

First Presbyterian Church - Bryan, Texas

THE CHIMES



Sunday Morning Schedule

- 9:30 Church School *
 - 10:30 Fellowship - PT *
 - 10:45 Traditional Worship - S *
 - 10:45 Open Door Worship - FH *
- *child care provided*



Preaching Christ,
Teaching Discipleship,
Reaching Others

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Dear Friends,

So many from Scouting, Fellowship Committee, Community Services Committee, Younger Youth and their parents, Worship Committee, the church staff, musicians and choir members, and (I'm certain) others contributed to the activities of last Sunday, February 7. Both worship services, food and money collected for Brazos Church Food Pantry, bake sale gifts for Candlelighters' cancer-related care and support organization, contact with representatives of local mission, social assistance, and outreach organizations who were present as part of the "Mission Fair," Micah Kim's baptism, and Justin and Charles Sander's "God and Church" recognition as part of Justin's Scouting involvement, the Annual Meeting of the Congregation, plus the Youth and Parents-of-Youth Super Bowl parties in the evening made it a Sunday to remember (and likely one not to repeat for a while — from an energy and exhaustion perspective!). Thanks to one and all who contributed and participated!

Lent approaches. For many First Presbyterian member and participants, the Ash Wednesday worship service (Feb. 17) is a meaningful experience: 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. You may also be interested in the Lenten Bible Studies' announcement on this same page. An opportunity like this one can enrich a person's "journey" through both a Lenten season and through life itself.

From day to day, with challenges as citizens, as disciples of Jesus Christ, church members, family and community members, employees, employers, students, etc., we hear from Scripture: "Our help is in the name of the Lord" (Psalm 124:8); and, "If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so, then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's" (Romans 14:8).

Whether in deep sadness, stomach-acid-churning and blood-pressure raising stress, or abiding, celebratory joy, our Good Shepherd is from everlasting to everlasting. Let us give God thanks

for our partnership in the Gospel. Grace and peace, **Ted**

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 17, 2010

7:00 pm Sanctuary

Lenten Bible Study: Knowing God's Triune Story

This year during the season of Lent, you will have the opportunity to join other Presbyterians nation-wide in the study of the book "Knowing God's Triune Story" by Michael Lindvall. Lindvall invites readers to explore the whole story of our Maker, from beginning to end and encourages readers to reflect on how true knowledge of the Trinity affects our relationship with god. He serves as pastor of The Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City and is an acclaimed theologian and storyteller.

The study will be offered at two times – Fridays from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. (beginning February 19) and Tuesdays from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. (beginning February 23). You are welcome to bring a "brown bag" lunch with you to the Friday noon study. Child care will be available on request for the evening session. Pastor Ted Foote will lead the Friday class and Pam Engler, Director of Educational Ministries, will lead the Tuesday class.

Contact Pam (pengler@fpcbryan.org or 823-8073) for more information or to reserve a copy of the study book. The cost for the book is \$10.00.

Souper Bowl of Caring and Bake Sale Thanks



The youth and the older elementary fellowship groups thank First Presbyterian for support of their projects on Sunday, Feb. 7. The Souper Bowl of Caring offering was \$404.39 and will be donated to the Brazos Church Food Pantry. The local Candlelighters organization, that assists families of children with cancer, will receive \$215.90 from the Bake Sale. In addition to these, Boy Scout Troop 257 (sponsored by FPC) collected 2,248 pounds of food for Brazos Church Food Pantry as part of Souper Bowl of Caring. Our Troop's Arrowmoon District collected the most food in the entire Sam Houston Area Council, including metropolitan Houston!



Upper Crust/Older Adult Ministry News

We're having a party! Join us on Friday, February 12, at 11:30 am in the Library for lunch and Valentine Day fun! Lasagna will be provided so bring your favorite side dish. Wear red and help us celebrate the gift of loving friendships. For information or questions call Marie @ 823-8073.

Red Hatters Gather

Got the winter blues? Join this lively group that gathers once a month for lunch, laughs, and fellowship. We'll gather at 11:30am at Luigi's Ristorante located on Texas Highway 6 South at the Rock Prairie Road exit. For information or questions call Marie.

