

# CHRONICLES!

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## KEEP UP THOSE DONATIONS TO AUBURN INTERFAITH FOOD CLOSET

This is a reminder to bring your food donations, extra grocery bags (paper with handles) and egg cartons (1 dozen size) to church for the Auburn Interfaith Food Closet. Items may be placed in the large plastic container just inside the door to the narthex. Recently there has been a shortage of canned fruit at the Food Closet, so those items are especially welcomed. Thank you.

Max Kane & Craig George, APC's  
Representatives to the Food Closet

## SACRAMENTO PRESBYTERY ENDOWMENT OFFERING

The Presbytery of Sacramento got our church started some 20 years ago, by spending money from a church planting fund so that we could rent space we needed. There are a lot of costs like that when a new church starts. Now we have a chance to return the favor by giving to the Endowment Fund of Sacramento Presbytery, so they can support churches starting or redeveloping when their surrounding area as significantly changed.

This year the Endowment Fund Offering will be taken on the first Sunday of Lent, February 10<sup>th</sup>, during our morning service. Please give generously, so other people in our part of California might be drawn into a love relationship with our Lord, too.

## TEACH ABOUT JESUS

Children's Ministry Magazine LIVE! Workshop on March 29 for all those interested in teaching kids about Jesus. This conference supports those who are involved in any way with children preschool through sixth grade. Breakfast and Lunch are included. The cost is 36 dollars (scholarships available) for a day of fun, learning, networking and music. We can organize carpools for the day which is 8AM to 3PM in Citrus Heights. If you are interested, call Theresa Voss at 887- 9422.



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## PARSON TO PERSON

### A PASSION FOR GOD

always a special series. The theme this year is, "Psalms and Palms and Penitence", and each week's message will be based on one of the selections from "the worship book of Israel", in the middle of our Bibles. Please plan on making a gift of extra time and attention to God, during this season of devotion that leads to Holy Week and Easter.

Our



Notes  
From the Pastor

Lord.

But I am hoping for more. I would hope that you would gain so much confidence in Christ that you would be inspired—using the information Stobel has assembled—to share your faith with someone who is not a follower of Jesus. (They may "believe in" Jesus, but they don't connect with other believers in a church; or they may be totally unaware of how much they need the sacrifice of Jesus to overcome the gap that hangs between themselves and God.) This is a fulfillment of our membership promise and also of God's Word (see, for example, 1 Peter 3:15, NIV: "*But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, . . .*")

Now, a caution—people don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care. And there are a gazillion ways to show God's love to others through your words and deeds. The month of February has Valentine's Day in it; maybe that's a good reminder for us to get about serving others unconditionally.

For example, the big storm in early January tore down the fences around our home. I borrowed a chain saw and removed limbs from a neighbor's tree causing damage to her plants and ours. Now I am taking initiative to

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During Lent, which begins officially on Ash Wednesday (February 6 this year), we gather at 7 p.m. on Wednesday nights at St. Theresa of Avila, and then a different worship center each following Wednesday, to worship with brothers and sisters from 6 churches of our area. This is





Many thanks to all who helped take down and store the Christmas decorations last month. Thanks also for the contributions to our January book sale which raised funds for the APC library, and to everyone who helped with our anniversary luncheon event!



## AUBURN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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[www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org)

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# YAHWEH

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**FEBRUARY**

- 2/1 Ryan Montoya
- 2/2 Gracie Michael
- 2/3 Bessie Eichorn
- 2/6 Jane Marie Ford
- 2/6 Edi Davenport
- 2/9 Greg Grimm
- 2/10 Ed Rice
- 2/13 Hannah Nicholson
- 2/18 Leslie Lohse
- 2/19 Bert Lowe
- 2/19 Jean Wells
- 2/19 John Hansell
- 2/22 Edna Brockway
- 2/23 Dorothy Shears
- 2/25 Patty Markham
- 2/28 Marianne Thumb



**Women's Bible Study**

The Women's Once a Month Bible Study group will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 12, at the home of Peggy Ward (1525 Whispering Pines in Meadow Vista). Everyone should meet beforehand in the church parking lot so we can carpool to her house. Mary Conrad will be the leader this month.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEEDS YOU**

We are currently praying for someone to hear God's call to teach one Sunday a month at the 3rd/4th grade level. We are also in need of assistants and nursery volunteers. Please pray if one of these is you!

Call Theresa Voss 887-9422 for more information.



*Do we have...*

**your @e-mail.address?**



**FINANCIALLY SPEAKING**

Not available at press time

**HAVE YOU INCLUDED YOUR CHURCH IN YOUR WILL?**

**FEEDBACK BOX AWAITS!**

Sitting alone and lonely in the back of the Worship Center is our Feedback Box . It would be glad to receive your suggestions about sermon topics, subjects for your spiritual growth, ideas for improving our church's "serve", and more. Please include your name so our leaders can respond to you in person, and your submission will get to the right person or group. Thanks for your partnership in making our church better. Thanks!

