

THE DESERT CHIMES



"A Christ-centered church where every member has a ministry."

March 3, 2010

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

Sunday Worship Services at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

March 6: Mission Auction, 5:30 p.m., FPC.

March 12-13: Men's Retreat, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Friday, and 8:00 a.m. to Noon on Saturday, FPC.

March 14: Daylight Savings Time Begins.

March 14: Spring Adult Ed Classes Begin.

March 20: ShareFest Work Day, 7:00 a.m., Columbia Center Mall.

March 21: ShareFest Offering & Canned Food Collection Day, KFPC.

March 28: David Crowder Concert in Spokane.

April 1: Maundy Thursday Worship, 7:00 p.m.

April 2: Good Friday Worship & Choir *The Seven Last Days of Christ*, 7:00 p.m.

April 4: Easter, Worship at 6:00 a.m. offsite, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.; Easter Breakfast 7:30-10:30 a.m.; Children's Celebration and Egg Hunt 9:45 a.m.

April 10: Spiritual Gifts Workshop, 9:00 a.m. to Noon, FPC.

April 23-24: Women's Retreat, Menucha Retreat Center, Oregon.

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Lent & Easter Schedule

PALM SUNDAY March 28

MAUNDY THURSDAY April 1
Worship Service at 7:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY April 2 at 7 p.m.
Worship & Choir, "The Seven Last Words of Christ."

EASTER April 4
SUNRISE WORSHIP SERVICE, 6:00 a.m.
Moellers' Backyard, 2030 Harris Ave., Richland

BREAKFAST in First Pres Center, 7:30-10:30 a.m.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP, 8:30 a.m.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM & EGG HUNT
Garden Sanctuary, 9:45 a.m.

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP, 11:00 a.m.

What is it? Thirty-two churches from all over the Tri-Cities and of various denominations coming together to show the love of Christ to the Tri-City community.



When is it? Saturday, March 20 at 7a.m. Meet at the Columbia Center Mall in the Macy's East Parking Lot. Look for our church banner, enjoy some refreshments, and we'll pray before we head out to our projects. Projects are scheduled from between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. You may want to bring a sack lunch.

How do I sign up? Fill out the registration form (on the Information Island) and someone will contact you once the projects are put together to let you know where you will be working, what you will be doing, and what tools, if any, you will need to bring.

Donations: Sunday, March 21 We will be **collecting food** at both services to benefit the Salvation Army Food Bank. We will also be **taking a special offering** to benefit the Juvenile Drug Court.

Join us as we take part in the Sixth Annual ShareFest Tri-Cities and make a difference! Questions? Contact Pastor Kriss at 582-9537 or kriss@kfpc.org.

FROM THE PASTORS



Lent gives the church an important opportunity to once again assert Jesus' claim, "I am the resurrection and life and no one can come to the Father except through me." This exclusive claim tells us of the testimony of Christ's own self-consciousness of who he is and what his life and death will bring to all of humanity if they repent and turn to Him.

When Christ claims in Matthew 11:27, "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him," he is speaking in unequivocal and absolute terms about his relationship with the Father.

The phrases "the Father" and "the Son" mean that if one is the Father the other is the co-eternal Son. The Father and Son have the same authority because they have the same eternal essence. The Son gives to the Father what we as people cannot give, which is perfect obedience, and the Son can accomplish this because he is God.

This means that when we see the Son we see the Father, and when we look at the Father we see the Son. They are mirror images of themselves. They are in a loving relationship with each other and because of the Son's obedience the Father has given him authority over heaven and earth.

Most people today can accept Jesus as a moral teacher, maybe even as a "son" among many other sons. This position leads people to erroneously think there are many ways for people to be saved and spend eternity with God. They think that if Christ is just a moral teacher, or one messiah among many, then there can be many ways to God. One just has to choose which way.

Jesus himself would contradict this notion and would use his life, ministry, and death to display his unique relationship with the Father. Jesus, then, is for us. He is the living center toward which the Bible draws us.

Jesus Christ is so unique that only faith and revelation can truly reveal who he is: the only begotten Son of God. The Son, then, knows the Father with the same knowledge the Father has of himself.

The power that Christ gives to us is the power of knowing the Father. There is no other who will fully reveal the Father's heart to humanity, and therefore there is no other name by which humanity can be saved. This is the radical nature of the gospel and the effect of the good news upon humanity.

Thank goodness we also affirm that it is God who decides how each human heart is conformed to his Son. God is not going to give us a theological test when we see him face to face. Rather, his desire and affection for us is to see his Son formed in our hearts, conforming us to his likeness.

