

the Epistle

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From the Pastor's Heart

On February 27, a team of volunteers from our church will join a team of volunteers from Philadelphia Presbyterian Church in Mint Hill and drive to New Orleans, Louisiana, for a week long mission trip.

We will stay at John Calvin Presbyterian Church, a community of faith that has transformed their church into a place of welcome and rest for countless groups traveling to the area to offer hands-on help to neighbors struggling with rebuilding and renewal in the wake of the devastating storms of 2005.

Our work sites for the week will be coordinated by Project Homecoming, a rebuilding effort of the Presbytery of South Louisiana in partnership with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. These organizations continue to be committed to rebuilding homes devastated by hurricanes that belong to families who are low-income, uninsured, underinsured, disabled, or elderly.

For me, traveling outside of my community and venturing into a new place where need is real and help is welcome has always proven to be a powerful faith experience. God calls us to share through our words and actions the good news of hope, restoration, and new life for God's people and that is exactly what we will be doing as we offer our time, energy, and care to families on the Gulf Coast.

But whether we travel and participate in a mission trip away or engage in service right here at home, whatever, wherever, we are working in the name of our Lord who calls all of us to love and serve our neighbors near and far.

Our hope is that this trip, which filled up before we could even advertise the opportunity to everyone, will be a seed-planting trip. With God's help and through some hard work, your mission team will plant seeds of hope, love, care, and assistance while away. We also expect that the organizers at Project Homecoming, veteran mission trip participants from Philadelphia Presbyterian, and the homeowners and neighbors we will meet will plant some seeds within our group that can then be shared here in Wadesboro and perhaps grow and flourish into future mission opportunities for all who are interested.

Please keep the following mission trip participants in your prayers as we journey, serve, work, worship, and return home to you to share some of what we learned and how we saw God at work in the world.

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| Calvin Catoe | Thomas Huntley | Alex McLeod |
| Heather Koontz | Ellen Huntley | Jeanne Price |
| Brooke Alex McLeod | | |

Blessings,

Heather

SESSION

The next stated meeting of Session will be
Sunday, February 13, after Worship.
Minutes are posted on the bulletin board for your
information.

MEMBER CARE NOTES

MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS

In Memory of William B. Little, Jr. by
Mr. & Mrs. Fulton C. Allen
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Welles
Mary Louise Little
Agnes Summerlin
Caroline Lockett
Martha Cloud Chapman
Anne Dewey Heartt Gregory
Frances Hunley
Charles & Lillian Allen

Donation to the Memorial Fund Music Fund
by Alice Grimes

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Honor your friend or loved one with a contribution
to First Presbyterian Women of the Church.

Presbyterian Women Fund Contributions

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. T. E. Ellis
by Alice Grimes

In Memory of George Robert Trexler by
David & Peggy Trexler

In Memory of Claude Steele by
David & Peggy Trexler

In Honor of Sarah Trexler by
David & Peggy Trexler

In Honor of David Trexler by
Peggy Trexler

In Honor of Shirley Harward by
David & Peggy Trexler

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

We have received the necessary software to build the new church directory. Please submit your individual or family pictures by March 1st, 2011, if you were not able to attend the Lifetouch photography sessions. Please bring them to the church and put them in Jeanne Price's mailbox, or give them directly to Jim Boylin, Ross Huntley, or Jeanne at church.

FELLOWSHIP TIME

Member Care will host a Fellowship Time immediately after church on February 20th. Please make plans to remain after church for a few minutes to celebrate the commissioning of the Mission Team. The Mission Team will travel to New Orleans on Sunday, February 27th, with other volunteers from Philadelphia Presbyterian Church. The group will return on Saturday, March 5th.

WORSHIP NOTES/ CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

February 6, 2011

Last year more than 260,000 young people across the nation worked together in the weeks before and on the Sunday of the Super Bowl football game to fight hunger and poverty in their local communities. They collected \$10 million in dollars and food for local hunger-relief charities. They donated 100% of their donation directly to the local charity of their choice, then reported it to Souper Bowl of Caring to be included in the national total. This year's goal is \$11 million collected for hunger-relief charities in local communities. Help us grow this grassroots movement and tackle hunger in America!

This year, we are asking for you to offer your monetary and/or canned food donation during our worship service on February 6th. All of the money and food collected will remain here to be used by our WACOM food pantry ministry.

On Souper Bowl Sunday 130 million people will tune in to the Super Bowl football game. There will be abundant food, friendship, and fellowship. At the same time, there will be people worrying about clothing their families, looking for shelter and hoping for a warm meal. Since the Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990, over \$60 million has been given to help those in need. None of this money ever goes to the Souper Bowl of Caring head-quarters, but remains in the local communities to be used to help those in need. Please demonstrate God's love by loving our neighbors and share a monetary or canned food donation during church on February 6th.

INTERCHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

February 9, 2011

The next Interchurch Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 9, 2011, at 12:00 PM at Dorothy Ann Hardison's home.



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER AND TALENT SHOW

March 8, 2011

Please mark Tuesday, March 8th, on your calendars! Member Care and Christian Education and Worship are making plans for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. The fun will begin at 6:00 PM. Our traditional griddle masters are lined up – Jerry Ridenhour has once again agreed to be in charge of purchasing the groceries, the Scouts will help with serving, and we have several great talent acts lined up. We do ask that if you volunteer to take the sausage home to cook, please bring it in warm that evening as our ovens will be in use to keep the pancakes warm as they are cooked.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

March 9, 2011

The Ash Wednesday Service will be March 9, 2011, this year. More details will be posted in the bulletin and the March Newsletter.



INCLEMENT WEATHER

Please be aware throughout this winter season that the church will notify WSOC TV Channel 9 regarding inclement weather closings.

