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Green Light

"Go...and make disciples of all nations..."

The seasons of the church calendar provide a rhythm to our lives that engages us in the two definitive events of the Christian faith: the incarnation, and the death and resurrection of Jesus, our Lord. But the floating date for

Easter also allows for variation in that rhythm, and this year Easter comes early. Lent begins in the middle of February on Ash Wednesday. Please consider attending the Ash Wednesday service at 7:00 p.m. on February 17 in the Sanctuary, just two days after the Presidents' Day holiday. Because the imposition of ashes is a tactile experience and is brief, it is a service that can be engaging for children who are old enough to understand Lent as a season of preparation for Easter, much like Advent is a season in which we prepare for Christmas.

One of the ways to prepare for Easter—the highest holy day of the year for Christians—is to commit to deepen your faith during the weeks leading up to the Easter Celebration. As a church we have a tradition of encouraging existing small groups to join in an all-church study of a particular topic or book. As in recent years, we will also coordinate short-term small groups for those who are interested in joining with others in Lenten study opportunity. This year we'll read and discuss Tim Keller's brand new book, *The Prodigal God*, which explores the familiar yet provocative parable in LUKE 15, which we usually call "the parable of the prodigal son." I had a mentor tell me that this parable of Jesus, found only in LUKE, should be preached on every year, because there is such depth and value in the text that one can never fully mine its riches. Keller's book is a quick read, but full of insights and twists. I hope you'll all take part in a small group this Lent and will find your faith renewed, encouraged and deepened by the experience.

Our annual meeting will be held on February 21 in the Sanctuary like last year, following a single worship service at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will start at about 11:00 a.m. and run roughly half an hour. Please note on your calendars that on February 21, we will have: 1) only one worship service at 10:00, 2) a brief meeting from roughly 11:00 to 11:30, 3) and heavy hors d'oeuvres and time for questions following the meeting in Heartbeat Café.

The Annual Report will be available the week prior to the meeting so you can have a chance to read it beforehand. Representatives from each committee of Session and other

organizations within the church like the Deacons and Presbyterian Women will be available and easy to find at well-marked tables in Heartbeat Café for anyone with questions or comments about what you find in the Annual Report. Representatives of the church Finance Committee will be among those available downstairs after the meeting to field your questions. See sidebar for information on 2010 financial pledges and budgeting.

Even though our annual meeting falls at the beginning of the contemplative season of Lent, I trust it will be a time of celebrating what God has done in our midst this last year, and looking expectantly toward what God will be calling us to do and to be in the coming year.

As I write this, I'm encouraged and relieved that while giving did not equal our budget, we missed finishing in the black this year by only 3% of that budget. We are blessed to have a small amount of operating reserves from a few years ago that can make up this difference, which means that we have not had to use any of Alice James' generous bequest for our operating expenses (as we had prepared to do if circumstances had required). While our giving in this last year did not match our budgeted expenses, we were able to keep both personnel and property costs below budget. This allowed us to finish 2009 in a much stronger position than many churches and non-profits. In the non-profit world, this was a year when "**even** is the new up." We have come a long way from the fiscal crisis I inherited upon my arrival two and half years ago.

By the time you read this, the first drafts of the 2010 budget for presentation at our annual meeting will be hammered-out.

Please note: our current pledged giving for the upcoming year is not yet adequate to continue current ministry levels. Projected giving wouldn't meet our budget if kept at same expense levels as 2009. Please pray for those whose job it is to prepare the budget, and please submit your pledge as soon as possible if you have not already done so. We wish to spare our Elders the agony of unnecessarily debating where difficult cuts will need to be made, but are ready to make difficult decisions as required.



Rev. Ken Green

What is Pledging?

For those of you for whom pledging is not part of your church background, the idea is simply to decide prayerfully what your financial commitment to your church will be for the year. This allows you to be proactive in your stewardship of the gifts and resources with which you've been blessed. Pledging helps us to make our commitment to God and our church off the top—what the Bible calls giving your “first fruits,” rather than giving God a mere token, or the leftovers after all other priorities have been met. It also allows your church's leadership to make informed plans and decisions about our staffing and programming rather than having to make such decisions in a vacuum. If you're not familiar with this approach, we encourage you to give it a try; we believe the personal spiritual benefits of the practice outweigh even the considerable benefits to the church as a whole.



Presbyterian Women

All women of the church are members of Presbyterian Women and are encouraged to attend the PW events.

Presbyterian Women will meet for luncheon on Thursday, February 4, at 12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The program will be “*Easter Symbols Enrich Our Lives*” by Betty McGinnis. Please call the church office, 708.354.0771, to make your reservation. Cost of the luncheon is \$7. Child care will be available upon request.

Friendship Circle will meet on Monday, February 8, at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Sally Kruse. Doreen Sterba DeZur will lead the study of “*Outsiders Become Insiders: Rahab and Gideonites*,” JOSHUA 2.1-24; 6.25; 9.3-27.

Sewing Circle will meet on Thursday, February 11, at 9:30 a.m. in Westminster Hall to continue making quilts for Chicago Christian Industrial League. More hands are always welcome.

Book Group will meet on Tuesday, February 16, at 1:00 p.m. Jeanne Toolin will host the group in the church parlor. Janet Urban will lead the discussion of “*Still Alice*,” by Lisa Genova.

Fellowship Circle will meet on Thursday, February 18, at 9:30 a.m. The location has yet to be determined. Debra



Holmes will lead the continuing study of the BOOK OF MATTHEW.

