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Mar. 7th - COMMUNION: Coffee Host: Deacon- Betty Ediger

9:00 Greeters: Greg & Jody Anderson
Ushers: Ann Letheby, Darlene Finkhouse, & Dick Kautzman
11:00 Greeters: Dave & Janelle Gerharter
Ushers: Joe, Jayne, Emmanuel, & Wongoni Mtika

Mar. 14th: Coffee Host:

9:00 Greeters: Barb & Derek Beckmann
Ushers: Ann Letheby, Darlene Finkhouse, & Dick Kautzman
11:00 Greeters:
Ushers:

Mar. 21st: Coffee Host:

9:00 Greeters: Juanita Swanson
Ushers: Ann Letheby, Darlene Finkhouse, & Dick Kautzman
11:00 Greeters:
Ushers:

Mar. 28th-PALM SUNDAY: Coffee Host:

9:00 Greeters: Doug McElhose
Ushers: Ann Letheby, Darlene Finkhouse, & Dick Kautzman
11:00 Greeters:
Ushers:

Communion Servers for March 7th, 2010:

9:00 am: **Traditional** - Pat & Patricia McCollough, Aaron Walter, Angie Weber,
and Clark Froehlich
11:00 am: **Intinction** -
7:00 pm: **Maundy Thurs.:** - Bruce Shively, Kim Rusk, and Dave Unkel



ST. PATRICK'S DAY

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Spring Forward! And Work Together!

Sunshine at last! Will it last? Will winter come to an end? Will we really see green again? No matter what happened with the ground hog, it looks like Spring is breaking through at last!

Winter keeps us focused “internally.” Going outside is a temporary thing until March! So we bundle up, stay inside, and read, watch TV, and eat to stay warm. We focus on our own disciplines in Lent, prayer and fasting and meditation, the disciplines that no one can do for you. Loose, bulky winter clothing hides us from each other, and weather keeps us apart. We can hardly wait for better weather so we can get out and get away!

So does Spring mean we should leave our church behind? Every year, attendance drops off following Easter. The lure of the out-of-doors, the freedom to travel, and so many youth activities call us away so we see less of each other in Sunday worship. So what should we do about that? Perhaps we need to re-focus how we approach church life, away from just sitting in a Sunday service, toward doing things together during the week. And especially, doing those “good works” that make us feel good and that make a difference in our schools and community.

Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10:25

Five Norfolk churches are working together toward “Externally Focused Church.” A group of local pastors are studying, praying and planning for ways to bless our community in Jesus’ name. Not for “credit” or “marketing,” just to be a positive influence because of the love of Jesus Christ. We are starting to work with the schools and city. We want to find ways that volunteers can serve God and our community effectively as the economy takes resources away from their budgets. And we want to find ways to cooperate across “church” lines to solve common problems. Can we find ways to do good together—as He has already planned for us?

We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

Holy Week starts March 28. Palm Sunday will lead to daily noon lunch worship meetings on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, with Maundy Thursday Communion and Good Friday Tenebrae services in the evening. The readings will come from Luke 19-24, in which we will remember the central events of our faith: Jesus’ teachings, trials, death and resurrection. These events still inform and direct our lives today.

