

The News

First Presbyterian Church, Salina, KS

Lent:

How Will You Prepare for Easter?



February 21 through April 4

As you are our beginning and our end, O God, be for me this season of Lent: my starting point, my refuge, and my companion on this journey. As I invite you to act in my life today, use my hands to do your work, my mind to do your thinking, and my heart to do your loving. In the evening, as I ask where I have seen you, speak to me and show me. May all of us find in you our life, our center, and our hope this season of Lent. In Christ's name. Amen.

{see inside this month's newsletter for information on how you can prepare for Easter!}

In Memoriam

Marjorie J. Ireton, a member of this congregation since February 18, 2001, died February 1. Sympathy is extended to her son, Jerry, and daughter-in-law, Janet, and their family.

Neoma Ringer of Rialto, CA, a member of this congregation since October 4, 1970, died on February 11. Sympathy is extended to her daughters, Karen Watkins and Judith Houck and son, Ken Ringer and their extended families.

Sympathy is Extended

to **Connie Stevens** on the death of her mother, Katherine Gatch of Salina, who died January 23.

to **Pat & John Shaver** on the death of Pat's brother, William "Bill" Williams of Fergus Falls, MN, who died January 28.

to **Kathy & Gary Melander** and **Mandy & Casey Stephenson**.

Kathy's brother-in-law and Mandy's uncle, Everett A. Abercrombie of Soddy Daisy, TN, died February 2.

A Million Thanks!

to Manor Bus Drivers **Bob Exline, Jimmie Lewis, Bob Salem, and John Shetlar** for driving Manor residents to FPC for Sunday services during the month of February!

to the Mid & Senior High youth for the extraordinary Youth-Led Worship February 7! Your dedication and willingness to share your talents is appreciated!

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Congratulations!

Ben Hoffman and Sara Lewis were married on January 23, 2010 in Riviera Maya, Mexico. Ben's parents are **Melinda & Bill Hoffman** and his grandmother is **Amy Hoffman**.

Wedding Anniversaries

George and RaMona Parks will celebrate their *56th wedding anniversary on March 21*.

Happy Birthday!

Phyllis Gerard will celebrate her *90th birthday on March 4*.

John Shaver will celebrate his *92nd birthday on March 4*.

Helen Knight will celebrate her *92nd birthday on March 27*.

Senior Singles

March 13

Sunrise Church, 6:00 p.m.

Brisket dinner - \$8.25 total
Jean is going to tell about her trip to the Amazon River, Machu Picchu and the Galapagos Islands. Guests are always welcome!

RSVP by March 9
to Jean Burch (827-2878)



Thank you to all the countless volunteers who helped make the **PRESBY FOLLIES** and Covered Dish Dinner a **HUGE** success!

Look for pictures from the event in this newsletter and also on FPC's Flickr page!

Go to www.fpcsalina.org under "connect-on the web"



Do you want to receive emails from the church for special announcements, meeting reminders and updates? Make sure the church office has your email address! Send an email to office@fpcsalina.org and let us know!

FPC GIVES BACK

First Presbyterian Church contributes \$1,315.00 to Haiti Relief

In the aftermath of the terrible earthquake in Haiti, your prayers, gifts and actions are making a difference. Your support of the One Great Hour of Sharing and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) have been a tangible witness of God's presence and hope. Working in concert with Action by Churches Together (ACT) Alliance and Church World Service, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has provided assistance toward:

- Food, water and 35,000 hygiene kits and baby kits at 15 distribution sites.
- Temporary shelters for the many people left homeless.
- Supplies and vital infrastructure support including electrical, water, & sanitation
- Initial assessments and ground work for community psycho-social recovery.

We cannot thank you enough for your compassion and generosity. We have been inspired by so many stories of children, youth groups, and congregations each doing their part in support of the earthquake response. The damage has been devastating, but as Presbyterian mission co-worker and PDA staff member, Carlos Cardenas, reports, despite the devastation, "Hope is alive." Thank you for bringing hope to the people of Haiti. You can find situation updates and information on how you can get involved by visiting the PDA Web site. www.pcusa.org/pda



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER
ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE



FPC raised \$331.00 through the Souper Bowl of Caring, which was sent to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help the work of PDA in Haiti. The youth who collected money after the youth-led worship service collected \$185 for the New Orleans Saints and \$146 for the Indianapolis Colts.

