

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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March 2010

Volume 3

Scotland Trip Update

From May 29—June 11, twenty-nine people, mostly members of First Presbyterian Church, will be traveling to Scotland. This is not your typical tour. This trip is being planned and organized by Steve & Doris Shive and David Fandrich.

Its purpose is to celebrate the 1500th Anniversary of the Luss Church, our sister congregation. Dr. Shive will be preaching and a choral ensemble and bell choir led by David Fandrich will be performing for worship. The choral and bell groups will also participate in worship at the Iona Community and at the Church of Scotland in Crief.

Another primary purpose is to explore significant places and spiritual practices of the Celtic tradition. Throughout the trip David and Steve will be giving historical and spiritual overviews. A daily journal is being developed by them to help the group reflect on meaning and significance of various events and places. This trip is more than a tour. In many ways it is a pilgrimage.

FMSO Chamber Orchestra Concert in Our Sanctuary, March 28.

The Fargo-Moorhead Symphony Orchestra continues its chamber concert series in our Sanctuary on Sunday, March 28 at 2:00pm.

The Chamber Series finale celebrates composers who are truly giants of the repertoire -- Beethoven and Brahms. Pianist Jihye Change joins the Fargo-Moorhead Symphony's own 8th Street String Quartet for this concert.

A limited number of complimentary tickets are available to anyone in our congregation. Please contact the church office by Thursday, March 25 for tickets. Members of First Presbyterian are needed as ushers for this event. Contact the church office to volunteer your services.

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Fargo, North Dakota

Upcoming Events:

March 28
Palm Sunday

April 4
Easter Sunday

April 11
Missional BreakOUT

April 13
PW Luncheon

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Missional BreakOUT

The word *mission* implies action—task-oriented action. On **Sunday, April 11**, First Presbyterian Church is going to go outside of its walls during worship to work for the good of our community. **Missional BreakOUT Sunday will feature one, combined worship service at 9:30 am.** We will gather for a brief worship service, organize ourselves into work teams, and then go out to our mission sites.

Look for sign up boards in the Gathering Space in the weeks to come. We are coordinating with the following organizations to create practical opportunities for all ages in our church:

Habitat for Humanity

River Keepers

Dorothy Day House

YWCA

others pending



Plan to dress casually, in work clothes. Mission sites may have specific dress or equipment needs. Consider where you can work most effectively and sign up in the weeks to come.

Organist/Instrumental Music Coordinator Position Opening

We are seeking your participation in the in the organist/instrumental music coordinator search process. The ideal candidate will be an excellent organist, pianist, and accompanist with good interpersonal skills. Please consider your many contacts and encourage qualified candidates to visit our church's website for position details: www.firstpresfargo.org

One Great Hour of Sharing

More than sixty years ago, in response to the devastation of World War II, a Saturday evening nationwide broadcast asked Americans to give generously the next morning in their churches. A remarkable variety of national leaders and celebrities gave their efforts to the broadcast, and more than 75,000 churches responded. One Great Hour of Sharing was born. Today monies that are collected are roughly divided into thirds, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Self-Development of People, The Hunger Program. For the past 20 years the Presbyterians have collected between 8-11 million dollars annually. Please consider giving to One Great Hour of Sharing. Envelopes are in the pew racks or you may send in a check to the church, noting OGH on the memo line. "Do you love me? Feed My Sheep."



Adult Education

Sundays, starting March 7

Few books of the Bible have had the same amount of speculation and wonder as the Book of Revelation. Come and join together in investigating this in-depth study and discover the word God would have us hear on this final book of Holy Scripture. The study will be led by Pastor Holtey.

Sundays, March 7 and 14

Bruce Maylath concludes his book study, "The Narcissism Epidemic."

Sunday, March 21

If your identity is stolen, it's more than an inconvenience. It puts your finances and credit rating at risk – and that's just the beginning.

Find out what steps you can take to help ensure your identity isn't stolen. Join us for this free educational workshop:

Identity Theft: What you need to know

During the workshop you'll learn:

- How identity theft can occur.
- Tips to help protect yourself.
- Steps you can take if identity theft does happen to you.

Offered By: Benjamin Zietz, Financial Associate

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

When: March 21st at 9:50 AM

Where: Celebration Hall at First Presbyterian, Fargo

Register: Open to All

Wednesdays in March

As we journey through Lent in Sunday worship, we are looking at the value of different types of prayer. As well on Wednesday nights, the Adult Education class is studying the "Great Prayers of the Bible." Join us as we discuss prayers said by King David, Hannah, Mary and Jesus Christ. Dinner starts at 5:15pm, followed by class at 6:05pm.