**LOOK WHO'S HERE!**

December Attendance				
Date	Adults	Youth	Children	Totals
12/2/2007	133	0	21	154
12/9/2007	138	0	27	165
12/16/2007	134	0	24	158
12/23/2007	137	0	27	164
12/30/2007	<u>115</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>139</u>
Averages	131	0	25	156



**EQUIPPING US FOR MINISTRY WITH CONFIDENCE**  
*The Case for Christ* Bible Messages in February, 2008

February 3 *The Case for Christ*, Part 1: "Can We Trust the Bible Evidence?"

The Lord's Supper; "Souper Bowl of Caring" Offering

February 10 *The Case for Christ*, Part 2: "Evidence from Surprising Sources"

Sacramento Presbytery Endowment Fund Offering



February 17 *The Case for Christ*, Part 3: "What Does Science Say?"

Deacons Fund Offering

February 24 *The Case for Christ*, Part 4: "Liar, Lunatic, or Lord?"



**CHRONICLES! SUBMITTALS**

All submittals must be made electronically or at the church office. All articles must be original material or must contain the author's written permission to publish. Newsletter submittals can be made in three ways. The preferred method is to submit your article via email to [APC@auburnpresbyterian.org](mailto:APC@auburnpresbyterian.org). Articles can also be submitted on a DVD or CD. It can be formatted as a text file or a Microsoft Word document. Articles can also be submitted hard copy at the Church office (please submit at least 2 days BEFORE the deadline). *If you have taken the time to type your article on a computer, please submit electronically or on disk, it saves a lot of time!* Graphics files should be submitted as a graphics file and not embedded in a word processing document. If you wish to submit an example layout, submit it **IN ADDITION** to the word processing document and graphics file.

**LATE SUBMITTALS** must be arranged ahead of time and can be sent via email to [apc.newsletter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:apc.newsletter@sbcglobal.net) [please follow-up with a phone call]. **All submittals must be made before the deadline. No submittals will be accepted after the deadline without prior notification.** This is because any submittals after the deadline create rework for the editors. The Newsletter deadline is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday before the last weekend of every month at 9 AM.

# WOMAN TO WOMAN



by Linda Thompson

But NOT for women only...during this month of hearts and flowers....a season for expressions of love. Because, you see, I am feelin' it! And, I want to say "Thank you". Thank you for your warm friendliness which first drew me to APC. Thank you for your hugs and hearty handshakes. Thank you for all you do (I know you all do a lot.) Thank you for using your many and varied gifts to keep the wheels of APC running. Thank you for the time and energy and perhaps even occasional worry and frustration over running the race set before you and modeling what that may look like for those of us still learning. Thank you for sharing yourselves (on so many levels ) in ways that enrich my life.

And, thank you for the support and affirmation that you have afforded me as I make my way in the life of this church home.



This month I want to extend my deepest appreciation to all those joined me in bringing all of you the 'drama' presentations during Advent. Doing one skit a

week seemed a small task with but a few people, but, as I tallied up the weeks and compiled a list of all those involved I was struck by the sheer numbers of those who stepped up and said "yes" when asked to participate.

I learned so much from and about each of them as they took on their roles...sometimes with

trepidation, but always with willing hearts. Here are a few notes I'd like to share:

Lauren Rice signed up during the Mission Faire to be in dramas. Of all our participants she was the most non-plussed about being in front of an audience (or, at least appeared to be!) Mom, Sue Rice, wasn't so sure about her own role and would gladly have let someone else be in the spotlight but proved to be a natural as the thoughtful and wise parent. She stretched herself and didn't let us down. Jack and Glenda McMillan originally, and enthusiastically, agreed to be the Christian couple having the sometimes deep....sometimes delightful conversation about Godly matters during the second week of Advent. Unfortunately, a family matter arose which required their full attention... and who but Cotton Neufeld, our resident bard, and his wife, Lynn, could step in at the last minute and save the day? And save it, they did. You see...Lynn who prefers blessing others with her joyful spirit in a fellowship setting is a reluctant and shy violet when it comes to the spotlight...yet ...she agreed to the challenge and charmed me (and, I hope, all of you) with her grit.

Pam Davis partnered with me during the third Advent Sunday in a coffee shop setting. Pam is new to APC and I've already seen her step out into so many areas of ministry here at APC, and, there she was, again, ....ready, willing and wanting to give her all for a good and clear message about God's plan when he returns... (She even tweaked the script to make



sure we got it right!) And, when I realized I needed a 'bag lady' for the next week's skit she offered to not only do it but was excited about how to create the character. That's what I call a servant's heart!