FPC Ranks 3rd in PNK Mission Giving

Dear FPC Congregation:

Your congregation was recognized during the Stewardship and Mission Committee's report at the Presbytery meeting in Junction City on January 16. Congratulations and thank you for the wonderful gift of \$54,632 in mission dollars for the PC(USA) from your congregation in 2009.



First Presbyterian Church ranks 3rd out of 68 congregations in the Presbytery of Northern Kansas in mission giving. Thank you! We are all in this together!

In Christ,
Melanie Hancock, Associate General Presbyter

FPC Contributes \$7,120.06 to EAFB

Dear Friends of FPC,

We cannot express in adequate words how grateful we are for your help and generous donation over the Christmas holiday. However, we have nothing else to give. So please know this THANK YOU is from the heart and that you are truly appreciated. May God bless you and yours during this new year.

Sincerely, Salina Emergency Aid/Food Bank



One Great Hour of Sharing - Lenten Offering

One of our strengths as Presbyterians lies in sharing what we have with others, a discipline that for more than six decades Presbyterians have exercised through One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). This year's offering theme, drawn from Jesus' last encounter with his disciples, highlights the message he leaves them - to focus not on one's own needs but those of others. "Do you love me?" he asks three times. Three times he repeats a variation of the instructions, "Feed my sheep."

Need is increasing. Both within the United States and throughout the world, the gap between those who have enough and those who don't continues to widen. Increased costs of living mean that this year's dollar simply can't do as much work as last year's. The pinch many Americans feel is amplified many times over for those who must already spend most of their earnings on food.

Through your gifts and the gifts of other congregations across the church, the One Great Hour of Sharing offering will continue to be a reminder that through the simple act of sharing, we are blessed and experience God's abundance in surprising ways.



"Do you love me?... Feed my sheep."

John 21:15-19



Vacation Bible School May 25-28, 2010

Children's Wednesday Programs:

Mar 3: Jesus Helps a Sick Girl (FSB, p.208; BN, p.302)

Mar 10: Jesus and the Child (FSB, p. 214)

Mar 17: No Wed Programs-Spring Break!

Mar 24: The Lost Sheep (FSB, p.216; BN, p.318)

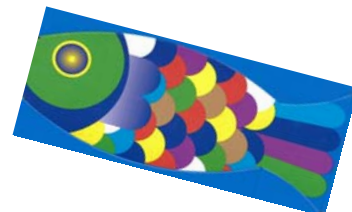
Mar 31: Review! It's a great day to bring a friend!

Parents: View the CE schedule, find out when to drop off and pick up...or if you're in charge of bringing snacks all at FPC's web site!

www.fpcsalina.org

*One Great Hour of Sharing –
it's remarkable what
a child's gift will do!*

*Use the "Sharing Calendar"
(you'll find it in this newsletter!)
and those colorful fish banks to help
your children learn about the One
Great Hour of Sharing offering, as
well as what it means to give.
Fish banks will be handed out
during Wednesday Programs.*





**GROW: WE BELIEVE WE ARE CALLED TO BE A CHURCH THAT IS AUTHENTIC
AND PASSIONATE ABOUT A LIFE OF FAITH -**

TO BE A CHURCH WHERE EVERY PERSON TAKES HIS OR HER SPIRITUAL LIFE SERIOUSLY.

Faith Matters Schedule for February and March 2010

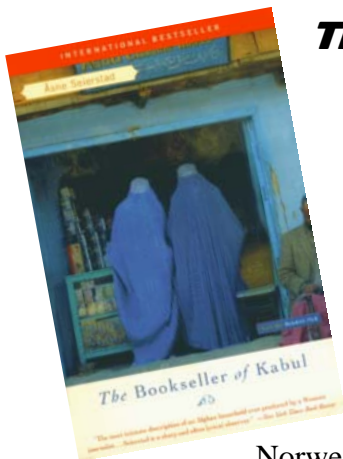
Faith Matters class meets in the Conference Room at 9:00 am Sunday mornings. It's a class for adults and high school youth and explores a variety of subjects. The nursery is always available on 2nd Floor.

