

GOOD NEWS FROM YOUR CHURCH

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Food for Thought

Melody Newton, Youth Director

Sunday, January 24, 2010

9:30 A.M.

Worship Service

10:45 A.M.

Church School for all ages

12:00 P.M.

Annual Congregational Meeting

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held on Sunday, January 24, 2010 at 12:00 noon. The purpose of the Meeting is to receive the 2009 Annual Reports, Approve the Terms of Call for the Pastor, and receive a Recommendation from the Board of Trustees concerning installing the elevator. The Meeting will begin with lunch in Fellowship Hall and be concluded no later than 1:00 p.m. All members are reminded to be present for this important meeting of the church.

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HAITI DONATIONS: The church will be having a special collection to help the recovery efforts related to the earthquake in Haiti. If you would like to donate, please make your check payable to The Presbyterian Church at Woodbury and mark “Haiti” on the envelope or memo line. Information about Haiti can be found at:

www.pcusa.org/pda/response/latinamerica/haiti-index.htm

This February the Youth of our church are providing two great opportunities for you to help feed the hungry in our world. Through the Souper Bowl of Caring and the 30-Hour Famine, your money will go to great use to put food in the bellies of those who need it most. As you read about these opportunities, prayerfully consider how you can make a difference.

The Souper Bowl of Caring will take place on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 7. Following worship, students will hold large soup pots to take donations. The idea behind this fundraiser is that as we watch the biggest football game of the year, we tend to stuff our faces with delicious finger food while people in our own town barely have a bowl of soup. All money donated goes to the Greater Woodbury Cooperative Ministries Food Bank, so be sure to bring your change and cash that day!

This is our 4th year doing the 30-Hour Famine with the West Jersey Presbytery, and every year the students from our church raise the most money to fight world hunger. At the end of February, our students and leaders will go 30 hours without food to understand what it feels like for the hungry in our world. As a way to support them, we will be holding a “Food Sale” in the Chapel following worship Jan. 31 through Feb. 21. You can buy a steak, a piece of pie, or even an apple (made of paper, of course), which we will use to fill up the empty stomach that symbolizes one of the world’s biggest problems. All money goes to World Vision. (Make checks out to them.) Through government-matching grants, your donation will multiply 10 times to save that many more lives!

It’s remarkable how our teenagers are willing to answer God’s call. They see a need in our world and want to help change it. Through these two events, you can help them. If you are unable to make it to church, feel free to send a check to the Church Office clearly marked for these causes. As God says: “Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with

the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter – when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard.” (Isaiah 58:6-8)

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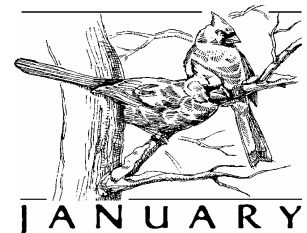
MEMBER INFO UPDATE: In preparation for the new Church Directory, we need to update member information. Sample Directories will be in the narthex and Chapel areas for members to check that their information is correct and, if not, indicate any changes.

UPDATE on the BABES:

The Babe family is so appreciative of all of your prayers. Your care is a great solace to them at this difficult time. At the same time, they are asking that their privacy at the hospital be respected for the moment. Sharyn is exhausted and needs time to recover. I know that Sharyn would be very happy to know that you are all thinking of her. If you would like to send notes of prayer, support and care, please use the following address:

Sharyn Babe
c/o Presbytery of Tropical Florida
440 E. Sample Road, Suite 208
Pompano Beach, FL 33064

The Presbytery has promised to deliver anything that comes to them on a daily basis. Pray for Rodney as well. He is still looking for a way to travel to the U. S. to be with Sharyn.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SAVE THE DATE! Sunday, February 28 will be the Christian Education-sponsored Lenten Service Project night. We will meet from 4:00–6:00 p.m. and will work on several projects for the Food Bank and possibly put together disaster hygiene and/or baby kits for the people of Haiti. More information and sign-up sheet to follow to February.

Coming in March: In order to prepare our children who just have or will soon turn six for staying in worship and for receiving communion, there will be three classes on the Sundays prior to Easter. The classes will be held after the Children's Message during the worship service. All children ages 6-9 are welcome. Children and their families will be prepared for the Maundy Thursday Service communion as a special time for those new to worship.

ADULT CLASSES FOR JANUARY:

Sunday Mornings:

Bible Basics – led by Charlie Miller and Kathy Cunningham in the Adult Forum room (Room 1) have started a new study on *Listening to Scripture – Strategies for Interpreting the Bible*.

Foundations of Faith – led by David Platt in the Lounge is continuing a DVD and discussion series called *Dust to Glory* written by R. C. Sproul. The series is an overview of the whole Bible.

Monday Morning or Wednesday Evening:
How to Spell Presbyterian – a six-week study led by Phil Oehler from 10-12 Monday mornings or from 7-9 Wednesday evenings.

