

Community News and Events

February 12, 2012

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

- Scott Dolny has safely returned from Afghanistan.

Prayers and Concerns

- Please continue to pray for Pastor Greg Ehler's health to be fully restored
- Pray for continued healing for Iris Miyoshi, Murle Clark, Olga Weigand and Chad Duvall
- It would be great to send a child's Valentine card to Annie Laurence AND (if you are so led), Annie's housemate Val, who is slightly mentally disabled, also loves cards in the mail. Her address is the same as Annie's (5340 Perry Street, Denver, CO. 80212).
- Please pray for comfort and peace for Doug Graff. His sister passed away unexpectedly last week. Services were held last week and Doug and Sidney are now home.
- *Note: Just a reminder, the hospitals no longer call the church if someone is admitted. Thanks for letting us know when someone is in the hospital.*

Tonight

Evening Worship Concert at 6:00pm.

We celebrate "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever." Featuring Praise Band, Choir and soloists.

Vision Team

The Vision Team invites you to pick up a one-page summary of our findings from Phase I and the booklet "The ABC's of Natural Church Development" at the Welcome Center. Be sure to read the summary to learn many of our strengths and some of the opportunities for growth that are ahead of us. We continue to covet your prayers as we seek God's heart through his Word and the Holy Spirit.

Blood Pressure Checks Today

Blood pressure checks will take place today in Ellen Laurence's office, our parish Nurse, between services.

Middle School Winter Retreat

Snowbound is Feb 24-26. Sign-up deadline is today.

Sign Up for Your Photo Today!

Today is the last day we'll be in the Atrium to help make pictorial directory photo appointments. Don't miss out on a free 8x10. Not an official FPC member? You don't need to be -- you worship here, you're part of the community. Sign up! Just visiting? That's okay too. Lifetouch is offering this photo opportunity to our friends and extended family as well. You can also sign up by going to www.firstpresgreeley.org and clicking on the link for Directory Portrait Scheduling located at the bottom of our home page. *Questions? Contact Don Wittnam, Gordon McIver, or Sharon Kurç Wagner (330.5848).*

Remember to bring a soccer ball or hand pump to your appointment as a donation to the upcoming Ethiopian mission trip and you'll get a \$5 Lifetouch coupon.

Ministry Partners (New Members)

If you are sensing that FPC is the community of faith God is leading you to serve, grow and partner with, you will want to take advantage of an upcoming class for new members being held Wednesday nights starting February 29th from 6:00pm-7:30pm in the Celebration Center (*childcare provided*). A dinner will be served each of the five nights (*class ends March 28th*). This class will not only inform you about who we are, what we believe and our history but will also help you discern potential next steps for partnering in ministry with us. Attendance to at least four of the five sessions is required for membership. Sign up online or at the Welcome Center today.

Friendship Family Program

We have an urgent need for families to host visiting scholars from Thailand. The Friendship Family Program is a cultural exchange between UNC international students and local families who are interested in developing international friendships. Families get together with their student or students once or twice a month for family dinners, sporting events, or just a friendly visit. Friendship families provide a family environment for students and provide a firsthand view of life in the States. If you are interested please call Dr Tad and Jane Gilmore at 970.584.4077 or email them at janeandtad@earthlink.net.

From the Kitchen

Please pick up any pots, dishes etc. you may have left in the kitchen. Thank you.

Ash Wednesday Worship Service - Feb. 22

All are invited to a short, meditative time of worship to mark the beginning of the Lenten season (*40 days before Easter*) on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22 at 7:00pm. This time coordinates with the ending time of our other Wednesday night activities.

Military Prayer

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Please continue to pray for the members of the military as they serve our country, especially...

- Private Brandon Armstrong
- SPC Lindsey Buckland
- Tech Sgt. Matthew Callaway
- Spec. Aaron Castanes
- Captain Brad Caywood
- Captain Christopher Collins
- Sgt. William Cotner
- Glen Cochran (E2)
- Sgt. (E5) Kyle Cochran
- Captain Scott Dolny
- 1st Lt. Matthew George
- Senior Airman Amanda Geiger
- ENS Kevin Jack
- Pfc. Michael Knaub
- Sgt. Leland Lebsack
- Sgt. Tonio Manuella
- Lance Corporal Josh Manzano
- Chief Stacey McCoy
- Sgt. Matthew Onorato
- Pfc. Jim Ott
- SSG Joshua Reimers
- Lt. Col. David Rogers
- 2nd Lt. Alexandra Tomlinson
- EM2 Aaron Urquhart
- Lt. JG Alexander C Voeller
- Senior Airman Luke Williams
- Lt. Col. Dan Wittnam

Please note that your family member can listen to our sermons online at www.firstpresgreeley.org. Please share this information with them.

Help keep our military list updated. Please notify JoAnn in the office at 352-3030 or email her at jbuckman@firstpresgreeley.org of any needed changes. Thank you.

Adult Ministries

Women's Ministry/Women at the Well

Bible Study

- The new study on "Philippians" has begun! All women and their friends are warmly invited to join us. Childcare is provided. The study is every Tuesday from 9:00am-11:15am.
- Women's Evening Bible Study will meet Wednesday, February 15th from 6:00pm-7:30pm. The women will cover Session Twelve in Beth Moore's "Daniel" study. New members welcome. Call Julie Hall with any questions, 506.9239.
- *If you have questions about anything regarding women's events or the upcoming year, please call Linda Randolph at 970.352.3030 or lrandolph@firstpresgreeley.org.*

Monday Lunch Bunch

We provide lunch at Noon every Monday for anyone in the community that would like a meal in a loving, Christ-honoring environment.

Lightseekers (*seasoned adults*)

Join us Friday, February 17th at Noon in the Community Room. Bring a dish to share and tableservice. Our program is "My Choice". Please bring something you want to share from your past. Contact: Mary Fagerberg, 353.1743

Men's Ministry

- Join us on Wednesday evenings from 6:00pm-7:30pm at church. There will be men's small groups meeting to study Alan Kraft's book Good News for

Those Trying Harder. Please contact Greg Ehlert gregehlert@firstpresgreeley.org to register.

Men's Breakfast

On Saturday, February 25th all men of the church (*and your non-church friends, too*) are invited to another Men's Breakfast (*pancakes and Rosie's cinnamon rolls*). Things get started at 7:30am and we'll have you outta there no later than 9:00am. No need to sign-up, just show up for another powerful time of testimony and exhortation as men in Christ.

Children and Youth Ministries

Final Communion Class Today

4th and 5th grade students and parents come to the Celebration Center today during the Sunday school hour at 9:45am for our final class.

VBS Core Team formed!

The Lord has provided! Those sitting on the VBS Core Planning Team are JoLynn VanIddekinge, Kathy Cody, Vicky Oberhelman, Celeste Ewert and Zoe Adamson. We're excited to get started.

Save the date for VBS!

Babylon is coming to FPC from June 4th - 8th. Many of you have asked for these dates. Now you can block out this week on your calendar and begin praying about how you can join in all the fun!

Middle School Winter Retreat

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Grades 6-12

9:45am this morning in the Youth Center. "Essential" series.

Grades 6-8

Wednesday evening from 6:00pm-7:45pm in the Youth Center. "Fight the Good Fight" continues.

Grades 9-12

No gathering tonight. Many of us are at High Altitude. We will resume next Sunday evening.

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