

# SMOKE SIGNALS

A Monthly Newsletter

March 2015

## "Once Upon a Tree"

A celebration of the Palms and the Passion



At all three of our Palm Sunday worship services we will hear the words of Luke musically come alive , recalling the Passion of Jesus Christ. Participating will be our entire Worship / Arts department as well as a guest orchestra.



**Session - Ruling Elders**

**Class of 2015**

Kathy Bertani  
Lois Gorman  
Mike Huston  
Joni Sandles  
Carol Yoder

**Class of 2016**

Gary Brewster  
Luceal Curry  
vacant  
Brian Hinman  
Barb Lohff

**Class of 2017**

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Ron Klein  
Duncan MacLean  
Joyce Pacifico  
Kent Smith

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Joanie Huston  
Shelley Jahns  
Bev Long  
Darlene Lull  
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Carol Weitz

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Barbara Klein  
Ann Longenbarger  
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Shirley Braddock  
Betty Graves  
Bonney Howard  
Eleanor Smith  
Brenda Tankersley  
Pam Tognarine  
Jim Qurollo

**Clerk of Session**

Mike Huston

**Ministries and Chairs**

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Christian Education  
Congregational Care  
Evangelism  
Facilities and Property  
Finance and Stewardship  
Mission  
Personnel  
Worship and the Arts

Bertani\* and Gable  
Gorman\* and Pacifico  
Gaylord\* and Klein  
Smith\* and Hinman  
Sandles\* and Brewster  
Curry\* and MacLean  
Huston\*  
Lohff\* and Yoder

**Moderator of Deacons**

Ron Bloom

In the past week (as of this writing) several members of our congregation attended a presentation by Dr. Amy Hanson. Four were commissioners to our stated meeting of Peace River Presbytery on February 26 and seven more were attendees at a workshop held the next day in our of our presbytery's churches.

Dr. Hanson is a speaker, writer, and consultant who has a passion to help older adults discover a life of Christ-centered meaning and purpose. Interestingly, when she speaks of "older adults," Dr. Hanson does not mean what we usually mean when we use the same term. The focus of her attention in the presbytery keynote and at the workshop was on baby boomers. Depending upon whose matrix one chooses to follow, typically baby boomers are understood to be those born between 1946 and 1964. Dr. Hanson refers to those people as the "new old" (but don't tell them she said that). These are the older adults to whom Dr. Hanson refers.



Baby boomers' needs, likes, dislikes, understanding of the world, music, heck, you name it, are different from previous generations. But the really important information for a church-our church-and her evangelism efforts concerns boomers' church attendance. Dr. Hanson made it clear that, for the most part, this group of people have diminished church attendance wherever they live. So when they move to their chosen place of retirement, let's say Florida ... let's say Southwest Florida ... selecting a church to attend does not top their "to do" list. Again, for the most part they are not like their predecessor generations. Denominational loyalty, even worship attendance loyalty, are not part of their DNA.

When we held our annual meeting of the congregation on February 15 we considered our church's annual report. Part of that report was the clerk's report which summarized our membership statistics for the previous year. In fact, the trend in our church mirrors the trend in many Presbyterian churches (and other mainline denomination's churches). Granted, some churches are booming ... but many are not. Our membership peaked in 2009 and the trend we have seen since then is a downward trend.

So what are we to do about this? If people are still moving into our community from other places (which they are), if many of these people are boomers (and they are), and if their church selection and attendance are not givens (and they are not), then what are we to do in light of people dying, moving, or otherwise transferring from our church?

This is an issue which our Evangelism Ministry of Session is preparing to address. Several of that ministry's members attended Dr. Hanson's workshop and are planning to address this matter. You will be kept aware of their efforts.

Those who write about evangelism still maintain what you have heard before. Most people visit a church because they have been invited by someone. While a web presence, print ads, and TV/radio spots are helpful, people respond to the personal touch. As people move into your neighborhood, invite them to worship with us. Offer to accompany them as a kind of "sponsor." Be an evangelist.

See you Sunday ...

Thank you for your Extra Generosity

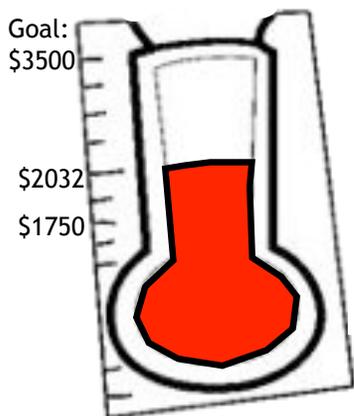
*“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.”*

~1 Peter 4.10

Over this past year our congregation has gone above and beyond to help our M.Y. P.L.A.C.E. youth group be able to do some extra wonderful things this year. Much like many other ministries of our church, our youth operates out of the main budget of the church. There is a space specifically in the budget just for our youth group. This money goes toward their weekly meetings throughout the school year including all their materials, their fun projects, and their meals. In addition, when there is extra on occasion the youth also use this account to take fun trips outside of the church to grow the fellowship among them. You contribute to this account just through your regular offerings and tithes.



