

THE FPC CALENDAR



Wednesday, January 27

1:30 p.m. Bible Study at Park Vista

Thursday, January 28

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 31

9:45 a.m. Church School Classes

11:00 a.m. Public Worship

12:00 p.m. Birthday Luncheon

Wednesday, February 3

1:30 p.m. Bible Study at Park Vista

Thursday, February 4

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 7

9:45 a.m. Church School Classes

11:00 a.m. Public Worship

Wednesday, February 10

1:30 p.m. Bible Study at Park Vista

Thursday, February 11

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, February 13th

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Ministry to Gutknecht Towers

Our ministry to Gutknecht Towers is co-sponsored by our Board of Deacons and Butler Memorial Church. If you would like to be a part of this ministry and help us on Saturday, please contact Karen Cooper at 330-207-8719.

The next issue will be mailed on Monday, February 8th. Articles are due to Debbie by Thursday, February 4th.

Happy Birthday To All From FPW

Annual Meeting / Luncheon January 31st

The Session has set Sunday, January 31st, as the date for the Annual Meeting of our Congregation. The meeting will be held in the Sanctuary immediately following worship. Once again our staff is assembling printed Annual Reports to be distributed at the meeting. This booklet will include reports from staff members, boards, committees, and organizations. It will also include statistical and financial reports for 2009. All members are urged to pick up and read the Annual Reports. After the meeting, First Presbyterian Women will host our Annual Birthday Luncheon in Helen Chapel. Members and friends will be seated at tables according to the month of their birthday. A light lunch and specialty birthday cakes will be served. All are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items as "birthday gifts," and these items will be added to our Deacons' Cart.



Deacons' Cart

food collection goes to

"Souper Bowl of Caring"

On Sunday, February 7th, our young people will once again be stationed at Sanctuary doors with the soup kettles to collect food donations and dollar bills for Protestant Family Services. The Souper Bowl of Caring will take place of our regular first Sunday collection by our Board of Deacons.



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4th Sunday After Epiphany - January 31st

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held in the Sanctuary following worship.

Rev. Mager's Sermon: "Love Without Boundaries"

Elder Carolyn Funk, Liturgist

Lectionary: Jeremiah 1: 4-10

Psalms 71: 1-6

I Corinthians 13: 1-13

Luke 4: 21-30

Hymns:

#462 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

#298 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

#423 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

5th Sunday After Epiphany - February 7th

Scout Sunday and the "Souper Bowl of Caring" Offering!

Guest Preacher, Rev. Jim Mohr's Sermon: "A Scout Is . . ."

Elder Chet Cooper and Scouts from Troop #55, Liturgists

Lectionary: Isaiah 6: 1-8 (9-13)

Psalms 100

Colossians 3: 12-17

Matthew 5: 1-13

Hymns:

#561 My Country, 'Tis of Thee

#391 Take My Life

#293 This Is My Father's World

CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES - 9:45 A.M.

Bible Study - Lisa Velker's Office / Youth - Classrooms / Child Care - Nursery

Adult Forum - Church Parlor

January 31st - Rev. Nick Mager, Leader

Topic: "Traveling With Presbyterians: Our Creeds" - A brief review of the first eight creeds in our Book of Confession as well as descriptions of the Avery and Marsh Banners.

February 7th - Richard Cook, Scout Master for Troop #55, Leader

Topic: "Boy Scouts Celebrate Centennial Birthday - Scouting in America and in Youngstown"



February 7th – Scout Sunday

On February 8, 1910, Boy Scouts of America was born. This year we will observe Scout Sunday on February 7th, as we celebrate the Centennial of Scouting in our country. We will have two special events planned for this day. During the Adult Forum, Richard Cook, Scout Master for our Scout Troop #55, will talk about the history of scouting in America and scouting in Youngstown in particular. During worship, Scouts from Troop #55 will assist as greeters, ushers, and liturgists, and our sermon will again be delivered by Rev. Jim Mohr, Presbyterian Minister and Chaplain at Westminster College. Jim grew up in the Presbyterian Church in Salem, Ohio, and is an Eagle Scout himself. He is a graduate of Muskingam College and Louisville Theological Seminary. We are very grateful for the rich history of scouting in our church and for all those who have led and continue to lead and support our scouting program.



