

Sunday Services
9:00 and 11:00

Sunday School P-5th: 9 and 11

6th – 8th Grade: 9 am
9th – 12th Grade: 11 am
Adult Class: 10 – 11

January 25
Annual Congregational Meeting

February 1st
Food Closet Sunday

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ARCO 6pm game time

February 17
Helping Villages in Afghanistan

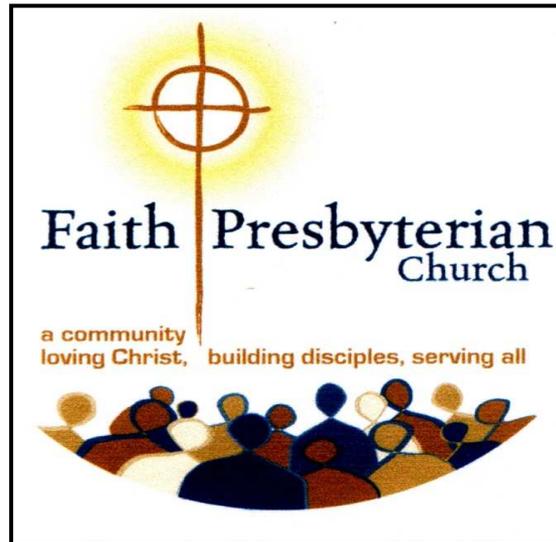
February 27
Faith Women's Retreat

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ARCO 7pm game time

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Deadlines February 1,**

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Just come!

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See page 4 for all the details.



What Are Those Elders Up to Now?

Highlights from January's Session Meeting

The following are some of the decisions which were made this month at Session (elder board) and some of the areas of ministry which were celebrated. We hope you share in the enthusiasm of Session in all that God is doing in our midst. As a reminder, Session meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 in the east wing. Unless otherwise determined, they are open meetings and church members are always encouraged to come listen in. We'll even share our snacks!

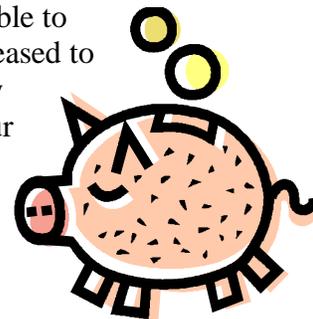
Prayer before Business! The meeting opened with a time of devotion spent sharing praise for how God has worked in our lives of faith at Faith and in prayer for events and people in need.

Vision Action Plan Being Developed – The vision for Faith has been in place for several years now. We believe we are called to be a “Community loving Christ, building disciples, serving all.” This vision guides us in all we do. Currently, the Session is working on determining exactly how we are to see this vision lived out. In other words, what is it we can do to help foster this vision in our midst. We spent time at this meeting talking specifically about what it means to be a “community” and how we can promote that here at Faith.



Building Improvements Approved – We're getting new floors! – Session voted to use funds from our major maintenance fund to redo the floors in all four bathrooms. We've had some safety issues with some of the flooring there which needs to be addressed. Session also voted to use funds from the same account to redo the floor in the narthex (room just outside the sanctuary). Industrial grade carpet will be installed in that area which will help with the acoustics and aesthetics of that space. Maybe now you'll actually hear the other person during coffee hour! Timing on installation of these projects has yet to be announced.

2009 Budget is Balanced! – After many hours of dedicated work, and with the phenomenal leadership of Jim Hill (stewardship elder) and Maria Rodriguez (finance elder), the Session succeeded in balancing our 2009 operating budget. Though we were not able to budget for all we had initially hoped for, we are pleased to announce that giving was, once again, significantly increased this year which allowed us to increase our budget from last year as well. Significant increases were given to mission, adult education and personnel. The 2009 budget will be shared with the congregation at our annual meeting on January 25th.



New Personnel Manual Close to Being Approved — After months of hard work by our Personnel committee led by elder Walt McDaniel, Session received a final draft of our new, and greatly expanded, personnel manual. In the coming months, Session will be reviewing this manual for eventual adoption and implementation.

Great Things Happening in our Finance Ministry! — Elder Maria Rodriguez reviewed with Session the many and varied ministries of our dedicated financial team. It was such an encouragement to hear of all the work being done by people (everyone from tellers to treasurers) to make sure that the finances God has placed in our hands are well managed.

