



THE PROCLAMATION

March 2011



I am not sure who had the bright idea to go get ice cream after the Ash Wednesday Service. Knowing my love for ice cream, I have a feeling I was probably the one who made the suggestion.

A short while later, standing in front of the 31 flavors at Baskin Robbins, I focused hard on this very important decision. Of course, I was holding up the rest of the family, since Leila always orders mint chocolate chip and Tripp always orders the most unusual of the flavors being offered.

I, on the other hand, am very careful when ordering. On that night, as I do every time, I asked for a sample or two. I stared intently at my choices, knowing this was a very important decision.

What I did not notice was that the young teenage girl behind the counter was staring at my family. Well, at first, I did not notice, but after asking for my third sample it was clear that her eyes were focused on the three of us.

Finally, before I could say, "I would like pralines & cream," she said, "Sir, did you know you have dirt on your head?"

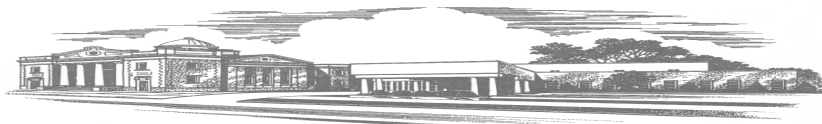
Of course, she was talking about the ashes on our foreheads. To be honest with you, this was not the first time someone had notice I was marked. My senior year at Presbyterian College, my fraternity brothers thought it was a hoot when I walked into the house with "dirt" on my forehead. Then there was the time I was in seminary, and a little old lady at the MARTA station took out a tissue to try to wipe it off. Throughout my life, it seems the ashes on my forehead cause people to pause and even comment, with some even trying to wipe them off.

On Wednesday, March 9, we will begin our journey of Lent with the observance of Ash Wednesday. In such a service, we will be reminded that Lent is the pilgrimage that we travel with Jesus toward the cross. The ashes on our foreheads are a reminder of our own depravity and of our need for Christ in our lives in order to be made whole.

The book of Genesis tells us we are dust and to dust we shall return. The Apostle Paul writes to the church Ephesus, "You also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were **marked** in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit." The ashes on our foreheads are a physical sign of who we are, but also, more importantly, whose we are.

For me, I find the service of Ash Wednesday to be pivotal in my Lenten journey as I move toward the cross with the Body of Christ. As the ashes are placed on my head, I am reminded that I have been claimed by Christ. I am suggesting that everyone go out and get ice cream following the service, but my hope, as we begin this journey of Lent, is that whether we have ashes on our forehead or not, is knowing we do not walk alone.

In Christ's Name,



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Worship Schedule

New Series

A Note from Rev. Hinkle

Our Lenten Sermon Series, which will begin on March 13, will be entitled "At the Crossroads".

Throughout Jesus' earthly ministry, he found himself at the crossroads when he was called upon to make a decision that would eventually lead him to the cross.

During Lent, we look at the crossroads that we face throughout our lives. We hope you will take this opportunity to invite your family and friends to discover the amazing things going on in the life of First Presbyterian Church.

"At the Crossroads"



Sermon Schedule for March

March 6

"The Wonder"

Series: The Miracles

John 11:17, 38-44

Psalm 40:1-5, 16-17

*Communion at both services.
No Children's Church dismissal.*

March 13

"In the Desert"

New Series: At the Crossroads

Matthew 4:1-11

March 20

"In the Night"

Series: At the Crossroads

John 3:1-9, 16-21

March 27

"In Samaria"

Series: At the Crossroads

John 4:1-15

"Laissez les bon temps rouler!"

Sunday March 6th

Submitted by Rev. Kaye Nickell



In New Orleans, before the beginning of Lent, this is the phrase you will hear as Mardi Gras parties are prepared. It is Cajun French for "Let the good times roll". Or, since we are a bit farther north and a lot more Protestant, we can say, as John Hinkle does, "The Feast before the Fasting!"

On Sunday, March 6, the last Sunday before Lent, we have the convergence of the Transfiguration of our Lord, which is an aw(e)fully strange party, and we partake of communion, which is the feast of heaven. To celebrate, Jocelyn Fisher has been hard at work putting together special music—southern harmonies—including the appropriate instruments to accompany these traditional songs of the South. These are songs of hope and faith born in the midst of hard times and suffering. Please be sure to come and celebrate with us this "feast" before we began the "fasting" of Lent.

