

Presbyterian Women

- In December we sent 121 Yoplait yogurt lids to “Save Lids to Save Lives” to further breast cancer research.
- Peggy Reinhold, former missionary to the Congo, wrote to thank us for the stamps we sent; the total from all stamp contributions was \$7388.93. With this money Peggy made final payment on a new printing press for the Presbyterian Press of the Congo and sent \$3000 for new Bibles. She also helped the school of theology with \$1000 for scholarships.
- In March we mailed 275 Campbell soup labels to Menaul School in Albuquerque; they are saving to purchase video projectors for their classrooms (each projector takes 90,000 labels). We also sent 455 BoxTops for Education; they have realized \$15,147.28 through the project since 2001. BoxTops for Education are on General Mills cereals, Kleenex, Pillsbury, Prego, and Saran products.

Collection envelopes for BoxTops, Campbell labels, and cancelled stamps are on the bulletin board near the office and near the Coke machine by Fellowship Hall.

Thanks for all your help!

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Next Deadline - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2008

The Shield – Online in PDF on the church website. Contact Ryan Hunnicutt ryan@saint-andrew.com to remove your name from the snail mail list; help us save on printing and postage.

Articles – Submit articles to Linda Steger at linda@saint-andrew.com. Thank You!

Men's Breakfast

Thursday Mornings, 7:00-7:50am,

Lent is a great time to join the men of St. Andrew in Fellowship Hall on Thursday mornings for some nourishment, both physical and spiritual, leavened with a bit of laughter. You'll be glad you did.

Red Cross Blood Drive

March 21, Rec. Center, 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Sign up in the narthex for a specific time to donate.

Walk-ins also welcome.



THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FAMILY
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Associate Pastor's Column

Friends,


In his letter to the Romans, the Apostle Paul wrote: “For I am longing to see you so that I may share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen you—or rather so

that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine” (1:11-12). These two verses provide the character and intent of reaching out in mission. This is especially the case when we consider fellow believers around the world who certainly experience distinct trials and sufferings, yet have so much to offer in how their faith—shaped by how God is working in their particular time, place, and circumstances—is a sustaining force in their lives.

We have a mission team leaving for Guatemala over spring break. This team is comprised of faithful folks from our congregation and devoted college students, who are giving themselves to travel far away, to experience life in another community, be stretched in their understanding of how God is at work, and to be instruments of Christ. One of the many benefits of any kind of mission work is that through our selfless giving we often receive more than we expected. The outcome is nothing short of being “...mutually encouraged by each other's faith...” In a world where some kind of discouragement seems to be at every turn, a little Christ-like encouragement goes a long way. Its impact is enough to provide sustaining change and gripping hope in people's lives.

Will you join me in praying for our mission team to Guatemala, that they will have traveling mercies and spiritual growth, be equipped to touch the lives of others in need, and return with a deepened understanding and experience of God? It's a remarkable gift to be able to give of ourselves, whether on a local level or in another culture.

On behalf of the Guatemala mission team, we covet your thoughts and prayers, and we look forward to sharing our experience with you.

In Christ, 

Guatemala Team: David Strutton, Bob Heilig, Leslie Kregel, Jim White, Roger & Jan Lewis, Brandon Lewis, Kelsey Raney, Brandi Lynn Schoel, Cody Culberson, Casey Blair, Alyx Stevens, Cindy Farrar, Stephanie Blue, and Sarah Gibbs

MISSION NEWS

Habitat House Dedicated March 7

It's hard to believe that the Hardison family's house in Sanger has been completed and that they can move into their new home. A brief service of dedication was held last Saturday morning at 10:00, followed by celebration and light refreshments. The Mission committee and our Habitat Coordinator, Todd Cook, would like to thank the congregation for their support and service in this ministry to our neighbors.

Community Outreach Household Drive

The Community Outreach committee collected household items for HOPE, Inc., to help homeless families make the transition from a shelter to independent living. Thanks to your generosity, the following were collected during the three-week drive.

