



Around the First

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*February
2010*

From Our Pastor:

Dear Friends,

As January draws to a close and February begins, our sisters and brothers in Haiti continue to struggle with the aftermath of the earthquake which devastated their country. The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has had mission workers in Haiti for a number of years. All the PCUSA mission workers are alive and accounted for. One, Sharon Bebe, was injured and was flown to a hospital in Florida for treatment. Her husband, Rodney, remained in Haiti to help with relief efforts.

A statement issued by our denomination describes the immediate Presbyterian response to the disaster:

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is coordinating its efforts with our ecumenical and international partners in the relief work in Haiti. Carlos Cardenas is on the ground in Port-au-Prince as part of the initial response team. The past few days' priorities have focused on search and rescue, medical attention for those injured by the earthquake, along with food distribution for the survivors. Food and fuel supplies are limited and there is urgent need to bring in these most essential resources at this time. Fifteen sites have been identified for distribution of relief items. Distribution of food and clean water are a top priority. It is estimated that 200,000 families, nearly one million people, are without homes and living out in the open air. Temporary shelter is a focus for this next week. PDA and its partners are seeking to bring in 20,000 tents to Port-au-Prince in this next week. There are three to four thousand tents currently on site. The greatest need from the church, along with prayer, is financial support in order to gather and strategically mobilize these most urgent relief supplies in the critical days that lie ahead. We continue to be moved by the tragic loss of so many thousands of lives in the wake of this disaster.

As the days and weeks go by, the people of Haiti will continue to need our prayers and support. To keep informed about our denomination's ongoing work, go to www.pcusa.org. If you would like to contribute financially, you may do so by making a check payable to First Presbyterian Church, marked "Haiti Relief."

Another organization that is meeting needs in Haiti is MAP International. Based here in our own community, MAP is an international organization that provides medical services and supplies all over the world. Several of our church members volunteer with MAP each week. These people have been part of the effort in Haiti in a hands-on way, by packing boxes of supplies to be shipped to the country.

If you are interested in volunteering with MAP or making a contribution to them, please see www.map.org.

Most importantly, let us keep the people of Haiti in our hearts and prayers in the months ahead.

Grace and peace,
Dawn

**Thank you for serving during the
Month of
FEBRUARY 2010**

SERVICE TEAM:

Pat Ragsdale, Capt.-265-1708
Shelley Haddon
Lisa Parmelee
Sally O’Cain
Don Peters
Angie Kribbs
Lucille Holloway
Mada Heins
Sherry Arledge
Avery Coty
Kathy Gladding
Sandra Wright
Sue House
Marian Stevens
Karen Larrick
Lynn Garis

USHERS:

**Please see an Usher or the Usher
Captain if you would like to serve.**

FEBRUARY

1st Sunday–Bill Ray
2nd Sunday–Joe McGoogan
3rd Sunday–Roy Scarborough
4th Sunday–Russell Gladding

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

For FEBRUARY 2010

**PLEASE call the office at 265-3400 a week
before the dedication in order to have time to
place it in the bulletin.**

*February 7th– Janet Davies
February 14th– Jim & Shelley Haddon
February 21st–Lindsey & Lori Parker
February 28th–Brett & Lou Ellen Hartley*



FEBRUARY 2010 MEETINGS

Feb. 1-Staff Meets @ 10:30 AM
Feb. 2-C.H.A.T. Meeting @ 7:00 PM
Feb. 8-Staff Meets @ 10:30 AM
Feb. 9-Morning Circle @ 10:30 AM
Feb. 9-Evening Circle @ 7:00 PM
Feb. 14-Teams Meets @ 12:00 PM
Feb. 16-Session Meets @ 6:00 PM
Feb. 22-Staff Meets @ 10:30 AM

**DECEMBER
TREASURER’S REPORT**

Year to Date:

Income \$227,808.26
Expenses \$242,947.84
Difference \$(-15,139.58)

December

Income \$18,101.25
Expenses \$23,457.37
Difference \$(-5,356.12)

GROCERIES FOR SENIORS

This month we will meet at **10:00 AM on Saturday, February 27th**

We will assemble grocery bags with food purchased at Second Harvest. We distribute the bags to 24 senior adults (identified by Second Harvest as in need) who live in the south end around our church neighborhood

PLEASE sign up on the sheet in the hallway on the Outreach Team bulletin board.