“The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.” Luke 24:7

March—Sunday Worship @ 9:00 Traditional & 11:00 Contemporary

Mar. 3	Weds. 6:30	<i>Weds. Lenten Worship</i> “Songs for a Wanderer”	Psalm 121
Mar. 7	<i>Lent 3</i>	“Why We’re not Mature in Christ”	Col. 2:8-2:23/ <i>Comm.</i>
Mar. 10	Weds. 6:30	<i>Weds. Lenten Worship</i> “Songs for God’s City”	Psalm 122-123
Mar. 14	<i>Lent 4</i>	“We Can be Transformed in Christ”	Col. 3:1-17/ <i>DST</i>
Mar. 17	Weds. 6:30	<i>Weds. Lenten Worship</i> “Songs for Surprises”	Psalm 124-125
Mar. 21	<i>Lent 5</i>	“Our Family Can be Transformed in Christ”	Col. 3:18-4:6
Mar. 24	Weds. 6:30	<i>Weds. Lenten Worship</i> “Songs for Surprises”	Psalm 124-125
Mar. 28	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	“The Proudest Day”	Psalm 118; Luke 19:28-40; Isaiah 50:4-9
Mar. 29	Mon. 12:00	<i>Lenten Lunch</i>	Luke 19:41-48 “The Day of Cleaning Up”
Mar. 30	Tues. 12:00	<i>Lenten Lunch</i>	Luke 20 “The Day of Reckoning”
Mar. 31	Weds. 12:00	<i>Lenten Lunch</i>	Luke 21 “The Day of Predictions”
April 1	Thurs. 7:00	<i>Maundy Thursday / Communion</i>	Luke 22:1-38 “Last Day Together”
April 2	Fri. 7:00	<i>Good Friday</i>	Luke 22:39-23:56 “The Longest Day”
April 4	Sunday 7 & 11	<i>Easter / Communion</i>	Luke 24:1-53 “The Brightest Day”
		<i>One Great Hour of Sharing collection</i>	

STATED SESSION MEETING - FEBRUARY 8, 2010

Elders present: Lee Torkelson, Jennifer Jimmerson, Greg Wendel, Ann Dover, Pat McCollough, Chuck Sintek, Tom Jones, Angela Amundson, Mark Johnson, Doug Korth, and Fern Bledsoe. Chuck Olsen was excused. Meeting opened with prayer at 7:05 pm & Jan 11, 2010 Session minutes were approved.

Clerk's Report: MSC at the Congregational meeting on Jan 24, 2010 (where 58 members were present, reaching a quorum at 10:10 am) to cease nominations for elders and install Fern Bledsoe and Tom Jones.

Following the motion, Pastor David Crawford installed Fern Bledsoe for the class of 2012 and Tom Jones for the class of 2011. Greg Wendel presided at the Corporate meeting on the same day. MSC to accept Mark Johnson, Tom Jones, Chuck Sintek, and Jennifer Jimmerson as officers. An email poll was done by Pastor Dave with approval of the elders of the month to approve TEC's use of the facilities March 4-7 and the three Sundays beforehand. Session received a "thank you" note from Ann Letheby .

Moderator's Report: Pastor Dave is scheduled for continuing education Feb 21-22, April 12-19, and June 16-23. February 21 starts the Lenten Wednesday services. An upcoming project will be to work on the church mission/vision statement for the fall.

Youth Director's Report: Chad Hanson's stated that mission trip fundraising has started with support letters and candle sales. Websites for the junior and senior high groups are ready to go online. The senior group is meeting on Tuesday evenings and currently has 15 members. The junior group is meeting Wednesday evenings with 30 members. Saturday, Feb 20th will be a movie night for the senior group as an alternative for Winter Royalty. MSC to allow 36 hours of prayer from 7pm April 2nd thru 7am April 4th (Easter Sunday). There will be a signup sheet available for anyone 7 years or older but only those 18 years and older will be allowed to participate after dark.

Personnel Report: Pat McCollough stated that Barb has given notice and we will begin to seek candidates for the position. The job description was reviewed and will now include web-site maintenance as a duty.

Deacon's Report: Lee Torkelson said new officers were elected in January: Heidi Korth- chair, Dennis Sateren-vice-chair, Barb Beckman- secretary, and Carolyn Brower – treasurer. It was noted that a list of new members would be helpful to them.

Evangelism Report: Jennifer Jimmerson said that t-shirts for the youth groups are in the works and that research was underway regarding a new church directory.

Worship Report: Fern Bledsoe suggested a joint meeting for traditional and contemporary services to coordinate planning and review the job description of the committee.