Yet you have also contributed more through some special fundraisers that our youth have had. Perhaps you’ve picked up a baked good at a Sunday youth bake sale, or came to a pancake breakfast or the spaghetti dinner. Maybe you helped out at the garage sale, donated or bought an item or two, or bought a wreath for Christmas. These extra fundraising monies go specifically to the Youth Mission budget account. This account helps the youth do specific mission projects they wouldn’t be able to do otherwise. This year, the youth aimed at making \$9000 so that they could go on an out-of-state Mission trip this summer to Manassas, Virginia. From all of your generosity, the youth met and have gone beyond their goal! This will help there to be some extra money left over if there are any hidden costs.



Some of you also brought in dry/canned goods or money on Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, February 1. This money is specifically set aside for the youth to go to Lighthouse once a month. At Lighthouse, the youth serve many homeless people a warm, good, and full meal. The meal they cook and travel expenses each month costs approximately \$350 and they try to go 10 months a year. Out of the \$3500 needed, the youth received \$2032 for this special monthly outing to feed the homeless. Thank you for your extra giving that you have. We were able to be creative with some funds to help figure out the balance so that the youth can continue to serve.

Many thanks for your generosity,

*Cassie*

Our Lenten journey in worship this year is one in which we recall the covenant our loving Creator God made with our forefathers, from Noah to Abraham to Moses, and to all of us today. God showed them common elements like a rainbow, and wrote commandments on two tablets of stone, and ultimately allowed His own Son to hang on a cross. All of these came with the promise of God's continuing love and grace for the children of God. The promised journey wasn't necessarily one free of struggle, but the promise of God beside them each and every step of the way would carry them through.



In our worship center - on the chancel at the foot of the cross - will be symbols to us through the coming weeks. Rocks of wilderness, overflowing cascades of descendants, a snake - and a savior - lifted on a stick, grains of wheat that need to die to be of use. Each will remind us of the promise ... the promise that carries us along on our journey.



In what wilderness are you wandering this Lent? Do the struggles of life feel like a flood that is washing over you? Does God seem far away? Come and worship these next six Sundays, as we are reminded of the Covenant God who not only made promises to the people of the Old Testament, but has promised each of us the Gift of the New Covenant. Jesus, the Christ, came to this earth, lived and taught - and died - for you and for me. And He sent His Spirit to remain with us always. Come, let us journey together.



## ***Palm Sunday*** ***“Once Upon a Tree”***

***A celebration of the Palms and the Passion:***

As we prepare our hearts to journey with Christ from the streets of Jerusalem where the crowds cried, “Hosanna,” all the way to the road to Golgotha, after the crowds cried, “Crucify Him,” at all three of our Sunday worship services we will hear the words of Luke come alive musically, recalling the Passion of Jesus Christ. Participating this year will be our Praise Chorale, CAYA Praise Team, our youth liturgical dance team, and a guest orchestra.



Faithworks classes for February 22 - March 29

***Changing Lives ( as God Directs our witness and work )***

**CHRISTIANITY AND THE CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES**

A discussion series considering social and theological issues confronting Christians and the church. This first series will discuss the topic, "Christian Ethics."

- Week 1 "Thou shalt," Thou shalt NOT. Who says?"
- Week 2 Is there such a thing as a "Christian Ethic?"
- Week 3 Are ethics absolute or flexible? Do they change?
- Week 4 What determines what is "right," what is "wrong?"
- Week 5 What is the role of the church in this dilemma?
- Week 6 What's a Christian to do?

**(Christian ethics: It is the systematic study of the way of life set forth by Jesus Christ, applied to the daily demands and decisions of our personal and social existence).**

**9:40 - 10:40**

**Room 4**

**Bob Lynch**

***A WORLD WORTH SAVING: LENTEN SPIRITUAL PRACTICES FOR ACTION - George Donigian***

If you're weary of the Lent-as-usual appeal to give up chocolate, this book is for you. You'll discover how you can be the hands of Christ in the world. See Lent as your opportunity to become involved in acts of mercy and compassion. You'll deepen your commitment to God's word in the world as you explore these themes: Fasting from Apathy, Serving God by Serving Others, Feeding Others and Starving our Guilt, Seeking Justice, Healing the World, and Refining Friendship.

**9:40 - 10:40**

**Room 3/5**

**Pete Gaylord**

**11:00 - 12:00**

**Room 3/5**

**Rosie and Bob Gable**

- Books available in room 3/5. A \$5.00 donation appreciated



Ladies ... come join us Tuesday mornings for WBS.

We will begin our new study, **Power of Your Story** by Ben Arment March 10.

What is your story? How does it weave with God's story? God extends an invitation to each of us to step into His story and experience the ongoing narrative of His word in our lives.

Come share ... Tuesdays in the Fellowship Hall from 10:00 - 11:30. We are the best party in town!

**TGIV - March 6 at 7:00PM** - The renowned *Ring Sarasota handbell* group will perform a patchwork of patriotic and popular tunes. This will be a **benefit concert** for the **Jesus Loves You Ministry**, a mobile outreach program for the homeless of Charlotte County. This ministry serves the homeless by helping them obtain IDs and connecting them with wellness, medical, food bank and employment services.

**Concert Series - March 16 at 7:30PM** - *Purdue Varsity Glee Club*, a dynamic musical group with unparalleled showmanship. Don't miss this wonderful performance.

