

# FIRST WORD

March 2010

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### WORSHIP IN COMING WEEKS

8:30 a.m. Sanctuary/ 11:00 a.m. Worship Center- Fellowship Hall

- March 7 David Lee Hulsey, Preaching  
"Figure It Out" Isaiah 55:1-9;  
Luke 13:1-9  
Logos Choirs singing at 11:00
- March 14 Sacrament of the Lord's Supper  
Dr. Michael Roberts, Preaching  
"Lost and Found" Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
- March 21 Dr. Michael Roberts, Preaching  
"One Thousand Sermons" Romans  
10:9-17; 2 Tim. 3:14-4:5  
Jubilation Ringers at 11:00
- March 28 **Palm/Passion Sunday**  
Dr. Michael Roberts, Preaching  
"Deny or Confirm?"  
Luke 22:24-34, 54-62  
Service of Confirmation 11:00
- April 1 **Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service 7:00 pm**  
  
Sacrament of Communion/ Chancel  
Choir singing  
Reading of Luke 22:14-23:5
- April 2 **Good Friday 12:10 pm**  
Dr. Michael Roberts, Preaching  
"In Time of Need"  
Psalm 22:1-15;  
Hebrews 4:12-16
- April 4 **Easter Sunday/ Both 8:30 and 11:00 in  
Worship Center- Fellowship Hall**  
Chancel Choir, singing  
Dr. Michael Roberts, Preaching  
"I Have Seen the Lord!"  
John 20:1-18

## Income and Expense Report Year to Date – January 2010

### General Operating Fund

<u>Income</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Pledges	\$136,796	\$ 67,887
Other	8,583	6,886
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$145,379</b>	<b>\$ 74,772</b>

<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Validated Mission	\$ 7,494	\$ 4,813
Local/Other Mission	1,255	1,906
Ministry of the Word	11,429	11,580
Program/Support Staff	29,318	37,752
Christian Education	8,097	2,394
Music and Worship	902	970
Evangelism/Care	546	679
Property	2,862	7,233
Stewardship/Finance	4,167	2,277
Other	2,911	3,528
Debt Retirement		7,586
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 68,981</b>	<b>\$ 74,719</b>

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS**

**Joy Bedford, Education Director**

Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9-4, Wednesday 9-8 [joy.bedford@fpcgeorgetown.org](mailto:joy.bedford@fpcgeorgetown.org)



**PALM SUNDAY – March 28<sup>th</sup>** - We will have children carry palms during the processional hymn at both services. We will have recruiters asking to borrow your children before each service. The children will be returned to you after the processional (save a seat for them and show them where you are sitting).



**One Great Hour of Sharing "Fish"** are to be brought on March 28<sup>th</sup>. If you did not get a "fish" there are extras in the lobby.



### **SEDER MEAL – March 28<sup>th</sup>**

It is our tradition to gather the 3<sup>rd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders in Room 101 during the Sunday School hour to participate in a scripted Seder meal. It is especially meaningful during this season of Lent. Please make sure your children and youth are in Sunday School.



**Confirmation Reception, March 28** at 12:00 in Fellowship Hall. Please come to share cake and punch and welcome our latest class into membership in our church.



**EASTER CROSS** – Sunday – April 4<sup>th</sup> - Every year on Easter morning there is an empty cross on the lawn of the church. It is our tradition to place flowers on this cross in celebration of our risen Lord. Please help us fill this cross with flowers that you bring and make it the fullest ever. We leave the cross for a day or two for the rest of our community to enjoy...Nurture Committee.

**\*\*\*\*VERY IMPORTANT DATES TO GET ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!!!!!**

- ❖ June 21-June 25<sup>th</sup> – **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** - You won't want to miss the High Sea Expedition – Feel sea spray on your face as sails snap overhead and you experience the deep, rolling waters of God's love.
- ❖ Time to sign up for summer camp – visit John Knox Presbyterian Church Camp at <http://www.johnknoxranch.com/>
- ❖ September 24-September 26 – **Eighth ANNUAL ALL CHURCH RETREAT** – Registration details in this newsletter.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH, 9:40-10:40 A.M.**

Sunday School is offered for all ages every Sunday. Join us for a time of learning about who we are as God's people through the stories in the Bible.

