

THE DESERT CHIMES



"Daily becoming the heart and hands of Jesus Christ."



DECEMBER 1, 2010



CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

- Dec 2: Session, 7:00 p.m., Conference Room
- Dec 2, 9, 16: Pastor's Bible Study, 10:00 a.m., West Alcove
- Dec 3: Women's Ministry Christmas Party, 7:00 p.m., First Pres Center
- Dec 4: Christmas Childcare, 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- Dec 7, 14: Luther Class, 7:00 p.m., West Alcove
- Dec 12: Confirmation Parent's Lunch, 12:15 p.m., South Alcove
- Dec 12: Birthday Party for Jesus, 2:00 p.m., First Pres Center
- Dec 15: YB's Christmas Party, 5:30 p.m., Youth Room
- Dec 16: Team Night, 7:00 p.m., First Pres Center
- Dec 16: Noah's Ark Preschool Christmas Program, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary
- Dec 19: Christmas Caroling, 4:00 p.m.
- Dec 19: LYFE Christmas Party, 4:00 p.m., First Pres Center
- Dec 21: Best Years Luncheon, 12:00 p.m., First Pres Center
- Dec 24: Office Closed
- Dec 24: **Christmas Eve Services, 5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary**
- Dec 24: **Christmas Eve Communion, 11:00 p.m., Garden Sanctuary**
- Dec 25: **CHRISTMAS DAY**
- Dec 26: **10:00 a.m. One Worship Service only and No Sunday School**
- Dec 27: Office Closed
- Dec 31: Office Closed Afternoon
- Dec 31-Jan 1: LYFE Lock In, 7:00 p.m., Toyota Center, First Pres Center
- Jan 1: NEW YEAR'S DAY
- Jan 3: Office Closed

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Merry Christmas!

ADVENT HAPPENINGS

- December 12** ***Birthday Party for Jesus, 2:00 p.m., FPC***
- December 16** ***Noah's Ark Preschool Christmas Program, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary***
- December 19** ***Neighborhood Christmas Caroling, 4:00 p.m.***
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Christmas Eve Communion, 11:00 p.m., Garden Sanctuary



Candlelight Service

FROM THE PASTORS



God loves us passionately. We can risk loving passionately as well. We know that the love God makes possible is not a scarce or finite resource that must be hoarded and distributed in small amounts a little at a time. Love is not a rare commodity. On the contrary, the more we love with the intense particularity of God's love, the more we discover that we have the capacity to love. We are most like God when we give.

Even in its secular garb, the world sees God's generosity in many ways, ultimately in the gift of his son, Jesus Christ. He gave us a date in history when He came to dwell among us. He gave ordinary people his message to us announcing the birth of Christ. He turned an ordinary night into an extraordinary one. He announced his son's birth by singing, and the church still sings of Christ's birth. He called people from around the globe to worship his son. The list can go on and on.

What can we give back? Obviously -- ourselves. We can also give a Christmas present to his church. Many people come to me at this time of year and ask, "God has given me so much. What can I give back to Him at the end of the year?" Well, here is a list that I compiled for your prayerful consideration:

- Consider an extra gift to the Operating or Building Fund.
- Pennies from Heaven which funds additional music events beyond the budget.
- Camp Scholarships for youth, which helps kids with camp tuition throughout the year. This is an opportunity for them to enjoy nature and hear God's word in a wonderful setting.
- Memorial Lecture Fund which enables the church to invite top-notch speakers in theology, the arts, and in Biblical interpretation to help us grow in our faith.
- Miriam's Gifts which provides layettes for new moms which are distributed through local social agencies.

These are only a few ideas, look around and you will see many others. Always remember, "we cannot out give God" regardless of the season. Let Christ dwell in our hearts this Christmas season as we have received the best gift ever given.

Merry Christmas,
Pastor Rob

Merry Christmas,

'Tis the season to think about gifts, and we have been given a tremendous gift which we can pass on. The gift I'm speaking of is prayer. Jesus opened the door and has given us access to the very throne of the Most High God where we can speak candidly with our LORD. For those who pray it is an ongoing source of joy, peace, hope, strength and love. What a great gift to pass on and it fits everyone's budget!



Associate Pastor's
Message

When we pray for others it is called intercessory prayer. One dictionary defines intercession as "acting between two parties; begging or pleading on behalf of another." Often people do not know how to pray, do not have the faith to pray, or do not think it is available to them. This is when the gift of prayer can be so timely.