Thank You FPC

From Anson Jones Elementary School: Thank you for the school supplies. We are grateful for your donation and for supporting the education of our kids. We are making good use of them. Sincerely, Stacy Fogle, Noelia Diaz, Ms. Vaga, Mrs. Corona, Casy Dawson

(Note: Each fall the Community Services Committee conducts a drive for school supplies. This year a car load was delivered.)

From Twin City Mission CEO, Doug Weedon: I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of Twin City Mission and Phoebe's Home, to express our gratitude for your donations during the past year. The need for our services continues to grow. Without your support, we would not be able to continue the work we do. Because of your concern for those less fortunate, you have made it possible for us to make a difference in the lives of those we serve.

(Note: FPC supports Twin City Mission and Phoebe's Home through the general budget. In addition, over \$5000 was donated from the churchwide garage sale to help furnish the family rooms at the mission, the church participated in the annual coat and blanket drive, and at Christmas gloves, hats and scarves were donated)

From Cho-Yeh Vice President, Kimberly Brown: Thank you so much for your pledge payment to the Cho-Yeh Capital Campaign. We are excited about the progress we have had towards our goal, and we anxiously anticipate what God has in store for the future. We appreciate so much the value you place on the ministry of Cho-Yeh and your commitment to seeing us through this campaign. Four cabins have already been completed in camp and additional meeting space is currently being designed. God is at work in the ministry of Cho-Yeh.



Christian Education:

Growing Disciples at First Presbyterian By Pam Engler, Director of Educational Ministries

"Prayer Partner Reception

This Sunday, February 14 prayer partners will meet at a reception from 10:15-10:30 p.m. in the Carter Creek Foyer. All prayer partners – adults, youth and children—are asked to bring a Valentine for their partner.

Lenten Devotional Books Available

The season of Lent begins on February 17 with the observance of Ash Wednesday. Devotional books for the season are available for all ages. "The Sanctuary for Lent" is designed for adults and youth. A booklet and sticker activity "Jonah This Lent" is designed for children and families.

February Chick Flicks

The Chick Flicks gathering this month will be held on Friday, February 26 at 6:00 p.m. in the library and parlor. The movie for the evening will be "The Legend of Bagger Vance" that will be shown on the new "big screen" in the parlor. This movie is the story of a down and out golfer who attempts to recover his game and his life with the help from a mysterious caddy. Since the movie is set in Georgia, the dinner will feature foods from that state. Women of all ages are invited to join the group. Contact Pam Engler (pengler@fpcbryan.org or 823-8073) for more information or for a reservation for the evening.

Notes

By Jane Van Valkenburg, Director of Music

1 John 4:7 - Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loves is born of God, and knows God.

At 6:00 pm on Sunday, Feb. 14, in the sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church, Maureen and Casey will present a concert that features prayer settings, including Ralph Vaughan Williams *Five Mystical Songs*, arias from Bach's *Cantata 140* and Arthur Sheperd's *Triptych*, based on poetry from the Gitanjali. Love songs will range from Gershwin to Webber. Accompanists will be the Marian Anderson String Quartet and Jane Van Valkenburg. As with all Concerts on Carter Creek offerings, admission is free and childcare is provided in the church nursery. A reception will follow the concert in the church parlor.

John's verse above also exemplifies the mission of Concerts on Carter Creek. After our most recent program, a woman who frequents the concerts told me, "Your church does such a wonderful thing for our community in providing not only free concerts, but free childcare, so that young parents can hear such wonderful live music. Christ told us to show love for each other, and that's what your church is doing!" Her comments made me realize how privileged I am to be part of a community that shows love like that! Please join us on Feb. 14, for a celebration of love.

Health for All Clinic

Office Supply Drive



It is time for our church wide collection of office supplies for the Health for All Clinic in Bryan. This is one of the nine community organizations our church supports.

The Health for All Clinic provides free and reduced cost medical care, lab work and prescriptions to people in need living in the Brazos Valley.

At this time the clinic needs copier paper, pens, and 8 1/2 X 11 clip boards. They would also welcome gift cards from Office Depot. You may bring these items to the church patio where you will find a box labeled Health for All. We will collect these items the month of February to the middle of March. We appreciate all contributions!