PW Coordinating Team will meet on Thursday, February 25, at 1:00 p.m. in Westminster Hall.

There will be a **Presbyterian Women's Retreat** on Saturday, February 27. We will be joining the PW from Western Springs and Highlands. Please watch the bulletins for more information.

PW will again meet for a luncheon on March 4. “*Clara Barton, a Drama*,” will be the topic.

PW is continuing to collect adult clothes suitable for job interviews as well as diapers for infants and general toiletries.

Please place your donations in the boxes by the coat racks in the East Cloister.

Committee to Investigate Kitchen Remodeling

For decades FPCLG's kitchens have been used by Mission & Outreach to feed the hungry, by our deacons to serve during memorial services, by Presbyterian Women for lunches and by Congregational Life during church picnics. All of our members have enjoyed the fruits of our kitchen labor at one time or another. However, if you've been inside any of our three kitchen areas lately, you know that while they have served us well, their age is showing.

As a result, the Property Committee has begun working with several members of our congregation to investigate just what it would take to renovate the kitchens and bring them up to date. This is a large scale project which will likely take years to plan, fund and complete. Right now, we are just in the planning stage, and if all goes well, we hope that in 2011 we may be able to begin to move forward and make this dream a reality.

KEY POINTS

- Our first step is to look into the costs of bringing in a consultant to help us put together design plans on how to approach the renovations of all three kitchens. This includes gathering names of commercial kitchen designers/contractors for design estimates and putting together a long range strategic plan.
- To prepare for the initial investigation, we have asked members who frequently use these kitchens to begin making lists of ideas so that any consultants can better understand our congregation's needs.
- We seek to be as efficient and thrifty as possible, but the cost of these renovations is expected to be significant. Under the current circumstances, the Property Committees operating budget will only be able to accommodate a modest percentage of the cost. Part of our goal this year is to develop effective

strategies to finance this necessary project, whether through fund raising activities, donations, or even a capital campaign, as was done for the last major project—the roof.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- If you or someone you know has kitchen design skills or contacts within the industry, please contact Susan Sedler at sqsedler@aol.com or 708.352.2575.
- Please pray for this initiative and support you may be able to give, financial or otherwise, in the future.

We will work to keep you as updated as possible on our progress.



Other Noteables

During the winter months, the property committee has been reviewing bids on major concrete repairs needed to the exterior of the building. In addition, we have been meeting to discuss kitchen renovations (see related article). Three new handrails were installed in December, an exterior one by the nursery entrance, one in the choir loft and one on the west side of the chancel.

Please feel free to contact any member of the property committee with any concerns or questions. Members are Leigh Hall, Kevin Keely, David Smith and Steve Williams.

Holiday Feasts Were Fabulous



The response for help with the **Food for Life** Thanksgiving and Christmas Feasts at the First Presbyterian Church of Chicago was never greater. Created by the *Many Hands and Hearts* of our church, the feasts were truly fabulous!

Preparation began weeks before with Sarah Parkes and her Brownie and Junior Girl Scout troops bagging all of the donated Halloween candy that became an important part of both feasts. Many of the bags were put on each plate at the meals and more were included in the “stuffed hats” put together by the children in Faith Forest.

Response for turkeys was also amazing. Not only did several families donate them for both meals, but each meal provided enough for every guest to have seconds and for some to take home as well. Our Monday preparation nights were blessed with helpers of all ages. At Thanksgiving, at least 22 were working in the kitchen and another 15 in Fellowship Hall. Christmas brought 28 angels to prepare the food and count candy. The whirlwind of activity was topped both times by the welcome appearance of David Causton, who did the heavy lifting of stock pots.

On the early Tuesday mornings before the feasts, the efforts of Sam Hart and Duncan Mathieson were truly realized as they lead the others in preparation and juggled the warming and timing of the meals to be served. Once ready, all were blessed and sat to eat.



The coming together and fellowship of our church family is evident in all that these events entail. Despite the proximity to the holidays, 12 members and three children served at Thanksgiving and 16 adults and



15 youth, ages 5 to 20 partook at Christmas. All hearts soared in watching the youthful enthusiasm and joy as candy and cookies were counted, turkeys carved and dishes plated.

Many thanks go to those who helped to make the holiday feasts so wonderful. These special celebrations are truly the result of many coming together to create meals that nourish the body and fill the spirit with love, joy and thankfulness.

Big Show by Youth

Among the youth who helped to prepare and/or serve November and December Food for Life meals were Sarah and Kevin Beglen, Ben Bergstrom, Elizabeth and Alex Cogan, Mitchell and Bradley DeBoer, Jennifer Horton, Keller Hyde and four friends, Nicolas, Allison and Emily Jacobs, Max Knipstein, Samantha Lang, Katherine LaVoie, Duncan, Ella and Hannah Mathieson, Kelly Perfect, Matt Patterson, Elizabeth Pierson, Nathan Rusk, Jane Simpson, Adam Solar and Jane and Luke Stockbridge. (*Apologies are extended to anyone who may have been accidentally omitted.*)



Focus on Mission

SHARON SHERRICK

What can *YOU* do? Here's a list that has "something for everyone." Thanks to those who have volunteered their time, talent and/or contributions and continue to help these worthwhile causes. And for those who want to begin participating, why not review the list and then contact any member of the Mission and Outreach Committee with the project which you'd like to become involved? Our 2010 goal is 100% member participation. Please help us reach the goal!