Caring Ministries

Come! Join the Green Team!

You are invited to a gathering on Tuesday, March 16, 7:00 p.m. to discuss recycling and conservation issues in the church. Where can we do better as stewards of God's creation? If you are unable to attend but wish to participate, please contact Mary Holtey.



Pastoral Coverage for March

To provide consistent and effective pastoral care to all the members of the church, one of the called pastoral staff will be available on weekends and evenings. Here is the schedule for March.

Mar. 1-7	Steve Shive	281-0106
Mar. 8-14	Mary Holtey	237-0726
Mar. 15-21	Steve Shive	281-0106
Mar. 22-28	Mary Holtey	237-0726
Mar. 29-Apr. 4	Steve Shive	281-0106

Welcome New Members

Elizabeth Burk and Lindsey Meyer were received as members of our congregation Sunday, January 24, 2010.



Lindsey Meyer



Elizabeth Burk

Easter Flowers

Contributions toward beautifying the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday are now being accepted! Please complete the section below and return it, with your payment, to the church office no later than March 26.

Name: _____

Please choose ONE of the following designations to be noted in the Easter bulletin:

1. In loving memory of _____
2. In honor of _____
3. To the Glory of God

_____ Lilies - \$8.50 each # _____ Azaleas - \$27.50 each # _____ Tulips - \$14.50 each

Church Staff

The Rev. Dr. Stephen A. Shive	Pastor/Head of Staff
The Rev. Mary Jo E. Holtey	Associate Pastor for Congregational Nurture
The Rev. Dr. Steve Kisslinger	Parish Associate
The Rev. Emery Roy	Pastor Emeritus
Penny Andrist	Co-Coordinator of Children's Ministry
Gail Benson	Co-Coordinator of Children's Ministry
Ansley Cameron	Youth Director/UCM Downtown Coordinator
Laura Caroon	Communications Specialist
Dr. David Fandrich	Director of Music
Rick Fiebiger	Facility Manager
Gracia Fulwiler	Parish Nurse
Carolyn Hensrud	Interim Organist
Julie Jensen	Part-time Custodian
Diana Peterson	Receptionist
John Smith	Part-time Custodian
Bonnie Stam	Nursery Staff
Mary Wittenberg	Business Manager

The Session

Marty Hoag, Personnel; **Candy Cox**, Fellowship & Events; **David Stastny**, Building & Grounds; **Mary Staahl & Jocie Iszler**, Management & Finance; **Greg Post & Vicki Laraway**, Worship; **Ray Bauske, Alexa Mazaheri** (youth) & **Shila Tobosa**, Spiritual Nurture & Education; **Jim Johnson & David Johnson**, Support & Endowment; **Mike Lochow**, Communications; **Mary Simle**, Mission; **Bruce Maylath**, New Initiatives for a New Generation

Board of Deacons

Marion Anderson, Penny Andrist, Chad Backes, Dick Blaine, Sue Cacioppo, Anne Durbin, Kate Frappier, Nan Froelich, Patricia Gilbertson, Krista Johnson, Barb Kessel, Christine Kloubec, Jeff Olson, Kendrick Pifer (youth), **Georgia Resell, Joe Stanley, Phyllis Sunderland, Paula Thomas, Brad Zietz**

Gracia Fulwiler, Health Ministries Coordinator

Office Hours

Mon-Thu 8:30am-5pm
Fri 9am-1pm

Deadlines

Deadline for April Messenger article submission is Wednesday, March 24. Please e-mail articles to Laura Caroon: lcaroon@firstpresfargo.org

YOUTH @ First

Easter Breakfast

For our Annual Easter Breakfast, we will once again be setting up and serving a delicious breakfast. The youth puts on this meal to help fund raise for youth trips. On April 4th come and help serve, eat, and tidy up from 8:30am to 10:45am. Come and support the youth!

Summer Retreats!

The Middle School Youth Group will be going on summer retreat to the Castaway's Young Life Camp in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota. The dates of the trip are June 8th through the 12th of the summer of 2010. Please let Ansley Cameron know ASAP if you are interested in attending this trip. www.younglife.org

The Senior High Youth Group will be going on summer retreat to the Castaway's Young Life Camp in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota. The dates of the trip are July 25th through the 31st of the summer of 2010. Please let Ansley Cameron know ASAP if you are interested in attending this trip. www.younglife.org