If you ever have any questions for any of our elders, a complete list of names, areas of ministry, contact info, and even photos can be found on our web page at

http://www.faithpresby.org/modules/fp_faith/?tac=3



Pastor Jeff's Column

I'm So Glad I'm Not Alone

Sometimes all you need is to know that you're not alone. Do you know what I mean?

The other day I took one of my sons to the doctor to get a shot. He was not excited about the prospect. What kid is? But since some of my other kids were going along with us on this errand, he made the assumption (wrongly) that the others were also getting shots as well. And that knowledge, that others were going to share in his pain, made the inevitable

somehow more bearable.

When we got to the doctor's office, however, he quickly realized that he was the only one in our family that day who was going to be facing the business end of a needle. When that happened, the tears started flowing. The resistance went up. The protests became much more intense. Everything changed.

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Recently, I've found myself encouraged by several conversations I've had here at Faith. Our Sunday morning sermon series has led many of us to think about how our lives do or don't look like Jesus and it's opened up opportunities for some of us to have some frank discussions about these things. And as I've listened to others, it's been so good to hear I'm not alone in what I've faced or felt.

You see, for much of my Christian life, I've wrestled with the feeling that my life is supposed to look like Jesus but, in so many ways, doesn't. And within me, even recently, has been this deep desire to see real transformation along these lines happen. I really do want to speak the sorts of things Jesus would speak, and do the sorts of things Jesus would do, if he were in my place.

Apparently, many of you feel the same way. Many of you, as we've begun to explore this area of spiritual formation, have been able to express this same deep discontent with just going through the motions with your Christian faith. You want to see real transformation. You want to see God use your life in great and eternal ways. I can relate. I guess I'm not alone.

In the coming weeks, as we continue in this series, one of my aims will be to communicate that this pursuit of Christ-likeness (I think I made up a word there) is not something we do alone. It is, of course, difficult work. Surrendering ourselves to God's working in our lives is never easy. The sinful nature within us will resist with all it's got. That's why it's such an encouragement to me that there are others who, like me, want to take this journey together.

In case you've been wondering, we will be getting more and more specific in these messages about how our lives become like Jesus. Some of you have said, "Yes! That's what I want! But how do I get there?" Well, that's where we're headed. I do intend to speak practically about these things. A lot of this work is the work that Christ does in us. But we do have a role here as well. There are things we can do.

In the end, I'm grateful to find myself in a community full of others who want to work towards this end together, encouraging and helping each other along the way. Sometimes, again, all you need is to know that you're not alone.

I look forward to worshipping with you on Sunday!

Grace & Peace – Jeff

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- Review of the 2008 budget – We have good news to share!
- Review of approved 2009 budget – More good news to share!
- Vote to approve changes to “terms of call” for our installed pastors
- Sharing of ministry highlights from our leadership – We have much to celebrate!
- The burning of our mortgage – We're debt free!
- A slide show of highlights from the past year
- An opportunity to remember those from our community who have died this past year



We hope you'll join us for this important time in the life of our church. All are welcome!

Learn about Helping Villages in Afghanistan



On Tuesday, February 17 at 7 p.m. Faith welcomes Budd MacKenzie, brother-in-law of Faith member Bob Johnson, and founder of Trust in Education (TIE) to speak about his organization's efforts to bring education, healthcare, and economic development to villages in Afghanistan.

Trust in Education (TIE) is a grassroots, non-profit organization founded in May 2003 to provide healthcare, education and economic development programs in Afghanistan. An equal amount of time is devoted to educating Americans about our involvement in Afghanistan, past, present and future. TIE connects American communities and Afghan villages. Through these exchanges everyone discovers that we share more in common than not and experience the joy of making a substantial and long lasting difference in the lives of thousands. TIE provides financial and support assistance to dedicated advocates Greg Mortenson (*Three Cups of Tea*) and Sarah Chayes (*The Punishment of Virtue: Inside Afghanistan After the Taliban*), among others. Learn more at www.trusteducation.org.

Everyone is welcome to attend this free event.