I AM INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR

(choose your mission)

**2010 GOAL:
100% PARTICIPATION**

ANY TIME:

- Contribute non-perishable food and supplies. Leave contributions in East Cloister containers.
- Recycle ink cartridges, cell phones, rechargeable batteries by leaving them in the bins in East and West Cloisters.
- Provide and deliver food for the Caring Place, an after school tutoring program held Monday, Wednesday and Friday during the school year. No cooking is involved, only purchase and delivery.
- Collect and/or deliver coats, clothing and strollers for the Rogers Park Presbyterian Church clothing pantry.

DAILY:

- Save 2-cents in a container each day to help contribute to eradicating world hunger.

WEEKLY:

- Early Monday morning, deliver foods and supplies to the La Grange First Baptist Church Food Pantry.
- Volunteer to work at the La Grange First Baptist Church Food Pantry on Monday mornings.

MONTHLY:

- Leave your 2-cents-A-Meal collection in the big red can the first Sunday of each month.
- Join the Mission and Outreach Committee (we meet the third Wednesday evening of the month).
- Volunteer to help or plan one of Faith Forest's monthly mission projects.
- Help with a special mission project or prepare meals for the Food for Life on the third Monday of most months.
- Serve Food for Life meals at the First Presbyterian Church in Chicago on the third Tuesday of most any month.
- Deliver bagged cookies and/or hygiene kits to the Night Ministry on the third Tuesday of the month.

ANNUALLY:

- In October, help plan, prepare for, help with and/or walk for world hunger through Crop Walk.
- Help plan, prepare for and/or attend the Firman House Party in December.

SPECIAL COMMITMENTS BY VOLUNTEERS:

- Become a mentor with LATH (La Grange Area Transitional Housing).

- Choose what, how and when you can volunteer with the BEDS Plus sheltering ministry.
- Volunteer with the Carousel or Corner Shop, resale shops that support Community Nurse Health Association.
- Volunteer to help domestic violence victims at the Constance Morris House.
- Help construct a Yucatan building project with Intercambio Mission during the summer.
- Provide transportation for elderly and/or visit with Interfaith Community Partners.
- Plan for and/or publicize one or more of special Presbyterian offering collections around Easter, or in May, October and December.
- Participate with any of the organizations supported by our church.
- Bring to the attention of the Mission and Outreach Committee a worthwhile organization or project you believe should receive support in the future.

We can't wait to work with you!

Advent Conspiracy Contributes to Living Water



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In the midst of a mission emphasis on our many local projects, we contributed \$2,687 to Living Water International. According to their website, “On average \$1 provides water for one person for a year.” Since Living Water began in 1990, it has completed water projects for 7,000 communities in 26 countries. Thanks to all those who took part in the Advent Conspiracy.

Open Hearts Sow Joy

We put out the word—you heard and acted! We watched for three Sundays as the donation table for the Chicago Christian Industrial League (CCIL) became full, then overflowed, with children’s books and games.

The donations, enough to fill a large car, were delivered and gratefully received. The children will now have a wonderful library from which to choose a favorite book or game to enjoy in a safe environment.

Your generosity means much to these children who have so little.



Don't Toss Your Tabs!

Please don't toss your pop tabs. We are continuing to collect them for the Ronald McDonald House. Just pull them and then periodically drop them off in the East Cloister at the church. Contact Sarah Beglen if you have any questions. Thanks.

Christmas at the Caring Place

Thirty children at the Caring Place 4 Kids in La Grange enjoyed a Christmas party, a visit from Santa, games and food in December. Former students of the program, now in college, attended and helped with the events.

Created with joy and received with delight, Sarah Parkes' Girl Scout Brownie Troop 1278 made personalized gift bags for each of the children, making their festivities even merrier!

The Caring Place is beginning their program again in February. If you are interested in supporting this ministry, contact Susan Rusk at 708.923.0104 and find out how easy it is. We are seeking those who are able to shop for groceries once a month or every other month and deliver them to the center at Washington and Lincoln Streets. Of course, if you're interested in tutoring or volunteering in other ways, Shawana McGee who leads the center would be glad to hear from you.



Awesome Group, Awesome Event!

On December 5, a sizeable group of FPCLG members and youth loaded up cars and vans and made the annual trek to Firman House for the Christmas Party. Those who went partook in assisting children in crafts, serving lunch, taking photographs of the Firman children with Santa and distributing gifts contributed by our congregation.

Thanks to all who helped to make the celebration bright and the hearts merry.





RelationTrips

Families are under siege. Parents are bombarded with 24-hour noise, scary economies and shrinking leisure time. Children are over-scheduled, over-stimulated, and over-stressed. There has to be a way to reconnect. To find quality time. To build the most important part of life...loving relationships. Join others as we host Jeff Seigel who will present "RelationTrips" on Saturday, February 27 at 4:00 p.m.

This engaging session will take you through a journey of discovery, exploring numerous creative ways in which the common road trip becomes so much more; it becomes a *RelationTrip*. Plan to attend—bring a friend!

Bridging the Gaps

In January, we focused on a book produced for the Office of Theology and Worship (PCUSA) entitled "*Christians and Jews: People of God*." This book was generated from a directive of the 216th General Assembly (2004) to "examine and strengthen the relationship of Christians and Jews." There are 11 statements/resources within this book. In particular, our discussions focused on the following:

- "A Theological Understanding of the Relationship Between Christians and Jews," approved by the 199th General Assembly in 1987
- "Dabru Emet: A Jewish Statement of Christians and Christianity" (2000)
- "A Sacred Obligation: Rethinking Christian Faith in Relation to Judaism and Jewish People" (Sept. 2002)

If you were unable to attend these classes, but would like a copy of the book, please contact Becky Pierce.

