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# FEBRUARY 2010

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### **Feb. 7th - COMMUNION:** *Coffee Host: Deacon– Heidi Korth*

9:00 *Greeters:* Sonja Putnam  
*Ushers:* Login & Delilah Karel, and Ann Letheby  
11:00 *Greeters:* Doug & Heidi Korth  
*Ushers:* Leanne Malecha

### **Feb. 14th:** *Coffee Host: Marlin & Rose Jones*

9:00 *Greeters:* Louise Torkelson  
*Ushers:* Login & Delilah Karel, and Ann Letheby  
11:00 *Greeters:* Sherrilee Jones  
*Ushers:* Paul & Ilana Heybrock and Jennifer Jimmerson

### **Feb. 21st:** *Coffee Host: Lee & Louise Torkelson*

9:00 *Greeters:* Charles Sintek Family  
*Ushers:* Login & Delilah Karel, and Ann Letheby  
11:00 *Greeters:* Tim Brunswick Family  
*Ushers:* Chuck, Jana, Brenden, & Andrew Olsen

### **Feb. 28th:** *Coffee Host: Angie Weber*

9:00 *Greeters:* Jean Anderson  
*Ushers:* Login & Delilah Karel, and Ann Letheby  
11:00 *Greeters:*  
*Ushers:* Doug Korth Family

### **Communion Servers for February 7th, 2010:**

9:00 am: **Traditional** - Linda Beckenhauer, Ann Letheby, Tom Jones,  
Dick Kautzman, and Colleen Simpson.  
11:00 am: **Intinction** -

*(If you are unable to serve your assigned duty, please find a replacement and notify the office of the change for the bulletin. Thank you.)*



## Will He See His Shadow?



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## Love and Ashes: What to do with Lent?

**So winter keeps coming at us.** But the worst winter weather in over 20 years won't get us down! We met budget in December, and we are moving forward in 2010! Our new officers are in place and we are already working on the mission opportunities ahead of us.

**“Love, Actually.”** Valentine's Day is an ordinary work day and not even on the calendar of Saints Days anymore, but we love “Love's Day” than we do to many official holidays. Even if we're not in the market for romance, we love the candy, the flowers, the cards, the attention—even if we love these things vicariously (as someone else enjoys them directly). AMC and TCM will run old romantic comedies and four-hankies. (“Four-hankies” are sad movies, requiring four hankies to wipe the tears away. “Hankies” are handkerchiefs, old-fashioned, pre-Kleenex pieces of cloth, in case you didn't know that, either!) Last year's Hollywood hit was “Love, Actually.” This year's movie is “Valentine's Day!” Where does that day actually come from?

**Who is Valentine, actually?** We don't actually know much about who Valentine was, or which one of the four saints named Valentine was to be celebrated. Our “histories” about the namesake of the day come from the poet Chaucer (“Canterbury Tales”) in the 1300s, greatly expanded by greeting card companies since the 1800s. But God is the true author when it comes to love. Check this out on Sunday, Feb. 14, when we look into Paul's love letter in 1Corinthians.

*These three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.* 1Cor. 13:13

**And Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent on Feb. 17.** “Lengthening days,” that's what Lent signifies. Hope for Spring, and warmth, and an end to Winter. And Hope for Heaven, and life with Jesus! For American boys, it is the start of baseball season. For medieval monastic's with lots of time for spiritual practices, Lent was a season to focus on prayer, penitence, alms-giving and self-denial. What should we do with Lent—Pray or play or what?

**Preparing for better times.** It's so easy to whine about the weather, the ice on the roads, the long nights and the howling wind. And it's easy to fall back on the old question, “What will you give up for Lent?” Simply doing without some luxury is not likely to result in significant spiritual growth. If Lent is about getting ready for better times, warmer times, more sunshine in the day and closer to summer times, what kinds of “warm weather” tasks are we preparing for? At home, we clean up the grill, buy lawn fertilizer, tune up the outdoor tools, and start moving winter clothes to the basement and summer clothes up to the bedroom closet. What do we do to prepare spiritually?