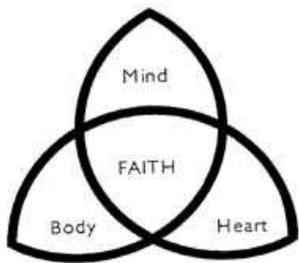
Presbyterian Women

The P.W. Meeting is on the 28th of January Bible Study is at 10:00 am Luncheon is at 11:30 am. Speaker is Valentine Garcia, Topic is Pet Therapy.



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

	January 25	February 1	February 8	February 15
Worship Service	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am	9:00am
Worship Assistant	Helen Frisch	Vicky Chastain	Jon Coupal	Janet Leader
Ushers	Mary Nabers Marvette Swayzer	Donna Touros Walter Newport	Bill & Em Baker	Larry & Noreen Freund
Greeters	Kurt & Madeline Carpenter	Patrice & Terry Mangum	John & Sally Ravas	Bob & Geogianne Becker
Sound	Rick Hom	Bill Baker	Don Sperling	David Nash
Coffee Preparers	Jeff & DiAnne Brown	Bob & Georgianne Becker	Gary Cash	Jim & Betty Park
Acolytes				
Worship Service	11:00am	11:00am	11:00am	11:00am
Worship Assistant	Rick Crow	Doug Johnson	Claire Pisor	Brien Bell
Ushers	Bob & Tanya Anderson	David Nash Lori Glasgow	Jarvis & Glenda Arellano	Debbie Barton Wendy Benjamin
Greeters	Jean Kern Laurie Richardson	Jim & Barbara Tracy	Dick & Betty McClure	Bill & Dee Nicholas
Sound	Carroll Collier	Joe Parente	Kevin Roberson	Ken Finch
Coffee Servers	Pat & Kitty Tatro	Debbie Barton	Gwen Markuson	Jarvis & Glenda Arellano
Tellers	Kitty Tatro Jarvis Arellano	Jim Tracy Erwina Bush	Barbara Powell Marvette Swayzer	Helen Christenson Marilyn Becker
Acolytes				



3 for 1 Health Deal

Use this one New Year's resolution to help you accomplish 3 goals at once: Take a daily walk.

Starting a regular exercise program---like walking every day---will help:

1. Control your cholesterol
2. Reduce blood pressure
3. Whittle your waist

Your Heart Loves It!!!



Can't squeeze in a daily walk? You may not have to. Real age expert Dr. Oz, say that 20 minutes of moderately intense exercise 3 days may be all you need to help lower lousy (LDL) cholesterol raise healthy (HDL) cholesterol and knock blood pressure down a few points. Bonus: Those 20 minute sessions will strength your heart muscle and help you lose weight, too.

Children's Ministry

Childcare- We currently have seven childcare workers. We will be featuring each one over the next couple of months. Our hope is that you will get to know some of the many individuals that provide a loving environment to the children. The childcare workers are extremely dedicated and we are thankful for the love they share with God's littlest ones.

Shayne Tactaquin recently joined our childcare team. She is a sophomore at Kennedy High School. She has been playing the piano since she was five years old. Shayne enjoys soccer and cheerleading.



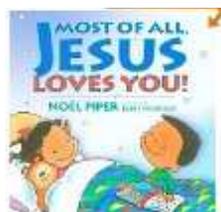
Lisa Teixeira is a senior at Health Professions High School. She is a life guard at the Cabana Club South. Lisa also enjoys reading and traveling. She recently went to Thailand with her family.

Lindsay Kammier is a senior at McClatchy. Lindsay loves music and is the drum major at her school. This fall she will be transitioning into college where she hopes to pursue a career in engineering.



Children's Library – The library is located in room 6 and is available for children and their families to use. This month we are featuring the following three items to help your child with his or her faith journey:

- 1) Most of All Jesus Loves You- This wonderful book talks about how it is great to have friends and family love you, but there is not greater gift than Jesus' love.



- 2) Jesus, The Son of God- This DVD helps children to experience firsthand the work and miracles of Jesus.
- 3) When Jesus Was a Kid Like Me (Book with CD)-This book playfully shares a ten verse song about Jesus and some of the things he most likely did as a kid.

We hope you will stop by to check out these materials or others for your children to use at home.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday 3/22 – Third Grade Bible Presentation
Sunday 5/17 – Youth Sunday