

Community News and Events

January 31, 2010

Take the Community News with you as a reminder to pray during the week. Talk to God as you read the items listed. Praise Him for the joys. Bring the mentioned people and events before His throne of grace.

Today We Welcome

This morning we welcome Craig Conrad as he leads us in worship through preaching. Craig and his wife Allison lead the "Building Healthy Marriages" initiative in Weld County as part of the Community Mediation Project.

Joys

A new granddaughter for Dick and Linda Ziegler and Kenny and Robyn Keltner. Abigail was born to Josiah and Jennifer Keltner. Pray for this beautiful little one and her parents to move through all the transitions of "first baby" with grace and joy.

Forty women are finishing up the Women's Retreat in Estes Park this morning.

In light of last week's sermon on the sanctity of human life, please pray for healthy pregnancies for those in our church family.

Concerns

Please continue to pray for Connie Turner, on her healing path following surgery and for ongoing, difficult health situations with Kathleen Klein, Don and Faye Montgomery and Jim and Corinne Anderson.

Please pray for those seeking cancer treatment: Marilyn Tapp and Tom Brotherton.

A number of our people continue to seek job placement. Please pray for persistence, encouragement and for jobs!

Email Prayer Chain

If you have a prayer need simply email Mary Haight at mhaight@ctos.com.

Card Ministry

Church directories are now available upon request at the Welcome Center (*for security purposes*).

Fostering Great Joy

Want to do something so simple that brings such great joy?? Send Annie Laurence a child's Valentine's card with a band-aid or two included (*band-aids are one of life's greatest joys to Annie!*). Annie's address is listed in the church directory. It is: Annie Laurence, 5340 Perry Street, Denver, CO. 80212

Annual Congregational Meeting

Our annual congregational meeting is February 14 at 9:45am in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the proposed 2010 general budget; vote on the nominating committee's list of elders, deacons, and new members of the nominating committee. The nominating committee presents the following persons for Elder: Craig Conrad, Robb Green, Julie Hall, Wren Lawrence, and John Trull; the following persons for Deacon: Michael Barile, Rosie Dunn, Carol Manuello, Vicky Oberhelman, Dana Rutz, Pat Simonds, Ron Welch, and Myrna Kamper; and the following persons to serve on the Nominating Committee: Mary Blattner, Aldo Classen, Dan Frey, Keith Maxey, Lyn Robinson, Lynette Veik, and Jim Philips. Additionally, the Session will present its discernment on the Associate Pastor search.

Session's Invitation to Join in Prayer for Discernment

In keeping with the letter sent to members, the Session invites you to join in a period of discernment seeking the Lord's guidance about the Associate Pastor search. You are invited to attend the following meeting: Wednesday prayer (12:00pm-1:00pm) on February 3 in the Prayer Sanctuary.

Greeley Place Grand Entrance Event

This Sunday, January 31st from 2:30pm-4:30pm, The Greeley Place (1051 6th Street) is hosting a moving seminar on "Pack/Move or Downsize" by KID GLOVES. Come listen to ideas on what to do with all the "stuff" that has accumulated over the years. Tour The Greeley Place and register to win \$100.00. Call 351-0683 if you have questions or Georgia Robins at 339-2461.

Valentine's Night Out!!!

The Nursery Ministry is blessing our parents of young children with a night out on Saturday, Feb. 13th from 5:00pm-7:30pm! The Nursery staff is fully staffed and will soon be taking reservations for parents of kids through 5th grade. Please take advantage of investing in your marriage/dating relationship with a special night together while your children are well cared for. Sign up in the Atrium by Sunday, February 7th.

Evening Service

Join us February 21st at 6:00pm for an evening worship service led by the Praise Band, Chancel Choir, Handbells and Organ.

Worship centered around scripture -based songs.

For Those in Need

The Session has voted to designate all loose offering in the offering plates on Communion Sundays for The Weld County Food Bank. The needs of the Food Bank are up 40% with needs continuing to rise. Next Sunday's loose offering will be sent to the Food Bank. Thank you for your gifts to the needy all around us.

Needed

We need Greeters and Ushers for the month of February. Please check your calendar and sign up on the schedule in the Welcome Center or contact Jean Wilke at 330-3228 or Linda Ziegler at 506-0970.

Haiti Relief Fund

We are partnering with the EPC and World Relief to provide financial assistance for ministries of compassion in Haiti. World Relief, an arm of the National Association of Evangelical Churches, has 15 years experience in Haiti working with hundreds of Haitian churches. They are currently in Haiti providing urgent medical care and a feeding center. You may learn more at www.worldrelief.org. Please make checks payable to FPC marked Haiti. We will collect money through February 14.