**New Name Tags** - Would you like to reach out to others and meet new people in our congregation? Your name tag can be a conversation starter and ice-breaker.

Pete Gaylord  
Washington N.J.  
Burnt Store Presbyterian Church

The new name tags will have your name and where you came from, or where you spend your time when you're not here in Punta Gorda. They will be available for \$6—order forms will be available at the Information Carousel.

Please join us in this effort to learn more about each other and extend the hand of friendship to the members of our congregation.

**Habitat for Humanity** - We have expanded our Bible giving to new homeowners. Our gifts of new Bibles now also include a Children's Bible that is age-appropriate for each family. The families have been enthusiastic about the children's bibles.

*Some notes from a recent dedication:* Minutes into the home dedication ceremony during the opening prayer, a steady drizzle of rain started. We felt like we were being anointed. Was that a God wink? These dedications are most rewarding because we experience the sincerity of these new homeowners, who put in 300 hours of sweat equity to achieve their goal of a new home. Did you know that every 26 minutes around the world a family receives gifts and becomes a Habitat homeowner?

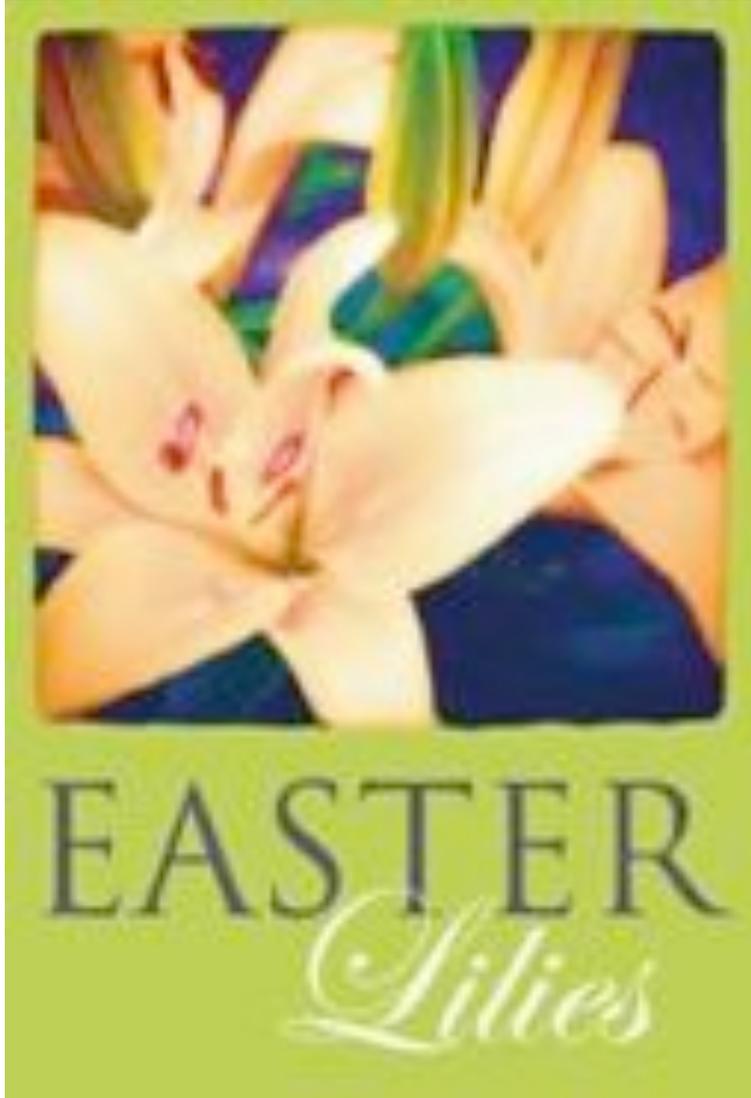
On Thursday evening February 19, at the annual Habitat for Humanity Volunteer and Donor Dinner/Awards, Burnt Store Presbyterian Church was recognized with a "2014 Church Donor Award."

Ron and Annemarie Klein were present and honored to receive this award on behalf of our Church.



Burnt Store Presbyterian Church can be very proud to receive this award for all of the physical and financial efforts that have been made through out this past year to this fine community organization.

**W O R S H I P**  
Barb Lohff and Carol Yoder, Elders



The season of Lent has begun. It has many different meanings for many people. Hopefully you will find just the right feel for your *flavor* (as Pastor Tim likes to say) of Lent reflection or celebration as we progress through the season. We began Ash Wednesday morning with the imposition of ashes and ended with a beautiful and moving Ash Wednesday service that evening. The first Sunday of Lent was February 22 when we celebrated communion. Palm Sunday will be a very special time at BSPC. Our music department will present the cantata, *Once Upon a Tree* at all three services. There will be instrumental accompaniment and the combined voices of the Praise Team and the BSPC choir. Do mark your calendars for this poignant presentation. Maundy Thursday, April 2, will be our next communion Sunday. It will be served in the pews by our current members of Session. The Maundy Thursday service will begin at 7:00PM and have nursery services available. Likewise on Good Friday at 7:00PM the nursery will also be open and our service will be in the Sanctuary. On Easter morning we will have our usual three services with our Sanctuary in full bloom and glorious befitting such a celebration. We will again be requesting the congregation to bring cut flowers from their gardens to adorn our Chancel cross.