LENT



Dinner on Wonderful Wednesdays in March:

March 2: Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans

March 9*: White Beans & Ham, Cole Slaw, Cornbread.

* March 9 will be Harold Hamm's last dinner as WW Kitchen Coordinator. Thank you, Harold, for all you're hard work!

Special Service

Ash Wednesday

On March 9, in lieu of some of our regular Wonderful Wednesday activities, we will have a special Ash Wednesday Service. We will still meet for dinner from 5 p.m.- 6:15 p.m. Then, at 6:30 p.m., we will gather for a worship service in the sanctuary. Youth's GROUP! will not meet on March 9.

Dinner on March 9 will be White Beans & Ham, Cole Slaw, Cornbread.

Understanding Worship: Lent

Lent is the forty day period between Ash Wednesday and Easter. We do not count Sundays because each Sunday is a celebration of the Resurrection. In the ancient church, the season of Lent was the season of preparation for those who would be baptized on Easter Sunday and participate in the Lord's Supper for the first time. For the modern church, Lent is a period of reflection and preparation for Holy Week which culminates in the death of Jesus. During this time, we may take on new disciplines or give up distractions in order to deepen our Christian commitment.

The season of Lent often corresponds with the seasonal change from winter to spring, signifying new life. Let us remember that very often new life comes as an old life dies. During our Lenten celebration, may we meditate on what we are becoming and on what we are not. Let us meditate on the many graces given to us daily and give thanks. Let us offer ourselves in new ways to the transforming power of the Holy Spirit so that we may be made "dead to sin and alive to all that is good."

You will notice that our worship will include some changes. The *kyrie eleison* will be added to confession of sins. It is Greek and means, *O Lord, have mercy*. Using this phrase from the ancient church reminds us to focus on the penitential emphasis of Lent. We will also be using a catechetical question and answer from the Heidelberg Catechism each Sunday of Lent for our affirmation of faith. This is one of the most beautiful statements of our belonging to Christ in all of our confessions. Repetition will help us memorize this statement of our faith and remind us of the constancy of God's baptismal promise to us, even as we often fail in our promise to him. Finally, we pray the prayer of St. Francis each Sunday for our prayer of the people. This prayer will remind us that God's will for the world begins with a change for each of us. May God bless you as you celebrate a holy Lent.

Presbyterian Women



New moderators for Presbyterian Women:
Nollie Jenne for the Morning Circle,
Susan Couch for the Evening Circle,
Martha Richmond for the Circle of Faith.

Evening Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 8 at 7:00 p.m. Shanon Kusch will hostess.

Study will be led by Roenella Hornsby.

Morning Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 1 at 10:00 a.m. Martha Johnson will be the Bible Study leader and Harriet Patterson will hostess.

Circle of Faith will meet the last Tuesday of the month.

NEW WOMEN'S CIRCLE!!! Interested in joining a Presbyterian Women's circle, but just haven't found the one that best suits your life and schedule? We're offering a new lunch hour circle option, which will meet on the 4th Monday of each month at the church.

Meeting time will be from 12:30-1:30, but those interested can arrive at noon with a bag lunch to eat while visiting with others. Child care will be available (please contact the church office in advance if it is needed).

If you have questions, feel free to call Kathy Corlew (849-9025) or Amy Maynard (867-2140). The first meeting will be **Monday, March 28**. We hope to see you there!

Directory Updates

Need to update your information?


Just give the office a call (893-3882 x 0) or send an e-mail (sbrookfield@mborofpc.org).

- **Wade Blum - Email Update**
- wblum@att.net
- **Melanie Brogli - E-mail & Phone Updates**
- melanie.brogli@comcast.net
- Also, Melanie has cancelled her home phone number (904-7369) and now only uses her cell: 615-542-3675.
- **Marcia Moffett**
- **Address & Phone Updates**
- Creekside at Three Rivers, Apt. 116
2744 Ashers Fork Drive
Murfreesboro, TN 37128
- 615-895-6268
- Desk at Creekside: 615-895-3002
- **Matt & Cindy Phifer - E-mail Update**
- hornsbueraiders@bellsouth.net

FPC Youth!