"Gospel Portraits of Jesus: A Lenten Study" February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28

Welcome to a six-week course that will explore a number of the names and titles for Jesus that appear in the four Gospels. The sequence of the names and titles of Jesus for our course of study moves from the most familiar name, *Jesus*, to Jesus' activities as *teacher*, to several common metaphors such as *bread*, to more abstract names like *Messiah* and *Son of God*, concluding with a focus on *resurrection* and *life*.

Class worksheets can be found online at www.fpcsalina.org under ministries-adult, or from the church office!

Lenten Book Studies



***The Bookseller of Kabul* by Asne Seierstad**

led by Sydney Soderberg

February 23 (pgs 1-93)
March 2 (pgs 94-180)
March 9 (pgs 181-288)

After living for three months with the Kabul bookseller Sultan Khan in the spring of 2002, Norwegian journalist Seierstad penned this astounding portrait of a nation recovering from war, undergoing political flux and mired in misogyny and poverty. As a Westerner, she has the privilege of traveling between the worlds of men and women, and though the book is ostensibly a portrait of Khan, its real strength is the intimacy and brutal honesty with which it portrays the lives of Afghani living under fundamentalist Islam.

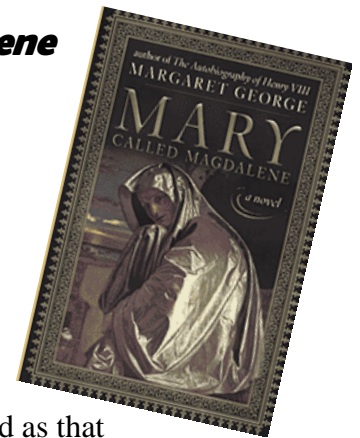
***Mary Called Magdalene* by Margaret George**

led by Jo Buchanan

March 23 (pgs 3-206)
March 30 (pgs 209-556)
April 9 (pgs 559-625)

Of all the women in the Bible, perhaps no one's presence has been as constantly reinterpreted as that of Mary Magdalene.

Was she a prostitute? A prophet? In Margaret George's epic historical novel, *Mary, Called Magdalene*, Mary comes alive as one of Jesus' first believers, a woman of infallible visions and a faith that earns her the title "Apostle to the Apostles."



Book studies will meet in the Conference Room from noon to 1:00 pm on the dates listed above. The church is unable to order books for these studies.

If you would like help finding a good source, please call the church office.

MID & SR HIGH YOUTH

Mark Your Calendars!

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH

5:30 – W.O.W.

6:00 – Meal together (Bring \$5)

7:30 – Youth group ends

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3RD

5:30 – W.O.W.

6:00 – Meal together (Bring \$5)

7:30 – Youth group ends

MARCH 6-7 PNK SPRING YOUTH RALLY, @ FPC TOPEKA

For all PNK youth in grades 6-12 from noon on Saturday until 11:30 on Sunday at First Presbyterian Church in Topeka, 817 SW Harrison, right by the capitol building!

The theme is from Psalm 61:4, a Shelter from the Storm. Pat Yancey will be with us as our keynote speaker and there will be singing, music, arts, crafts, games, small groups, dinner, vespers, dancing, sleeping, breakfast, and Sunday worship. Bring a change of clothes, silly clothes for the evening party, sleeping bag, pillow, inflatable mattress, toiletries, and a Bible.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10TH

5:30 – W.O.W. (last WOW with Andy)

6:00 – Meal together (Bring \$5)

7:30 – Youth group ends

THURSDAY, MARCH 11TH

A concert with Everfound! More information about the band at <http://www.everfoundmusic.com/> The concert will begin at 7:00 and end at 8:00 and it's free! Come and enjoy an evening of music with Everfound!



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17TH

No youth group meeting due to spring break.