The order forms for the Easter Lilies will be in the Sunday bulletin for several Sundays in March. These make a wonderful remembrance or congratulatory statement for a loved one. They of course will be available for you to take home after the 11:00AM service on Easter morning. The suggested donation for an Easter Lily is \$10.00.

So whatever *flavor* of Lent you are observing, plan to share it with your BSPC family. We are open for business and ready to celebrate that most glorious season of the liturgical year ... won't you join us?

***At its February 10, 2015 stated meeting, Session:***

- Approved the minutes of the January 20, 2015 stated Session meeting
- Accepted the January 2015 Treasurer's Report, subject to year-end inspection
- Accepted and consented to Pete Gaylord's resignation as a member of Session effective January 22, 2015, with grateful appreciation for all the faithful work Pete has performed for BSPC
- Approved the request of The Presbyterian Women that the date of the PW Birthday Offering be changed from March 1, 2015 to March 15, 2015
- Approved the request of The Presbyterian Women that their Annual Social Event and Fundraiser be held on January 17, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Approved the Session Annual Statistical Report for 2014 for submission to PCUSA
- Upon motion of the Christian Education Ministry, approved the following Faithworks classes during the period from February 22, 2015 through March 29, 2015: Christianity and the Controversial Issues, with Bob Lynch as facilitator, and A World Worth Saving: Lenten Spiritual Practices for Action, with Pete Gaylord, Bob Gable and Rosie Gable a facilitators
- Upon motion of the Mission Ministry, approved and authorized the following designated PCUSA special offerings for 2015: One Great Hour of Sharing on April 5, 2015, Pentecost Offering on May 24, 2015, Peacemaking Offering on October 4, 2015 and Christmas Offering on December 20, 2015
- Upon motion of the Mission Ministry, approved and authorized the following designated PCUSA special offerings for 2016 on the dates specified by PCUSA: One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost Offering, Peacemaking Offering and Christmas Offering

***At the meeting of the congregation on February 15, 2015, the congregation:***

- Approved the minutes of the congregational meetings held on January 26, February 16, September 7 and November 30, 2014
- Received the 2014 Annual Report
- Approved the terms of call for Pastor Tim Stewart and Associate Pastor Cassie Todd for 2015

Anyone wanting to learn more about the specifics of any of the foregoing actions is encouraged to contact the Ministry responsible for the action. If you have any questions about this report, feel free to contact Mike Huston, Clerk of Session.

**F I N A N C E M I N I S T R Y**  
Joni Sandles and Gary Brewster, Elders

**HELP ...**

Have you turned in your 2015 Estimate of Giving Card. If you have not please mail or bring it to the church office. Without that information from our congregation it will be impossible for all our ministries to plan and start their programs.

**HELP Again ...**

As you can see from the above numbers our income was down \$10,000.00 from January last year. This is not a good start for the year. Luckily our ministries have pulled in their belts and spent \$9,000.00 under budget. Which means we are still ok as a church. Please get your pledges in if you are not up to date.

**GOOD News ...**

Our Power of One dollars have helped Habitat for Humanity secure enough money to complete the Apostles for 2015 to be completed in March. Normally 12 churches donate the necessary dollars to complete the build. This years several of the churches could not fit it into their budgets. Your \$2,000.00 help get Apostles Build back on track.

**Burnt Store Presbyterian Church  
Financial Report - January 2015**

**Profit & Loss Summary**

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Operating Income	72,987	82,148	(9,161)	-11.2%
Operating Expense	56,079	62,519	(6,439)	-10.3%
<b>Gain (Loss)</b>	<b>16,907</b>	<b>19,629</b>	<b>(2,722)</b>	<b>-13.9%</b>
Other Income	19,072			

**January Total Comparison with Prior Year**

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Operating Income	83,321	72,987	(10,334)	-12.4%
Operating Expense	62,960	56,079	(6,880)	-10.9%
<b>Gain (Loss)</b>	<b>20,361</b>	<b>16,907</b>	<b>(3,454)</b>	

# M I S S I O N

Luceal Curry and Duncan MacLean, Elders

## Spotlight on Missions ...



The Burnt Store Presbyterian Church Mission Group provides support to some 25 different local, domestic, world groups and activities. This month we would like to Spot Light a few of these activities.

### *Charlotte County Homeless Coalition*

The Charlotte County Homeless Coalition provides a 52-bed general population shelter with a focus on families in distress. One of their goals is to keep families together. Food and shelter provided for up to 60 days for people and families in crisis. Hot breakfasts and dinners provided 365 days a year. A food pantry provides a 3-day supply of food to needy families.

BSPC, through the Missions group, provides the following over the course of a year:

- \$3500 financial aid
- 600 Hours of service
- 6500 Meals served

BSPC Volunteers serves meals to the homeless every Wednesday. It would be nice to have substitutions volunteers that are willing to work when the “regulars” are on vacation or out “sick.” Workspace at the Mission is limited but usually can accommodate about ten to twelve workers. If you are interested in opportunities to get involved with volunteers from BSPC contact: **Sonnie Bird or Dave Bird, at 941-637-6994, or Larry Kessinger, at 941-735-8005, or Dick Webb at 941-575 0155**

### **Additionally the BSPC Youth Group Provides:**

- \$4000 for food
- 700 Hours of service
- 1200 Meals prepared, delivered and served

The Youth Group volunteer the Fourth Sundays of each month. Van transportation space is limited. Individuals may carpool or provide their own transportation. If, you are interested in volunteering in serving meals to the homeless in Murdock Florida, please contact **Andy Lacza, at 239 233-4560** for more information.