**Start your “warm-spirit” preparation in Lent.** Start with the purposes of a Christ-centered life: Worship, fellowship, study, ministry, and mission. Where will you go, who will you invite, what will you learn, how will you serve? Mission starts here, ministry starts now, study and prayer get focused on the times to come, and plans for travel and fellowship need making. Don't focus on what you don't do in Lent—focus on what you can and will do by the grace of God!

*So let's not sleepwalk through life like those others. Let's keep our eyes open and be smart... Since we're creatures of Day, let's act like it. Walk out into the daylight sober, dressed up in faith, love, and the hope of salvation.*

1Thess. 5:4-8 (*The Message*)

### **February—Sunday Worship @ 9:00 Traditional & 11:00 Contemporary**

7	Paul's last sermon, in Jerusalem: “About Resurrection”	Acts 21:17-22:29Comm
14	Paul's Love Letter to God: “Love, Actually”	1Cor. 13
17	6:30 Weds. Ash Wednesday	Is. 58:1-12; Ps. 51; 2Cor. 5; Mt. 6
21	“The Messiah-Christ: Who and Why?”	Colossians 1:1-21
24	6:30 Weds. “Song for a Stranger”	Psalm 120
28	“Our Goal: Maturity in Christ”	Colossians 1:22-2:7

# STATED SESSION MEETING - JANUARY 11, 2010

Elders: 2010  Lee Torkelson  Jennifer Jimmerson  Chuck Olsen  Greg Wendel  
2011  Ann Dover  Pat McCollough  Chuck Sintek Tom Jones  
2012  Angela Amundson  Mark Johnson  Doug Korth ✓ Fern Bledsoe

OPENING PRAYER : 7:05, Pastor Dave led prayer.

DEACONS' REPORT: Attached below.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 9, December 7, Jan. 10 approved with spelling corrections.

CLERK'S REPORT: Resignation of Luke Reisser, effective immediately.

Membership: No report. E-mail votes: No report. Correspondence: No report.

MODERATOR'S REPORT: Pastor Dave's report is attached below.

Actions: MSC To baptize Avery Ann Beckenhauer (Joe & Crystal Beckenhauer) Feb. 7  
MSC to approve book collection to benefit the Norfolk Public Library

WELCOME OF NEW ELDERS & CHOOSING OF MISSION AREAS

Financial: Mark Johnson & Tom Jones (+ Chuck Sintek on Board of Trustees)

Mission: Doug Korth

Worship: Chuck Olsen & Fern Bledsoe

Clerk: Angela Amundson

YOUTH DIRECTOR REPORT: Welcome Chad! Chad requested ideas for fundraising for the New Mexico Trip. Ideas discussed were selling soy candles and a possible raffle. MSC to allow a \$200 advance to Chad for youth expenses. Meetings to be held regarding topics and activities on 1/21/09 and 1/28/09. Chad's day off will be Mondays.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: MSC to elect Tom Jones for class of 2011(to fill Luke Reisser's term); and Fern Bledsoe for class of 2012 at the Jan. 24 Congregational Meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: \$59,864 was received in December with \$20,737 in expenses! Income of \$338,698 versus expenses of \$314,997 = +\$23,701 for 2009! (Final figures will be adjusted to reflect designated giving and replacement of funds borrowed from reserves.)

PERSONNEL: Pat McCollough—Session decided that since it was budgeted, we will issue 2009 Christmas staff bonuses (per budget line 502.008?), to be apportioned among our employees.  
MSC that church members may apply for secretary when Barb gives notice.

PROPERTIES REPORT: Greg Wendel received positive Session feedback on snow removal. Heating system was fixed; new lighting in the hallways and offices and Youth Room heating will start after committee review of proposals. Organ repair will be scheduled for summer since funds are in hand.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE: Lee Torkelson—No report.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Chuck Sintek— Session loved the kids Christmas program.

YOUTH: Ann Dover—Youth Council to form up at first meeting on January 21.