Sometimes it doesn't take a theologian to outline the above. How about a rockstar? Bono is the lead singer of U2 and a strong Christian. This is his response when asked if believing in Jesus as the Son of God is farfetched:

No, it's not farfetched to me. Look, the secular response to the Christ story always goes like this: he was a great prophet, obviously a very interesting guy, had a lot to say along the lines of other great prophets, be they Elijah, Muhammad, Buddha, or Confucius. But actually Christ doesn't allow you that. He doesn't let you off that hook. Christ says: No. I'm not saying I'm a teacher. Don't call me teacher. I'm not saying I'm a prophet. I'm saying: "I'm the Messiah." I'm saying: "I am God incarnate." And people say: No, no, please, just be a prophet. A prophet, we can take.... But don't mention the "M" word! Because, you know, we're gonna have to crucify you. And he goes: No, no. I know you're expecting me to come back with an army, and set you free from these creeps (Romans), but actually I am the Messiah....

So what you're left with is: either Christ was who he said he was—the Messiah—or a complete nutcase... The idea that the entire course of civilization for over half of the globe could have its fate changed and turned upside-down by a nutcase, for me, that's farfetched."

At Lent we affirm once again that Christ was who is said he was and believed he was. His is the only name by which we will be saved and can have a relationship with the one true Father.

See you Sunday, Pastor Rob

EASTER CELEBRATIONS

ANNUAL EASTER BREAKFAST

April 4

7:30 - 10:30 a.m.
First Pres Center



\$3.00 per person
\$12.00 Family (per household)
Children age 6 and under are free



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

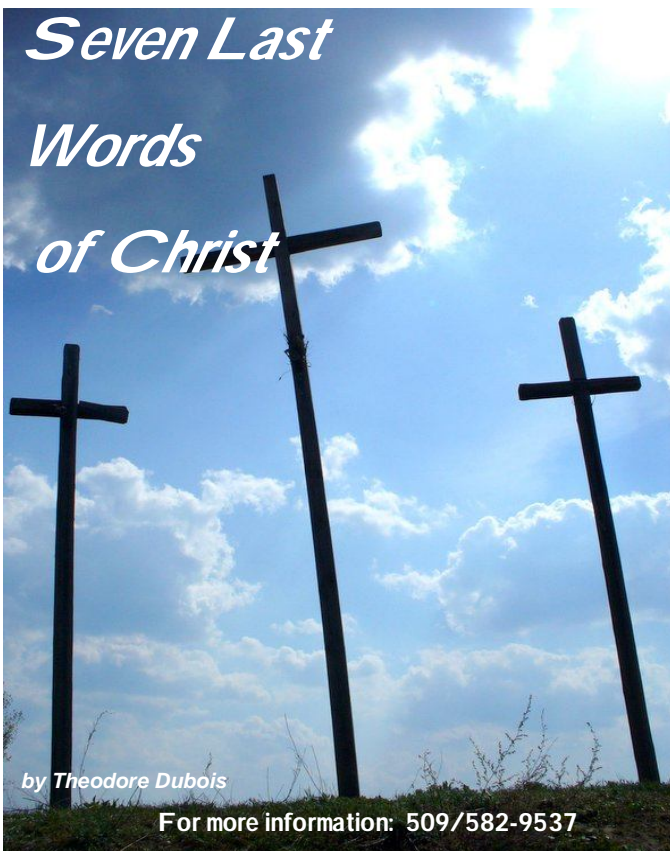
Share the experience.... it's fun!
Set-up, cooks, pancake flippers,
servers, clean-up
Please sign up in the Narthex

Family Easter Celebration And Egg Hunt



Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010
9:45 AM in the Main Sanctuary
First Presbyterian Church
Kennewick, Washington

Seven Last Words of Christ



by Theodore Dubois

For more information: 509/582-9537

Good Friday Service April 2 7 p.m.

"A musical sermon that needs to be preached"

First Presbyterian Church

2001 W. Kennewick Ave.
Kennewick

Child care provided.

Easter Week Schedule

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DISCIPLESHIP—KIDS, YOUTH, FAMILIES

LYFE

Students in grades 9–12

- MARCH 6
MISSION AUCTION
- MARCH 7 @ 4:00 p.m.
Discussion: Prayer
- MARCH 7 @ 6:10 p.m.
PARENT/STUDENT MEETING
- MARCH 14 @ 4:00 p.m.
Discussion: Fasting
- MARCH 21 @ 4:00 p.m.
Discussion: Submission
- MARCH 28, SPOKANE
CONCERT Leave at 2:30 P.M
- APRIL 4 @ 4:00
Discussion: Service
- APRIL 11 @ 4:00
Discussion: Worship



Easter Egg/Candy Donations

The box is in the narthex to donate supplies for the Children's Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt. We need plastic Eggs, wrapped candy, and small trinkets. For more information, please contact Kristy Lyon, 582-9537.



