



IN TOUCH

March 2010

2010 SESSION

Rev. Clark Vincent

Moderator

Bernie Krecklow

Clerk

David Fisher

Mary Halverstadt

Sam Henderson

Kerry Kerr

Rocky Newton

Diane Powell

Nancy Sharp

CHURCH INFORMATION

Services:

Café Faith: 9:00a.m.

Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Offering:

Adult, Youth & Children Ministries

Bible Studies

Music Ministries

Community Service Activities

National & International Outreach

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CLARK'S CORNER

It's hard to believe but we will be in our fourth week of eggs by the time you receive this newsletter. What's also hard to fathom is that we are fast approaching Holy Week and Easter. I have a new and exciting opportunity for you during Holy Week. On Monday night, March 29th at 6:30 pm. Beit Hallel, Jewish Christian Church in Kernersville, and First Presbyterian will hold a joint Seder Meal in our Fellowship Hall.

I know the leaders of Beit Hallel well through my participation with the Ministerial Association Mike, Kevin and Bonnie are well versed in the Old Testament and the relationship of the Old Testament to the New Testament. They read Hebrew fluently, are excited to help lead us through an authentic Seder Meal and believe in Jesus or Yeshua as their Lord and Messiah. You are in for a real treat!

A Seder Meal is eaten in celebration of the Passover. The Jewish Passover commemorates the time in Israel's history when God spared or "passed over" the people of Israel while in captivity in Egypt and saved their first born sons from death. However the eldest sons of Egypt all died as a result of God's judgment upon the Egyptians for not allowing Israel to go free. It was during the celebration of Passover that Jesus

celebrated his last supper with the disciples and was betrayed, arrested and crucified.

This very special meal helps us to reenact the time of the Passover and enables us to better understand God's love, protection and mercy. It will be jointly led by me and a leader from Beit Hallel.

As a church we are responsible for providing the meal which follows the service. Chicken, two vegetables and salad are to be provided by us. **There is to be no pork such as ham in the vegetables and no bread products.** Beit Hallel will provide the dessert and everything needed for the Seder Meal. Please plan on 2 to 2 1/2 hours for the Seder Meal and the Fellowship Dinner that follows. This is a celebration for the entire family. So bring the kids. The Outreach and Worship Committees will be working together to plan the fellowship meal. **Reservations are required.** Please contact Jane Dull by calling her at 993-7358 to let us know if you are planning on attending.

In addition to the Seder Meal on Monday, March 29, we will also hold our **traditional Tenebrae Service on Thursday, April 1 at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary.** Once again we will need readers to read scripture for this service. Please let Jane or me know

if you are willing to read for the Tenebrae Service.

I am also assuming that Bunker Hill Methodist Church will lead the community in the **Annual Cross Walk observance on Good Friday from the North Main Food Lion.** If you have not participated in this walk, you have missed out on a very special event. For those who can't walk the entire route, a van will be available on the route to pick you up and take you to the gazebo at Mt. Gur cemetery where the walk ends or back to Food Lion.

The week would not be complete without **celebrating the resurrection of Christ. Easter Service will be held Sunday, April 4 at 10:30 am.**

There's a lot going on this time of year. In addition to what has already been mentioned, we continue with Financial Peace University, Disciples Bible Study, Eggs, Kids in Christ, Wednesday Youth Nights, Men's Group and planning for the Intergenerational Mission Trip this summer. Thanks for all that you do in supporting the work of Christ here at First Presbyterian!

Yours in
Christ's Service,

Clark

CELEBRATE!Birthdays

| | | |
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| Mar | 3 | Bert Schermer |
| | 5 | Bernie Krecklow |
| | 9 | Kay Sudderth |
| | 10 | Gene Langdon |
| | 12 | Paige Evans |
| | 13 | Jim Nicholson |
| | 14 | Ginger Clark |
| | 22 | Jean McCracken |
| | 28 | Faye Hodges |
| | 29 | Hilary Wheelless |
| 30 | Hamp Langdon | |
| Apr | 1 | Eileen MacHardy |
| | 2 | Kitty Thach |
| | 11 | Ken Downing |
| | 13 | Nancy Bolen |
| | | Clark Vincent (Rev.) |
| | 29 | Gil Sheets |

Anniversaries

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| Mar | 1 | A.W. & Lucy Dillon |
| | 2 | Norman & Lynda Self |
| | 3 | Andy & Faye Hodges |
| Apr | 9 | David & Jennifer Fisher |
| | 10 | Bob & Donna Myers |
| | 18 | Ed & Christina Downing |
| | 21 | Allan & Winnie Theobald |

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 1
Maudy Thursday
Tenebrae Service

