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The Presbyterian

LENTEN SEASON

February 14
Pancake supper fund-
raiser for REACH &
Montreat

February 17
Ash Wednesday
Holy Communion
7:00 pm

Lenten Study Groups
Sundays at 3:30
at church
Sundays at 6:00
at church
Mondays at 7:00
at Grazier's
Tuesdays at 9:30
at church

MISSION TRIP TO THE GULF



Our mission group front: Jim Hofmann, Don Kopp, back: Frank Nesmeyer, Ray Schneider, Erv Schmitz, Colleen

Carl, Dave Schwaller and Dave Henry. They finished a home in Diamond Head, Mississippi. Some built window frames and installed them, others installed doors and some built a deck and steps off the back. They were busy, but also had some time for fun and relaxation. These homes are still part of the destruction from Hurricane Katrina. Work and fun in Mississippi in January -- good deal!

SUMMER DATES

VBS	June 7-11	8:30-11:30
Mid-High Ecumenical Day Camp	June 14-18	
Mom and Dad and Me	July 9-11	
Elementary Adventure	July 19-23	
Elementary Ecumenical Day	August 2-6	

The Nominating Committee which will nominate the Pastor Nominating Committee includes: Jeannine Toomey, chair, Tim Collins, Jack Pletz, Ray Schneider, Judi Busby, Sherry Simon, Bob Heagler and Debby Howland. If you have suggestions for people to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee, please see one of these people.

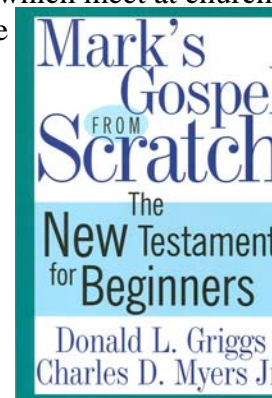
LENT — that “no excuses” season when we are called upon to *reflect* on our lives and how we stand before our Creator. New Year’s resolutions are easy, by comparison. Lent is seven weeks without major holidays (unless you’re Irish) during the dreariest part of the year. However, Lent should not be a time of “gloom and doom” thinking, but rather a time of true sharing and reaching for what is meaningful in life. The church tries to help with this process in several ways. Each is described below:

WEDNESDAY EVENING HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES in Knox Hall.

We gather as a church family, knowing forgiveness and grace and yet still needing both, around the table of our Lord’s. The words and prayers remind us, focus us, embrace us with all that Jesus was and is for us. The services are at 7:00 and last 30 minutes. There is a nursery available.



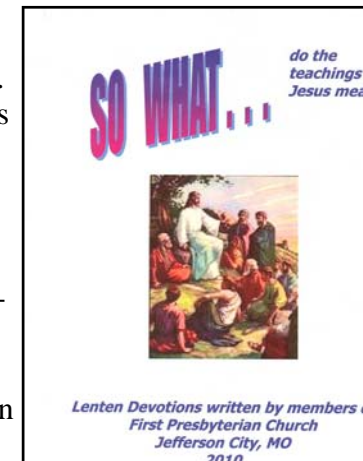
LENTEN STUDY GROUPS which meet at church or in homes. These groups are studying the book: Mark’s Gospel from Scratch. Mark, the shortest Gospel, is the oldest and provides insights for living. The group leaders, locations and times are as follows:



Sunday at 3:30 in the Chapel with Jeannine Toomey and Nancy Beard
Sunday at 6:00 in the Parlor with Pastor Henry
Monday at 7:00 at the Grazier’s home (2365 Hatting Place-to rotate to different homes) with Sharon Keating
Tuesday at 9:30 am in the McAfee Room with Marilyn Hofmann.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET written by our members.

These devotions are on the theme of SO WHAT . . . do the teachings of Jesus mean? This year we have some extra entries on Sundays and Wednesdays from our young children and mid-highs, giving us an opportunity to really listen to all age groups in our congregation.



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING offering which assists in disasters like the one Haiti has just experienced.

Fish boxes are available for use by anyone, but children are especially urged to contribute to this fund. OGH nationally is divided three ways—Presbyterian Hunger program, Presbyterian Disaster Relief, and Self-Development of People grants.



FASTING in some form is encouraged, not just to loose weight, but for the understanding in some small way of the meaning of sacrifice. Some choose to “give up” something other than food, such as television or surfing the web. The idea is to be uncomfortable, to want something but not to let yourself indulge. If you choose to fast, it can take the form of a total fast on Wednesdays, broken with Holy Communion, or a partial fast that fits your health needs.