## *Mision Peniel*



Mision Peniel is a Christ-Centered and compassionate bridge connecting migrant farm workers in Immokalee to faith communities and the world. The Mision addresses the isolation and injustice among migrant farmworkers in Immokalee by providing spiritual and material care.

The Missions group provides the following over the year:

- \$6000 financial aid
- 2000 Hours of service
- 7800 Meals served
- 9000 pounds of food, shoes, clothing, and blankets collected and delivered

Volunteers are always welcomed and needed to assist some of God's children in their times of need. The Mission Ministry usually goes to Immokalee, Florida the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month and volunteers sort items before delivered. Signup sheet is in the Narthex. Contact **Judy Fortney, 941-575-9354** if you are interested in helping with sorting items before delivery.

Duncan MacLean  
Elder, Mission Committee



For this article, Mission Possible 2014 in Review, Mission Ministry Statement: “The mission of this Ministry is to respond to His call by reaching out to all people. The Ministry provides leadership to the congregation in this effort locally, throughout the United States and Internationally. Mission giving is defined as gifts of money, food, clothing, other property, and the giving of one's time and talent.” So as the Mission Committee turn their focus to the past to prepare for the 2015 mission field challenges, we invite you, the congregation to take the journey with your committee. Are you ready for the mission field challenges?

In looking back for 2014, Members of Burnt Store Presbyterian Church have made a tremendous impact this past year, not only through their monetary contributions, but also through their time and involvement in services to our community. You, the members, have contributed hundreds of hours on various mission projects. Projects such as, clothing collections (Mision Peniel) and volunteers who give their time for sorting, and transporting those items to Immokalee, Florida. Food collected for the food bank, and Jesus Loves You Shower Ministry; which is 3 Sundays a month as well as every 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays. You are terrific! You, the congregation was involved through your wisdom and love. Thank You!

As we move forward thru God’s wisdom and guidance, thru the Holy Spirit, we will continue to stop, look, and listen for His Voice as we journey in the His’ fields of harvests. The Mission Budget is 10% total of the congregational giving and distributed between Local, Domestic and World Missions. Local Missions received 51%, (\$30,158) Nine Missions, Domestic 9% (\$5,400) Three Missions and World 40% (\$23,940) Seven Missions. For this, we give God all the Glory.

Below are a list of Missions supported, by you, through your faithful giving and volunteering on the mission field in time, prayer and spirit. We despise need volunteers once a month, to go to Immokalee to serve a hot meal and to distribute clothing as well as toiletries to the farm workers. Please sign up at the in the Narthex if you would like to serve. This below list is sometimes referred to as “Servant Connections ~ Opportunities to Serve.”

• **Local:**

1. Meals on Wheels
2. Lighthouse Outreach (Homeless Coalition)
3. Young Life of Charlotte County
4. Charlotte County Schools (aid to homeless and needy children)
5. Second Chance Recovery
6. Habitat for Humanity
7. Backpack School Project
8. Jesus Loves You Ministry
9. Lifeline Family Center (Cape Coral, Florida)
10. Mision Peniel (Immokalee Farm Workers)
11. Saint Vincent de Paul

• **Domestic Missions:**

1. Presbyterian Disaster Relief
2. Society of Saint Andrew (Gleaning work)
3. BSPC Mission Trip Assistance (USA)

• **World Missions**

1. Heifer International
2. Campus Crusade for Christ (Moscow, Russia)
3. Mission Aviation Fellowship
4. Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship- Dan McNerney Missionary
5. HOM School Scholarships (4 sponsored children)
6. Marion Medical Mission (wells in Africa)
7. Haiti Nursing Foundation, BSN program (FSIL)
8. ECHO
9. CODEP – Haiti Fund Inc.
10. Faith Comes By Hearing
11. Haiti Mission Trip

*Thank you so much! Join us as we serve in the name of our Lord!  
Luceal Curry - Elder, Mission Committee*

# P R E S B Y T E R I A N W O M E N

Ellen Mogensen, 941.575.0258

*Presbyterian Women activities offer opportunities to connect with and get to know others.  
Meet other women and make new friends!*

*"So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up." – Galatians 6:9*

**"Annual Gathering" of Presbyterian Women** On February 7, 104 women from our Peace River Presbytery gathered in Venice to worship together and renew the spirit. Associate pastor Lyn Olson encouraged us to practice "radical hospitality." God created us to be welcoming—he wants every single woman to reach out. Each of us needs to be on the lookout for other women: notice them, reach out and invite them, honor them. Practice slow, intentional and deliberate hospitality.

