Walking the Labyrinth for Lent
(see inside for details)
PERSONALS

FPC Staff

Jim Hawley
Lead Pastor/Head of Staff

Tom Reid
Discipleship & Congregational Care Pastor

Austin Ashenbrenner
Associate Pastor for Youth & Mission

Sally Sutherland
Communication Director

Melanie Pearson
Office Manager

Deb Shetlar
Director of Children’s Education

Diane Amrder
Nursery Supervisor

Richard Koshgarian
Director of Music

Angie Koshgarian
Organist

Ed Zoch
Custodian

Tony Griggs
Relief Custodian

Happy Anniversary!

Mitzie & Jimmie Lewis will celebrate their 57th wedding anniversary on February 5.

Jan & Wes McMillen will celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary on February 12.

Marjorie & Jim Geisendorf will celebrate their 73rd wedding anniversary on February 25.

Happy Birthday!

Vada Hertlein will celebrate her 90th birthday on February 11.

David D. Robb will celebrate his 90th birthday on February 13.

Marjorie Geisendorf will celebrate her 96th birthday on February 14.

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Please RSVP to Jean Burch by Feb 14 827-2878

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Meet our new Staff...Same as the Old Staff (kind of)!

**Sally Sutherland**, an employee at FPC since 2008, is starting a new role as Communications Director! Sally will be focusing on in-house communication and technology, as well as helping the Evangelism and Hospitality Committee ramp up FPC's presence in the community and hospitality to visitors.

**Melanie Pearson**, whose friendly face you are likely to see first as you step into FPC, has a new job title and duties! Melanie will serve as FPC's Office Manager. She handles the day to day financial operations of the church and oversees all aspects of the church office!

**Mary Andersen** has been a valuable employee at FPC for many years and is now using her talents and knowledge of FPC in a new volunteer role as the Pastoral Care Assistant to Discipleship and Congregational Care Pastor Tom Reid.

FPC welcomed **Diane Arnder** to the staff in December 2011 as the Nursery Supervisor. She is responsible for ensuring that FPC's nursery is a loving, safe and fun environment for FPC's youngest members and visitors!

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**Ways to know more about things going on @ FPC:**

1. Read the newsletter!
2. Sign up for weekly emails (email sally@fpcsalina.org)
3. Visit FPC Blogs (www.fpcsalina.org/blogs)
4. Join a committee (www.fpcsalina.org/whats-happening)
5. Come to Wednesday Night dinner and worship

**Ways to share about all the things we're doing:**

1. Link to FPC blogs or Facebook Page on your Facebook page
2. Forward a weekly email to an interested friend
3. Bring friends to casual FPC events like Wednesday Night dinners, worship or a class/book study
Children's Christian Education @ First Presbyterian Church

**Sundays**

**Sunday School 9:00 - 10:00 AM**
Children and youth grades K-5th are invited to attend this music & game oriented church school class where learning the Books of the Bible and Bible trivia are the highlights. The class meets in the third floor classroom on Sundays at 9:00 am. This class is led by Deb Shetlar.

**WEDNESDAYS**

**Faith Adventures Classes 3:45-5:30pm**
Feb 8: NO Wednesday Programs
Feb 15: Transfiguration (Mark 9:2-9)
Feb 22: Noah and God's Promise (Genesis 9:8-17)

Check out Children's CE in 2012!

Jesus is Coming!
Pave the Way with Branches!
Don’t miss out on Palm Sunday, where chaos is key at FPC!
Sunday, April 1!

Child-led Worship Practice begins Mar 28
sign up TODAY! 825-0226 office@fpcsalina.org

Child-led Worship practice begins Wednesday, March 28! Participation is open to children in kindergarten through 5th grade, with practices running concurrently during Wednesday afternoon programs (3:45-5:30pm). Practice begins March 28 and runs for 4 consecutive Wednesdays, culminating in the performance on Sunday, April 22 at 10:15am. FPC Volunteer and mom Penni White will be leading the group. If your child is interested, please contact the office before March 28 at office@fpcsalina.org. This will be a fun event!

Child-Led Worship · April 22
Lectionary Class: Hope Rm, New Times being offered, see schedule below!

This class uses a lectionary based curriculum, Feasting on the Word, that is designed to compliment each Sunday morning worship service. The classes, led by Tom Reid, will consider in greater depth the upcoming scripture reading for Sunday morning. The class provides four different approaches to the week's scripture:

1. Exegetical: the contexts and settings of the scripture
2. Theological: how God's word comes to us in the passage
3. Pastoral: what the scripture means in relation to your life
4. Homiletical: how we can then live out that message as individuals and as a church.

Feasting on the Word Lectionary Class materials can be found online at www.fpcsalina.org/ministries/adult.

Faith Matters: 1st Floor Conference Room, Sundays at 9:00 am (repeats Tuesdays at noon)

This class helps to remind us that faith does matter! It meets in the Conference Room Sunday mornings at 9:00 am and explores a variety of subjects.

Coming in February:

Feb 5th: 1st Sundays with Jim On the first Sunday of every month, Lead Pastor Jim Hawley will lead an open forum. Take this time to learn more about the Bible, FPC or Jim! Come and ask your questions, have a lively debate, or enjoy a great conversation. This time is yours, use it!

Feb 12 & 19th: Alec McCowen's "St Mark's Gospel!" Watch a recorded version of Alec McCowen, a renowned English actor, tell the story of Christ as recounted by Mark. What others have to say:

"A Shakespearean actor, Alec McCowen, opened on Broadway with his one man show. His performance of Mark's Gospel astounded and enthralled many as he packed the house each night for almost two years." Heather Abraham, Religion Nerd Magazine

"McCowen's role is primarily that of a reporter, filled with awe at the marvelous events and eager to transmit the Gospel to his listeners. He becomes Mark's collaborator, playing all the characters and, through his acting, gives the Gospel atmospheric background as well as dramatic shape."

Mel Gussow, NYT Review

Feb 26 (and throughout Lent): Book Study on "The Misunderstood Jew: The Church and the Scandal of the Jewish Jesus." Author Amy-Jill Levine, a professor of New Testament studies at Vanderbilt, helps Christians and Jews understand the "Jewishness" of Jesus so that their appreciation of him deepens and a greater interfaith dialogue can take place. Levine's humor and informed truth-telling provokes honest conversation and debate about how Christians and Jews should understand Jesus, the New Testament, and each other. If you would like help ordering this book, please contact the church office!

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Schedule:

Wednesdays at 10:00 am
Wednesdays at 7:00 pm
Sundays at 9:00 am
Sundays following worship (during Lent, Feb 26-April 1)

This Lectionary Class, offered during Lent, will attempt to "tie it all up." This will be a time to reflect on what is heard in worship: in the readings, in the prayers, the sermon and the music. And help you carry that message into the week. The nursery can be
Opportunities for Christian Ed and Discipleship for Adults!

Individualized Bible Study
If you are interested in Bible Study either one on one or as part of a small group, please let Pastor Jim Hawley know. He is accepting new “students” for personalized Bible Study.

This Bible study has the advantage of being customized to both your time and your interests. Perhaps you and a few others have always wanted to study a certain part of the Bible but an opportunity never presented itself?

Contact Jim today and begin a journey of discovery with the Bible! jim@fpcsalina.org

Men's Small Groups
Are you interested in being a part of a small men’s group designed to promote friendship, camaraderie, and discussion, offer encouragement, honesty, confidence and commitment?

Current men’s groups are filled, but there is an opportunity to form more of these small groups, with expanded leadership provided by Jim Hawley & Austin Ashenbrenner.

If you are interested in participating please contact Tom Reid @ tom@fpcsalina.org or 825-0226.

Coffee, Conversation & a Thought
You are invited to come and participate! It is a time of fellowship, prayer, community, and conversation, spurred by a brief presentation, by Tom Reid.

Visitors to the group say that “it’s upbeat and cheerful!” and that they like the sharing opportunities of the group.

Come join the Coffee Group on the second Thursday of the month at 10:00 am, and the fourth Thursday of the month at 3:00 pm for an hour of coffee, conversation, and “a thought.”

Wednesday Meal & Worship
The Wednesday Worship service provides a much needed time of rest and worship in the midst of your busy week! It's an intimate service, with communion, singing, and a message, that is welcoming to the whole family and people of all ages.

Come join us for a meal in Blair Hall, prepared by a different group each week, then come to worship and see for yourself why Wednesday at FPC is a special time in the middle of your week!
What to do With Lent... by Jim Hawley

Lent is the most personal of the liturgical seasons. The other “purple” season, Advent, is caught up in the frenzy of the pre-Christmas rush. Advent is also shorter and more prone to social events and cocktails. By contrast Lent is subdued. Quiet. Lent is the season that stands in the corner stirring the same drink all night. Lent is a loner.

Maybe this is why we struggle each year to figure out what to do with Lent. Lent doesn’t come to us with party ideas and noisemakers. There is no Lenten tree to decorate. Lent is a blank page and we are holding the pencil. There are no lines on the page to guide us. We are alone with ourselves and the possibilities.

Sometimes we find something to focus on—to give up—for Lent. We can define the season by what we refrain from rather than what we embrace. For six weeks we can live without chocolate and tell our friends how well we are doing living without chocolate rather than spending time in solitude telling God how not well we are. Maybe if we apply some temporary pain in the form of deprivation we can mask the echoes rebounding in the hollow spaces of our lives.

Jesus sought solitude. Jesus prayed in solitude. Jesus was tempted in solitude. Jesus spent the last night of his first life in solitude and Jesus died on the cross in solitude. That sounds awfully bleak. But Jesus also rose in solitude. And in rising Jesus passed through the solitude to return to the community of which he was apart. He came back not only risen, but glorified.

We need not fear the deep places. We must see solitude as a gift. The psalmist writes:

My whole being is depressed.
That’s why I remember you
Deep calls to deep
at the noise of your waterfalls
All your massive waves surged over me
By day the Lord commands his faithful love;
By night his song is with me
A prayer to the God of my life.

Walk the Labyrinth

You have an opportunity to use a labyrinth at FPC during Lent! Beginning Friday, Feb 24, there will be a labyrinth in Blair Hall on Fridays and Sundays for your use.

The labyrinth is a replica of the pattern that is inlaid in the paving stones of the nave in the medieval cathedral of Our Lady of Chartres. Labyrinths predating Christian tradition have also been discovered. Each time you walk the labyrinth can be a unique experience.

For many people, walking the labyrinth offers an opportunity for spiritual reflection and growth. For others, the walk is a time of focus and intentional thought. For still others, walking the labyrinth may be a relaxation tool.

Take advantage of this special opportunity for solitude and reflection during Lent.

Beginning February 24 through April 8
Fridays
9am to 4pm
Sundays
9am to 12pm
Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through the One Great Hour of Sharing to share God’s love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities.

Recognizing that the hope we have in Christ is lived out in our hope for one another, we respond with gifts that help our sisters and brothers around the world find the hope for a brighter future.

Where does the money go?
The Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 36 percent of undesignated One Great Hour of Sharing gifts, while the Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance each receive 32 percent.

When is the offering received?
Most congregations receive the offering on Easter Sunday, Palm Sunday or both, while many receive it throughout Lent. FPC receives the offering during Lent through Easter morning.

Help & Hope + CAPS
In our congregation’s ongoing effort to offer Help and Hope to our community, the Social Justice and Mission Committee will offer an opportunity to support another great local organization beginning in February.

This quarter’s selected organization will be C.A.P.S. (Child Advocacy and Parenting Services). We will be helping CAPS by assisting in their effort to help children and families have access to education. Please look on the Help and Hope table in the lobby just to the South of the entrance to the Sanctuary, to see how you can support this effort through your donations!

One Great Hour of Sharing – it’s remarkable what a child’s gift will do!
Use the OGHS “Sharing Calendar” 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 & calendars will be handed out during Wednesday Programs on Ash Wednesday, or can be found on the information table in the main hallway during Lent.
Regularly Scheduled Youth Events:

**Wed 7:00 - 8:00 PM** Mid-High Youth Group

**Thurs 7:00 - 7:45 AM** Sr High Youth Bible Study

**Sun 9:00 - 10:00 AM** Real Faith (Mid & Sr High)

**Sun 7:00 - 8:00 PM** Senior High Youth Group

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**8TH GRADE GIRLS BUNKO NIGHT:**

Friday, Feb. 10th
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
at the Wood’s Home

Please RSVP to Austin via e-mail or phone. This is the event you will want to be sure to come to and bring a friend. It is going to be great...see you there!

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**YOUTH SUPER BOWL PARTY:**

Sunday, Feb 5 @ 5:30pm
This fun party is open to all FPC students. Bring a bag of chips or your favorite soda to share and get ready to cheer for your favorite team (or favorite commercials). We'll be watching the game on the biggest screen in Salina. Come see it for yourself!

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**On Sunday, February 5th we will continue a tradition of supporting local agencies that fight hunger in Salina and Saline County. By donating money or canned food to the Souper Bowl of Caring you can put much needed food on the table of someone in need.**

Locate students after worship who will be holding buckets with your favorite team's logo. Vote with your donation who you think will win the Big Game that day.

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There's only so much we can talk about in the newsletter! see the web site for up-to-date news items. (as well as pdf versions of FPC newsletters)
Thank You
February Sunday Volunteers!

Coffee Hosts:
5 Jim Parks, Boy and Cub Scouts
12 Monte & Jannell Shadwick Family
19 Craig & Deanna Renfro
26 Seara Weir, Bret Wallace

Greeters:
5 Jim Parks, Boy and Cub Scouts
12 Sarah & David Morris Family
19 Gene & Peggy Bihlmaier, Tom & Eva Winkler
26 Joy Mansfield, Ann Nordboe, John & Jenn Peckham Family

Ushers:
5 Jim Parks, Boy and Cub Scouts
12 Linda Ellison, Bill Knox, Jeff & Paula Knox
19 Ronda & McCabe Green, Ron Green & Carolyn Serrault, Joyce & Bruce Pearson
26 Randy Hardy, Garry & Sandie Montre, Jeff & Kelli Montre Family

Candlelighters:
5 Annie Shadwick
12 Aaron Hawley
19 McCabe Green
26 Madison Montre

Manor Bus Drivers:
5 John Shetlar
12 Andy England
19 Brandon Gary
26 Bob Salem

Flower Delivers:
5 Tina Ralston
12 Abbey Rupe
19 Carolyn Wedel
26 Sarah Morris

Worship Service Recorder:
J.R. Lidgett

Volunteers are assigned randomly. If you are unable to serve on your designated day, you will need to find a replacement. The office will be happy to assist you!
Address Service Requested

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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

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
February 22
6:30 pm
in the sanctuary
(nursery available)

As we prepare for Lent,
mark your calendar to attend
this service of scripture, music,
and the imposition of ashes.