



SteepleTalk

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Steepletalk Deadline

February 19th

Circle Meeting

February 2nd at 9:45 a.m.

Mission Co-workers

Roger & Gloria Marriott

From the Pastor...

“Comfort, Comfort my people says your God.”

Are you comfortable? Most of us would say yes. We have a home for our families. We have food and water at our fingertips. We are warm and cozy as we watch our favorite TV shows or sports. We have bathrooms to provide us with personal hygiene. We are so blessed.

Yet we are called to be comforters when people are in time of need. I am grateful to be a Presbyterian and know that our congregation is doing all it can to bring comfort to the people of Haiti. I am thankful for those of you that have given through our local church to help these poor struggling people.

Yet, I know it will take years to rebuild this country that has been so devastated. The people that suffered through Katrina are still not all in comfortable positions. There are still homes and businesses that need repaired or rebuilt. It will be the same for Haiti for years to come. How are we as the people of God to offer comfort?

I do not have the answer to that question. However, we are all called to do something. Maybe we do not have the money to give, but we can pray for these people. Many of us do have money to give, and many of you have already given. That is wonderful and will greatly help.

I pray that God will open up our hearts and minds to creative ways that we may bring comfort to the people of Haiti. Maybe we could send the quilts our women make to Haiti or the knitting group could do something. Possibly we could have our outreach committee do something to sponsor a fund raising project. Maybe the children and youth could come up with a creative project to help. What is God calling you to do?

I hope we will all respond to God's call to comfort these destitute people during their great time of suffering.

Blessings,
Dr. Cheetham

Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, February 14 at 10:40 a.m. to elect officers to fill two unexpired terms on the Session.

The Nominating Committee will present the names of Gordon Bone and Nancy Gebhardt for the Class of 2010.



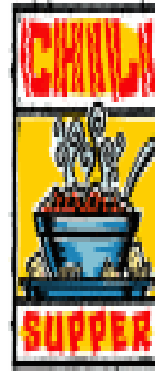
On Sunday February 7, 140 million Americans will tune in to the Super Bowl football game. There will be parties with abundant food, friendship and fellowship. At the same time, there will be people worrying about staying warm, finding shelter and a warm meal. Please join young people around the country as they demonstrate God's love by loving their neighbors through the Souper Bowl of Caring. It's a simple, yet significant act of caring for others. Drop \$1 (or more) in the soup pot and/or a can of food as you leave worship on February 7. Those who need help may not know that you cared, but God will. And our young people are developing hearts for giving that can last a lifetime. Please support their efforts.

Souper Bowl Soup Mix: On Sunday, February 7, the children in 1st grade to 5th grade will sell bags of *Souper Bowl Soup Mix* for \$5.00 each. All proceeds will go to the Wilson County Community Help Center. Please help us support this great cause.

The quilters have resumed meeting on Monday mornings at 9 a.m. They are presently making baby quilts for Vanderbilt University Hospital and large quilts to donate to Brook's House and Home Safe. The quilters need help with expenses for purchasing supplies. If you would like to make a donation, contact Judy Leonard.

The knitters meet each Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. Knitters and learners are always welcome. The instructors are very patient and understanding.

Youth Fellowship: Volunteers are needed to prepare meals on Sunday nights. If you would like to help, please sign up in Fellowship Hall..



Deacons' Chili Day

The annual Deacons' Chili Day will be held on **Wednesday, February 24th** from 11:00 am until 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. They can be purchased from any of the Deacons or in the church office. Carry-out boxes will also be available. For those who are unable to eat beef, there will also be turkey and vegetarian chili .

Desserts Needed: Desserts are need for the Deacons' Chili Day. If you are willing to provide a dessert, please contact Rachel Farley (417-8581), Lisa Burruss (339-8638), or the church office.



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

We pray for Haiti

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is responding in Haiti. More than \$409,000 has been sent to meet immediate needs of food, water, shelter, and medical supplies. More than 35,000 **Gifts of the Heart** hygiene and baby kits are being delivered.

Two more shipments are scheduled to arrive in Santo Domingo on February 2. One shipment will contain 375 baby kits, 13,325 hygiene kits, and 500 light-weight blankets. The other shipment will contain 3,150 baby kits, 7,215 hygiene kits, and 2,950 lightweight blankets.

These **Gifts of the Heart** are mission projects that can be assembled all through the year, then stored at the PDA warehouses where they are available for immediate shipment when a disaster happens.