Upcoming Adult Education Planned

FEBRUARY 7

Last year, we hosted a Seder Dinner in our Fellowship Hall. This year, we have invited a rabbi from the Congregation at Etz Chaim in Lombard to speak.



Last year, a Seder dinner was hosted in Fellowship Hall.

FEBRUARY 12

Plan to attend a service at the Congregation at Etz Chaim Jewish synagogue on this Friday evening. We will announce further details in class.

FEBRUARY 14

Darlene Aniolowski will give a presentation from the Library Committee.

FEBRUARY 21

No Adult Education classes will be held, as it is the day of our annual Congregational Meeting. Please stop by our Committee Display Tables in Fellowship Hall after the meeting to see what we are planning for our Lenten Small Group series.

FEBRUARY 27

Save the date! Join us for the *RelationTrips* presentation at 4:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall Parent Event (see sidebar). We are excited to host this event. It will be a lively combination of sights, sounds and sage advice for all parents. The presentation will be a fun-filled tour de force packed with great ideas for partnering with your child. Childcare will be provided. Please contact Becky Pierce at 708.398.9146 or pierceorama@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

Job Support Group to Meet

FPCLG will again host a five-week job support workshop on Tuesday evenings, from February 2–March 2, from 7:00–9:00 p.m in room G-9. This workshop is designed for all who are in career transition, whether you have lost your job or looking for a new one. These sessions will help you put together a job search strategy and specifically cover résumé preparation, interviewing techniques and follow-up, networking and providing you with job search resources and tools including how to work with recruiters and utilize social networking sites.



Interfaith Career Network Helps Locals Network, Find Employment



The ICNG website provides details and schedules regarding upcoming events.

FPCLG is now part of the Interfaith Career Network, comprised of a fellowship of churches in the La Grange area. The group offers job search support through various programs from month-to-month. Below is a listing of typical monthly events.

Networking Meetings – First Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m., St. Francis Xavier Parish, La Grange.

Program with Speaker – Third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m., St. John of the Cross Parish, Western Springs.

Career Center – 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m., First Baptist Church, La Grange. Daycare provided.

Quarterly Résumé Reviews – St. Cletus Parish, La Grange.

Please visit the ICNG website at www.interfaithcareernetwork.org for details. For additional information, please contact Susan Sedler at 708.352.2575 or sqsedler@aol.com.

Third Graders Received Bibles

Thanks to Kelly Higgins and Sarah Parkes for coordinating and presenting, Bill Ackerman and Jay Jacobs for photography and John Hicaro for calligraphy.



9:30 Traditional Service: Katherine Coleman, Sydney Dockins, Elizabeth Donoghue, Gillian Keely, , Samantha Hicks, Katherine Higgins, Joseph Gillespie Megan Kimberling, Maxwell Knipstein, Audrey Parkes, Zachary Picton.

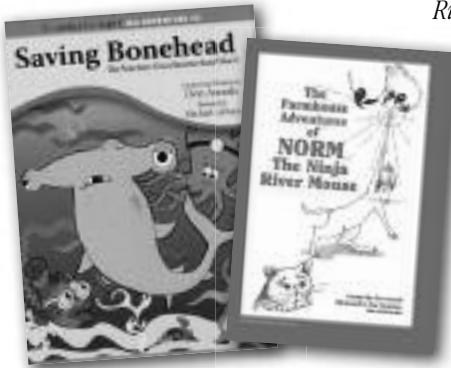


11:15 Contemporary Service: Ava McLean, Jane Stockbridge, Beecher Dunne

Other children who received Bibles but were not present at the service were Gabriella Blauw, Grant Filippi, Brandon Hankes and Joey Solar.

Grandpa Grouper's Visit

Sales of the books "*Saving Bonehead, the Ten Foot Hammerhead Shark, Grandpa Grouper—The Fish with Glasses*" and "*The Farmhouse Adventures of Norm the Ninja River Mouse*" amounted to nearly \$300 when recently offered in Heartbeat Café.



Thanks to all who purchased the books and special thanks to Don Arends, the author, and Jane Arends, who donated half of the sales to Children's Ministries. They also donated a copy of "*Saving Bonehead...*" to our church library.

Cooking for Ronald

Both IB and TUXIS have recently worked on mission projects for the Ronald McDonald House. With frosting, colored sugars and sprinkles in hand, IB decorated several dozen sugar cookies. These easy, grab 'n go tasty treats will be enjoyed by the many families that stay at the Ronald McDonald House while their loved ones receive treatment. While IB was in the kitchen, TUXIS worked on fleece blankets to be given to the Ronald McDonald House. These soft and cozy blankets will help to bring the comforts of home to the families at the house.

Scholarships Available for FPCLG Youth

The Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for the Karaba Leadership Award and Scholarship; the Metcalf, Hellerman and Reid Scholarship; and the Elvan and Louise English Scholarship. These scholarships are made possible through generous donations. The Karaba Award and Scholarship is open to graduating high school seniors. The other two scholarships are open to graduating high school seniors and to students who are continuing their higher education, and can be applied for even if earned in a previous year. Applications are available in the Church Office or on the church Web site, <http://www.fpclg.org>. **Completed applications must be received in the office by Monday, February 8, 2010.** If you have questions about the scholarships, please contact Greg Beglen, Barb Wood or Judy Monzella.