EVANGELISM: Jennifer Jimmerson—Tote bags to be available for sale @ \$3 each and monies will go back into the general funds.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP: Chuck Olsen—Chad will help with song selection, prayer, and drama.

MISSION: Doug Korth: MSC to allow a raffle for the Malawi Mission trip. MSC to allow use of church building for a Valentine fundraiser or Palm Sunday breakfast. Discussion was given regarding having a central calendar to schedule events for use of the church building.

WORSHIP: No report. Session discussed having Pastor Dave make an announcement about signing the record books at the end of each pew as a way to get to know others attending. Another suggestion was made to have the Ushers hand out these record books during the service to encourage signing.

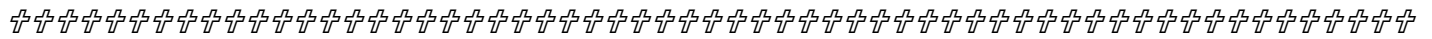
NEW BUSINESS: After sign-ups, three Elders of the Month openings remain: July, August, November. Barb will produce five notebooks for the incoming Elders.

OLD BUSINESS: Annual review of membership will be delayed until Fall; Annual reports are due to Barb for the Congregational Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 24 @ 10:15 AM.

ADJOURNMENT at 9:30 with the signing of the Doxology. Next stated meeting is February 8,

Angela Amundson

Clerk of Session



## CONGREGATIONAL REPORT - JANUARY 24, 2010

The Session of the First Presbyterian Church (USA) Norfolk, NE. is made up of twelve elders and moderator Rev. David Crawford. Luke Reisser was the Clerk of Session for 2009. Elders elected for the class of 2012 were Angela Amundson, Fern Bledsoe, Mark Johnson, and Doug Korth. Angela, Mark, and Doug were installed on January 10, 2010. Angela will serve as Clerk of Session starting in January. Tom Jones was elected to replace Luke Reisser who resigned from Session. Fern and Tom will be installed on January 24, 2010. Retiring elders are: Brian Easland, Dave Gerharter, Karen Reimer, and Juanita Swanson.

STATED MEETINGS: Regular stated session meetings are held on the second Monday of each month. There were eleven stated meetings two called meetings, two congregational meetings, and one session retreat. The Executive committee made up of the pastor, clerk of session and two elders-of-the-month approved baptisms, use of the building, reception of new members and other uncontroversial subjects that needed to be approved between stated meetings. E-mail polls of the entire session were also done.

SESSION COMMITTEES: Christian Education, Evangelism, Financial Stewardship, World wide Mission, Personnel, Properties, Spiritual Life, Congregational Life and Youth. Memorials and Endowments is a subcommittee of the Financial Stewardship committee. Session receives the reports of the Deacons, Treasurer, Presbytery Delegate, Presbyterian Women and the Nominating Committee.

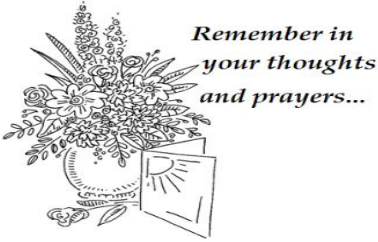
SCHOLARSHIPS: Scholarships were give to Emily Severson (Fay Gordon); Tyler Wells, (Fay Gordon); Abby Schuckman (Roy Robertson); and Erin Ptak (Guelda Jensen-Hastings College).

MEMBERSHIP: On January 1, 2009 our active membership totaled 374. During the year we received ten new members by Letter of Transfer, fourteen by Affirmation of Faith (13 in the Confirmation Class); 36 were placed on the Inactive Roll; and we baptized three infants, adding five to the Baptized Roll (including two transfers with their parents). Five members were removed from the Active Roll due to death. One funeral was conducted for a non-member. There was one marriage. The active membership on December 31, 2009 was 393.

REPORTS: In January, reports were sent to General Assembly by the Clerk. In September the Clerk went to Wayne for the yearly examination of the session minutes and Clerk of session training conducted by Homestead Presbytery. Chad Hanson was hired as our full-time Youth Director and started his duties on January 3, 2010.