Mission Report: Doug Korth said the date for the garage sale is April 16th from 4-7 pm & April 17th from 8-2 pm. The raffle drawing will be April 18th with a chance at a Karl Reeder painting, "Out of Africa" jewelry, or a gift basket from Cuthills Vineyards. The committee has finished painting at the Powley's and is planning to start at the Arista Ranch soon.

Financial Stewardship Report: The financial stewardship commission met on 2/1/10 and had the following members present: Connie Kube, Mark Johnson, Tom Jones and Chuck Olsen. For 2010, \$180,000 has been pledged versus \$190,000 pledged in 2009. There was discussion about calling versus sending postcards to those who did not pledge. Scholarship letters to seniors will be going out soon. The committee is working on categorizing the endowments.

Treasurer's Report: We had \$30,834 in income (\$4,456 was received for mission) and \$34,460 in expenses in January.

Properties Report: Reliable Electric will be providing new bids, O'Keefe bill will be paid for the elevator repair but future work will be done by Eletech. Nick Tramp has volunteered as a new member of the committee.

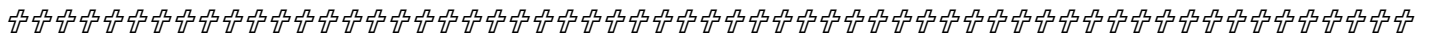
New Business: Committee notes are to be sent to the Clerk (Angela) ahead of Session meetings and the church secretary will photocopy and put together packets thereafter. All committee job descriptions will be reviewed at the next Session meeting per the moderator. New check signers will be Angela Amundson and Tom Jones to fill the two vacancies.

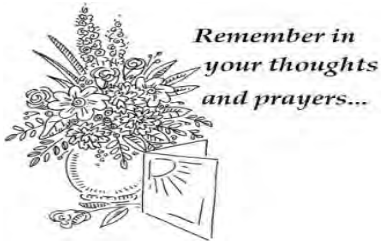
Old Business: Elder of the month listing was completed

Adjournment at 9:22 with the doxology. Next Stated meeting is March 8, 2010 at 7pm.

Angela Amundson

Clerk of Session





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:

<u>Date Received</u>	<u>For Whom:</u>	<u>Prayer Request For:</u>
02/24/10	Ruth Lutes	Fell & is in rehab.
02/24/10	Carol Keating	Tests came back with good results.
02/24/10	Terri Arrison	Finished chemo!
02/18/10	Will & Victoria Cuellar	(Friends of Pastor & Noreen)- Job loss, stress, & God's guidance.
02/16/10	Arloene Laskowski	Strengthening and self-restraint as she continues to heal at home, from broken ribs & a punctured lung.
02/10/10	Edie Noffke	(Coor of Kids Against Hunger)- In a bad car accident and is recovering from sore body & head.
02/10/10	Ann Spilman	Follow-up on heart repair.
02/06/10	Nick Kruger	(Nephew of Lana Rusk)- 17 years old; started in the Navy Boot Camp; his safety & well-being.
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	Melinda Molina	(Norma Rohlff's sister)- Diagnosed with Polymyalgia Rhuematica.
01/14/10	Joyce Hoferer	(Friend of Norma Rohlff)- Diagnosed with breast cancer.
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.
11/11/09	Don	(Jennifer Jimmerson's Step-dad)- responding well to his treatments for Liver cancer.

Nursing Homes & Vet's Home Prayers:

<u>Resident Name:</u>	<u>Where:</u>
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
Eldorna Weise
Mabel Ray (Sister of Jane Neely)

St. Joseph's
St. Joseph's
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.



CHURCH WOMEN UNITED OF NORFOLK
CELEBRATES
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
4TH AND PHILLIP
FRIDAY, MARCH 5TH @ 1:30 P.M.

PROGRAM THEME: LET EVERYTHING THAT HAS BREATH
PRAISE GOD!

