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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IS A
LIFELINE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE
TO FIND, LOVE AND SERVE JESUS.**



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

JANUARY 17

Worship
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Church School - 9:45 a.m.

JANUARY 24

Worship
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
9:35 a.m. - Congregational Meeting
Church School - 9:45 a.m.

JANUARY 31

Worship
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Church School - 9:45 a.m.

FEBRUARY 7

Worship/Communion
8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Church School - 9:45 a.m.

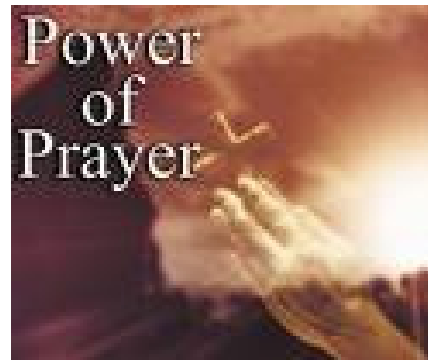
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

01/03 - 202
01/10 - 347

Dear Friends,

Not long ago, someone asked, "Is there any need in your life that I can pray about?" That is a penetrating and personal question! It makes us think about our situation, our deepest needs, and about what if anything we want to share with a fellow human being.

It also causes us to ponder how willing we would be to pray for others in this way. The power to help and heal others has been given into our hands through prayer. God, of course, brings the power, but we are instruments in God's hands.



What would it be like to ask this question of a friend, a loved one, or even a stranger: is there any need in your life that I can pray about? And, if someone were to ask it of us, what would we say?

In this New Year, may we both give and receive the ministry of prayer.

Blessings, Larry

WORSHIP BAGS (red & green) are offered for children in worship and can be found in the main hallway desk.



CHILDCARE is available at worship services through kindergarten age.

Adult Sunday School Class



WINTER 2009
Sundays - 9:45 a.m.
In progress – February 14

Cross Training – Great Hall
Quench Café – downstairs kitchen
Strength Training (through Feb. 7) – Lounge

Class detail brochures located in main hallway

APPLE
and/or
WHITE GRAPE JUICE
needed.

Please put your donations
in the upstairs kitchen.
Thank you.



Margaret Foster; Amy Ellington; Bruce LaDue, cancer, son of Shirley; **Jackson Jones**, infant nephew of Faith Ten Haken, heart surgery; **Roger Benckendorf**, brother of Kurt; **Doug Miller**, cancer, brother of Faith Ten Haken; **Karen Lindquist**, lung cancer, sister of Julie Buckles; **Peggy Grove**, kidney transplant; **Tammy**, friend of Karen Zappa, H1N1 complications; **Jenny & her family**, breast cancer, friend of Kathy & Terry Tosh; **Andy Sadoun**, deployed to Iraq, Kehl Family friend; **Judy Lindsay**, kidney transplant; **Shirley Aten**, knee surgery; **Paul & Annette Rutledge**, friends of Shelley Bruning

BOOK STUDY GROUP:
THURSDAYS - 9:00 A.M.

MEN'S' BIBLE STUDY:
SATURDAYS - 8:00 A.M.
COFFEEHOUSE
UPTOWN NORMAL



JANUARY
TBA

Please leave **NON-PERISHABLE** donations in the containers between the sets of double doors at either entrance of the building.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN



FOR YOURSELF OR YOUR CHILD(REN), PLEASE CONTACT PASTORS GAYLORD OR BRUNER



...to all who gave to **Heifer International** in December, both at the church display (\$400) and separately.

Submitted by Carol Schrantz



Trivia-Bowl!!

Saturday, January 16

6:00-8:00 p.m., Great Hall

Teams of 8 will compete for the glory and honor of the title:

FPC Masters of Trivia!

Bring & share any kind of food that can be eaten from a **BOWL**: Soup, Chips, Ice Cream, Jello... the possibilities are endless!

Sign up in the hallway either as a complete team, or try your luck to be placed with a team of OUR choosing.

