



First Presbyterian Church Newsletter

Church School: 9:15 a.m.
Worship 10:45 a.m.
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Presbyterian University Center
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

Fall 2009 Faculty Luncheon Series in Cooperation with the FSU Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa and the FSU Faculty & Friends Club

Shared Governance in Higher Education

Tuesday, October 13—Eric Walker, President, FSU Faculty Senate

Gather at the Presbyterian University Center (PUC), 548 West Park Ave. at 12:15 p.m. (park in the PUC parking lot immediate to the Center) and bring a brown bag lunch. PUC provides napkins, cups, ice and drinks.

The talks and following discussion begin at approximately 12:40, concluding at the latest by 1:30.

ECHO Meal

Are you looking for a way to volunteer? The next ECHO meal that FPC members will serve will be on Sunday, October 25. Please stop by the bulletin board outside the church office to sign up. Your help will be appreciated by those you help serve.

Mid-Week Adult Enrichment Programs are Back !
Series I

Witness Without Parallel: 8 Biblical Texts that Make Us Presbyterian

Explore with us eight scripture passages that have been instrumental in forming the basis of Presbyterian belief and mission.

Oct. 7 – Bruce Chapman, Campus Minister at FSU

To register call the church office at 222-4504
or

e-mail office@oldfirstchurch.org

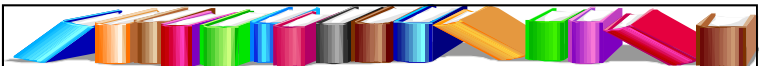
Dinner at 5:30 p.m.-Bible Study at 6:15 p.m.

Meals are \$5.00/with a family cap of \$15.

Children 10 and under are free.

Childcare is provided upon registration.

You must register if you plan to dine with us.



Pastor's Book Club

The Faith of Barak Obama

by Stephen Mansfield

Oct. 18, 2009

@ 6:00 p.m. at the Westminster Oaks Pool House

I want to thank everyone that has helped with meals and driving my entire clan around when I was unable. An extra special thank you goes out to those who were with me in the hospital. My boys were at school and unable to be with me but I have the greatest friends and church family!

Peace, Jodie Kim Geradine



Pastor's Column

Brant S. Copeland

When disaster strikes, Presbyterians are prepared to help. Here's a timely letter from the Moderator, the Stated Clerk, and the General Assembly Mission Council Executive Director:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Anytime a disaster hits, whether it leaves a home burned, a community flooded or an entire island flattened, full recovery is a long-term process. We ask you now for churchwide call to prayer for all those affected by disasters, especially for those who - in just the past two weeks - have experienced flooding in the southeastern United States, a typhoon in the Philippines, earthquakes in Indonesia or earthquakes compounded by a tsunami in Samoa, American Samoa and Tonga.

[Presbyterian Disaster Assistance](#), using funds from the [One Great Hour of Sharing](#) offering, has already begun to respond, either directly to the presbyteries here in the United States or through our mission partners around the world.

This week alone two earthquakes rocked areas of Indonesia. In West Sumatra, more than 10,000 homes and businesses have been affected and 1,000 lives lost, with this count expected to rise. PDA has been in contact with our PC(USA) mission co-worker in Indonesia, Rebecca Young. Becca works with the Jakarta Theological Seminary and is also a PDA liaison for disaster situations that strike the region.

PDA is also working with our partners Yayasan Tanggul Bencana di Indonesia, Yakkumm Emergency Unit, Church World Service and Action by Churches Together (ACT). Once assessments of the damage are reported, we will have a better understanding of the funding needed for long-term recovery.

Typhoon Ketsana [locally known as Ondoy] hit the Philippines, Cambodia and Vietnam just days ago, with the Philippines being the worst affected. Mandatory evacuations have been issued, as a second typhoon is expected in a matter of days. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance will be supporting relief efforts through our mission partners, the United Church of Christ in the Philippines and the National Council of Churches in the Philippines, and through a broader appeal by ACT.

A tsunami triggered by a massive earthquake has devastated Samoa, American Samoa and Tonga. More than 32,000 people are displaced, with the death toll rising daily. PDA has been in communication with CWS, National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster and the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency as it relates to American Samoa. Once assessments begin to be reported, PDA will be ready to respond with funding.

And let us remember our brothers and sisters here in the southeastern U.S. that experienced massive flooding last week. PDA is responding to needs in three presbyteries - Cherokee, Greater Atlanta and Northeast Georgia.

