



Internally Nurturing – Externally Serving
March 2015

Congregational Care

“We Care” members celebrating birthdays in March are Candida Perez on March 10, Rae Aronheim on March 11, George Ludlow, March 22 and Claire Fernow on March 26. You may call the church office for their addresses.

New grandparents Brad and Kalyn Cook are happy to announce the birth of grandson Leo Thomas Cook on February 17. Parents are Justin and Lindsay Cook.

Shirley Jennings would like to thank all who remembered her with cards and prayers while she was hospitalized and recovering from a recent infection.

Shirley and Tony Pantini send their thanks “...for the cards, visits, food and especially the prayers of compassion and concern...” following her shoulder surgery.

The congregation was saddened by the deaths of two longtime members in the past month.

† On January 28 Welma Welper died in Mason City, where she had lived the past several years. Welma joined FPC in 1947 and had served as a Deacon and Trustee, was a member of PW and the Kitchen Band, and on several committees.

† Dr. Paul Orcutt died unexpectedly on February 5. Paul’s faithful service included fourteen years as Clerk of Session. He was an Elder and served on the Board of Trustees. He joined FPC in 1953.

These good and faithful members will be missed by all and heartfelt sympathy is extended to their families.

Rides to church during March are provided by Deacon Diane Bean. Call the assigned deacon or the church office to make arrangements. PLEASE don’t hesitate to take advantage of this service. Your presence in worship is important to your church family.

COOKBOOKS

Cookbooks are still available at \$12.50 each.

An additional correction has been identified. Add 2 ½ cups of flour to Joan West’s recipe for Rhubarb bread on p. 123.



Contact someone on the PW Cookbook Committee to arrange a purchase or obtain a label for the above correction: Dixie Jurgens, Melanie Mabee, Ricky Machula, Barb Mineart, Shirley Pantini, and Verna Stutt

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SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Sunday School meets from 10:15 to 11:00 a.m. Youth will be dismissed from the Choir Room.
Middle School & High School meet in the Youth Basement of the Mission House from 10:15 to 11:00.

SUNDAY ADULT STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Classes meet from 10:15 to 11:00 a.m.

- *The Upper Room Bible Study* class continues the study of *Great Figures of the New Testament* including the Samaritan Woman, Mary Magdalene, the Pharisees, Sadducees, Herodians and Judas Iscariot. Professor Amy-Jill Levine of Vanderbilt University provides outstanding lectures via DVDs. Everyone is welcome!
- *Coffee Chats* is a casual, coffee-drinking class looking at issues and events, both nationally and locally, that impact our faith. This group meets in the Lounge.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

The LOGOS program meets Wednesdays
from 5:20 – 7:00 p.m. A meal is served at 6:30 p.m.



Children from Kindergarten through 8th grade enjoy an evening of fun, music, a meal and studying God's word.

LOGOS themes in March are:

March 4: Western March 11: Bugs-n-Bloom March 18 – NO LOGOS March 25: Easter



CHERUB CHOIR, for Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grade children.

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP AND TEEN CREW meet at 5:15 p.m.

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Submitted by Carrie Dancey

We would also like to focus on older children and boys as they tend to have fewer boxes donated. Sewing kits and fishing kits are a good idea for older children and we hope to collect these in March along with toys for boys: cars, yo-yos, but NO war/violence related toys.



Donations in February were very light, so hats and gloves are still very much needed. Soap and washcloths were the requested donation item in January and many of those are still needed as well.

Boxes cost \$8 to ship to the final destination. \$25 can be pledged to help purchase items to fill a box. Monetary donations and pledges are accepted all year to help defray the costs incurred.

CHURCHES OF MARION FOOD PANTRY

Each month the Churches of Marion Food Pantry highlights a specific need and requests contributions. In March they would like to stock supplies of canned pastas. If you wish to make a financial contribution, make checks payable to the Churches of Marion Food Pantry. Indicate your church affiliation on your check.

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Presbyterian Women

SARAH CIRCLE will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 4. Dixie Jurgens will be the hostess and Shirley Pantini will lead the Bible study, *Economy of Grace*. This lesson is based on 2 Corinthians 8:1-15. All are welcome!