Church Women United of Norfolk invites all women of faith to the annual World Day of Prayer Service Friday, March 5th at 1:30 P.M. at First United Methodist Church, 4th and Phillip Avenue.

World Day of Prayer is a world wide ecumenical movement of women of many faith traditions who come together every year to observe a common day of prayer the first Friday in March. The first organized day of prayer was held in 1920 in Canada and United States. For this year, 2010, the women of Cameroon in Africa developed the theme. LET EVERYTHING THAT HAS BREATH PRAISE GOD!

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



ZION YOUTH GROUP-SAVE THESE DATES!

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

SUN., MAR. 14TH: MISSION TEAM MEETING @ 3 PM.

SUN., MAR. 21ST: LEADERSHIP MEETING @ 3 PM.

NEW WEBSITE IS UP! CHECK IT OUT!

www.highschoolzion.com

ZION MOVIE NIGHT-MARCH 12TH!

Zion Youth Group will have a movie night in the youth room from 8 pm to 12 am. What movies will we be watching? Stay tuned for more details.



New Mexico Youth Trip Fundraiser

The New Mexico Mission Team will be having a **Chili Cook Off Fundraiser** on Saturday, March 20th at FPC. Prices are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students, 6 & under are free. Chefs that are willing to bring a pot of chili eat free and their chili will be judged. There will also be a dessert competition for the youth, so bring in those sweets. Hope to see you there! And thank you all for helping support our New Mexico Mission Team.

THE SHIFT YOUTH GROUP-SAVE YOUR DATES!

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

NEW WEBSITE: www.jrhightheshift.com



BOWLING NIGHT MARCH 5TH!

Bring \$10 and meet us at Kings Lanes at 6 pm for 2 hours of unlimited bowling. Bring a little extra cash for drinks & snacks. See you at the lanes!

Our Youth need your help!

The Youth Groups are looking for a refrigerator they can use to keep their pop and juice cold and for used Wii games. If anyone has a fridge or Wii games in good condition that they would be willing to donate, please contact the church office or Ann Dover. As always, Thank you for supporting the Youth of FPC!





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 March 8th!

The March meeting for Session will be held on Mon., March 8th at 7 pm. If you are unable to attend this meeting please contact the Clerk of Session, Angela Amundson or the church office.

March Deacon's Meeting!

The Deacons now hold all monthly meetings on the **3rd Monday** of every month. The March meeting will be on Mon., March 15th at 7:15 pm. If you are unable to attend this meeting please contact Heidi Korth 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 March meeting on Mon., March 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.

FPC's After School Assistance Program continues to run every Mon-Thurs. at 3:30 pm., 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.

March 18: "How to Discipline: Four styles of Effective Parenting"

This month in *Effective Parenting in a Defective World*: "How to Discipline." Every one grows up with different parents, prefers different approaches to discipline, and has experiences from growing up that they intend to avoid as parents. How can we raise our kids well when we start from such different places? Chip Ingram's video and study will help us learn how! We meet on the third Thursday at 7:00 PM in the Community Room, and we've still got room for newbies. You can catch up with the video and book later, so start with us now! Babysitting is provided, so we'll see you on March 18!





**The Newsletter
is Ready
Online!**

THIS NEWSLETTER IS AVAILABLE ONLINE!

Find this newsletter and others on our website at:

firstpresnorfolk.com/newsletter.htm.

Click on Information and then on Newsletter. From there you can pick from the last 3 months Newsletters. We will continue to send out the newsletter in it's paper form, but we do encourage everyone to check it out on the website. ****If you wish to no longer receive the paper copy of the monthly Newsletter please notify the office and we will send you an email alert letting you know when the current Newsletter and calendar is ready for your viewing. Call the office at 371-1635 or send an email to firstpresb@conpoint.com and we will put your name on our list for email notification.

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**

IMPORTANT INFO YOU SHOULD KNOW!