*Who will you stop and notice? Who will you honor with a word, a deed, an invitation?*

**Gathering and Salad Luncheon, Women's Heart Health Program** Monday, March 2, at 11:30 AM.

*Did you know that heart disease is the #1 killer of women? More women die of heart disease than from all cancers combined. Deborah Jo Dunham, Cardiovascular Clinical Nurse Specialist, will present our program. Bring a salad to serve 6, and please invite a neighbor or friend. Hosted by Ruth Circle.*

**Coordinating Team** will meet Monday, March 9, at 1 PM in the Boardroom. Anyone is welcome to join us in planning our PW activities.

**The annual "PW Birthday Offering"** This *special offering* is collected each spring to celebrate the blessings in the lives of Presbyterian Women. Each year grants are awarded to fund projects related to health, education, economic development and the needs of women and children. **Since 1922**, the *PW Birthday Offering* has provided much-needed financial assistance to programs not funded by the General Assembly.

*The 2015 grant recipients are*

**Bethesda Christian Community Center, Barranquilla, Colombia**

A newly built community center will support abused women and children who are fleeing brutality related to the Colombian drug trade. The grant will enable expanded programs in tutoring, Bible study, culture and sports. It will help build a kitchen and storeroom so that the community center can provide meals to more women and children.

**The Community of St. Therese of Lisieux, Memphis, Tennessee**

*Breaking Free: Empowering Victims of Sexual Human Trafficking, Prostitution and Addiction*

This residential community was created to address the needs of women after surviving a life of prostitution, human trafficking and addiction. The program provides food, clothing, and shelter. It also provides education and access to medical care, enabling the women to transition to independence.

**Our "Small Groups" meet again on April 1, 6 and 7. Visitors are welcome!** This a wonderful opportunity to meet more women in our church. Two circles meet Monday, February 2, and one meets Tuesday, April 7, during the day. One meets Wednesday, February 4, following the potluck dinner (see times below). We'll discuss chapter 12 (Esther and the slave girl) from our Bible Study book, **Women of the Old Testament**. Call Ellen Mogensen (575.0258) or Annemarie Klein (637.1266) for information.

## **Dates to remember**

Mon, Mar 2—March Gathering and Salad Luncheon at 11:30 AM in Fellowship Hall

Mon, Mar 9—Coordinating Team Meeting at 1:00 PM, church Boardroom

Wed, Mar 25 - 10 AM - Pastor's class for PW Bible study (chapter 12, Esther)

Wed, Apr 1 - Eve Circle meets 6 PM in classroom 4

Mon, Apr 6 - Hannah Circle meets 9:30 AM in the Boardroom; Rachel Circle 1 PM at Joyce Pacifico's home

Tues, Apr 7 - Ruth Circle meets 1 PM at Marge Higley's home

*Blessings to you all, Ellen Mogensen, PW Moderator*

# C O N G R E G A T I O N A L C A R E

Lois Gorman and Joyce Pacifico, Elders

We will begin our Works Dinners again on Wednesday, March 4 at 5:00PM. Our menu will consist of ham loaf, mashed potatoes, vegetables, and dessert. I would like to thank Janet Burbank for her delicious ham loaves. They are a real treat if you haven't had them before, they are a MUST try! Join us for fellowship and Pastor Tim's lessons on the Apostle's Creed. The dinners and lessons are planned for March 4, 11, 18 and 25 ... please sign up today!

Anyone that would like to be part of the ministry is welcome to attend our meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 1:00PM in fellowship hall - kitchen area.

We would like to wish everyone blessings in our Lenten season.

Blessing to all -

*Lois Gorman*

Chair

## S T E P H E N M I N I S T R Y



**CONGRATULATIONS** to our new Stephen Ministers! Having completed 50 hours of instruction and study, they will be commissioned as Stephen Ministers on Sunday, March 1. Their faith and commitment are wonderful additions to our program. Please welcome and congratulate these special folks (left to right): Dick Webb, Tom Gorman, Joyce Sluzewski, Rebecca Nicholson, Annette Kent and Don DeWitt.

The Stephen Ministry program at Burnt Store Presbyterian Church is now 20 strong along with Marge Garrett and Nan Quorollo as Stephen Leaders and Pastor Cassie Todd as adviser. This is a wonderful resource available to you! If you are aware of someone going

through a crisis such as grief, illness, relocation or loneliness, please know that a Stephen Minister could be there to help. Contact either of the leaders or Pastor Cassie for more information.

On a sad note, we lost Margy Will, one of our own, on February 13, 2015. Margy was one of the original Stephen Ministers to receive training at Burnt Store Presbyterian. She served her care receiver faithfully and "*full of faith.*" Margy championed the idea of prayer beads and challenged us to use them with our care receivers. It was and continues to be, a success story! Our joy is in Margy's new home with our Savior.

## ***Red Badge (Name Tag) Who wears a Red Badge?***

All members of Burnt Store Presbyterian Church Emergency Response Team (ERT) have been issued a RED BADGE to identify them to the congregation as ERT members. The ERT members are certified in Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR.) They are also trained in the use of our defibrillators (AED.) Burnt Store Presbyterian Church has two defibrillators, one in fellowship hall and one on the outside wall of the sound booth in our Sanctuary. All Red Badge members shall identify themselves to the head usher upon arrival to the church.