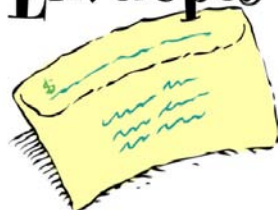
Questions? Contact Darren Brant

(309) 530-9795/darrenbrant@comcast.net



2010

Offering Envelopes



....are located in the hallway
Please take one/family and write
your name & envelope #
on the sign-up sheet.



New Members Class

Wednesday, January 20 & 27

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Childcare & Dinner provided

Sign-up in the main hallway



MEN'S PRAYER & SHARE GROUP

Monday, Jan. 18

6:45 - 7:15 a.m.,

Lounge

This group is open to all men and will meet every two weeks at the above time to discuss various topics. Next meeting date: February 1
Submitted by Terry Tosh

Thank You

.....and
congratulations to
elder Sandy
Theile, who has

completed her term on Session. Sandy was key in expanding and strengthening our adult education, discipleship, and small groups programs. She also served as liaison from session to Playmates Preschool. Thank you, Sandy, for your excellent service to the Lord and to First Pres!

MARIANNE CIRCLE

Wednesday,

January 20

1:30 p.m.

Church Lounge





- Feb. 1** Jack Peterson,
Nathan Hinegardner
- Feb. 2** Jamal Coleman
- Feb. 4** Joyce Baley, Shirley Redd
- Feb. 5** John Wolter, Sally Rodriguez,
Austin Nice
- Feb. 6** Don Fehrman, Berit Rice
- Feb. 7** Teresa Herbert, Daniel Sutton,
Connor Herbert
- Feb. 8** Christy Bartel
- Feb. 10** Jane Brue, Jeff Bartel
- Feb. 13** Jan Kersten, Jim Thompson,
Dana Anderson
- Feb. 14** Austin Waldhoff,
Jaiden Mousty
- Feb. 15** Ken Leber
- Feb. 16** Suzie Thetard
- Feb. 18** Nan Rutledge
- Feb. 19** MaryJo Hillyer
- Feb. 20** Wren McMorris
- Feb. 21** Jon Thetard, Claire Herbert
- Feb. 22** Eldon Brewer, Chris Frey,
Elias Budke
- Feb. 23** Grant Leber
- Feb. 24** El Walker, Carol Baker,
Joan Frazier, Sheila Allen
- Feb. 25** Nan Reno
- Feb. 26** Lizzie Baller-Shepard
- Feb. 27** David Kennedy, Sue Attwood,
Mike Breitner, Kevin Rice
- Feb. 28** Katharine Woollen,
Barret Gruenberg

If you donated ornaments for the tree in the Great Hall, please drop by the church office and pick them up. They are located on the big oak table.

GIFTS FOR A HOME



A program which our church has contributed to financially recently assisted a low-income individual purchase a home locally, with profits from the transaction going to help homeless people.

This happened through Mid-Central Community Action's Individual Development Account (IDA) where qualified individuals can set aside savings monthly for down payment on a home, and their savings are matched 2: 1 once they reach a certain level.

In the case reported by Becky Berry, community services caseworker for Community Action, a person identified as "J.G." used his accumulated IDA savings to make a successful bid of \$75,000 on a home. The seller of the home had remodeled it and pledged that profits from the sale of the home would be contributed to the Home Sweet Home Mission. Thus, the sale will benefit not only the purchaser but also "many homeless individuals," Berry wrote. "Isn't this an ironic and heartwarming story?"

Ms. Berry's message was forwarded to our Mission Committee, because our church contributed \$3,000 to the IDA program. Two-thirds of that from proceeds came from a concert given by Jerry Parsons in November 2008.

Building on a request from the family of Irene Nordine, our church has also allocated \$5,000 from Irene's estate for future IDA programs, including ones that will allow for low income people to start their own businesses.

The Session of our church has designed the funds to be used to match funds that Community Action can raise from other private sources. The Mission Committee will be conferring with other churches to encourage them to match our funds.