Family Easter Celebration Volunteers Needed:

Please sign up at the Information Island to help with the Family Easter Celebration on Easter Morning. For more information please contact Kristy Lyon, 582-9537.



YB's

Students in grades 6 – 8

- Includes MDWK Dinner,
6:00 p.m.
- MARCH 3
MIDWEEK @ 4:30 p.m.
- MARCH 10
MIDWEEK @ 4:30 p.m.
- MARCH 17
MIDWEEK @ 4:30 p.m.
- MARCH 24 @ 4:30 p.m.
FINAL MIDWEEK
- APRIL 7 YB'S @ 5:30 p.m.
6th through 8th grade
- APRIL 14 YB'S @ 5:30 p.m.



8–12th graders

We are going to the David Crowder Band and MercyMe (plus other artists) concert in Spokane on **March 28**. Contact Bryan for more information, bwhitmore09@aol.com or 509-831-9026 (cell).

SAVE THE DATE!
SonQuest
Rainforest VBS
August 2-6, 2010
4-6PM
Watch For More Information!

DISCIPLESHIP—ADULTS

Adult Study Opportunities



Men & Women:

Pastor's Bible Study: "The Gospel of Luke: New Hope, New Joy." Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the West Alcove.

Women's Ministries & Studies:

Morning Circle: 2nd Tuesday, 9:30 a.m., FPC: *Joshua* from Horizon Magazine;

Afternoon Circle: 2nd Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., S. Alcove: *Joshua* from Horizon Magazine;

Evening Circle: 2nd Monday, 7:00 p.m. Fireside Room: *Slightly Bad Girls of the Bible*.

Be More Bible Study: "Paul: To Live is Christ," Wednesday mornings or Monday Evenings. At the church. Call Shirley, 545-8892.

Friday Morning Women's Book Club: Every Friday, 7:30 a.m., Fireside Room. All women are welcome.

Men's Breakfast Studies:

Wednesdays, 6:30 a.m. @ Cousins, Pasco;

Thursdays, 6:00 a.m., Jesus & Joe @ Hwy. 395 Starbucks;

Fridays, 6:30 a.m. @ Sport's Page, continuing the study of Romans.

Travel & Learn:

9/17-10/1/10 - Travel in the Footsteps of Paul: Greece & Turkey, land & sea. Gary, 627-5111.

Adult Sunday School Spring Quarter Starts March 14

The new Spring Quarter for Adult Sunday School Classes will be starting on March 14, 2010. We will not be having a brunch this year so that we can best utilize the full spring quarter. The following courses will be offered:

- Philippians Bible Study
- How People Grow
- The Heidelberg Catechism
- The Language of God
- Inquirers' Class



Look for brochures and class sign-ups at the information island. For additional information please contact Kristy Lyon or Tjerk Straatsma.

Can't find the time to make it to Sunday School or an evening class



Opening Doors to Discipleship

on a regular basis? Perhaps one of the new free online courses sponsored by the Presbyterian Church(USA) is the answer for you! *Opening Doors to Discipleship* is a series of four courses in the Presbyterian/Reformed tradition. Each course has 12 sessions that can be done at your own pace and timing. The Discipleship Team will provide all who complete the courses with certificates of completion!

The four courses are:

- Course A: Teaching Skills
- Course B: Bible Background
- Course C: Presbyterian/Reformed Faith
- Course D: Discipleship (coming summer 2010)

Visit the website at www.openingdoorstodiscipleship.com to explore the options. A denominational access code allows you to take all four courses. If you would like more information, or are interested in taking the courses and need the access code, please contact Kristy Lyon, 583-9537.

You are invited to the Beta Test of the Equipping Team's new workshop, *Designed to Serve*, on Saturday, April 10 from 9:00 am-12 noon.

Would you like to maximize your special gifts, talents, and abilities in joyful service to God and to others?

You were created for more! Discover your spiritual gifts, identify your personal areas of ministry, and claim the unique strengths that God gave you to serve others in all areas of your life.

2 Peter 1:3 says, "His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness." The gifts of the Holy Spirit are part of the "everything we need" to be our best for Christ's glory.

We would truly be blessed if you would come, participate, and give feedback on your experience as we develop new ways to discover your ministry calling, explore God's call in your life, and equip you to serve as Christ's Heart and Hands.

Contact Shannon Spencer, 586-8755.



CHURCH LIFE

Information Island Hosts

Shifts are: #1 8:15-8:30 #2 9:30-9:45 #3 10:45-11:00

We need your help!