This Christmas season ask God to open your eyes to other's needs and allow the Holy Spirit to teach you how to intercede. There are different ways to give this gift. You can quietly, privately pray with the receiver never knowing, and there is nothing wrong with that. And yet, I want to challenge you at the very least to tell the person/s that you are praying for them. Even more so, I want to encourage you to actually pray for/with that person so he/she may physically know and be encouraged by the gift of prayer. Many of our prayers don't get answered in ways we desire, yet I have found that the act of praying in itself ushers in peace and love regardless of outcome.

If you have never prayed out loud or with others, you can simply start praying out loud by yourself. You will be amazed how the spoken word can take on new power. Let God lead you in physically delivering this gift to others. Remember prayer is simply your heart's conversation with God; so make yourself a warm cup of hot chocolate and talk with Jesus. He will be thrilled and blessings will flow.

In hope, joy, peace, and love,
Pastor Kriss

YOUTH

UPCOMING EVENTS — YOUTH

Dec 15 YB CHRISTMAS PARTY

Students are encouraged to bring a small item for a gift exchange (something under \$10, something that is re-gifted or something that is not used much from home). If anyone else would like to donate a gift to the exchange, there is always a need for that.

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DEC 31-Jan 1 LYFE New Year Lock-in (Grades 9 through 12)

We will start out at the Toyota Center for the Annual New Year's clash between the Americans and Spokane Chiefs (ice hockey). Then we will return to the church for a night of awesome activities, food, games and more food. We will finish about 8:00 the next morning, so we will be asking people to drive students home. Cost is \$10 for food and such.

JAN 14 and 15 LYFE SKI AND SNOWBOARD TRIP (Grades 9 through 12)

We will leave the night of Friday the 14th to go to Spokane and stay the night with some of Bryan's friends, a place for the girls and a different place for the guys. We will then hit the slopes of Mount Spokane at opening on Saturday the 15th. The cost will be less than \$35 depending on how many people sign up (for lift tickets). Bryan will need the money before the event.

FEB 4-6 SNOW BLAST (Grades 9 through 12)

This is a weekend at Camp Ghormley for high school students. There will be great games, worship, fellowship and awesomeness. We will leave from the Church on 2/4 around 4:00 p.m. and have dinner on the way up. We will come back on 2/6 at approximately 3:00 in the afternoon. Cost is TBD. Cash will be needed for dinner on the way up and if you want to purchase something from the Sundeck (camp store).

YB's

Students in grades 6-8

DEC 1	Game Night 5:30 @ Church
DEC 8	5:30 @ Church
DEC 15	Christmas Party 5:30 @ Church
DEC 22	NO YB's
DEC 29	NO YB's
JAN 5	5:30 @ Church
JAN 12	5:30 @ Church

LYFE

Students in grades 9-12

DEC 5	4:00 @ Church
DEC 12	4:00 @ Church
DEC 19	Christmas Party Ugly Sweaters 4:00 @ Church
DEC 26	NO LYFE
DEC 31	New Year Lock-in 7:00 @ Toyota Center
JAN 2	NO LYFE
JAN 9	4:00 @ Church

YOUTH NEEDS

- We are always looking for people who feel led to serve youth. We have many ways you can help our ministry at First Presbyterian Church.
- We need people to...
 - Work with our Junior High students
 - Work with our High School students
 - Pray for our students
 - Drive us to different events (and back again)
 - Make meals to share with our students
 - Donate some Christmas gifts for our gift exchange
- If you feel called to do any of these things, then let Bryan Whitmore know (509.831.9026, bwhitmore09@gmail.com or via Facebook).

CE OPPORTUNITIES



MDWK.FM stands for Mid-Week Family Ministries here at First Presbyterian Church, a combined ministry of the Youth and Christian Education departments. It is a place where the entire family can come together to participate in the various

components that make the MDWK.FM programs. This ministry is extensive and requires parent participation or adult sponsorship for each child as well as participation by other members of our congregation. Please join us for MDWK.FM and celebrate the many different families in our church and community, whether it be through volunteering to serve in a ministry area, serving the meal or helping teach your favorite age group. **You are important to the success of this ministry.** It's not too late to join us for a great time of fellowship, games, Bible study, crafts, family dinner time and more. Please register at the Information Island. Contact Kitty Baird for information on fees and scholarships. No one will be excluded due to inability to pay.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REMINDER!

There will be no Sunday School on December 26, 2010, and January 2, 2011, so that our teachers may enjoy the Christmas break with their families.

Nursery care will be available for children 3 and under and Children's Church will be available for ages 4 years through second grade.

