

First Press

March 2011

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From the Pastor

For 18 years now people have been asking me how I like living in the East, having lived nearly all of my first 32 years in California. My answer in general is that I enjoy it very much, I don't mind the humidity in the summer, I appreciate the colors of the fall, and I expect it to be cold December through February. I find that I anticipate the arrival of spring.

I find March to be an interesting month. Officially it is still winter for most of the month, yet our expectation is that it is the beginning of spring. Even the hint of warmer weather brings encouragement. I found that people's spirits really picked up with the warmer weather the last two weeks of February. March weather is deceptive, just when we think the

cold has gone for the season we get hit with an arctic blast that brings freezing temperatures and can bring some real discouragement.

What does this have to do with our Christian faith? I think our outlook on problems often mirror how we handle the weather. We think, "If I can just get through this, everything will be better. Once this is over everything will be better". This is deceptive. The reality is that there will always be trials and tribulations. Once you get through your current challenge there will another, frequently we are facing multiple challenges at the same time.

Jesus didn't promise that He would calm all our storms, remove all

our problems; He promised that He would always be with us. The Bible promises us multiple times that God will "never leave or forsake us." In the midst of the trials and tribulations that are inevitable in this life God is with us! Warm sunny days are nice, but temporary and unreliable. God is always with us.

When you find that you are discouraged because of a challenge you or a loved one is facing (even if it is only the weather that is bringing you down) find encouragement that God is with you, knowing that with Him you can deal with anything and everything that comes along. (read Philippians 4:4-13, memorize vs. 13)

Jim K

March Birthdays and Anniversaries

1 - Jack McCormick, Liz Kidney, Kate Koch, Mark Hall, Lydia Matukaitis
 2 - Cecelia Peterson, Bob Harder, Tanner Host, Spencer Barlett
 4 - Brooke Lawton
 5 - Dustine Koons, Kevin Zimmerman
 6 - Pat Fisher, Alison Zimmerman
 7 - Bill Moore Sr.
 8 - Tom & Jeanette Campbell, Dave Thomas
 9 - Ben Shaffer, Caden Papson
 10 - Lynn Lawson, Adam Brown, J.C. Olds, Emily Leshner, Laura Moore
 11 - Dylan Quinlan
 13 - Darinda Fisher, Mike Mast
 15 - Anna Storm
 18 - Freddie Dyroff, Jackson Matukaitis, Gabriella Pittman
 21 - Ray Walz, Marilyn Gaver
 22 - Steve Foster, Paige Kerstetter, Jennifer Wakeman,
 23 - Sandra Sholley, Rachel Wakeman
 24 - Christena Harder, Clara North
 25 - Elmer Grose
 27 - Charles Sober, Karen Guissanie, Jody McNulty, Nathan Wright, Christopher Tirpak
 28 - Kathy Gathman, Sarah Bolig
 30 - Mitchell Graves
 31 - Margaret Weirick, Noah Quinlan

7 - Joe & Marguerite Santorine celebrating their 19th anniversary
 19 - Jeff & Heather Creighton celebrating their 6th anniversary
 21 - Raymond & Judy Walz celebrating their 47th anniversary
 22 - Oren & Pat Oberlin celebrating their 53rd anniversary
 22 - John & Cindy Jones celebrating their 31st anniversary
 23 - Steve & Alesia Foster celebrating their 26th anniversary
 28 - Dan & Robin Miller celebrating their 2nd anniversary



Celebrating Ten Years and a Doctorate!



We would like to recognize Jim King's 10 year anniversary with us, as well as the achievement of his Doctorate of ministry.

You are invited to attend a dinner in his honor, immediately following the worship service on March 13th.

If you didn't receive a card in the mail, but would like to attend, please call Sharon (524-4419) in the church office for more details.

Trainers for Moms

Join the Trainers Ministry for Moms as they study the Beth Moore "Daniel" series. The group meets every Monday (following the school calendar) from 9:15-11:00.

Babysitting is available. Moms of all life stages invited.

