational singing from the front of the room. Because of its different sounds, Fred is planning offertories and voluntaries that will be especially suited to the Casavant.

No, the Casavant will never replace the Fisk. The harpsichord will never replace the piano, and my violin will never replace Brett's guitar or Andy's bass, either. But because of the generosity of the McGe

and Clay Foundations and the dedicated work of many volunteers, our worship services will soon be filled with many more voices in praise of our Maker.

Psalm 40:3 says, "He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord." Over the next year, let's pray for the craftsmen in Canada as they build God's new instrument for us. Let's pray for ourselves to find new songs of praise when it arrives. And let's pray that many new brothers and sisters will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord because they encounter God more fully in our worship services.

Thanks be to God!

Mary

CHERUB AND CATHEDRAL CHOIRS

Cherub and Cathedral Choirs rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 5:15-6pm. Cherub Choir (grades K-2) meets in the Susie Early Room with Debbie Eads and Toni Clendenin; Cathedral Choir (grades 3-6) meets in E-305 with Mary Odin. As of this writing, the Cherub Choir is scheduled to give a music offering during 11am worship on March 1. The Cathedral Choir is preparing to sing with the American Boychoir on April 19 and will offer their musical gifts in worship soon. Invite a friend to come sing with you this month!

HIGH SCHOOL PRAISE BAND

We're getting the band back together! If you play an instrument or like to sing, come to room A-203 in the Activities Building at 6:00pm on Sunday evenings and jam with us! Any questions, contact Sarah Lynch 304-932-9797 or sjlynch13@gmail.com.

GENEVA CHOIR

Geneva Choir (youth and adults) rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9pm. The group leads congregational singing and provides special music for Sunday worship services, primarily at 11am and occasionally at 8:45am. To join the Geneva Choir, just come to rehearsal on Thursday. You do not have to be a church member or an experienced musician to sing with us, but it helps to have a sense of humor. We have openings in all sections, so bring a friend!

BELL CHOIR

Capella Bell Choir (youth and adults) rehearses on Thursday evenings from 5:30-7pm in the Choir Room and gives musical offerings in both worship services. If you'd like to ring with Capella Bells, contact director Sarah Lynch or talk to any member of the group. Experience is helpful but not required.

WORSHIP TEAM

The Worship Team provides musical leadership at early and late worship services each week. This ensemble of vocalists and instrumentalists uses guitar, bass, piano, mandolin, banjo, and other instruments to accompany congregational song. We normally rehearse in the sanctuary on Wednesday evenings at 7 or 8pm, depending on the Division meeting schedule. If you'd like to play or sing with us, contact Mary Odin at church at ext. 137 or at modin@firstpresby.com or speak to any member of the group.

FPC LYRES CLUB


The Lyres Club rehearses on Tuesday evenings in the Ruffner Room from 5:30-6:30pm and regularly gives musical offerings in worship. If you are interested in learning to play the folk harp with us, contact Mary Odin at church at 343-8961 ext. 137 or at modin@firstpresby.com. No previous musical experience is necessary; instruments and music are available through the church.

Register with Montreat this month for the 2009 Montreat Conference on Worship and Music!

