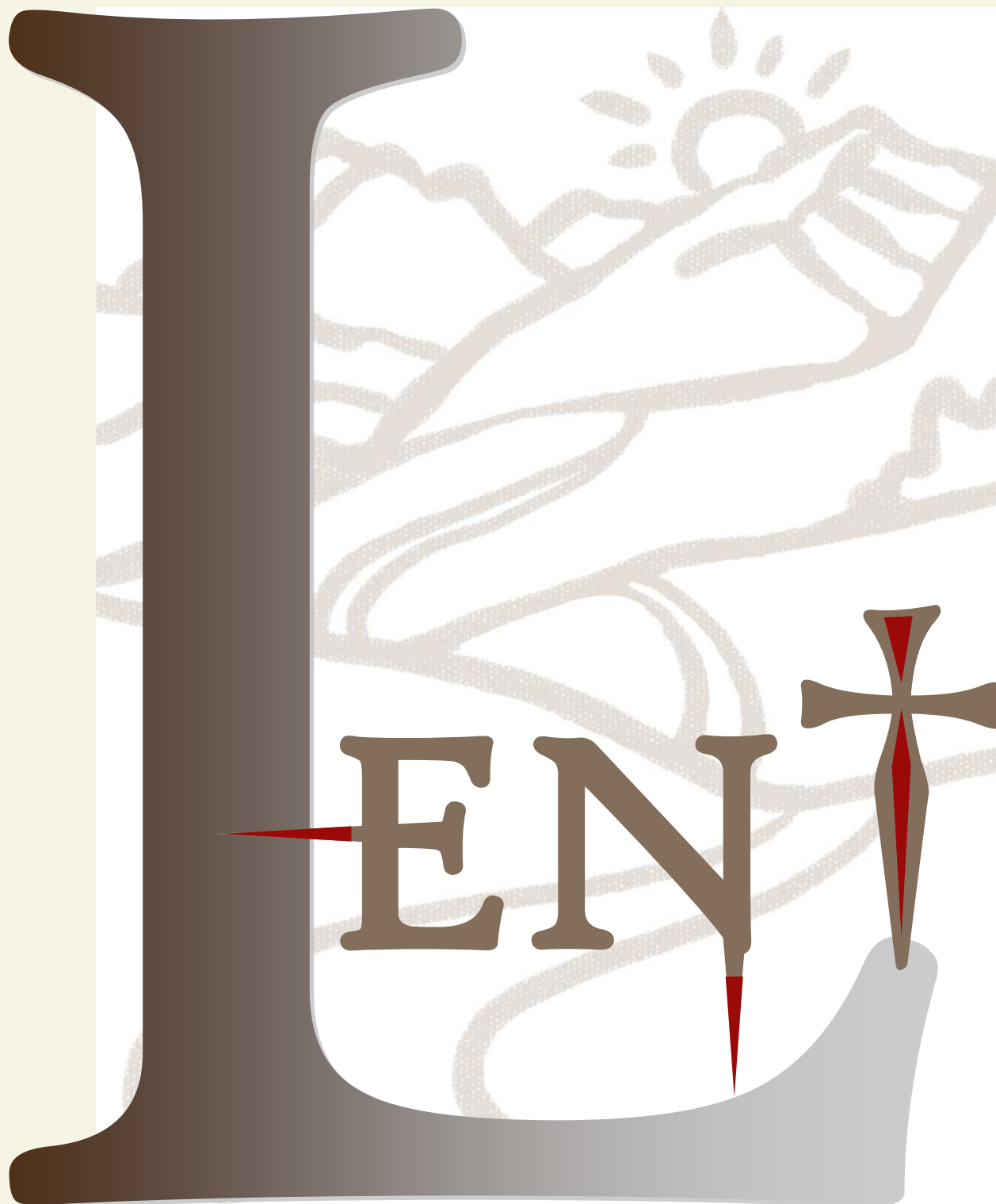


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THE PALMETTO PALM READER

HOPE AND THE SEASON OF LENT

F R O M T H E P A S T O R

As our congregation settles into our new building, our *hope* of a new home is becoming a reality.