And finally our last Advent Sunday of pantomime....Admittedly, it was much easier to

ask and find willing players if they didn't have to memorize a script, but, **Bill Garcia** enthusiastically agreed to be our homeless man when I told him the part had been written for him! But, I know he also made schedule changes, small sacrifices as well as dashing from the airport to be at church for a rehearsal. **Bill**



**Jackson** eagerly agreed to his role when he learned he got to 'steal' **Bill Garcia's** newspaper (and the scene!) Both **Larry Bower** and

**Dave Schlicht** had to 'think about' their involvement, but, in the end they came forward and thoughtfully brought life and compassion to their roles. **Lauren** and **Sue Rice** again graciously appeared, and we added two young actors just fit for their roles as mischievous boys...**Nathan** and **Philip Jacques**...and, of course **Pam Davis** who, along with **Bill Garcia**, reminded us of God's message of mercy, (even though she lacked a shopping cart)!

There were also those readers who expanded the stories through God's word...**Ron Markham**, **Bob Ferber**, **Charles** and **Frances MacLeod**, **Penni Smith**, **Mary Schlicht**, **Ken Sherer**, **Jerry Stearn** ....and, **Robert Flack**, who wanted to, but couldn't be there.....Your voices resonated with life and your care to do the job well was simply awesome.....Candle lighters **Irene Flack**, **Katie Garcia**, **Carol Ostrom** and **Jerry Stearn** all took such care with this honor.... And, who can finish any task without all the support people like **Elizabeth Townsend**, **Rob Roberts**, **Bill Jackson** who assist with pictures, words and sounds....**Mary Schlicht** who created and provided our 'bus stop' ...**Katie Baker** who came in on cue....**Ken** and **Preston** who said "Go for it" and then stood back, as well as all those who cheered us on...and the rest of the praise team who had to find their microphones in the



audience every Sunday....Wow...You all are my role models. Thank you, each and every one.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY.....! GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

From "Pastor" on Page 2

talk with the neighbors about how to make new fences that will last longer. I try to welcome new neighbors to our area with a plate of cookies



**Pastor's Message  
for Lent**

and a guide to the services and fun spots, in case they have come from someplace else. My wife, Sharon, has volunteered to look after pets when someone is away. I have shared firewood,

loaned tools or a ladder—well, you get the idea. I want to "earn the right to be heard", when God gives me an opportunity to share Who it is that powers the love I try to show.

Now, traditionally, Lent is a season of sacrifice, to help us better appreciate the sacrifice of Jesus for us. People have often given up some pleasure as a sign of penitence. But it's just as appropriate to take on something that gives God more of your life. Could "sharing my love for God with a non-believer" be that gift you would give God? Who knows what God might do with a church full of people in love with Him, and eager to love the people God loves?!

See You in Worship,

**Pastor Ken Winter**



## PRIDE GOES BEFORE A FALL

*Definition of Pride: The quality or state of being proud; inordinate self-esteem; unreasonable conceit of one's own superiority in talents, beauty, wealth, rank, etc., which manifests itself in distance, reserve, and often in contempt of others.*

I am reading a booklet at this time concerning, "Training Leadership Within our Churches." This is the first study area in scripture we were directed to read. I thought it might be helpful to you as well.

The little book of Obadiah is the shortest book in the Old Testament. Obadiah is only 21 verses long, but it packs a powerful punch—a message concerning God's judgment of pride. Although this little book of Scripture was written centuries ago, it is very applicable today. Is there any one of us who is free from the problem of pride?

The prophecy of judgment written in the book of Obadiah was addressed to the people of Edom who were the descendants of Esau. Genesis 36. While other Old Testament prophets also predicted the doom of Edom (See Isaiah 34; Jeremiah 49; Ezekiel 25, 35 and Amos 1), Obadiah's prophecy is the most comprehensive. The Edomites had settled in the region south of the Dead Sea and built a powerful nation there. However, Edom was a nation that did not follow the Lord. The people of Edom followed in the steps of their godless forefather, Esau. (See Hebrews 12:16.)

Edom was basically a mountain fortress that was easily defended. As a result, the people of Edom became proud, thinking that in their lofty mountain stronghold was invulnerable—even to God. But God denounced their arrogance and pronounced judgment upon the proud nation. They were deceived in thinking that they were secure and above attack in their cool fortresses. Ah the ole, "false sense of security" is always a consequence of pride. I wonder, do you know any



professional people like that? Remember that "Pride goes before a fall" (Proverbs 16:18). The prophecy of Obadiah to Edom is God's Word to us.

Edom was a conceited nation as well. But again the Lord declared that she would be humbled (vs59). She would be robbed of her wealth. Most thieves don't take **everything**, but Edom's conquerors would completely ransack and clean out the descendants of Esau (vs5-6). Her allies would become her plunderers (v7). And Edom's wisdom would also come to nothing. God's way is not our way. "Whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap."