Thank You , from the Outreach Team

Thanks to our wonderful congregation for supporting the grocery ministry. Here is an expression of what the program means. We received a Christmas card from one of the ladies we deliver groceries to each month.

"I really thank you all for the kindness you all have shown for me throughout the year. I pray God will continue to bless you all with a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year." Love, Mrs. Elizabeth Baggs

What is Salt Shakers?

Salt Shakers is a group of FPC'ers (members, regular attendees, visitors & potential members) who share a meal together during February, March, and April . Everyone who signs up is randomly assigned to a group of 8 to 10 folks.

All persons in the above categories who enjoy good cuisine and good company are encouraged to sign up!

How are the groups formed? By a unique (and inexplicable) computer program – with a goal of placing you with different people each month. You will receive a list of groups at the beginning of February.

Who prepares the meal? Each person or couple in the group will be assigned a dish to bring (appetizer, main dish, vegetable, salad, dessert, bread or beverage.)

Where will the meal be served? At the host's home. Anyone may volunteer to be a host. (Advantages: you will have an excuse to clear the mail off your dining room table AND you only have to provide bread and beverages!)

When will the meals take place? To simplify things for the host, we are recommending the dinners be held on the 4th Friday of the month, however the group can work to find a suitable date for the majority. Anyone not able to attend on the specified date can be assigned to another group. Please indicate on your registration form whether or not the 4th Friday of the month is available for you, and any other non-available dates. The host will receive this information, and will contact the members of the group to establish a firm date. *(Please note that being unavailable on the 4th Friday does not preclude your involvement. The 4th Friday is only intended to give the host a place to start with determining a date!)*

Registration For Salt Shakers 2009

All forms should be placed in the offering plate or given to Russell or Kathy Gladding by February 15th.

Name:

Phone:

Email:

_____ I'd like to be a host in (circle one) February March April

_____ I cannot come on the 4th Friday of _____

_____ Other dates I'm unavailable are: _____

OUTREACH FOOD COLLECTION

For the month of **February**, we will be collecting:

Canned Soups

This collection will go to our **Grocery for Seniors** ministry.

Thank you for your continued support of this ministry!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Burroughs-Molette Elementary School is looking for 80 people who will become mentors to first grade students. Historically, these children have struggled in many areas, and your presence and influence can help impact a child, a family, a neighborhood, and a community. For more information on the mentoring program, contact Amy Taylor at BMES (912-267-4130 x4006) or email: ataylor@glynn.k12.ga.us.

Anyone interested in being a mentor can sign up at any time during the year, so it is not too late to start now!

Souper Bowl Sunday – February 7th

Get ready for our annual Souper Bowl competition!

On Super Bowl Sunday, the youth will have an area set up in the sanctuary where you can “vote” for your favorite rivaling team with canned soup! All soup will be used for our Groceries for Seniors program.

At the end of the service, the youth will also be collecting monetary donations using soup pots decorated for each of the teams. The money collected will be donated to Manna House, our local soup kitchen.

Christmas Angel Tree

The Angel Tree was overflowing with Christmas gifts thanks to our generous congregation. Here are two notes we have received in response to the gifts. These cards are posted on the Outreach bulletin board in the hallway, but we wanted to include them in the newsletter in case some miss seeing the board.

Dear Lori and First Presbyterian Church,

On behalf of the staff and families at Burroughs Molette Elementary, I would like to thank you so much for the generosity and kindness you shared with us. We greatly appreciate the Christmas gifts you provided for our families who would not have had any on Christmas morning. The true meaning of the season is perfectly shown through your giving spirit.

Thank you so much and Merry Christmas. – Amy Taylor, School Counselor

And another card we received had the following verse “When I’m counting all my blessings, there’s one thing I always do – I stop and say a “Thank You, Lord!” for very special you. For you’re someone who’ll forever be a dear and precious part of the warm and treasured memories I hold within my heart.” The card has a note written in it – “We thank you so much for being a blessing to us.” The Sanders Family and each of the five children signed their names.

Youth & Children's News

Christian Education Update

Youth Sunday School - Mark Your Calendars!

We will meet:

February 7 – Souper Bowl Sunday! We will help with collecting the special offering February 21

SAVANNAH PRESBYTERY YOUTH RETREAT

Date: March 12 – 13

Place: New Ebenezer

What: Presbytery wide youth retreat. Join youth from all over the presbytery as we play, study, worship, dance, eat....together. BRING A FRIEND OR TWO!!!!