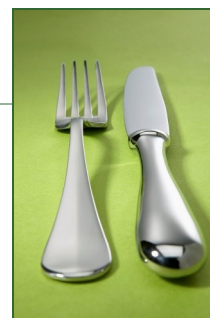


Mark your calendars for the Summer Mission Trip Fundraiser

Dinner
March 27th at

5:30.

Chef Zellmann will be cooking up a delicious meal. Watch the bulletin to sign up for the dinner.



友愛中華 **China Outreach** MINISTRIES

Giving Christ to China's Future Leaders

Rev. Glen Osborn is the President of China Outreach Ministries; a non-profit Christian ministry committed to "Giving Christ to China's Future Leaders." COM has 65 staff on 50 campuses throughout the USA and Canada in order to show Christ's love to visiting Mainland Chinese Scholars and their families. This is done by making campus contacts; offering friendly assistance to the Chinese now living in a new culture; developing English

classes, Bible studies and other outreach activities; and ultimately leading them to faith in Christ and discipling them for growth and service. These scholars, the future leaders of China, can make significant Christian impact on China's social, educational, legislative, ethical, moral and human dignity areas.

Rev. Osborn has a BA in Music Education from Rowen University, an MA in Christian Ministries

from Wheaton Graduate School and has done further study at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. He has served on church staffs in Wildwood, N.J.; Erie, Pa; Cleveland, Tennessee; and before coming to COM, served for over 17 years as pastor at Faith Community Church in Canton, Ohio. He is married to Betty (37 years) and has three children and triplet grandchildren.



Rev. Glen and Betty Osborn will be visiting with us March 27th.

Join a Sunday School Class

New Member's

Beginning March 6th there will be a class for those interested in joining the church. The class will meet for six Sundays in the Library during the Sunday school hour at 9:00 am. Please contact the church office (info@first-presby.org or 524-4419) if you are planning on attending this class.

Reason for God

The Reason for God, by Timothy Keller, is a book with DVD being discussed in the library. Its thought provoking use of literature, philosophy, real life conversations, and potent reasoning explains how belief in a Christian God is, in fact, a sound a rational one. We're in the midst of the first half of the book dealing with objections to Christianity. The DVD is of Dr. Keller and generally 6 non-Christians rationally discussing their viewpoints. It is refreshing to watch believer talk with non non-believer freely and to consider just what we do believe and why and what is the basis for our faith. Come and see. We have extra books and it is easy to merge in if new to the class.

Clueless

In Clueless, Bruce Van Patter and Mike Mast have been exploring with their class how people in Scripture went through transformational change. After a brief introduction, the class is broken into three groups to dig into one of the perspectives in the passage. Mike guides their "report out" time while Bruce captures key thoughts on a large sheet of paper. In each Bible passage, the class looks to find what the catalyst was -- what sparked the change -- and whether the person or group really "got it." The premise for the class is our church vision statement. If we are to be "living fully in Christ," how are we to go deeper? God has a powerful, new experience for all of us. But often, like the Samaritan woman and the disciples in the

passage shown in this visual, we need to be startled out of our current viewpoint to see what God is calling us to. This class is helping to shape what that fuller experience with Jesus can be for each us.

Clueless IN SAMARIA

HER FELT NEEDS: *The Woman*

- WATER SECURITY } PHYSICAL
- FORGIVENESS ACCEPTANCE } PEOPLE
- COMMUNITY SHE'S AT THE WELL BY HERSELF

How JESUS SEES HER NEEDS

- PHYSICAL THIRST
- CONNECTION TO COMMUNITY
- RELATIONSHIPS WITH MEN
- SELF-ESTEEM
- SAVIOR

How HE SEES THE DISCIPLES:

- They want to do the reaping, but not the sowing.
- He sent them to the town, but maybe for more than FOOD!
- He tries to get them to engage with the community.

The Problem with WELLS

They're temporary solutions to our THIRST!

The Blessings of SPRINGS

They're a constant, replenishable, source of satisfaction!

CATALYST:

A Startling Statement "LIVING WATER!"

How does she PROCESS? BY DEFLECTING

DOES SHE "GET IT?"

She tells the towns "Could this be the CHRIST?" BECAUSE...

He knew her shameful secret and engaged her anyway.