There will be only one worship service on December 26 at 10:00 a.m.

May you and yours have a wonderfully blessed Christmas Holiday!

The CE Department

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES WINTER QUARTER (begins January 9)

<i>Be More (Mon. & Wed.)</i>	<i>West Alcove</i>
	<u>Sundays</u>
<i>Proverbs</i>	<i>West Alcove</i>
<i>Bible Study</i>	<i>Room 210</i>
<i>The Truth and Mormonism</i>	<i>To Be Determined</i>
<i>Couples</i>	<i>Library</i>
<i>Inquirers</i>	<i>Fireside Room</i>
<i>Financial Peace University</i> <i>(Sun. evenings)</i>	<i>Garden Sanctuary</i>
<i>Holy Spirit (Tues. evenings)</i>	<i>West Alcove</i>
<i>Lifekeys (Wed. evenings)</i>	<i>Room 107</i>
<i>More details to come!</i>	

Men & Women:

Pastor's Thursday Morning Bible Study, 10:00 a.m. We are studying the Book of Luke this fall. All are invited to the West Alcove classroom to enjoy this interactive class.

Women's Ministries & Studies:

Morning Circle: 2nd Tuesday, 9:30 a.m., First Pres Center.

Afternoon Circle: 2nd Wednesday, 12:30 p.m., South Alcove.

Evening Group: 2nd Monday, 7:00 p.m., Fireside Room.

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. @ Sports Page.



CHURCH LIFE

BE MORE WOMEN'S STUDY

Monday Evenings—Information TBA

Wednesday Mornings—9:15-11:15 a.m.

West Alcove; Childcare available

The Wednesday morning group will be studying James. This is a non-DVD driven study. Cost is \$10 for a book **or** you may download your own electronic version for \$7.49 at navpress.com.



Ladies Craft Day

January 22, 2011

8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Save the Date

This is an opportunity to scrapbook those Christmas pictures or catch up on any of the other crafts items that are in the "Unfinished" mode. This is a great day of fellowship.

Elder/Deacon Dinner

Thursday, December 9, 6:00 p.m.

First Pres Center

All elders and deacons are invited to attend. This is our opportunity to thank those that have completed their terms and welcome those that are just beginning their terms. All staff are also invited to share in the festivities. Please RSVP the office.

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

Sponsored by FPC's Women's Ministries/PW

Friday, December 3, 2010

7:00 p.m., First Pres Center

All women of the church are invited.

Our evening is about cultural heritage—are you Irish? French? Czech?

Bring a plate of cookies to share that represents your cultural heritage. We are also collecting supplies for Grace Clinic, which is a non-profit medical and dental clinic that serves our community. The clinic can use some of the following items: personal hygiene items (toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc), Lysol wipes, toilet paper, paper towels, Styrofoam cups, office supplies (computer paper, large paper clips, etc).

Noah's Ark Preschool

News



Thank you to everyone who has been donating used ink cartridges. These have been used to supply the preschool with items like paper, glue sticks, markers and even new printer cartridges. Please continue to donate your used cartridges in the baskets in both narthexes.

Do you have old Christmas cards with pictures of the Nativity on them? Our preschool is in need of these for Christmas craft projects. Any donations can be made to the preschool office or mailbox in the church office and will be much appreciated.

Please join us: We would like to extend a warm invitation to our First Pres family to attend the annual Preschool Christmas Program. Join us on December 16, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary for a delightful evening of Christmas songs sung by the children in the three preschool classes.

The sound and video ministry team is looking for individuals who are willing to learn to run the sound board or the PowerPoint on the screen during worship. If interested, give *Justin Kasperek* a call (509.582.9537) or email him (kfpctech@gmail.com).



CHURCH LIFE



HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS PARTY

Sunday, December 12

2:00-4:00 p.m.

Join us in First Pres Center for a family celebration including birthday cake, ice cream, crafts, games, the Bounce House, gift making, and other party and Bethlehem activities.

Children are encouraged to bring "birthday" presents for Miriam's Gifts. Suggested ideas are on the Information Island. Some ideas are size 1 clothes, diapers, and blankets.

If you would like to help Noah's Ark Pre-school with this event, please sign up in the narthex or call 586.2228 for more information.

Chancel Choir News

The Chancel Choir is preparing for a busy Advent and Christmas schedule. On December 5 at 4:00 p.m. the choir will appear at the Tri-City Chapter of the American Organist's Guild Christmas Concert at Central United Protestant Church in Richland. Please join church choirs from all over the Columbia Basin region for this event, ending with the singing of the 'Hallelujah Chorus' from Handel's "Messiah" by the mass choirs under the direction of Reggie Unterseher.