FPC and PYT

Every three years thousands of Presbyterian youth and adult leaders gather for worship, play, music, community building, and Bible study. This is known as the Presbyterian Youth Triennium. PYT is for High School aged young people (from those entering high school this fall to those who have just completed high school but are not over 19 years old on July 20, 2010). The 2010 Presbyterian Youth Triennium will be held July 20 through the 24, 2010 on the campus of Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana.

As in the past, the Presbytery of Northern Kansas (PNK) is sending a delegation to represent our Presbytery at this event. If you have never been to this event, let me tell you simply that **YOU WANT TO GO!** Triennium is one of the most incredible weeks of fun and faith-building you will ever have.

The costs per person to attend the 2010 Triennium including lodging and meals during the event are as follows:

Triennium Registration:	409.00
Bus Transportation	100.00
Cool Presbytery t-shirt	16.00
Total	525.00

Now for some good news! **The Presbytery is picking up the cost of transportation and the t-shirt for you.** This means your cost to attend is the registration fee of \$409.00. The deadline to register is February 28, 2010. Get in touch with Andy or Willow right away if you are interested in being a part of this awesome experience! There will be some funds to assist you available from our church, too. Do not delay any longer...make the Presbyterian Youth Triennium a part of your summer experience!

Willow

Mid/Sr High Youth Coordinator

On March 21st during worship, our exceptionally gifted Chancel Choir, accompanied by an entourage of Salina's finest musicians, will present *Sing Praise To The Lord*, a new cantata by Dan Goeller. Many of you probably remember his Christmas cantata (*The Word Became Flesh*) offered by the choir during Advent.

Sing Praise to the Lord is a musical exploration of the Book of Psalms. All of the choral and vocal texts as well as the underscored narrations are adapted from the Psalms. This provides both listener and performer with an opportunity to contemplate the nature of God and the loving way that he works in our daily lives. This work is both contemplative and celebratory in nature, giving the listener the opportunity to reflect on Jesus' trials during Lent while remembering joyously God's redeeming, unwavering grace.



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT
March 21, 10:15 am



Have you ever been to an FPC event and wanted to *relive* it through pictures?

Have you ever missed an event at FPC and wished you could *see* the pictures?

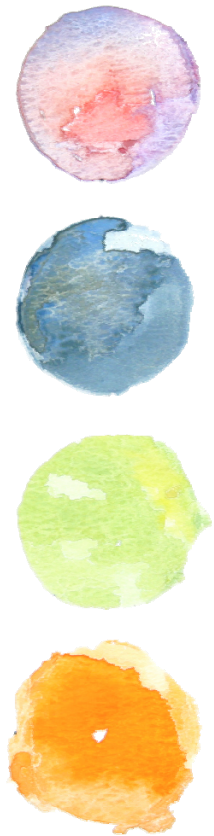
Have you ever wanted to keep in touch, or get to know other members better?

check out FPC's
Flickr & Facebook pages

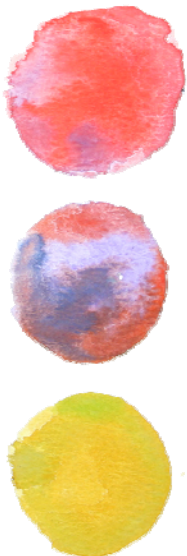
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Lent:

How Will You Prepare for Easter?



This church, through its new mission statement, asks us to “live our lives faithfully, daily and with what we’ve been entrusted, to the glory of God.” That’s a tall order! And here’s an easy way to approach it: Invite in the morning and ask in the evening. Each morning, before you get out of bed, invite God to act through your life so that you can be a beacon of hope. Then, every night before going to sleep, ask how, when and where did God act in your life today.



D365 is a project co-sponsored by the PC(USA), and provides an incredible daily devotional online. It’s short, it’s thought-provoking, it’s meditative and it’s all there...just waiting for you to begin. Go to our web site, www.fpcsalina.org, and click on resources, you’ll find the link there.



Dinners for Eight is Underway!

The Dinners For Eight groups have formed and have started to meet to share a meal together. The names listed below are the dinner groups for this session. These groups are enjoying fellowship and fun together.