Tuesday Evenings: *Terrific Tuesdays* – Sponsored by the Greater Woodbury Cooperative Ministries, begins January 19 at Kemble Methodist Church. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. (\$4); worship and studies from 6:45 – 9:00 p.m. There are five classes to choose from including the Parables of Jesus taught by Bernie Carlson and Outsiders in Matthew taught by Charles Miller. Registration forms with the list of all five classes are in the Chapel.

Men's Small Group, meeting the 1st and 3rd Thursday, are studying the Acts of the Apostles. All men are welcome to join the discussion at 7:30 p.m. at David Platt's house. For more information, see or call David Platt (848-2964 or dplatt6@verizon.net).

The Women's Bible Study, that usually met twice a month on the second and fourth Mondays, is now meeting at Pitman Manor at 10:00 a.m. on those days. Kathy Cunningham is leading a discussion on the book of I Timothy. All women are welcome to come. Call Judy Platt or Kathy Cunningham if a ride is needed.

DOUGHERTYS' BIBLE STUDY (22 S. Horace St., Woodbury) will resume on Tuesdays, starting on January 26. They will begin an 8-week study of *Gifts, The Joy of Serving God*. You can contact Chick or Bunny if you have questions (845-8149).

E-MAIL UPDATE: The Church Office has changed internet servers. You can contact the Staff using their addresses through the website:

phil.oehler@pcwoodbury.com;

judy.platt@pcwoodbury.com;

melody.newton@pcwoodbury.com;

church.office@pcwoodbury.com (Alison);

jack.hill@pcwoodbury.com.

Milt prefers that you use miltrose@comcast.net.

MEMBERSHIP AND OUTREACH TASK FORCE is looking for members who would like to help with updating the Church Directory. Specifically, we need someone with PhotoShop experience. Please contact Fred Hills or Charlyne Caillaud if interested.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Sharyn Babe in Florida, Cuba, Megan Duble in Cooper Hospital, Louise Fetterolf in Manor care, Jim Fetty, Marie Batten, Tom Dolan, and Dave Tanzola. A reminder to keep our military personnel in your prayers: JJ Cunningham, Ron Goepel, Stephen Good, James Gallagher, Clayton Kelly, and Tim Schiffman.

DEACON OF THE WEEK: Fred Schnarr (1/24) and Connie Tighe (1/31)

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: JANUARY 24 – JANUARY 31, 2010

Sunday:	9:30 AM	Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Children's Choir
	10:45 AM	Church School for all ages
	12:00 PM	Annual Meeting
Monday:	10:00 AM	Presbyterian Study
	6:00 PM	Sr. High Youth Group
	7:30 PM	Deacons
Tuesday:	6:00 PM	Preteens
Wednesday:	7:00 PM	Presbyterian Study
Thursday:	7:00 PM	Honduras meeting
	7:30 PM	Adult Choir

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK: JANUARY 31 – FEBRUARY 7, 2010

Sunday:	9:30 AM	Worship Service/Milt Fredericks
	10:45 AM	Children's Choir
	10:45 AM	Church School for all ages
Monday:	10:00 AM	Presbyterian Study
	6:00 PM	Sr. High Youth Group
	7:00 PM	Task Force Chairpersons Meeting
	7:30 PM	Task Force Meetings
Wednesday:	7:00 PM	Presbyterian Study
Thursday:	6:00 PM	Jr. High Youth Group
	7:30 PM	Adult Choir
Sunday:	9:30 AM	Worship Service/Communion
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The Cuba mission works directly with the Iglesia Presbiteriana Reformada en Cuba, in the town of Placetas. Placetas is an economically-deprived town about 4 hours east of Havana. We will be staying in the comfortable and welcoming home of one of the national church officers, Xiomara Arenas, eating dinners in the homes of various church families, and participating in daily worship services and mission outreach projects. We will really be embedded in the local population.

For those unfamiliar with the mission work in Cuba, this mission is primarily of "presence" not "presents," although on previous trips, we have delivered medicines valued at approximately \$12,000. We will again be delivering an additional \$2,400 of medicine, assuming we have enough "mules!" Medicines are repackaged in duffle bags to reduce the possibility of being confiscated or pilfered and are widely distributed in the community, even to the local hospital. Additional crafts, Sunday School items, personal hygiene items, and toys will also go with us. Travel to Cuba and the export from the U. S. of all goods is done under specific licenses of the U. S. government granted to our church.

This year the Placetas church is beginning construction on its long-awaited new sanctuary. The church has requested several (used) construction levels of varying lengths, some tape measures, a power saw and blades, an electric drill and drill bits, and a hand saw, all almost impossible to obtain in Cuba. If you have any of these tools and would like to give them a second life, please contact one of our previous Cuba travelers.

The trip is open to anyone who wants to make a difference in this depressed and oppressed but beautiful country with loving and beautiful Christians. This is truly a spiritual growth opportunity and a life-changing experience, plus Cuba is always an adventure!