The Dubois "Seven Last Words of Christ" for choir, three soloists, organ, harp and tympani is scheduled for Good Friday, April 22, 2011, in the KFPC sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. Please consider joining our forces for this event. The preparation is short, and the enjoyment is immense.

Finally, there are still openings in every section of the Chancel Choir. We would be particularly pleased to discover some new basses and tenors. If you are new to the church, we would be delighted for you to consider this opportunity to be a servant leader. The Chancel Choir is an opportunity to engage in great fellowship and help lead worship. It is family.

John P. Owen



Agape Ringers

rehearses every Tuesday, 7:00-8:45 p.m. in the bell room. This is a wonderful time of fellowship and ringing to the glory of our Lord. If you are interested, contact Kitty Baird at 783.0242 or the church at 582.9537.



Praise Ensemble

The Ensemble rehearses every Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Anyone with an interest in ministry

through singing or playing an instrument in the style of our first service worship, please call Mary Panther, 585.9312.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITY



As part of our Journey of Discovery Action Plan, a new prayer initiative is to **Pray For the Worship Service**.

If you are interested in praying for the worship service, join others in the prayer room. This is an opportunity to lift up the pastors, those leading worship, and the congregation for God's spirit to be moving!

Sign up (initials only) on the no-call, no-reminder sheet posted outside the prayer room.

Save the Date—Prayer Watch International is leading a prayer conference at KFPC on March 12-13, 2011.

CHURCH LIFE

ELDER OF THE MONTH



Name: Sam Dechter

His Ministry Team: Equipping Ministries

What he likes best about working with this team: I enjoy the people on the team. Programmatically, I like developing and presenting the DYMC Spiritual Gifts workshop and presenting the Leadership Summit videos.

His immediate family members: Kathy and I are empty nesters. Our three sons are spread from Cheney to Cincinnati to Cleveland.

His favorite music: I like classical symphonic music and classical organ music.

What he is passionate about: My greatest passion is the Boy Scout program. I started as a Cub Scout in 1950 and continue today as a troop leader and Blue Mountain Council Executive Board member. A large part of it is that I love tent camping, hiking and outdoor activities and teaching young men skills they can use their entire lives.

His hobbies: bicycling as a primary form of exercise and playing my piano as a primary form of relaxation.

His favorite restaurant in the Tri-Cities: Apollo Greek Restaurant in Richland.

DEACON OF THE MONTH



Name: Mark Benecke

He serves: Parish 1

What he likes best about being a Deacon: meeting new people; helping those in need

His favorite Bible verse: Philippians 2:5-11

His immediate family members: Although our three children have moved out and have families of their own, we are blessed to have them all living here in the Tri-Cities. We see them often, especially our grandchildren.

His favorite book(s): Most anything written by Cormac McCarthy, Louise Erdrich or Barbara Kingsolver.

What he is passionate about: More than anything, I want young people to know Jesus. I didn't become a Christian until I was 31 years old; I'm thankful that God kept me around until I opened my heart to his Son.

His hobbies: kayaking, reading, being with the high school youth.

His favorite restaurant in the Tri-Cities: Emerald of Siam.



SESSION NOTES

"THANK YOU'S"

Communications: Sue Campbell, Kitty Baird, Kathy Umbarger, and all who help keep the bulletin boards current.

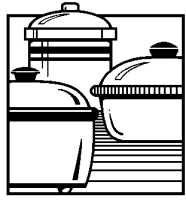
Finance/Stewardship: Dave and Kara Rohrig for leading the Stewardship Drive.

Facilities: A big thank you to all that attended the fall clean up, which was a huge success. There was lots of good fellowship, leaves, branches, and pizza taken care of.

Marc Miller: Thanks to all for their support during my term as elder.

Christian Education: All of our Sunday School teachers, children worship leaders, and adult education teachers.

CHURCH LIFE



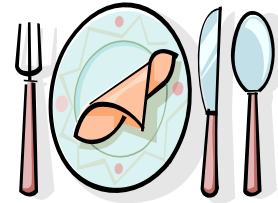
BEST YEARS

Tuesday, December 21, Noon
First Pres Center

Beverly and John Norell and Gene Hersrud will present a Christmas musical program followed by a carol sing-a-long at this month's Best Year's Potluck. We are also asking everyone to bring items for the Food Bank to share with those less fortunate.