**News from 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Sunday School**

**HEAR YE!! HEAR YE!!**

**READ ALL ABOUT IT!!**

On February 7<sup>th</sup>, Connor McClure completed the Second Grade Memory Goals!! That's exciting news!! We are so proud of you!

*Your teachers: Alice Graham and Shelley Sorenson*

**News from High School Sunday School**

High School Sunday School is exploring a 6 Week course in Worship. Exploring specifically the following:

- Worship---The Big Picture
- Worship---Reformed Style
- How We Gather as God's People
- How We Hear the Word of God
- How We Respond to the Word of God
- Worship---Personal Worship & Corporate Worship

Yes, there is a Final Exam! David Lee Hulsey will continue this Worship Course with a 4 Week Worship Planning Series in which the Youth will lead our congregation in Worship on Youth Sunday April 18th. So, our question for high school students and parents is:

**are you worshipping?**

*From the teachers: Courtney Root, Fred Hilgeman, Lael Winkstern*

## **News from Logos 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade LOGOS Bible Study Class**

Our Class made 25 Hygiene bags for Haiti.

### **ADULT EDUCATION on SUNDAY mornings, 9:40-10:40 A.M**

#### **Adult Elective, Sanctuary      "IN THE BEGINNING"**

##### **A survey of Genesis in Hebrew and Christian Perspectives**

The first book of the Hebrew Bible is titled *Beresit* which translates 'In the Beginning.' It is the first of the five Mosaic books of the Law and has special meaning for followers of Judaism, and its theological importance lies in the covenants established between the Lord God and his chosen people. The text is viewed more as a proclamation of God's lordly intent than as a historical narrative.

From the Christian viewpoint Genesis reveals God's purpose for the world and the depth of his understanding of our human condition. The text is a prehistoric and patriarchal historic narrative, but the greater importance lies in God's presence in the world as he nurtures, punishes, forgives and blesses the creation he called "very good."

Genesis makes good reading. It is both liturgical and didactic. The beauty of the scripture is best appreciated in Hebrew, but the high prose and poetic notes shine through even in English translation. We will view some examples of fine art motivated by this glorious scripture as well as introducing commentaries from Calvin, Luther, Brueggemann, Bruce and even John Steinbeck.

Come grow with us in this Adult Elective class that begins March 14<sup>th</sup> and continues each Sunday to April 25<sup>th</sup> with the exception of Easter. The class meets in the Sanctuary at 9:40 am following the early worship service. This class will be taught by Mike Carson.

#### **Cornerstones, Room 205**

The Cornerstone Class continues their study of "**Christianity and World Religions.**" The existence of many different world religions leads to many questions. As Christians, we must seek to increase our understanding of other faiths, including the similarities and differences compared with our own faith, so that we may find ways to build bridges and more effectively share the gospel. This is a video based study. The first class will address questions people ask. Then the study will examine the following religions; Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Judaism and then Christianity. This class is led by Gary Cox.

#### **Surveyors, Room 207**

We come together each Sunday to investigate the Word of God, for historical knowledge and practical means of Christian living. Mike FitzGerald continues to lead this study of **Acts.**

#### **Homebuilders, Room 111**

The Homebuilders class is geared for couples, parents, and single adults in the family-building stage of life. We meet during the Sunday School hour from 9:40-10:40 AM. Need another reason to join us? We have breakfast almost every Sunday! If you have any questions, contact class leader *Karen McClure* at [mcclure.karen@gmail.com](mailto:mcclure.karen@gmail.com) On March 7<sup>th</sup> this class will watch the NOOMA video – "Dust". March 21–April 11 they will study The Shack written by William P Young.

## **WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT FPC**

### **LOGOS for Children in Kinder through the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Kathleen Wenzel, Director**

Logos was busy celebrating during the month of February! We started off the month with "Souper-Bowl". We voted on who we thought would win the Super Bowl with our can food donations. As you might have guessed the Logos kids nailed it with a vote of 83 in favor of the Saints and 2 in favor of the Colts. In other words we collected 85 cans of food for the Caring Place. We held our 20 year celebration on February 10<sup>th</sup>. The night was highlighted by honoring our awesome volunteers and students that have made this program so successful! Our celebration was a wonderful time to bring together our past volunteers and students with our current volunteers and students! By all accounts a great time was had by all! Our Wild Winter Olympics was set for the following week to coincide with the Winter Olympics. It was an awesome night when the church was transformed into a winter Olympics venue, complete with bobsledding, hockey and even snow! The month ended on a far out adventure with "Space Odyssey Night" and a fun evening of paper airplane creations.

