

KELLEY'S CORNER

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LENT 2010

This month of February the season of Lent commences in the Presbyterian Church, as well as in the life and faith of churches and Christians throughout the world. The season of Lent is the period of our spiritual preparation and progression to Easter. Throughout the season of Lent we remember and revere the way that Jesus loved us in his life, and we review and renew the way that he leads us in our lives. The scriptures of the Lenten season show us the ways that Jesus envisioned and enacted his calling as our messiah, as well as the ways that we envision and enact our calling as his disciples.

There are always 6 Sundays in Lent, beginning with the wilderness temptations of Jesus on the first Sunday of Lent, and culminating with the Jerusalem arrival of Jesus on Palm Sunday. Lent demonstrates that Jesus continually chose to be the Messiah who would serve God and save people. During the Lenten season we see how Jesus fulfilled his calling, and we see how we fulfill ours as his disciples. The major meaning of Lent can be concisely condensed into just one word—consecration, meaning, given and devoted to a particular purpose. Jesus consecrated himself to God for us, and we consecrate ourselves to Christ for God.

It is most appropriate that our first Sunday of Lent is also our Consecration Sunday of our stewardship season. On Consecration Sunday we bring and set forth our special and significant faith commitment to God. We pledge to genuinely and gratefully give something back to God because we give ourselves to the God who has already given so much to us. Our financial commitment to God is one, and only one, aspect of our faith commitment to God. Most basically and importantly, Lent is the time for our spiritual commitment to God. It is the time for us to make the time to learn more in our minds, love more in our hearts, and pray more in our souls. The primary Presbyterian precept that fits perfectly with the Lenten season is one that is prominently placed at the front of the Book of Confessions and the Book of Order: “we are always being reformed by the word of God and call of the Spirit.” For that purpose please read and reflect upon our scriptures for the Sundays of Lent.

1 st Sunday in Lent – February 21	Deut. 26:1-11; Ps. 91:1-2, 9-16, Rom. 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13
2 nd Sunday in Lent – February 28	Gen 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps. 27; Phil. 3:17- 4:1; Luke 13:31-35
3 rd Sunday in Lent – March 7	Isa. 55:1-9; Ps. 63:1-8; 1 Cor. 10:1-13 Luke 13:1-9
4 th Sunday in Lent – March 14	Josh. 5:9-12; Ps. 32; 2 Cor. 5:16-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
5 th Sunday in Lent – March 21	Isa. 43:16-21; Ps. 126; Phil. 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8
Palm Sunday – March 28	Luke 19:28-40; Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29, Isa. 50:4-9a; Ps. 31:9-16; Phil. 2:5-11; 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49

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HOSPITALITY

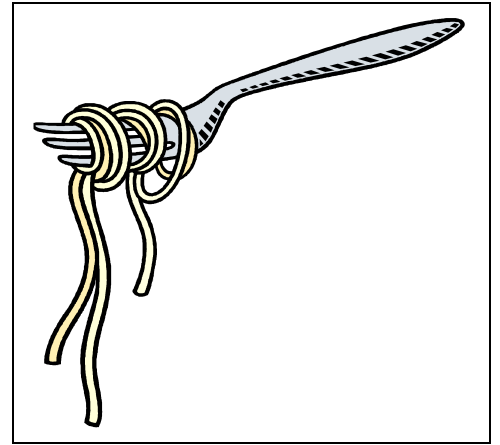
While not everyone feels comfortable at the helm of a social event, some folks have a natural talent for making guests feel special. You might think those hospitality genes are inherited, but just because your mom isn't Paula Deen, you're not off the hook. That's because hospitality takes on added dimensions and new definition for the Christian.

Romans 12:13 encourages us all to practice hospitality, whether it is our spiritual gift or not. In fact, the Greek word philozenia is actually a combination of two words – philos, meaning "affection" and zenos, meaning "stranger." While usually translated to mean hospitality, philozenia signifies affection toward strangers.

Whether we have the spiritual gift of hospitality or not, it can be a part of our way of life. None of us deny that it's easier to share hospitality with family and friends than with the stranger on the street. But the New Testament teaches us that Christianity is the religion of open hands, open hearts, and open doors. When we open our hearts as well as our homes, we're practicing Christian hospitality.

**Katie MacKeracher, Chair
Hospitality Committee**

You Are Invited



Mark your calendar for our annual
spaghetti dinner!

When: Saturday, Feb. 13

Time: 6:00 pm

Where: KPC Fellowship Hall

Menu: Spaghetti, salad, bread and dessert

Bring your sweetheart and join us for great food and fellowship! This is a fundraiser dinner for the youth; there is no cost for the meal however donations are much appreciated.