Group 1:

- Carol & Jerry Exline
Clay & Judy Edmands
Peter & Sara Johnston
Monte & Jannell Shadwick

Group 3:

- Monte & Penni White
Mollie Carter
Andy & Katy England
Trish & Brandon Gary
Jamie & Brigid Hall

Group 2:

- RaMonna Parks
Jan Carr
Linda Ellison
Maxine Strawn
Margaret & Bruce Wyatt



Group 4:

- Tom & Eva Winkler
Jim Parks & Carolyn Ray
Bob & Linda Salem
Charley & Jane Weathers



Easter Plant Order Form

The Board of Deacons invites you to share with them in providing Easter plants as gifts to nursing home and homebound members of the church. These plants will decorate the Chancel on Easter Sunday, April 4. The cost is \$13.00 per plant. You may pick up your plant for your own use after the 10:15 a.m. service IF you mark this option on the form below, OR you can have it delivered to a member or friend of the congregation designated by the church staff. Please fill out and return the form, with your payment, to the church office no later than Monday, Mar 29.

I would like to purchase _____ Easter plant(s) at a cost of \$13.00 each.

MARK ONE:

- I will pick up my Easter plant YES _____ NO _____
Please deliver my Easter plant to a member or friend of the congregation (designated by the church staff) YES _____ NO _____

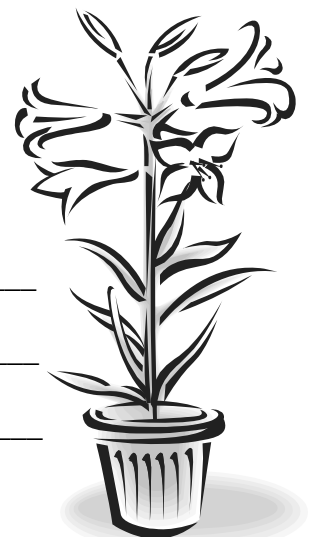
Name of Donor _____

In Memory of _____

or

In Honor of _____

Please return this form, with your payment of \$13.00 per plant, to: First Presbyterian Church, 308 South 8th, Salina, KS 67401

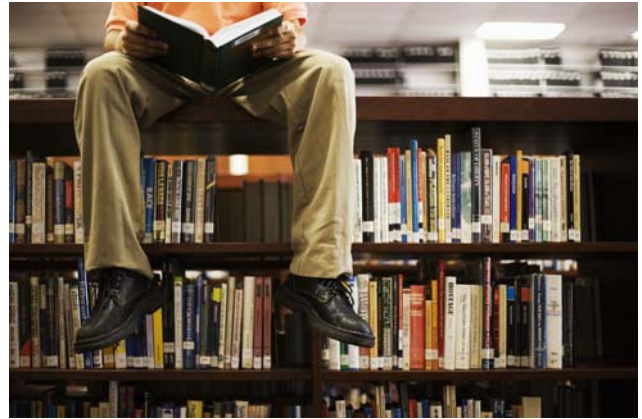


FPC and ELO...

Step into the halls of Salina's Central High School any Tuesday or Thursday afternoon during the school year and you'll see members of First Presbyterian Church mixed in with students walking the halls between classes. The students are on their way to ELO – short for Educational Learning Opportunity – an hour-long class during which students may or may not choose to use their “opportunity for learning.”

First Presbyterian members are there to help students – especially those failing at least one, and often several, of their classes, make good use of their ELO time. The “Homework Helpers,” as the volunteers are called, help students complete homework assignments, study for tests and organize their thoughts for a speech or writing assignment.

More volunteers are needed. If you would like to make a difference in students' lives, and are able to work from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at least two days a month, call Bobbie Bengtson at 827-2065 for more information. Training will be provided. Familiarity with specific subject matter is welcome but not required.

