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Sunday Services:

9:30 A.M.

Sunday School for All
Ages

10:30 A.M.

Fellowship

Chancel Choir

Rehearsal

10:45 A.M.

Worship Service

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

5:30 P.M.

Wednesday Night

Suppers

Followed by

Activities for children
and adults

7:00 P.M. Chancel
Choir

The Grapevine

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“ I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit.” John 15:5 NIV

REV. RHODES STIPP,
INTERIM PASTOR

APRIL 2010

“ A Word from Rhodes”

My Dear Friends,

As I write to you I am aware that this will be my Easter greeting; however, we continue this week to walk through Holy Week. I believe that it is only when we are faithful to the Holy Week journey that we can begin to truly grasp the glorious news of Christ’s resurrection!

Most of us do not suffer much for others. Often we don’t give of our resources sacrificially. We don’t actually work hard for others. Perhaps the best we do is worry, fret and stew about the difficulties others face; but there is little that we actually sacrifice on behalf of those most in need.

It is hard to imagine that Jesus, our Lord, suffered on our behalf! The agony of his last week that was spiritual, physical and emotional is beyond our easy comprehension — and it was all on our behalf. Why? I believe it was because he knew God’s will for his life. He freely chose to live his whole life in obedience to God’s will. What power there is for all of us in seeking to do that!

I close with the following prayer of the Church:

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that I, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord’s resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Peace and love,

Rhodes



"Happy
April
Birthday"



- 10 - John Barnard
- 13 - Julie Addison
- 19 - Allen Goldapp, Peter Loftus
- 23 - Beverly Singleton
- 26 - Barbara Furman
- 29 - Diane Felix, Marie Harvey

APRIL MENU FOR FAIN CAFÉ

April 7 - POTLUCK

Bring your favorite dish or
dessert to share

April 14 - Sausage & Bell Peppers, Pinto Beans,
Salad, Corn

April 21 - Fish Fry, Red Beans, Hushpuppies

April 28 - BBQ Baked Chicken, Mashed Potatoes,
Green Beans, Salad



Wednesday
Night
Supper

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE FOR
THE MONTH OF MARCH 2010**

- March 7 - 10:45 a.m. service - 71
- March 14 - 10:45 a.m. service - 77
- March 21 - 10:45 a.m. service - 89
- March 28 - 10:45 a.m. service - 95
- Palm Sunday

In Memory of Blake Kouri

By: Joe & Nan Johnson

In Memory of Ruby McCormick

By: Joe & Nan Johnson



**Deadline for the May
newsletter is
Tuesday, April 27!**



FLOWERS FOR THE EASTER CROSS

**Remember to bring flowers for the flowering of the cross on
Easter Sunday!!**

"MISSION KIDS" SUNDAY

APRIL 11, 2010

ITEMS NEEDED AT IMI:

Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Meat, Canned Fruit, Canned Corn

Canned Green Beans, Cereal, Oatmeal, Saltine Crackers

Personal Items: toothpaste, soap, deodorant



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women prepared and served lunch to students, mentors, and staff of the Christian Women's Job Corp on March 9th. A big thank you to Dotsy Hill, Charlene Wilcox, Doris Madera, Pauline Kouri, Ann Cunningham, Ronni Davis, Ann Barnard, Wanda Gonzales, Missy Morris and Sally Gray. The delicious food was very much appreciated!!

MSU INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

There are international students enrolled at MSU who will gladly do most anything for a cash gift or a gift card, including yard work, painting, babysitting, and housekeeping. If you have an odd job that these students could do for you, please contact Sharon Hartman, Liaison for the International Students, at hartman8395@sbcglobal.net. She can get you hooked up! Most of the students do not have a vehicle, so they may need some help getting to and from any job you have for them.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Are you still putting change in your fish banks? Don't forget to bring them to church on Easter Sunday! You may make a donation in the envelope provided on these dates if you wish. If you'd like to know how the money donated to One Great Hour of Sharing is used, thank you notes are posted on their website (PC USA). A few examples are concerning fair trade in West Africa, fresh and healthy food for low income urban residents in New York City, refugee resettlement and immigration services in Atlanta, and assisting deaf people along the Gaza Strip. Please consider donating to this important mission!