Presbytery Youth Triennium Conference: July 19-26, 2010

The Presbytery Youth Triennium Conference will be held in West Lafayette, Indiana from July 19th -26th of 2010. There will be over 6,000 youth from around the globe at this special conference that is held every three years. The conference will include large group sessions, small groups, great games, food, skits, energizers, and fellowship. The Conference is open to all 14-19 year old youth. Costs to all participants will be \$409. On the return trip, we will visit the Sears Tower in Chicago and will be spending a day at Noah's Ark Water Park in Wisconsin Dells, WI. (Noah's Ark is the world largest water par!) For more information, please go to Presbyterianyouthtriennium.org. If you are interested in attending, please contact Ansley Cameron (ansleycameron@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

Check out the youth blog for the latest info:

<http://youthatfirstpres.blogspot.com>

Young Adults

GroundWork: Spirituality and Bible Study for Young Adults

SeeYouWednesday has expanded beyond lunch. GroundWork, the spirituality and Bible discussion group for people 18-29, has resumed at 6:05 p.m. on Wednesdays at First Presbyterian Church. The informal, free-flowing discussion is led by Bruce Maylath, a professor from NDSU's English Department. Whether you're currently a student or not, you're invited to join us.

If you have time, come as well for supper at 5:15 (just \$4 with student ID), and then stay for the Soul Space celebration worship service at 6:55. Check it out at seeyouwednesday.org and soulspaceatfirstpres.blogspot.com.



www.seeyouwednesday.org

January Financial Summary

	Jan. 2010 Actual	Jan. 2010 Budget
Income	\$59,154	\$65,074
Expenses	\$56,170	\$61,869
Net income	\$2,984	\$3,205

Mission

Adopt-A-School

The staff here at First Presbyterian has partnered with the Fargo Public Schools Foundation and their Adopt-A-School program. We are going into McKinley Elementary school to assist with reading programs, tutoring, projects, special events, community service projects, field trips and mentoring. The students benefit from time and expertise of caring adults and teachers appreciate the help.

Are you willing and able to reach out to the students from this largely underprivileged population? If you can read to children, listen to children or even eat lunch with a certain someone who could use a good mentor, please let Penny know. Our participation in this program is not limited to staff – *you are invited to become involved.*

Many of the students who attend McKinley Elementary do not have books at home. In April, we will have a **book drive** for these students. Please donate new or gently used books to the Holy Buckets.

Questions? Ready to sign up? Penny is coordinating this program – contact her at Pandrist@firstpresfargo.org



Holy Buckets

Every March we gather food for area pantries because the program Minnesota FoodShare will give additional money based on pounds of food and dollar donations. Reports are that all the food collected for "Fill the Dome" will be used up by the end of March. Let's help fill the Pantries again! Please bring non-perishable food items to the green buckets in the Gathering Space or you may make a financial donation to the church, noting "Holy Buckets" on the memo line.

Be thinking of April ~ we will be collecting new and gently used children's books for McKinley Elementary (K-5th grade), our adopted school. We would love to be able to send every McKinley child home with a book from us to keep and to read.

Remember, food in March, children's books in April! Thank you, thank you, thank you, for all your support.

Children

Third Grade Bible Presentation

Bibles will be presented to all third graders at the 10:45 service on Sunday, March 21.

Palm Sunday

During the Quest hour (9:30-10:30) on Palm Sunday, March 28th, we will have a family celebration time. Parents—please join your kids upstairs—we want you to stay for the hour and spend time with your kids and other families. Your participation ensures that our Sunday School teachers, many of whom are parents, can spend time with their own children on special days as well. Treats, coffee and lemonade will be provided and Carol Praefcke will lead an art activity.

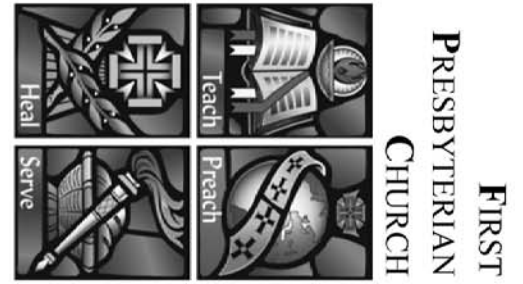


Kids and their families will also receive palm branches to be used in a processional at the 10:45 service. One Great Hour of Sharing banks should also be returned this day.

Easter Sunday

There is no Quest for Kids programming on Easter. Enjoy the youth-sponsored Easter breakfast with your family!