Best Years was originally formed for those who had retired, but everyone is welcome. The group meets on the third Tuesday of each month. If you are free, enjoy fellowship, great food and interesting programs, circle the dates on your calendar and join us. Bring your own table service. Couples bring a hot dish and a salad or dessert; singles bring one item (hot dish or salad or dessert) to share.

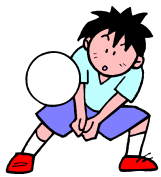
December's hosts are Neil and Bev Hoytink and Larry and Sue Campbell.



"Pairs & Spares"

Formerly Known as "Dinners for 6+2"

Once again it's time to sign up for sharing a meal with other couples & singles from the congregation. This is a great opportunity to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones, especially new members. It's also a chance to invite friends and neighbors who don't have a church home to come and experience the warmth and fellowship of KFPC. There will be three dinners, one a month during Jan-Feb-Mar, for up to 8 people. Hosts and various parts of the dinner rotate. **The full-meal-deal explanation is at the Information Island. Please sign up there.**



Winter Spike 2011 Co-ed Family Volleyball Mid High's - Adults

Winter Spike is a great opportunity to play volleyball and have a great time enjoying an activity with our church family and friends. Games take place on Sunday afternoons in First Pres Center beginning in January. Teams will be assigned in late December so we can begin our season after the New Year (we won't be playing on Super Bowl Sunday).

Winter Spike is open to everyone from 6th grade and older. Invite a friend! Sign-up at the Information Island.

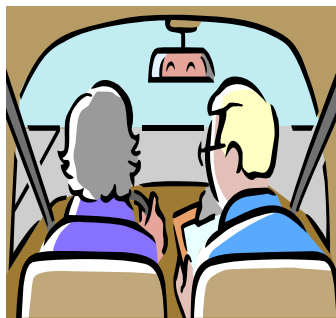
Child care will be provided if requested ahead of time.

IT'S REALLY FUN!!!

Questions? Call Cathy Ferguson, 582-2028, or Kim Richards, 371-9191.

CAREGIVERS' SUPPORT GROUP

Are you looking for a faith-based caregivers' support group? We meet every Thursday in the Fireside room at 1:30. Drop by and join us anytime. Questions? Joyce Green, 582.5269



AARP Driver Safety Class (8-hour refresher course)

There will be an AARP Driver Safety Class at KFPC, January 4-5, 2011, for drivers 55 years of age and older who are interested in a reduction in their auto insurance premiums. The State of Washington requires insurance companies to give an "appropriate" discount to drivers who have completed this class. The class will be taught by Ken Heikens; if you wish to participate, call him at 509.528.6618 or 509.430.5639 for more information.

MISSION AND OUTREACH



Join Us for Caroling!!

More info: Call Kathy Umbarger, 544.0935

Around the First Pres Neighborhood

Sunday, Dec. 19

Meet in the narthex, 4:00 p.m.

Bring Potluck Cookies

(Store bought is just fine!)

Back for Cookies & Hot Drinks at 5:00

If you don't like singing door to door, come anyway and hang out with the carolers and have a good time. No signups necessary.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA ★ 100 YEARS OF SCOUTING



CELEBRATING THE ADVENTURE ★ CONTINUING THE JOURNEY

KFPC's Scouting Ministry Character—Citizenship—Fitness

CUB SCOUTS

Den Meeting: Dec 6, First Pres Center, 7 p.m.

Pack Christmas Party, First Pres Center, 7 p.m.

Cubmaster Keith Larson

783.4322, hklarson@

williamcharlesconstruction.com

BOY SCOUTS

Troop Meetings: Dec 7, 14, First Pres Center, 7 p.m.

Troop Lock-In, Dec 10-11, First Pres Center, starting 5 p.m.

First Class Compass Course-Columbia Park, Dec 11, 9:30 a.m.

Scoutmaster Will Nichols

734.1442 will.nichols@me.com



Miriam's Gifts

may be left in the cupboard outside the library. We have a need for baby clothes (sizes 0-3 months), rattles, baby blankets, bath towels, and size 1 diapers are always especially appreciated.



MERRY CHRISTMAS ONE CAN A MONTH

Perhaps you are already thinking about the food shopping you will be doing to get all the extra "goodies" you need for your Christmas celebrations. Please consider picking up a couple of extra items and dropping them in the "One Can a Month" container so the Food Bank is able to meet the extra requests they receive at this time of the year. The guys who pick up the food from us always express great thanks for all that you do.

Helen

Thank you so much for allowing us to have our rehearsals and our concert at First Presbyterian Church. We do appreciate it.