April 4
Easter

April 24
Mission Fundraiser
featuring:
Triad Harmony Express
Spaghetti Dinner
Silent Auction
Live Auction

May 2
Piano Recital
featuring:
Student of Cathy Hill

June 20-24
Vacation Bible School

July 25-31
TeamEffort Mission Trip
to Ocean Isle, NC

**PRAYER LIST****(AS OF FEBRUARY 27, 2010)****HEALTH CONCERNS**Members:

Mary Butler (back issues)
Floyd Conrad (cataract surg. 2/17); Konnie Conrad (recuperating from skin cancer surg. on 2/11)
A.W. Dillon (diagnosed with rare type of lymphoma and two types of myeloma – undergoing chemotherapy)
Nathan Eagle (liver & kidney concerns)
Kerr Jack Kerr (pulmonary fibrosis)
Hodges Andy Hodges (recuperating after hip replacement surg. on Feb 22, 2010 at Forsyth Hosp., Rm. 7117); Catherine Mitchell (Faye's mother – recuperating from gallbladder surg. Sun., 1/17/10)
Diane Powell (cellulitis/infection in knee and undergoing chemo treatments)
Allan Theobald (eye surg. 2/10)
Anne Waddell (recuperating from knee replacement surg. Mon., 1/18/10)
Dale Watts (doing well and recuperating from shoulder surg. on Jan 29)

Friends:

N. Bolen Hilda Smitherman (broken arm); Paul Spainhour (broken ankle); Joanne Morgan (collarbone surg.); Joann Powers (reoccurrence of cancer); Reba Myers; Richard Hill; Charlie & Dot Ervin; Dan Idol; Johnny Hatfield
Budkey Becky Adams (co-worker – chemo for leukemia)
Conrad Kathy Hoppes (daughter – ultrasound showed lg. Gallstone and 2 cysts on liver); Rev. Noah O'Dell (Konnie's brother-in-law – cataract surg.); Gayle Downing (Konnie & Ken's cousin's wife – Advanced breast cancer); John Conrad (Floyd's son - leg surg. not healing well); Jerry O'Dell (Konnie's nephew – bitten by a brown recluse spider and not doing well); Barbara Ivy (Avon associate of Konnie's – return of cancer)
Cronin Keith Stewart (friend of Terry's - throat cancer tests on 2/9)
Demaree Vinnie Digalermo (5 yr. old with severe cancer)
M. Downing Wilma Brewer (Mary's grandmother – broken nose and foot)
D. Fisher Sharyn Bebe (victim of earthquake in Haiti - hospitalized in Florida with a broken back)
K. Fisher Nelda Manna (Kathy's daughter – TMJ)
Krecklow Sid Pegram (triple by-pass surg. & lung problems)
Mahood Nancy James (at Forsyth Hosp. with pneumonia)
Powell Sandra Wimmer (Diane's cousin – multiple health concerns)
Self Cindy (David Nelson's sister in Atlanta – cancer)
G. Sharp Marge Myers (Gerry's sister – health issues)
S. Sharp Judy Cairns (fellow employee at Wachovia – cancer and undergoing chemo)
Stikeleather Sharon Kiser (Tom's secretary at Lucent – breast and bone cancer)
Thach Matt Sattazahn (cancer); Nick Border (Kitty's grandson – injury to hands – further surg.)
Watts Steve Riggs (seizure, massive heart attack); Kirk McIntosh (cancer)
Vincent Nancy Race (a friend of Anita Berrier – breast cancer)

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Irene Mahood (90 yrs young on Feb 3)
Demaree Roger Gibbs (out of hospital and improving)
Thach Dan Semic (successful surg. - cancer free)
Waddell Thank you to all for all the prayers and kind gestures
Jennifer Neal (2 yr. old granddaughter of Egg customer, Crystal Neal – just removed from ventilator at Brenner Children's Hospital)

SPECIAL CONCERNS

Victims of the Earthquake in Haiti and Chile
Conrad Carrie Conrad (daughter-in-law – job search); Maj. Dani Johnson (service in Haiti)
S. Downing Frank Downing (job search)
Vincent Steve Young (deployed to Afghanistan – you can write to Steve at Stephen.Young@kdab.afcent.af.mil)

Dale Martin (caregiver – fell on ice at church)

SYMPATHIES EXTENDED TO

Conrad The Family of Lila Jane & Dan Johnson (Loss of 4 mo. old niece from SIDS)
Triad Harm. Exp. The Family of Nate Pendley (loss of mother)