Six PDA National Response Team members responded, and five are still on the ground assessing the damage and assisting with response coordination. Twelve churches in Greater Atlanta Presbytery have requested assistance.

PDA has responded by sending \$40,000: \$10,000 to support the initial response by the presbytery for needs in the community and \$30,000 as a fund for the presbytery to use in support of the 12 effected churches. In addition, \$10,000 has been sent to Cherokee Presbytery to help with immediate relief and \$10,000 is being sent to Northeast Georgia Presbytery.

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Pastor's Column Cont.

All of these funds have come from the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. We take this opportunity to thank you for those gifts. PDA will continue to be in communication with these presbyteries and is prepared to respond to further requests.

We encourage you to pray for all those suffering from these tremendous natural disasters. We anticipate large appeals for funding. If you are called to give, please do so through [PDA account number DR000148](#).

LECTIONARY READINGS

October 11, 2009

(28th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Ps. 22:1-15; Heb. 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31



Canopy Connection Dinner

It's time once again to begin planning for the annual Canopy Connection Thanksgiving dinner, to be held at First Presbyterian Church on Thursday, November 19th. Last year we had a record turnout (well over 100!) so we are planning a little differently this year. Please consider donating a dessert, money for food, or your time to act as server for a few tables. We are planning to serve between 150 and 200 clients of Big Bend Cares this year, so we need your help! Please call Ann Westall at 562 2468 or e mail at anndals2@yahoo.com.

Middle School Youth Group

October 11, 2009

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

CHANGE OF MEETING PLACE: Come to the Calvin Room for games and activities!

Snack: Matt Jennings and the kids from Fellowship

High School Youth Group

4:00 p.m. Cooking Crew meet in Kitchen

5:45 p.m. Arrive to help with greeting

6:00 p.m. Westminster Room – Dinner with church family and missionary from Turkey.

Friday Night Frolic

“Chiller Theater”

October 16, 2009

6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

\$5.00 per child

This is an evening of dinner, fun, stories, activities and crafts for children in elementary school. Bring a friend and join us for some freaky-fall-fun!

Register your child(ren) by October 13 by calling the church office or e-mailing Christy@oldfirstchurch.org.

Ramp Building Blitz

High School

Youth Group

and Church Friends

Saturday,

October 17, 2009

9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

The HSYG is sponsoring a Ramp Building Blitz for Ability First, a non-profit organization that provides ramps and porches for people with physical challenges so that access to their homes is better. The youth will be working with youth and adults from St. Stephens Lutheran Church, Faith Presbyterian Church and Fellowship Presbyterian Church. We need 3 or 4 skilled or semi-skilled adults who would be willing to work with us on Saturday. If you are interested please contact Thomas@oldfirstchurch.org.

Organ Recital and Choral Evensong

at St. John's Episcopal Church

Sunday, October 11

3:30 p.m.

Church School

Church School for all ages begins at 9:15 a.m. and ends at 10:15 a.m. There is childcare for infants through preschoolers in the main floor nursery. Elementary School aged children should come up to room 305 for community time. They will be dismissed by 9:30 a.m. to their classrooms.

ABC (Adult Bible Class)

Calvin Room

Barbara Sayes will lead us in the study of Hosea 4:1-9:14.

Faith and Families Class

Library

Join us as we continue a four week series, *Servant or Sucker: Wise and Compassionate Ways to Help the Poor*. We hear Jesus call to help the poor and yet we aren't always sure if giving money to someone is a way to help. This study will look at realities of poverty and Christ-centered actions to addressing this on a personal and church-wide level. We will talk about how the ways we choose to respond to people models behavior for our children.

Hearing and Sharing the Word Class

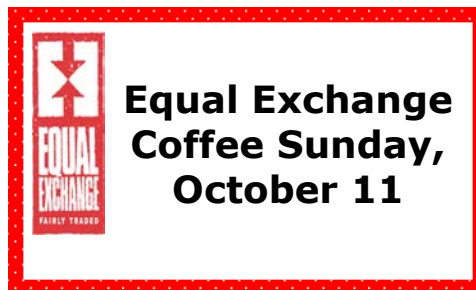
Conference Room

Join us as we begin our study of the Bible and our faith.

Inquirers' Class

Westminster Room

Lillian Smith, who died in 1966, was a pioneer in race relations in America. Nancy Smith Fichter, her niece, will show a video and lead a discussion about Lillian's life and work.



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