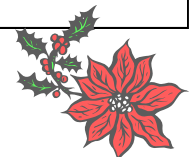
Columbia Chorale



Girl Scouts

4:15 p.m., South Alcove
2nd and 4th Tuesdays of
each month

For more information,
contact Carol Ellis,
585.9966



Notice: **Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University classes** run from Sunday, January 9-April 3, 2011, 5:00 -7:00 p.m. Free childcare provided. Sign up is required on the Information Island. Cost is \$100. Contact John Umbarger at 544.0935, johnu42@aol.com.

MISSION/OUTREACH



BETWEEN friends



This October I was blessed with the opportunity to spend three weeks in South Africa working in the Music for Life Junior Academy. After working with a team of eight women to run camps in the villages in July of 2009, I left my heart in the Nkomazi region of South Africa. I eagerly signed up for another team trip in spring of 2010 but God had different plans and I ended up taking a later solo trip to work in the school run by Music for Life! [Music for Life is the parent organization of the African Children's Choir- a traveling choir that raises money for their education when they return home.]

The Music for Life Junior Academy currently consists of 40 students, 4 buildings, 3 teachers, 3 resident advisors, and 1 principal/director. Most of my funds raised went to buy school supplies (including a much needed laminator!) and the food budget for the school.

My teaching background and tutoring skills were put to use as I worked one-on-one with struggling students and taught mini math or English lessons to small groups. I put together some reading and math skill practice programs for the students that needed extra help outside the classroom. I was able to see a lot of improvement just in my short time there and am confident that those programs are still being used and helping the kids! Besides the tutoring, I was able to clean and organize the school's library and resource room, and teach some drama classes as part of the fine arts in the school.

God was so good to me- friendships that began last summer were strengthened, new friends were made, new kids captured my heart, new high temperatures were felt (it was spring in South Africa- up to 114 degrees Fahrenheit!), new foods were tasted (raw sugar cane and ostrich meat), and I felt a deeper assurance that I was created to be a part of His ministry in South Africa!

Meghan Miller

The African Children's Choir™ is a program of the Music for Life organization, a registered charity in Canada, the United Kingdom, the United States and South Africa. If you would like more information on hosting the African Children's Choir™ in your community, visit our [website](#), call toll-free: 1.877.532.8651 in North America or email our [booking department](#). Please visit our [website](#) for more information.

MISSION/OUTREACH



The Voyage of The Dawn Treader

FIRST PRES at the Movies

Saturday, December 11, 11:30 a.m.

Fairchild Cinemas, Pasco

Questions? Contact John Westleigh, 539.0109.

Tickets are on sale for \$7.00 each.

Trailseeker Giving Tree

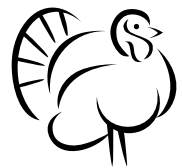


Would you like to adopt a Trailseeker family this Christmas? There is a tree in the narthex with gift tags hanging on the tree with the names of families and the age of each child. Additional information will be on the back of the tag as to sizes and special needs. Please put the first and last name on each gift. It would also be very helpful if you keep the gifts for your family together in a bag. Gifts need to be at the church by Sunday, December 19 so that they may be delivered.

Blessings, Kathy Owen and all the Trailseeker Volunteers

A Huge Thank You from Trailseekers

Our Annual Trailseeker Thanksgiving Feast was a huge success...just over 200 people attended! We want to thank each person who contributed to this event. The food was tasty and there was plenty to eat...what an awesome kitchen crew! Thank you Cliff Wakeman and Rich Lucke and all who helped in the kitchen! And my oh my, the pies, yum yum! So many folks came out to help! It's true, many hands make light work! Thank you, thank you, thank you!! We couldn't have done it without you!



We invited the families of the Trailseekers again this year. We wanted to extend a hand of friendship to these families and initiate greater involvement in the program as outreach. So many of the parents expressed how good the meal was and how nice everyone had been to them. Some became tearful when they spoke of how wonderful their 'table host' had been. Thank you for 'giving to the Lord' through your kindness, love, and generosity. Hearts were deeply touched. I find myself at a loss of words to adequately express how blessed this program is by the membership of First Pres...thank you; you are changing lives.