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March 2010

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 8am Men's Breakfast 1pm Music Club 5:15pm Mission 7pm B&G	2 12pm Staff Luncheon 5:15pm Personnel 6:30pm NA	3 See Regular Wednesday Schedule 5:45pm Youth Comm.	4 7pm FM Camera Club	5	6

Regular Sunday Schedule

- 9:00am Sanctuary Worship Service
- 9:30am Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 9:45am Quest for Kids
- 9:50am Fellowship/Coffee
- 10:45am Adult Education
- 12:00pm Legacy Worship Service
- 6:30pm Narcotics Anonymous

Wednesdays @ First Schedule

- 9:30am Notables
- 11:00am Collegiate Lunch
- 5:15pm Dinner
- 5:35pm 3-6 Handbell Choir
- 5:45pm Brass Ensemble
- 6:05pm Soul Space Band Rehearsal
- 6:05pm K-2 Choir Rehearsal
- 7-12 Choir Rehearsal
- 6:55pm Adult Education
- 7:30pm Confirmation
- 7:30pm Soul Space
- 7:30pm Adult Handbell Rehearsal
- 7:35pm Youth Groups

Lay Staff Appreciation Week

7 See Regular Sunday Schedule 9:30am 8th Grade Bible Study	8 6:45am Man Up 8am Men's Breakfast	9 10:30am PW Board 12pm PEO 1:00pm Staff 6:30pm NA 7pm Deacons	10 See Regular Wednesday Schedule 6pm Children's Comm.	11 9am PW Bible Study Leaders 5pm CU/FH 6:30pm Lake Agassiz Girls' Choir	12	13 11:30am NA
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14 See Regular Sunday Schedule 9:30am 8th Grade Bible Study 12pm Potluck	15 8am Men's Breakfast 6:30pm Session	16 PW Circles 1:00pm Staff 6:30pm NA	17 See Regular Wednesday Schedule	18 8:30am Town Hall Board 12pm S & E 7pm FM Camera Club	19	20
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28 See Regular Sunday Schedule 2pm FMSO Concert	29 8am Men's Breakfast	30 1:00pm Staff 6:30pm NA 7pm Worship Comm.	31 See Regular Wednesday Schedule 12:30pm Messenger Volunteers			
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Fellowship

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women will meet April 13th for a luncheon at noon. We will learn about Charism and have the "Least Coin" offering dedication. The Bible Study on Joshua continues through May. Please join us!

Potluck: Sunday, March 14

Do you need food for your soul as well as for your body? Potlucks answer the call of physical hunger and the call for connection with others! Everyone is invited to bring a dish of a favorite food to pass for this gathering after Legacy Worship!



Man Up: Monday, March 8th, 6:45am

Man Up is a gathering of men who assemble to study Scripture and to support each other. Donuts, coffee and hot water for tea is served! The current study focuses on the book of Exodus.

Presbyterian Clearwater Forest

One of our Synod's best kept secrets is Clearwater Forest, our camp located in the Brainerd Lakes Area. There are opportunities offered year round and especially in the summer months with camps for third through ninth graders. Come and learn how to sail, kayak, canoe, golf, horseback ride, sing, and most of all make new friends. There's also family camp, seniors' retreat, and adult camps. Pastor Mary has a few catalogs or go to www.clearwaterforest.org for more information about what camp is right for you!

Congregational Concerns Policy

First Presbyterian Church, Fargo, ND

Last Updated: 02/27/2009

From time to time members of the congregation may have concerns, disagreements, or conflicts with the staff or the session of the church. This policy describes the preferred way to resolve concerns or conflicts. As described in section G-7.0103 of the Book of Order, the session is the governing body of the church but "The organization rests upon the fellowship and is not designed to work without trust and love."

When concerns, disagreements, or conflicts (referred to as concerns below) arise the following steps should be followed with trust, love, and prayer by the parties involved.

1. Ideally a concern can be resolved directly with the other party involved.
2. If direct dialogue fails to resolve the concern or a member of the congregation is unwilling to talk to the other person directly then the person may take up the issue with the immediate supervisor of the staff member or with the head of staff.
3. If steps 1 and 2 fail then the person may contact a session member assigned to the Personnel Committee. The session member may attempt to mediate resolution, refer the concern to the Personnel Committee, or, if all else fails, refer the issue to the session.

While it may be important to respect confidentiality during the process, anonymous concerns cannot be pursued because a dialogue is not possible.

Concerns, disagreements, or conflicts between two staff members should be resolved following procedures as outlined in the FPC Personnel Policies Manual.

"That YOU May Have LIFE" Noon Lenten Services and Lunch

Ecumenical services during Lent began February 24 and will continue March 3, 10, 17, and 24 at Elim Lutheran Church, 321 9th St. N. in Fargo. Worship is at noon, with a soup and sandwich lunch at 11:30 and 12:30. These services are sponsored by Central Cities Ministries. A free-will offering will be received and given to the Communal Needs Fund to help those facing emergency situations.