This summer's conference will take place Sunday-Saturday, June 21-27, 2009. It's a life-changing week of worship, Bible study, music, and the arts in the mountains of Montreat, North Carolina. The conference is open to adults, youth, and children who have completed grade 3; childcare for younger children of registered conferees is free. To learn more and to register online, go to <http://www.presbysmusic.org/ConfMontreat.htm>. Registration fees will increase on April 15. Be sure to let Mary Odin know you're going and leave your \$100 housing payment with Jackie Lilly or Jenny Pitchford in the church office. You do not have to be a church musician to attend this conference; the music and the worship services are really terrific for everyone. Invite a friend to come with you for the week!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT
1 Communion 8:45 Worship 9:45 Church School 11:00 Worship 3:00 All Youth meet at the Clay Center to help pack and store canned food. 4:30 Lent: Spirituals	2 8:30 Aerobics 9:30 Lent: Knitting 2:00 Senior Exercise 6:30 Disciple Class 6:30 Lent: Hallelujah 7:00 Lent: Uprising	3 9:30 Lent: Kneeling 10:00 Lent: Painting 5:30 Lyres Club 6:00 Karate 5:30 Basketball photographs 6:00 Basketball Banquet 7:00 Ballroom Dance 7:00 Lent: Yoga 7:15 Boy Scouts	4 8:00 Wednesday Work Crew 8:30 Aerobics 10:30 Lent: Parables 2:00 Senior Exercise 4:30 Lent: Prayer 5:00 Volunteer Ministry 5:00 Property Division 5:15 CE Division 5:15 Children's Choirs 5:45 Wednesday Connections 6:45 Middle School Lent 6:45 Lenten Spirituality Center 6:45 Board of Deacons 6:45 Worship Division 6:45 Personnel Division 6:45 Mission Division 7:30 Contemplative Prayer	5 7:30 Bible Study, Shoney's 9:30 Francke Bible Study 9:30 PW Coordinating Team 11:30 PW Bible Moderators 4:00 Lent: Painting 5:15 Coordinating Council 5:30 Bell Choir 6:15 Karate 7:30 Geneva Choir	6 World Day of Prayer 7:00 Men's Group 8:30 Aerobics 9:00 Dad's Group 2:00 Senior Exercise	7  Set your clocks ahead one hour to be ready for Sunday morning!
8 <i>Get your blood pressure checked by a Parish Nurse</i> 8:45 Worship 9:45 Church School 11:00 Worship 4:30 Lent: Spirituals 4:30 Middle School Youth 7:00 Middle School Youth	9 8:30 Aerobics 9:30 Lent: Knitting 2:00 Senior Exercise 6:30 Disciple Class 6:30 Lent: Hallelujah 7:00 Lent: Uprising	10 9:30 Lent: Kneeling 10:00 Lent: Painting 5:30 Lyres Club 6:00 Karate 7:00 Lent: Yoga 7:15 Boy Scouts	11 8:00 Wednesday Work Crew 8:30 Aerobics 10:30 Lent: Parables 2:00 Senior Exercise 4:30 Lent: Prayer 5:00 Finance Division 5:15 Child & Family Comm. 5:15 Children's Choirs 5:45 Wednesday Connections 6:45 Session Meeting (8th and 9th Grade attend) 6:45 Middle School Lent 6:45 Lenten Spirituality Center 7:30 Contemplative Prayer	12 7:30 Bible Study, Shoney's 9:30 Francke Bible Study 9:30 Leah Circle 10:00 Mary Circle (at Edgewood Summit) 12:00 Martha Circle 4:00 Lent: Painting 5:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Rebecca Dinner Circle 6:15 Karate 7:30 Geneva Choir	13 7:00 Men's Group 8:30 Aerobics 9:00 Dad's Group 2:00 Senior Exercise	14
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PRAYER CONCERNS

Please minister through prayer, cards, calls and visits.

OUR SYMPATHY TO . . .

Friends of former member Gladys Leslie of Oregon who died Jan. 22;
Friends and family of former member Tom Coyle of Charles Town who died Jan. 22.
Christel Phillips on the death of her husband, Michael, Feb. 1.
Family and friends of former member, John Swisher.
Jackie Lilly on the death of her step-father.

IN THE HOSPITAL . . .

ST. FRANCIS: George Bryant

CURRENT PRAYER CONCERNS . . .

Grey Yetter; Nancy Peterson; Blair Sprouse; Barbara Warren; Neva Jo Adams; David Webster (friend of Tom Morgan); Imy Albright; Okey Moffatt; Chauncey Fawley (friend of the Harlows); Glenna Pack; Jimmy Dale King; Eric Morris (Steve's brother); Anna Roberts (Jim's & Diane's daughter); Naomi Krieg; Meadow

(infant cousin of Ruth Pitchford); Terence Bush, (Nancy Potter's son's father-in-law); Linda Brown (friend of Jim Buckalew family); Walter & Doris Asbeck (former members now living in Cleveland).

EXTENDED PRAYER CONCERNS . . .

Joseph Sprouse, son of Blair and Jeff Sprouse; Don Best (friend of the Doumaux's); Michael Kane, (Doumaux's son's father-in-law); Bob Turbanic (Bill McCoy's friend; Gracie Black (friend of Steven Slack); Sarah Burton (friend of Jim Buckalew); Barbara Tewkesbury (friend of Jim Buckalew); Nancy Struthers.

LONG-TERM PRAYER CONCERNS . . .

Rick Flynn (friend of Bill McCoy); Paula Bailey (Steve Morris' friend/ secretary); Vicki & Barry Blizzard (friends of Jim Buckalew); Becky Ceperley; Linda Morris; A.D. Ellison; Barbara Brown; Ed Vazquez (Ruth Shepherd's son-in-law); Jack Gastineau; Candy Galyean; David Caruthers (Nancy Brallier's brother-

in-law); Ruth Shepherd; Alex Earl (cousin of Chick Maddox); Dr. James Maddox (uncle of Chick); Charles Hendricks; Louise Rosenbaum; Charlie Young.

EXPECTANT MOTHERS . . .

Honor McCain.

BIRTHS:

On Nov. 24, Angie and Chris Baker celebrated the birth of son, Benjamin. On Jan. 13, Sonia Doeringer (Mary Odin's sister-in-law) gave birth to Beatrix Louise. Carrie DeFade's son was born the week of Jan. 11.

Call Jim Roberts, 343-8961 ext. 118, to keep him informed, to be removed from the list, or to add yourself or a family member to the list.

In Memoriam
Virginia E. Tatum
January 19, 2009