In Christ, Kathy Owen

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Last month, we provided an overview of our Stephen Ministry program. In summary, we have this special program here at First Pres because

- ◆ We need this Unique Safety Net of Pastoral Care. Rob and Kriss are the “first responders” in times of crisis -- Stephen Ministers follow them up and are there for the long haul, helping those in need to re-center their lives and begin to rebuild.
- ◆ We are All Called to Care. Just remember the story Jesus told in Matthew 25.
- ◆ Some of us have Spiritual Gifts Just Waiting to Be Used. Stephen Ministry provides a place where those who have the gifts for caring ministry can put them to use in a truly meaningful way.
- ◆ The Needs Are There, and like the Good Samaritan, we refuse just to “look the other way.”
- ◆ We want to Reach Out in Christ’s Love and be “doers of the Word, not just hearers.”
- ◆ We believe in the Mission of Our Congregation. Stephen Ministry is one tangible way we can fulfill Jesus’ Great Commandment and Great Commission.

Since the Stephen Ministry program had its inception here at First Pres more than two decades ago, the following members of our congregation, and others who have moved or passed away, have been trained as Stephen Ministers and/or Stephen Leaders:

Mary Baxter	Karen Belzer	Mark & Nan Benecke	Irene Bogert
Jan Bond	Dave & Julie Burrill	Dan & Pam Carl	Ethel Carpenter
Jim & Kathy Cochran	Ken Colvin	Eric Damberg	Kathy Dechter
Marilee Eerkes	Cathy Ferguson	Skyler Gabriel	Carol Garlick
Rob Hagan	Hec Hancock	Sylvia Harris	Barbara Hayes
Sharon Heikens	Cathie Janysek	Marty Lantz	Dara Leip
Judy Lorence	Rich Lucke	Zach Lucke	Larry Lyon
Gail Mains	Helen Maronda	Donna Mattair	Max McCorkle
Dennis McDonald	Virginia McElwee	Bob & MaryLynn Merriman	Gary Miller
Joyce Miller	Wilma Miller	Tom & Vicki Mitchell	Chris Nokes
Carol Parsons	Connie Patterson	Tiffany Patzke	Jeanette Perry
Gwen Rawlings	Linda Rice	Judy Ricketts	Howie & Sue Roberts
Patty Ruehle	Gary Sem	Yvette Severence	Kay Shearer
Shirley Sorrels	Dee Souder	Shannon Spencer	Ineke Straatsma
Bill Thomas	Mike Tinker	Paula Tumlinson	Gay Upington
Tracy Walton	Bruce & Judy Westerberg	Brett Westerman	Bill Yale

Please seriously consider **ADDING YOUR NAME** to this distinguished list. Our next training course for Stephen Ministers begins January 25. For further information, contact Jim Cochran (582.9537) or Rich Lucke (586.0184).

“I can do everything through him who gives me strength.” *Philippians 4:13*

NEW MEMBERS



Margie Burton

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Margie is a native of Tulsa, OK and she has been in the Tri-Cities for five months, now. Previously Margie lived in Stillwater, OK, Port Lavaca & Point Comfort, TX, and Vera Cruz, Mexico. She was seeking a PC(USA) church when she came to First Pres. Pastor Rob and the friendliness of our congregation were key in her decision to make us her new church home.

Alan McNichols

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Alan, married to Arline, our recently retired First Pres Treasurer, hails from Nebraska City, NE. He has lived in Vancouver and Seattle, WA in addition to a period in Saudi Arabia and has resided in the Tri-Cities for 20 years. Alan is a University of Washington graduate in Mechanical Engineering. He and Arline were married in First Pres in March 1997. His children are grown: Kelly Kathleen is a teacher and Patrick Alan is an R.N. Alan, now retired, enjoys woodworking and gardening.



Jean Marie Simpson

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Jean lived in Richland until 1973 and after a number of years in Edmonds and Wenatchee returned to the Tri-Cities two years ago. She is experienced in project management and as a trainer. Her sons Erick, Chad and Grant are active in sports (baseball, football, and soccer), scouting, and music. Jean was drawn to First Pres because we are friendly and have a mix of all ages in our congregation. In addition, she likes the direction of our ministry and our focus on our faith in our lives. Jean's interests are in gardening, scrapbooking, photography, jewelry making and water skiing. She is interested in the First Pres Equipping Ministry and in serving underprivileged families and youth.



Cynthia Wingfield and Dave Samples

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Dave: 619-4402 email: dlsamples@gmail.com

Cindy has lived in the Tri-Cities since 1962. She is an agent for Haggerty Insurance in Pasco. Cindy has a daughter, Courtney Lauman, and a granddaughter, Addisyn. Cindy came to First Pres because her father was a member and spoke highly of us and because of her previous association with Gene and Cindy Hersrud at CUP. She enjoys the sermons and feels that this is where God wants her to be. Cindy enjoys cross-stitching and spending time with her daughter and granddaughter.