The fall of pride is as certain as its rise. No nation or corporation or individual can change the way God deals with pride. It would be good thing for all of us to periodically read the book of Obadiah so that we would be aware of the dangers of pride. With everything going so well and the Lord blessing things around here, let's remember to not allow pride to enter...Preston Saunders

*"I will sing to the LORD, I will sing; I will make music to the LORD..."*



Judges 5:3. NIV

## WANTED: SMALL GROUPS COORDINATOR

We need someone to ride herd on some basic information about our people—who is in which Life Groups, and who is which Deacon Parish. We want everyone to be connected; after all, there are no "Lone Ranger Christians"! Would you step in and communicate occasionally with each Life Group Leader, and the Deacon Moderator (or all the Deacons) to be sure no one gets left out who wants to be part of a small group within APC? It sure would help this part of God's Kingdom! Please talk with Pastor Ken for more information.

## LENTEN SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR 2008

Each year, on the first six Wednesdays of Lent (period of focus on Jesus, His love for us, and His sacrifice on the cross for our sin), we join together with five other congregations for worship that may be unique to Auburn. Each Wednesday evening's service is held at a different church's facility. The pastor and congregation lead the service according to their Sunday morning tradition. The pastor of another church is designated as the preacher for the service.



Each service starts at 7 p.m. They are usually well attended. Except for Ash Wednesday, there is a reception afterward with goodies to

eat while meeting new people and meeting old friends. It is like a weekly reunion.



Here is the schedule for 2008:

- " February 6 (Ash Wednesday) at St. Theresa of Avila Church, 11600 Atwood Rd. Rev. Bryon Hanson, new pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, is preaching on Psalm 51. (By the way, there is a soup supper offered for all in St. Theresa's Parish Hall starting about 6:15 p.m.)
- " February 13 at First Congregational Church, 710 Auburn Ravine Rd. (If you are checking out a new or used car, this is a good place to take it on your test drive. The hill there is steep!) Rev. Ken Winter, our pastor, will preach on Psalm 32.
- " February 20 at Pioneer United Methodist Church, 1338 Lincoln Way. Rev. Susan Plucker, pastor of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, is preaching on Psalm 121.

" February 27 at Auburn Presbyterian Church, 13025 Bell Air Drive (You know the place.) Rev. Rick Kuykendall, pastor of First Congregational Church, is preaching on Psalm 91.

" March 5 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1279 High Street. Rev. John Broad, pastor of Pioneer United Methodist Church, will preach on Psalm 23.

" March 12 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 124 Orange Street (It is the red painted church a block uphill from Placer High School.) Fr. Mike Carroll, pastor of St. Theresa's Catholic Church, is preaching on Psalm 130.

(By the way, St. Luke's Episcopal Church and Pioneer United Methodist Church are among the oldest churches in Placer County, and figure in Auburn's historic past.) See you there!

### A friend inside

I desire so to conduct the affairs of this administration that if at the end, when I come to lay down the reins of power, I have lost every friend on Earth, I shall at least have one friend left, and that friend shall be down inside me.

-Abraham Lincoln



## BURMA UPDATE

Those of you who have e-mail that I've found and put on a general list have been receiving the terrible news from Burma. This is some of the information from the Free Burma Rangers: On 11 December, 2007, Burma Army troops from LIB 204 captured three villagers close to Mae Tler village in Kawkareik Township. The men captured were Maung Thauung Shwe, 33, Saw Wah Noe, 60, and Saw Maung Lah. When they were captured they were beaten badly, tied up and forced to go with the Burma Army troops. The men's bodies were found three days later, two in a nearby cave and one in a mud pit.

Reports of villagers being shot, burned in their homes, tortured, forced into hard labor to build roads so more troops can come into the area, ordered to relocate their villages which means disruption of crops, the killing of farm animals, and the Karen people and others threatened with extinction are coming on a regular basis.

The Burma Army has finished the initial construction of the road connecting Ler Mu Plaw camp in the Papun District to Busakee camp in Toungoo District. Numerous new camps have been constructed along its path, and while this road is not yet being used by Burma Army vehicles, landmines and frequent patrols make it very difficult to cross. The Burma Army is also currently constructing a new road in northern Nyaunglebin District and southern Toungoo District which will connect Tha Bin Yut camp on the edge of the plains with Busakee camp to the east in the mountains. A third road has been constructed in southern Nyaunglebin District from Shwegyin Town north towards Rokasoe camp, possibly continuing to Kyauk Kyi.

The Burma Army now has 5 division-sized units deployed in Nyaunglebin District, with more than 4,500 troops. There are approximately 12,900 IDPs now in hiding. Many were displaced during attacks in 2006, and have not been able to return to their villages. Many have been displaced multiple times as they move from hide site to hide site escaping repeated Burma Army attacks. With so many troops coming into their area, finding places to hide will become more difficult.

More than 100 Ler Wah villagers, from 17 families, are now hiding and have been unable to return home since fleeing a Burma Army attack in November, 2007. On November 19, Burma Army soldiers from LIB 218 and 219, from Div. 11, were able to surprise the villagers and attack while everyone was in their homes. They lined up on a nearby ridge and shot machine guns into the village. Every home was hit by the machine gun fire. Amazingly no one was injured in the initial attack; however families immediately ran into the jungle without any time to collect belongings. Most ran further into the mountains to nearby villages, but some ran into the jungle and hid for several days.



