

Church Women United

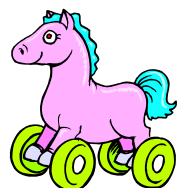
Spud Luncheon – Tuesday March 9th at The Fair Grounds

The Outreach Ministries of the Mission Committee at FPC have elected to be more involved in the annual “Spud Luncheon” fund raiser for the Toy Shop. Peggy Gilchrist is the co-coordinator between FPC and the Toy Shop. We will provide some food items, desserts and a few workers on Monday and Tuesday, March 8th & 9th.

Lonnie McCain is in charge of cooking and dicing 41 hams and may need volunteers to cook some hams at home. You can pick up the hams at FPC by noon on Thursday March 4th. We need to borrow a few electric roasters and electric knives. Contact Lonnie for more detail information. Bennie Drake will need a few people to dice and bag ham on Saturday and Monday morning, March 6th & 8th.

Tickets are on sale in the church office at \$ 7.00 each

Submitted by Lonnie McCain



CALLING ALL MUSIC SINGERS AND RINGERS

Everyone should stop by the Bell room on Bell days (every other Wednesday at 6:00pm) and listen to the wonderful up and coming bell choir. We are in need of 2-3 more ringers (everyone can play bells and we can prove it!!). We are already working on Palm Sunday music as well as a few other things to play. The choir is working hard on the upcoming lent and Easter season.

Music is such a wonderful part of our worship service and it wouldn't be complete without our wonderful musicians. Holli



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Charlie and Martha Coker
March 9, 1956

Bob and Eloise Hofmann
March 2, 1957

MEETING CHANGE

There will be a joint Session/Diaconate meeting on Tuesday, March 23rd, 6:00pm. Session and Diaconate will have their normal separate meetings following the joint meeting.

The Great Ice Storm of 2010

(Article by Tracy Evans - Excerpted From The Duncan Banner)



Gone were most of the conveniences we are used to: traffic lights sailing us through intersections, money-machines dispensing cash, grocery stores open when we need them with all the supplies we could ever want and gas pumps at the ready for our empty tanks. How will the great ice storm of 2010 affect us long term? It is too soon to tell, but we have lots of possibilities.



As people of faith, it could inform us and educate us. We can use this time in the future to reflect on those who don't have the daily luxuries that we only lost for a handful of days. Again able to see the news, we are reminded that the earthquake damage in Haiti will need attention for years and years. We who have had just a taste of hardship should be reminded that there are others who have significantly more needs and concerns. We will move on from this experience. How will you respond?

As a good beginning, FPC members have now donated over \$700 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Editor's Note: I could have artificially enhanced these pictures, with more color and light. I left them as they were – the way I remember the storm ~ Sally Barthell

Youth Food Harvest

The March “Food or Item of the Month” is **Quick Oatmeal**. Each month will have a new food or item). Please bring your donation to the church on the **third Sunday** of each month & the youth will collect it for the Christians Concerned Food Pantry.



How To Speak Presbyterian

From the PCUSA.org website, this monthly feature will explain some things you hear at First Presbyterian Church.

“Election”

This is a theological term that means God makes the first move in acting to redeem sinners. People within the covenant of faith are called “the elect.” Reformed (or Presbyterian) theology teaches that we are incapable of saving ourselves from our sins, and that God “elects” or “chooses” to save us.

“Predestination”

This word, similar to election, often raises questions for people of other denominations. Basically predestination means that our election by God occurred not only before we were born, but so far back in time that it happened “before the creation of the world” (see Ephesians 1:4-6).

Source - www.pcusa.org
How To Speak Presbyterian
By P.J. Southam

Happy March Birthday!

Let's Pray Prayers of Joy for These People on Their Special Day!



03/01 Abby Grantham
03/06 Debra Smith
03/06 Estella Trapp
03/10 Sam Thompson
03/12 Lonnie McCain
03/14 Ben Hill
03/14 Ruth Wyatt

3/14 Chris Zimmerman
03/16 Mary Bennett
03/18 Charlotte Utley
03/20 Othella Ewing
03/22 Jennifer Johnson
03/28 Doris Stokes
03/29 Jack Munn



If we have missed your birthday, please let us know.

A lunch honoring March Birthdays will be held at El Palacio at noon on Wednesday, March 17th.

Please call or email me your plans to attend and I'll contact the restaurant with our reservation each month. Thank you, Sally
470-9933 or salsroom@jimbarthell.com

Small Group Study for Lent



On a Monday evening in February, a group of sixteen church members gathered in the church parlor to begin a study program, using the guide book, “The Shape of the Christian Life: 40 Daily Readings for the Purposeful Presbyterian.” Lent is a perfect time to make a commitment to reflect and learn more about our journey as Christians. Continuing participation in this group, (Monday evenings at 6:30PM through March 29), will involve committing to brief daily readings and then gathering each Monday to reflect and learn from one another. Please contact Tracy if you would like to join this group study. Photo credit – LaJuan Fleming



Where Were You When The Lights Went Out?




The lights went out – but worship went on. A few hardy folks found warmth, fellowship and hot coffee as they gathered before Sunday worship services after the storm.