Save Your Stuff and Save the Dates



Are your closets overflowing with new holiday stuff? If you are cleaning things out, consider donating them to the TUXIS (high school youth group) for their rummage sale. It's their largest fundraiser, offsetting expenses for the annual summer mission work trip. The sale will be held at the church on Friday, March 12, and Saturday, March 13. Please spread the word and start collecting your unwanted treasures. TUXIS members would love to sell your household items, small furniture, toys, books, sports equipment, clothing, etc. Unfortunately, this year we are not accepting computers. Official drop-off dates will be announced soon, but if it is necessary, you can now begin to drop off items in Room G-11.



Are You an eBay Guru?

Are you savvy on eBay? Many times, TUXIS receives rummage sale donations that are better suited for sale online and will render a greater net sale for the mission trip. Therefore, we're hoping for someone to assist us (or advise us) with placing some of our items on eBay. Please contact Judy Monzella at 708.354.0771 if you can help the youth in this way. Thanks.

HUGE CHURCH

RUMMAGE SALE

MARCH 12-13

Friday: 7:00pm - 9:00pm

\$5 ADMISSION

Saturday: 8:00am - 2:00pm

FREE ADMISSION

708-354-0771  www.tuxis.org



Preview Sale ■ Friday, March 12 ■ \$5 Admission ■ 7:00–9:00 p.m.

Regular Sale ■ Saturday, March 13 ■ FREE Admission ■ 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

EVERYTHING HALF PRICE 12:00–2:00 p.m.

**PROCEEDS SUPPORT
YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIP**

February Events

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

- 9:30 a.m. Newcomers Playgroup, Nursery
- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, Westminster Hall
- 11:00 a.m. La Grange Garden Club, Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Captains, Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation, Fellowship Hall/Third Floor
- 7:00 p.m. Job Support Group, Room G-9

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- 9:00 a.m. Women's small group, Westminster Hall
- 9:00 a.m. Handbells I rehearsal, Choir Room
- 1:00 p.m. Staff meeting, Parlor
- 2:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 1278, Radical Roots
- 4:30 p.m. Crusader Choir rehearsal (Grades 1–5),
Choir Room
- 7:00 p.m. AA, west side of building
- 7:30 p.m. Children's Ministry Committee meeting, Parlor

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- 11:00 a.m. Men's Bible study, Parlor
- 12:30 p.m. Presbyterian Women's Luncheon and Program,
Fellowship Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Women's small group, Parlor
- 3:30 p.m. Brownie Troop 1243, Third Floor
- 6:00 p.m. NOW Music (Grades 6–12), Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Handbells II rehearsal, Choir Room
- 7:00 p.m. AA, west side of building
- 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, Choir Room

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Deadline for March issue of *Church & Home*
TBD Confirmation Lock-In

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- 8:30 a.m. Women's breakfast, J.C. George's
- 7:00 p.m. NA, west side of building

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

2 Cents-a-Meal Sunday

- 9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship/Communion, Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Faith Forest Rotational Model Church School for
Grades K–8
- 9:45 a.m. Preschool Faith Forest, Room G-2
- 10:15 a.m. Contemporary Music rehearsal, Westminster Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Heartbeat Café, Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Adult Education, Room G-9
- 10:45 a.m. Cherub Choir rehearsal, Choir Room
- 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship/Communion,
Westminster Hall
- 11:30 a.m. Faith Forest Rotational Model Church School for
Grades K–5
- 3:30 p.m. IB (Grades 6–8), Third Floor
- 6:00 p.m. TUXIS (Grades 9–12), Fellowship Hall/Third Floor

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- 9:30 a.m. Newcomers Playgroup, Nursery
- 10:00 a.m. Presbyterian Women's Friendship Circle,
Home of Sally Kruse
- 1:00 p.m. AARP Board meeting, Westminster Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Library Committee meeting, Church Library
- 7:00 p.m. Indian Guides, Third Floor

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation, Fellowship Hall/Third Floor
- 7:00 p.m. Job Support Group, Room G-9

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- 9:00 a.m. Women's small group, Westminster Hall
- 9:00 a.m. Handbells I rehearsal, Choir Room
- 1:00 p.m. Staff meeting, Parlor
- 4:30 p.m. Crusader Choir rehearsal (Grades 1–5),
Choir Room
- 7:00 p.m. AA, west side of building
- 7:30 p.m. Committee meetings

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- 9:30 a.m. Presbyterian Women's Sewing Circle,
Westminster Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Men's Bible study, Parlor
- 1:00 p.m. Women's small group, Parlor
- 3:00 p.m. Daisy Troop, Radical Roots/Third Floor
- 6:00 p.m. NOW Music (Grades 6–12), Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Handbells II rehearsal, Choir Room
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- 8:30 a.m. Women's breakfast, J.C. George's
- 7:00 p.m. NA, west side of building

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

- 8:30 a.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, Choir Loft
- 9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Faith Forest Rotational Model Church School for
Grades K–8
- 9:45 a.m. Preschool Faith Forest, Room G-2
- 10:15 a.m. Contemporary Music rehearsal, Westminster Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Heartbeat Café, Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Adult Education, Room G-9
- 10:45 a.m. Cherub Choir rehearsal, Choir Room
- 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship, Westminster Hall
- 11:30 a.m. Faith Forest Rotational Model Church School for
Grades K–5