There shall be two ERT members at all major church events (worship, dinners, large meetings and gatherings, TGIV and Concert Series, etc.) When an ERT member attends these events they will be wearing their red badge. It is also appropriate that at least one of the ERT members check on a person who leaves the area as this may be a sign for medical assistance.

ERT members have a uniform procedure so that the team can work as effectively and efficiently as possible. The first ERT member who arrives at the scene should remain with the victim and take charge, direct other ERT members to call 911 if needed, get the defibrillator, ask the usher to clear the immediate area, and attend to the victim.

If the victim is not breathing and has no pulse: apply CPR until arrival of the defibrillator, then they would use the defibrillator as instructed.

You now know a little about who wears a red badge and why.

**F I T N E S S ' N ' F U N**

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9:00AM**

**10 Session punch card: \$35.00**

**Drop-in fee \$5.00**

March is National Nutrition Month. The campaign is designed to focus attention on the importance of making informed food choices and developing sound eating and physical activity habits. Scripture also contains some pretty good examples of healthy eating practices, e.g., Daniel chapter 1 about vegetables and water and Ezekiel chapter 4 about a product that provided a pretty balanced combination of protein, carbohydrate and fat plus including a healthy dose of fiber. But how about if we look at this from a different angle?

Instead of thinking of ourselves as human beings having an occasional spiritual experience, perhaps it would be more appropriate to think of ourselves as spiritual beings having a human experience! Our bodies belong to God. He has loaned them to us for a time so we might have that human experience. If we loan something to someone, we naturally expect them to keep it in good condition. By caring for our bodies, which includes providing them with the right nutrients and giving them periodic exercise, we honor and glorify God with our bodies.

Paul, in First Corinthians 6:19-20, says "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. Therefore, honor God with your body.

Eating right is an essential part of taking care of God's creation. Why not check out [www.eatright.org/nnm/](http://www.eatright.org/nnm/) for some helpful hints at improving, among other things, our eating habits. And for a portion of that periodic exercise, why not check out our Fitness 'n' Fun Stretch 'n' Tone exercise sessions?

*Art Anderssen, Stretch 'n' Tone instructor*

# S H O U T O U T



## A BIG SHOUT OUT !!!!

TO ... **Karin Stewart** for the “MAGIC” that she performed with the YOUTH GARAGE SALE. Her organizational skills along with her other talents helped to make this years sale a HUGE SUCCESS !!! ... THANK YOU, KARIN ...

TO ... **Ernie Eaton and Bill Holbrook** for all of their work in preparing the fellowship hall for the crowds, as well as, all of the TAKING DOWN -- PUTTING UP all of the tables and chairs so quickly. AMAZING JOB !!! ... THANK YOU, ERNIE and BILL ...

And to **ALL the VOLUNTEERS** ... too many to mention by name but you know who you are and without all of you, the event would never have been the HUGE SUCCESS ... THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS ... GRAND TOTAL ... \$5000.00 !!

# W A L L O F C R O S S E S



Our Wall of Crosses is traveling on down the hall. Would you like to be a part of this? Here is a sample of the crosses (from the first labeled board) available for a \$5 donation. You may pick your cross, leave the donation in the office with Robin or Nancy and place the cross in the basket in the narthex. We will soon be hanging these crosses on our wall. If there is a story about the cross or it is to honor someone, please let us know so we can include that with our cross stories. If you have a personal cross you would like to see on the wall, that would be great too!

# March

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

1	Bette Coopland	21	Marv Radloff
2	Shirley Choate	22	Gene Day
3	Eric Jordan		Marie Plumb
	<b>Pat and Kathy Hansen</b>		Wanda Pratt
4	Kelly Gaylord		Walt Van Beers
	Sin Stevens		<b>Tom and Joane Fileman</b>
5	Jim Stevens	23	Nory Leitch
	<b>Les and Karen Totten</b>		Beverly Michalezka
6	George Pence		<b>Henry and Virginia Cardwell</b>
	<b>Matthew and Lorie Butcosk</b>	24	<b>Tom Schmitz and Valerie Harding</b>
7	Betty Lane		<b>Donn and Barbara Davis</b>
	Joy Merkel	25	Betty Hart
	John Prafke		Otto Kiank
	Bill Weitz		Barb McNamara
	<b>Bruce and Cindy Jacobson</b>		<b>Boyd and Joyce Owens</b>
9	Lois Allen	26	Karin Stewart
	Bill Peterson		Jim Welch
10	Ron Hopkins		Charles Wilderspin
12	Tom Fileman	27	<b>Tom and Pat Wiegand</b>
	Nancy Kupferschmid	28	Gail Glover
	Kathy Tice		Valerie Harding
	<b>Bill and Mary Lou Lucast</b>		Ronda Rich
13	Kathy Cain	29	Lee Anderson
	Harry Weaver		Bill Gent
15	Judy Eppich		Karen Poquette
	Duncan MacLean		Dave Prins
	Norma Yoder		Bill Roemler
16	Karen Coldiron		<b>Chris and Harold McCarthy</b>
	Penny Stiffler	30	Bill Bareither
17	Kathy Lindberg		Gerald Cooper
	<b>George and Nancy Scheer</b>	31	<b>Harry and Ruth Demmon</b>
18	Mary Washburn		
	<b>Gerald and Ingrid Jensen</b>		
19	Violet Michalezka		
20	Jack Moore		
	Megan Stolte		
	<b>Dori and Bruce Wine</b>		