March Calendar of Events

- ♣ Wed. 3/2 - Group! 5:55-7:01
- ♣ Sun. 3/6 - Group! 5:33-6:47
- ♣ Wed. 3/9 - NO GROUP!
(Ash Wednesday Service)
- ♣ Sun. 3/13 - Group! 5:33-6:47
- ♣ Wed. 3/16 - Group! 5:55-7:01
- ♣ Sun. 3/20 - Group! 5:33-6:47
- ♣ Wed. 3/23 - Spring Break Party!
(5:55-7:01)
- ♣ Sun. 3/27 - Group! 5:33-6:47
- ♣ Wed. 3/30 - Group! 5:55-7:01



Questions? bobby@mborofpc.org

Administration Update

Team Members: Les Gray (chair), Jerry Hawkins, Bernie Steen, and Joe Bales.

First Quarter Giving Goals

First Presbyterian Church got off to a very good start on our giving in January. The administration team would like to present the following first quarter giving goals and January results.

<u>Monthly Giving Goals</u>	<u>Monthly Actual Giving</u>
January \$36,202	\$52,814
February \$42,204	
March \$50,618	

Two new designated funds: The administration team would also like to announce the formation of two designated funds. These funds have been established upon request and are open to contributions from anyone above and beyond their regular pledges and contributions.

- **The Bicentennial Fund** has been established to assist in funding the 200th year anniversary celebration events that will start in June of this year and conclude April 22, 2012.
- **The Preservation and Restoration of the Historic Church Fund** is established for the purpose as stated. All net proceeds from the sale of our Bicentennial Cookbook will also go to this fund.



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“DAY OF ACTION”

Choose your shift!
March 31 or April 1 or April 2
(8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon or 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.)




You can be a part of a team performing community service for United Way's partner agencies, local schools and other non-profit and community organizations assisting with anything from landscaping to painting a room to delivering meals to those in need.

*Participants will receive
an event T-shirt!*

Complete a registration form online at
www.uwrutherford.org **no later than March 1.**

For more information, contact Kristina Brown
(615-893-2514 or kbrown@fbcmboro.org)

Arlington Funeral



In December of last year, George Justin Lombardi, 61, was called home to his Lord and Savior. In addition to being a valued member of our congregation, George was a beloved husband and father, and he was a member of our nation's armed forces, having served in the Navy.

On March 22, George Lombardi will be honored in a funeral ceremony Arlington National Cemetery. This is quite a distinction, and we are proud of George and grateful for his service to our country. We ask that you continue to remember his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Mission



South Dakota Mission Trip 2011

Submitted by Dave Baughman

You've heard about the mission trip we take to Oglala, South Dakota now for about the last twelve years. Maybe you have wondered what it would be like to go yourself.

Well, there's one way to truly find out. Sign up and go. Your heart will soar like a hawk.

If you would like to go on the mission trip or want to get more info, please contact either Emily Shacklett (e.shacklett@comcast.net) or Dave Baughman(dave@alliedboiler.com).

Conclusion of Souper Bowl of Caring & Friendly Food Drive Competition



First Presbyterian Church recently partnered with other local churches to raise food for local agencies. FPC, First Baptist Church, Central Christian and St. Paul's Episcopal all participated in the food drive, the proceeds of which were designated to go to five local organizations.

Well, the food drive is over and the numbers are in! Kristina Brown of First Baptist Church was kind enough to add up all the totals. The results were impressive--7,103 items were gathered.

Rutherford County Food Bank will receive 3,461 of these items. The remaining 3,642 items will be given to Greenhouse Ministries, the Family Resource Center, Journey of Hope, and the School Backpacks Program.

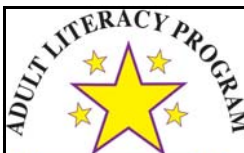
Thank you to everyone who participated!

Some local involvement opportunities:



OPERATION INASMUCH and United Way have partnered to provide us with a chance to volunteer at 16 local agencies for 4 hour shifts on March 30, April 1 and April 2.

To sign up and for more information, go to www.uwrutherford.org. You may sign up as an individual or a group - grab a friend and volunteer!



READ TO SUCCEED

*Adult Literacy Program Seeks
Volunteers*



Read To Succeed always needs tutors. Tutors in our Adult Literacy program are required to attend 12 hours of training before you begin.

Once you start tutoring, you and your learner will meet 1-2 times a week for 1-2 hours at a mutually-convenient, public place. You will be required to submit a monthly report and a quarterly test.

Read To Succeed needs YOU!

Would you like to teach an adult to read?

TRAINING: Thursdays, Feb. 24 - March 24

TIME: 11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

Lunch will be provided.