PDA is asking you to stand in the GAP for disaster survivors as you **Give, Act, and Pray**.

Session Highlights

from the January 11, 2010 meeting

- 2010 tentative budget will need to be revised for the 2010 budget.
- E. Adams requested the new elders receive information of the Church Unity Building Proposal.
- Kevin Gray requested permission to use the Dinges House for band practice. His band plans to play for the May fish fry. Permission granted.
- Standing Committee Chairs: Budget and Finance, Roy Wauford; Buildings and Grounds, Terry McDonald; Christian Education, Dot Jenkins; Member Care, Nancy Boyd; Organ, David Howell; Outreach, Mark Sanders; Personnel, Bill Hamby; Worship, Kathy Adams
- E. Adams agreed to serve as the liaison to the Deacon's again this year.
- E. Hamby will continue to serve as chair of the Nominating Committee.
- It was agreed to close the New Building Committee at this time.
- E. Wauford volunteered to look into the affect, and solutions to, the concern of the humidity and temperature.
- There are two estimates currently to restore the Organ.
- E. Jenkins reported that Jeff and Lauren Campbell will help lead the youth fellowship.
- E. Wauford and E. Shaw will attend the February 6 Presbytery Meeting in Smyrna, Tennessee
- Dr. Cheetham suggested the need to have the elders' communion pattern updated to add the new elders.
- E Howell suggested that the church support four special Presbyterian funds (One Great Hour of Sharing, Christmas Joy, Peacemaking and Pentecost) and three special funds (Souper Bowl, Monroe Harding's Father's Day, and Living Waters).
- Discussion on the youth program brought up the need to hire a part-time youth director. Personnel will construct a job description.

Lectionary Readings

February 7	Isaiah 6: 1-13 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 Luke 5: 1-11
February 14	Exodus 34: 29-35 2 Corinthians 3: 12-4:2 Luke 9: 28-36(37-43)
February 21	Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 Romans 10: 8b-13 Luke 4: 1-13
February 28	Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18 Philippians 3: 17-4:1 Luke 13: 31-35

Wednesday Night Fellowship Dinners for February

Adults \$6.50 Children under 10 years \$3.00
Under 5 years "Free"

To make a reservation, mark the Sunday attendance card in the bulletin, visit the website, or call the church office. Reservations must made **no later than noon on Tuesday.**

Menus for February are:

February 3: Salad, Beef Stew, Rolls, Dessert

February 10: Salad, Lasagna, Broccoli, Bread, Dessert

February 17: Pancakes, sausages, fruit

February 24: Deacon's Chili Supper



Ash Wednesday Service
February 17th
6:45 p.m.

February 2010

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

<u>Sunday</u>	1	2	3	4	5	6
8:45 & 11:00 Worship 9:45 am Church School	9:00 am Sewing Group 6:00 pm Disciples	9:00 pm Preschool 9:45 am Morning Circle 4:00 pm Knitting Group 6:00 pm Christian Ed 7:00 pm Worship	5:00 Bell Choir 6:00 Dinner 7:00 Choir	9:00 am Preschool 6:30 pm Contemp		Presbytery Meeting at FPC Smyrna
7 Souper Bowl Communion	8 9:00 am Sewing Group 6:00 pm Disciples	9 9:00 am Preschool 4:00 pm Knitting Group	10 5:00 Bell Choir 6:00 Dinner 7:00 Choir	11 9:00 am Preschool 6:30 pm Contemp	12	13
14 10:40 am Congregational Meeting Valentine's Day	15 9:00 am Sewing Group 6:00 pm Disciples 7:15 pm Session	16 9:00 am Preschool 4:00 pm Knitting Group 6:00 pm Member Care	17 5:00 Bell Choir 6:00 Dinner 7:00 Choir Ash Wednesday	18 9:00 am Preschool 6:30 pm Contemp	19 Steepletalk Deadline	20
21 5:00pm Deacons' Meeting	22 9:00 am Sewing Group 6:00 pm Disciples	23 9:00 am Preschool 4:00 pm Knitting Group	24 5:00 Bell Choir 6:00 Dinner 7:00 Choir Deacon's Chili Meal	25 9:00 am Preschool 6:30 pm Contemp	26	27
		Dr. Cheetham on Study Leave				
28 4 Cents a Meal						<u>Sunday Youth Fellowship</u> 4:45 pm Elementary 5:45 pm Dinner 6:15 pm Youth