Luke Reisser

Clerk of Session for 2009



**Ongoing Prayer Concerns:**

Sr. Rosann in Perimiho (Benedictine Sister with the Norfolk Sisters); Rod & Mitzi Hesser (brother & sister-in-law of Rose Jones) and the community of Greensburg, KS; Ruth Lutes; Hope Grimm, & Peter Henkel.

**Current Prayer Requests:**

<b><u>Date Received</u></b>	<b><u>For Whom:</u></b>	<b><u>Prayer Request For:</u></b>
01/11/10	Ed & Arloene Laskowski	Continued strength & healing for Arloene's broken ribs & right lung & that Ed remain strong physically & emotionally.
01/20/10	Xavier & Heather Montenegro	(Of Salvation Army)- Each will serve 2 weeks in Haiti.
01/20/10	Claudia	(Friend of Noreen Crawford)- Claudia's ex-husband is in hospice.
01/20/10	Barb Bloomfield & family	Quick sale of their house, transition to a new community, & building new relationships.
01/19/10	Melvin Unkel	Had surgery on arteries 01/19.
01/14/10	Entire country of Haiti	Strength, healing, and trust in God to come together during this time of destruction.
01/14/10	Terri Arrison	Continued treatment & strength to fight lymphatic cancer.
01/14/10	Melinda Molina	(Norma Rohlf's sister)- Diagnosed with Polymyalgia Rhuematica.
01/14/10	Joyce Hoferer	(Friend of Norma Rohlf)- Diagnosed with breast cancer.
01/11/10	Gabe Crawford	Finding a Bible study group.
01/06/10	Jacque Schoep	(Sister of Nancy Measells)- Still taking chemo treatments.
01/04/10	Vera Eberhart	(Mother of Karen Reimer)- recovering from a fall.
12/28/09	Virgil Halsey	Recovering at home from surgery, cards for both Renee' & Virgil would be greatly appreciated.
12/22/09	Joyce Jones	In ICU-having pacemaker put in.
11/11/09	Don	(Jennifer Jimmerson's Step-dad)- responding well to his treatments for Liver cancer.

**Nursing Homes & Vet's Home Prayers:**

<b><u>Resident Name:</u></b>	<b><u>Where:</u></b>
Walter Botsch	Heritage of Bel-Air
Hazel Anson (Mother of John Lanz)	Heritage of Bel-Air
Marian Tennis	Homestead

Lynn Cox	Vet's Home
Evan Hughes	Vet's Home
Dr. James & Ara Jane Dunlap	The Meadows
Stan & Berniece Diehl	St. Joseph's
Eldorna Weise	St. Joseph's
Mabel Ray (Sister of Jane Neely)	Countryside in Madison

**PRAY FOR OUR**  
  
**MILITARY**

**Prayers for our Troops:**

Please pray for our Nebraska National Guard as they are being deployed to Iraq. May God guide and protect them as they give their lives to protect us.



*With Deepest Sympathy*

**Prayers of Sympathy:**

Our deepest sympathies go out to Dennis & Katherine Sateren and Gene & Carol Sateren and their entire family as they mourn the passing of Joseph Sateren. May God be with them and grant them love, peace and comfort during their difficult loss.

Our deepest and heartfelt sympathies go out to Michelle, Bob, Drew, & Mitch Dudley and their entire family as they mourn the passing of Michelle's mother. May God be with them and grant them all the peace and comfort they need during this difficult time.

(Please call the church office with any updates to your "Prayer Concerns". **We keep requests active for 4 weeks unless updated).**



## YOUTH GROUP NEWS!

Well, it's been almost a month since Shannon and I moved to Norfolk, and we absolutely love it. We were blown away by all the hospitality that has been shown to us. Norfolk may be a little smaller than Seattle, but it has much more of the things that matter – community values, friendly people, and a safe place to settle down and raise a family, not to mention a wonderful new church family. We are truly happy that God called us here.

