



March 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
High School Presbytery Retreat—March 6-8			Myers Park Confirmation Wknd Mission Trip—March 6-8			
1 Cents-A-Bility & Yokefellow Offering Mission Trip Mtg.	2 CE Meeting Voce'	3 Circle 1 Women's Bible Study	4 Lenten Bible Study & Meal Choir Practice	5 Friends Feeding Friends	6	7
8 Daylight Savings Time	9 Voce'	10 Women's Bible Study	11 BCM Study @ Good Life Café Lenten Bible Study & Meal Choir Practice	12	13	14 Keenagers to Narrowway Theater
15 Session Mtg. Confirmation Meeting Chili Cookoff signup deadline	16 Voce'	17 Women's Bible Study	18 Lenten Bible Study & Meal Choir Practice	19	20	21 Beacon Ice Skating @ LJVM
22 5th Annual Chili Cookoff	23 Newsletter Articles Due; Voce; Deadline to purchase Easter lilies	24 Women's Bible Study	25 BCM Study @ Good Life Café Lenten Bible Study & Meal Choir Practice	26	27	28
29 Deadline for Easter Candy to Shasta Confirmation Meeting	30 Voce'	31 Women's Bible Study				

The College Connection

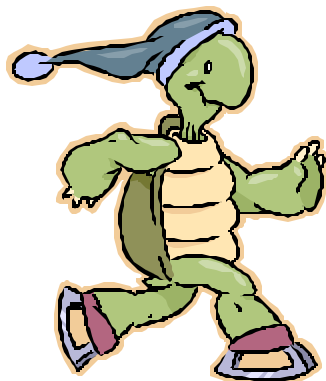
The Evangelism Ministry Team needs help in getting an up-to-date list of all of our college students. We want to send support packages during exams, keep contact throughout the school year and have a small welcome home gift in the spring. If you would like your college student to be able to participate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

Diane Wood, Moderator

SPRING CLEANING UPDATE FROM THE PERSONNEL MINISTRY TEAM

We are pleased to announce that the Session has approved the Personnel Ministry Team's proposal to establish a contract with Granite Services, Inc. to assume the custodial duties of our church. Beginning in February, Granite Services will now maintain the weekly cleaning of the sanctuary, fellowship hall, Sunday school classrooms, bathrooms and the Lighthouse. Oversight for this cleaning service will be the responsibility of the Building and Grounds Ministry Team. As the cleaning service will not be available every day, we hope that you will help with the transition from an on-site custodian to a cleaning service by letting Tim East (Moderator of Building and Grounds Ministry Team) know of any problems that you may see with the cleanliness of our facility. It will take all of us working together to continue to keep our church a clean and welcoming environment!

Beacon News



Beacon Ice Skating

Strap on your skates on **Saturday, March 21st**, for an afternoon of skating at LJVM Coliseum. The cost is \$7.50 per person. This includes your skate rental. We will leave at 12:30 p.m. and head to Winston-Salem for skating from 1:30-4:00 p.m. We'll stop for dinner on the way home. Bring money for skating & dinner. Sign up on the board in the upstairs foyer if you plan to attend.

Mission Trip Meeting

Immediately following youth on **Sunday, March 1st**, at 7:30 p.m., we will have a meeting in the Koinonia Room for everyone interested in going on the summer mission trip. All interested youth and at least one parent should plan to attend.



“Three R’s”

Highlights of the Green Team

“God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.”

Genesis 1:31

One year ago, Steve introduced the congregation to FPC’s “Green” initiatives, inviting us all to be the caretakers of this world the way God intended us to be. Throughout the remainder of 2008, many of you became caretakers through your support of the church’s recycling efforts. Having realized the need for this type of ministry, the Session has now included the Green Team as one of the church’s ministry teams, dedicated to promoting the biblical mandate for environmental stewardship.

Starting this month, the Green Ministry Team will be including “Three R’s” as part of the Grapevine. The title, as many of you may know, comes from “Reduce”, “Reuse”, and “Recycle” – the fundamental goal of sustainability. The intent is to keep the congregation apprised of the team’s activities and to increase education and awareness of “Green” issues. In addition, the article will periodically include practical suggestions for applying green concepts in your daily life.

To provide additional information, the Team has set up a Google Group page, which can be found at <http://groups.google.com/group/fpc-green-team>. Everyone in the congregation is invited to join the group to stay informed of our activities or to participate in our activities. Additionally, we have a group e-mail address (fpc-green-team@googlegroups.com) if you would like to contact the Team with questions, comments or suggestions.

IN THE WILDERNESS: LENTEN SERMON SERIES 2009

Sign up for the sermon email list! Go to <http://themayberrypreacher.com> and enter your email address to receive Steve's sermons each week via email. Or visit www.fpcma.com and download them in pdf format.

February 25 - Ash Wednesday
In the Wilderness: A Hasty Exit
Exodus 12:37-39, 50-51

March 1 - First Sunday of Lent
In The Wilderness: What We Lack; What We Need
Exodus 17: 1-7; 19:16-20; 20:4-5, 7-20

March 15 - Third Sunday of Lent
In the Wilderness: Broom Trees and Weeping Willows
1 Kings 19: 1-9; Psalm 137: 1-9

March 22 - Fourth Sunday of Lent
In The Wilderness: Good News From The Fringes
Luke 3: 1-20

March 29 - Fifth Sunday of Lent
In The Wilderness: When Push Comes To Shove
Matthew 4: 1-11

April 5 - Palm Sunday
In The Wilderness: Homecoming Leads to Gethsemane
Mark 11: 1-11; 14: 32-42

April 12 - Easter Sunday
When The Wilderness Leads Us Home
John 20: 19-31

Easter Lilies



Easter lilies will be placed in the church in honor or in memory of a loved one on **Sunday, April 12th**.

Deadline to purchase lilies is Monday, March 23rd. Order forms can be found in your Sunday bulletin or you may come by the church and place your order.

Confirmation Meetings

All confirmands & mentors are reminded of two mandatory meetings: **March 15**, immediately following worship (bring your lunch); and **March 29**, at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Anniversaries



March 14
Cliff & Mandy Isaacs

March 17
Jonathan & Robin Surratt



March 18
Vance & Mary Madison Cox