Dave was born in Seattle and has lived in the Tri-Cities for about 58 years. He is a consultant. He has three children, all "grown and gone." Cindy brought him to First Pres and he chose to join because he feels welcome here and he likes the scripture based teaching. Dave's interests are gardening, writing, reading, and hospice work. At First Pres he is interested in our Stephen Ministry and in teaching opportunities.



JUST STUFF



Need some "date" time or time for shopping for your kids?

Christmas Childcare

(for ages 10 and under)

December 4

8:00 a.m.—Noon

4:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

Pre-registration @ Info Island is required.

Cost: Donate one can per child for the Food Bank.

Small Group Leaders Meeting

Sunday, December 19, 9:40 a.m.

South Alcove

Join us for coffee and great fellowship!

Operation Christmas Child

Thanks to all those that donated shoe boxes. We collected 128 and they were delivered to Bethel by Josh and I. Folks did a great job this year of packaging in accordance with the instructions and made our in-house inspection process much easier and less time consuming. Thanks First Pres for your support. Mike Sheridan

SAVE THE DATE—WOMEN'S RETREAT

Wonder Full World

Where Women Explore

God's Love

and Wonder

Friday to Sunday

April 8-10, 2011

At the Menucha Retreat Center in Corbett, Oregon.

Guys—This is always a great gift idea for



Men's
Retreat



Jan 28-29

FOR A
CHILD
HAS BEEN
BORN
FOR US,



A
SON

GIVEN
TO US...
ISAIAH 9:6

Blood Pressure Checks

Reminder to our congregation and visitors:

Our parish nurses will be providing blood pressure checks between the first and second worship services on the second Sunday of each month in the Bride's Room, just off the narthex. All information is confidential.

ANNUAL REPORT. . . Elders and ministry leads, annual reports are due December 16. If you have questions, contact Carol, 582.9537.

Elder Deacon Retreat, January 7 and 8, 2011. We will gather at 6:00 on Friday evening and 8:00 on Saturday.

Make a Difference—Pray!!

To receive email prayer-chain requests, send an email to prayerlist-subscribe@kfpc.org.

To receive the Desert Chimes electronically, send an email to desertchimes-subscribe@kfpc.org. Then ask the office to remove you from the snail mail list.

28 Advent 8:30 AM Contemporary Worship 11:00 AM Traditional Worship	29 4:30 PM Trailseekers (fpc) 7:00 PM Cub Scouts (fpc)	30 10:00 AM Staff (lib) 7:00 PM Agape Ringers (bell room) 7:00 PM Boy Scouts TR148 Court of Honor (fpc gym floor) 7:00 PM Luther Class (w alcove)	1 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast Book Study (Cousins) 9:00 AM Bible Study (rm 107) 5:30 PM MDWK.FM (fpc) 5:30 PM YB's (youth rm) 6:00 PM Praise Ensemble (sanc) 7:00 PM Choir (sanc) 7:00 PM Troop 148 Patrol Leader's Council (lib)	2 6:00 AM Jesus & Joe (Hwy 395/ Clearwater Starbucks) 10:00 AM Pastor's Bible Study (w alcove) 10:00 AM Piano Tuning (3) 1:30 PM Care Givers Group (fs) 7:00 PM Session (Conf Rm)	3 Carpet Cleaning (Sanc) 6:30 AM Men's Breakfast Book Study (Sports Page) 7:30 AM Women's Book Group (fs) 11:00 AM Prayer Group (family rm) 7:00 PM Women's Ministry Christmas Party (fpc)	4 8:00 AM Christmas Childcare 4:00 PM Christmas Childcare
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Return Service Requested

Worship Schedule

8:30 Contemporary Worship

9:45 Sunday School

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.



Annual Stewardship Campaign

UPDATE

Thank you congregation for your enthusiastic response to this year's stewardship campaign.

We are approximately two-thirds of the way to the goal, BUT we still have a ways to go. The budget is being put together and we still haven't reached the goal that will sustain our anticipated operating expenses of approximately \$850,000 plus or minus. Therefore if you haven't already pledged, would you prayerfully consider pledging this year? Or perhaps making an additional gift to the operating or building funds? There are pledge cards available in the pews or the office for your convenience. If you have any questions, please contact Howard Baird, Finance Elder.

Remember, your end-of-year contributions must be post-marked by December 31 in order to get tax credit for 2010.

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The January Desert Chimes Deadline is Thursday, Dec 16. Please take information to the office or email to: chimes@kfpc.org