Thank You

Thanks so much for the beautiful poinsettia that was delivered to me by Kathy Northrop. It is still beautiful and we are enjoying it. Also my thanks go out for the many prayers and concerns from my church family. They were appreciated. The many get well cards really blessed my days. The highlight of my day was where Bob came bringing me cards.
~Mary Lisle

Capital Campaign Update

Amount pledged:	\$691,575
Pledges received:	\$367,614
Unpledged money received:	<u>\$ 35,188</u>
Total Received to date:	\$402,802
Original Loan Balance:	\$747,837
Paid on debt reduction:	<u>\$402,802</u>
Current Balance of debt:	\$345,035

Adult Ministries

Women's Ministry

Women at the Well

New Tuesday Morning Study Begins!

February 9th, the next intergenerational Bible study for women begins. "Stepping Up: The Journey through the Psalms of Ascent", by Beth Moore begins (Psalms 120-134). We will gain a new appreciation for the life of faith as a journey to greater fellowship with and worship of God. Sign up in the Atrium at the Women's Table.

If you have questions about anything regarding these women's events or the upcoming year, please call Linda Randolph at 352-3030.

Francis House Ministry

12:00pm - every Tuesday.

Precious Jewels

According to an article in this Feb. U.S. News and World Report, people in the 80s and 90s are not running for hours on a treadmill, they've been busy engaging in creative pursuits, spending time with friends and family and doing with gusto what gives them joy. Precious Jewels is about that and we encourage older folks at First Pres. to come every Wed. at 12:00pm in February and March.

Schedule:

11:20am Conference Rm. (RC Sproul Video tapes, Psalm 51)

12:00pm Lunch \$5, Celebration Center

12:45pm Conference Rm. (DVD travelogues by Rick Steves on the rebirth of Eastern Europe)

Fellowship Dinners

Join us Friday Feb. 12th at 6:15pm in the Celebration Center. Bring a dish to share and your own table service. This month's dinner will have an outstanding program with Mark Brown, a long time Greeley dentist and photographer. He will share a video he made especially for us entitled Perceptions in Nature.

Children and Youth Ministries

Dates to Remember

- Today
Communion Class for 4th & 5th graders and parents in Celebration Center at 9:45am.
- Sunday, February 7th
Crew Kid monthly meeting in Room C - 2 at 8:15am.

PIT Stop (Parents in Training)

Our third PIT Stop for the school year is on Friday, February 26th from 5:45pm-7:45pm. Randy Adamson will speak on *Learning and Understanding Your God Language*. His resource is Dr. Myra Perrine's book: *What is your God Language? - Connecting with God through your unique spiritual temperament*. We'll learn the ways we enjoy relating to God: through our intellect, through nature, etc. It will give us some insight into our relationship and

our children's relationship with the Lord. Join us by signing up in the Atrium by February 21st. Cost for the evening is \$20/family which includes childcare and dinner for everyone.

All students grades 6-12 [AXIS]

Sunday mornings at 9:45am in the Youth Center.

Middle School Students [252]

Wednesdays 6:00pm-7:30pm in the Youth Center.

High School Students [1321]

No meeting tonight. We are at High Altitude. Next Sunday see Super Bowl Party info.

Middle School Winter Retreat

[Snowbound] February 19th-21st at

Frontier Ranch. Brochures are available on our website and in the Atrium. Registration deadline is February 3rd. Cost is \$110.

Grades 8-12 [Super Bowl Party]

Sunday, Feb 7th at 4:00pm at Zach & Hilary's home (6212 W 15th St). Bring a snack and 2 liters of soda to share. Pizza will be provided.

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Wednesday Nights @ First Pres. 6:00pm-7:30pm (January 13th - April 28th)

Adult

God's Story of Salvation:

Understanding the Bible's Big Picture

Pastor Doug Brown is teaching this course. Students will learn the plot structure and key moments and figures of the Bible; the relationship between the Old and New Testaments; and the key themes that run through the Bible.

Middle School

Middle School Students [252]

Wednesdays from 6:00pm-7:30pm in the Youth Center. Friends are always welcome.

6th-10th Grade Girls

Girls Ensemble at 5:30pm with Marvin in the Sanctuary.

Children

Children's Choir and Pioneer Club

1st-5th grade kids will be making music, memorizing Scripture and munching together! Cost \$20/child (includes snack and supplies)

Infants-3yrs: Childcare in Nursery

4 yrs, 5 yrs and K: Pioneer Club

Scooters in Room C-7

Cost \$15/child (includes snack and supplies)