PLACE: Lon Nuell Family Literacy Center
(in First Baptist Church)

Please contact [Shelly Stanley](mailto:Shelly.Stanley) by email or call **738-7323** to sign up.

Lon Nuell Family Literacy Center
at First Baptist Church
200 East Main Street
Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37130
615-738-7323

Notes from Session

Submitted by Clerk of Session Glen Emery

The following notes are from the February 15 Session meeting.

- We were pleased to accept these following **new members** into our fellowship: John and Kendra Eller and their three children, Sarah, Jake and Mac; and Chuck and Kit Ramsay.
- **Notes from the Presbytery meeting** of February 5, 2011 at Franklin Presbyterian: 1) A proposed amendment to the Presbyterian constitution, changing the Foundations of Presbyterian Polity and Form of Government, as approved by the 219th General Assembly (2010) and recommended to the presbyteries for their vote was defeated. 2) A proposed amendment to the Presbyterian constitution to include the Confession of Belhar as approved by the 219th General Assembly and recommended to the Presbyteries for their vote was defeated, and 3) A proposed amendment to the Presbyterian constitution recommending changes to the Book of Order as approved by the 219th General Assembly and recommended to the Presbyteries for their vote was defeated.
- **New moderators** for the Presbyterian women will be: Nollie Jenne for the Morning Circle, Susan Couch for the Evening Circle, and Martha Richmond for the Circle of Faith.
- The **spiritual retreat** for the congregation is tentatively scheduled for May 2012, after the bicentennial events.
- **Harold Hamm** will be retiring from the Wonderful Wednesday meals. We are grateful for his seven years of dedication to this ministry. We are in conversations with **Joy Hall**, who may take charge of this event for the rest of the year to the summer break.
- **Rob and Kim Joyner** are commended for their coordination of the Chili Cook-Off this year, which raised \$1,035.00 for youth mission trips.
- At present, we have seven Senior High youth signed up to attend **Montreat** and seven Junior High Youth signed up to attend the **Great Escape**. The cost of these events are becoming increasingly high to the point that fund raising may only cover a fraction of the cost. Two fund raisers are being scheduled: a dinner and cake auction, and cut outs on a bulletin board to list donations needed. (Note: It costs \$550 per person per week to attend the Montreat conferences.)
- The Youth Ministry has been approved to **sponsor a child** through Compassion International. Sponsorship of children in Third World countries like Swaziland, Ghana, Indonesia, India and Senegal helps provide necessities, such as access to primary health care, nutrition, immunization, quality education by paying for their fees, recreation and creativity inputs for the children.. The youth will take an offering each month that will go to fund a \$38 monthly sponsorship fee. Reaching out to the poor in Jesus' name is a powerful catalyst for spiritual growth and opens one's heart to children who are in urgent need. Involvement motivates prayer and enthusiasm for a renewed sense of togetherness.
- **50 new chairs** will be purchased for the Youth Room and the old chairs will be donated to the Greenhouse ministries.
- Two new restricted **gift accounts** have been created for the Bicentennial: the Bicentennial Fund and the Preservation and Restoration of the Historic Church Fund.
- **Lilies** will be used to adorn the sanctuary for Easter. Notices will be in the Sunday bulletins on March 20 and 27 for members to order them in honor or in memory of loved ones. Thorns and thistles will be used instead of flowers in the sanctuary during Lent.
- The church's parking is difficult and confusing for visitors. **Visitor parking** will be designated in the rear of the church with appropriate signage. Also, plans are being made for a desert/tea for our visitors who have been with us for a long period of time but who have not joined the church as members. The event is a way of thanking them and letting them know that we are glad they are here.

Notes from Session, Continued.

- **66 visitors/families** worshiped with us last month.
- The following is a **listing of the missions** we support: Room In The Inn, 4 Cents A Meal, Pastoral Counseling Center, Red Cross Blood Drives, Salvation Army Christmas Tree, Rutherford County Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity, Operation InAsMuch, Disaster Relief, and The Journey Home.
- Two members for **La Vida Joven** will be visiting in April. Our next trip to Nicaragua will be in 2012.
- Currently 35 people are signed up to go to on the mission trip to South Dakota. We are hoping to help assist with college tuition expenses for a boy named Aloysius Dreaming Bear from the Pine Ridge Reservation who has been involved with our programs during our church's mission trips there.
- We are planning to send **care packages** to our young men and women who are in the military.
- The **PSF** has acquired property behind its current house on Tennessee Boulevard. A long range goal is to build a dormitory and chapel on the property.
- The **rental house** sewer line will need to be replaced within the next month. After examining several bids, it was decided to use Hiller Plumbing at a cost estimate of \$1,700 plus the cost of the replacement of a section of the sidewalk.
- Our theme this year for **Vacation Bible School (VBS)** will be: "Serengeti Trek" It revolves around these 5 days of study: Know God, Talk to God, Tell about God, Love God, and Work for God. The Central Christian Church will be joining our VBS as they did last year. Overall direction and planning will be coordinated by Reverend Nickell.
- **Communion** was taken to 6 shut-ins this past month.