GRACE

ACKNOWLEDGE BELIEF

The Disciples

HOW THEY VIEW THE SCENE

1. WHY ARE WE HERE?
2. WHAT HAS JESUS BEEN DOING?
3. WHY IS HE TALKING TO THIS WOMAN?

FOCUS ON FOOD

LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

Where'd he get BREAD?

We save souls, but not in SAMARIA!

THE WOMAN is UNWORTHY!

THE CATALYST: "I HAVE SPIRITUAL BREAD!"

DID THEY GET IT? It's a LONG process! (Watch for Cornelius!)

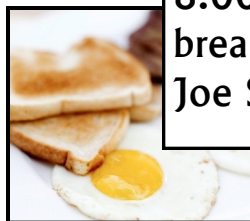
PERSONAL Q:

As we seek to go deeper, What are your WELLS? Where do you seek significance, other than in CHRIST?

Who is your HARVEST? Who might God be calling you to engage?

The Lewisburg Arts Festival is April 30th. The youth will be selling soup for a summer mission trip fundraiser on the front sidewalk of the church. In past years we have had church members that were crafters display/sell their crafts. If you are interested in having a table, please contact Dianna or Keith Kunkel (523-1644).

Men's Breakfast the second Saturday of every month. Join the men March 12th at 8:00 for a hearty breakfast cooked by Joe Santorine and his



SOUP AND SCRIPTURE 2011
Something Old/Something New Series
At the Christ's Lutheran Church
Wednesdays at 12noon

Mar. 9 - Proverbs 25: 6-7 and Luke 14: 7-11
"OT Wisdom and Jesus' Use and Application"
Rev. William Henderson of Christ's Lutheran /
Lunch Preparers - St. John's UCC

Mar. 16 - Exodus 19: 10-24 and Heb. 12: 18-24
"The Chosen People at Sinai and Christians Posture toward God"
Rev. Gregory Davidson of Faith Lutheran /Lunch
Preparers - First Presbyterian

March 23 - Exodus 13: 16-36, John 6 and 13:31
"Moses and Jesus as Lawgiver"
Rev. Rebecca Foote of Beaver Memorial UMC

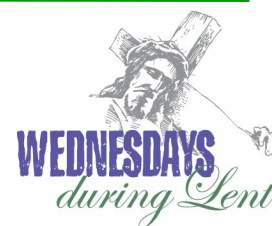
March 30 - Exodus 13: 21-22, 14; 22-29, 16:
35, 17: 6, Numbers 20: 11 and I Corinthians 10
"Food and Drink" Rev. James King

April 6 - Numbers 21: 5-9
and John 3: 11-15
"The Bronze Serpent and
Jesus Lifted Up"
Rev. Judi Dunkelberger of
St. Paul's UMC

April 13 - Gen. 2: 15-17 and Romans 5: 10-21
"First Adam, Second Adam"
Rev. Peter Harer of St. Andrew's Episcopal/
Lunch Preparers - First Baptist

April 20 - Proverbs 8: 22-31 and John 1: 1-5,
(6-11), 12-17
"Wisdom Becomes Word Which Is God's
Agent of Creation"
Rev. MacKenzie Scott of First Baptist/Lunch
Preparers -- Sacred Heart Church

Friday, April 22 12:00 to 1:00 PM
Ecumenical Good Friday Service at the First
Baptist Church, 51 South 3rd Street, Lbg.



Family Fun Mardi Gras Night



All church family fun night on March 7th at 6:00. Mardi Gras food and fun for all ages! Sign up in the upcoming bulletins or call the church office.

Friendliness and Hospitality

Sunday morning at First Presbyterian Church. The pulpit assistant has welcomed us and reviewed the week's announcements. Then, in a shocking departure from the script, she says, "Now please turn to the people around you, greet them in the name of the Lord—and invite them to dinner."

Now before you beat a path to the narthex and make plans to transfer your church membership, please understand that I have flagged you down to make a point about friendliness, hospitality, and the church. On any given Sunday, we members smile at one another, shake hands, and say, "Good morning." If we encounter

visitors, we introduce ourselves and, time permitting, ask where they are from, and say, "Welcome!" In a few cases, we will resume the conversation after the service as we file out of the sanctuary. That routine, says Stan Ott, author of *Twelve Dynamic Shifts for Transforming Your Church*, is what we think of as *friendliness*. By that definition, I believe that First Presbyterian Church is a friendly church.