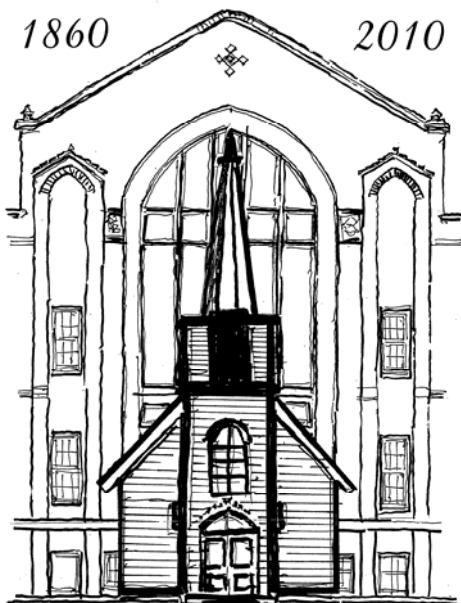


The following is a list of First Presbyterian Church members & friends who have volunteered as Homework Helpers:

- Marcia Anderson
- Paula Fried
- Herb Hackenburg
- James Hall
- Lori Hall
- Melinda Jett
- Bill Knox
- Dana Kossow
- Frank Norton
- Pete Peterson
- Shannon Rayl
- Jan Wilson
- Margaret Wyatt
- Tom Reid



Resurrecting the Daring Adventure of Faith...with Jim Hawley!



The Rev. Jim Hawley will be our guest preacher on **Sunday, March 7**. Jim is the son of Jeanne & Bernie Hawley, FPC Pastor Emeritus, and grew up in this congregation.

Currently he and his wife, Amy Jo, are co-pastors of the First Presbyterian Church in North Platte, Nebraska.

Following worship on the 7th, Jim & Amy and their children, Jamie & Aaron, will be our special guests during a reception in the Parlor. We hope you can be here to welcome them and renew old friendships!

150 YOU CELEBRATED YEARS OF MINISTRY

with food, fellowship and

THE PRESBY FOLLIES!



Check out these photos and more at FPC's Flickr page! Go to www.fpcsalina.org & look under "connect-on the web"

Mission Trip Opportunities Available

Two mission trips are scheduled through the Presbytery of Northern Kansas. On March 13 – 21, a team is preparing to go to the Texas Gulf Coast to assist with hurricane recovery. Registration was due February 15. If you would like to participate, call the Presbytery Office (825-1654) to inquire about space availability. On November 6 – 14, a PNK team will travel to New Orleans to participate in the Hurricane Katrina Recovery. Registration is due by October 1, 2010. Both mission trips are lead by Ted and Nancy Collins of the Concordia/Belleville Presbyterian Church.

Cost of registration for each mission is \$75 for any member, age 18 and over. First Presbyterian Church members who choose to participate in either or both of these mission trips will have the registration fee paid through FPC's Social Justice and Mission. Please contact the church office for a registration form or more information.



Humble Hearts School Demolished

by Shannon Rayl

Humble Hearts School, a school for deaf and orphaned children in Nairobi, Kenya, was bulldozed and destroyed in December 2009. Neighboring homes and businesses were also bulldozed. The demolition took place at night with no warning and was carried out by Kenya Railway and Kenya Pipeline Companies, said Kari Filmore, director of Angel Covers, the school's parent organization.

"They are planning to wipe out every church, business, school and home in their way between Western Kenya and Mombasa on the coast," Filmore wrote in an e-mail. "They will be giving individuals and businesses little if any compensation." The demolition is allegedly being done to make room for a pipeline.



School employees were able to save a few blackboards, books, the water tank and latrines. Every thing else was lost. A neighborhood church that was not destroyed has agreed to let Humble Hearts School use the church's building until a permanent home can be found. A new school session began in January. Photos of the students show them sitting in plastic lawn chairs in one large room. There are no desks.

"Everyone is very watchful. Young men are sleeping out to watch and give alerts in case of any night ambushes," wrote Ida, a school employee. "The Humble Hearts high school boys who live in the HH community come to school looking tired and sleepy because they too have to join the night watching. It's so sad. Let us not give up in ensuring that these children get an education, for this is the only sure way they can think differently and help change things in Africa and Kenya."

