

## Community News and Events

February 14, 2010

### Joys

It doesn't get any better on Valentine's Day than this: "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whosoever believes in Him might have eternal life." John 3:16

Annie Laurence is loving her Valentine cards and band aids! Thank you, Church.

Terry Carlson is now back in Greeley after over three years in rehabilitation facilities and hospitals! Thanks be to God.

So good to see Connie Turner in church last Sunday.

### Concerns

For health concerns, please continue to remember: Kathleen Klein, Marilyn Tapp, Tom Brotherton, Connie Turner, Jim Anderson and Annie Laurence.

Don Montgomery passed away on Thursday of this past week. His service will be this Wednesday here at the church. Please keep Faye and her daughters in your prayers. Pray for peace and comfort for this family.

### Email Prayer Chain

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

### Card Ministry

Kathleen Klein's health situation is a long journey of cancer and iron treatments. It can be so discouraging. She is, for now, living at Garden Square. Cards to Kathleen would be a wonderful way to reach out to her in this hard time. Her address at Garden Square is: 3151 West 20th Street, Greeley, CO. 80634. Thank you for being *The Church*.

### Evening Service/Worship Concert

Sunday Feb. 21st at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary. Join the Praise Band as they lead songs all based on scripture with special guests: The Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir, and organ. *Childcare available.*

### Ash Wed. Service Feb. 17th at 6:45pm

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.

### Haiti Relief Fund Deadline Today

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](http://www.worldrelief.org). Please make checks payable to FPC marked Haiti. We will collect money through today.

### 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 you 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.

### Peacemaker Ministries Conflict Coaching and Mediation Training

March 18-20, 2010 at 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](http://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.*

### Support the Mexico Mission Team

Our Mexico Mission Team is assembled and it is an excellent crew! We are

currently selling "fair wage" coffee and tickets to our support dinner that will take place on Sunday, March 14th at 6:00pm. Please help send our team by supporting these fundraisers.

### Manhattan Declaration Support

In November of 2009, a group of prominent Christian clergy, ministry leaders and scholars released the Manhattan Declaration at a press conference in Washington, DC. The declaration speaks in defense of the sanctity of life, traditional marriage, and religious liberty. The Session at FPC has formally endorsed the Declaration and encourages you to visit the website [www.manhattandeclaration.org](http://www.manhattandeclaration.org) and join them in supporting the initiative with your signature.

### Prayer Request

Dick Barany, a former Associate Pastor at FPC, has requested prayer. Dick's wife Linda has volunteered for a few weeks as a nurse practitioner through Samaritan's Purse in Port au Prince, Haiti and is there now. They request prayer for unity among the volunteer workers in Haiti, sensitivity to the leadership of the Haitian church and strength of the Lord to keep Linda going. Let's uphold these dear people in our prayers.

### Video/Computer Person Needed for Tech Team

We need someone who is willing to help us run the computer for our screens on Sunday mornings. The time commitment is approximately one Sunday per month. Some computer skills are necessary, but ample training is provided. Please speak with Marvin Easter or TJ Wilson if you are interested.

### Capital Campaign Update

Amount pledged:	\$691,575
Pledges received:	\$383,083
Unpledged money received:	<u>\$ 36,388</u>
Total Received to date:	\$419,471
Original Loan Balance:	\$747,837
Paid on debt reduction:	<u>\$419,471</u>
Current Balance of debt:	\$325,955

## Adult Ministries

### Women's Ministry

#### Women at the Well

Join us for our new Bible study "Stepping Up: The Journey through the Psalms of Ascent", by Beth Moore (Psalms 120-134). We will gain a new appreciation for the life of faith, and a greater fellowship with the God we worship. Contact: Linda Randolph 352-3030

#### 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.

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

#### For a Deeper Lenten Experience

JoLynn McClure (*Women's Prayer Team*) and Staci Datteri-Frey (*Women's Wellness Team*) have joined areas and put together a wonderful and meaningful Lenten Prayer Walk guide for the women of the church. They will be in the Atrium today to distribute these guides (*complete with Scripture calendar for the 40 days of Lent*). Don't miss the opportunity to move through Lent with this beautiful aide. Deepest gratitude to JoLynn and Staci for this gift to women (and thanks to JoAnn Buckman for her finishing work on formatting and design).

### Francis House Ministry

12:00pm - every Tuesday.

#### 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

### 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.

### Middle School Winter Retreat

[Snowbound] We leave this Friday! Meet us at FPC at 1:30pm.

#### Contact Information

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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*)