By all accounts there is great music coming from the choir room and the Logos choir is busy practicing for their next opportunity to lead in worship, March 7<sup>th</sup>. They have also begun their work on this year's musical which promises to be another great performance. Mark your calendar for May 2<sup>nd</sup> when "Bones", the story of Ezekiel's vision comes to life at First Presbyterian.

Another great celebration for Logos coming this month is our Confirmation reception to be held on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Logos has 9 amazing 6<sup>th</sup> graders going through confirmation with some students from the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade and we are very proud of their continued progress on their faith journey.

### **LOGOS Themes, menu, attire, and after dinner games for the month:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Dinner Theme</b>	<b>Menu</b>	<b>Attire</b>	<b>Game</b>
3/3/10	4:45-7:15	Me and My Shadow	Spaghetti	Logos t-shirt	Shadow puppets
3/10/10	4:45-7:15	Big Foot Night	Corn Dogs	Favorite BIG shoes	Cup stomp
3/17/10	4:45-7:15	Spring Break	No LOGOS	Be safe!	Have Fun!
3/24/10	4:45-7:15	5 <sup>th</sup> Wed	Ham	Talent show attire	Talent Show
3/31/10	4:45-7:15	Joke Night	Fish sticks	Logos t-shirt	Tongue twister/Joke

**Important Dates: March 7, 11:00 Logos Choirs Sing–Be in Room 117 at 10:30a**



## **Don't miss the boat.....**

**Mark your calendar for the week of June 21-25<sup>th</sup>! When we will set sail on a High Seas Expedition. This year's Vacation Bible School will be oceans of fun and an awesome adventure. Missing this summer's VBS would be worse than "walking the plank"!**

### **JR HIGH THROUGH SR HIGH YOUTH**

**JR HIGH BIBLE STUDY, WED, 6:00-7:00 PM IN YOUTH ROOM**

**JR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL DINNER, 7:00-7:30 PM IN Youth Room**

**SR HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY, 7:3-8:30 PM IN YOUTH ROOM**

### **\*\*\*\*\*OTHER EDUCATIONAL OPORTUNITIES\*\*\*\*\***

#### **Women's Midweek Bible Study**

The women will be studying the book - *"Is God Really in Control, Trusting God in a World of Hurt"* by Jerry Bridges - Please call Joy Bedford at 863-3381 if you would like to come and we will order you a book. We will meet on Wednesdays in Room 205 from 12-1. Don't forget to bring a lunch.

#### **Men's Breakfast Bible Study**

The breakfast group will meet every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday morning. The format of Bible study will be to study and reflect on the Scripture readings for the coming Sunday sermon. Time and place will be emailed to you. Please RSVP to David Lee Hulsey (863-3381) [dhulsey63@gmail.com](mailto:dhulsey63@gmail.com) or Cliff Snyder (468-2877) [c\\_rsnnyder@yahoo.com](mailto:c_rsnnyder@yahoo.com). Can't wait to see you there!

#### **Men's Spiritual Growth Group**

This Bible Study meets every Wednesday at noon in Room 101. The men study scripture as they eat lunch together. They are currently studying John.

# Rejoice!

Rejoice in the Lord!  
An in-depth study of Philippians  
Led by Dr. Michael Roberts  
September 24 – 26, 2010

Join us for our **All-Church Retreat**, a time to be away together so that we might grow together. This is a unique time to enjoy God's good creation, study God's word, participate in several times of worship, enrich our relationship with others in the church and have a true Sabbath rest. We will once again be going to Mo-Ranch in Hunt, Texas, located in the beautiful hill country. We are taking reservations. There is a box for your completed form and deposit in the lobby.

