

# The Presbyterian Voice



March 2010

## Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Through the great outpouring of prayer, love and financial support by individuals, congregations, presbyteries, and synods – and thanks to the special appeals made by so many mission networks and organizations – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is providing critical, on-the-ground support when and where it is needed



After the earthquake now comes the rainy season

the most. As God's people we are called to stand in the "GAP" — GIVE. ACT. PRAY. Read

situation updates and find information on how you can get involved by

visiting the

[www.pcusa.org/pda](http://www.pcusa.org/pda)

## Middle School Play

The Middle School is performing "Annie" at 7 pm on March 4 and 5th, and 6 pm on March 6th. Quite a few of our Wildfire Youth

Group members are in the play, including Mackenzie Snyder, who is a Lead Dancer. Please consider

attending one of the performances to support our Youth Group members while they show off their talents!

## LECTIONARY FOR MARCH

Date	Scripture
<b>Mar 3</b>	Isa. 55:1-9; Ps. 63:1-8; 1 Cor. 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9
<b>Mar 14</b>	Josh. 5:9-12; Ps. 32; 2 Cor. 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
<b>Mar 21</b>	Isa 43:16-21; Ps 126; Phil. 3: 4b-14; John 12:1-8
<b>Mar 28</b>	Luke 19:28-40; Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29; Isa. 50:4-9a; Ps. 31:9-16; Phil. 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56; or Luke 23:1-49

### VOLUNTEERS FOR MARCH

<b>Mar 7</b>	Worship Leader	Jerry Talkington
	Nursery Attendant	Dawn Anderson
<b>Mar 14</b>	Worship Leader	Jim Beerends
	Nursery Attendant	Chris Taylor
<b>Mar 21</b>	Worship Leader	Alison Snyder
	Nursery Attendant	Cris Brockman
<b>Mar 28</b>	Worship Leader	Patty Sudhoff
	Nursery Attendant	Amber Beerends



March 1 Bill Garrison  
 March 2 Kathy Dinges  
 March 11 Natalie Gorman & Vickie Taylor  
 March 12 George Goodman  
 March 15 Garret Beerends  
 March 16 Ebony Shaffer  
 March 19 Shane Taylor  
 March 22 Mary Pat Meyer & Lois Grantham  
 March 23 Kathy VanGorkom  
 March 24 Freeda Judd  
 March 28 Elaine Sexson

### Deacons and Elders for the Month

Deacons  
 Curtis Shaffer & Gladys Long

Elders  
 Jim Beerends & Jerry Talkington



March 26 Kim & Marsha  
 Burris

March 29 Steve & Donna  
 Long

# MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 9-2 Puzzle & Paints 6:30-8:30 Women's Bible Study 8 pm AA meeting	<b>2</b> 9-2 Puzzles & Paints 9-12 Clothes Closet	<b>3</b> 9-11:30 Puzzles & Paints 6 pm Bread & Broth 7:15 Choir	<b>4</b> 9-11:30 Puzzles & Paints 6:45 Deacons 7:30 Outreach 6-7:30 Clothes Closet 8 pm AA Meeting	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 3rd Sunday in Lent Communion Sunday	<b>8</b> 9-2 Puzzle & Paints 6:30-8:30 Women's Bible Study 8 pm AA meeting	<b>9</b> 9-2 Puzzles & Paints 9-12 Clothes Closet 7:00 Session	<b>10</b> 9-11:30 Puzzles & Paints 6:30-8:30 Youth 7:00 Choir	<b>11</b> 9-11:30 Puzzles & Paints 1:30 Presbyterian Women 6-7:30 Clothes Closet 8 pm AA Meeting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 4th Sunday in Lent Daylight Savings Time Begins	<b>15</b> 9-2 Puzzle & Paints 6:30-8:30 Women's Bible Study 8 pm AA meeting	<b>16</b> 9-2 Puzzles & Paints 9-12 Clothes Closet	<b>17</b> 9-11:30 Puzzles & Paints 6 pm Bread & Broth 7:15 Choir	<b>18</b> 9-11:30 Puzzles & Paints 6-7:30 Clothes Closet 8 pm AA meeting	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Spring Begins
<b>21</b> 5th Sunday in Lent Fellowship Dinner Talent Show Newsletter Deadline	<b>22</b> 9-2 Puzzle & Paints 6:30-8:30 Women's Bible Study 8 pm AA meeting	<b>23</b> 9-2 Puzzles & Paints 9-12 Clothes Closet	<b>24</b> 9-11:30 Puzzles & Paints 6:30-8:30 Youth 7:00 Choir	<b>25</b> 9-11:30 Puzzles & Paints 6-7:30 Clothes Closet 8 pm AA meeting 7 pm Christian Ed. Meeting	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Palm Sunday	<b>29</b> 9-2 Puzzle & Paints 6:30-8:30 Women's Bible Study 8 pm AA meeting	<b>30</b> 9-2 Puzzles & Paints 9-12 Clothes Closet	<b>31</b> 10-12:30 Puzzles & Paints 6:30-8:30 Youth 7:00 Choir			