The first month of 2010 youth group just wrapped up, and next month will be bringing some new changes. First of all, the junior high youth group, now called The Shift, will be meeting on Wednesday nights at 7:00, while the high school youth group, Zion, will be meeting on Tuesdays at 7:00. I surveyed all of the students to determine which topics interested them most, and I will be basing my teachings around their input.

As the New Mexico mission team prepares for their trip in July, we will be putting on various fundraisers to raise support. In February, Zion students going to New Mexico will be selling Barn Candles. These organic soy candles are handmade in Nebraska, and we will receive half of the proceeds from every candle that is purchased. Look for students selling candles at church on February 7<sup>th</sup>.

Once again, my wife and I would like to thank everyone for their warm welcome. We are so happy to be here and we are loving Norfolk.

In His Grips,  
Chad

### YOUTH ROOM IS OPEN WHEN CHAD IS AT THE CHURCH!

#### STARTING IN FEBRUARY 2010:

Youth Group will have a new schedule. It will be as follows:

**TUESDAYS: Zion - Sr. High Youth (9th-12th) will meet at 7 PM.**

**WEDNESDAYS: The Shift - Jr. High Youth (6th-8th) will meet at 7 PM.**

**SATURDAY, FEB. 20TH @ 7 PM: "I Don't Dance" (Alternative to Royalty night, down in the Youth Room.)**

#### **DATE CHANGE!!!! FRIDAY, FEB. 26TH & 27TH:**

Sr. High Youth Overnight Retreat starting at 5 PM Friday to NOON on Saturday in the Youth Room. More details to come.



## Happening This Month at 1st Presbyterian Church



### Tuesday Night Bible Discussion Group.

The Tuesday Night Bible Discussion Group is beginning the study of a book, **Becoming Good Samaritans**. The group is now meeting in the Community Room to begin each meeting with an introductory DVD. Come join us in our study.

### Coffee & Chatter group at Hy-Vee West.

The Coffee & Chatter group meets every Tuesday at 9 AM at Hy-Vee West. Everyone is invited. Come and share some good coffee and conversation with us!



### Coffee & Chatter



### Session Members

### Session to meet on February 8th!

The February meeting for Session will be held on Mon., Feb. 8th at 7 pm. If you are unable to attend this meeting please contact the church office.

### February Deacon's Meeting!

The Deacons now hold all monthly meetings on the **3rd Monday** of every month. The February meeting will be on Mon., Feb. 16th at 7:15 pm. If you are unable to attend this meeting please contact Rod Johnson or the church office.



### Choir Practice

### Choir Practice Continues!

The choir of First Presbyterian Church hold their weekly practices on Wednesdays. It's never too late to join the choir for their spring session. If you have any questions please contact our choir director, Greta Johnson.

### Committee Meetings to be held.

The various committees of FPC will hold their monthly February meeting on Mon., Feb. 1st at 7 pm. If you are unable to attend your committee meeting please contact the church office or your committee moderator. Thank you.



### Committee Meetings



### After School Program

### ASAP still going strong.

The After School Assistance Program here at FPC will resume their regular schedule on Mon., Jan. 4th at 3:30 pm. It will continue to run every Mon-Thurs. at this time, unless otherwise noted. Watch the church bulletin for updates and changes. And thank you so much for your generous service to the kids of our community.

### February 18 in *Effective Parenting*: "Teaching Obedience"

This month in *Effective Parenting in a Defective World!*: "God's Process for Teaching Obedience." Our goal: Our kids will become like Jesus! And Jesus, "Although he was a son, he learned obedience," *Hebrews 5:8*. Join our small group as we share our struggles, snack, watch the video by Chip Ingram, and compare notes on how to move forward in our families. Whining is allowed, but we may laugh! We meet on the third Thursday at 7:00 PM in the Community Room, and we've still got room. You can catch up with the video and book later, so start with us now! Babysitting is provided, so we'll see you on February 18!