Worship Schedule

Greeters

Mar 7, 14 A.W. & Lucy Dillon
21, 28 David & Jennifer Fisher

Apr 1, 4 Mary Halverstadt, Bob Howell
11, 18, 25 Hamp Langdon, Kae Mattingly

Ushers (head usher in bold)

Mar **Deryel Clark**, Ginger Clark,
Dale Watts, Bradin Routh

Apr **Rocky Newton**, Marcia Newton,
Winnie Theobald, Elizabeth Kerr

Lay Readers

Mar 7 Bob Howell
14 Kerry Kerr
21 Phyllis Sterling
28 Dottie Roudabush

Apr 4 Norma Stikeleather
11 Nancy Bolen
18 Mary Downing
25 Marilyn Demaree

Acolyte

Mar (entire mo.) Youth

Apr (entire mo.) Youth

Nursery

Mar 7, 14 Kerri Clapper, Megan Tincher
21, 28 Debra Schaben, Drew Evans
Apr 1, 4 Ruth Kerr, Dale Watts
11, 18 Jennifer Fisher, Megan Tincher
25 Kerri Clapper, Drew Evans

Element Preparation

Feb 14 Deryel & Ginger Clark

Mar 14 Konnie Conrad, Mary Halverstadt

Assisting Elders

Mar 14 Norma Stikeleather, Burch Idol,
Dottie Roudabush, Norman &
Lynda Self

Apr 1 (Maundy Thu) Gil Sheets, Norma Stikeleather,
Tom Parker, Nancy sharp, Anne
Waddell

18 Kae Mattingly, Phyllis Sterling,
Floyd Conrad, Rusty Sudderth,
Rocky Newton

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Feb 8 Stated Session


- Session Committees participated in the Church Volunteer League Draft modeled after the NFL Draft to recruit new committee members. The draft was very successful. Negotiations with draft choices are progressing. The committees are looking forward to doing God's work more effectively in 2010. The commissioner is likely to hold another draft next year.
- Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 20-24. The Christian Education is evaluating curriculum. The committee is also making a concerted effort to schedule more monthly activities for younger youth.
- Lights and ballasts in the Fellowship Hall were replaced.

Feb 21 Called Session

- Approved baptism of William James Bolen.
- Discussed possible removal of pine trees between the church and the manse.
- Discussion of having a Seder Meal on March 29, 2010.

Growing Together

As we renew ourselves during the season of Lent, some of our Sunday School classes are doing the same thing. Our *Exploring the Scriptures, Transition and Foundations of Faith* (Library) classes are all addressing who Christ is in their lives and how to let Him work through each of us. We invite those who have not found a Sunday School class yet, to do so. Now is a great time to join. If you have any questions, contact Amy Evans at the church or at edudir@firstpreskville.org.

 Mini-VBS this month will be on **Tuesday**, March 3rd at 5:30am. We will be doing something a little different this month at KIC. After meeting at the church, we will be taking our kids to the Christian Skate at Skate World. We will be covering costs for admissions and providing dinner. We should be returning to church by 8:00pm. We are still in the "Bring a Friend" campaign. The child who brings the most *first time friends* from December through May will win a prize at the final Mini-VBS gathering. Because we are going off site we will need a head count of all those planning on going. Please let Amy Evans now if you are planning on coming.

Hopefully, warm weather is around the corner and with that comes an array of community ministries. Mark your calendars and come out and enjoy these events with your FPC family:

- February 28th Mission Trip Interest meeting following church. At print time we have 16 youth going to the North Carolina Coast from July 25th - 31st. We hope that you will start praying for this ministry.
- April 24th Barbershop Concert- Spa-

ghetti Dinner – Mission Auction We will be selling tickets for this wonderful Italian dinner. This will be a major fundraiser for our mission trip. Please mark your calendars for this fun evening. Look out for sales of tickets for dinner.

- **June 20th-24th A Galactic Blast** will be coming to our Vacation Bible School. We are excited about this year's program. It has wonderful crafts, great music, yummy food, interactive Bible stories and outrageous games. This year we will also have a science lab and will conduct our own experiments. We hope your little one and their friends will enjoy this week with us.
- **July 25th-31st will be our Mission Trip with TeamEffort.** We will be heading to the North Carolina coast helping less fortunate families with painting, light construction, yard work, etc. We will again send home daily blog's to allow you to experience our events as we live them.

Just as a reminder, I am in the office Tuesday mornings, Wednesday afternoons and evenings and some Thursday mornings. If you need me, please stop by the church office during one of these times or email me at edudir@firstpreskville.org or finally you can contact me at the church 993-7270, home 854-4472 or my mobile 580-2093. If I am not available when you call leave a message and I will return your call as quickly as I can.