Cheers!

-Glen Emery, Clerk of the Session

Thank You!



After three-and-a-half years as Parish Associate with First Presbyterian Church, Rev. Tom Tyndall will be retiring. Tom has visited and prayed with many of our members and their families during times of illness or hospitalization in the Nashville area. We at First Presbyterian Church are grateful for Tom and his dedication to the members of FPC. We wish him the best in his new ventures (and adventures!). Thank you for your service, Tom!

To Our First Church Family,

Thank you to all who have sent cards, emails, prayer-grams, phoned, made meals and said prayers for us.

Words cannot be found on how moved and grateful we are to have such a great church family. We are blessed beyond anything we could have imagined.

Prayers and Blessings,

The Gray Family

Dear Congregation,

I want to thank the members of the church for their many cards and prayers during my accident and healing process, particularly the women of the Evening Circle and the members of the prayer ministry. As time went by, you didn't forget me, but kept the cards and prayers coming. It means so much.

Sincerely,

Susan Ridley

Review of "Seasons of Your Heart"



Book Review by Sharon Parente

Wiederkehr, Macrina. *Seasons of Your Heart: Prayers and Reflections*. [San Francisco, Calif.]: HarperSanFrancisco, 1991. Print. 242 W

This revised and expanded edition of Benedictine Sister Macrina Wiederkehr's *Seasons of Your Heart* provides an invitation to journey within and explore the changing seasons of your heart. The reflections and prayers found in each section have sprung from Sister Macrina's act of daily listening to God while progressing through seasons of wonder, hope, love, mystery and faith.

Each section of the book is devoted to one thematic season and explores calls to let go, to vision, to service, to die and rise, and to ministry. These sections are further broken down into ten or more self-contained subtopics which can easily be used as daily devotionals. Each subtopic includes relevant scripture passages, reflections by the author, and poems. The reader is rewarded at the end of each season with a wonderful collection of heartfelt prayers. Several helpful indexes are included to help easily locate the prayers, reflections, scriptures, and subjects covered in the book.

Sister Macrina is the author of seven books relating to prayer and spirituality. She resides at the Saint Scholastica Monastery in Fort Smith, Arkansas, where she hosts retreats several times a year.

Bicentennial News: Cookbook Committee



Recipe Deadline.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT!!!

We need your recipes on or before **Wednesday, March 16th** for inclusion in our Bicentennial Cookbook. You may email them to recipes@cultivationnetwork.com, place them in the box outside the church office, or visit our Cookbook Table on Sunday mornings (*below*). We will also be available at Wonderful Wednesday on our deadline date, March 16th. By the way, the deadline is March 16th.

Cookbook Order Forms

Orders forms for *Welcome to our Table*, our Bicentennial Cookbook, are available on the tables at the entrances to the sanctuary. Or, you can also visit us at our friendly "Cookbook Table" where you can drop off your recipes or your "recollection stories," place your order, ask questions or even volunteer!! The table will be set up in the Common Room foyer on Sunday mornings in March from 9:30-9:45 and 10:30-11:00 a.m. Also, look for our table on March 16th at Wonderful Wednesday.

All order forms must include payment for processing (no sales tax). Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church with "cookbook" written in the memo.

- 1 book \$15.00
- 3 books \$40.00
- 5+ books \$13.00/each

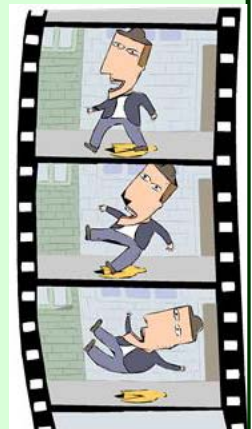
If you have the scoop on a funny story, then we need you to dish!

Have you been a member of First Presbyterian Church for several years? Are you able to recall some interesting, amusing stories concerning food events held here at the church? If so, we want to hear from you!