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Find this newsletter and others on our website at:

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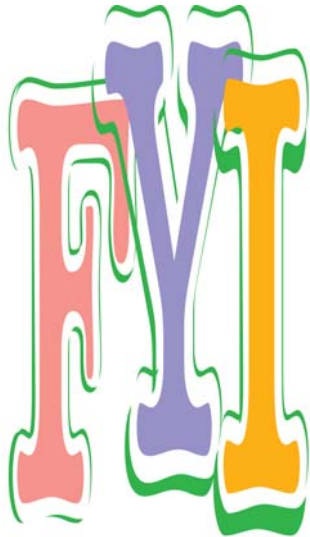
**ATTENTION-OFFICE ANNOUNCEMENT!**

**Regular Office hours: 8:30 am-3:30 pm.**

All Songs and Announcements for the bulletins need to be in the office no later than **Thursday @ 10 AM**, for Friday's printing, unless otherwise noted..



**Church  
Office Hours**



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**IMPORTANT INFO YOU SHOULD KNOW!**

Committee Meetings on **Monday, Feb. 1st @ 7 PM.**

**TUESDAYS in FEB.: ZION - Sr. High Youth (9th-12th) will meet at 7 PM.**

PW Coordinating Team Meeting on **Wednesday, Feb. 3rd @ 10 AM.**

**WEDNESDAYS in FEB.: THE SHIFT - Jr. High Youth (6th-8th) will meet at 7 PM.**

Session Meeting on **Monday, Feb. 9th @ 7 PM.**

Deacon's Meeting on **Monday, Feb. 16th @ 7:15 PM.**

Ash Wednesday Service on **Wednesday, Feb. 17th @ 6:30 PM.**

Presbytery Meeting on **Saturday, Feb. 20th from 10 AM to 3 PM.**

Psalm Service on **Wednesday, Feb. 25th @ 6:30 PM.**

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

The deadline for the **March** newsletter is **FEBRUARY 22ND!**

Any items received after this date will be included in the newsletter for the following month.



**PAYMENTS**

**Per Capita Payments.**

It's that time of year again when Per Capita payments are due. The Per Capita for this year is **\$31.81**. If you have any questions about your per capita payment feel free to contact the church office for more information. Thank you.

# FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

## REVIEW OF OFFERINGS VS. EXPENSES

<u>OFFERINGS &amp; INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
JANUARY thru 27th	JANUARY thru 27th	(\$5,039.08)
FEBRUARY	FEBRUARY	\$0.00
MARCH	MARCH	\$0.00
APRIL	APRIL	\$0.00
MAY	MAY	\$0.00
JUNE	JUNE	\$0.00
JULY	JULY	\$0.00
AUGUST	AUGUST	\$0.00
SEPTEMBER	SEPTEMBER	\$0.00
OCTOBER	OCTOBER	\$0.00
NOVEMBER	NOVEMBER	\$0.00
DECEMBER	DECEMBER	\$0.00
<b>YEAR-TO-DATE TO-TAL</b>	<b>YEAR-TO-DATE TO-TAL</b>	<b>(\$5,039.08)</b>
<b>\$23,799.32</b>	<b>\$28,838.40</b>	

Stewardship  
Planning



### **Offerings can last forever!**

Have you remembered God's work in your will? Our Stewardship committee will be happy to help you provide for His church with just a little planning. See Chuck Olsen or Brian Easland.

## CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!!



### **Congratulations Grandma Carol Keating!**

Carol's daughter Cati & husband Will Mendez welcomed a new baby boy, Breylin William, into their family on Wed. Jan. 20th. He weighed 8 lbs & is 20 in. long. May God bless & keep this child now & always!

### **Congratulations College Graduate!**

Megan Zittritsch, daughter of Jim & Joyce Zittritsch graduated from Nebraska Methodist College on December 18, 2009 with a Bachelor's of Science Nursing Degree. She passed her boards on January 22, and will be starting as a RN on the surgery/med floor of Lakeside Hospital in Omaha. She also plans to marry Craig Johnson on June 5, 2010 in Omaha.