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- 9:30 a.m. Newcomers Playgroup, Nursery
- 7:00 p.m. Mission Night/Prepare Food for Life, Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- 8:30 a.m. AARP, Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Leave to serve Food for Life, Church Parking Lot
- 1:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women's Book Group, Parlor
- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation, Fellowship Hall/Third Floor
- 7:00 p.m. Job Support Group, Room G-9

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17**Ash Wednesday**

- 9:00 a.m. Women's small group, Westminster Hall
- 9:00 a.m. Handbells I rehearsal, Choir Room
- 1:00 p.m. Staff meeting, Parlor
- 2:30 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 1278, Radical Roots
- 4:30 p.m. Crusader Choir rehearsal (Grades 1-5), Choir Room
- 6:00 p.m. NOW Music (Grades 6-12), Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. AA, west side of building
- 7:30 p.m. Deacons' meeting, Westminster Hall
- 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, Choir Room

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

- 9:30 a.m. Presbyterian Women's Fellowship Circle
- 11:00 a.m. Men's Bible study, Parlor
- 12:00 p.m. Multicultural Seniors Association, Fellowship Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Women's small group, Parlor
- 3:30 p.m. Brownie Troop 1243, Third Floor
- 6:30 p.m. Handbells II rehearsal, Choir Room
- 7:00 p.m. AA, west side of building

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

- 8:30 a.m. Women's breakfast, J.C. George's
- 9:30 a.m. New Deacon Training, Parlor
- 2:00 p.m. Scrapbooking Group, Room G-9
- 7:00 p.m. NA, west side of building

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

- 9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, Choir Loft
- 10:00 a.m. Worship, Sanctuary
- 10:15 a.m. Faith Forest Rotational Model Church School for Grades K-8
- 10:15 a.m. Preschool Faith Forest, Room G-2
- 11:00 a.m. Annual Meeting, Sanctuary
Heartbeat Café, Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 p.m. IB (Grades 6-8), Third Floor
- 6:00 p.m. TUXIS (Grades 9-12), Fellowship Hall/Third Floor

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- 9:30 a.m. Newcomers Playgroup, Nursery
- 7:00 p.m. Indian Princesses, Third Floor

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- 6:00 p.m. Confirmation, Fellowship Hall/Third Floor
- 7:00 p.m. Job Support Group, Room G-9

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- 9:00 a.m. Women's small group, Westminster Hall
- 9:00 a.m. Handbells I rehearsal, Choir Room
- 1:00 p.m. Staff meeting, Parlor
- 4:30 p.m. Crusader Choir rehearsal (Grades 1-5), Choir Room
- 6:30 p.m. Session dinner, Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. AA, west side of building
- 7:30 p.m. Session meeting, Room G-9

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- 11:00 a.m. Men's Bible study, Parlor
- 1:00 p.m. Women's small group, Parlor
- 1:00 p.m. Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team, Westminster Hall
- 3:00 p.m. Daisy Troop, Radical Roots/Third Floor
- 6:00 p.m. NOW Music (Grades 6-12), Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Handbells II rehearsal, Choir Room
- 7:00 p.m. AA, west side of building
- 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, Choir Room

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- 6:00 p.m. New Elder Training, Westminster Hall

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- 8:30 a.m. Women's breakfast, J.C. George's
- 9:00 a.m. New Elder Training, Westminster Hall/Fellowship Hall
- 8:30 a.m. Presbyterian Women's retreat, Presbyterian Church of Western Springs
- 4:00 p.m. RelationTrips, Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. NA, west side of building

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

- 8:30 a.m. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal, Choir Loft
- 9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Faith Forest Rotational Model Church School for Grades K-8
- 9:45 a.m. Preschool Faith Forest, Room G-2
- 10:15 a.m. Contemporary Music rehearsal, Westminster Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Heartbeat Café, Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Adult Education, Room G-9
- 10:45 a.m. Cherub Choir rehearsal, Choir Room
- 11:15 a.m. Contemporary Worship, Westminster Hall
- 11:30 a.m. Faith Forest Rotational Model Church School for Grades K-5
- 5:00 p.m. IB (Grades 6-8) leaves for Laser Tag
- 6:00 p.m. TUXIS (Grades 9-12), Fellowship Hall/Third Floor