127 Rolls Toilet Paper 4 Mops & 2 Brooms
60 Rolls Paper Towels 5 sets of sheets
7 Laundry baskets 24 Dish Towels, 6 Potholders
18 containers of Laundry Detergent
35 Wash Cloths, 9 Hand Towels, 24 Bath Towels

Stephen Ministry Update

The Stephen Leaders would like to introduce two members of the new class of Stephen Ministry candidates, Judy Cherry and Edie Lenaburg. We'll introduce Kristy Dimka, Barb Haflich and Charlotte Guest in the April issue. We are proud and delighted to welcome them into this ministry at St. Andrew.

Judy Cherry: Judy was born and raised in Odessa, Texas. She is one of three children; her parents still live in Odessa and she visits them as often as possible. Judy is a registered nurse who worked for 38 years, retiring in July of 2006. Her area of expertise is



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surgical nursing and she worked in the operating room for approximately 20 years. She is married to Jim, her husband of 42 years; they've been members here for 33 years. Judy and Jim have four children, eight grandchildren and two dogs.

Judy's hobbies include reading, quilting, walking the dogs and spending time with her family, especially the grandchildren. Judy is looking forward to serving God as a Stephen Minister in her church and community.



Edie Lenaburg: Edie has lived in Denton for the past 15 years, not far from where she grew up in Carrollton. She joined St. Andrew in 2003. Edie is in her second year of serving on the Diaconate and enjoys coming to Super Wednesday with her 11 year-old daughter, Peyton.

Edie has been a workers' compensation hearings representative with Hartford Insurance the past four and a half years. Edie is looking forward to learning as much as she can in the Stephen Ministry training and enhancing her ability to help others in their time of need.

The Children's Place Annual Fundraiser
March 26, 5:30-7:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

Caterer: Classic Café

Menu: Meat & veggie lasagnas, salad, garlic bread

Kids' Menu: Chick-fil-a

Take out orders will be available.

Tickets – in the narthex Sunday, March 22, at Super Wednesday, March 25, & The Children's Place office

Adults: \$9 in advance, \$10 at the door

Kids: \$4 in advance, \$5 at the door

The only fundraiser held by The Children's Place, the monies raised are used for equipment and teaching tools, scholarships, and other preschool expenses. The silent auction will include restaurant gift cards, sports event/passes, sports memorabilia, services, etc. The staff encourages you to come share a good meal and support this worthwhile ministry at St. Andrew.

Our Daily Bread – February Stats

Patrons Served: 3044

Meals Served: 3893

Cost of Food per Patron: \$0.26

Cost of Food per Meal: \$0.20

Easter Music and Flowers

Contributions for Easter music and flowers are being received in the church office. If you would like to make a donation in memory or in honor of family or friends, please fill out the form provided, attach it to your donation, and leave it in the folder marked Easter Flowers and Music Donations on Sue Russell's desk. Thank You.

PC(U.S.A.) Mission Initiatives

New Missionaries ~ Twelve new Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) international mission personnel attended orientation in Louisville in January of 2009 and have started or will soon start their international assignments in Peru, Guatemala, Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Sudan, Costa Rica, Ethiopia, and along the U.S/Mexican border.

The new mission personnel include: The Rev. Sara Armstrong, Rusty Edmondson, Alexandra Buck, Amanda Craft, the Rev. David Dierksen, Dr. John and Gwenda Fletcher, the Rev. Brenda Harcourt, Jed Koball, Nancy McGaughey, the Rev. Stacey Steck, and Nathaniel Veltman. Please pray for these individuals as they begin to serve.

Session Highlights

At its meeting on February 18, 2009, the Session:

- Approved the report of the Ruth Anderson Bequest Committee, including disbursements for 2009,
- Learned about the possible use of a cable advertisement during Lent,
- Discussed proposed amendments to the Book of Order,
- Approved the list of unordained members to serve Homebound Communion, and
- Heard about the need for a portable sound system for use in the Sunday evening service.

Gail Graves, Clerk of Session

One Great Hour of Sharing

Offering Received Easter Sunday, April 12

This annual offering for our denomination is used by three groups. The Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 36%, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance receives 32%, and Self-development of People receives 32% of the funds collected. Watch your bulletin for inserts about these programs in the weeks ahead.