The Burma Army then continued into the village, ransacking homes, stealing belongings, and destroying food and other property. They then set up camp close to the village for several days, and placed landmines in the village before they returned

to the camp.

Villagers reported that the Burma Army has made it impossible for most of them to produce enough food to feed their families. Many villagers have not been able to return to their farms for three years. Others were able to clear old fields to begin planting, but were never able to plant. Some were able to plant, but were not able to harvest, and yet others were able to harvest their crop, only to see it destroyed by attacking Burma Army troops. Villagers reported that they needed help to survive, and that what they wanted most was freedom.

Through December, the battles have continued. Schools and preschools have been destroyed. In mid-December villagers from Klaw Maw were going to be celebrating the upcoming Christmas holiday. When LIB 430 commander Maung Htun was informed about this, he immediately put the Klaw Maw village headman in prison. He then told the villagers that every Christian pastor in the Bawgata and P'deh Gon area must begin wearing monk's clothing because he no longer wanted to

see any Christian leaders in the area. He also gave an order to destroy the churches in the area (whether or not this has happened has not yet been confirmed).

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR BURMA AND THAT GOD WOULD INTERVENE. FEW PEOPLE THERE HAVE A MEMORY OF A PEACEFUL TIME BUT IT IS GETTING WORSE.

### 2007 CROP WALK REPORT

Craig George reports that the CROP Walk did especially well in 2007. Much of this could be attributed to the active participation by the youth group from St. Theresa and St. Joseph's Catholic Churches. There were 224 walkers. Last year the total for the walk was \$7,500. In 2007 it is \$12,000 and possibly more.

### Why Ash Wednesday?

Traditionally, the Christian church has observed the seven weeks before Easter as a time of penitence and spiritual self-examination.

Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent, derives its name from the ancient practice of marking the foreheads of worshipers with ashes from the unused palm branches of the previous year. Ashes historically have had a dual significance.

First, they are Old Testament symbols of sadness and humility. Job, in the midst of all his troubles, cried out to God from the ash heap.

The second symbolic meaning of ashes is as a reminder of our mortality. Each of us faces the inevitability of physical death. Our bodies and material possessions eventually will turn to dust and ashes. This is a reminder that we dare not trust in things that crumble. But Lent does not leave us on the ash heap. It begins with Ash Wednesday, but ends with Easter. And Easter proclaims that, through Christ, God resurrects us from our dust and ashes, makes us new creatures and brings life out of death!



### 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY SPECIAL EVENT

On the second Sunday of each month, Healing Teams pray for people after the Morning Worship Service. Many of those prayed for are reporting they were better by the end of the day. Sometimes this happens shortly after the prayer.

More people are staying to be prayed for and additional people are choosing to be intercessors praying for the people coming for prayer and those that are praying with them. Several new people have joined the Healing Ministry Team. Fairly soon, four stations will be set up to provide opportunity for more people.

If you or someone you know needs prayer for healing of body, mind,

soul, or relationships, feel free to come and receive prayer. God heals who He will. Those praying, focus faith on the need.

They have no power in themselves. It is God who heals. Jesus said we would pray in His Name and people would be healed. We are just obeying the scriptural command and expecting God to show up.



### The engine of marriage

Being in love is a good thing, but it is not the best thing. Love is a deep unity, maintained by the will and deliberately strengthened by habit; reinforced by the grace which both partners ask and receive from God. On this love the engine of marriage is run; being in love was the explosion that started it.

-C.S. Lewis

## ACT 2 FOR AUBURN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Our Vision:** *to passionately love the Lord Jesus Christ, and radiate that love to every Individual*

### Our Values that Support this Vision:

- Following God's Word
- Being Led by the Holy Spirit
- Repenting, Forgiving, and Reconciling with Jesus Christ and with Each Other
- Continually Growing Spiritually
- Welcoming Without Judgment or Prejudice
- Communicating Openly and Often
- Rejoicing in the Lord Always

### Mission Statements for 2006 and beyond

**MISSION 1.** Glorify God by Developing Committed Followers of Jesus Christ Who Will Attract Others to Him

**MISSION 2.** Increase our Church's Health and Vitality using the Natural Church

Development Process

- Empowering Leadership
- Gift-Oriented Ministry
- Passionate Spirituality
- Functional Structures
- Inspiring Worship Service
- Holistic Small Groups
- Need-Oriented Evangelism
- Loving Relationships

**MISSION 3.** Develop a Master Plan for APC on the Present Campus

**MISSION 4.** Research How to Plant Another Church as We Reach Full Development

## TOUR GUIDE AVAILABLE IN CHURCH OFFICE

The 2008 MISSION YEARBOOK FOR PRAYER AND STUDY is still available in the church office for \$6. February starts in The Synod of Alaska-Northwest. This includes Alaska and continues down the coast to Washington and Idaho. On February 13, we begin travel to Indiana,



Kentucky, Ohio, and Michigan to tour the Synod of the Covenant. February 27, we start the journey that will take us into March - North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Iowa which comprises the Synod of Lakes and Prairies. Sundays highlight special events.