Please sign up to help host at the Information Island. It's easy, it takes only a few minutes, but it makes a big difference!



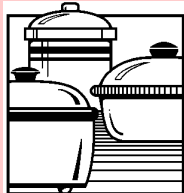
ATTENTION TRAVELERS!

There are still a few **more openings** for the Greek Isle tour "Traveling in the Footsteps of Paul," September 17, 2010. A 15 day all inclusive land and cruise adventure. Add your name to the list of travelers at the sign Information Island in the narthex or contact

Gary miller at 627 5111, 392-2079 cell.

Save The Date for Date Night !!

Save **Saturday, April 17**, for a fun filled Date Night. We will be playing the great mixer game, Bunco. Child care will be provided for those who sign up in time. Games start at 6:30 p.m. Watch the April chimes for more details. Questions? Contact Vicki Mitchell, 585-9905.



Best Years, February 16, at Noon, in First Pres Center

Our March Best Years meeting is scheduled for noon on March 16. The featured speaker is KFPC member Paul Randall, who is the Asst. Director of Tri-Tech Skills Center. He will tell us about the mission of Tri-Tech and opportunities Columbia Basin high school students to receive special training and learn lifetime skills.

Best Years meets every 3rd Tuesday in First Pres Center for a potluck luncheon. Bring your own table service. Couples bring a hot dish and either a salad or a dessert to share. Singles bring only one dish. Come and enjoy this time of fellowship with us!

Mariner Run

GREAT NEWS We will be offering a Mariner Run this year! The game is Saturday, June 5 at 1:10 p.m. when the Mariners will be playing Los Angeles. The cost for great 100-level field seats plus the charter bus and snacks is only \$75.00, based on a sign up minimum of 30 people. Look for the sign-up sheet on the Information Island and be sure to sign up early as only 40 seats have been reserved. Last day to sign up and pay is May 2. Questions, contact Ken Colvin 545 0664.



Holy Grounds – Informal Discussion Group Beginning March 7.

Would you like to know more about the Bible and how to find things in it? Have you ever wondered how those old familiar stories fit into the bigger picture? Or how they apply to our lives today? Bring your coffee to the South Alcove (the far end) of First Pres Center during the Sunday School hour, 9:45-10:45 a.m., to share Bible basics and great discussions. Each week there will be lots of time for questions. Drop-ins are welcome!

SIGN UP NOW WOMEN'S RETREAT

Sweet Life Café

Where Women Savor Time with God

Friday to Sunday, April 23-25, 2010, at the Menucha Retreat Center in Corbett, Oregon.

We appreciate your early registration! Sign-ups are at the Information Island.



MEN'S RETREAT

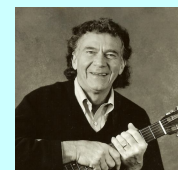
Lessons from the John Muir Trail, with Sonny Salsbury Friday & Saturday, March 12-13, 2010, in First Pres Center

"I have watched Sonny weave his marvelous spiritual magic for 40 years...God uses Sonny in glorious ways to reach into hearts and cause spiritual growth - with loads of fun tossed in for good measure!"

Jim Berkley - First Presbyterian Church of Bellevue, WA

Sonny will relate exciting stories from his famous 220-mile trek from Yosemite Valley to Mt. Whitney—a 30-day odyssey leading a group of 15. These stories will illustrate important lessons for the journey of following Christ.

Sign up on the Information Island.



CHURCH LIFE



**Part-Time Staff Position:
Program Technology/
Support Specialist
(Music/Video Ministry)
First Presbyterian Church
Kennewick, WA**

This position offers a qualified person the opportunity to creatively use and coordinate use of audio and visual technology to transparently enhance worship, to enrich Christian education, to facilitate church administration and to help develop new areas of ministry. The specialist is expected to provide general technical support, to coordinate, train and schedule a team of volunteers, and to help develop technology related and supported ministries. A Christian commitment and sensitivity to different styles of worship are important. In this role they are to be a "producer" or "technical director" of worship services. The specialist is expected to be technologically knowledgeable and to have an interest in learning and adapting to new technologies. The specialist is expected to work with the Technology and Christian Education Teams, Music Ministry Teams and Staff to establish a core of trained volunteers to serve as first level operators of church technology. This is a part-time position (~20 hours per week).

