

Community News and Events

February 7, 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.

Joys

The Women's Retreat last weekend was enjoyed by all and the teaching was great and all husbands/fathers survived!

Josiah and Nicole Kilpatrick are the blessed new parents of Olivia Louise, born January 29th.

Concerns

Don Montgomery has improved enough to be home, which is an answer to many prayers. But it is a difficult time for Don and Faye. Please continue to pray for their encouragement and strengthening... and pray the same for Kathleen Klein and Jim and Corinne Anderson, Don and Marilyn Tapp and Tom and Grace Brotherton. Each of these would be good recipients for our Card Ministry. Thanks!

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: Annie Laurence, 5340 Perry Street, Denver, CO. 80212

Annual Congregational Meeting

Our annual congregational meeting will be February 14th at 9:45am in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the 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.

Valentine's Night Out

The Nursery Ministry is blessing our parents of young children with childcare for a night out on Saturday, Feb. 13th from 5:00pm-7:30pm! The Nursery staff is fully staffed and is 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 today.

Evening Service

Join us February 21st at 6:00pm for an evening worship service, "The Living Word" (*songs directly from scripture*), led by the Praise Band, Chancel Choir, Handbells and Organ.

Lenten Season Begins

On Wed. Feb. 17th, Ash Wednesday, we mark the beginning of the Lenten season with a contemplative worship service from 6:45pm-7:30pm in the Sanctuary. Lenten devotional books will also be available beginning Ash Wednesday. They are entitled "From Fear to Love: Lenten Reflections on the Parable of the Prodigal Son", by Henri J.M. Nouwen. They will be in the Atrium at the Welcome Center.

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. Today'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.

Join Doug & Jasona to Support the Pregnancy Resource Center

Doug & Jasona are hosting a table at the "Light of Deliverance" Fundraising Gala for PRC. Please let us know if would like to join our table for dinner on March 4th from 6:00pm-8:00pm. The evening will include a presentation by Michael Clancy, an award-winning photojournalist, testimonies, and an appeal for funds to support the ministry.

Thank You

Dear Church Family, I thank my God every time I remember you, as you met the needs that Dave and I had the last four weeks during my recovery from surgery.

Your prayers were deeply felt. Your visits, phone calls, cards and of course the delicious meals were of great encouragement to us.

May God continue to bless you as you bless others with your kindness.

~Connie Turner

Thank You

Thank you church family for providing new and gently used clothing for Greeley school children. Our clothing bank is now re-stocked and better able to provide for our sweet kids! God bless you!

~Julie Hall

Peacemaker Ministries Conflict Coaching and Mediation Training

March 18-20, 2010

Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church, Englewood. Costs (not including meals and lodging on your own):

- March 18, Conflict Coaching Only - \$129.00
- March 19 & 20, Mediation Only - \$495.00
- Combined Conflict Coaching and Mediation - \$595.00

Get information or register at www.peacemaker.net

Note: If you register with Craig Conrad as a member of the FPC Peacemaking Team, you receive \$10.00, \$40.00 or \$50.00 discounts respectively for these events. Please contact him at 353-0058 or 301-4714 for information.

Mexico Mission Team

The Mexico Mission Team is meeting today immediately following the second service in the Youth Center. (approx. 12:30 pm)

Capital Campaign Update

Amount pledged:	
\$691,575	
Pledges received:	
\$371,897	
Unpledged money received:	\$
<u>35,288</u>	
Total Received to date:	

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, and a greater fellowship with the God we worship. Sign up in the Atrium at the Women's Table.

Women's Ministry Movie Night

Come for a night of southern cooking, friends and Fried Green Tomatoes on Feb. 28th at 5:00pm in the Celebration Center. Cost is \$5 per person. No childcare available. Sign up in the Atrium before Feb. 23rd.

Heartfelt Thanks

Thank you to the women who made last weekend's SHINE Women's Retreat such a wonderful experience. To Sharon KurzWagner and Wren Lawrence for all the hospitality, hotel advance work; to Sally Otto for registration duties (she has the patience of Job); to Linda Easter and her team for beautiful

worship; to Carly Aikens for wonderful and fun and healthy "goody bags"; to Jane Kayl for appealing nametags; to JoAnn Buckman for our great notebooks, for tech and music support; to Staci Datteri-Frey for a great workout class and to the small group leaders: Jasona Brown, Mary Haight, Lisa Hoyer, Marcia Sears and Jennie Camp. Thanks be to God for each of you. We were blessed and sent out to "SHINE"!

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.

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.

Precious Jewels

According to an article in this Feb. U.S. News and World Report, people in their 80s and 90s are 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)

Lightseekers (seasoned adults)

Join us Friday, Feb. 19th at 12:00pm in the Community Room for a potluck lunch. Please bring a dish to share and tableservice. Games.

Contact: Mary Fagerberg, 353-1743.

Please note: our Pops & Pasta tickets for February 27th are sold out.

Children and Youth Ministries

Dates to Remember

- Today
Communion Class for 4th & 5th graders and parents in Celebration Center at 9:45am.
- Today
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]

Super Bowl Party! See info below.

Middle School Winter Retreat

[Snowbound] February 19th-21st at Frontier Ranch. Brochures are available on our website and in the Atrium. To

register, talk with Donny (302-1601) Cost is \$110.

Registration deadline is February 3rd.

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 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.

Middle School

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)