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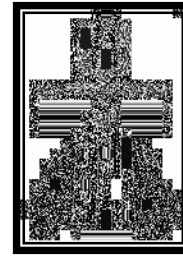
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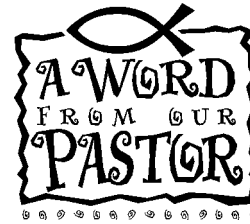
2008



THE HIGHLIGHTER

March, 2008

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Each winter the leaves fall off most of the trees, grass withers and dies away, and everything begins to look barren and dead. The season when everything goes dormant can be depressing for many people. In fact, there is a medical term for those who suffer from SAD – Seasonal Affective Disorder. This is suffered when one is not exposed to enough sunlight and your health can be affected.

But when Spring is drawing closer we begin to see the signs of new life springing forth from the ground. I have noticed the bulbs beginning to peek through the leaves piled in our yard and flowers cannot be far behind on those brave annuals. The word “Lent” comes from a term that means spring.

I am always reminded, as I look at the new growth of spring, that it is a yearly reminder of the Christian message. The apparent victory of death over Jesus was overturned by the Resurrection on that first Easter morning. A couple of my favorite Presbyterian musicians (Richard Avery and Donald Marsh) wrote a song that reminds me, and each of us, that - *Every Morning is Easter Morning* - from now on! Because of Jesus, we no longer need to fear death!

Hopefully we have ALL grown closer to our Creator during this Lenten season and I look forward to the annual celebration of the Resurrection of our Risen Lord on Easter morning and celebrating **WITH** you! See you there at Sunrise and morning worship!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Marci

Be sure to pick up a brochure of all the camps available for Ferncliff this summer. There are some great camps for grades 1-12. The Christian Education Committee is working very hard to raise the money to help send our children to a camp of their choice.

Brochures are located outside the office door. Pick one up soon!

*Please join the University of
the Ozarks musical
ensembles in concert!
Spring Tour 2008*

March 9 10:00 a.m.

We are so excited to once again be on the Spring Tour 2008 schedule for the University of the Ozarks under the direction of G. Mikael Lindström, DMA, with Jeanine Myers, accompanist. The choir will officially begin their tour at 11 a.m. on March 4 at Munger Chapel and continue with performances in Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, and Oklahoma and end on April 13 at Bella Vista Community Church.



Bring a dish for potluck on
Sunday, March 9

U of O Choir will join us!

Alphabet Schedule-Last names

beginning with

A-H main dish

I-Q side dish

R-Z dessert

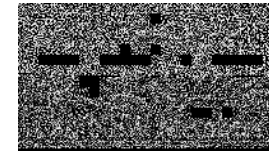
**We hope everyone will bring a
little extra for our guests.**

The Session will meet following the
potluck on March 9 in Vera King Parlor.

MEALS ON WHEELS WEEK
March 10-14



Some of our folks would like to have a regular meeting place for those interested in getting together for lunch after church on the weeks we don't have potluck. We thought we would start announcing on Sunday a gathering place for lunch. The first time or two will be at the U of O Cafeteria and later we may try someplace else. Lots of us go out to eat after church regularly and it would be great to all gather in one place to continue our Sunday fellowship just a little longer. Join us!

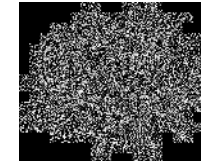


Welcome Mike and Jana Broyles. Mike is an attorney in Clarksville and Jana works at Bank of the Ozarks. They have two children, Jackson Broyles, 7 and Kearstyn Harkins, 7. Their address is 122-B West Main Street. They have been very active in all of our children's and fellowship events. We are so glad they chose First Presbyterian as their church home.

We also welcome Cindy Martin. Cindy is a very familiar face at First Presbyterian. She has been a regular for several years. Cindy is employed at Johnson Regional Medical Center in the accounts payable department. Welcome, Cindy!



Bonhoffer Event
April 11 and 12
Led by Henrich Eiler



Children's Spring Musical
"Down by the Creek Bank"
May 4



As of Feb 22, 2008

General Fund

Balance Feb. 1 9,183.49
Receipts 8,519.19
Expenses 9,348.34
Balance Feb 22 \$8,354.34

Memorial Fund

11,202.57
345.00
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\$11,547.57

Heating Fund Balance \$4,570.00
Needed-\$7,200.00

Children's Ministry Fund Balance \$718.01



Marjorie Scarborough

Bonnie Jo Laster
Don Pennington
Betty Ann Riley
Mr. and Mrs. Thorpe Hamilton, Jr.
Dr. W. E. King
Sue Laster
Faye Roble
Doug and Lorraine Belote
Harve & Loyce Ann Taylor
Dorothy Bradley
Carl and Jane Emerick
Brad & Sue Johnson
Garry & Marilyn Lee
Betty Ruth Morris
Pat Farmer
Gene Harris
Wanda Walker
Mary Boyer
Myra Johnston
Cindy McFarlane
John and Edna Patterson
Robert and Polly Hardin