Congratulations to Lauren Dinges for passing the state boards. She is now a certified Respiratory Therapist.



Curtis & Ebony Shaffer had a baby girl on January 22. Evelyn Amelia was 8 lbs, 2 oz and 19.5 inches long.

**PUZZLE AND PAINTS ENROLLMENT:** Puzzle & Paints is now enrolling for the 2010-2011 School year. If you know anyone who has a child or children that are 3 to 5 years old we have a place for them. Contact the church office at 540-6179 or Kristi Hefta at 224-3845 or 816-914-0547.

## We will be hosting the STATED MEETING OF HEARTLAND PRESBYTERY

Time is drawing very near for the Heartland Stated Presbytery meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup> 8 AM – 4 PM that we will be hosting. Many of you have already made commitments and have arranged to be available that day – MANY THANKS. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board for you to note what you can do for the day either before or during. Please take time to sign up or call Patty Sudhoff 816-590-3181 or email [patty@polysource.net](mailto:patty@polysource.net).

# TALENT SHOW

There will be a talent show after the fellowship dinner on March 21<sup>st</sup>. So please be thinking about what talent you have that you can share with everyone or get a group together to do something.



There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Any questions contact Jerry Talkington at 540-6225 or Jan Edmondson at 720-8088.

# PICTURES NEEDED

With the Presbytery Meeting being held here in April, we want to show everyone who attends what our church has been up to! Malena Chaplin is going to put together picture boards of various activities and needs your pictures to help!



If you have any extra pictures of Vacation Bible School, Easter, Thanksgiving Dinner, Hanging of the Greens, Youth Activities, etc that you can donate for use on the boards, it would be appreciated. Please give pictures to Malena Chaplin.

## Heartland Presbytery Meeting Highlights February 20, 2010

The Presbytery gathered with prayer at the Southminster Presbyterian Church in Prairie Village, KS. The Rev. Chad Herring was installed as Moderator and he, along with Rev. Landon Whitsitt preached the sermon "Living in Exile" based on Jeremiah 29:4-5 and Luke 10:1-11. The \$1,172 offering was equally divided between the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Johnson County and the Harold Thomas Center Community Mission Fund.

The presbytery dissolved the First Presbyterian Church of Kansas City, KS, at their request effective June 2, 2010. (There is a contract pending on the sale of their former facilities that may close on June 1.) The presbytery gave thanks to God for the 129 years of mission and ministry in Wyandotte County by the congregation. A litany of celebration and a photographic montage were shared by the church. The presbytery approved ordination for two candidates: Amy Ramirez-Spears of the Grandview Park, Kansas City, KS, and Bonnie Grabowski of Northminster in Kansas City. Amy will be pastor at First, Mitchell, IN. Bonnie will be pastor at First, Savannah, MO.