PW (Presbyterian Women) will hold the Spring Workshop here at FPC on April 23. More information will follow next month.

The triennial Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women will be held June 18-21 in Minneapolis. The theme is *One Body, One Spirit*. It is an opportunity for worship and community, education and fun – all exploring I Corinthians 12:12-27. Several women from FPC have attended in the past and tell about the wonderful experiences they had. If you are interested in attending, see Ricky Machula or Peg Heald ASAP. Local funds and/or Presbytery funds are available to decrease expenses.

Fellowship Groups

CORNERSTONE

submitted by Jane DeWitte

Hope you are all staying warm and dry this winter. Because March is predicted to be a cold, wintry month, and many of our members are still basking in the warmth of the South, we will not have a meeting until April. Mark your calendars now for April 15, and make sure you have your taxes done by then! Members will be notified by phone or email and a notice will appear in the church bulletin as to where we will meet. Five of our group assisted in making the Valentine lunch boxes for Meals on Wheels and we had a great time. In fact, one is interested in helping the MOW program on a regular basis as a result of our participation. Contact Jane DeWitte if you'd like to help next year. By the time you read this, Spring will only be about three weeks away!

NAVIGATORS

submitted by Shirley & Tony Pantini



Navigators is making plans to attend the Indian Creek Nature Center's 32nd Annual Maple Syrup Festival on Saturday, March 21. Included will be a pancake and sausage breakfast with real maple syrup handcrafted at the Nature Center. Adults: \$10 at the door/ \$8 in advance; Children ages 4-12: \$5 at the door / \$4 in advance and Children 3 & under—free! Watch the church bulletin for more details. All are welcome!

Navigators invites you to dine at Wendy's on Collins Road Wednesday, March 11, between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. when 10% of all sales (dine in, drive through and carry out) will be donated to Navigators for upcoming church activities.

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| <i>Sun</i> | <i>Mon</i> | <i>Tue</i> | <i>Wed</i> | <i>Thu</i> | <i>Fri</i> | <i>Sat</i> |
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| COMMUNION 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 2nd Sunday in Lent 9:00 Traditional Svc. 10:00 Blood Pressure Screening 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Synergy Svc. 6:00 H.S. Youth | | 5:00 Prayer Team 6:00 Youth C.E. 7:00 Building & Grounds 7:00 Children's C.E. | 9:30 Sarah Circle 5:20 – 7:30 LOGOS Theme: Western 7:00 Confirmation. 7:00 Chancel Choir | 9:00 Sewing Group 9:00 Yarn Overs | 8:00 A.A. & Al-Anon | |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 3rd Sunday in Lent 9:00 Traditional Svc. 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Synergy Svc. 6:00 H.S. Youth | | 5:00 Prayer Team 6:30 Personnel 7:00 Evangelism & Membership | 5:00 Finance & Stewardship 5:20 – 7:30 LOGOS Theme: Bugs-n-Bloom 7:00 Confirmation 7:00 Chancel Choir | 9:00 Sewing Group | 8:00 A.A. & Al-Anon | |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 4th Sunday in Lent GIFTS OF WOMEN 9:00 Traditional Svc. 10:15 Adult Study 11:15 Synergy Svc. | | 5:00 Prayer Team 6:30 Adult C.E. 7:00 Mission | NO LOGOS 7:00 Chancel Choir | 9:00 Sewing Group 9:00 Yarn Overs 3:30 Book Club | 8:00 A.A. & Al-Anon | Navigators Breakfast at Indian Creek Nature Center |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| 5th Sunday in Lent 9:00 Traditional Svc. 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Synergy Svc. 6:00 H.S. Youth | FIRST PRESS Deadline | 5:00 Prayer Team 6:30 Deacons 7:00 Session | 5:15 – 7:30 LOGOS Theme: Easter 6:30 Chancel Bells 7:00 Confirmation 7:00 Chancel Choir | 9:00 Sewing Group | 8:00 A.A. & Al-Anon | |
| PALM SUNDAY 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |
| 9:00 Traditional Svc. 10:00 Pancake Breakfast 10:15 Sunday School 11:15 Synergy Svc. | | 5:00 Prayer Team | | | | |