Humble Hearts' sister school, Angel Cottage, a boarding school for deaf children that opened last fall, is located in a different part of the city and was not damaged. Both Angel Cottage and Humble Hearts schools have received donations from FPC's Social Justice and Mission Funds.

*Donations to Angel Covers are being accepted to help buy school supplies.
For more information, go to www.fpcsalina.org and click on "links."*

happy birthday **MARCH**

2 Lewis Long	8 David Hendrick	16 Betty Benson	24 Kathleen Elsea
2 Libby Shoup	10 Ransom Allen	16 Margaret Wyatt	24 Janet Vanderbilt
3 Chuck Carroll	10 Jack Howard	17 Abby Morris	24 Anastasia Wohler
4 Phyllis Gerard	10 Wes McMillen	18 Savannah Hall	25 Cortland Enriquez
4 Dorothy Kennedy	11 Collister Ryan	19 Lloyd Davidson	25 Jaden Enriquez
4 Jeff Montre	11 William Ryan	20 Paul Anderson	25 McCabe Green
4 John Shaver	11 John Smutz	20 Teresa Cooper	25 TJ Ralston
4 Lindsey Wood	12 Wade Baringer	20 Ann Jett	26 Sarah Davis
5 Mollie Miller	12 Edna Lanterman	22 Lexie Edison	26 Blair Shuler
6 Emily Carpenter	12 James Packard	22 Kasey Knowles	27 Helen Knight
6 Toni Taggart	12 Lisa Speer	23 Pat Shaver	27 David Payne
7 Liz Carroll	12 Ruby Woodhouse	23 Genna Shuler	29 Barbara Long
8 Stephanie Ames	14 Tyce Orr		30 Katy England
			30 Robert Frederick



Going into the Hospital? Let FPC know!



If you are scheduled for a procedure, surgery or are admitted to the local hospital or surgery center for any reason, it is important to inform the church office. In doing so, the church can then respond with concern and offer support through various ministries such as card mailings, hospital visitation and home follow-up.

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) enacted by the government in 1996 makes it unlawful for a health care facility to let the public know you are a patient in the hospital UNLESS you have given your permission for them to do so.

Currently, if you are admitted to Salina Regional Health Center, you are asked during the registration process if you want to be listed in the patient directory. If you do not want to be listed, the public (including pastors) will have no way of knowing that you have been admitted, no one will visit and you will not receive any mail. If you agree to be listed, you may receive visitors, cards, phone calls, flowers, etc. Therefore, we encourage you to register as Presbyterian (or better yet, FPC!), as it makes it easier for church staff and FPC hospital callers to visit.



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The next newsletter will be mailed March 18.

The Sunday service is broadcast each week at 10:15 a.m. on KINA, 910 AM.

If there is something you would like included in *The News*, email sally@fpcsalina.org

A Time to Say Goodbye!

Farewell Reception for Associate Pastor Andy Davis Sunday, February 28, following worship

Please be sure to attend a reception honoring Andy Davis next Sunday, February 28, in the parlor following worship. It will be a chance to say goodbye to Andy, Sarah and Zeb and wish them the best as they begin a new journey in Minnesota!

A light lunch will be served. If you would like to participate in a group gift to be presented to Andy and Sarah, please send your contributions in advance to:

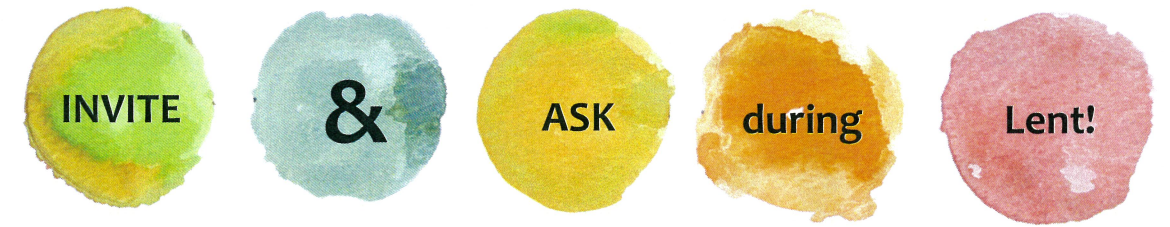
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3rd Sunday in Lent
4th Sunday in Lent
5th Sunday in Lent

