



# February 2009

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<b>1</b> Confirmation Mtg.  Beacon Super Bowl Party	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Circle 1	<b>4</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Presbytery Meeting @ CUMC
<b>8</b> "Pennies for Hunger" Covered Dish Lunch  Souper Bowl of Caring Party	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> BCM Study  Choir Rehearsal	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> Session Mtg. Beacons resume regular schedule	<b>16</b> Newsletter Articles Due	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>19</b> Keenagers to Shelton Vineyard	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Confirmation Mtg.  Beacon Movie Night	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> BCM Study  Ash Wed. Service  Choir Rehearsal	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>

# Beacon News

## Souper Bowl of Caring Party

The Beacons will join the youth from Grace Moravian, First Baptist & Central Methodist to count all the cans of soup we've collected, share in a time of fellowship, dinner and music. Meet at First Presbyterian at 5:15 p.m. on **Sunday, February 8th. Parents: Please pick up at First Baptist at 7:00 p.m.**

## Looking for Beanbag Chairs...

The Beacons are looking for several beanbag chairs. Ours were stolen when the Lighthouse was vandalized last year. If you can be of any assistance, please let Shasta or one of the youth advisors know.

## Beacon Super Bowl Party

All Beacons are invited to Mark & Shasta's house to watch the Super Bowl on **Sunday, February 1st**, at 5:30 p.m.

## Movie Night in the Tiki Room Theater

Hey Beacons! Come on over to the Brown's (169 Beechtree Circle) house on **Sunday, February 22** from 5:30-8:30 p.m. We'll watch a movie, have some good movie eats, and a discussion to follow. Hope to see you there!

## Beacons Resume Regular Schedule

The Beacons will begin meeting in the Lighthouse on Sunday evenings on **Sunday, February 15th**. Make plans to be there as we begin a great year together.

## The College Connection

The Evangelism Ministry Team needs help in getting an up-to-date list of all of our college students. We want to send support packages during exams, keep contact throughout the school year and have a small welcome home gift in the spring. If you would like your college student to be able to participate in our College Connection, please email your son or daughter's name, address, e-mail, and anticipated date of graduation to [dianewood@email.com](mailto:dianewood@email.com) and also to [lrigney@fpcma.com](mailto:lrigney@fpcma.com). We are also looking for volunteers to be prayer partners for our students. If you would like to send a card to a student, please contact me at [dianewood@email.com](mailto:dianewood@email.com). We have about 20-25 students in college and we need to let them know that we support them!

Diane Wood, Moderator

## Ash Wednesday Service

We will begin our season of Lent on **Wednesday, February 25th**, at 6:30 p.m. as we share in an Ash Wednesday service. This will be a time of worship, prayer and meditation as we prepare our hearts for Lent. We will also receive the imposition of ashes.

## Confirmation Meetings

All confirmands and their mentors are reminded there are **two** mandatory meetings. The first meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 1st**, at 4:00 in the sanctuary. The second meeting will be held on **Sunday, February 22nd**, at 4:00 p.m. at Moody Funeral Service.



# CENTS-ABILITY LUNCHEON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH

## DID YOU KNOW...

- 38.2 million people, including 13.9 million children, live in households that experience hunger. This represents more than one in ten households in the United States.
  - 3.9 percent of United States households experience hunger.
  - 8.0 percent of United States households are at risk of hunger.
- Countries, in which a large portion of the population battles hunger daily, are usually poor, and often lack the social safety nets we enjoy, such as: soup kitchen, food stamps and job training programs. When a family that lives in a poor country cannot grow enough food or earn enough money to buy food, there is nowhere to turn for help.

Since 1989, the Salem Presbytery has distributed nearly 2.2 million dollars to feed the hungry. We are inviting every member to contribute a few cents a meal as an expression of thanks for what we have. Two cents a meal may seem like an insignificant amount of money, but your two cents a meal can help the hungry here in the United States and around the world.

**\*\*On Sunday, February 8th, bring your covered dish and join us for a luncheon and a time to learn more about "Pennies for Hunger". By endorsing this project, we can help make a difference!!\*\***

## Knit One, Purl Two

Do you knit? Would you be interested in being part of a prayer shawl ministry here at FPC?

Prayer shawls are simple to make. Even if you're a beginner, we can teach you how to make a simple shawl. The shawls will be given to members who are ill, home-bound, hospitalized, etc...This is such an easy way to let members of our church know we're thinking of them and praying for them. Making a prayer shawl is something that you can do at home, while waiting in the doctor's office or just about anywhere.



If you would be interested in participating in this ministry, please see Shasta.

## FEBRUARY SERMONS

**February 1, 2009**

*What's Drawn Out Of The Water*

Exodus 1:8-14, 2:1-10; Psalm 124: 1-8

**February 8, 2009**

*The Medium Of The Message*

Matthew 13: 24-35; 44-50

**February 15, 2009**

Rev. Lee Hinson-Hasty (PCUSA) preaching

Steve assisting in Worship

**February 22, 2009**

*With The Stroke Of A Pen*

1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

Go to Steve's sermon blog, [www.themayberrypreacher.com](http://www.themayberrypreacher.com)—Feel free to leave comments on the blog if you like. Go to the church website, [www.fpcma.com](http://www.fpcma.com). You can also listen to the worship services in their entirety.

## Anniversaries

**February 15**

Mark and Shasta Brown

**February 15**

John and Pepper Mayes

**February 20**

Bill and Ann Windley