But Stan Ott says that our aim should move beyond friendliness to *hospitality*. Friendliness, he comments, says, "Hi, how are you?" Hospitality says, "Come into my life!"-
"Come over to my

house, attend this event with me, join me for a cup of coffee. Come to our fellowship group."

Are we Presbyterians also hospitable people? Many times we are. As a church, do we exude hospitality? Here, I believe, we have room to grow.

The move from friendliness to hospitality is only one of many "dynamic shifts" which our Session is using as a catalyst for evaluating our church's effectiveness in winning people to Christ. We invite you to join us by reading Mr. Ott's fascinating little (100 pgs.) book and sharing your thoughts with any Session member. To obtain a copy of the book, contact Sharon Dittmar in the church office.



We will be hosting a Senior Luncheon at
12 noon on St. Patrick's Day,
Thursday, March 17th.
Come enjoy soup, salad, rolls and dessert.
If you need a ride,
please call the church office.

Regular Events

"Fuel" (Jr. High): We meet in the "Catacombs" on Tuesday nights from 7:00-8:30 pm. This is a time for Jr. High students to learn about God and develop a relationship with Him! Come hang out with us as we worship, fellowship and hear a relevant teaching from the Bible.

"Refuge" (High School): We meet in the "Catacombs" on Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:30 pm. This is a place where High School students can begin to learn what the Lord has done for them and how they can better serve Him. It is a place where teens can come together and feel confident in their choice to serve God. Come hang out with us as we worship, Fellowship, and hear a relevant teaching from the Bible.

Life Group (High School): Student led Bible study, facilitated by Youth Directors. Meet in the Catacombs Sunday evenings 7-8.

Girls Coffee Hour (High School): Meet up with Lauren at Zelda's Coffee Shop right after school every other Thursday to hang out, catch up, get to know each other better and have an hour of girl time!

Guys Coffee Hour (High School) Meet up with Tim at Mya's Café right after school every other Thursday to hang out, catch up and have some guy time!

Dodgeball Thursday (Middle School boys) Hang out with Tim in the Great Hall every other Thursday after school to play dodgeball for an hour!

Girl Talk Thursday (Middle School girls) Hang out with Lauren in the church Parlor every other Thursday after school for an hour!

Wednesday Morning Breakfast: (Jr and Sr High) We meet in the "Great Hall" at 7am. Come and start your morning off right with great food, people, and a brief devotional. We can take you to school too!

Sunday School: We meet in the "Catacombs" on Sunday morning at 9 am. This is a time designed for Jr. High and High School students to come and learn about God and grow into a deeper love for Him and His Word.

MARCH 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Fuel	2 Breakfast	3 WGRC - Skate Night	4 Refuge Winter Trip	5 Refuge Winter Trip
6 Refuge Winter Trip	7 Sunday School	8 Fuel	9 Breakfast	10 Girls/Guys Coffee Hour	11 Refuge	12 Refuge
13 Life Group	14 Sunday School	15 Fuel	16 Breakfast	17 Dodgeball Thursday	18 Lewisburg School Musical @ 7:30pm	19 Bounce Funplex and Lunch
20 Sunday School	21 Life Group	22 Fuel	23 Breakfast	24 Girls/Guys Coffee Hour	25 High School Movie Night	26 Service Project Day
27 Sunday School	28 Mission Trip	29 Fuel	30 Breakfast	31 Dodgeball Thursday		

FIRST PRESBY YOUTH



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March Special Events



March 3– WGRC Skate night, 6:30pm - 9:00pm Sunset Skating Rink: Admission: \$4 (skate rental is extra) Meet at church at 6pm. This event is for both Middle School and High School.

March 4-6– High School Ski Trip to Stowe. Leave at 5pm Friday return late Sunday evening.

March 14– Dinner and Board Games Night 6-9 in the Great Hall. Bring your appetite and your favorite board game! Middle School and High School.

