

Special points of interest:

• Sunday, Feb. 7

8:30—Worship
9:45—Sunday School
11:00—Worship
4:15—Children's Choir
6:15—Youth Groups

• Monday, Feb. 8

1:00—Westminster Bells
6:00—Steering

• Tuesday, Feb. 9

9:00—Disciple II
4:00—Disciple I
4:30—Adult Teachers

• Wednesday, Feb. 10

10:00—Program Staff
11:00—Church Staff
12:00—Mid-Day Prayer
3:30—Grief Group
5:30—Valentine Pizza Supper
6:00—Session Ministries

• Thursday, Feb. 11

9:00—Choir Rehearsal
11:45—Lectio Divina
3:00—Knitting
6:00—Called Session Q&A
7:00—Choir Rehearsal

Friday, Feb. 12

5:30—Officer Training

Saturday Feb. 13

9:00—Officer Training

Sunday, Feb. 14

8:30—Worship
9:45—Sunday School
11:00—Worship
4:15—Children's Choir

• Monday, Feb. 15

1:00—Westminster Bells
6:00—Called Session

• Tuesday, Feb. 16

9:00—Disciple II
4:00—Disciple I
5:00—Trustees
5:30—Young Adult Bible Study

• Wednesday, Feb. 17

10:00—Program Staff
11:00—Church Staff
12:00—Mid-Day Prayer
3:30—Grief Group
5:15—Supper
6:00—ASH WED WORSHIP
7:00—Deacons

• Thursday, Feb. 18

9:00—Choir Rehearsal
11:00—SAMS
11:45—Lectio Divina
1:00—LINK Fold
6:00—U of FPC—Elizabeth I
7:00—Choir Rehearsal

• Friday, Feb. 19

12:00—LINK Deadline
7:00—Young Adult Gathering

The LINK



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CHURCH OFFICERS—Class of 2013

At our annual congregational meeting after worship January 31, you elected the following officers to serve as leaders for our mission and ministry together.

For the Office of Deacon:

Madge Davis

Karen Day

Minou Fritze

John Knox

Jean Mendenhall

Sandy Pernotto

Katherine Sale

Mary Ann Shaw

Youth: Molly Hiers

For the office of elder:

Nancy Broyles

Doug Caulkins

Lynn Chance

Robert Folsom

George Fritze

Bruce Henderson

Rick LaBorde

Bill Sample

Youth: Brett McCulloch

Elder Emeriti:

Wesley Glassell

Henry Goodrich

Diji McClamroch

Lee Morgan

It is a testament to the hard work of the nominating committee and the movement of the Holy Spirit that these listed are so qualified and were elected unanimously. As this group spends the next month reading and preparing for their officer training retreat and examination by the session, please keep them in your prayers. This is your new class of leaders. Thanks be to God!

Presbyterian Book Club—February 25

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society

by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows

The letters comprising this small charming novel begin in 1946 when Juliet Ashton writes to her publisher to say she is tired of covering the sunny side of war and its aftermath. When Guernsey Farmer Dawsey Adams finds Juliet's name in a used book, he invites his neighbors to write Juliet with their stories,

and she finds herself back in the path of war stories. The letters jump from incident to incident—including the formation of the Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society while Guernsey was under German occupation—and person to person in a manner that feels disjointed.

But Juliet's quips are so clever, the Guernsey inhabitants so enchanting, and the small acts of heroism so vivid one forgives the authors for not being able to settle on a single person or plot.

Leader: Nancy Wilhelmi



Capital Campaign Corner. Under Construction. Watch This Space. Hard Hat Area. Work in Progress. You get the idea. This space in The Link carries news about the Fulfilling the Vision Campaign and the renovation and renewal of our church buildings. Here's the latest.

Terry Byrd Eason, our liturgical architect, returned to Shreveport to present his sketches of possible changes in the chancel area of the sanctuary. All of his ideas involve a more open area in the front of the chancel that will require the removal of another row of pews and the raising up the area in front of the dais on which the pulpit is located so that the activities that take place at the communion table and font are clearly visible to the

entire congregation.

The steering committee continues to wrestle with the final details of its recommendation to the session on the final scope of the project and a plan to fund the cost of the project. The recommendations to the session are to be presented February 8.

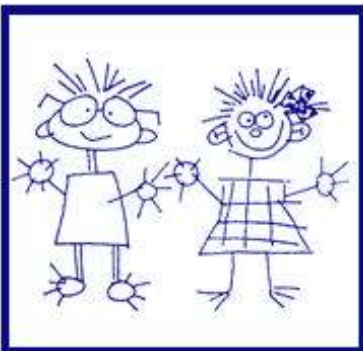
Some members of the steering committee, staff members, and lots of volunteers from the congregation have worked to clean out, pack up, and move out of the west side of the church. Thanks to all who participated in that effort.

The cleaning and sealing of the exterior of the church is well under way now. Work on the interior of the church should begin in the next couple of weeks.

Check the website often for the latest information on changes in our normal routine at church.