Bob Sheldon Interim Pastor
David Henry Associate Pastor
Marilyn Hofmann Director of Christian Education



The Calendar

Every Sunday

8:30 & 10:45 am .. Services of Worship
 9:30 am Church School
 9:30 & 10:30 am .. Coffee Fellowship/Knox Hall
 12:00 n Senior Highs to lunch
 4:30-6:00 PYF for 4s - Mid-Highs

Every Week

7:00 Mon Scouts
 9:45 Tues Bible Study
 7:00/7:30 Wed Choir Practice
 7-8:15 Wed Sr. Hi PYF (2/3 Longs'
 2/10 Ahrens, 2/17 & 2/24 Church)

Monday, February 1

Serve supper at Salvation Army at 4:30 pm

Tuesday, February 2

Deacon Officers at 6:15, Committees at 6:30
 Board of Deacons at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, February 3

PW Bible study 10:30 and lunch at noon

Friday, February 5

Loaves & Fishes at Corley's at 6:30 pm

Saturday, February 6

Stephen Ministry gathering at 9:00 am
 Childcare Fundraiser 6:00-9:00 pm

Sunday, February 7 HOLY COMMUNION

Scout Sunday & Souper Bowl offering
 Mid-High Super Bowl party at Haugens at 5
 Senior High Super Bowl party at 5

Monday, February 8

Social Justice Issues group at 6:30 pm

Tuesday, February 9

Faith Circle at Heisinger at 1:30 pm
 Session Meeting at 6:30 pm

Wednesday, February 10

Afternoon Circle in McAfee room at 12:45
 Serve supper at Salvation Army at 4:30 pm

Thursday, February 11

Cub Scout Blue & Gold Banquet at 5:00

Friday, February 12

Open Gym & Movie 7:00/Sr. Hi Lock-in 10

Saturday, February 13

Serve lunch at Ken Locke Apts. at 11:30 am
 Loaves & Fishes at Hubbard's at 6:30 pm

Sunday, February 14

Pancake Supper fundraiser 5:00-6:30 pm
 Spiritual Growth group at 6:30 pm

Monday, February 15

Mid Highs to City Museum in St. Louis 7:30
 Stephen Ministry meeting at 6:30 pm

Tuesday, February 16

Coral Circle at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, February 17

Lenten Vesper Holy Communion worship 7

Thursday, February 18

Serve supper at Salvation Army at 4:30 pm

Friday, February 19

Mid & Senior Hi Road Trip to Jays BB at 4

Saturday, February 20

Family Music Night at 6:00 pm

Sunday, February 21

Lenten Study group in chapel at 3:30/parlor 6

Monday, February 22

Social Justice Issues group at 6:30 pm
 Lenten Study at Grazier's home at 7:00

Tuesday, February 23

Lenten Study group in library at 9:30 am
 Serve supper at Salvation Army at 4:30 pm

Wednesday, February 24

Serve supper at Salvation Army at 4:30 pm
 Lenten Vesper Holy Communion worship 7

Friday, February 26

Mid-High Lock-in at 8:00 pm

Saturday, February 27

Mid-High Service Day at 8:00 am
 Serve lunch at Ken Locke Apts. at 11:30 am

Sunday, February 28

Mid-Highs bowling in Fulton at 2:30
 Lenten Study groups at 3:30 & 6:00

NEW ELDERS AND DEACONS



New Elders include: Tim Gaines, Jim McAdams, Brian Long, Laura Hart, Kelson Cook, and Anne Schneider.

Deacons include: David Larrick (individual picture), Sharon Busch, Susie Perkins, Carla Ahrens, Josee Wilson, Audrey Gaines, Michelle Holloway, Ben Morris, Jane Beetem, Larry Burkhardt, Troy Stabenow, and Susan Ryck.



MISSION STUDY GROUPS



Small groups met during the end of January to complete our mission study for our CIF (Church Information Form). This is the "ad" we put out on our denominational site which alerts potential pastors of our opening for pastor. Obviously, the church wants to let everyone know all the good things we do and plan to continue doing, but at the same time, we also want to think about areas of growth for us. If we know the direction we would like to go, we can better discern the right pastor to lead us. This picture shows Jeannine Toomey and Jim McAdams facilitating a group at Ann Whaley's home.

Members of the mission study task force include: Jay Bosch, Kelly Bone, Ruthie Caplinger, Carmen Cravey, Michelle Holloway, Barb Long, Jim McAdams, Natalie Mendez, Jeannine Toomey and Bob Sheldon.

Due to new technology being installed, there will not be a mid-month newsletter in February.