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

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

Psalm Service on Wednesday, March 3rd @ 6:30 PM.

WED. in MARCH.: THE SHIFT - Jr. High Youth (6th-8th) will meet at 7 PM.

PW Spring Meeting on **Saturday, March 6th @ 11:30 AM @ Prenger's.**

Session Meeting on **Monday, March 8th @ 7 PM.**

Staff Meeting on **Wednesday, March 10th @ 5 PM.**

Psalm Service on **Wednesday, March 10th @ 6:30 PM.**

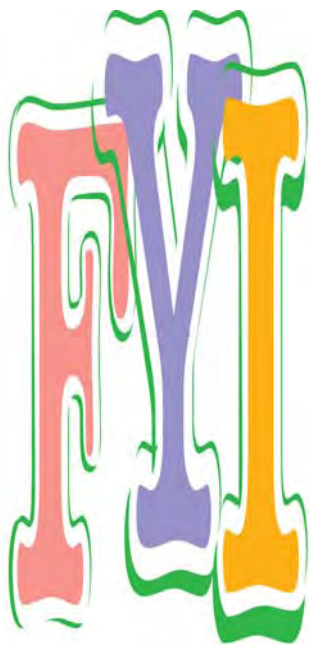
Deacon's Meeting on **Monday, March 15th @ 7:15 PM.**

Psalm Service on **Wednesday, March 17th @ 6:30 PM.**

Psalm Service on **Wednesday, March 24th @ 6:30 PM.**

START OF HOLY WEEK on PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28TH!

Lenten Lunch on **March 29th, 30th, & 31st @ 12 PM.**



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the **April** newsletter is **MARCH 26TH!** Any items received after this date will be included in the newsletter for the following month.



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

REVIEW OF OFFERINGS VS. EXPENSES

2010 Offerings vs Expenses

<u>OFFERINGS & INCOME</u>		<u>EXPENSES</u>		<u>DIFFERENCE</u>
JANUARY	\$30,833.69	JANUARY	\$34,459.55	(\$3,625.86)
FEBRUARY thru 24th	\$17,943.34	FEBRUARY thru 24th	\$20,186.89	(\$2,243.55)
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
YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL	\$48,777.03	YEAR-TO-DATE TOTAL	\$54,646.44	(\$5,869.41)

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 Tom Jones or Mark Johnson.



One Great Hour of Sharing Offering!

This is our denomination's special Easter offering, collected largely by our children filling the "fish" they receive in Sunday School. Where does it go? The [Presbyterian Hunger Program](#) receives 36 percent of undesignated One Great Hour of Sharing gifts, while the [Self-Development of People](#) and [Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#) each receive 32 percent. For more information, check the website at <http://www.pcusa.org/oghs/>.

In The Mailbag



Dear Members of First Presbyterian Church,

Thanks a million to all who responded to the message from the Tuesday evening bible discussion group to send me birthday cards. The cards just kept coming! The group had arranged a surprise for me Sunday morning, February 7th, with a beautifully decorated cake as a gift from them for the coffee hour, a basket for the cards and a vase with three rose buds. I truly was surprised to their delight! How can I thank you all enough for your great love. It was great, too, when the people attending that morning sang the happy birthday song to me before the service began.

Dorothy Richmond

Marching Musically into Easter

Just as merchants put out seasonal merchandise early, plans for special music for Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter are underway. I hope the selections will add to your worship experience on these most special days.



Palm Sunday, March 28

The Sunday School students will be singing at BOTH services as in the past. **Please have your student in the Kindergarten room by 9:50 AM.** We will sing through the song once, line up and go to the sanctuary to sing at 10 AM. The students should bring their One Great Hour of Sharing fish banks to return that day. They will also sing at the opening of the 11 AM service, so they will be finished about 11:10 AM. I'm excited to see how well they are learning the music, so I know you'll enjoy their talents!