Included in February are the Transfiguration of the Lord, Auburn Theological Seminary, Medical Benevolence Foundation, and Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.



### An offertory prayer

O God, who has given us the earth, filled it with every good thing and set us on it as

caretakers and stewards, we raise our prayer of thanksgiving to you for life and beauty and grace.

Teach us to pause each day to see what you have made and how it reveals your graciousness to us. Help us live with thankful attitudes. Help us make each day a new beginning full of promise. Give us the courage to leave behind our pessimism, gloom and self-despising and to recognize every good gift you're waiting to give us.

Make us into your triumphant people, whose gift back to you is the love and respect we give to ourselves and our neighbor. And let your kingdom come through us today and forever. Amen.

## Special dates

- African-American History Month
- Transfiguration of the Lord, February 3, 2008
- Boy Scout Sunday, February 3, 2008
- Ash Wednesday, February 6, 2008
- First Sunday in Lent, February 10, 2008
- Valentine's Day, February 14, 2008
- Presidents' Day, February 18, 2008

## STUFF A BUS

Fairly regularly, the Auburn Interfaith Food Closet conducts a Stuff a Bus event. We usually have a shift to staff. More people volunteering would be nice. The program is that a local bus company parks a bus in front of a grocery store that has agreed to this arrangement. People entering the store are given a flyer asking them to purchase groceries to stuff the bus. Some volunteers hand out the flyers, others take food and cash from those who bring it to the bus and stack it. This has proved to be a successful fund and food raising event. If you would like to help, contact Craig George or Max Kane.

## Giving is healthy for us

Abraham Brunk, a professor and researcher in the Netherlands, found that people oriented toward giving and sharing are more physically and emotionally fit than their self-focused and less generous peers.

Brunk's study showed that givers use 50 percent fewer sick days. They also have lower blood pressure and higher self-esteem.

The anonymous poet who wrote the following words was right on target:

Give strength, give thought, give deeds,  
give of your wealth,  
Give love, give tears, and give thyself.  
Give, give, always giving. Who gives not is  
not living;  
The more you give, the more you live.

## The Bible as a letter

Søren Kierkegaard, a brilliant 19th-century philosopher, said this about the Bible: "The Bible should be read as a letter from God with our personal address on it."

How true! The Bible tells us who's behind our amazing lives. The Bible makes clear the source of our existence and explains how we're to live out our years on Earth. The Bible gives us the best rules for living with others and for living in our own skin.

Scripture tells us of the wisdom of saints and the foolishness of scoundrels. It explains how God tries to relate to us. It guides us and provides strength and courage through our daily lives.

The Bible tells how God walked among us on Earth in the person of Christ. Most importantly, it details how Christ revealed God's immeasurable love for all humankind.

Finally, the Bible assures us that God not only cares for us here and now but will care for us in the hereafter. Forever and forever!



## OFFICE AWNING REPAIR

You may have noticed that the big January storm removed most of the canvas awning from the office porch. Jay Hansen is looking for a few good folks to help install a new corrugated plastic cover for the porch. If you can lend a hand please call him at 878-7350.

## GOT CONFLICT?

Whenever people come together, there will, at some point, be conflict. Misunderstandings, poor communication, competing desires, and plain old sin are all things that contribute to the difficulties that hurt people and damage relationships.

How do you handle conflict? Do you go on the offensive? Do you try to avoid it at all costs? Or do you handle it using the principles God has supplied in his word? Conflict does not surprise him, and he has provided the answers we need to address the situations we find ourselves in.



You can learn about what God has to say about conflict and how to deal with it in "Resolving Conflict Biblically," which

will be held at Auburn Presbyterian Church on March 29. Based on information from Peacemaker Ministries ([www.peacemaker.net](http://www.peacemaker.net)) and presented by Penni Smith, this seminar will explore the causes of conflict, the opportunity it provides, and the ways God has given us to handle these issues.

Reserve March 29, 9:00-1:00, on your calendar now. In March, registration will be requested so that adequate refreshments and printed material can be provided. There is no charge for the seminar.

Penni Smith has been training with Peacemaker Ministries for the past two years. She has received personal peacemaking training, foundational training (conflict coaching and mediation) and advanced training (mediation and arbitration and resolving marital conflict), and has



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been encouraged to aid and instruct others.

There is no charge. Plan to come and invite others to come with you. Please call the church office (530) 823-3916 or e-mail [apc@auburnpresbyterian.org](mailto:apc@auburnpresbyterian.org) to register. This is important so the amount of materials and refreshments can be planned. Check our website [www.auburnpresbyterian.org/calendar\\_events/peace.html](http://www.auburnpresbyterian.org/calendar_events/peace.html) to see more information.