Valentine's Day Dinner

Thanks to everyone who came, helped and enjoyed this event! Our grand total of profit after expenses is \$619.22. This money will be earmarked for a future mission trip!



Easter Affirmed

Easter is God's rainbow for all who rise at dawn

It is Noah's ark,
Jonah's whale,
David's song.
It is Moses' rod,
Samson's strength,
Solomon's wisdom.
It is water from Jacob's well,
Manna in the wilderness,
A feast of loaves and fishes,
It is Paul's great preaching,
Peter's great confession,
Wine and bread broken.
It is a journey for the wise
And all with ears to hear

The words of Jesus Christ:
"Love one another . . .
*Pick up your bed and walk,
Drink from me and never thirst . . .
Be my witnesses in all the earth . . .*"
Yes, Easter is God's rainbow
For all who rise at dawn,
An Emmaus celebration
For all who find the empty tomb.
From: *A Kaleidoscope of Christmas and
Easter* by Joan Wyrick Ellison



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Presbyterian Women will have a workday at the church on Monday, April 19 beginning at 10:00 a.m. There will be projects for a variety of interests and abilities, and child care is available. If you'd like to stay for lunch, bring a sandwich (or whatever you choose) and we'll provide drinks and dessert. For more information, contact Sandy Glawe or Janet Rainey.



Bookshelf Baby Shower for Nicole Arme Jones

The Fain Friends would like to welcome Nicole and Grant's baby, due in late June, with a "bookshelf in a box" baby shower. Here's how it works: For the next few weeks, you are invited to bring a favorite children's book to church and place it in the decorated box in the workroom. It's not necessary to wrap it, but please include a bookplate, card, or inscription so that the parents-to-be will know who chose the book. At a yet-to-be-determined date, we will have a cookie and tea party to wrap the box for shipping; we're hoping to do this on a day when Grandma Peggy is home and can join in the festivities. (Since Grandma is a reading teacher, we want to get the baby off to a bookish good start!) If you have questions, Diana White, Missy Morris, Sandy Glawe, or Janet Rainey will be happy to help.

NOTES FROM THE SESSION

The Fain Church Session met March 22, 2010 in the library at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was opened with a prayer and short worship service led by Rev. Rhodes Stipp.

The minutes of the stated Session meeting held on February 22nd and the called Session meeting held on March 10th were approved as printed. The statistical report remains at 148.

The treasurer presented the following report:

Year to date budgeted income:	\$ 77,140.50
Year to date actual income:	\$115,206.44
Year to date budgeted expenses:	\$ 75,519.96
Year to date actual expenses:	\$ 68,156.21

Committee Reports:

Outreach: One Great Hour of Sharing fish banks will be collected on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Permission slips for the Easter baskets were distributed to Ben Franklin students and are being collected now. Faith Mission dinners are going well. Additional volunteers may be needed while Charles Pelsue is on his mission trip. A representative from the Christian Women's Job Corp will be the guest speaker following the Wednesday night dinner on March 31st. Pool Productions will present a play at Fain on April 30, May 1, and May 2. Wednesday night dinner was served to 30 college students from Iowa who are here working on a Habitat for Humanity house during spring break. The Outreach committee suggested and the Session approved spending \$5,000.00 per year for the next 3 years to support the GA Mission Challenge. The money will come from the Centennial Mission Fund. The Session approved this expenditure. Charles Pelsue has received all of his money for his mission trip. A profit of \$619.22 was made from the Valentine's Day dinner.

Christian Education: A meeting was held with Trinity Presbyterian Church concerning Vacation Bible School. The VBS meetings will be held at Trinity this year.

Worship and Music: Communion will be served on Sunday, March 28, Maundy Thursday, April 1st, and Easter Sunday, April 4th.

Building and Grounds: The bid was received from Ferguson-Veresh for the repairing or replacement of the current air-conditioning system. The total cost of \$184,000.00 was accepted by the Session for the replacement of the air-conditioning system. Asbestos removal will begin April 6th. It was decided that questions concerning the replacement process will be directed to David Morris, M.C. Porter or Ray Echols only.