Space restrictions may limit how many stories can be used, but we would like to add as many as possible. We might even be able to include some photos of food events, if you have any to share.

Please send your recollections to the Bicentennial Cookbook Committee before March 16th.

(No one was injured in the making of this cartoon reel. We think.)



All profits from the sale of the cookbooks will benefit the Preservation and Restoration of the Historic Building Fund.

Bicentennial News: Shirts Available

You may have noticed some light blue First Presbyterian Church shirts being displayed at Wonderful Wednesday dinners. These are the new FPC Bicentennial Celebration shirts. They are available in men's, women's and children's sizes. They are available in three styles: silk-screen t-shirt, golf-style shirts and dress shirts. Order forms are available at the church. You may also contact the church office for further information (893-3882 ext. 0).

Bicentennial News: Upcoming Trip



Photo from
townofmontreat.org.

Pilgrimage to Montreat, North Carolina

Join us on October 10-12, 2011, for a three-day pilgrimage to Montreat, N.C., the historic conference grounds of the old Southern Presbyterian Church. We will have lectures on the western movement of the Presbyterian Church, an opportunity to lodge and have meals in the historic Assembly Inn, enjoy the beauty of the surrounding fall-colored foliage, and the option to take a side trip to the quaint Biltmore in Asheville, N.C., or the exquisitely beautiful Black Mountain, N.C.

We are offering this trip for a basic cost of \$200 per person, which includes lodging, breakfasts and dinners, and transportation. Check your calendars and plan to join us, as this is a "once in a lifetime" opportunity for First Presbyterian members! More information to come.

Memorials

The following memorials have been given:

- A gift has been given in honor of David & Catherine Sevier and in memory of Mary Saille Corlew by Charles I & Kelly Baum II.
- A gift has been given in honor of Dr. Robert Corlew and in memory of Mary Saille Corlew by Neil Fussell.

Undesignated:

In memory of Mary Woodruff given by:
Ophelia Scott Miller
Bill Scott
Mr. & Mrs. William C. Ledbetter, Jr.
Margaret Scott Weber

Designated to the Handbell Choir Fund:

In memory of Mary Saille Corlew given by:
Helen & Bob Luster
Helen Weidhaas
Jim & Amy Weidhaas
Harriet Patterson
Joanna Riggs
Kent & Cecil Coleman
Drs. Alice & James Nunnery
Susan Whitworth

Designated to the Pine Ridge Mission Trip:

In memory of Doug Graham given by:
Helen Worley

Designated to the Chancel Choir Fund:

In memory of George Lombardi given by:
Joanna Riggs



March Birthdays

March 1	Caleb Burks, Andy Peck, Lucas Webb
March 2	Will Shacklett
March 3	Marissa Sculley
March 4	Ellie Veazie
March 5	Kathy Clark, Glenn Lannom, Tracey Lannom, Jannie Luster
March 6	Kyle Commander, Jim Daniel, Caitlin Facciolli, Grayson Gritton
March 7	Abby Lugos, Clay Pelot
March 8	Tripp Hinkle
March 9	Mary Beth Hershey, Jane Jordan, Molly Davis
March 10	Heather Havens, David Parente, Michael Parente
March 12	Johnnie Leonard
March 13	Declan Craig, Livi Maynard
March 14	Zack McKinney, Jack Ross, Teri Windham
March 15	Andrew Savage
March 16	Eric Howser, Kevin McNulty, Matthew Vincent
March 17	Tina DePriest, Wendy Egles, Kristen Pearson, Bea White, Carol White
March 18	Heather Goodman, Ruthann Heasley, Sandra Kilgore, Hayley Miller, Kelly Woods
March 19	Sean Luecke
March 20	Judson Roberts, Tricia Uselton, Greta Vincent
March 22	Gracelyn Brasch, Kaylene Gebert, Amanda Pullium
March 23	Jonathan Montano, Katie Shacklett, Trey Willis, Tom Wolohon
March 24	Robert Corlew
March 25	Jane LaPaglia, Tim Moore
March 26	Katherine Seymour
March 29	Geneva Delene, Cynthia Garner
March 30	Erin Hayes, Kara Hayes, Roenella Hornsby, Lauren Rudd
March 31	Dot Daniel, Haley Stepp, Maria White, Allie Wolohon, Nikola Zglav



March Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary to ...

