

THE FPC CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 10

1:30 p.m. Lectionary 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.

Sunday, February 14

9:45 a.m. Church School Classes

11:00 a.m. Public Worship/Communion

Tuesday, February 16

10:00 a.m. Book Club

6:00 p.m. Building/Equipment/Grounds

7:00 p.m. Session Meeting

Ash Wednesday, February 17

1:30 p.m. Lectionary at Park Vista

6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Dinner

7:00 p.m. Vesper Service

Thursday, February 18

4:30 p.m. Lenten Bible Study begins

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 21

9:45 a.m. Church School Classes

11:00 a.m. Public Worship

Wednesday, February 24

1:30 p.m. Lectionary at Park Vista

Articles for the next issue are due to Debbie by Thursday, February 18th.



**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.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Begins Thursday, February 18th

Rev. Mager will once again lead a six-week Bible Study during Lent. The theme of this year's study is "*Forgiveness*," and we will begin on Thursday, February 18th, at 4:30 p.m. in the Church Parlor.

As in the past, there are handout sheets with background reading for each week's study. Though not required, it will be helpful reading in preparation for each week's study. Copies of the background reading for the first week are available now from Rev. Mager or Debbie Toman.



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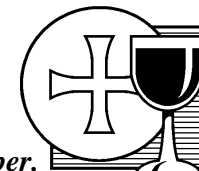
Transfiguration of the Lord

February 14th – 11 a.m.

Our Worship will include the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Rev. Mager's Sermon: "Are We Listening?"

Dr. Victor Wan-Tatah, Liturgist



Lectionary: Exodus 34: 29-35

Psalm 99

II Corinthians 3:12 - 4:2

Luke 9: 28-36 (37-43)

Hymns:

#470 *O Day of Radiant Gladness*

73 *Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory*

#285 *God, You Spin the Whirling Planets*



ASH WEDNESDAY

February 17th

6:00 p.m. *Covered Dish Dinner*

7:00 p.m. *Vesper Service*



Once again, our Board of Deacons will host our annual *Ash Wednesday Dinner and Vesper Service* in Helen Chapel. The Deacons will provide baked chicken, fish, and beverages for the dinner, which begins at 6 p.m. Members and friends, *according to the first initial of your last name*, are asked to bring something to share for our dinner: Salads (A-F), Desserts (G-M), or Vegetables (N-Z). (Please note that those attending may bring any food offering to share, regardless of alphabet, or no food offering at all.)

Our Deacons have also invited members from Butler Memorial and Hungarian Presbyterian Churches to join us for Dinner and Vespers. The Vesper Service, which begins at 7 p.m., will last approximately thirty minutes, and will also include the opportunity for the imposition of ashes.

1st Sunday in Lent – February 21st – 11 a.m.

Rev. Mager's Sermon: "Lent for Awhile"

Cory Smith, Liturgist

Lectionary: Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 **Hymns:**
Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16 # 83 *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High*
Romans 10: 8b-13 #392 *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord*
Luke 4: 1-13 # 81 *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days*

CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES – 9:45 A.M.

Bible Study – Lisa Velker's Office / Youth – Classrooms / Child Care – Nursery
Adult Forum – Church Parlor

February 14th – Dr. Lou Zona, Director of the Butler Institute of American Art

Topic: "Art"

February 21st – Becky and Terry Murray, Leaders

Topic: "Vietnam"



Valentine's Day Cupcake Collection February 14th

The Board of Deacons will once again be collecting donations for the Valentine's Day cupcakes for Harding Elementary School following worship on Sunday, February 14th. Special envelopes will be available at the collection table, or checks payable to the church can simply be marked "Harding School."

Session Adopts \$6,500 Goal for the 2010 One Great Hour of Sharing

Last year, at the suggestion of the Mission I & S Committee, our Session adopted a goal for the OGHS offering of \$6500. And, the members and friends of our congregation surpassed that goal with a total offering of \$6,608.83. Once again our Session has adopted a goal of \$6500 for our Lenten offering. Even though this is the same as last year's goal, our members and friends have already responded generously to the appeal for emergency needs in Haiti which is handled through our denomination's Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). PDA receives one-third of the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. Another one-third goes to the Presbyterian Hunger Program and the final one-third goes to the Self-Development of People.



SPECIAL PRAYER CONCERNS ARE REQUESTED FOR . . .

. . . Virginia Axtmann, Bridget Benson, Millicent Bernat, Jeanne Blackstone, 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, Sue Gomez, Theo Gula, Marjorie Halter, Carl Johnson, Joe Kaluza, Bob McClaran, Ellen McMichael, Margaret McMichael, Robert Metz, Laurice Neal, Susan Orr, Bob Potter, 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.



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

. . . Nancy Backus and her family on the death of her husband, **Tom Backus**;
. . . Roberta Johnson and her family on the death of her brother-in-law, **Paul Johnson**;
. . . Pat Soller and her family on the death of her brother-in-law, **Rev. Fred MacLean**.

FPC HAITI RESPONSE Most Gratifying!

The response to the earthquake disaster in Haiti by people of all faith traditions and people of all nations has been truly wonderful and inspiring! While members and friends of our congregation have no doubt utilized a wide variety of agencies and organizations to direct their gifts, our members and friends have also given very generously through our denomination's Disaster Assistance program.

As of Sunday, January 31st, donations through our church totaled \$1040.00. In addition to this, Jeanne Monroe and our Presbyterian Women collected over \$350.00 in donations for emergency hygiene kits and baby kits which our women will be assembling and forwarding to Haiti through Church World Services.

Thank you everyone for your generous response to this tragedy. Because of your generosity, support continues to go to Haiti.

We Continue to Pray for the People of Haiti

God of compassion, please watch over the people of Haiti, and weave out of these terrible happenings wonders of goodness and grace. Surround those who have been affected by tragedy with a sense of your present love, and hold them in faith. Though they are lost in grief, may they find you and be comforted. Guide us as a church to find ways of providing assistance that heal wounds and provide hope. Help us to remember that when one of your children suffers we all suffer; through Jesus Christ who was dead, but lives and rules this world with you. Amen.

(from The Book of Common Worship)