You are also welcome to contact Heather Koontz at 704-307-7676 or Bonnie Morgan at 704-695-5373 with questions about our worship schedule.

SACRAMENT OF LORD'S SUPPER



Do this in Remembrance of Me.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed during morning worship on Sunday, February 6th.



NOTES FROM JANICE



Choirs are meeting every week to rehearse special service music and will soon be practicing music for Easter. It's late this year so you have lots of time to practice with us if you would like to sing or play handbells! Come and join us!

Rehearsal Times:



Handbell Choir: Wednesdays at 6:00 PM
Chancel Choir: Wednesdays at 7:00 PM
Cherub Choir: Sundays at 9:45 AM

MISSION

SALAD LUNCHEON

The Mission Committee would like to remind you of the upcoming Salad Luncheon in April. The time is getting near to gather that special recipe to help with this fundraiser. Thanks for your support.

ANSON CRISIS MINISTRY NEEDS

February is the month that we are to provide Anson Crisis Ministry with mayonnaise and canned tomatoes. These items maybe left in the container provided at the entrance to the church.

FOOD PANTRY: WACOM

The Food Pantry has had a drastic cut in the amount of food available. We need for YOU to become more involved by bringing canned goods, meats, pasta, and cereals to the church to provide more food. We welcome volunteers of all ages.

February Food Pantry:

Set-Up – February 11th 4:00 PM

Distribution – January 12th 8:30-10:00 AM



PROPERTY/FINANCE/ ADMINISTRATION

FINANCIAL REPORT

Each week, we need \$3,264.00 to meet budget for the General Account. Below is a list of the amounts we have received in past weeks:

Jan. 2 \$5,637.00

Jan. 9 \$1,320.00

Jan. 16 \$1,582.50

Jan. 23 \$1,651.00

\$13,056.00 was needed for this period and we received \$10,190.50 – shortage of \$2,865.50 since January 1, 2011.

COMMUNITY NOTES

SOUP LUNCHEON

Tuesday, February 8, 2011



Sponsored by Anson Women's League

Vegetable Beef Soup, Crackers,
Toasted Cheese Sandwich,
Homemade Dessert, Tea

11:00AM-1:30PM

\$6.00

First Baptist Church – Lee Avenue

Call Ross Huntley 704-695-7009 for tickets
or purchase tickets from any Anson Women's
League Member



Mychal's Prayer

The Fire Department chaplain who died in the World Trade Center attack carried this prayer in his pocket written by a Franciscan friar, Mychal F. Judge, killed by debris at age 68. It's affectionately known to firemen as Mychal's Prayer:

*Lord, take me where You want me to go;
Let me meet who You want me to meet;
Tell me what You want me to say, and
Keep me out of Your way.*

ON THE LIGHT SIDE

You know you are getting old when...

- You look forward to a dull evening.
- You sit in a rocking chair and can't get it started.
- You turn out the light for economic, rather than romantic reasons.
- Your knees buckle and your belt won't.
- Dialing long distance wears you out.
- Your back goes out more than you do.

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When the \$1 bill and the \$20 bill met up, the \$1 bill said "Hey, where have you been? I haven't seen you around here very often." The \$20 bill answered, "Oh, I've been everywhere: hanging out at casinos, going on cruises, back to the U.S. for a while, going to baseball games, going to the mall and movies, and on and on. Say, how about you?" The \$1 bill replied, "The same old stuff, you know...church, church, church."

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When I was young, "complained a frustrated father, "I was disciplined by being sent to my room without supper. But now, my son has his own TV, phone, computer and CD player." "So what do you do?" asked the friend. "I send him to my room."

THINK ABOUT IT...

WORRY – The advance interest you pay on troubles that seldom come.

Chinese Proverb:

Tell me and I forget.

Show me and I remember.

Involve me and I understand.

Funny thing about kindness, the more it's used, the more you have of it.

I've learned that it's better not to wait for a crisis to discover what's important in your life.

Character is doing what's right when nobody's looking.

–J.C. Watts, Jr.

Never waste an opportunity to tell someone you love them.

The deeds you do today may be the only sermon some people will hear today.

–St. Francis of Assisi

FLOWER CALENDAR

Feb. 6 Shirley Harward
Feb. 13 Danny Deese
Feb. 20 Ashe & Kaye Ratliff
Feb. 27 OPEN

2011 Flower Calendar has been posted in the Copy Room.

(You have the option of using the silk flower arrangement for a donation of \$25 to the Mission Fund or you can make arrangements to have fresh flowers delivered from a florist. Call the Church Office for details.)

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Feb. 6 Pam Vernon & Bob Stowe
Feb. 13 Ross Huntley & Ginger Trexler
Feb. 20 Ellen & Eddie Huntley
Feb. 27 Peggy & David Trexler

Note: Please be at the church at 9:45 AM when you are scheduled to keep the Nursery.

ACOLYTE/GREETER SCHEDULE

Feb. 6 Mary Catherine Boylin
Feb. 13 Grace Morgan
Feb. 20 Luke Hyatt
Feb. 27 Tripp Trexler

USHER SCHEDULE

Feb. 6

Luke Hyatt
Jerry Ridenhour
Foyle Hightower
Hugh Wallace

Feb. 20

Alex McLeod
Calvin Catoe
Ashe Ratliff
John Edwards

Feb. 13

Bob Stowe
Bryan Trexler
Eddie Huntley
Jim Strayhorn

Feb. 27

Danny Deese
Glenn Trexler
Bob Stowe
Luke Hyatt

Note: Ushers need to be at church by 10:45 AM. If you cannot usher, it is your responsibility to get a replacement.



Happy Valentine's Day!

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