Frances King

Keith & Marian Lewis
Harold & Mary Lewis
Doug & Lorraine Belote

Memorials received from
Jon and Susan Epperson for
Katherine Riddell
Forrest Riddell
Marian Cargile
Philip Pittman
Faye Basham

Vernice Teeter

Bonnie Jo Laster

Prayer Requests

Lisa Armstrong
Bernetta Augustus
Shala Baheri-Meshkaty
Helen Batman
Gloria Beer
Patsy Blackburn
Richard Capshew
Bea Elkins
Gary Ham
Terrie Kaiser
Diane King
Louise King
James Laster
Debbie Myers
Diane King
Martha Neilson
Jenna Soard
Anne Wade
Justin and Miranda Ward
Ronald Warnock
Robert Waterman
Bill Willett
Dale Wilson



February 6 - April 30

3:30-4:45

(If no school - no practice)

Our Kids have already begun practicing for a Spring Musical on Wednesday's after school.

"Down By the Creek Bank" is a delightful musical with wonderful music and some cute speaking parts. Ages 4-16 are welcome to be part of this production and they will do the Sermon on **May 4, 2008** once again down in Fellowship Hall. If anyone needs rides from school let us know and the van can do a pick-up!

Ask Marci or Michelle for more information.

Second Sunday - Noisy Offerings!

Loose change really can add up - especially if we add ALL of our loose change together! Every Second Sunday- the children will pass around Coffee Cans for us to drop our change into. The loose change then can add up to helping to pay for camp fees for our kids to go to Ferncliff, Mo Ranch, Mission Trips, or other church camp events. Studies have proven that one week of Church camp can provide as much Christian Education as ONE FULL YEAR OF SUNDAY SCHOOL! And Ferncliff is one of the top 10 camps in our nation!



Luke 6:38

On our first time to collect the offering, we received \$44.00! Thanks everyone!!!!

Sunday School Opportunity!

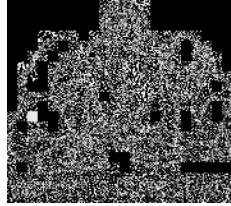
Teens—don't miss the 8 week DVD Bible Study
"Experiencing God" taught by Gretchen Teeter each Sunday at 9 a.m. in the teen Sunday School classroom upstairs.

Beth Moore Women's Bible Study on DVD

"David, a Heart Like His"

Beginning Thursday, March 6

5:30 p.m.

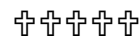


"David, a Heart Like His"...another wonderful, comprehensive study of God's Word. All women are encouraged to attend. The cost of the book is \$18. Invite a friend to come with you. The study will be led by Gretchen Teeter. Several ladies from other churches will join us so let's all come to help make them feel at home!

We are hoping to have some nice shirts or tote bags for an appropriate donation to the church. These items will be screen printed with:

1. The Patriarch, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob First Presbyterian Church Women's Bible Study, Spring 2007
2. A Woman's Heart, God's Dwelling Place...FPC, etc. Fall 2007
3. David, A Heart Like His, etc. Spring 2008

Everyone who can, please make a donation of at least \$12 to the church and wear and carry these items for the community to see. We need to do all we can to let everyone who might be without a church home to know we are here and making a difference. The mission of the Christian Education Committee is to feed the sheep and teach our own how to minister the Love of Christ to all who come in our doors, as well as those outside the sheep-fold. The Church is as alive as we make it.



We are excited to announce that we have SIX ladies attending the "Women of Joy" weekend in Branson, April 18-20. We had six openings and they filled up quickly. Those attending are Gretchen Teeter, April Vickers, Michelle Colvin, Angie Teeter, Sandy Nelson and Linda Castleman. Maybe we can double that number next year.

	Thu	Fri	Sat
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nd Grounds n Ed 5:00	6 Presbyterian Women 11:00 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Richard and Emogene Capshew	7	8 Emma Knight
	13 Women's Bible Study 5:30	14	15
	20 Soup and Salad 5:30 Maundy Thurs. Service 6:30 Zachary Hyden	21 GOOD FRIDAY Office Closed Tenebrae Service 6 pm at Harmony Presbyterian Lorraine Belote	22  10 a.m. Pastor Marci's house
	27	28 Briley Vickers	29 Kajsa Lindstrom Baptism at Munger Chapel 2 p.m.