### **Interior and Exterior House Painting**

Winter is a great time to look around the house and see which rooms need to be freshened up! Missions committee is doing a fundraiser for the Malawi Mission trip and we are looking for a few homes to either do interior or exterior painting. You supply the paint and we supply the labor. We have already booked two jobs so give us a call to schedule your home or business. **Prices may vary depending on the job. All proceeds will go towards the Malawi Mission trip.** Contact the following people to arrange jobs: Dave Gerharter—371-1732, Tom or Janell Welstead—675-1766, Paul or Ilana Heybrock—371-6668, Doug or Heidi Korth—371-7643, Joe or Jayne Mtika—844-3948, or Colleen Simpson—379-1137

### **Haiti Relief Donations**

If you would like to contribute to Haiti relief through the church, please designate "Haiti relief" on the envelope or check, and the Session will direct the money to help the Church-orphanage-school we have been supporting. If you would like to support them directly, please send your donations to:

**ESMI 13651 S. Biscayne River Dr. Miami, FL 33161**

**Memo: Earthquake Relief.**

You can also make your donation online at

**[www.pcusa.org/pda/](http://www.pcusa.org/pda/)** or by phone at

**1-800-872-3283** from 8 am to 6 pm. EST on weekdays.



## **Haiti Relief Mission Giving**



# Presbyterian Women

PW Coordinating Team **WILL MEET** on **Wed., Feb. 3rd @ 10 :00 AM**

Fiber Friends **WILL MEET** on **Thurs., Feb. 4th, 11th, & 25th @ 1:00 PM**

Naomi Circle **WILL MEET** on **Tues., Feb. 9th @ 12:00 PM @ Prenger's.**

Ruth Circle **WILL MEET** on **Thurs., Feb. 18th @ 1:15 PM** in the Narthex.

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## **Our Green-Fiber recycling bin needs your newspapers!**

Our Presbyterian Women sponsor the recycle bin in our parking lot. It turns out that we need a certain amount of recyclable paper each month for the bin to be provided free of charge, and even more so we earn money. Your newspaper, cardboard, and other kinds of waste paper are welcome!

## **JUST FOR YOUR INFO ABOUT OUR GREEN FIBER DUMPSTER**

Green Fiber has sent us a list of what is acceptable items for our dumpsters and what IS NOT.

Here is what is accepted: Phone Books, Newspapers, Office Paper, Paperback Books, Paper bags, Cereal & Kleenex Boxes, Pop & Beer boxes, Cardboard, & Magazines.

These items are NOT accepted: Glass, All Plastic, All Metal, Styrofoam, Trash, String, Feed Sacks, and especially Used Pizza Boxes or any other soiled food containers!

Please keep these in mind when you are bring in your recyclables and again **THANK YOU** for helping us take care of our earth and our church!

Three books from the library and trophy shelves in the hall of the Christian Education Unit that may not be new to some readers are available. To check them out use the system of writing your name, the name of the book, and the date on the tablets kept for that purpose.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE: BREAK DOWN ALL BOXES AND TAKE PAPER OUT OF PLASTIC BAGS BEFORE PUTTING IN DUMPSTERS! THIS MAKES MORE ROOM AND MORE WEIGHT IN OUR DUMPSTER. GREENFIBER HAS CALLED AND THEY DOCK OUR EARNINGS IF PLASTIC BAGS ARE FOUND IN THE DUMPSTERS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR RECYLING!**



Three books from the library and trophy shelves in the hall of the Christian Education Unit that may not be new to some readers are available. To check them out use the system of writing your name, the name of the book, and the date on the tablets kept for that purpose. Two books by Beverly Lewis tell another Amish story.

**The Postcard** begins the story. Information on the front and back covers is as follows:

“Her quaint Amish life was no match for his city ways until a remnant from her past united them . . . .

“Growing up Plain, Rachel Yoder dreamed of being a woman of confidence, like the hearty women and men of her ancestry. But unlike Gabriel Esh, her fiery great-uncle who preached out against age-old practices in the community and endured the shunning for his beliefs, Rachael was said to be “born shy.” After suffering the tragedy of early widowhood, she is so shadowed by grief that even her young daughter has trouble coaxing Rachel out of her shell.