There will also be more information, pictures and registration forms available on our website [www.fpcgeorgetown.org](http://www.fpcgeorgetown.org). If you have any questions please call Joy Bedford at 863-3381. We want **all** of you to come, yes, that means **you!**

## **NOAH'S ARK KIDS DAY OUT**

**Chrissy Creech**

Ever wonder how Noah fed all the animals on the ark and kept everyone happy? Well, I think know the answer...it was SPAGHETTI! I mean think about it. Don't you feel wonderfully full and happy after a big plate of spaghetti? Isn't it fun to slurp up the noodles and let the sauce get all over your mouth? How long has it been since you have enjoyed a good, warm plate of happiness? Well, I can help. The Noah's Ark Spaghetti dinner happens only once a year and this year...it's March 4th! Come join the crew as we sit together and eat, play games, win raffle baskets and bid on silent auction items. You can't stay and play? Well, we have a solution for you too....2 go plates will be available. We start serving at 5:30 and the fun goes until 7:30pm. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 10 and under. I hope to see you there!

## **YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**

**David Lee Hulsey**  
dhulsey63@gmail.com

By the time you read this, we have completed another successful OneNow. This was considered a big milestone for Sarah and I, because this is one of the biggest events in our youth ministry each year. Without our mentors, Kim & Paul Pereira, it was an enormous project to tackle on our own. However, fellow church members aided in organizing and executing to make this a wonderful event. The host homes were selected ahead of schedule, we had more food volunteers and driving volunteers than we've had in the past, and our college leaders were enthusiastic and encouraging. Many people have told us that Sarah and I are doing a wonderful job. But I believe it is we who should be telling this church, "Well done on raising our youth."

The rest of the semester will stay full of activities as we continue with Wednesday Bible Studies, Sunday night SNL, prepare for Youth Sunday, and many other activities. We

don't plan on slowing down any time soon.

Youth Calendar:

Mar 4 - Youth Serve @ Noah's Ark Spaghetti Dinner 6:30

Mar 14 - No SNL

Mar 17 - No Bible Studies

Mar 21 - Youth Fun Event

## Music

Attention, all men of FPC Georgetown!

This spring we are forming the FPC Men's Chorus to sing on Mother's Day (May 9th).

We will give the ladies of Sanctuary Choir and Chancel Choir the day off and let them enjoy listening to us. We need your help in order to do this! Even if you think you can't sing, please come!. You do not have to know everything about reading music to do this, and it's not a long-term commitment. If you've always wanted to sing in the choir, but just can't make the time commitment on a regular basis, this group is for you! I will only schedule this group once, maybe twice a year, and we'll only rehearse when we're preparing for a specific date.

If you've never heard or sung with a male-chorus before, get ready! There's just something about male voices blending together that makes everyone melt. I want to fill the choir lofts with men on Mother's Day! Please help us do this.

Rehearsals for the FPC Men's Chorus begin on Wednesday, April 7th, at 7:15pm in the Choir Room. Below is the rehearsal schedule for this group. Please send an email to Philip Smith ([philip.smith@fpcgeorgetown.org](mailto:philip.smith@fpcgeorgetown.org)) when you've decided that you're going to sing with us. :-) You're also welcome to simply show up at the first rehearsal.

Thank you, Gentlemen! See you at rehearsal!

In Christ,  
Philip

### **FPC MEN'S CHORUS SCHEDULE - SPRING 2010**

Wednesday, April 7, 2010 7:15pm Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 14, 2010 7:15pm Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 21, 2010 7:15pm Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 28, 2010 7:15pm Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

7:15pm

Rehearsal

Saturday, May 8, 2010

10:00am

Rehearsal (if we need it - this one could easily be cancelled)

Sunday, May 9, 2010

8:00am

Warm-up

8:30am Worship (Sanctuary)

10:30am Warm-up

11:00am Worship (Fellowship Hall)

## Fellowship

### **Presbyterian Women**

**Judy Bond 868-3487**

Our Winter Gathering held January 16<sup>th</sup> raised \$958.50 for the Georgetown Project, specifically to help homeless children in the Georgetown Independent School District. We are looking forward to having Zelinda Richards, from the Georgetown Project, speak at our March 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Women Board meeting, to give us more information on how the money will be used for homeless children. Giving the money through Zelinda assures that it will go to the immediate needs of the children, something that the Board decided to do at our meeting in February.

We encourage all women of the congregation to consider attending the PW Women's Conference, April 9-11 at Mo-Ranch. Registration forms are available through your circle leaders or from Judy Bond, 868-3487. The theme is "Serving Our Lord with Love". Many valuable workshops are offered, and there is time for meaningful fellowship and personal reflection.