Submitted by Jerry Parsons,
Mission Committee



Applications are available and can be found outside the church office to enroll your child in **PLAYMATES PRESCHOOL** for the 2010-2011 school year.

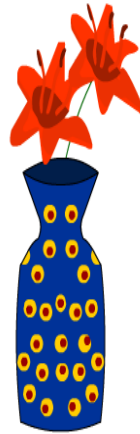
Classes for children age 2 (by 9/1/10) through Pre-K. Return ASAP for best chance of admittance.



Thanks to all of who helped serve meals in 2009! There was a nice variety of people. The new Safe Harbor is a nice facility with a very functional kitchen to prepare and serve the meals.

So far for 2010, there is an empty page for Safe Harbor sign up. Never cooked for a crowd before? Don't worry, help is available and there is a Safe Harbor manual offering guidelines and menu ideas.

Please choose to be a part of this worthy cause in 2010 and sign up for preparing and serving Safe Harbor meals! Contact: Mary Jo Hillyer (664-4414) for more information.



RECIPE FOR

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Take 12 fine, full-grown months; see that these are thoroughly free from old memories of bitterness, rancor and hate, cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past—have them fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time.

Cut these months into 30 or 31 equal parts. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (so many persons spoil the entire lot this way) but prepare one day at a time.

Into each day put equal parts of faith, patience, courage, work (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavor of the rest), hope, fidelity, liberality, kindness, rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad dressing— don't do it), prayer, meditation, and one well-selected resolution.

Put in about one teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of play, and a heaping cupful of good humor.

<http://pinkwool.com>

FOUNDATIONS *for* RELATIONSHIP SUCCESS

SIX HOUR SEMINAR *with Roger Shaw, Feb. 6th & 13th*

What do couples in successful relationships do differently than couples in relationships that fail? Because of extensive long term studies we know the answer and it may surprise you.

Join Roger Shaw for this six hour seminar as he presents the FOUNDATIONS for RELATIONSHIP SUCCESS. You will learn the important role that complaints play in determining the ultimate success or failure of your relationship and how to successfully "launch" your complaints. You will learn the "Six Habits Essential for Managing Conflicts Well," and the "Four Habits Necessary for Maintaining Your Bond." You will also learn how emotions powerfully influence the way we think and act as well as how to gain the necessary cooperation from your emotions.

You really can enjoy a successful relationship that will last a lifetime. Learn how by joining Roger for this relationship changing seminar.



Roger Shaw MA, LMFT

Where: First Presbyterian Church
2000 E. College Ave.
Normal, IL 61761
Tuition: \$75/Individual \$125/Couple

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY FEB. 6	SATURDAY FEB. 13
"FOUNDATIONS FOR RELATIONSHIP SUCCESS"	"FOUR HABITS FOR MAINTAINING YOUR BOND"
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
"SIX HABITS FOR MANAGING CONFLICTS WELL"	"IMPROVING YOUR EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE"
10:45 AM - 12:00PM	10:45 AM - 12:00PM

Pre-Registration Required:
For registration forms see
Rev. Becca Bruner
309-452-4459

Registration Deadline Feb 1:
Registration and tuition
payment deadline is 1 week
prior to the first seminar
date. (Deadline allows time to
prepare personalized notebooks
and CDs.)

Questions:
Roger Shaw
217-732-9257

Personalized Material:
Seminar participants will be
supplied with a personalized
notebook of seminar content
and extra materials as well as
audio CDs supporting the
principles and habits.

ABOUT THE PRESENTER

Now in private practice, Roger Shaw brings more than 25 years experience working with couples who have looked to him and found solutions to their relationship problems.

He is an accomplished Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist who combines the latest advances in affect neurobiology and relationship science with common sense wisdom to help couples achieve their relationship goals.

As an ordained minister, Mr. Shaw's background and experience working within the faith community and the secular therapy field provides him unique insights and understanding as he enables couples to reach their relationship potentials.