For more information contact:
Chuck Timchalk (Technology Elder)
H- 509 627-5189
Cell- 509 521-1835
Timchalk@charter.net

SPRING GATHERING OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF CENTRAL WASHINGTON

Monday, March 15
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Walla Walla Presbyterian Church

Theme: 'Ordinary People Do
Ordinary Service'

Guest Speaker, Dixie Ferguson,
volunteer in disaster relief for
Red Cross and the Billy Graham
Organization

Look for more information on the
Information Island
Car Pool Questions: 545-0664



WE'D LIKE TO USE YOUR PHOTO

The Communications Team is starting to use photos from church activities and events on our new website, which is currently under development. No names or identifying information of any kind is used with the pictures. If you do NOT want your family's or your picture(s) used on the web, please send an email to Communications@kfpc.org or contact Michelle Nichols, 734-1442. If you have any questions or concerns, please let Michelle know.

Lost and Found

There is a lost and found drawer in the office which has been collecting all sorts of items for several years. Have you lost any keys, jewelry, gloves, hats, glasses or other assorted items? If something might be yours, the deadline for claiming it is **March 31**. Come in soon to see if anything needs to go back home with you!

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Help save materials, postage, and labor: To receive the Desert Chimes electronically, send an email to desertchimes-subscribe@kfpc.org. Then ask the office to remove your name from the snail mail list.

Join your prayers to those of others: To receive email prayer-chain requests, send an email to prayerlist-subscribe@kfpc.org.

MISSION AND OUTREACH

Having settled once again into the routine of our daily lives, it is good to reflect upon the daily requests and petitions of those serving around the world. The following are prayer requests from missionaries KFPC supports.



by Renae Schonewill

Dave and Sharman Injerd request prayers for their school in Equador, specifically:

- Finding a driver and an 18 passenger van to transport students to/from the school
- Finding another teacher
- Help in short term construction and computers
- Continued health and safety

Jeff and Christine Stanfield request prayers for the AGC Baby Center and the Tenwek School of Nursing in Kenya. Specific requests include:

- A smooth transition from Jeff as Acting Director to Staci Keter, the Director of AGC Baby Center
- A successful beginning to Class 10's term at Tenwek School of Nursing
- Spiritual Emphasis Week at the school is approaching- pray to hear what the Lord wants to say to each individual and the school as a whole.

First Presbyterian Church's Scouting Ministry

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA ★ 100 YEARS OF SCOUTING



Character – Citizenship – Fitness

CUB SCOUTS

March Theme: "Take Flight"

Den Meetings: Mar 1, 8, 15

First Pres Center, 7pm

Pack Meeting: Mar 23

First Pres Center, 7pm

Cubmaster Keith Larson

783-4322 hklarson@charter.net

BOY SCOUTS

March Theme: "Physical Fitness"

Troop Meetings: Mar 2, 9, 16, 23 First Pres

Center, 7pm

Scoutmaster Will Nichols

734-1442 will.nichols@me.com

Calling All Mentors and Support Staff for the 2010 Orcas Encampment!



This year marks the 20th Anniversary of the Orcas Mission! Can you believe it?! What an incredible commitment this congregation has made to hundreds of children over those years! God bless each of you who have given so freely of your time and talents. And now, it is time to prayerfully consider if God is calling you to serve at this year's camp, June 13-18, on Orcas Island! We need 21 mentors, kitchen staff, pod leaders, drivers, mentor support, and many more volunteers! Do you feel God's call to this mission? To confirm your interest, or for more information, please call Kathy Owen at 308-1390 or 628-9370.



Girl Scouts

Presales for Girl Scout Cookies are underway!

Please call Monica Randall, 531-0309, or Hillary Fouts, 585-9219, to order yours!

The new cookie this year is, "Thank you Berry Much!"

Thanks for your support of our girls!

Troop #1140 Cadettes girls Monica Randall 531-0309, Lisa Miller 460-0282.

MARCH: Focus on cookie sales. Selling cookies at booth sales (3/19-4/11.) GOAL: Money for travel.

3/10 Horsetraining/horseback riding Kayla Fisher's grandparents

3/20 Sharefest...service hours/Stepping out leader training. All girls working toward 25+ service hours.

3/22 Meeting...making easter baskets for nursing home.

APRIL: Working hard on cookies, Archery, Teen camp-in 4/10-11 Pacific Science Ctr.

Troop #1180 Brownies Cheryl Spradling, 585-2996 & Hillary Fouts, 585-9219.

Brownies have been busy finishing up badgework for Point/Click and Go (computer), Hobbies, and Around the World. They will have an exchange student from Moldova come to speak in March.