Celebrating Birthdays

FEBRUARY 1

Scott Baumruck
Alaina Dodge
Jack Kernan
Linda Nesbitt

FEBRUARY 2

Gina Bacci
Katie Livingston-Brock

FEBRUARY 3

Cameron Hecht
John Penicook
George Rinder
Lillian Rittenhouse

FEBRUARY 4

Matthew Hicaro
Benjamin Yount
Sue Yount

FEBRUARY 5

Zoey Knipstein

FEBRUARY 6

Donald Hall

FEBRUARY 7

Paul Monzella

FEBRUARY 8

Jeremy Tennison

FEBRUARY 9

Zachary Bacci
Nancy Hamilton
Ed Swierczewski
Lauren Williams
Jerry Young

FEBRUARY 10

Carren Hart
Susan Nauseda

FEBRUARY 11

Chloe Blauw
Connor Coolman
Kelly Macchia

FEBRUARY 12

Ben Edwards

FEBRUARY 14

Walter Aalbregtse
Kelly Perfect
Harold Sutton

FEBRUARY 15

Kelly Hartford
Alice Karaba
Willard Keevil

FEBRUARY 16

Charlie Penicook

FEBRUARY 18

Meg Adamson
Darlene Aniolowski
Betty McGinnis
Brett Brock
Audrey Parkes

FEBRUARY 19

Liz Asperger
Maxine Brockob
Eleanor Hemzy

FEBRUARY 20

Ella Bylsma
Rebecca Lang
Daniel Peterson
George Smith

FEBRUARY 21

Sharon Fiedler

FEBRUARY 22

Derek Metcalf
Jane Hill
Dave Pierce

FEBRUARY 23

Gregory Hess
Zachary Hoffman
Jane Molenda
Leah Molenda

FEBRUARY 24

Phil Dalen
Susan Fox
Beverly May
Matt Patterson
Carl Wahlstrom
Alex Yount

FEBRUARY 25

Joan Ramp

FEBRUARY 26

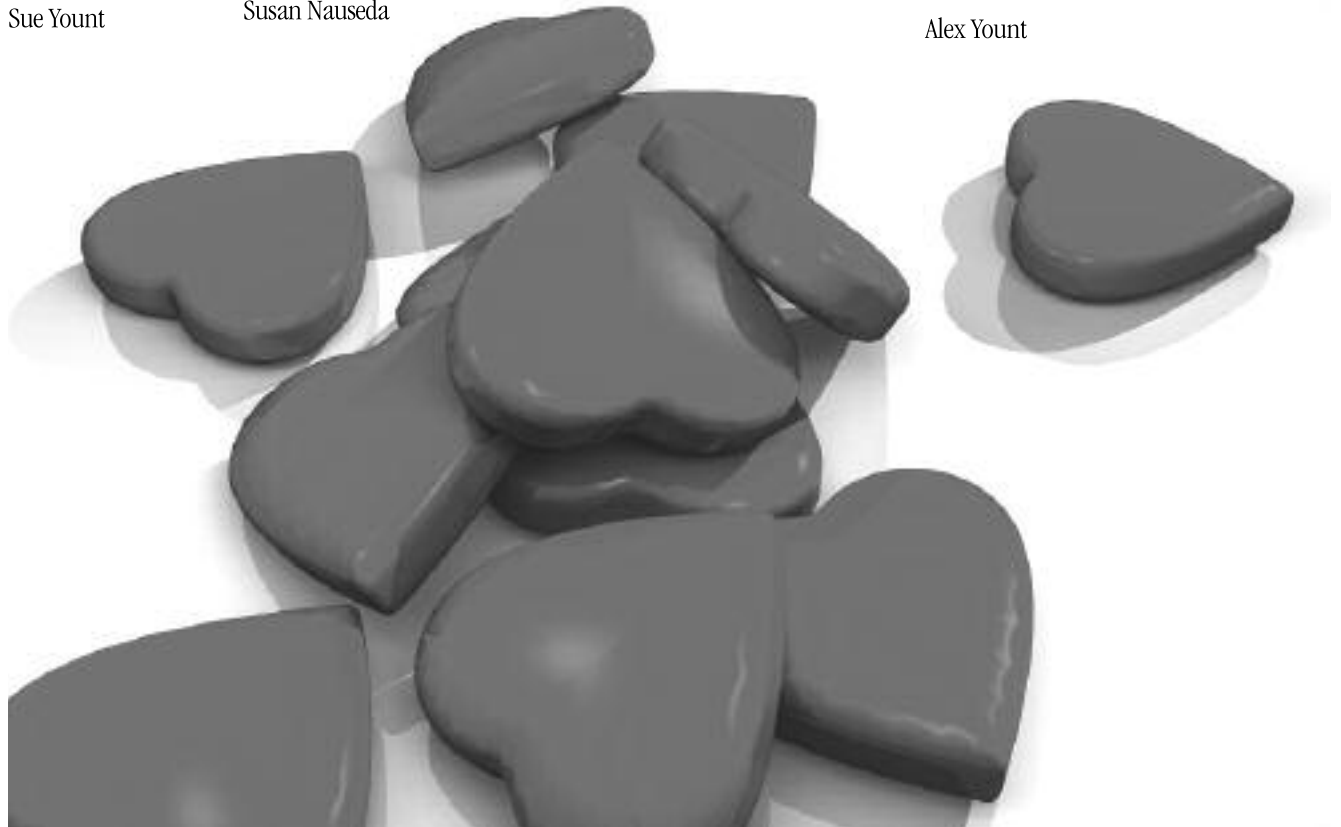
Carly Green
Joe Prusinski
Jamie Speir
Greg Teegen

FEBRUARY 27

Lily Marovec

FEBRUARY 28

Sharon Baumruck
Jenna Fiedler
Stephanie Kirk
Matthew Shuttleworth
Maryann Webb





Celebrating Anniversaries

FEBRUARY 12

David and Shawna Beshoar

FEBRUARY 20

Bob and Mary Kay Rietz

FEBRUARY 14

Walter and Marsha Aalbregtse

FEBRUARY 25

Brad and Doreen De Zur

FEBRUARY 17

Richard and Betty Bisbing

FEBRUARY 26

Nathan and Jennifer Petterson

Memorials

NOVEMBER 17

Ruth Dorstewitz

NOVEMBER 22

Charles H. Welker

Baptism

We celebrate the baptism of John Angelo “Jack” Macchia, son of Joe and Kelly Macchia, on November 22, 2009.