Amy Evans

Christian Education Director

Financial Update

(At the time of publication, February 2010 financials had not been finalized.)

Year-to-Date
as of January 31, 2010

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| Cash Received | \$ 9,532.68 |
| Expenses | <u>11,366.67</u> |
| Shortage | <u>(\$ 1,833.99)</u> |

March 2010

| S U N | M O N | T U E | W E D | T H U | F R I | S A T |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 10:00a EGGS 1:00p Piano Lessons-CH 6:30p Sweet Adelines 7:00p Outreach Cmte. Mtg. | 9:30a FPC Staff Mtg. 10:00a EGGS 4:00p Wt. Watchers 5:30p KIC - Christian Skate Night at Skate World 7:30p Worship & Music Mtg. Triad Harm. Exp | 9:00a <u>Bulletin Deadline</u> Wt. Watchers 10:00a Adult Bible Study 7:30p Adult Choir | 10:00p EGGS 1:00p Piano Lessons-CH 2:00p S&F Meeting 6:30p Financial Peace University Course | Office Closed 11:00a Piano Lessons-CH | 8:00a Wt. Watchers 8:30a Mens & Womens Bible Study 9:30a Wt. Watchers | |
| 7-3rd Sunday in Lent 9:00a Café Faith 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | |
| 10:00a EGGS 1:00p Piano Lessons-CH 6:30p Sweet Adelines 7:00p Stated Session | 9:30a FPC Staff Mtg. 10:00a EGGS 4:00p Wt. Watchers 6:30p Jr. Chimers 7:15p Adult Handchimes 7:30p Triad Harm. Exp | 9:00a <u>Bulletin Deadline</u> Wt. Watchers 10:00a Adult Bible Study 7:30p Adult Choir | 10:00a EGGS 1:00p Piano Lessons-CH 6:30p Financial Peace University Course | 11:00a Piano Lessons-CH | 8:00a Wt. Watchers 8:30a Womens Bible Study 9:00a Mens Gathering 9:30a Wt. Watchers | |
| 14-4th Sunday in Lent Communion 9:00a Café Faith 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service Daylight Saving Time begins | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | |
| 10:00a EGGS 1:00p Piano Lessons-CH 6:30p Sweet Adelines | 9:30a FPC Staff Mtg. 10:00a EGGS 4:00p Wt. Watchers 6:30p Jr. Chimers 7:00p Mission Cmte. Mtg. 7:15p Adult Handchimes 7:30p Triad Harm. Exp | 9:00a <u>Bulletin Deadline</u> <u>Newsletter Deadline</u> Wt. Watchers 10:00a Adult Bible Study 5:30p Youth Gathering 7:30p Adult Choir | 10:00a EGGS 1:00p Piano Lessons-CH 1:30p PW Mtg. 6:30p Financial Peace University Course | 11:00a Piano Lessons-CH | 8:00a Wt. Watchers 8:30a Mens & Womens Bible Study 9:30a Wt. Watchers | |
| 21-5th Sunday in Lent 9:00a Café Faith 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | |
| 10:00a EGGS 1:00p Piano Lessons-CH 6:30p Sweet Adelines | 9:30a FPC Staff Mtg. 10:00a EGGS 4:00p Wt. Watchers 6:30p Jr. Chimers 7:15p Adult Handchimes 7:30p Triad Harm. Exp | 9:00a <u>Bulletin Deadline</u> Wt. Watchers 10:00a Adult Bible Study 7:00p CE Cmte. Mtg. 7:30p Adult Choir | 10:00a EGGS—Last Day 12:00p Catered EGGS Luncheon 1:00p Piano Lessons-CH 6:30p Financial Peace University Course | 11:00a Piano Lessons-CH | 8:00a Wt. Watchers 8:30a Womens Bible Study 9:00a Mens Gathering 9:30a Wt. Watchers | |
| 28-Palm Sunday 9:00a Café Faith 9:15a Sunday School 10:30a Worship Service | 30 | 31 | | | | |
| 1:00p Piano Lessons-CH TBA Seder Meal | 9:30a FPC Staff Mtg. 4:00p Wt. Watchers 6:30p Jr. Chimers 7:15p Adult Handchimes 7:30p Triad Harm. Exp | 9:00a <u>Bulletin Deadline</u> Wt. Watchers 10:00a Adult Bible Study 7:00p CE Cmte. Mtg. 7:30p Adult Choir | | | | |

To my Church Family:

Words cannot express my gratitude for all the expressions of love I received during my recent knee replacement surgery. The prayers, calls, cards, visits and delicious food left me completely speechless. I was overwhelmed with love.

Thank you.
Anne Waddell



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