Isaiah tells us that our God is not a God of chaos but of order, and as Presbyterians, we like to do things “decently and in order.” Those precepts may be sorely tested in the coming months as our established routines and way of being the church at 900 Jordan St. are changed to accommodate the building schedule. As long as we are patient with one another and focus on the “new thing” that is taking place at our church and all of the possibilities that it will bring with it, the inconveniences of these relatively few months of construction will be well worth it. In the words of the old hymn and civil rights song, **Keep Your Eyes on the Prize.**

If you have specific questions, ideas or comments, please give them to any member of the Steering Committee: Vernon Chance, Mary Anne Selber, Jean Sayres, Archer Frierson, Brett Rowell, Gene Hodgson, Frank Dodson or Pen Peery.



**First Presbyterian
Church
Preschool
Enrichment Program
(PEP)**

Fall 2010 Registration is currently underway. Application and fees will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Class space is limited!

If you need further information, please contact Cindy Natale, Program Director, at 222-0604.

**Applications are available in the PEP office and the church office, and the form may also be downloaded on the church website:
www.fpcshreveport.com**

Youth Sunday—February 21

On February 21, the FPC Youth will be leading the 8:30 a.m. worship and the 11:00 a.m. Worship.

All youth are welcome to participate. Youth planning teams will meet during Sunday school and youth group.



Wednesday night suppers will resume!

A candlelit Valentine's PIZZA

DINNER, to be held **February 10 in L-6**, beginning at 5:30. Donations will be accepted, with any monies raised above cost of meal to go to an outreach project TBD by diners at end of evening.

PLEASE register your intention to attend, indicating your **pizza preference**, by signing the tear slip in the pew, or by calling or emailing the church office by FEB. 7!

On **February 17**, a Lenten bean

soup supper will be served just prior to the 6:00 Ash Wednesday service. Once again, donations will accepted for the meal.

Beginning in March, small groups will be meeting at various locations and times each week for supper. To join a small group, sign up at the table set up outside the library on Sundays during February, indicating your group preference:

just fellowship
Bible study or other study
family groups with younger

children or youth (indicate which), at church with childcare games group special interest group (identify your interest!)

Leadership for each will come from within the group, and each group will determine day and times, as well as location for their meetings (in homes, at church, at restaurants, in nursing homes, etc.). We seek to remain a connected fellowship of believers during this exciting time of renewing 900 Jordan St.! Don't forget to sign up and join a group!

CHRISMONS in February? YES!

The new year is a great excuse to clear out and throw away, and there has been plenty of that going on in preparation for our upcoming big renovation project! Recent clean out of the PW suite resulted in discovery of a wealth of information about the history of our Chrismon tree!

A folder compiled by Lois Hatfield revealed that Chrismons, a word formed from the words "Christ" and "monogram," originated with early Christians as symbols to identify themselves and their meeting places - usually the triangle, fish, circle, and cross. The Chrismon tree, using ornaments modeled on these and newer Christian symbols, originated in the Lutheran Church of the Ascension, in Danville, VA,

in 1957. Our church first displayed a Chrismon tree in our sanctuary in 1971. These Chrismons, made by a group of women of the church, were fashioned primarily of beads, sequins, and styrofoam; a few still remain, but most have fallen to pieces over the years and been replaced by the ones you've seen on our trees in the chapel and sanctuary. They are made in white and gold to symbolize the purity, perfection, majesty, and glory of the Son of God. Painstakingly sewn of felt with sequins, beads, and pearls by many congregation members over many hours, they were introduced in the '80's, and a few more are added each year. For most of those twenty-five

years, Betty Shires has sewn together the two sides of each Chrismon, finishing each in gold cord.

An in-depth explanation of the meaning of each symbol represented on the tree is available, and **a Chrismon-making workshop will be held on Sunday, February 28 at 3:30 in the CE building (childcare will be available, but you must register in advance).**

Come and find out how you can be a part of our joyful Advent celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ! Contact Cathie Dodson for more information (dodsons3@aol.com).

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ASH WEDNESDAY SUPPER AND WORSHIP SERVICE

February 17, 2010

5:15—Supper—bean soup

6:00—Worship in the Chapel

Please call the church office (222-0604) to make a reservation for supper.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN LIFE MEMBERSHIP April 5, 2010

An honorary Life Membership in the Presbyterian Women is conferred upon a woman or man in recognition of faithful service in some area of the church's work. Moderators, teachers, leaders, officers, pastors and missionaries are all among the past recipients of this honor. Please send your letters of recommendation to Mary Anne Selber, 6121 Fern Ave., # 89 Pierremont Place, 71105. The deadline is February 19th.

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Spring
Semester
2010

January-February 2010

Disciple I—The Old Testament

Tuesdays, Jan. 19-May 18, 4:00-5:30 p.m., Room C-22

Disciple II -B

Tuesdays, Jan. 19-May 18 9:00-11:00 a.m., Room C 22

Lectio Divina

Every Thursday, 11:45 a.m., Room C-22

Presbyterian 101

Sundays, Feb. 28 & March 7, 9:45 a.m., Pastor's Office

Young Adult Bible Study

Every other Tuesday - Jan. 5-May 25 5:30 p.m., 4710 Crescent Drive, Shreveport

Elizabeth of England and Her Times

Thursdays, Feb. 18-Mar. 25 6:00-8:00 p.m., Room L-6

A Grief Study—Support Group

Wednesdays, Feb. 10-Mar. 24, 3:30-5:00 p.m., Room C-22

Presbyterian Book Club

Fourth Thursday each month, 12:00 noon, Room L-6