IN THE COMMUNITY—

Parent University

Education is not just for children. Parents and community leaders also need to connect and learn. Join others at the Thirteenth Annual Parent University on Saturday, February 6, at LTHS, South Campus. The half-day agenda is packed with great speakers and topics covering key issues on raising healthy well-adjusted children (pre-school through high school). More information is available online at http://lths.net/InfoFor/Parents/PCN/Parent_University.html, or by contacting Natalie Beglen at 708.482.0570.

Spin...

Looking for a lively workout in this cold weather? Several members have been doing “spinning” class at The Wheel Thing bicycle shop in La Grange. Joe Yount is the inspirational class leader on Saturday mornings and Monday nights. Please join us. A season pass is \$60.



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I'm In It to End It!

LAURA PASSERO

This June 5–6, I will be participating in my fifth Chicago Avon Walk for Breast Cancer. For two days and 39 miles, nearly 4,000 people will be “In It to End It.” I’m walking for my friend Cortney, who was diagnosed with the disease in August and is fighting her fight right now.



IN IT TO END IT

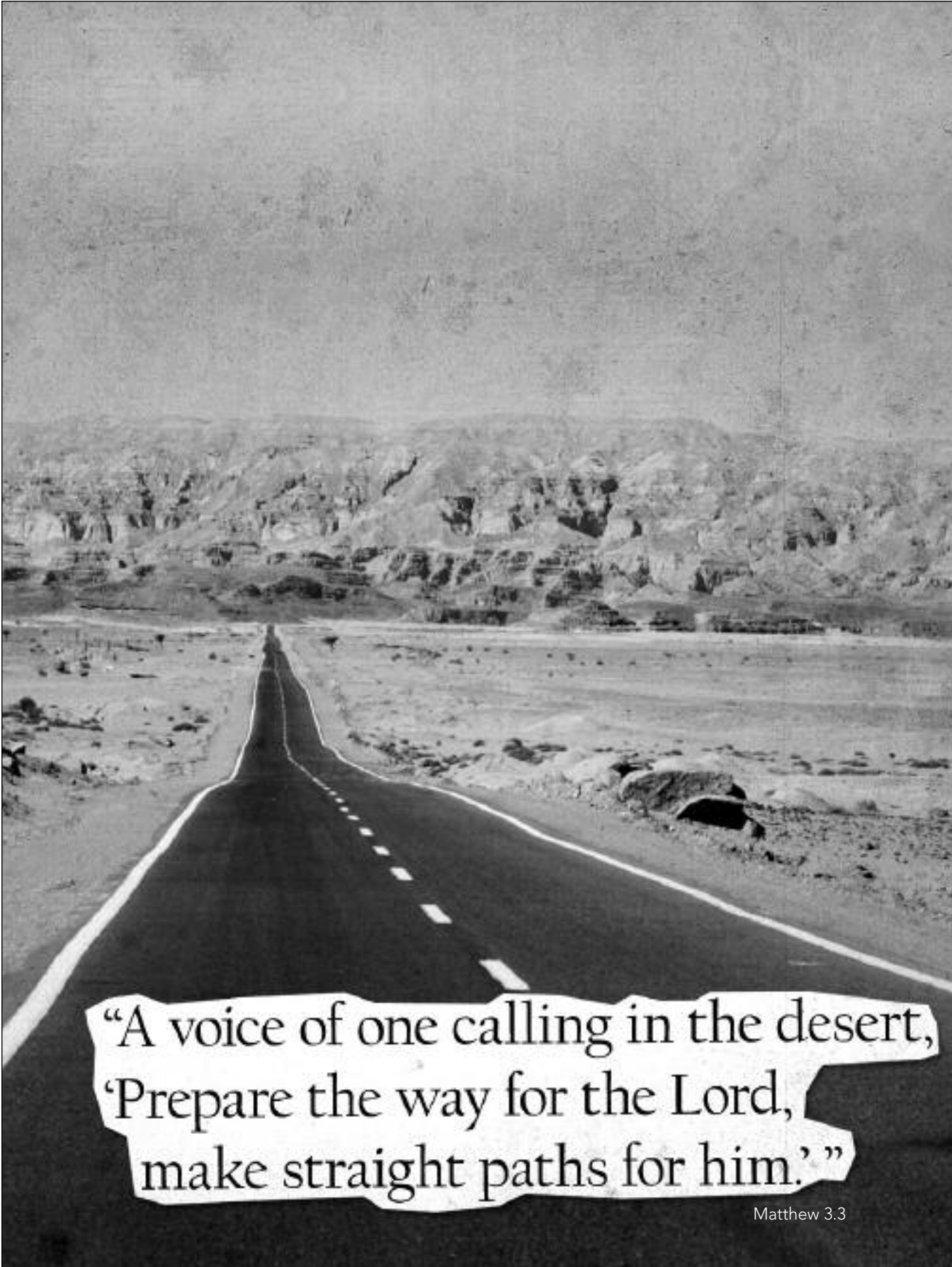
Please consider making a small donation to me or anyone you know participating in the event. You can visit my Avon Walk page at <http://avonwalk.com/goto/lpassero> and click the Donate Now button. If preferred, checks may be sent to me at P.O. Box 164, Brookfield, IL 60513 (*please make checks payable to Avon Walk for Breast Cancer*). Thank you for your support!

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networking site for business and professional connections. Join others in increasing your trusted contacts and establishing a wide network of resources. Search for our group after signing up on the site at LinkedIn.com.



“A voice of one calling in the desert,
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.’”

Matthew 3:3



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