Thank You

Thank you so very much for your church's contribution to the Community Food Center in 2008. St. Andrew gave 2,731 pounds of food and \$2,500. Donated food items help us meet approximately 30% of the daily need and the remaining 70% is purchased using the money donated.... Thank you for your continued support of the Denton Community Food Center--an all volunteer staffed, donor funded and supported, community-based charity serving the local community.

Tom Newell, Chair, Board of Directors and Virden Seybold, Correspondent to Churches

Did You Know That...?

- Bill Turner and Roger Lewis went to Port Neches in early February to help set up the PDA Volunteer Village on the grounds of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Port Neches, Texas.
- Jackson Cook, first grader, took first place in the Science Fair at his school; he explored the world of gum in his experiment.
- Elizabeth Smith will preach her candidacy sermon at St. Andrew on March 22, 2009.
- Stephen Plunkett is currently appearing onstage in "This Beautiful City" at The Vineyard, off Broadway in New York City.

Birthday Endowment

The Birthday Endowment fund celebrants in February were:

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| Earldean McNeill | Elizabeth McMath |
| Linda Steger | Jean Judy |
| Peggy Capps | Gail Graves |
| Mark Lewis | Hannah Guerrero |
| Katie Tolle | Evelyn McAdow |

Irene Six' name was incorrectly listed as "Irene Smith" in the January list, for which we sincerely apologize. Thank you for sharing in this ministry and Happy Birthday!

Reformation Corner

Question: *What is the importance of Jesus' resurrection?*

Response: The resurrection of Jesus Christ is a completely unique event in which Jesus was raised from death by God's power and brings the reality of a new, eternal life of hope to those who believe in him.



Prayer Concerns

- John Gossett
- Rose Pate
- Olga Frick
- Elizabeth Watson
- Patsy Patterson
- Jay Carradine
- Rhea Patton, sister of June McNeill
- Jenna Adair, friend of Jordan Dodson
- Dale Helms, step-father of Kim Vasquez
- Joe Vasquez, father of Jesse Vasquez
- Monroe Klein, friend of the Dodson family
- Family of Brian Robinson, friend of Brian & Kathy Brooks
- Family of Jerry Hoytt Boles, Jr., brother of Betty Bell and uncle of Nancy Cortes
- Family of Steve Griffith, son of Jim & Donna Griffith
- Family of Kevin Bailey, cousin of Amy Ball



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Theresa Tweedy | 17 Connie Reynolds |
| 2 Doug Hill | Lisa Patterson |
| Jennifer Rentschlar | Gunnison Hays |
| Cal Brown | 19 Anna Hendrix |
| Parker Parris | Amy Ball |
| 4 Glenn Highland | Jonna Schneider |
| Sara Turner | Ryan Brown |
| Vera Odei | 20 Jack Burdett |
| Andy Trachsel | Andrew Dittman |
| 5 Janice Malone | Joseph Maloy |
| Michael Ball | 21 Nathan Fuhrman |
| Leigh Dorton | 22 Beverly Johnson |
| Karen Laney | 23 Sharon Shellis |
| 6 Samantha Guerrero | 25 Carl Kasper |
| 7 Julia Turley | Drew Lara |
| Shalana Brown | 26 Charlotte Sparks |
| 8 Anna Farish | Myra Crownover |
| Betty Sue Grandey | Mary Hubble |
| Anna Harris | Becky King |
| 9 Jackson Fite | 27 Betty Pryor |
| 10 Butch Ross | Jim Cherry |
| Mark Glasschroeder | Elizabeth Watson |
| 11 Cynthia Nelson | 28 Sonya Hueholt |
| Laura Wells | Grant Jacobson |
| 12 Greg Anderson | Ed Hutchison |
| 13 Joe Belanger | Mike Ishee |
| 14 Yawo Bessa | Chris Bancroft |
| Heather Highland | Chris Callaway |
| Trevor Highland | 29 Emma Lou Floyd |
| Jeremiah Bessa | Joan Hartney |
| 15 Lynn Ebersole | Leslie Kregel |
| 16 Rebecca Lauderman | Tiffanie Dodson |
| | Andrew Smith |