In the 9 AM service, the Chancel Choir will be joined by 2 trumpet students from Norfolk High School. We are pleased to have them join us and add to the excitement of the day.

Good Friday, April 2

The Chancel Choir will share two selections as part of this evening service. One is set to the music of Beethoven's *Moonlight Sonata*. You will immediately recognize the song from the opening notes. It is a lovely piece with a text which is perfect for Good Friday or communion. The other selection "Of Tears and Sorrows" is based on the Isaiah 53:4-5 text, 'surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.' It also includes a *Kyrie eleison* (Lord, have mercy) section. These somber but passionate selections provide a rich contrast to the joy of Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

Easter Sunday, April 4

The 10 AM service will again host student trumpet players from the area, as well as our own Handbell Choir. The Chancel Choir anthem will include trumpets and handbells, as well as congregational singing. If there are enough Sunday School students who are available, we will also include them. Parents, please watch for a note which will come home with your student from Sunday School. I hope the music will add to the joy in your hearts on this very special day.

greta Johnson
Music Director

Mission Moment



Monile (Greeting)

The Malawi mission team has been busy learning a little of the Tumbuka language in preparation for the trip to our sister congregation at the Kaphuta Church. One of the questions I have been asked is "Why Malawi"? The answer to this question goes back several years when our session made the decision to partner with the Kaphuta Congregation. As a church body, we have been corresponding with, and exchanging gifts with our sister church in Malawi since that time. More recently, Pastor Dave and Joe Mtika attended the PC USA Malawi Mission Conference in Atlanta this August. What grew out of this conference was a goal for our church to send a group of members to live and worship with the Kaphuta Congregation. The Malawi mission team has answered the call of the session and pastor, to go and build relationships with our sister church.

The second question that I have been asked is "What will the mission team be doing when they go to Malawi this summer"? That is the question that we have been contemplating the last several months. The short answer is that it is our goal to begin building two things while in Malawi, a roof for the Presbyterian Women's Guild house, and a lasting relationship with our sister church. As part of the process of planning our trip, and as an aid to that planning, we have been studying the book "When Helping Hurts", by Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert. The book puts a focus on development of poverty stricken areas rather than just supplying money for relief efforts. We have learned that as an important step in helping in development is building relationships. We need to assess both the abilities and the needs of the community. Unfortunately it is also noted in the book that it's much easier to raise support when you tell someone that you are going to feed thousands of the poor, rather than telling them you are going to hang out and build relationships. This is something we all struggle with. In the end, we believe, the relationships built on this trip will be a benefit to both congregations for years to come.

Please keep our planning and upcoming trip in your prayers.

Pawemi (Goodbye)

Women of First Presbyterian Lunch
March 6, 2010
Prenger's
11:30 AM
"Excited for Mission"

Ordering from the menu followed by
conversation
With members of the Malawi Mission Team

A welcome outing after February's snows!





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

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

Presbyterian Women Ruth Circle **WILL MEET** on **Thurs., March 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.

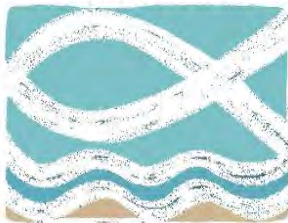
Here is what is accepted: Phone Books, Newspapers, Office Paper, Paperback Books, Paper bags, Cereal & Kleenex Boxes, Pop & Beer boxes, Cardboard, & Magazines.

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!

EVANGELISM

We want your input.



The Evangelism committee is looking into options for a new church directory. One idea is to have the church directory online. This would allow for updates to be made with any changes in membership that occur. Sensitive information could be password protected and we could decide what information to include. Typically photo package prices are raised significantly to cover the cost of providing free printed directories. We could keep the optional photo package prices lower if the directory was not printed. We would like the congregation's input before decisions are made. Please take the time to complete the following and return to the church by March 10th. Thank you!