Youth News

February 2010

We have a ton of upcoming events planned for the next couple of months. Tennis starts in March and this season we are adding a Middle School group that will meet on Sunday afternoons at 3:00. This will begin on March 14th and go through May 9th; we will not be meeting on Sunday, April 4th. We will need volunteers to help set up the courts and possibly be crowd control. Our elementary group will start Wednesday, March 17th and end May 12th. There will be no tennis on April 7th because of spring break. We need many more volunteers for the group! Everyone will have the opportunity to help, we need people to help set up the courts, help with Bible study time, cooking dinners and people willing to mingle and meet with the parents. Please get with Shannon if you are able to help or if you have any questions.

We have been working on the upstairs Sunday School rooms! We have updated the nursery with new books, toys and equipment. Two rooms and the hallway have been painted and the youth room has been set up, they are really enjoying having more room. The youth asked that I give a huge shout out to the very generous donation that was made towards their new TV.

Upcoming Events

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| Sat. Feb. 13 - 6:00pm | Spaghetti Dinner | Youth meet at church @ 3:00 |
| Sun. Feb. 14 - 7:00pm | Fun Day | Elm. Age 7:00pm to 10:00pm
Middle & High 7:00pm to 9:00
am |
| | (Bring snacks and a movie or a game to share, breakfast item, middle and high school - bring money for late night dinner, and sleeping bag and pillow.) | |
| Tues. Feb. 16 - | Shrove Tuesday | Intergenerational Activity |
| Wed. Feb. 17 - | No Wednesday night activities | |
| Sun. Feb. 28 - 3:00 | Movie Meeting | middle and high
(Need a volunteer to bring popcorn and drinks, get with me if you are able to bring it this month) |
| Sun. March 14 | Fun Day | All Ages (activity to be announced) |
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**Kelley Presbyterian Church
PLANNING TEAM
Facility Upgrade**

The Planning team kicked off to a great start last year and has identified several areas that could benefit from a facility upgrade at Kelley Church. "We want our church to be a destination more than a landmark."

In the Narthex we have set up our bulletin board to show you the pictures of the new door, colors we have picked and how a new ceiling would look in our Sanctuary. Many people are chipping in;

- Betty Chafin's family is donating the new church doors and door cover in her memory.
- The paint for the Sanctuary has been donated.
- Several congregation members have volunteered to do the molding around the ceiling and judges paneling.
- New signage is donated and to be received shortly.

We have already received a monetary donation but we need a little more help. If you would like to donate money towards the "facility upgrade", please mark your donation to the church as "Facility Upgrade." If you have a skill set in any of these areas and would like to volunteer please let us know. Currently we are looking for someone to help with the sound system and wiring for the church chimes.

Our church is a great example of teamwork. We are all motivated and energized to "make a difference." You will start to see some changes around the church, but we need your input too. If you have any ideas or recommendations for Kelley Presbyterian church that you would like to send to the Planning team, please contact any member of the team.

The Planning team members are: Kevin and Frances Scott, Nancy Isaac, Chris Sanders, Kay Yancey, Carolyn Whitford, Elizabeth Kilfoyle, Paul Rohrabough, Shannon Whitford, Barbara Keller and Pastor Dan Ottaviano.

Remember to check out our bulletin board!!

Dollars and Cents

The following represents are Income/Expense for the month of January. Total income for January was \$10,566.22. Thanks to diligent stewardship by committees total expenses were only \$9,008.88. Our yearly budget is \$162,374.96

and our monthly needs are \$13,531.00. Please see Kay Yancey, Treasurer, or Billy Cole, Chair of Admin Finance with any questions.

Shrove Tuesday

We will be celebrating Shrove Tuesday here at Kelley on Tuesday, February 16, starting at 6 pm. What is Shrove Tuesday? It all began....

During the Middle Ages, it was customary for Christians to attend church the day before the start of Lent to ask forgiveness for all their wrongs. This forgiveness was called being "shriven". Thus, the derivation to Shrove Tuesday.

Here at Kelley we will celebrate by having the traditional pancake dinner and there is tradition to that as well. In Medieval times housewives used up all their fat drippings and made pancakes. In those days Lent meant giving up meat and animal fat. Today you still find some who give up meat or some other "luxury" for Lent.

The legend goes that in 1445 a housewife was preparing pancakes and heard the church bells peeling. Hurrying to be "shriven", she carried her griddle and pancakes with her...letting them cook as she raced to church. To this day the race continues as a 500 year-old Lenten tradition in Olney, England.

We hope you will join in this traditional celebration as we prepare for Lent by first eating a pancake supper and then participating in an Intergenerational program readying us for Lent.

FEBRUARY CHURCHWIDE EVENTS

Thursday, February 11 – Session meeting 7 pm Church Parlor.

Saturday, February 13, 6 pm – Our youth will host a fund-raiser spaghetti dinner in the Hospitality

Center.

Sunday, February 14 – "Service of Healing and Wholeness" in the Sunday morning worship service.

Tuesday, February 16, Shrove Tuesday – Intergenerational Pancake dinner/program, 6 pm, in the Hospitality Center.

Sunday, February 21 – Consecration Sunday, first Sunday of Lent, when we will consecrate our stewardship pledges to God followed by a catered, churchwide dinner.