Listed below are the meeting times and places for our circles in March. If you are interested in joining a circle, call the hostess and let her know you would like to be included. Check out the Presbyterian Women's bulletin board for a list of our circles, their leaders, and the days that they meet. You can find the bulletin board in the hallway near the church office.

At our next Board meeting on March 1<sup>st</sup> we will be submitting names for officer nominations for 2010-2011. Monthly cookies for our overseas service people are being provided by the Rachel Circle in March. Rachel Circle is also doing our PW bulletin board for March.

#### **March 2010 Circle Hostesses**

CIRCLE	DATE	TIME	HOSTESS	PHONE	ADDRESS
Elizabeth		Contact:	Theresa McKenna	930--3751	3601 Brangus Road
Esther	3/3	12:00pm (time change)	Joyce Porch	864-3777	4105 Venada Trail
Hannah	3/17	11:00am	Debbie Jones	864-7224	119 Camp Drive
Lydia	3/10	1:00pm	Helen Burk	793-3585	1801 Indian Springs Road
Martha	3/17	9:30am	Loma Rugeley	868-2512	138 Crepe Myrtle Lane
Miriam	3/12	9:30am	Becky Hesson-Smith	868-2048	First Presbyterian, Rm. 205
Naomi	3/10	9:30am	Martha Cowan	864-3460	126 Elderberry Street
Rachel	3/17	9:30am	Virginia Reid	868-5918	108 Nueces Trail
Rebekah	3/17	9:30am	Coila Sims	864-0154	104 Dawson Trail
Ruth	3/8	10:00am	Wilma Spencer	868-0170	410 Brazos Drive
Sarah	3/22	10:00am	Eleanor Bond	863-7819	222 Southridge Cr.

## **Fellowship**

**Judy Bond 868-3487**

The Fellowship Committee hosted a potluck supper on Jan 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm before the annual congregational meeting. Thanks so much to all the fellowship committee members who helped with preparation, serving, and cleaning up: Mona and Jim Andersen, Elizabeth and Corey Bailey (who provided our rolls), Sandy and Marv Hulshizer, and Doug Bond. "Thank you" to all those who attended and prepared the tasty dishes for the event.

We welcome Katie Bradford, who joins the Fellowship Committee to help with fellowship events and the Sunday morning fellowship time. Thanks, Katie! Others, who have volunteered to help with our Sunday morning fellowship time, are Carol Siekmeier, Melissa Pilcher, Sandra Boucher, and Gladys Brooking. We still would like to have one more committee member, and can always use more volunteers to serve at our Sunday morning fellowship time, either as a host or hostess to bake goods to serve, or just to serve, or, to just bake goods. This may mean you need to leave Sunday school a few minutes early if you are serving. Clean-up can be finished after the 11:00 service, if needed. Please call Judy Bond at 868-3487 if you would like to help in some way with these important ministries.

We look forward to a **great** year of Fellowship Events, next being the Maundy Thursday Soup Supper coming up on April 1<sup>st</sup>, right before the Maundy Thursday service! It should be a delicious meal to share together, so **plan to attend!** (You do not need to bring any food to this meal!)

Our Annual church picnic is scheduled for Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at the Sun City Pavilion. It will be potluck. More details will follow in future newsletters.

## **MEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

**Jim Wilhite**

The Men's Christian Fellowship Program Committee is actively finding programs for our 2010 meetings that will be interesting and informative for you. For the March 15th meeting, Rev. Elliot Smith of the Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services (PCHAS) will bring with him one of the young men that lives in one of the Group Homes located in Austin. The PCHAS has two Group Homes that are residences where the young people live together experiencing a supportive Christian setting, possibly for the first time in their young lives. The young man will share with us some of his experiences he has had since he has lived in this caring environment. Rev. Elliot Smith is the Vice President for Development of PCHAS. Our Church supports PCHAS with its Mission dollars. In order to plan for this meeting, dinner reservations must be made with either Frank Hubbard (863-6144) or Jim Wilhite (868-8086). The cost of the dinner will be \$8.00.