*"I will sing to the LORD, I will sing; I will make music to the LORD..."*



Judges 5:3, NIV

## Thoughts for Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day, a time when thoughts turn to love. But what is love? Is it a box of chocolates, or a pretty valentine? Is it a red rose, or maybe a dozen? Is it a peck on the cheek, a fond embrace, or a big bear hug?

Well, sometimes love is known in those ways. But love, real love, is how we relate to God and to one another if life is what it ought to be - beautiful!

### HANDS ON CURRICULUM FOR FEBRUARY

#### Grades K-2 - JESUS' MINISTRY

Week 1 Jesus wants us to be kind to others

Luke 10:25-37

Week 2 Jesus wants us to say thank you

Luke 17:11-19

Week 3 Jesus wants us to help others

Mark 2:1-12

Week 4 Jesus wants us to be fair

Luke 19:1-10

#### Grades 3-5 - JESUS, OUR FRIEND

Week 1 Real friends stick up for each other

Luke 19: 1-10

Week 2 Real friends comfort each other when they're sad

Mark 6:45-51

Week 3 Real friends don't ask you to do things that are wrong

John 15:12-17

Week 4 Real friends still love you even if you disappoint them

Luke 22:54-62, John 21:15-17



**NOW YOU ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST AND INDIVIDUALLY MEMBERS OF IT.**

1 Corinthians 12:27, NRSV



### CHURCH OFFICER NOMINATIONS

As our church's Nominating Committee begins its work, they would like to receive suggestions of qualified persons for Elder (to serve on Session), and Deacon (to join the Board of Deacons). You may use this part of the *Chronicles* to submit a name (to the M.A.I.L. Box on the Ushers Table at the rear of the worship center), or put your suggestion (with your own name) on any piece of paper. The Committee has yet to organize for their work, but you can help by getting your suggestions in early. All suggestions will be given to the Committee as soon as possible.


Both "elder" and "deacon" are offices of spiritual leadership. To be elected a church officer (our election is in early May, you may remember), the candidate must be an Active Member of Auburn Presbyterian Church, with gifts of service and spiritual maturity.

Thank you for taking time to share your suggestion(s)!

I want to suggest (name): \_\_\_\_\_ for the office of:  
% Elder  
% Deacon

Please contact me for the reasons I make this suggestion. \_\_\_\_\_

(your name) \_\_\_\_\_  
(your phone) \_\_\_\_\_



**Just for KIDS**

**LOVE**

In the Bible, Jesus says there are two greatest commandments. Below is a heart with continuous words around it. With your pencil, draw lines between the words. Then copy the words onto the lines below to complete Luke 10:27, NIV.

YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF LUKE 10:27 LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT

Answer: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

# Give a heart



One way to show love is to do something nice for someone else. Luke 10:27 tells us to love our neighbors, but who are our neighbors? Everyone is!

*Make these fun heart treats to share with some of your neighbors.*

### What you need:

- Saucepan
- 2 tablespoons of butter
- 2 or 3 bags of miniature marshmallows
- 4 cups of crisp-rice cereal (regular or chocolate)
- 9 x 13 pan
- Heart-shaped cookie cutter
- Bag of chocolate chips (milk or white chocolate)
- Bowl
- Zipper sandwich baggie
- Scissors

### What you do (with adult help):

1. Melt butter in saucepan and add marshmallows.
2. Stir until mixture becomes difficult to stir anymore. Mix in cereal and stir.
3. Butter the 9 x 13 pan and spread the mixture evenly in it. Allow to cool.
4. When cool, use cookie cutter to cut out heart-shaped treats.
5. Melt chocolate chips in a bowl in the microwave.
6. Spoon melted chocolate into a baggie. Cut off a corner and drizzle chocolate over the treats.
7. Enjoy giving a heart to your neighbor!



**WORSHIP HELPERS SCHEDULE**

Date	Worship Leader	Ushers	Welcomers	Video
3-Feb	Lysa Sassman	John & Mary Schug	Lynn & Shirley Hartford	Bill Jackson
10-Feb	Karen Luttinger	Craig & Dana George	Ron & Patty Markham	Kim Douglas
17-Feb	Craig George	Doug Felton	Cotton & Lynn Neufeld	Bill Jackson
24-Feb	Patty Markham	Norm and Frances	Ralph & Mary Sutton	Kim Douglas
IF ??? Call	Silva Stearn 885-5038	Max Kane 268-1629	Lynden Laird 268-2622	Bill Jackson 887-9422
Date	Greeters	Pre-k - 2	Nurtury	3rd-5th
3-Feb	Rod & Jean Hinton	Theresa Voss Sue Rice	Mary Shug Lois Laird	Katie Garcia Janine Yurdana
10-Feb	John & Edie Tillema	Barbara Sheldon Roice Stillwagon	Bill Jackson	Theresa Voss Barbara Thompson
17-Feb	Norm & Francis MacLeod	Pam Davis Loretta Taylor	Jenny Theobald	Dean Ecke Jean Hinton
24-Feb	Joe, Debbie & Nicholas Gow	Bev Anderson Rusty Rea	Karen Lane	Steve Norman Dorothy Shears
IF ??? Call	Lynden Laird 268-2622	Theresa Voss 887-9422	Theresa Voss 887-9422	Theresa Voss 887-9422