Fellowship: Plans are being made for the Easter Brunch to be held following the early Easter service.

Congregational Care: The Spring Cream on the Top gathering will be held on April 20th.

Finance: The Finance committee presented ways to pay for the air-conditioning system at the called Session meeting on March 10th. It was decided to replace the existing system at the cost of \$184,000. The funds are currently available to cover the cost.

Pastor Nominating Committee: Personal Information Forms have been received from 60 people. Multiple phone calls have been made by the committee requesting additional information on some applicants. Two sermon interviews have been scheduled.

Joys and concerns were shared by all.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Rev. Stipp at 9:00 p.m.

Next Session meeting will be April 26th.

Nancy Estes, Clerk



To the Fain Prayer Shawl Ministry

I am in possession of a beautiful shawl that was crocheted by Wanda Gonzales. Not only has, but continues to do so, this shawl brought comfort and warmth it has brought peace. My late mother did various forms of handwork which was very much a part of life for her generation. Several people have asked me if I would be willing to give them a piece of this to remember her by. So each of you are giving a part of yourself in your ministry. Thank you and peace.

Charles I. McCormick

By the time the April newsletter is ready the Easter season will be with us. Refer to April 4th as Easter Day, Easter Sunday, Resurrection Day, etc. this is the most Holy Day of the Christian Church.

At this time our thoughts also turn toward warm days, fresh flowers, fruits and vegetables. Here is my meal recipe.

New Potatoes with Green Onions

3 - lbs. small new potatoes, scrubbed BUT do not peel

Boiling water

1 - cup (1/2 lb.) butter, salted or unsalted

2 - tsp. curry powder

2 - tsp. mustard seeds

2 - cups (about 2 bunches) green onions including tender tops, chopped

Bring water to a rolling boil; then drop in potatoes (make sure enough water to cover). Cover pan, simmer for 20-30 minutes or until potatoes are tender when pierced—do not over cook. Drain, let cool even overnight if desired. Coarsely chop unpeeled potatoes.

In frying pan, melt 1/2 cup of butter over high heat (watch so as not to brown). Add potatoes, cook stirring with a spatula frequently for about 5 minutes. Add more butter as needed so as to keep moist.

Sprinkle with curry powder and mustard seeds and stir well. Continue to cook, stir frequently until potatoes are lightly browned. Mix in onions and cook until heated. Serve.

Serves 8 helpings

Try these potatoes for breakfast with poached eggs and muffins.

Potatoes were being cultivated in the Andes prior to the European invasion. Sir Francis Drake is credited with taking the potato to England (1586).

New potatoes are those harvested late winter into early spring.

Chef Charles McCormick



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

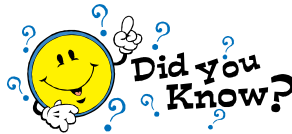
Look for upcoming news about Vacation Bible School for 2010! This year Trinity Presbyterian Church will be hosting VBS. Any questions, contact Christian Education committee.

KNOW OF ANY GRADUATES?

If you know of someone that will be graduating this year, please call the church office at 767-2527. We wouldn't want to leave anyone out.

SUMMER CAMP!!

Any children interested in attending summer camp this year have your parents contact the church office for registration forms and information.



Meredith Garrison, Ann and Ben Cunningham's granddaughter in Virginia, stars in a PBS documentary film called "The Adventist" in which she plays the part of Ellen G. White, one of the founders of the Seventh Day Adventist denomination. Ellen was a prolific writer, and the film covers her life from girlhood until her forties. Its emphasis is on the sect's beliefs about health and the members' longevity. The dates and times the film is supposed to be aired are April 7, Wednesday, at 10:00 a.m., 4:00, 6:00, and 9:00 p.m. Also on April 11, Sunday, at 1:00 p.m. These times and dates should be confirmed by checking the TV guide in the paper.



THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2010

7:00 P.M. MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 2010

1:00 P.M. GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2010

7:30 A.M. SUNRISE SERVICE

10:45 A.M. EASTER SERVICE



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