

Announcements
November 22, 2009

WE WELCOME FRIENDS AND VISITORS. This church is for anyone who wants to be counted as a disciple of Jesus Christ, and who wants to be included in its worship and work. Thank you for signing your name and address on the attendance pad. There is an information center with material about our church and Presbyterianism in the foyer of the Jordan Street entrance to the sanctuary.

CHILDCARE IS PROVIDED FOR PRESCHOOL CHILDREN by Sitters' Registry and church volunteers.
Nursery for Infants and Toddlers: Room C-6; Extended Session for Two-Year-Olds—K-3: Room C-5.

WE EXPRESS SINCERE SYMPATHY TO Jean Wilkey and family in the death of her mother, Irene Pringle, of West Palm Beach, Florida, November 9, 2009, at the age of 107 years old, and we rejoice with them in assurance of resurrection.

PROVIDENCE HOUSE CHRISTMAS BAGS FOR ADULTS

PW Circles are collecting items to fill Christmas gift bags for the adult residents of Providence House. A basket has been placed in the office and marked for the items. Examples of items included in past years are scarves, costume jewelry, sewing kits, note paper, make-up brushes, and watches for the women. Items for men include socks, shaving supplies, shoe shine kits, wallets and watches. Please place your gifts in the basket by **Sunday, December 13**. Circle #3 will assemble the bags at their meeting on December 14 and deliver them to Providence House. Thank you.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKS from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary are available at no cost for anyone who wants one. They will be a great source of inspiration for the season, and can be found in the church office and in various areas of the church.

ADVENT NOONDAY NOELS are just around the corner! Beginning Tuesday, December 1 and continuing for the next two Tuesdays in December, we invite you to spend your lunch hours with us in the warmth and beauty of our chapel as we gather from 12:10-12:35 p.m. for a brief service of scripture, prayer, and *very* special music. A delicious light lunch follows the service, free of charge. Invite your friends to join you for this eagerly anticipated series that is a welcome respite from the hustle and bustle of the season. The featured guest artists for December 1 are our beloved Shreveport Opera Express (SOX) singers who have joined our choir for the year: Kathleen Jasinkas, Kristen DiNinno, and Kevin Doherty. Make room in your December calendar for these special services!

A CONGREGATIONAL LUNCH will be held today immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Holly Watson and Bryan McDowell will be sharing information about their recent sabbaticals. Menu: roast turkey, cornbread dressing, green peas, yams, pumpkin pie.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE will begin meeting in the next few weeks to nominate persons for the offices of elder, deacon and trustee. Your participation in this process is important. Please give prayerful consideration to the filling of these offices and deliver your written recommendations for persons to be nominated to the church office **no later than December 7**

OPPORTUNITY FOR WORSHIP/PRAYER

A "Midday Prayer" service has begun and will continue each Wednesday at 12:00 noon, in the Chapel. This is a weekly occasion to pray for members of the church and for our world. The service, about 30 minutes in length, will include singing, scripture reading, and prayers. The service is open to all.

THE MCCLAMROCH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS—The teacher next Sunday will be Mary Ann Whited. The class meets in Room C-14.

Date	Celebrations M 218	Electives Room L-6	Pathfinders Rm. M 218	Seekers C 18-20	The Journey Rm. M 211	Covenant Rm. M 215
Nov. 29	<i>Advent Series</i> Leader: Sarah Cooper Searight	<i>Advent Study</i> Leader: Bill Searight	<i>Advent Study</i> Leader: Martha Sugar	No Class	<i>Advent Series</i> Leader: Sarah Cooper Searight	<i>Covenant Community</i>

**First Presbyterian Book Club—December 3, 2009
PW Suite, 12:00 noon**

***Oscar Wilde and a Death of No Importance* by Gyles Brandreth
Leader: Mary Anne Selber**

This historical mystery is based on real events and cloaked in authenticity. Best of all, it casts British literature's most fascinating and controversial figure as the lead sleuth. In the book, a young artist's model has been murdered, and legendary wit Oscar Wilde enlists his friends Arthur Conan Doyle and Robert Sherard to help him investigate. But when they arrive at the scene of the crime they find no sign of the gruesome killing -- save one small spatter of blood, high on the wall.

Opportunities This Week at FPC

Wednesday: 12:00 p.m.—Midday Prayer

Prayer Requests: Dorothy Strain, Dot Disosway