MISSION AND OUTREACH



Gideons Greeting Cards Available

As a missionary extension of our church, Gideons International has provided a rack containing three kinds of greeting cards under the Mission bulletin board in the Narthex. "In Memory" cards offer an opportunity to show concern, love, and sympathy upon the death of a family member or friend." In

Recognition" cards provide a way for recognizing special occasions such as birth of a new baby, birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, promotions, retirements or weddings. "Thinking of You" cards are great for expressing love and encouragement during illness or troubles as well as share "across-the-miles" sentiments. Your donations provide for the purchase and distribution of Bibles around the world. A five dollar bill purchases one Bible and surveys have shown that the average motel Bible reaches 2300 readers in its typical six-year life. Gideon scriptures are distributed in 190 countries and in 90 languages. One-hundred percent of each greeting card contribution goes toward the purchase and distribution of scriptures.

ANNUAL
BARNABAS
MISSION AUCTION
Saturday, March 6
5:30 p.m.
First Pres Center
LIVE AUCTION!
SILENT AUCTION!
GOOEY DESSERT AUCTION!
See you there!



FAITH STORIES

1 Peter 3:15: But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have...do this with gentleness and respect... NLV

There are many kinds of faith stories.

Chapter Six in *Just Walk Across the Room* gives some instructions about writing our stories. Writing our stories to share with one another not only prepares us to say them aloud to a friend or stranger, but we also builds each other up as the Body of Christ.

Please share your story with us.

Simply email it to myfaithstory@kfpc.org, or if you don't have email, take a hard copy by the office. Your name will not be revealed unless you specify that you want it given, but please do give us a way to contact you if we need clarification. Attach as a Word file, or put it in the body of your email. Don't worry about spelling or grammar—we will "fix it up" if it needs a little help.

Before I came to know Jesus I felt lonely and abandoned, beginning when my father died when I was 10 and carrying through into adulthood. After really getting to know Jesus as a real person, beyond the second grade Sunday school "Jesus" of the storybook type, I began to trust him with my life and the result has been an overwhelming embrace of love and acceptance. No matter what, I am not now, never nor will I ever be abandoned by God. This I know to the very marrow of my being. I am so thankful to Wendy Hege for introducing me to the Living Lord.

I was always striving for achievement and love. Although I had many successes, because of my perfectionism I was frequently disappointed in myself and others. When Jesus came into my life, I was overwhelmed by his love. A huge burden was lifted off my back and I was free. Since then, I've experienced delight in Him and in others and have been amazed by joy in the midst of trials. Now I have a new sense of fulfillment. God is still working with me on my perfectionism but I'm confident I can trust him with my life.

I was raised in the church. Baptized. Confirmed. Accepted Christ as Savior in my teens. After that I spent a lot of time floating in and out of the church – mostly out, until after I got married. It was mostly an intellectual pursuit, until one Sunday morning when I heard a man speak of how he'd spent most of his life **knowing about** God, and how he'd come to **know** his Savior. The way he spoke... I turned to my friend and said, "I want **that**. I want what he has." How do you get to know someone? You spend time with them. How do you spend time with Jesus? By praying and reading His word with the purpose of knowing Him, not just knowing about Him. I prayed that God would give me the desire to do that. He answered my prayers and my life has changed. My confidence grows as I get to know the God who lives in me. I have less fear because I know that God is always with me. I can rest in God's mysteries because I know THE God who has the answers.

LEADERSHIP

Deacon of the Month

Nancy Emmerson, Parish 3

What she likes best about being a Deacon:

The close fellowship with the other Deacons; working with them, learning from them, growing with them in Christ, and sharing all the many ways of serving our church family. Being a Deacon is an honor and a blessing that will always be a part of me.

Her immediate family members: husband Mike and my Sophie Girl (our cockerspaniel).

Her favorite book(s): It's usually the last book I read. I do like easy reading, nothing too deep, but I couldn't put down *The Shack*.

Her favorite music: Praise songs, oldies but goodies, and Abba (Ma Ma Mia!).

Who the greatest influence on her? My cousin JoAnn - she is one of the first people who I truly witnessed the Holy Spirit living within - this was probably about 25 years ago - praise God I finally 'got it'.

Her favorite restaurant in the Tri-Cities: Olive Garden



Elder of the Month

Cliff Wakeman, Long-Range Planning Team

What he likes best about working with this team: I am very thankful that the JOD process will soon come to an end.

His immediate family members: my wife Shannon, and son Tyler; daughter Emily is away at college.

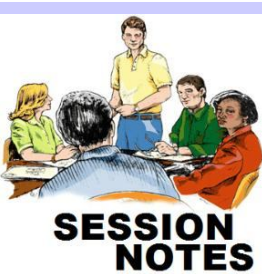
His favorite book(s): Though this is a difficult question because I am an English teacher, I would pick *The Brothers Karamazov*, a novel that explores the depths of philosophy and psychology.

