

CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 19

- 9:09am *Worship Service* - Baptism of Weston Hunt
- 9:30am Scriptures for Today Class - Library
- 10:15am Reception in honor of Weston Hunt's baptism
- 10:30am Children's Program - "City Streets"
- 10:45am *Worship Service*
- 12:30pm Youth Parent Meeting in Youth House

Monday, February 20 - Nursery School Closed/Office Open

- 7:00pm Relevant Ministries

Tuesday, February 21

- 5:30pm Samaritan Supper
- 7:00pm Rural Mission Team Meeting - Lounge

Wednesday, February 22 - Ash Wednesday

- 6:00am Men's Group
- 2:45pm Homework Café
- 6:00pm Agapé Supper
- 7:30pm Worship Team Practice
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 23

- 2:45pm Homework Café
- 6:00pm Mary-El Ringers

Friday, February 24

- 7:00am Prayer Group at Youth House

Sunday, February 26

- 9:09am *Worship Service/Communion*
- 9:30am Scriptures for Today Class - Library
- 10:30am Family Day in Children's Ministry
- 10:45am *Worship Service/Communion*
- 6:00pm Youth GymNite

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, February 19, 2012

THIS MORNING

THE FLOWERS THIS MORNING ARE GIVEN BY: Patti Stillings in memory of loved ones.

USHERS/GREETERS:

- 9:09 Outside Greeters: The Pierce Family
- 9:09 Sanctuary Greeters: Brian and Beth Dean
- 10:45 Outside Greeters: Jim and Norma Santacrose
- 10:45 Sanctuary Greeters: Jane and Justin Park

DISTRIBUTION OF FLOWERS: Paul Everett

PRAYER CIRCLE CAPTAINS: Carole Ippinger (754-3965)
Missy Goetz (785-3720)

LENTEN SMALL GROUPS

Sign-ups for Lenten small groups are underway! There is a sign-up sheet on the large bulletin board in the Gathering Area to let us know what day/time of the week you would be looking for a group. This is an excellent time of the year to commit to just 6 weeks and experience how we utilize small groups to live into our core values.

AGAPÉ SUPPER

A tradition rich with meaning that nurtures our community is our Agapé Supper/Worship on Ash Wednesday, which is February 22 this year. This time of preparation begins at 6:00pm with a sacrificial meal of soup, bread, cheese and fruit. We then continue in an attitude of worship in preparation for partaking of communion. There will be childcare provided after the meal.

Tickets can be bought this morning, Sunday, Feb. 19. (\$3.50 for adults; \$1.00 for children) If you are able to help with the meal, we could use help during these time frames: 12:30 for set-up (about an hour), 4:45 for food prep, 6:00 for serving, and at the conclusion of the service for clean-up (usually done by 8:30). Please let Sharon Early know at 748-8196 or Sharon@FirstPresEndicott.org.

RURAL MISSION

The Rural Mission team will stay in this area this year. From March 10-17 they will be doing local flood relief work. The group will live together in community for the week; if not able to commit to the whole week, please plan to stay at least 3 days. If you would like to join this group, please let Pam Davis know by calling 785-0536 and/or attend the *meeting this Tuesday at 7:00 in the lounge.*

THANKS FROM THE RURAL MISSION TEAM

The Rural Mission team would like to thank the congregation for their support of the Mystery Dinner Theater - both with their help in doing the play and putting on the supper and their financial contributions as well. They are grateful for your generosity.

FABRIC DONATIONS NEEDED

We're making valances for the Monroe House and are in need of at least a two-yard piece of material for each of the 4 bedrooms. Please put your name on your contribution and leave it on the counter in the copy room. If we don't use it, we will return it to you. Thank you!