## **SHOW 'N SHARE**

**Cathy Hubbard**

"**SHOW 'N SHARE**" for the March Fellowship gathering will be a family **SHOW**. Our presenters are none other than the fun loving folks known to us as The Snyder Family. Cliff and Rita along with daughter Ashlin and son Tristan did a remarkable thing. While many family trips much beyond Austin are not described as fun filled, this Fearless Family set out on what can easily be called a trip of global proportions. In June of 2008, they winged their way all the way across the Atlantic to Italy. The adventure started in Roma. From there it headed north to see as much of Italy's best before returning to the

Apian Hills. From there it was a short trip to the port where The Celebrate Galaxy was docked. Wow! This was, without a doubt, as Cliff describes it, a "trip of a lifetime". Rita's face still lights up whenever she recounts a favorite moment from this marvelous vacation. On Sunday, the 14th of March, the conference will be a postcard created just for you, their church family. Come aboard to **SHARE** their memories and memorabilia all morning, be it after worship, on your way to Sunday School, or between 10:30 and 10:58 for Fellowship. Ciao!

### **NOON BOOK REVIEW**

**Marion Shell**

We will "cross the pond" at our regular third Thursday Noon Book Review, meeting, March 18, 2010, 11:50 AM, Room 101. Dr. Mary Gaines will review the book "The Guernsey, Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society", written by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. We will have a peek into British Island society. It will be a fun time, so pack a brown bag, call a friend and join in the informal fellowship. Coffee and tea will be furnished and there are no charges.

### **ACTS DINNER AND CONCERT AT SOUTHWESTERN**

**Nadine Tanner**

On Wednesday, March 10 we will meet at the church at 5:30 P.M. to carpool to Southwestern and have dinner at the McCombs Student Center, then go on to the beautiful Alma Thomas Theatre for a classical guitar concert at 7 p.m. No reservations are needed. Dinner is on your own, but the concert is free.

### **TOUR OF PAINTED CHURCHES (AND HOPEFULLY BLUEBONNETS WILL BE SEEN)!!**

The bus will load at the Church at **7:45** a.m. on **April 13, 2010**. We need to do it this early so that we can be in Schulenberg by 10 a.m. We will tour 2 churches in the morning. Stop for lunch and then tour 2 more churches. We will have a docent from Schulenberg with us.

Her tip is covered as well as the cost to enter the churches.

Your cost including bus fare is \$30.00 per person. This does NOT include lunch. The docent's tip is covered as well as the cost to enter the churches.

**Please put your check in the ACTS box as soon as possible to reserve your seat on the bus. The deadline is April 5.**

I was on this tour a few years ago and personally thought it was one of the best tours I have been on. The churches are fantastic!

## Mission

### **MISSION SEWING**

**Kathy Jones**

Last month, two visitors to our meeting learned about our goals and mission to the community. Stuffed animals and their blankets were displayed and then delivered to the Williamson County Children's Advocacy Center. Thank you, Pat and Dick Miller, for providing the transportation. Several ideas for yarn projects were discussed. Our next meeting will be Friday, March 12th, at 10:00 AM in room 111. Anyone who enjoys knitting, crocheting, sewing, or other crafts are welcome. Contact Kathy at 863-3012.

### **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

**Kent Buikema**

For more than fifty years, Presbyterians have joined with Christians throughout the nation in supporting One Great Hour of Sharing, responding to Christ's love for all people by joyfully sharing that love with people in need. The refugee and the stranger have found food and safe shelter; those stunned by the aftermath of disasters have found relief and help rebuilding; and communities seeking to take control of their future have found partners in development.

The hundreds of millions of dollars Presbyterians have given over the last half-century have enabled a powerful witness to the love of the One who came that all might have life more abundantly.

Where does the money go? Presbyterian gifts support the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Self-Development of People, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be taken on Palm Sunday, March 28. Please consider this worthy cause and give as generously as you can.

### **THE CARING PLACE**

**Jenny Carswell**

What a month this has been for The Caring Place! First, the youth groups collected **285** cans from the Souper Bowl Sunday, plus \$222 in cash. Logos collected **85** cans from their event. Great job all of you! We are proud of you and The Caring Place is deeply grateful for your efforts. Thank you to all of you. It is so good to see such dedicated work on behalf of The Caring Place whose mission is to care for those in need.