**KEENAGERS**

We will be meeting at 11:30 at Sizzler Restaurant on Tues. Feb 26, '08. Everyone can order what they want & enjoy eating together in the back room. Please bring any ideas for short programs you may want to cover. Bev Anderson has committed to doing one program on "signing" for us. Everyone age 50 + is welcome to join us...especially newcomers! For more information call Beverly Bower at 530-637-5284.



Date	Jr High	Refreshments
3-Feb	Bill Garcia	Month of February
10-Feb	Kyle Jacques	Noah's Crew Neufeld and...
17-Feb	Patty Markham	
24-Feb	Judy Gough	The Gleaners Tillema
IF ??? Call	Kyle Jacques	Eileen Ferber 885-1706



## BIBLE QUIZ

What did Jesus say about the proper way to pray? Choose the correct answer below:

A. Go to a public place and witness by praying where others can hear you.

B. Go to a private place such as your room, shut the door and spend quiet time with God.

C. Diligently prepare ahead of time the words you wish to use in prayer, write them out and then read them to God.

The answer is in Matthew 6:5-6, NRSV.



(Answer: B)

On Ash Wednesday, February 6, Lent begins. During this 40-day period, Christians reevaluate their spiritual lives. It's a time for us to have a spiritual check-up and to strive to live the Christian life more faithfully and more intentionally.

One might go on a spiritual retreat, for example, spending time with a prayer warrior, Bible expert or theologian. During Lent, attending the various church services and study opportunities can help people grow spiritually and become more informed about the Christian faith.

Our pilgrimage through Lent should inspire us to serve God more faithfully in our daily lives.



## FOR ALL CHRONICLES SUBMITTERS

Please send your articles to the Church Office at APC@auburnpresbyterian.org. If you are unable to send them as a Word or Excel document, please submit them an additional **two (2) days prior to the deadline.** Guidelines are the following:

1. Font type: Comic Sans
2. Font size: 11
3. Titles: size 14, capitalized, bold and centered.
4. Fully justify your article.

Do not format your articles unless they are done in Microsoft Word. If you are unable to submit by email, please bring a hard copy to the office **two days prior to the deadline.** Be aware that the Editor needs two full weekends to complete the newsletter - which accounts for the changing deadline.



Just a reminder to submitters: if your articles require re-typing and/or reformatting them, she needs to have them to her before 9 a.m. the day of the deadline. If you do not have Word on your computer, and you choose to email your article, please send it as a text file rather than an html. Thank you to all of you who adjusted your schedules to accommodate these guidelines and deadlines. You're the best!



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- 3 9:00 am Adult Bible Study  
10:00 am Worship  
Communion / Souper Bowl Offering
- 4 12 noon Women's Bible Study
- 6 7:00 pm *Ash Wednesday*  
7:00 pm Lenten service at St. Theresa's  
7:00 pm W.I.S.E.
- 7 9:00 am W.I.S.E.  
12 noon Prayer Hour  
7:00 pm Choir practice
- 8 7:00 am Men's Bible Study
- 9 9:00-noon Cooperation "Relationship Playshop"
- 10 9:00 am Adult Bible Study  
10:00 am Worship  
Healing Ministry
- 12 1:30 pm *Chronicles Deadline*  
7:00 pm Women's Bible Study  
Deacon's meeting
- 13 7:00 pm Lenten service at 1st Congregational  
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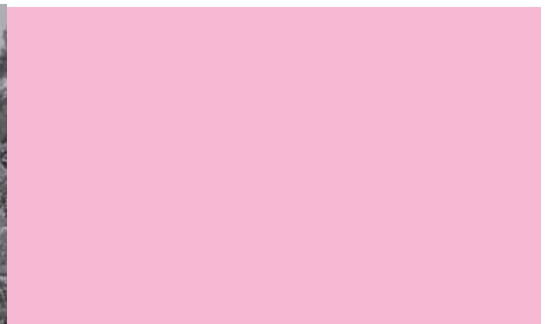
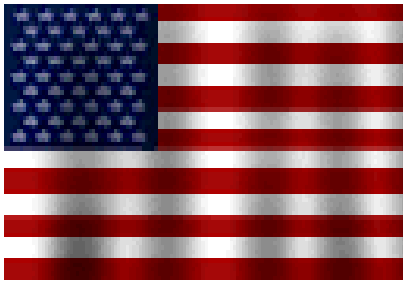
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