His favorite music: rock

What he is passionate about: LOST--I am what is called a Lostie. The new John Locke is not to be trusted! I even listen to the soundtrack constantly.

His hobbies: I read too much, and I am addicted to Wii Frisbee Golf.

His favorite restaurant in the Tri-Cities: Any restaurant that takes coupons.



Some people wonder what we do at Sessions meeting. Well, on the first Thursday each month we meet for about two and half hours. We begin with a devotional and then spend about twenty minutes praying for the congregation. We primarily pray for the healing of individual members, but also for groups in the congregation and possibly upcoming events.

After that, we may hear reports from particular committees, for example a status report on JWAR. Then we vote on the consent agenda, which contains a number of items that probably do not need to be discussed; however, if a Session member wants to pull an item from the consent agenda for discussion, he or she may. Next we vote on action items, usually brought forward by particular elders, and then we spend about half an hour with discussion items, which vary widely. Maybe an elder wants to get input from other elders about a concern or maybe we need to discuss plans for an event that will happen in six months. We conclude the night by highlighting some particular events happening in the next month, and finally we conclude with prayer.

Cliff Wakeman, Elder

The Deacons of First Pres want to help make everyone feel welcome so they taking on the task of staffing the doors on Sunday mornings starting in April. Deacons of the Day have accepted the responsibility for finding greeters for the main door and the door near the office on their Sunday. The task requires greeters to stand by the door fifteen minutes prior to service and warmly welcome members and visitors.



DEACON CORNER

You will still find a sign up sheet for greeters at the information island. If there is a Sunday you would like to greet, please sign up. In addition, Deacons will call to ask if you would like to greet. Give it serious thought! Kennewick First Presbyterian's Deacons want to see all of us Open Doors to Open Hearts.