“Philip Bradley’s arrival at the Orchard Guest House B&B would be called providential by certain folk in the Lancaster Amish community, for it is Philip who stumbles across a forsaken postcard in the crevice of an antique desk. A world-weary journalist, Philip finds his enthusiasm renewed at the challenge the postcard presents. Written in Pennsylvania Dutch and signed by an infamous Plain relative, the faded message leads Philip to the bed side of a woman with a tale of dark secrets and lost love.

Drawn to the ancient story, Philip and Rachel find their own lives inexorably intertwined. Will their discoveries give Rachael the courage to embrace the promise of healing and the hope of new love?”

**The Crossroad** concludes the story. Information on the front and back covers is as follows:

“Can their love dissolve the barrier between two vastly different cultures?

“After the dramatic conclusion to his discovery of a long lost postcard, journalist Philip Bradley simply cannot forget the Amish people he met while on assignment in Pennsylvania—particularly Rachel Yoder and her young daughter, Annie. Rachel’s cheerful outlook, in spite of her blindness, and her appealing, uncomplicated lifestyle beckon Philip amid the high-paced existence of his New York career.

“Philip’s newfound knowledge of the true reason for Rachel’s loss of sight spurs him on to uncover what he can about the possibility for a cure. In Lancaster County, Rachel has her own ideas about the way her vision might be restored, and it doesn’t include the local healer and his black box. No, Rachel firmly believes the God she serves is the only One who can grant her sight, but as the memories of the trauma she suffered begin to resurface, Rachel questions whether she can bear the agonizing road to recovery.

“Drawn back to Lancaster County over the Christmas holidays, Philip struggles with the vast gulf separating him from the beautiful Plain woman. Rachel has suffered unbearable heartache; will his growing affection for her only bring more of the same? Or must Philip and Rachel sacrifice a future together for the sake of all they know and love?”

**The Sound of Sleigh Bells by Cindy Woodsmall** is another Amish story. Information on the flyer inside the front cover and the back cover is as follows:

“Beth Hertzler is unable to let go of a past tragedy.

“Still in mourning, she cuts herself off from any hope of happiness.

“A gifted carver holds the answer to both her past and future in his hands—but can Beth move beyond yesterday and embrace a second chance of love?

“The author of the *New York Times* best selling **When the Soul Mends** tells a captivating story of two guarded hearts, the letters that unlock their secrets, and the surprise of healing grace.

“Beth Hertzler works alongside of her beloved Aunt Lizzy in their dry goods store and serves as a contact between Amish craftsmen and Englisher retailers. But remorse and loneliness still echo in her heart every day, and she still wears dark dresses to indicate her mourning of her fiancé. When she discovers a large, intricately carved scene of Amish children playing in the snow in an Englisher store, something deep inside Beth’s soul responds, and she wants to help the unknown artist find homes for his work.

“Lizzy sees the changes in her niece when Beth shows her the woodworking, and after meeting Jonah, the artist, she is determined that Beth come to know this man whose hands create healing art. But it’s not that simple—Beth has cut herself off from any possibility of romance. Will Lizzy’s elaborate plan to reintroduce her niece to love work? Will Jonah be able to offer Beth new hope and a second chance at real love—or just more heartbreak?



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Kim Rusk	5-Feb
Barb Beckmann	6-Feb
Seth Anderson	6-Feb
Sarah Zarek	6-Feb
Lucas Praeuner	7-Feb
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Steven Severson	8-Feb
Mandy Zittritsch	8-Feb
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Tilly Wimmer	11-Feb
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## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES!

Ira (Jim) and Jan DeWalt	12-Feb 45 yrs
Dave and Ann Spilman	14-Feb 17 yrs
Jack and Donna James	15-Feb 57 yrs
Paul and Ilana Heybrock	20-Feb 34 yrs
Darrell and Ruth Anderson	23-Feb 41 yrs
Eugene and Carol Sateren	26-Feb 38 yrs

*God's birthday and anniversary  
blessings to everyone!*