March 18– Join Lauren and Tim as they support the Lewisburg School Musical! Meet at the High School Auditorium at 7 pm. Show starts at 7:30.

March 19– Spend an afternoon at BouncePlex! Lunch Provided! Middle School and High School

March 25– High School Movie night in the Cave. 7-10pm! Bring friends!

March 26– Service Project from 10-2, Come help make desserts and prepare for the mission trip fund raiser! Middle School and High School

March 27– Mission Trip Fund Raiser, Help your friends raise funds to go to Minnesota. 4:30-8pm; kids will get to eat and have fun!!

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 7:00 Fuel	2 7:00 Youth Breakfast 10:00 Women's Bible Study 5:00 Sparrows, Mustard Seeds 7:00 Refuge 7:30 Choir	3 6:00 Dinner By River	4 6:00 NA 5:00 Sr. High Youth	5 ←Ski Trip to
6 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Vermont→	7 9:15 Trainers 6:30 Family Fun Night	8 7:00 Fuel 7:30 Missions	9 7:00 Youth Breakfast 10:00 Women's Bible Study 5:00 Mustard Seeds 7:00 Refuge 7:30 Choir	10 6:00 Dinner By River	11 6:00 NA	12 8:00 Men's Breakfast
13 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 12:00 King Celebration 7:00 H. S. Lifegroup	14 9:15 Trainers	15 7:00 Fuel	16 7:00 Youth Breakfast 10:00 Women's Bible Study 5:00 Mustard Seeds 7:00 Refuge 7:30 Choir	17 6:00 Dinner By River	18 6:00 NA	19
20 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 7:00 H. S. Lifegroup	21 9:15 Trainers 7:00 Session, Deacons and Trustees	22 7:00 Fuel	23 7:00 Youth Breakfast 10:00 Women's Bible Study 5:00 Mustard Seeds 7:00 Refuge 7:30 Choir	24 6:00 Dinner By River	25 6:00 NA	26
27 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 5:30 Dinner Fundraiser	28 9:15 Trainers	29 7:00 Fuel	30 7:00 Youth Breakfast 10:00 Women's Bible Study 5:00 Mustard Seeds 7:00 Refuge 7:30 Choir	31 6:00 Dinner By River		

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March Volunteers

March Ushers: Paul Miller, Terry McLaughlin, Roger Curran, Pete Ellis, Dave Robinson, Rick Gathman, Mike Gilger, Cliff Welch, Tom and Mitchell Graves

	Nursery:	Coffee;	Greeters:
6	DeCosmo, Friedberg	Shaffer	Mast
13	Ziegler, R. Gathman	P. Miller	Barth
20	Grimes, J. Michael	Vaji	Bernard
27	Bruckhart, Ishii	Weaver	M. Temple

Dinner By the River Teams: **3**-Temple/Torretti, **10**-Dittmar, **17**-Ringkamp, **24**-Jordan, **31**-David King and Shady Grove Church

THE PRESBY OPEN GOLF OUTING

The Presby Open Golf Outing is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Aug. 5-6 at Carroll Valley Golf Resort in Fairfield, PA. The cost is \$227 per person and

includes the following:

- One round of golf at Carroll Valley Golf Resort, including golf cart
- One round of golf at Mountain View Golf Course, including golf cart
- Friday dinner ordered from the menu in the private dining room (sometimes we

- share the room with another group)
- One night's lodging (two per room)
- Breakfast buffet
- Taxes and gratuities

A \$100 deposit is required by no later than Sunday, March 27 to secure your reservation. Your check/ deposit is your reservation. We have placed a hold on twelve (12) rooms that will accommodate twenty-four (24) players. The 24 openings will be filled on a "first reservations

paid" basis. Carroll Valley requires a credit card authorization at check-in and the card will be charged for the \$127 balance due at time of check-out unless you wish to pay cash which will only be accepted upon departure. If cost is a deterrent for you or someone you would like to invite, there is a "Golfership" fund (in memory of Mark Brouse) available. Please contact Jim King for details, golferships are completely confidential.



Join the men for
 the Presby Open
 Golf Outing