## Kid's Birthdays

6	Malea Lafley
28	Shane Kiburz
30	Tate Sandles

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 PW Birthday Offering	2 11:30 Presbyterian Women's Birthday Gathering	3 1:00 Cong. Care 2:00 Finance 6:15 Deacons	4 1:00 Property 5:00 The Works 6:00 FaithWorks	5 9:00 Evangelism	6 7:00 TGIN - Ring Sarasota	7
8 	9 1:00 Coordinating Team 6:30 Mac Users	10 12:00 Creative Crafters 6:30 Session	11 5:00 The Works 6:00 FaithWorks	12	13	14
15	16 7:30 Concert Series Purdue Varsity Glee Club	17 6:30 Personnel	18 1:30 Concert Comm. 5:00 The Works 6:00 FaithWorks	19	20	21
22	23	24 4:00 Worship 6:30 Stewardship	25 10:00 PW Pastor's Class 5:00 The Works 6:00 FaithWorks	26	27	28
29 	30	31				

**Regular  
Weekly  
Events**

**Sunday**  
8:15 & 11:00 Traditional Worship  
8:15 Holy Grounds Café  
9:40 Come As You Are Worship  
9:40 FW - Holy Moly  
9:40 FW - Grace  
11:00 MY PLACE Youth Group  
11:00 FW - Grace

**Monday**  
9:00 Fitness 'n Fun  
5:00 Dance and Devotions  
**Tuesday**  
10:00 Women's Bible Study  
7:00 Suncoast Statesmen  
**Wednesday**  
8:00 Men's Bible Study  
9:00 Fitness 'n Fun

**Wednesday con't**  
10:00 Card Embroidery  
10:00 GriefShare  
4:45 Wed. Night Sharing  
6:00 FaithWorks Class  
6:00 Praise Team Rehearsal  
**Thursday**  
9:30 Adult Daycare  
Noon AA

**Thursday con't**  
12:30 Adult Daycare Exercise  
3:45 Praise Bells  
5:00 Organ Rehearsal  
5:30 Kindermusik  
7:00 Choir Rehearsal  
**Friday**  
Fitness 'n Fun

# C O N N E C T I O N I S E A S Y

*Would you like to be a part of the many activities at Burnt Store Presbyterian? This can be as simple as placing a phone call or sending an email. Below are listed the ministries and projects with the individuals in charge.*

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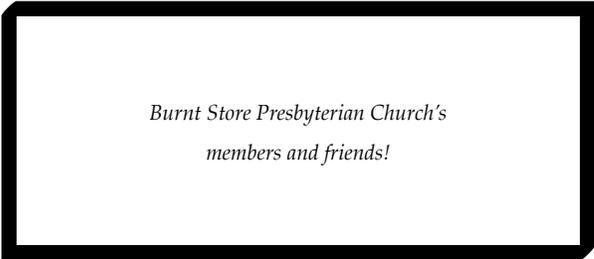
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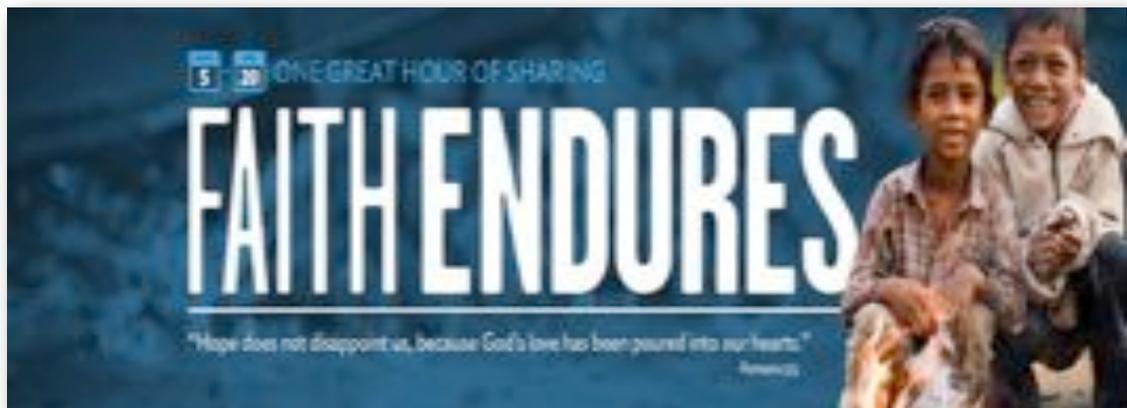
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*Blessings are sent to the home of...*



*... reaching up, making disciples, changing lives*



**SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2015**

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING:

- **SHARING RESOURCES AND CHANGING LIVES WHEN IS ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (OGHS)?**

Most congregations receive "OGHS" on Easter Sunday, Passion/Palm Sunday or both, while many receive it throughout Lent—however, you can help sustain the important PC(USA) ministries and programs that are supported by One Great Hour of Sharing Offering.

HOW IS MY GIFT USED?

A gift to One Great Hour of Sharing enables the church to share God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing relief to those affected by natural disasters, provide food to the hungry, and helping to empower the poor and oppressed.