The presbytery welcomed several transferring ministers: Rev. David Carlson to First, Independence, MO; Rev. Andrew Florio to Chapel Hill, Blue Springs, MO; Rev. Robert Dahlgren to King City/Albany churches; Rev. Tim Soule to Westminster, Ottawa, KS; and Rev. David Winters, HR.

The Presbytery commissioned several travelers to Thawke Village, Kenya, where the presbytery's newest mission project will be located which will include construction of a church, medical clinic, and a bore hole. A fall trip to Maya Quiche with the Guatemalan Partnership is also being formed.

The presbytery approved three overtures that will be forwarded to the General Assembly concerning G-6.0106b and W-4.9001. Those will be posted at the Assembly website: <http://www.pc-biz.org/Explorer.aspx> then click "Search". This is where all overtures from presbyteries and synods are posted.

The Council reported that 2009 ended on a sound financial note and they have great hope that 2010 will be equally as sound. Many elders and ministers were elected to the presbytery's committees and divisions however, there several more opportunities for service are available for volunteers from our churches.

The presbytery meeting adjourned 45 minutes ahead of docket!

**Next Stated Meeting:**  
**Tuesday, April 20, 2010, 9:00 a.m.**  
**First Presbyterian Church - Pleasant Hill, MO**



**Adams, Daniel and Carol**—Missionaries in Korea. Needs prayers.

**Alexander, Polly**—Has cancer friend of Bill and Alice Garrison

**Benware, Alberta**— Needs prayer. Friend of Mary Pat Meyer

**Evans, Phyllis**—Has breast cancer, close friend of Bill and Alice Garrison

**Gardener, Chris**— has stage 4 lymphoma, seeking bone marrow transplant. Cousin of Steve Long

**Goodman, Audrey**— Needs prayer

**Heartland Presbytery is asked to pray** for the crisis in Haiti and our own congregation Christ Presbyterian Church, the First Haitian Christian Fellowship and their CLP, Olain Francois.

**Maloney, Bob**— Suffered a minor heart attack

**Miller, Sheryl**—Needs prayer has cancer. Amber Beerends cousin

**Sherwood, William**—Is in Appleton City Manor

**Woolsey, Sally Jo**— Needs prayer

**Military Personnel at home and abroad**

**Victims of Natural Disasters**

Session

Deacons

Class of 2010

Ken Meyer	540-5541
Alison Snyder	540-4682
Patty Sudhoff	590-3181

Class of 2010

Ruth Talkington	540-6225
Cris Brockman	540-3466
Jan Edmonsond	720-8088

Class of 2011

Chris Taylor	540-4517
Jerry Talkington	540-6225
Frances Armstrong	987-4132

Class of 2011

Steve Long	540-5649
Donna Long	540-5649
Gladys Long	540-5934

Class of 2012

Marsha Burris	540-3766
Jim Beerends	540-4811

Class of 2012

Curtis Shaffer	892-2155
Dawn Anderson	987-3497
Amber Beerends	540-4811

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## Worship with Us!

We invite you to join in the worship of God each Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. We also invite you to participate in the prayers, fellowship, work and activities of this church. For more information about these opportunities to be involved in the First Presbyterian Church of Pleasant Hill, please speak with any member of Session, Pastor Mercer or call the church office at 816-540-6179.



### Office Hours

Monday– Office Close  
Tuesday– Thursday 9-1  
Friday 9-12

### Clothes Closet

Tuesday 9-12  
Thursday 6 pm-7:30 pm

### First Presbyterian Staff

Rev Madeline Mercer, Pastor  
Alison Snyder, Clerk of Session  
Pam White, Church Secretary  
Vickie Taylor, Church Treasurer  
Ebony Shaffer, Choir Director  
Mary Pat Meyer, Church Organist  
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