

# The Good News Gazette

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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**February 2010**

**Lent starts February 17 and we will be holding an Ash Wednesday service at 7:30 PM which will include the burning of the ashes as a special remembrance.**

**(See the article by our Music and Worship Team.)**

## **CONGREGATIONAL VISIONING MEETINGS**

Our Mission Study Team, chaired by Janet Haislip, will be sponsoring 2 *Congregational Visioning Meetings* within the next 2 months: one on February 21, and the other on March 14, both of at 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. These will be pot-luck gatherings after church--where all of our members and friends will have the chance to give input on 6 important questions affecting the life of our Church for now and into the future. The program will include one-on-one interviews, small group discussion, and the chance for every person to indicate their priorities on newsprint. Needless to say, it will be important for you and your family to be present for these direction-setting events! Watch for a letter and more information, but for now mark these dates on your calendar: *February 21* and *March 14!*

## **NEW VISION, NEW STRENGTH**

BIBLE STUDY FOR ADULTS AND YOUTH

1. Friday, February 5- *Alive From the Dead*, Ephesians 2: 1-10
2. Friday, February 12- *Barriers Down*, Ephesians 2: 11-22
3. Friday, February 19- *Who Will Get the Word Out?* Ephesians 3: 1-13
4. Friday, February 26- *The Strength Within*, Ephesians 3: 14-21

Our bible study consists of ten study sessions on Ephesians.  
(1/22/10 – 3/26/10)

Join us in the library on Friday evenings from 7:00 till 8:30.

*Everyone is welcome!*

# **ROAST BEEF DINNER – MARCH 20, 2010**

**4:00 to 7:00 P.M.**

Can you believe it's already time to start getting ready for our next church dinner fund-raiser. If you can, please set aside the time to join us in preparing and serving another delicious meal. Here is a list of the dates and activities:

Mar. 13, at 9:00am - Kitchen/Dining Room Clean-up. Please speak to Jerry Sutherland (469-4166 or 469-4311) if you are able to help.

Mar. 18, at 9:00am - Preparation of coleslaw. Please speak to Carol Ravert (469-2997).

Mar. 19, at 9:00am - Preparation of potatoes & dining room set-up. Please speak to Joan Ribando (469-4208).

Mar. 20, at 3:30pm - Servers and other helpers arrive for last minute instructions and prayer. Please speak to Marsha Seymour (469-4311) to volunteer.

The dessert will be applesauce cake. We will provide a church pan and recipe, if you supply the ingredients. Please speak to Rosemary Eckard (469-6425) if you are willing to bake.

Volunteers are also needed the day of the dinner to wait on tables or work in the kitchen. Please speak to Marsha Seymour (469-4311). Also see Marsha if you need tickets.

Our Women's Council will sponsor a bake sale at the dinner and would appreciate your donation of any type of homemade goodies.

As you can see by the many requests made for your time and talents, the success of these dinners depends on your participation. We thank you for your continued support and hope to see you at our March 20th Roast Beef Dinner!!!

Dinner Co-Chairpersons: Marsha Seymour & Jerry Sutherland

**BE YE FISHERS OF MEN.....  
YOU CATCH THEM & HE'LL CLEAN THEM**

## **Music and Worship Team Shares:**

To increase your love for and your gratitude to Jesus Christ our Savior for what He accomplished on the cross of Calvary – we invite you to pick up one of the following **devotional booklets for Lent** you will find on the back table in the sanctuary:

Where in the World is God? for individuals or  
Shaped By Love for families

We encourage one and all to join us in an **Ash Wednesday Service, 7:30 PM, February 17**, which will include the burning of our sins written on slips of paper. Rev. Wondra will prepare and lead this service.

Also: Join us as we walk the way to the cross with Jesus during weekly **Noon-Hour Luncheon devotionals starting February 24**. We will be asking you to participate in dialogues relating to the Lenten season; these noon-time mini worship series have always been a wonderful source of reflection and encouragement to all who attend. *Please join us!!* Bring your lunch as we fellowship around the table; coffee will be provided. *Hope to see you there! Come and be blessed!*

## **One Great Hour of Sharing**

During the upcoming Lenten season, our church will once again participate in the One Great Hour of Sharing program (OGHS). Please watch for posters hung in hallways, bulletin inserts and other materials, which will explain the various programs supported by OGHS.

More than sixty years ago, American Christians joined together to respond to the worldwide devastation caused by World War II. Recognizing what a difference we can make when we work together in Christ's name, Presbyterians have continued to support One Great Hour of Sharing ever since. In response to Jesus' call, "Feed my sheep," our gifts to the offering support the ministries of Self-Development of People, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

In sharing resources with people in need around the world, we not only witness God's love in action in *their* lives; we feel it moving in our own.

# DAFFODIL DAYS

The American Cancer Society is asking us to participate in its Daffodil Days fund raiser. Orders for daffodils can be placed on the sign-up sheet in the library.

Potted Plant	\$10
Cut Flowers (10 per bunch)	\$10
Bear + a Bunch	\$25
Gift of Hope (flowers donated to healthcare facility)	\$25

Final date for orders is February 28<sup>th</sup>. Delivery will be week of March 15, 2010 and must be picked up at church.

Please make your check payable to the American Cancer Society and pay when you place your order.

## WOMEN'S COUNCIL NEWS

Come join us on Tuesday, February 2nd at 1 p.m. for our annual Valentine's Day meeting. We make homemade cards for shut-ins, folks far away, college students, friends in the military, past ministers, and others needing a little love on Valentine's Day. We enjoy being creative and personal with these cards and need many hands to help with this gift of love. Marsha Seymour will have the devotions and provide the materials for the cards and Carol Ravert has refreshments. We always have a great time and really want to see you there. If you have a friend who may be interested in this program, please bring them along!

WHEN PRAYING, DON'T GIVE GOD  
INSTRUCTIONS ..... JUST REPORT FOR DUTY

## **2009 Team Chairs and Co-Chairs**

### **Ministering to the People**

**Music and Worship Team:** Maggie Johnson (469-4268)  
Marsha Seymour (469-4311)

**Christian Education and Youth Team:** Janet Writer (469-2578)

**Mission and Outreach Team:** Sara Green (469-2975)

**Stewardship and Finance:** John Ravert (469-1801)

**Buildings and Grounds Team:** Jerry Sutherland

**We are always looking for our brothers and sisters in Christ to help us serve the Lord. Want to join a team in our church? Please contact the team chair/co/chair. We look forward to working with you in the Lord's ministry.**

**Interim Minister:** Gerald Wondra: Church (469-4877)  
Manse (469-4281)

**Clerk of Session:** Scott Vogt (469-3068)  
**Moderator of Deacons:** Matt Van Der Meulen (469-6427)  
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