Cost: \$20/person

RSVP: March 1

ATTENTION ALL CHILDREN THROUGH 5TH GRADE and PARENTS

Join us for a special after church activity on February 28th. Bring your lunches and join us for a special Lenten activity. Join us as we go back in time to the last supper and experience what dinner might have been like with Jesus and his disciples. We will talk about the Lord's supper and what it means to us as young children and adults. We will even try some of the food that Jesus and his disciples would have eaten.

What: Special Lenten Activity for Children and Parents

When: February 28th after church

Where: Fellowship Hall

February Birthdays

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|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Feb. 1-Barbara Rogers | Feb. 10-Brittney Ferrell |
| Feb. 2-Doris McDade | Feb. 11-Carroll Markland |
| Feb. 2-Charlene Reeves | Feb. 20-Lori Parker |
| Feb. 5-Gloria Beard | Feb. 21-Louise Atwood |
| Feb. 8-Bob Allman | Feb. 23-Don Farnell |
| Feb. 10-Andrew Parmelee | Feb. 25-Roy Scarborough |



February Anniversaries

*Tim & Nancy Tait
February 6th*

*Jim & Shelley Haddon
February 14th*

*Joseph & Dawn Mayes
February 18th*

FEBRUARY 2010
Calendar of Activities

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|--|--|---|--------|-------------------------------------|
|  | 1 10:30 Staff Meeting 7:00 Bible Study | 2 7:00 C.H.A.T. | 3 10:30 Manna House 5:30 Bells 6:30 Prayer Service 7:00 Choir | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| | 7 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Session 11:00 Worship | 8 10:30 Staff Meeting 7:00 Bible Study | 9 10:30 Morning Circle 7:00 Evening Circle | 10 5:30 Bells 6:30 Prayer Service 7:00 Choir | 11 | 12 |
| 14 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Session 11:00 Worship 12:00 Teams | 15 OFFICE CLOSED President's Day | 16 6:00 Session Meets | 17 5:30 Bells 6:30 Prayer Service 7:00 Choir | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Session 11:00 Worship | 22 10:30 Staff Meeting 7:00 Bible Study | 23 | 24 5:30 Bells 6:30 Prayer Service 7:00 Choir | 25 | 26 | 27 10:00 Grocery Delivery |
| 28 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Session 11:00 Worship | | | | | | |
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From Patti Shannon, Parish Nurse; RN-BC, OCN,FCN

In February, Thoughts Turn to Hearts and Love!

February's Hallmark moment emphasizes hearts, making it a good time to think about heart disease. Coronary heart disease is the single largest killer in the United States, accounting for 1 in 5 deaths. There are so many underlying causes of heart disease that it would be rare for any of us not to identify at least one!

Despite the seriousness of heart disease, there are many preventive strategies and many ways of treating heart disease. Atherosclerosis, a narrowing of large arteries by deposits of plaque, is the underlying cause of coronary heart disease (CHD). Symptoms of atherosclerosis are rare until a significant blockage of one or more arteries has occurred, a process which generally takes years.

Risk factors for CHD fall into 2 categories; those that cannot be changed, and those that can. Risk factors that cannot be changed include age (over 45 for men, 55 for women; more than 50% of those who have heart attacks are older than 65), male sex, heredity (a male first degree relative with CHD before 55 or a female first degree relative with CHD before 65), and postmenopausal status in women.

Risk factors that can be changed include cigarette smoking, hypertension, abnormal levels of blood lipids or lipoproteins, obesity, physical inactivity, and stress.

When you see your doctor this year, be sure to review your risk factors. Don't just get your lab work drawn; discuss the results with him (or her) and discuss what you can do to keep CHD away!

Thought for the Month: *"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful."* (Colossians 3:15)

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THE SESSION

2010 - Betty Coty, Linda Boekeloo, Joe McGoogan
2011 - Jean Vernon, John Tuten, Pat Ragsdale
2012-Janet Davies, Russell Gladding, Jim Haddon

THE DEACONS

2010 - Shelley Haddon, Kathy Gladding, Charlene Reeves, Sandra Wright
2011 - Al Coty, Anne Tuten, Ellen Jones, Christine McGoogan
2012 - Janice Cook, Sara Giannakakis, Sue House, Carolyn McNeese

ELDERS EMERITUS

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