SOUPEL BOWL OF CARING

February 7th

More than 20 years ago, the “*Souper Bowl of Caring*” began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: “*Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat.*”

Since that day, more than \$60 million has been raised for local charities across the country through the *Souper Bowl of Caring*. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming Super Bowl weekend into the nation’s largest youth-led weekend of giving and serving.

Through this mission, young people learn what it’s like to make a positive difference in the world, as they collect food, raise money, and volunteer to work in charities that provide shelter to the homeless, food to the hungry, and compassion to those in need.

Be part of this movement that is sharing God’s love with those in need. Please give generously on “*Souper Bowl*” Sunday. Every dollar donated, as well as canned goods and pre-packaged food items, will go to Protestant Family Services, our 2010 *Souper Bowl of Caring* charity of choice.

Valentine’s Day Valentine’s Day Cupcake Collection February 7th and 14th

The Board of Deacons will once again be collecting donations for the Valentine’s Day cupcakes for Harding Elementary School following worship on Sundays, February 7th and 14th. Special envelopes will be available at the collection table, or checks payable to the church can simple be marked “Harding School.”



SPECIAL PRAYER CONCERNS ARE REQUESTED FOR . . .

. . . Virginia Axtmann, Tom Backus, Bridget Benson, Millicent Bernat, Lance Bromley, Robert Brown, John Bowers, Joan Cochran, Marjorie Connolly, Howard Davis, Sylvia DePasqua, Richard Doyle, Dennis Filipovich, Bob Fitch, Eleanor Flad, Gloria Gerry, Joe Gibson (Nancy Fawcett’s nephew), Sue Gomez, Theo Gula, Carl Johnson, Joe Kaluza, Louise Little, Bob McClaran, Ellen McMichael, Margaret McMichael, Robert Metz, Laurice Neal, Susan Orr, Bob Potter, Carol Lynn Reed, Mary Roberts, Alice Rowney, Johanna Ruighaver, Susie Semanovich, Harriet Shasby, Yvette Stanley, Bunty Stone, Esther Temesgen, George Woodman, Edie Zahniser, all organ donors, and the people of Haiti, including Alyssa Monroe’s boyfriend’s family, who are in Haiti.



The Sympathy and Surrounding Love of our Congregation is extended to . . .

. . . Chet and Karen Cooper and their families on the death of Chet’s uncle from PA.

HAITI RELIEF CONTINUES

Through Local and Global Giving

As we have been sharing recently in worship, our Presbyterian Church has been among those local and global organizations providing relief following the earthquake in Haiti. (See separate insert.) PDA (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance) immediately sent \$100,000 at the time of the earthquake in Haiti, and by Sunday, January 17th, Presbyterians across the country had sent an additional \$109,000 for relief and emergency assistance.

Many of our own members and friends have already made donations to our church for Haiti, and we will forward our donations as of January 31st, to PDA. While designated gifts for Haiti may be made directly to PCUSA or through donations to our local church at any time, we will also be receiving the One Great Hour of Sharing during Lent and one-third of that offering also goes directly to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Our Session has adopted a goal of \$6,500 for this year’s One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, which will be received throughout Lent and dedicated on Easter Sunday.



Protestant Family Service 39th Annual Dinner Meeting

Monday, February 15th
6:00 p.m. - Dinner

The 39th Annual Meeting of Protestant Family Service will be held on Monday, February 15th, at Third Baptist Church, 1177 Park Hill Drive in Youngstown. Fellowship begins at 5:30 p.m. followed by the dinner and meeting at 6 p.m. The cost is \$20.00 per person. Please contact Nick Mager or Debbie Toman at the church office if you would like to attend.



Book
Club
News

The next meeting of the Book Club will be on **Tuesday, February 16th**, and the book is *Stones into Schools* by Greg Mortenson. The Book Club group meets in the Church Parlor at 10:00 a.m. and all are welcome to join us!