

Community News and Events

February 28, 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.

Joy's

The Middle School Youth Group and their leaders returned safely last Sunday evening from their retreat in the mountains! It was a great weekend.

Concerns

Jim Anderson's memorial service was held this past Thursday. Please remember Corinne and their extended family in your prayers.

Marilyn Tapp had surgery this past week and is now home. Pray for Marilyn's healing path and for peace and strength.

JoAnn Buckman (our great office administrative assistant) had gall bladder surgery this past week and is home. Pray for JoAnn's quick healing recovery.

Continue to remember Kathleen Klein in your prayers.

Mary Lisle is now home after a back procedure. Pray for Mary's strength and stamina to be returning.

Email Prayer Chain

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

Holy Week Schedule

- March 28th
Palm Sunday w/ Communion
8:15am & 11:00am
- April 1st
Maundy Thursday Communion Service 6:30pm - "A Service of Darkness" presented by the choir
"Easter Path" for families: 4:00pm-6:30pm
- April 4th
Easter Sunday - 8:15am & 11:00am
Pancake breakfast between services. Proceeds go to the Mexico Missions trip.

Support the Mexico Mission Team

There are two easy ways to support our Mexico Mission Team. 1) Purchase "fair wage" coffee in the Atrium. \$10 per 12 ounce bag. 2) Purchase tickets to our Support Dinner on Sunday, March 14 at 6:00pm. \$25 per plate. If you have already purchased coffee and have not yet picked up your order, please do so in the Atrium.

Video/Computer Person Needed for Tech Team

We need volunteers willing to help 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.

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. Next Sunday's loose offering will be sent to the Food Bank. Thank you for your gifts to the needy all around us.

Room at the Inn Gala

The Hearts for the Homeless Gala 2010 will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 917 10th Ave. on March 20th from 5:00pm- 8:00pm. See Mary Moenkhaus or Jean Smith to get your tickets/more information.

We are challenged to sell 24 tickets and provide a family-friendly basket for the silent auction. You can help by donating something for the basket. Proceeds support the day to day operations of Room at the Inn.

Help the East African Community

The East African Community needs your help. Refugees from Somalia, men and women, are struggling to learn English and move towards higher education. We need teachers to teach beginning English to this motivated and fun group of people who are new to our country and our community. If you know English you

qualify to be of service. No prior experience needed. Contact Jane Gilmore at janeandtad@earthlink.net

Opening up Your Home

Thought any more about opening your home once a month to an international student? Friendship families are in short supply. The need and possibilities for love and ministry right here in your home are endless. Contact Jane Gilmore for more information, janeandtad@earthlink.net.

FPC Grounds Clean-Up Day

Put this day on your calendar. Details later. Saturday, March 27 beginning at 8:00am. Questions: Mary Fagerberg, 353-1743.

Give Away

Ida May Else is offering Dwayne's American History books for free. Contact Ida May at 330-7716.

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

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.

Capital Campaign Update

Amount pledged:	\$691,575
Pledges received:	\$388,655
Unpledged money received:	<u>\$ 41,428</u>
Total Received to date:	\$430,083
Original Loan Balance:	\$747,837
Paid on debt reduction:	<u>\$430,083</u>
Current Balance of debt:	\$315,343

Adult Ministries

Women's Ministry

Women at the Well

You are welcome to join the Tuesday morning intergenerational Bible study at any time during the year. 9:00am-11:15am - childcare provided. Current study: Beth Moore "Stepping Up: A Journey through the Psalms of Ascent". Contact Lisa Hoyer: (377-4193)

Women's Evening Bible Study

Resumes March 8th at Kay Stein's home, 2501 52nd Ave. Ct. Current study: Beth Moore "Stepping Up: A Journey through the Psalms of Ascent". 6:30pm-8:00pm and will run for 7 weeks. Kay Stein (506-0262) or Jan Rogstad (353-7184)

with questions or to order a workbook (\$14.00).

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.

Lightseekers (seasoned adults)

Join us Saturday, March 6th at 10:00am. We will take a tour of the Model Train Museum at the Freight Station, 680 10th St. \$5. Meet there. Lunch afterwards downtown. Contact: Mary Fagerberg, 353-1743.

Fellowship Dinners

Our next monthly dinner is Friday, March 12th at 6:15pm in the Celebration Center and features Mike and Margaret Bashkov, who will be returning to their Wycliffe Bible Translation ministry in the Philippines in August. Bring a dish to share and your own table service. All adults in the church are warmly invited to attend.

Remaining Winter/Spring 2010 Dinners

- Friday, April 9th
Neva Woerner, church member active in prison ministry for more than 20 years. "What I Learned Behind the Walls".
- Friday, May 14th
Shirley Forbes, church member returning from her latest missions trip to Tanzania, Africa in April.

Children and Youth Ministries

Youth Staff

Staff meeting today at 12:30pm in the Youth Center.

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]

Tonight in the Youth Center from 5:00pm-7:00pm.

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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

Scouters in Room C-7

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

Child care provided upon request