Jeff & Jenny Bertrand on March 14
 Joe & Ann Nunley on March 25



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Sunday Worship

8:30 a.m. - Worship
 Communion is celebrated each week.

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School for all

11:00 a.m. - Worship
 Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of the month.

Deadline for Submitting Articles/Items for the 2011 Monthly Newsletter

The third Tuesday of every month
 unless otherwise noted.

Please submit articles to Sara Brookfield at
 sbrookfield@mborofpc.org.

**Articles submitted may be edited for space or
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<p>Schedule Info:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Kaye is not in office on Mondays & Fridays •Bobby is not in office Thursdays •John is not in office Fridays 		<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •10 am -Morning Circle •10:30 -Staff Mtg •1:30 -Worship Mtg •-Some ministry teams meet this evening. 	<p>2 Wonderful Wed. (Dinner- 5 pm, Group!, Choirs, Classes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 pm Music Dir. & Ministers Mtg (ongoing) • 4 Evangelism Mtg. 	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •9 am - Preschool to Library 	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •6:30 am Men's Basketball •Office will be closing early at 2 p.m. today. 	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •7 am Men's Bible Study •10-12 am Belle Cantos
<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •8 am- Choir Rehearsal •AIM class meets •Regular Service & S.S. Schedules • 11 am -Cherubs sing •GROUP! 5:33 pm 	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •5:30 Men's Bible Study 	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •10 -Staff Mtg •1 -Care •2:30 -RSVP mtg •7 pm -Evening Circle 	<p>9 Ash Wednesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •5 pm -6:15 pm Dinner •6:30 pm Special Service •No GROUP! 	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Time Sheets Due 	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •6:30 am Men's Basketball •Women's Retreat 	<p>12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •7 am Men's Bible Study •Women's Retreat
<p>13 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS - SPRING AHEAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •8 am- Choir •Last AIM class •Regular Service & S.S. Schedules •2:30 - Quakers • GROUP! 5:33 pm 	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •5:30 Men's Bible Study 	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Newsletter Deadline •10:30 - Staff •6 pm - Service of Wholeness •6:30 -Session 	<p>16 Wonderful Wed. (Dinner- 5 pm, Group!, Choirs, Classes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •6 pm - Room in the Inn •Recipes Cut-Off Date 	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •10 am - Worship at Creekside 	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •6:30 am Men's Basketball 	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •7 am Men's Bible Study •10-12 am Belle Cantos
<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •8 am Choir Reh. •Regular Service & S.S. Schedules •3 pm meeting at First Baptist for OPERATION INASMUCH. RM 107 • GROUP! 5:33 	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •5:30 Men's Bible Study •Spring Break for Schools -25th •Sara & Nancy gone to ACS training 	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •10:30 am Staff Mtg •Sara & Nancy gone to ACS training •1:30 Adam's Place Worship 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •GROUP! 5:55 pm - 7:01 pm •No Wonderful Wednesday 	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •6:30 am Men's Basketball 	<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •7 am Men's Bible Study
<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Regular Service & S.S. Schedules •1-3 pm - Girl Scouts Mtg •GROUP! 5:33 	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •5:30 Men's Bible Study 	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •10:30 am Staff Mtg •7 pm -Evening Circle 	<p>30 Wonderful Wed. (Dinner- 5 pm, Group!, Choirs, Classes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Time Sheets Due 	<p>31</p>		

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE FOR APRIL'S NEWSLETTER:

Tuesday, March 15 (same day as Session Mtg).

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Sunday Worship Services

- 8:30 a.m. Early Worship Service
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School Hour
(AIM Class Meeting too!)
- 10:30 a.m. Fellowship time in
Common Room
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Wednesday Night Activities

- 4:00 p.m. Kaye's Class. In her office.
"Through the Bible"
 - 5:00 p.m. Dinner in Common Rm.
 - 5:33 p.m. Youth Group meets
 - 6:00 p.m. Classes Meet.
 - "Who Moved My Cheese?"
 - Beth Moore Bible Study
 - "God is Closer Than You Think"
- Choirs also practice on Wednesdays.

Other Classes:

Thursdays at Noon: "Ecclesiastes"
Day: Thursdays **Place:** Classroom F
Time: 12 pm - 1pm. (Bring your lunch!)

Ecclesiastes is part of the "wisdom books" of the Bible. The most famous section in this book is probably the "time for everything under the sun..." In this class, we will be seeking for what this book has to tell us about living a good life.