MARCH 2010

Sunday Regular Schedule

9:00am Disciples Class
 9:30am Sunday School Class
 10:30am Fellowship
 10:45am Worship Service

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1 *Noon-Lenten Lunch 6:30pm Small Group Study for Lent	2	3 6:00pm Inside Ministry Committee Meeting 7:00pm Choir Practice	4 Pick up ham's to bake before 12:00 noon	5 9:30am Church Women United of Duncan - WDP Service <i>World Day of Prayer</i>	6 AM-Dice & bag ham at FPC for Spud Lunch
7 3 rd Sunday in Lent <i>Celebrate the Gifts of Women</i>	8 AM-Dice & bag ham at FPC Noon- Health & Safety Meeting *Noon-Lenten Lunch 6:30pm Small Group Study for Lent	9 11:00am-1:30pm Spud Lunch at The Fairground	10 6:00pm Bell Choir Practice 7:00pm Choir Practice	11 1:30pm Circle II Meeting	12 10:00am Circle I Meeting	13
14 4 th Sunday in Lent <i>Daylight Savings Time begins (Set clock ahead at 2:00am)</i>	15 *Noon-Lenten Lunch 6:30pm Small Group Study for Lent	16	17 Noon Birthday Lunch @ El Palacio 7:00pm Choir Practice	18	19	20
21 5 th Sunday in Lent Food Harvest (Quick Oatmeal)	22 *Noon-Lenten Lunch 6:30pm Small Group Study for Lent	23 9:00am-12:00pm Parish Nurse in church office 6:00pm Joint Session and Diaconate Meeting	24 6:00pm Bell Choir Practice 7:00pm Choir Practice	25 <i>FAW Deadline</i>	26	27
28 <i>Passion/Palm Sunday</i> (Holy Week begins)	29 *Noon-Lenten Lunch 6:30pm Small Group Study for Lent	30	31 7:00pm Choir Practice		<i>Walking is a Good Thing!</i> 	

INSIDE MINISTRY COMMITTEE

"The Inside Ministry Committee will meet **March 3 at 6pm** and if you are interested in the Worship, Christian Ed and Fellowship and Renewal areas of the church, you might like to join this group."

Submitted by Rosella McQuain

* The Monday Lenten lunches will be held at Stephens United Methodist Church.

Ushers: Bennie and Joan Drake
Liturgist: Lonnie Helms

Hospital Visitor: Bennie Drake
Presby Cab: Beverly Moody

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED



World Day of Prayer will be celebrated around the world by all women of many faiths who come together to observe a common day of prayer. This is an annual occurrence and this year it will be celebrated right here at our home church.

WDP worship will begin in the parlor on Friday, March 5 at 9:30 am with fellowship and refreshments. The theme, "Let everything that has breath praise God" has been developed by the women of Cameroon with the assistance of women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Presbyterian Church (USA); Disciples of Christ; African Methodist Episcopal; United Methodist Church and Reformed Church of America.

Submitted by Martha Coker

Session Highlights

- The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm
- The minutes were approved.
 - The treasurer's report was submitted.
 - A motion was made and seconded to approve the installation of Jack Munn as deacon and to ordain and install Bennie Drake as Elder.
 - Officer training was conducted by Rev. Evans
 - The Clerk read the Annual Stats report and a motion was made and seconded to accept the report and for the Clerk to submit the report to Presbytery.
 - A motion was made and seconded to have the Diaconate and Session to have a joint meeting on March 23, 2010 at 6:00 pm before the Session meeting.
 - The Administrative Commission discussed Rev. Evans progress with the Session.
 - The Session approved having communion at the Maundy Thursday service.
 - A motion was made from the Outside Ministry Committee to have a Minute for Mission on Palm Sunday for the One Great Hour of Sharing to be collected on Easter Sunday.
 - Lonnie Helms volunteered to be the Elder from the Session to serve on the Nominating Committee. A motion was made and seconded to have Lonnie Helms chair the Nominating Committee and to ask Dennis Wienck to serve as the other elder.
 - The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 pm

Submitted by Jenna Bentley, Clerk of Session

LET US REMEMBER

Duncan Care Center 700 Palm

Estella Trapp

Alterra Sterling House 915 W. Plato

Wylla Leonard

Country Club Care 1904 Hwy 81

Carroll McClellan

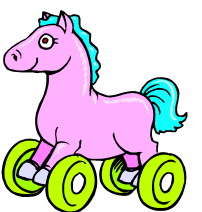
Beulah Calloway Lavina Hofmann

Wilkins Nursing Center 1205 S. 4th

Ben Hill

TOY SHOP NEWS AND NEEDS

Christmas 2009 there were 1400 children in Duncan who received Christmas gifts from the Toy Shop. For some, this was the only gift they received this year. These were new toys that were purchased by the volunteers with funds from two rummage sales; the spud luncheon; and the concession trailers at the Country Club Golf Tournament during the Memorial Day week end. Each child that is registered receives approximately \$40.00 worth of new toys, unless he or she gets a re-conditioned bike or trike. Good used toys and books are added to the gift box. All Toy Shop workers are volunteers. There is no salaried personnel connected with the Toy Shop.



Submitted by Martha Coker