COMMITTEE

Is it time for a new directory? Yes or No

Would you like to have the directory be online only? Yes or No

Why? Check all that apply.

I don't have a home computer.

I don't have internet service.

I am concerned about peoples' privacy.

I would like the directory updated monthly.

I would like the accessibility.

I like the paper copy.

Other _____

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Two new books that have been added to the library and trophy shelves in the hall of the Christian Education Unit are now available to readers. To check them out use the system of writing your name, the name of the book and the date on the tablet kept for that purpose. The two books are by Debbie Macomber. We have other books of hers in our collection: A three-part series featuring life in North Dakota along the Red River of the North—**Dakota Born, Dakota**

Home and Always Dakota.

The Shop on Blossom Street—Four Lives Knit Together.

The information on the back of the book states:

“Debbie Macomber tells women’s stories in a way no one else does. She has a ‘gift’ for understanding the souls of women.” --Book Page

“There’s a little yarn shop on Blossom Street in Seattle. It’s owned by Lydia Hoffman, and it represents her dream of a new life from cancer. A life that offers a chance at love . . .

“Lydia teaches knitting to beginners, and the first class is ‘How to make a Baby Blanket.’ Three women join. Jacqueline Donovan wants to knit something for her grandchild as a gesture of reconciliation with her daughter-in-law. Carol Girard feels that the baby blanket is a message of hope as she makes a final attempt to conceive. And Alix Townsend is knitting her blanket for a court-ordered community service project.

These four very different women, brought together by an age-old craft, make unexpected discoveries—about themselves and each other. Discoveries lead to friendship ad more . . .”

The next book, **A Good Yarn**, continues the story with the people introduced in the above book and introduces new people who sign up for a new class to learn how to knot.

The book was not available to me when I checked out the other two and seems to be missing without anyone signing it out. If you have the book, we would appreciate it if you returned it to the selves for others to read. The next book continues the story with some of the same people involved and introducing others. It can be read and enjoyed without the second book as I have done.

Back on Blossom Street—Where Love and Friendship Bloom.

The information on the back of the book states:

“Blossom Street—where you’ll find everything you’re looking for! From yarn to flowers to friendship . . .”

“There’s a new shop on Seattle’s Blossom Street—a flower store called Susannah’s Garden, right next door to A Good Yarn. Susannah Nelson, the owner, has just hired an assistant named Colette Blake, a young widow who’s obviously hiding a secret—or two.

“When Susannah and Colette both join Lydia Goetz’s new knitting class, they discover that Lydia and her sister, Margaret, have worries of their own. Margaret’s daughter, Julia, is the victim of a random carjacking, and the entire family is thrown into emotional chaos.

“Then there’s Alix Townsend, whose wedding is only months away. She’s not sure she can go through with it, though. A reception at the country club, with hundreds of guests she’s never met—it’s just not Alix. But, like everyone else in Lydia’s knitting class, she knows there’s a solution to every problem . . . and that another woman can usually help you find it!”

“These involving stories, along with Macomber’s familiar characters, continues the Blossom Street themes . . . that readers find so moving.”

A little background about the author and her stories is found in the first book: “Dear Reader: My life is filled with passions, and the strongest is knitting. I’ve had a pair of knitting needles in my hands from the time I was twelve and intermittently knitted while raising my four children. However, it wasn’t until my grandchildren started to arrive that I fell so passionately in love with knitting. This fire was stoked by two wonderful friends, Linda Johnson, who owns Linda’s Knit ‘n’ Stitch in Silverdale, Washington, and Laura Early, a lifelong knitter and yarn connoisseur. Laura heads up the knitting and crocheting group at the local senior center, and cajoles and bullies me into one project after another. Both friends have blessed my life.”



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James and Stephanie Horn	30-Mar 14 yrs

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



*Special Anniversary wishes to Bob & Michelle
Dudley! May God continue to bless you both now
and always!*