In the aftermath of the tragedy in Haiti, I've noticed the word "HOPE" appearing in the headlines of newspapers across the country and in newscasts on various media.

Webster defines *hope* as "a feeling that what is wanted will happen." As we enter the season of Lent, we are reminded that we are sinners and thus we live in a fallen, imperfect world. But as Christians, we never lose hope of what *can* and *will* be. As Martin Luther King said in The Words of Martin Luther King: "We must accept *finite* disappointment, but we must never lose *infinite* hope."

As we face the challenges of ministry to people dealing with sickness, unemployment, family strife, mental illness, and all kinds of loss, let us remember from whence comes our hope—our hope comes from the Lord.

In February I will be preaching a series of sermons on hope: hope for acceptance, hope for happiness, hope for the church, and hope in the face of death.

I guess one of the best understandings of hope comes from Paul's letter to the church at Philippi: "*Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark.*" —Philippians 3:13-14

I hope to see you in church often in February,

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FEBRUARY WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 7th

"Hope for Acceptance"

Luke 5:1-10

FEBRUARY 14th

"Hope for Happiness"

Luke 16:1-15

Communion

FEBRUARY 17th

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

FEBRUARY 21st

"Hope for the Church"

Matthew 9:10-13,35-38

Baptism of Avery Elizabeth Martin

FEBRUARY 28th

"Hope in the Face of Death"

Luke 18:1-8



MUSIC NOTES

We have arrived at Darrell Creek Road! Or...HAVE we arrived? While we have arrived at our new place of worship, this is truly a journey that has only begun. Our first service was certainly a glorious experience, one that we should cherish. But, we should cherish and enter into every worship experience with that same level of excitement and anticipation, because we gather there to worship and experience God, not to experience a building. If we come in focused on the building, we may see some things yet unfinished. However, I hope we will include ourselves in that unfinished category as God is not finished with any of us.

The journey has only begun. There is still paint to be applied, moving to be completed, lighting to be installed and sound to be tweaked. We will probably see all of these things completed in the near future. Our real journey however, is based in what God is doing and will continue to do in our individual lives and in the ministries of Palmetto Presbyterian. Even though the building will be completed, our ministries and our own journey will only be completed when we see our Lord face to face. I pray that we each seek to find our own special place in this Palmetto journey. And remember...if you feel your journey includes music, there are still available seats in the choir!

With a song in my heart,
Crystal



OUR NEW MEMBERS

Ryan & Farrah Balderson

Kevin & Emily Carter

The Gravino Family

Jason & Melissa Herring

Jim Jones & Mary Waddell Jones

PALMETTO DEDICATION SUNDAY

Sunday, March 7th

4:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars now for this very special day in the life of our church.

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CELEBRATING LIFE



PPC's 2009 campers are ready to go back!

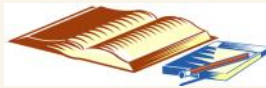
CALLING 5K-5TH GRADE CHILDREN . . . REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN for the 2010 CAP CHILDREN'S RETREAT at Bethelwoods

The Charleston Atlantic Presbytery is excited to announce the upcoming 2010 Children's Retreat at Bethelwoods Camp and Conference Center on March 13-14. The Children's Retreat is open to all 5k-5th grade children and their families or church chaperones. The Children's Retreat is an overnight experience that provides a wonderful opportunity to play, learn and worship with your children. The retreat is jam packed with Bible study, devotions, worship, games, a scavenger hunt, hiking, fishing, camp fires, hay rides, s'mores, and even a movie. This year's theme is "God's Family Reunion" from the book of Genesis. So grab your family or church children with a chaperone and head up to Bethelwoods for a fun and spiritually renewing time.

Contact Natalie Doss or Angela Redden to register.
Registration deadline is February 18th.