On **March 16th** the annual fund raiser of the Soup Supper will take place at **St Helen's Church Hall**. It begins at **5:00pm and ends at 7:30p**. Tickets are **\$10.00** for adults and **\$3.00** for children. It's still a pretty reasonable night out for the family, and a night off of cooking for Mom. There will also be an auction sale at the same time so come along and make a bid on your favorite items. Also if you have something you would like to donate please just take it to The Caring Place office no later than Friday 12th March. The tickets will be available after both services on March 7th and 14th.

Last month I mentioned that there is a great need for toothbrushes and toothpaste at The Caring Place. When you are hungry and in need of nourishment sometimes oral care is last on the list. Last month I gave you some information about the cost of these items at HEB. Well, one of our sharpest members has done one better. She has researched and found that these items are available even cheaper at "Family Dollar" and "Walmart". There are large tubes of toothpaste available for just under a dollar and toothbrushes

also under a dollar. These items are not very romantic or obvious but very necessary so instead of food next time you are thinking of The Caring Place why not try for toothpaste and tooth brushes instead.

Last but not least there is a great need for small containers of mustard, mayo and ketchup. Once again, we are deeply grateful for all the help you give.

## Care Ministry

**AMONG OUR PEOPLE** -**Boldface** indicates a member of First Presbyterian Church

**In the hospital last month: Marvin Henderson, Helen Ritchie, Bill Roberts, Jim Toungate**

**Special concerns:** Mary Katherine Briggs, Jim's mother; **Lou Brown**, Robin Curtis, Bud Beattie's daughter; Kinsey Ticknor, the infant daughter of friends of the Bookert's; David Dickey, Marilyn Mehaffey's nephew; Alice and Russell Fay's daughter, Jennifer; **Mary Forbes; Catherine Glenn; Jake Jacoby;** Laura Brooking Lewis, Gladys Brooking's daughter; **John Marsh;** Susan Syler Martin & Dale Martin, Hubert Syler's Sister and brother-in-law; **Shea Norfleet;** Tommy Scribner, Monte's son; **Betty Wallace;** Mary Weiss, Cathy Leloux's mother; **Kay Yeager.**

**Serving in the Military:** Master Sergeant Bradley Belford and Brian Belford, George and Jane Belford's son and grandson; Josh Benge, Sturdy and Tammy Wanamaker's nephew; Captain Brian Berlakovick, Marvin & Ouida Henderson's Grandson-in-law, Capt. Ronald Boyd, Chaplain; Maj. Brian Burk, Larry Burk's son; Maj. Kyle Burrow, David Lee Hulsey's cousin; 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Geoff Childs, Helen Douglass' grandson-in-law; **Rick Cosper;** 2Lt. Josh Daleiden, husband of Lisa Foster; Chaplain Douglas Fenton; **Amy FitzGerald;** Capt. James R. Franks, U.S.A.F., grandson of Mary Lou Moore; Pete & Kellie Moore Fredsholm, Tommy & Clara Moore's granddaughter; Jared A. Gross, Robert Bedford's Nephew; **Brian Hall; Garrett Herbst;** Jeremy Hord; Brandon Keith, Phil and Jeanne Smith's son-in-law; **Debra Knight; Jonathan LeLoux; Nicholaas Leloux;** Marc Masuccio, Grandson of Helen Burk and Ken Gibbons; Allen Morrison, Janna Briggs' nephew; Major Robert Kain, III, Ouida & Marvin Henderson's grandson; Hank Perry, Davidsons' nephew-in-law; David Penney; **Sgt. Paul Rayburn;** Rev. Louis Rosa; Col. Wayne M. Shanks, George and Mary Pope's son-in-law; **Lt. Col. Tim Smith;** Ashton Stamos, Grandson of Larry and Helen Burk; Steven T. Watson.

**Our Sympathy to: Bill Caudle** on the death of his mother, Lucile M. Caudle, in San Antonio, on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Your Vital Mind**

This past month was filled with all kinds of opportunities to hear about how to keep our minds clear and vital all life long!