Kris Kennedy, Deacon Coordinator

CALENDAR—MARCH 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7 8:30 AM Confirmation 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 1:00 PM Troop 148 Leader Training (lib) 2:00 PM VanRiper Memorial (sanc.kit.fpc) 4:00 PM LYFE (fpc)	8 4:30 PM Girl Scouts (gard sanc. lib. rm 13, rm 9) 4:30 PM Trailseekers (fpc) 6:15 PM Be More Bible Study (lib) 7:00 PM Cub Scout Den Meetings (fpc+) 7:00 PM PW Evening Circle (fs) 7:00 PM Youth Mtg (rm 13)	9 9:30 AM Bible Study (fs) 9:30 AM PW Morning Circle (fpc) 10:00 AM Staff (lib) 1:30 PM Prayer Group (family rm) 7:00 PM Bell Ensemble (bell rm) 7:00 PM Boy Scouts TR148 (fpc gym floor) 7:00 PM Columbia Chorale Rehearsal (sanc) 7:00 PM St Augustine Class (w alcove) 7:00 PM Stephen Ministry Supervision. (fs, lib)	10 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast Book Study (Cousins) 9:15 AM Be More Bible Study (w alcove) 12:30 PM PW Afternoon Circle (s alcove) 4:15 PM MDWK.FM (fpc) 7:00 PM Choir (sanc & choir room)	11 6:00 AM Jesus & Joe (Hwy 395/Clearwater Starbuck's) 10:00 AM Pastor's Thursday Bible Study (w alcove) 1:30 PM Care Givers Group (fs) 3:00 PM Chaplaincy Training (lib) 7:00 PM Agape Ringers (bell room)	12 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast Book Study (Sports Page) 7:30 AM Women's Breakfast Book Group (fs) 6:00 PM Men's Retreat (fpc, kit)	13 8:00 AM Men's Retreat (fpc, kit) 4:00 PM Boy Scout District Dinner (fpc)
14 Daylight-Saving Time Begins Spring Quarter Adult Ed 8:30 AM Confirmation 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Agape Ringers 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 4:00 PM LYFE (fpc)	15 4:30 PM Girl Scouts (gard sanc. lib. rm 13, rm 9) 4:30 PM Trailseekers (fpc) 6:15 PM Be More Bible Study (fs) 7:00 PM Cub Scout Den Meetings (fpc+) 7:00 PM Youth Mtg (lib)	16 9:30 AM Bible Study (fs) 10:00 AM Staff (lib) 11:00 AM Best Years - set-up (fpc.kitchen) 12:00 PM Best Years (fpc.kitchen) 1:30 PM Prayer Group (family rm) 7:00 PM Bell Ensemble (bell rm) 7:00 PM Boy Scouts TR148 (fpc gym floor) 7:00 PM Columbia Chorale Rehearsal (sanc) 7:00 PM Deacons (lib) 7:00 PM St Augustine Class (w alcove)	17 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast Book Study (Cousins) 9:15 AM Be More Bible Study (w alcove) 4:00 PM Worship Team (fs) 4:15 PM MDWK.FM (fpc) 6:30 PM Choir (sanc & choir room)	18 6:00 AM Jesus & Joe (Hwy 395/Clearwater Starbuck's) 10:00 AM Pastor's Thursday Bible Study (w alcove) 1:30 PM Care Givers Group (fs) 7:00 PM Agape Ringers (bell room) 7:00 PM Team Night (fpc)	19 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast Book Study (Sports Page) 7:30 AM Women's Breakfast Book Group (fs) 2:00 PM Blood Drive (fpc)	20 Sharefest
21 8:30 AM Confirmation 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 4:00 PM LYFE (fpc)	22 4:30 PM Girl Scouts (gard sanc. lib. rm 13, rm 9) 4:30 PM Trailseekers (fpc) 6:15 PM Be More Bible Study (fs) 7:00 PM Cub Scout Den Meetings (fpc+) 7:00 PM Youth Mtg (lib)	23 9:30 AM Bible Study (fs) 10:00 AM Staff (lib) 1:30 PM Prayer Group (family rm) 7:00 PM Bell Ensemble (bell rm) 7:00 PM Boy Scouts TR148 (fpc gym floor) 7:00 PM Columbia Chorale Rehearsal (sanc) 7:00 PM St Augustine Class (w alcove) 7:00 PM Stephen Ministry Supervision. (fs, lib) 7:00 PM Trustee (conf rm)	24 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast Book Study (Cousins) 9:15 AM Be More Bible Study (w alcove) 4:15 PM MDWK.FM (fpc) 6:30 PM Choir (sanc & choir room) 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (Sanc)	25 Chimes Deadline 6:00 AM Jesus & Joe (Hwy 395/Clearwater Starbuck's) 10:00 AM Pastor's Thursday Bible Study (w alcove) 1:30 PM Care Givers Group (fs) 7:00 PM Agape Ringers (bell room)	26 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast Book Study (Sports Page) 7:30 AM Women's Breakfast Book Group (fs)	27 9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal (Sanc)
28 LYFE--David Crowder Concert (Spokane) Palm Sunday 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Agape Ringers 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 2:00 PM Footsteps of Paul Class (W Alcove)	29 4:30 PM Girl Scouts (gard sanc. lib. rm 13, rm 9) 7:00 PM Youth Mtg (lib)	30 9:30 AM Bible Study (fs) 10:00 AM Staff (lib) 1:30 PM Prayer Group (family rm) 7:00 PM Columbia Chorale Rehearsal (sanc) 7:00 PM St Augustine Class (w alcove)	31 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast Book Study (Cousins) 5:30 PM Choir & Dinner (sanc & choir rm, fpc, kit)	1 Maudy Thursday 6:00 AM Jesus & Joe (Hwy 395/Clearwater Starbuck's) 10:00 AM Pastor's Thursday Bible Study (w alcove) 1:30 PM Care Givers Group (fs) 6:00 PM Agape Ringers (bell room) 7:00 PM Maudy Thursday Service (grdn sanc)	2 Good Friday 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast Book Study (Sports Page) 7:30 AM Women's Breakfast Book Group (fs) 7:00 PM Good Friday Service (sanc)	3 9:30 AM Easter Bkfst Set-up (fpc)



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Return Service Requested

Worship Schedule

8:30 Contemporary Worship

9:45 Christian Education

11:00 Traditional Worship

Sunday Morning Nursery Care provided.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES



Remember In Prayer

- † Those who are going through chemotherapy, testing, surgeries, procedures, recovering, seeking employment, loss of loved ones.
- † Our shut-ins.
- † Military service personnel and their families.
- † Our missionaries.

We so thank you for the many cards and expression of sympathy as George journeyed to Tennessee and Texas to attend and participate in two funerals for his Brother Roland. There is always the human feeling of loss and sadness to have your only brother depart this world. However there is an assurance of the joy of him being in heaven which was his steadfast focus of all of his adult life. Again our deep appreciation as your thoughts have helped us keep this passing of Roland to a higher prospective of the joy of celebration of his life that God allowed him to spend with us here.



Daylight Savings Time begins March 14



The April Desert Chimes Deadline is Thursday, March 25. Please take information to the office or email to: chimes@kfpc.org

Thank you, all you wonderful people, for making our hosting of Presbytery a great event.

Jeanne Colvin and Friends



I want to thank all of you for your prayers, visits, cards and calls during this recuperation time since my back surgery. I thank God for this caring church and the concern shown to me.



-Danelle De Young