CONFIRMATION CLASS 2010

February 7th-April 4th



For 6th graders who are 11 or 12 years old and older youth to explore their faith, learn about being Presbyterian and what that means at PPC. There will be 7 gatherings/field trips with dates determined by youth schedules.

Informational Meeting—Sunday, February 7th, 10:00 a.m. in Preacher Mike's new office. Please bring your calendars and any sports/music/extracurricular schedules that would happen between February 7th and April 4th (Easter/Confirmation)

If you have any questions or have not been contacted and have a child in this age group, please contact Angela Redden at 881-9782 or aredden@palmettopreschurch.org

GOT CHILDREN?

- **The Ark** for ages 3 years and under is available during Sunday school and worship each Sunday. *The Ark will be available for children 3 years and under during the Ash Wednesday service.*
- **Children's Church** for children 4K-2nd Grade is available each Sunday following *Time with Children*.
- **FUEL** (*Friends United 4 Everlasting Life*) meets every 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month and welcomes children 3rd grade and up.

Save the Date for VBS: July 11-14, 2010

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IN COMMUNITY

500 CANS OF SOUP!



SOUPER TEAM CHALLENGE

Join with your shepherding group and help PPC collect 500 cans of soup!

When?

This fun challenge starts on February 14 and runs through April 18.

What do you do?

It's EASY! Just bring cans of soup and put them in your team's box. The Outreach team will tally the cans each week, and you can check out the Souper Team Challenge board to see how many cans your team has collected!

Where is the soup going?

All of the soup is going to a local food pantry that will help our Mt. Pleasant neighbors in need!

What does your team get?

Bragging rights among the shepherding groups and a really cool trophy!

FIND OUT MORE DURING THE SOUPER BOWL OF CARING ON FEBRUARY 7!



Sunday, February 7, 2010

Don't think one person and one dollar can make a difference?

THINK AGAIN!

Over 20 years ago, a small movement to help the hungry started with a simple prayer in a church in Columbia, South Carolina. Today the **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING** raises over \$10 million each year to help those who don't have enough to eat.

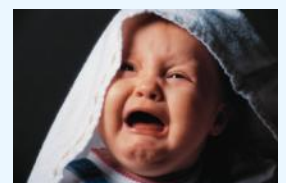
Ready to make a difference?

Let's do our part to help end hunger in South Carolina!

THANK YOU PALMETTO

The special offering for Haiti received January 17 totaled \$2952.97

We are seeking **GLIDER ROCKERS** for the cry room. If you have one to donate, please contact Natalie Doss or Angela Redden.



THANK YOU.

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TEAM PALMETTO & SESSION NEWS

DCE CORNER

Angela's Angels



The journey to get to this point for PPC has taken over six years and has been both smooth and rocky. With the vision that we have for PPC, I see this as a new beginning that is sure to be just as adventurous. I have been so blessed by the number of people who have said “yes” when I have had an “ask” of some form, and I have referred to you as an angel. Angels are creatures of good, spirits of love, and messengers of Jesus Christ. February is a month that people associate with love and Valentine’s Day. My prayer would be that we can grow our love for Christ within our church family, Mt. Pleasant, and beyond. In order to do that, I may have more “asks” of each of you, you will have “asks” of me, and together we will spread the spirit of love. I look forward to serving PPC as CE Director and sharing Angel moments with you.

FROM FINANCE TEAM

A WORD ABOUT GIVING—IMAGINE

To date almost \$50,000 has been given to the Imagine Fund, including two generous donations for our beautiful grand piano and soon to be purchased hand bells. Thanks to all who are helping us pay for our building and furnishings. IMAGINE brochures are available at the rear of the sanctuary and from the church office. We continue to accept donations, as many things are still needed.