FAMILY DAY FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

On Sunday, February 26, families of children in the Sunday morning program will have an opportunity to see what their children have been learning in recent weeks about Abraham. In addition, parents and their children will have an opportunity to have a hands-on experience learning about the meaning and methods we use to celebrate Communion. Since Communion will be celebrated in worship that day, this training is very timely as we begin Lent.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- February 22- Ash Wednesday with Agapé Supper - 6:00pm
- February 26 - Family Day in Sunday morning children's ministry classes with training on Communion offered
- March 2 - Nursery School Art Show
- March 9-11 - Youth Winter Retreat
- March 11 - Open House for Nate Devine & Katie Humphrey
- March 16 - Hoops of Hope Shoot-a-thon
- March 31 - Nursery School Pancake Supper

Concerns



- Our sympathy is extended to Ede Sornberger, whose son Daryl, who lives in Buffalo, died suddenly Mon.
- Mason Bauer, infant son of Yvonne and Brian, has been struggling with an "as yet undiagnosed" respiratory ailment.
- Bev Jones fell this week and injured her head, requiring a number of stitches, and her hand.
- Tom Decker had knee replacement surgery last Tuesday; please keep him and Denise in your prayers, as she is also suffering from a painful back condition.
- Ken Sutliff has been hospitalized at Lourdes all week with a serious infection.
- Mike Wenner is laid up at home due to a debilitating back problem.
- Gerry Wilcox is now at home continuing his recovery.
- We learned that Gerry Kelley, a former member of 1st Pres., has been hospitalized in Ohio and has been in ICU this week.
- Callen Reid Wilson, infant son of Elizabeth (Kerr) and Keith Wilson remains hospitalized in Syracuse; please keep this family in your prayers..
- Please continue to keep Erin Flannagan in your prayers as she continues doing mission work in the Dominican Republic. She will be joined later this month by Brendan Flannagan and Jeremy Finn and Todd and Kristy Mansfield and Larry and Christina Pierce. We pray for their work and for their health and safety.
- We continue to pray for those affected by the flooding in our area.
- Please continue to pray for Jon Yerger, Katherine Wilkie, Laura Tanis and other members of this congregation who have ongoing health concerns.
- Please keep all of our military and their families in your prayers.

SERMON SERIES

The sermons from the series on end-times are now posted on-line at our website (www.firstpresendicott.org).

CHILI NIGHT MARCH 24 AT 6:00PM

Mark your calendars for an evening of food and fellowship with your church family and guests you wish to invite. The menu will be: chili, corn bread, salad and dessert. Bring a dish to share and enjoy an evening of fun. We also ask that you bring an item for CHOW. Beverages will be provided by the Membership Team. Watch for the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

This year during Lent, as in the past, we have an opportunity to support the missional efforts of One Great Hour of Sharing. The children of the church will be given a fish bank, so that families can participate together in becoming aware of, and responding to, the needs of the world. Envelopes for adults will be in the bulletins on Palm Sunday, April 1, and banks will be returned that day.

Every gift made to the OGHs supports ministries that are critical to the work of the church. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is the emergency and refugee program of the PC(USA) and responds in times of disaster, but also partners in long-term recovery. The Presbyterian Hunger Program works with Presbyterians and other partners to alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes, responding with compassion and justice to poor and hungry people in communities in the United States and across the globe. Self-Development of People carries out the PC(USA)'s global commitment to support the self-development of economically poor, oppressed and disadvantaged people and facilitate long-term change in their lives and communities.

FLOOD RECOVERY UPDATE

For those wondering, we are continuing to move forward – just spending a lot of time with the planning and meeting with various entities to come up with the best possible way to plug volunteers into places where the need is greatest. We will continue to let you know as needs arise and will provide updates of where in the process we are.

Case Managers are regularly meeting with clients to determine unmet needs. The first roundtable discussion regarding unmet needs will be Feb. 21, which is when it will be determined which entity will be responsible for the rebuild and what funds are available for the construction costs. Until we begin receiving cases through the unmet needs committee, we continue to work on sites through individual church connections.

Secondly, the Endicott Monroe House that will be used for hospitality for outside mission teams is currently in the process of receiving upgrades to electrical, plumbing and other ‘facelifts’ to the house. One such project is the demolition/construction of the bathroom areas in the Monroe House. We are moving forward with upgrading the bathrooms to include another half bath and 4 showers. Currently we are working on the demolition and then will move into reconstruction. Please let us know your availability for either of the tasks and whether you are available during the week, in the evening or in the weekend, so we can put crews together.

Lastly, a request has come in for flood tear out from Case Management. If you are willing to remove furniture and other items, please let us know your availability so we can formulate a team to send over.

Thanks for your willingness to continue to be involved in long term recovery and your patience as we plan our next steps.

