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Ramblings from...Jeanne Walsh



Before the Reverend does his 'rambling' he has invited me to officially share my plans for retirement this June. April marks 30 years of being on staff at FPC for me. It's been a great ride and I have loved serving God here. And while I have no idea what I will do after I retire in June, I know that the God who brought us to FPC and allowed me to serve here can be trusted with 'next steps.' So I look forward to seeing what God has in store and to continuing to worship and serve here at FPC with all of you.

In the meantime, I am excited that John has invited Dale and Kathy Bruner to come to Spokane in June to celebrate with us. It was Dale's teaching that first brought us to FPC (along with Gloria Nielsen's relentless inviting!), and while I, like many of you, have benefitted greatly from many wonderful teachers here, twenty years of sitting under Dale's teaching and influence has left an indelible mark on my heart and my life. I first heard Dale teach on a taped recording of a Sunday school class from FPC. I remember stopping the tape after about 10 minutes, rewinding it, and getting out my bible and notebook to take notes. I realized then that I had never heard bible teaching like that and said to Foster, "Let's go hear this guy!" We did, and we were hooked.

It was Dale's teaching that got us in the door to FPC, but it has been the relationships with so many of you – who really became family to us – that have kept us here. It has been a joy to work with John and this remarkable staff. They are a very special group of hardworking and fun-loving people. I am grateful for their passion for Jesus Christ and his kingdom, and confident in their leadership at FPC. I leave staff with deep gratitude for the opportunity to have lived, worked, and worshipped with you. In truth, it is this congregation that has taught me (mostly by your example) about perseverance, servant-hood, discipleship, care-giving in crisis, the power of encouragement — and the tangible gift of grace. Priceless gifts from a remarkable congregation! Fortunately, those gifts are part and parcel of FPC and they continue to be available to all of us who worship here — on and off staff!

I am hopeful that many of you will be able to join us Friday evening, June 18th and Saturday morning, June 19th for a weekend with Dale and Kathy Bruner and enjoy Lessons from John's Gospel from one of the best! In addition to inviting the Bruners to join us for the weekend, John has asked our two daughters, Kelly and Erin, to preach on June 20th. Ask me if I'm excited!

I look forward to serving here with you half-time from March through May, and to worshipping here with you in the years to come.

With much gratitude and love,

Jeanne Walsh

Ramblings from the Reverend

When I first arrived here in October of 2007, I met with Jeanne Walsh and she let me know that she would be retiring sometime in the not-too-distant future. My initial response was panic. Already I had the sense of Jeanne's importance to the staff and, even more, to the church. I, in essence, begged her to stay for at least a couple of years so that I could benefit from her experience and wisdom. I am so glad she did!

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Celebrating the Ministry of Jeanne Walsh

Mark your calendars
for the weekend of
June 18-20

We will celebrate Jeanne's ministry here at FPC with a weekend of teaching and worship, June 18-20. To honor Jeanne, Dale Bruner will return to spend Friday evening and Saturday with us, imparting insights from God's Word. On Sunday, worship will be led by Jeanne and Foster's daughters, Kelly and Erin, both of whom are PCUSA ministers. After worship, there will be a reception, where we can offer our thanks and appreciation to Jeanne.

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When I think of all the gifts that Jeanne has practiced in her time on the FPC staff, the one gift for which I am most grateful is the gift of her wisdom. There is an old Young Life leadership phrase, “earning the right to be heard.” Jeanne has earned that right, over and over again. When she speaks, we listen. In part we listen to Jeanne because she so faithfully listens to Jesus. Her prayer life is a great example to many of us as to what it means to hear and respond to what the Lord has to say.

Because of this wisdom, I have leaned on Jeanne’s insights for direction in the church. I know that the pastors who have preceded me have done the same, as have so many on the staff and in the lay leadership of the church.

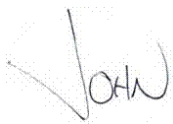
We will also miss the work that Jeanne has done in the area of adult equipping in this church. First Presbyterian Church has an incredibly rich adult education program — and much of the credit for that goes to Jeanne. In the courses that she has taught and in the courses that she has administered that others have taught, Jeanne has done work of the highest quality. Add to that all Jeanne has done with mission trips, MOPS, Stephen’s Ministry, and other programs, and we see that many of you have a deeper faith in Christ because of Jeanne Walsh.