Sandra Powell, Finance Team

NOMINATING COMMITTEE—2010

John Loesch
Nancye Mullaney
Nancy Mann

Derrick Russ
Albert van Overeem

SESSION REPORT—Julie Martin, Clerk

SESSION Highlights for January 25, 2010 Meeting

- Approved a motion to transfer \$35,000 from Operating Fund to the Building Fund
- Approved the Annual Statistical Report for 2009
- We have received 12 new members during the month of January for a total membership of 224
- Please remind everyone to be aware of the age thresholds for the various children’s programs, especially Children’s Church
- The Worship Team is still looking for Co-chairs
- Please turn in your email address to the church office, if you have not already provided this information
- Approved date for Dedication Service: March 7th at 4:00 p.m.

ELDERS—Comings and Goings

At our January 24th worship service, we ordained Sallie Aldrich and Ralph Wetherell as elders and installed them as members of the class of 2012, along with Melissa Peyton, Leonard Lindstrom, and Bill Sullivan.

A special thank you to our elders coming off session: Chris Hulse, Dottie Kelley, Angela Redden, Buck Rogers, and Albert van Overeem.

Please keep all of our elders in your prayers as they serve as the *spiritual leaders* of our congregation in 2010.

Beginning Thursday, February 4th



How does Christ want us to live? As Christians, are we different from the outside world?

The Women's Bible Study will begin an exciting study in February on the Beatitudes and the Sermon on the Mount in the Gospel of Matthew (Chapters 5-7).

Please come for an informational meeting and to get books on Thursday, February 4th at 9:30 a.m. at our beautiful new church. The Bible study will meet Thursdays from 9:30-11:00 a.m. at the church. If you have any questions, please contact Sallie Aldrich, Dottie Kelley, or Nancye Mullaney. We hope to see you there.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE FEBRUARY 17th 7:00 p.m.

Join us for this meaningful service of reflection and repentance as we begin the Season of Lent 2010.

Inquirer's Dessert

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14th
3:00 p.m.
at the home of
Mike & Rosemary Fitze
1865 S. James Gregarie Road



Our visitors, friends of the church and "prospects for membership" are invited to meet other new folks at Palmetto, hear the vision for the church, meet someone from the session and our Evangelism Team, and learn how you can become a member at Palmetto . . . and enjoy some good desserts. Please join us!

(Please RSVP to the Church Office 884-1504)

SCOUT RECOGNITION SUNDAY



100 YEARS
of
SCOUTING
1910-2010

Sunday, February 7th, is Scout Sunday and Palmetto would like to recognize all Scouts, Scout leaders, and those who have been Scouts. This year is the 100th Birthday/Anniversary of the founding of Scouting. Scouts are encouraged to wear their uniforms on February 7th.

Wings of Faith

Women's Christian Fiction Book Club

February 16th at Lori Russ'
Have A Little Faith (Mitch Albom)

March 16th at Angela Redden's
Leaving Church (Barbara Brown Taylor)

For more information contact:

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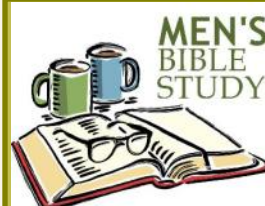
Angela (aredden@palmettopreschurch.org)



SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES



RESUMES
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7th
at 9:15 a.m.



Weekly Each Friday
7:00 a.m.
at the Church

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SUNDAY MORNING

9:15-10:00 a.m. — Sunday School

10:00-10:30 a.m. — Fellowship

10:30-11:30 a.m. — Worship

Children's Church with a planned lesson for 4K-2nd grade is offered weekly following "Time with Children" (during the worship service). FUEL for 3rd grade & up is offered on the 2nd & 4th Sundays.

PALMETTO SESSION

Sallie Aldrich
Fred Anderson
Rob Davis
Elaine Kloos
Leonard Lindstrom
John Loesch
Julie Martin
Nancye Mullaney
Melissa Peyton
Dick Redden
Lori Russ
Anne Smyre
Bill Sullivan
Beth Taylor
Ralph Wetherell

NEW MEMBER CLASS

The Session meets in Mike's office each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. to receive new members. Please speak to Mike or one of the Elders (wearing the gold name tags) about joining Palmetto.

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