March 2008

Holy Week Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
2 Communion Youth 4:30	3 Fellowship committee 12 noon Chris Taylor	4 Budget and Finance 3:00	5 Building a 1:00 Christian
9 U of O Choir Noisy Offering Potluck Session Youth 4:30	10 Dawn Scarborough	11	12 Terry Kerbs
16  Janice Peters	17 Karyle Barnett	18	19
23 Easter Sunrise Service 7 am Easter Breakfast Easter Worship 10:00 One Great Hour of Sharing	24	25	26
30 Worship Committee after church Sheree Niece Youth 4:30	31 Justin Castleman		



March 16



March 20

5:30 p.m. Soup and Sandwiches in Fellowship Hall

We may ask for volunteers to make some soup and sandwiches or dessert.

Details will be announced.

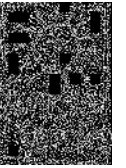
Maundy Thursday worship service following the meal. 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday-Joint Tenebrae Service with Harmony Presbyterian Church 6:00 p.m.



7 a.m.

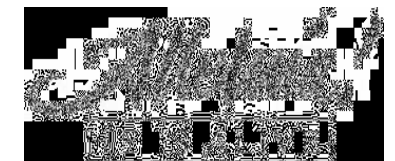
Sunrise Service at the Spadra Creek near the bridge downtown and by the American Legion building. (notice the change in location)



The First United Methodist will have the worship service and we will cook the breakfast at our church. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held at our church.



*Easter Worship Service
10 a.m.*





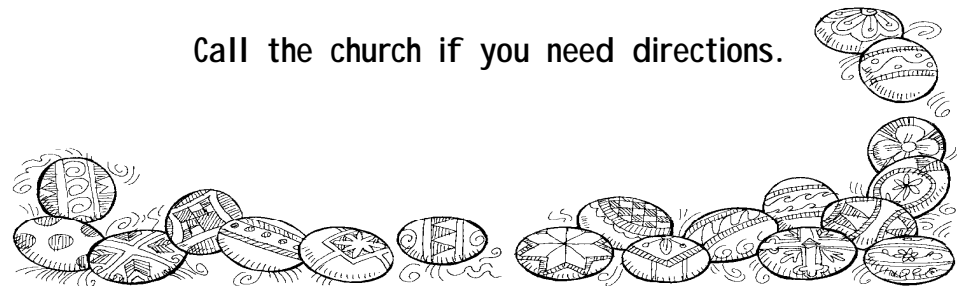
Easter Egg Hunt

10:00 a.m.

Saturday, March 22

Pastor Marci's House

Call the church if you need directions.



CIRCLE NEWS

Circle will meet at 9:30 am on Thursday, March 13. Sue Arnett is the new chair. Remember, we are using the new study book, *Hearing God's Call in Jonah and Ruth*. The lesson will be number 4, "Once More, with Feeling?." Read chapter 3 of *Jonah*.



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

Presbyterian Women's first meeting of this year is March 6, 2008. The program, "Gathered Together in Mission," presented by Sheree Niece, will begin at 11:00. **Lunch will be provided** following the program. The Coordinating Team will meet at 10:15.

For those of you who are not familiar with PW, it is an organization open to every woman in our church. We meet, in the Vera King Parlor, on the first Thursday of each month at 11:00 am, from March through December. We have lunch around 11:30. When lunches are not provided, we bring our own sandwiches or, as many of us prefer, order them from Aramark. Hostesses provide dessert, for which we ask a 50 cent donation. Water, tea, and coffee are available at no charge.

While our programs give us information and our time together gives us fellowship, we are mainly a mission organization. Our mission giving in 2007 totaled \$4,012.26. Our budgeted donations go to University of the Ozarks, Vera Lloyd Home (Monticello, AR), Heifer International (Perryville, AR), Evergreen Presbyterian Foundation (Bossier City, LA), Goodland Presbyterian Children's Home (Hugo, OK), Presbyterian Children's Home (Austin, TX), Arkansas Presbyterian Women, and Clarksville Children's Theater. We also made contributions for tools in Chiapos and for Health Kits for PW Synod at Hot Springs. Along with many others in our congregation, we gave money to Daniel Gachungi to help with his move to Tulsa. We give to other missions as needs occur. This year we have already sent money to Atkins to aid tornado victims.

We also give to our church. PW has paid for tuning and maintenance of the pianos in Fellowship Hall and the parlor, donated money for kitchen and office supplies, and bought new, additional Chrismon books, including one for children. Through Circle, by individual donations, we give to Least Coin, Centsability (formerly 2 cents a meal), and the Thank and Birthday Offerings.

Our major fundraiser is Tablerama, held every other year. Ongoing fundraisers are the sale of Rada products and church plates and the collection of Harvest Foods receipts for rebates. We sometimes provide food for a couple of organizations, and, yes, occasionally, we **do** bake cookies.