Youth News

P.S. I Love Youth Valentine's Party

This Sunday, February 14, the youth will celebrate Valentine's Day with a potluck supper and fun activities. Bring your favorite food to share and join the fun beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Easter Sunrise Service Planning

It's time to start getting ready to lead the Easter Sunrise Service. Sunday evening, February 21, the youth will meet at 6:00 p.m. for supper and planning. Supper will be provided by David and Betty Acker.

Conclaves Plans

Youth who are attending Conclaves at Cho-Yeh the weekend of February 26-28 should meet at the church at 5:30 p.m. on Friday evening to load up the church van. Additional information will be sent to participants.

Welcome January's New Members

We would like to welcome the new members who joined FPC last month:

Jodelle Hamlin

January 10, 2010

Changdong and Grace Kim

January 30, 2010



Congratulations to Angela Criaco, Briana Criaco, and Johanna Krauter, all qualified at districts for the Regional Swim meet on Valentine's Day. Good luck girls.



Please remember that we are still collecting **Box Tops for Education** in the window of the workroom, for Anson Jones Elementary **We have discontinued collecting Campbell's Soup labels.**



Eyeglasses Needed! – Presbyterian Women

Thanks to FPC members, in only one month, the Presbyterian Women have collected 55 pairs of eyeglasses and eyeglass cases!! As many of you saw in *The Chimes*, the Presbyterian Women are "partnering" with the Lion's Club. They are collecting eyeglasses and eyeglass cases which are no longer needed. These glasses will be **RECYCLED**, helping to "give sight" to people who cannot afford glasses. There is a box marked "**EYEGASSES FOR THE NEEDY**," located on the covered Patio, by the Parlor. **Your eyeglasses can change another person's life!** Volunteers clean, sort by prescription strength and package the glasses. These eyeglasses are then distributed to people in need in developing countries where they will have the greatest impact. **If you have used eyeglasses you no longer need, PLEASE donate them now.** Prescription and reading glasses, sunglasses; plastic and metal frames; eyeglass cases, and especially children's glasses are needed. The collection box will be on the black wrought iron stand in the covered patio

Brazos Church Food Pantry

The Community Services Committee delivered 197 lbs of food to the Brazos Church Food Pantry this month. Thank you



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Church Office Hours
 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Visit our website at www.fpcbryan.org

Please notify the church office at 823-8073 when you have news to share in the newsletter, or if you or someone you know is scheduled for admission, is in the hospital, or was recently hospitalized. When admitted, please list First Presbyterian Church as your church affiliation. If you would like to be visited by one of our hospital visitors, please agree to be included on the Pastoral Care List. Your church family wants to minister to you whenever you are ill, especially when you are in the hospital, and they can only do this if you inform them of your needs.

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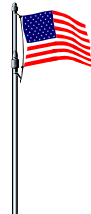
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Happy Birthday!

02/14 Susan McGrail	02/21 Cowboy Davis
02/16 Bookman Peters	02/21 Isidoro Gonzalez
02/16 Beverly Spencer	02/22 Imogene Vettters
02/16 Grant Wolfe	02/22 Peggy Sullivan
02/16 Francoise Bracher	02/24 Kathy Burdett
02/17 Arlan McSwain	02/24 Ana-Lisa Liotta
02/17 Alice Hickerson	02/26 Alice Beals
02/18 Kaitlyn Nachlinger	02/26 Bridget Ingram
02/18 Haley Reim	02/27 Barbara Huskey
02/21 Becky Hamann	02/27 Peter Krauter

Church Family:

- ◆ Shirley Borden
- ◆ Ester Hubacek
- ◆ Eva Nell Juliff
- ◆ Dorothy Martin



- ◆ Ted Burk
- ◆ Scott Helms
- ◆ Jason Morris
- ◆ Will Johnson

Member Information Updates:

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CHIMES DEADLINE: to submit content for the next issue is **Sunday, February 21 @ 12:00 pm.** You may submit content to: Office@fpcbryan.org

SCRIPTURES IN WORSHIP

February 14
 Luke 9:28-36
 (Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall)

February 21
 Luke 4: 1-13
 (Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall)