PRESBY FOLLIES
and a covered dish dinner!
Sunday, January 31, at 5:30 pm

THE DINNER:
★ begins at 5:30 pm in Blair Hall.
★ FPC will provide the chicken, bread and table service...you bring the rest!
★ what’s “the rest?” We need you to bring a salad, vegetable or dessert!
★ so that we may have an accurate count for dinner, please use the sign-up sheet located in the lobby to note that you will be attending and what you are able to bring.
★ call the office if you are in need of a ride, we will do our best to make arrangements!

THE FOLLIES:
★ begins at 6:30 pm in Blair Hall.
★ should run an hour in length—you’ll be so entertained you won’t think about the time!
★ this is an incredible line-up of “not to be missed” acts ... they’ll be talking about this night for the next 150 years!

CELEBRATE 150 YEARS OF MINISTRY with food, fellowship and THE PRESBY FOLLIES!
In Memoriam

Dr. Ginger Senseman, a member of this congregation since October 24, 2004, died December 28, 2009. Sympathy is extended to her husband, Greg, and sons, William and Samuel.

Max Smith, a member of this congregation since January 5, 1955, died December 29, 2009. Sympathy is extended to his wife, Eleanor, and their children, Carol Fairrington of Casa Grande, AZ; Connie Knight of Phoenix, AZ; and Stan Smith of McPherson, KS and their families.

Laura Lockwood, a member of this congregation since April 12, 1965, died December 30, 2009. Sympathy is extended to her husband, Lloyd, and their son Neal and family of San Antonio, TX.

Sympathy is Extended

to Marjorie Fackler on the death of her son, Neal Fackler, who died November 27, 2009, in Lawrence, KS.

A Million Thanks!

to Manor Bus Drivers Andy England, Jerry Exline, Becky Maguffee, Morrie Soderberg & Pat Taylor for driving Manor residents to FPC for Sunday services during the month of January!

To all those who assisted with the picture directory Rita Peterson & Heather Smith, who coordinated all the arrangements, and to Liz Carroll, Mary & Bob Exline, Linda Ellison, Rosemary Gibson, Margy Hall, Marilyn Hoggerson, Cyndy & John Knutson, Jan McMillen, Joy Mansfield, Karol Mobley, Judy Morrison, Sallie Morrison, Pete Peterson, Betsy Scholten, who served as hosts!

Children's Wednesday Afternoon Curriculum:

Feb 3 – Review! It’s a great day to bring a friend!

Feb 10 – No Wednesday Programs, USD 305 Winter Conferences

Feb 17 – Learn about Ash Wednesday & attend Ash Wednesday Service

Feb 24 – The Poor Woman’s Gift

Family Story Bible – page 204

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.fpcsalinga.org
FPC helps EAFB during Advent

Members of First Presbyterian Church contributed not only “white tissue” gifts this Advent season to Salina’s Emergency Aid/Food Bank, but you also generously gave $7,120.06 to support the EAFB’s mission of serving people in need by giving food to the hungry and by helping with emergency needs for rent, utilities, medicine, dental care and transportation. On December 29, a group of FPC adults & children presented Kathy Jackson and her staff with your contributions, and were met with an overwhelmingly grateful and emotional response. Through your gifts, you have offered help and hope to this community!

Thank you to the FPC congregation for your support of the recent white gift project. How we wish each of you could have been with us on Tuesday, December 29 when a group of our children and adults presented Kathy Jackson and her staff with the white gifts, and the most unexpected huge check! It was an emotional experience for all. The congregation’s generosity and willingness to focus on a local need this past Christmas made all of this possible. What a blessing! ~ Margy Hall & Betsy Scholten, 150th Anniversary Co-Chairs

See more pictures of FPC events posted on Flickr!
Go to www.fpcsalina.org and look under “connect-on the web!”

First Presbyterian Church and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Provide Support to Haiti

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is responding to the major earthquake that hit Haiti on January 12. PDA provided an initial $100,000 from One Great Hour of Sharing and other designated funds to provide immediate emergency relief to the affected people. Funds are being sent through PCUSA ecumenical and local partners working in Haiti. Please continue to pray for the people affected by this disaster, and those working to assist the survivors.

If you would like to provide additional financial support to Haiti, donations may be made through FPC, designating gifts for Haiti Relief. Thank you!
Dear Members and Friends of the Church,

When our son Zebulon was born over a year ago, Sarah and I felt that it would be good to raise him nearer to his cousins, uncles, aunts, and his grandparents. After much discussion, reflection, and prayer, we decided that it was time to consider moving to a church closer to our family. Last Sunday, January 17, the congregation of Union Presbyterian Church of St. Peter, Minnesota, discerned by vote that God is calling me to be their next solo pastor effective April 1, 2010.

St. Peter is a city of about 10,000 people and is home to Gustavos Adolphus College. It is a ninety minute drive to my parents and my brother, sister, and their families. Sarah’s family lives in Wisconsin and Illinois. Union Presbyterian is, in many ways, like this church, except it is a smaller congregation and building. They are eager to grow their Christian Education program and to act on a new mission statement.

I request that my call to First Presbyterian Church of Salina be dissolved at the congregational meeting January 24, and that my last Sunday here would be March 14.

Moving north will bring new challenges and great joy to us, but it will also leave us with a great sadness. Salina is where Sarah and I bought our first home and had our first child. It's where I fumbled through my first sermons while you waited patiently. Salina, and this church, will always hold a special place in our lives.

In Christ,

Andy
Fellow Man International’s Lisa Armstrong Visits FPC

On Sunday, January 17, our congregation welcomed Lisa Armstrong, Director of Fellow Man International (FMI) to FPC to lead the Sunday morning Faith Matters class and to participate in worship. Lisa has been in the US since the middle of the fall due to the turmoil in Honduras. She is returning in February to resume her work there.

One of the primary ministries of FMI is the establishment of a rural medical clinic in Buenos Aires. Before the opening of the clinic in Buenos Aires, children died of dysentery, dehydration, asthma and pneumonia. Women died during childbirth. Still others died from dengue fever and malaria. Often patients waited too long before seeking medical attention. People were forced to pay nearly a day's wage in transportation just to get to a health care facility. Thankfully, since the opening of the clinic, deaths attributed to those causes have been greatly reduced and in some areas, eliminated.

FMI has been supported by FPC for the past nine years, involving annual financial assistance through pledge dollars and missional and personal involvement by members of this congregation. We are enriched and encouraged by Lisa’s visit!

What does Fellow Man International do?

- provides a medical clinic which offers general medicine, dentistry, lab services, labor and delivery as well as minor surgery;
- encourages better nutrition by providing and coordinating the distribution of healthy foods through an intensive agriculture project which helps combat disease brought about by malnutrition;
- educates the local population on growing vegetables, raising hogs for meat, and chickens for eggs and meat to supplement their diets;
- operates a barter system/trade store which exchanges excess cultivated fruit and vegetables for meat, eggs and milk products.
- promotes social justice and employment for Honduran coffee plantation workers through a recently purchased coffee farm. The purchase of each bag of Green Parrot Coffee helps to support the work of Fellow Man International;
- constructs greenhouses to provide a constant source of fresh tomatoes, green peppers, melons and cucumbers as well as starter plants for community gardens;
- donates all excess produce to support a school lunch program in Buenos Aires, recognizing the importance of good nutrition and its impact on the learning process.

Want to know more?

visit www.fellowmaninternational.org
Lent: How Will You Prepare for Easter?

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 21, and continues for forty days and six Sundays prior to Easter Day, April 4. Traditionally, Lent has been used as a period of time for discipline, reflection, and abstinence in imitation of Christ’s self-denial and as well as preparation for Easter.

Another idea is to view Lent as a positive road leading to Easter and its promise of a new life. With this in mind, let’s use Lent as a period of hope-filled preparation...do something different, something special, something out of the ordinary...in order to prepare for Easter and to be open to God’s voice.

Here’s are some “hope-filled” examples to try this year:

1. **Invite in the Morning, Ask in the Evening...**

   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.

2. **Commit to participating in a daily devotional**

   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. If you prefer good old paper, there’s a daily devotional book, *These Days*, that you can pick up from the information table in the main hallway at FPC.

3. **Each Sunday (6 of them!) attend Faith Matters**

   Faith Matters, a class for adults and high school youth, meets Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in the conference room. On Sunday, February 21, the class will begin a Lenten Study entitled “Gospel Portraits of Jesus.” Materials will be available on the informational table in the hallway, and online (www.fpcsalina.org, go to Ministries-Adults).

Prepare for Easter as a church family...attend FPC’s Ash Wednesday service at 5:30 pm (see details on the back of this newsletter) and participate in one (or all three!) of these Lenten exercises!

Log onto FPC’s Facebook page (you can access it through the web site www.fpcsalina.org, ask Sally in the church office if you’d like some help!) and share your Lenten experience with others!
This year, the Social Justice and Mission Committee approached the youth group asking where the youth would like to see the funds raised at the Souper Bowl of Caring go in our community. Typically, the funds raised go to help people who live in Salina. This year when the youth were asked about distributing the funds, they wanted to expand our neighborhood.

Overwhelmingly, the youth wanted to see the money go to the people of Haiti as they make a recovery from the devastating earthquake that has broken their nation. A call to the Souper Bowl of Caring staff confirmed that would be a valid way of distributing the money collected for the event. This year the funds collected for the Souper Bowl of Caring will go to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to reach out to the people of Haiti. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is the Souper Bowl winner at FPC!

FPC youth will hold soup pots at the church doors on Super Bowl Sunday, February 7th. They will be joining young people in churches across the country to collect money for those who are hungry and hurting. None of the money that is collected is sent to the Souper Bowl of Caring headquarters. Organizers only ask that each participating group report their collection so national totals can be determined and announced.

Vote for your favorite Super Bowl team and help the people of Haiti!

Sunday, February 7

Check [www.souperbowl.org](http://www.souperbowl.org) after the Super Bowl game to see how successful the youth across the country are in helping those in need. Please support the youth in this effort to “love our neighbors” by dropping a dollar toward the team you’d like to win the Super Bowl into a soup pot on February 7th.

You can also keep in mind the Souper Bowl of Caring Founding Prayer while you watch the game that afternoon. “Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those who are without even a bowl of soup to eat. Amen.”

Whoever is kind to the needy honors God – Proverbs 14:31
Mark Your Calendars!

**Wednesday, January 27th**
5:30 – W.O.W.
6:00 – Meal together (Bring $5)...another yummy meal planned by the FPC youth parents!
6:30 – Middle school youth will be practicing air band for the Presby Follies
7:30 – Youth group ends

**January 22-28 at Dickinson Theatres To Save A Life**
This movie deals with some serious themes, including relationships, family breakdown, suicide, cutting, teen alcohol abuse and faith. The Salina Youth Ministry Alliance invited people who work with youth to preview the film. In my opinion, this film is worth viewing for the youth and their families. I have discounted tickets for $6 a piece if you are interested; send me an email at willow@fpcsalina.org

**Sunday, January 31st**
Check out the middle school youth group air band at the Presby Follies!

**Wednesday, February 3**
5:30 - W.O.W. followed by the FPC annual Mardi Gras and pancake races, as well as other festivities! As soon as pancake races are over – Youth groups will go upstairs to the sanctuary to practice for the Youth-led Worship service.

Youth Group will dismiss at 8 o’clock this evening.

**Sunday, February 7th**
9:30 am – last minute details for our Youth-led Worship
10:15 am – Youth-led Worship. Experience the FPC youth perspective on Expect, Teach, Grow, Love & Serve!
11:15 am – Souper Bowl of Caring
After worship, vote for your favorite team to win the Super Bowl to help the people of Haiti.

**Wednesday, February 10th**
No Youth Group due to parent-teacher conferences.

**Wednesday, February 17th**
Ash Wednesday Service
Youth group will follow the service. Meet in the youth room for a meal. Bring $5.

Youth-led Retreat!

**Forty one** FPC youth and their friends came to help plan the youth-led worship service and to learn and share their perspective on the principles that help to fulfill the mission of this church.

Through games and scripture readings, the youth took a look at the ideas behind “Expect, Teach, Grow, Love and Serve” (the principles central to fulfilling FPC’s new Mission Statement). It was a fantastic overnight retreat of learning, playing, and exploring God’s Love!

**A million thanks** to the adults who helped make the youth-led worship planning retreat a success! *(drum roll please...)*

**A shout out to those who came and helped out with dinner and the early games of the evening** - Pam Harrell, Angie and Duane Keast, Pat Putzier, Tom Reid, and Seara Weir

**To those who came to help out with games and activities throughout the evening** - Jane Grammer, Dana Kossow, Deb Shetlar, Toni Taggart, and Julie Wood (and to Gary and Mary Anne Weiner who came help the youth prepare for the Presby Follies!)

**To the overnight crew** -
Chandra Cooper and Robert Justus

**And to those who came to help in the morning with breakfast and clean up** - Kendi Carlgren, Sarah Morris, and Ginger Reid.

Each one of you is very much appreciated and helped add to the success of this retreat!

Willow
Mid/Sr High Youth Coordinator
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.*

“Forgiveness” presented by Margaret Wyatt and Tom Gates  
**February 7 and 14**
Forgiveness goes to the heart of what we believe as Christians, and nothing is more important to our life together. Yet this topic is neither easy to conceptualize nor easy to practice in our life. Definitions of forgiveness vary, and personal understandings of how we ought to behave, after we are hurt or have hurt others, differ by family, religious beliefs, and cultural perspective. Unhealthy myths about faith, forgiveness, and healing can complicate this painful process, but the power of the Holy Spirit makes the impossible possible.

“Gospel Portraits of Jesus: A Lenten Study” presented by Betty Schmidt, Libby Shoup, and Jane Gates  
**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.

Come explore these topics together at Faith Matters this spring!
Mark Your Calendars:

**MARDIS GRAS PANCAKE PARTY!**

Wednesday, Feb 3  
5:30-7:00pm  
(following afterschool programs)

Everyone is invited to prepare for Lent with an all-ages Mardi Gras Pancake Party!  
Meet in the Chapel for WOW, then head downstairs to Blair Hall for the party!

**Ash Wednesday Service**

February 17  
Begins at 5:45 pm  
in the sanctuary  
Music begins at 5:30 pm  
(nursery available)

As we prepare for Lent, mark your calendar to attend this brief service of scripture, music, candlelight and the imposition of ashes.
FEBRUARY
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Sun  Mon  Tue  Wed  Thu  Fri
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 Endowment Trustees Mtg
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 Worship
6:00 PM Mardi Gras Pancake Party
7:00 PM Choir Practice
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7  9:00 AM “Reel” Faith
9:00 AM Multi-Age Church School
9:00 AM Faith Matters
10:15 AM Youth/Youth Worship
9:00 AM Midweek/Fellowship Choir sings
10:30 AM Sunday Enrichment
11:15 AM Souper Bowl Sunday
11:30 AM Blood Pressure Checks
8  1:15 PM Staff Meeting
5:30 PM Session Meeting
6:00 PM CAPS Parenting Class
6:30 PM Boy Scouts - Court of Honor
7:00 PM Singles Support Group
9  10:00 AM Cares & Concerns Meets
10  No Wednesday Programs
10:00 AM Social Justice & Mission Mtg
3:00 PM Choir Practice
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14  BOY SCOUT SUNDAY
9:00 AM “Reel” Faith
9:00 AM Multi-Age Church School
9:00 AM Faith Matters
10:15 AM Worship
2:00 PM Eagle Scout Ceremony
15  1:15 PM Staff Meeting
6:00 PM CAPS Parenting Class
6:30 PM Boy Scouts
7:00 PM Singles Support Group
16  10:00 AM Cares & Concerns Meets
5:30 PM Deacons Meeting
7:00 PM Cub Scouts
7:00 PM Grief Support
17  3:30 PM Wednesday Programs
5:30 PM Youth Group Meets
Ash Wednesday Worship
begins at 5:30 pm
7:00 PM Choir Practice
18  10:30 AM The News is mailed
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21  9:00 AM “Reel” Faith
9:00 AM Multi-Age Church School
9:00 AM Faith Matters
10:15 AM Worship
5:00 PM Cheri Choir sings
10:30 AM Sunday Enrichment
6:00 PM Boy Scout Pack 29 Blue & Gold
4:00 PM Boy Scout Pack 29 Blue & Gold
22  1:15 PM Staff Meeting
6:00 PM CAPS Parenting Class
6:30 PM Boy Scouts
7:00 PM Singles Support Group
23  10:00 AM Cares & Concerns Meets
24  3:30 PM Wednesday Programs
5:30 PM Youth Group Meets
5:30 PM Worship
7:00 PM Choir Practice
25  12:00 PM Board of Trustees
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28  9:00 AM “Reel” Faith
9:00 AM Multi-Age Church School
9:00 AM Faith Matters
10:15 AM Worship
10:30 AM Sunday Enrichment

THINK AHEAD TO MARCH:
Sunday, March 14: Daylight Savings Time begins!
Sunday, March 28: Palm Sunday

short days, long nights, cold weather...during the winter, it's easy to start feeling depressed. Plan now to start thinking about spring, to start thinking about Lent and new beginnings...and commit to participating in the “hope filled” ideas for Lent found in the newsletter!