For those of you who weren't able to attend the presentation hosted by the Stephen Ministry program by gerontologist, Tam Cummings, here is a "short list" for maintaining mental clarity:

1. Dance
2. Play board games and/or card games
3. Play a musical instrument
4. Do puzzles like crosswords or suduko
5. Read
6. Stay "social" - stay connected to as many friends & family as possible
7. Do aerobic exercise

Tam also spoke about dementia and the #1 dementia disease, Alzheimer's. The statistics say 10-20% of the population will be diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. This means that 80-90% of us can benefit from the seven activities listed above to exercise and vitalize our minds. I like that all of these activities are fun to do so - happy playing to you!!

### **STEPHEN MINISTRY**

**Melissa Pilcher**

***Facing Uncertainty: What's Next, Lord?*** That's the title of the series of three Stephen Ministry Continuing Education classes that are open to all who are interested in February, March and April. The February program was highly successful with members from First Presbyterian, First United Methodist, St. John's Methodist, Faith Lutheran, San Gabriel Presbyterian and Crestview Baptist coming together to hear Tam Cummings, Gerontologist, discuss Alzheimer's and dementia.

The March program should be equally well received. Pete Weyrauch, West Point graduate, retired Brigadier General, former principal of Richarte High School and current President of the Board of Directors of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Williamson County will share his "Survivors Handbook". Pete originally created the handbook for his wife, in the event of his death. When she died two and a half years ago, he made major adjustments, based on his experiences. The handbook is designed to assist the survivors in setting up final arrangements, providing essential information for survivors, and consolidating valuable historical information.

The Survivor Handbook will be presented March 4 at 7 p.m. in Room 101. There is no fee; however, registration is required so that we will have adequate copies of The Survivor Handbook for all in attendance. Please call the church office to register by March 2.

## **HAPPY MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

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|----|---------------------------|----|----------------------|
| 1  | Sandy & Maxine Frick      | 28 | Jim & Elaine Caskey  |
| 7  | Tim & Becky Smith         | 29 | Gene & Nan Larrimore |
| 14 | Charles & Cathy Shirley   | 31 | Sam & Helen Matthews |
| 17 | Rod & Susan Gilbert       |    |                      |
|    | Aubrey Herzik & Gwen Hauk |    |                      |
| 19 | Roy & JoAnn Yantis        |    |                      |
| 21 | Marvin & Ouida Henderson  |    |                      |
| 25 | Gayle & Mary Taylor       |    |                      |

## **HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

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|----|-----------------|----|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 1  | Betty Crowell   | 14 | Yvonne Beverly    | Art Huck        |                  |
|    | David Ramsey    | 15 | Sherry Beattie    | Jettie Sherrier |                  |
|    | Tim Smith       | 16 | Clyde Hannah      | 25              | Helen Ritchie    |
| 2  | Doug Kienitz    | 17 | Juliet Lee        | 26              | Cliff Snyder     |
|    | Susan Moreno    |    | Marcia Ness       |                 | Ron Weaver       |
| 4  | Libbie Ragan    |    | Sydney Sorenson   | 27              | Tim Harris       |
|    | Jim Wilhite     | 18 | Tricia Osborne    | 28              | Marilyn Mehaffey |
| 7  | Jonathan Leloux |    | Paula Roberts     | 29              | Carin Eagleston  |
| 8  | Jennifer Gunn   |    | J. D. Wood        |                 | Teri Ramsey      |
| 9  | Bob Davis       | 20 | Joyce Joiner      | 30              | Jim Hoke         |
|    | Ruth Henning    |    | Travis Walden     |                 | Helen Matthews   |
| 10 | Bonnie Belford  |    | Carol Worley Cole |                 | Anne Maxwell     |
|    | Rita Snyder     | 21 | John Eric Elder   |                 | Don Mehaffey     |
|    | Kara Todd       | 23 | Gene Larrimore    |                 | John Shattles    |
|    | Steve Wilson    |    | David Martin      | 31              | Tony Brabandt    |
| 11 | Maxine Frick    | 24 | Cade Basey        |                 |                  |
| 13 | Beth Melendez   |    | Ben Foster        |                 |                  |
|    | Joe Warren      |    | Judy Hindelang    |                 |                  |

## **FLOWERS IN WORSHIP**

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| 7  | Bob and Judy Davis | 14 |
| 21 | Nancy Zolondek     | 28 |

## **HEAD DEACON**

**Early Service:** Mona Andersen  
Back-up: Will Koenig

**Second Service:** Roger Taylor  
Back-up: Will Koenig