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 1:30 PM CE Staff Meeting 2:00 PM Staff Meeting 6:00 PM CAPS Parenting Class 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Singles Support Group	2 10:00 AM Cares & Concerns Meets 12:00 PM Book Study 4:00 PM Hospitality & Outreach 7:00 PM Cub Scouts 7:00 PM Grief Support	3 3:30 PM Personnel Cmte 3:30 PM Wednesday Programs 5:30 PM Youth Group Meets 5:30 PM WOW 7:00 PM Choir Practice	4  7:00 PM EVERFOUND CONCERT	5	6
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OGHS Fish Bank Calendar of Sharing

This sharing calendar is a fun way for your family to make an offering to One Great Hour of Sharing while you learn about FPC's Mission Statement and about how your contributions help people around the world.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
21 Feb EXPECT <i>Add 5 coins each day</i>	22 God answers prayers.	23 God loves me.	24 God is always with me.	25 God provides for me.	26 God forgives me.	27 I am a child of God.
28 TEACH <i>Add 6 coins each day</i>	1 Mar There is only one true God.	2 God is three persons in one.	3 God the Father is our Creator.	4 God the Son is our savior, teacher & king.	5 God the Holy Spirit inspires our faith.	6 I believe in the holy trinity.
7 GROW <i>Add 7 coins each day</i>	8 I will smile at someone I don't know.	9 I will trust that God is with me today.	10 Attend WOW today!	11 I will take time to thank God for loving me.	12 I will read a story from my Bible.	13 I am part of a church family that nurtures me.
14 LOVE <i>Add 8 coins each day</i>	15 I will pray for Andy, Sarah & Zeb.	16 I will pray for the people of Haiti.	17 I will pray for our church.	18 I will pray for my family.	19 I will pray for the teachers & students at school.	20 I will pray for children that are hungry.
21 SERVE <i>Add 10 coins each day</i>	22 I will make my bed.	23 I will follow directions at school.	24 I will help clear the table.	25 I will ask my parents what I can do to make their day fun.	26 I will call an older person who is special to me.	27 I will do something good for the environment.
28 MISSION <i>Fill in the ways during this final week before Easter that you "Let your light shine!"</i>	29 Add 5 coins for: _____ _____	30 Add 6 coins for: _____ _____	31 Add 7 coins for: _____ _____	1 Apr Add 8 coins for: _____ _____	2 Add 9 coins for: _____ _____	3 Add 10 coins for: _____ _____
4 EASTER! <i>Be a beacon of hope! Bring your fish bank to worship Easter morning!</i>	Tell us your favorite part about this project and bring your calendar back to church! _____ _____					



MISSION STATEMENT

First Presbyterian Church encourages people to live their lives faithfully, daily, where they are, with what they have been entrusted, to the glory of God. Our mission is to let our light shine and be beacons of hope, equipping people for life in the world.

These principles are central to fulfilling our mission:

- **EXPECT** We believe we are called to grow in our expectation of God acting in our lives. God is faithful, and daily, we will look for the presence of God.
- **TEACH** We believe we are called to teach each person, from the youngest to the oldest, a core theology based on a Reformed understanding of what is essential to the Christian faith.
- **GROW** We believe we are called to be a church that is authentic and passionate about a life of faith – to be a church where every person takes his or her spiritual life seriously.
- **LOVE** We believe we are called to be in relationship with each other. We will come to worship not just for ourselves, but also for others. We are a community, based on faith, and we need each other.
- **SERVE** We believe we are called to grow in our commitment to justice, compassion and love. Jesus came to serve, not to be served. In the same way, we will look outward, not always expecting our needs to be met, but to learn more about the needs of others and offer help and hope to the world.

Finally, we are called to be made different. As benefactors of a daring adventure over 150 years ago, we will seek the same today in our own lives and in the life of First Presbyterian Church. We will strive to find that place where our deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet, ever renewing the daring adventure of faith to which God calls us.