As she transitions out of her time on staff, Jeanne will be imparting her wisdom and experience onto Jeremy Sanderson, who will assume the majority of her duties. Knowing of Jeanne’s impending retirement informed the work of the Search Committee that brought Jeremy, and I certainly believe that in Jeremy we have someone who shares Jeanne’s wisdom and commitment to Christian discipleship.

In these next few months, as Jeanne finishes out her call here, we will continue to seek her wisdom and utilize her skills. She does not want to be a “lame duck,” and I won’t let her!

While I will very much miss have Jeanne on staff, I am so very glad that she and Foster will continue to be an integral part of our church family. I find great solace in knowing that her wisdom and her warmth will remain here at FPC. Blessings to you, Jeanne! And thanks be to God for your faithful service.

Blessings –



John Sowers

Colossal Book Sale

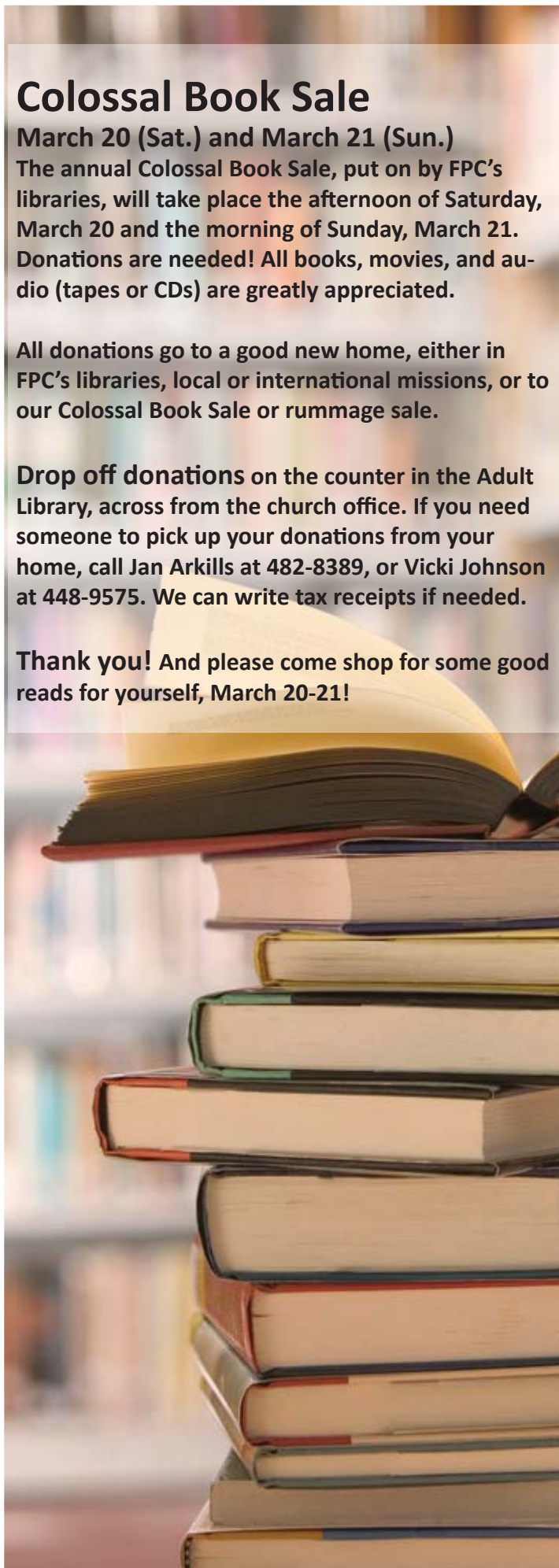
March 20 (Sat.) and March 21 (Sun.)

The annual Colossal Book Sale, put on by FPC’s libraries, will take place the afternoon of Saturday, March 20 and the morning of Sunday, March 21. Donations are needed! All books, movies, and audio (tapes or CDs) are greatly appreciated.

All donations go to a good new home, either in FPC’s libraries, local or international missions, or to our Colossal Book Sale or rummage sale.

Drop off donations on the counter in the Adult Library, across from the church office. If you need someone to pick up your donations from your home, call Jan Arkills at 482-8389, or Vicki Johnson at 448-9575. We can write tax receipts if needed.

Thank you! And please come shop for some good reads for yourself, March 20-21!



EASTER PROJECT SILENT AUCTION

There's No Place Like Home

Sunday morning, March 14

Join us for our silent auction! Nearly 75 high school students and adult leaders are traveling to Tijuana over spring break to build five houses for families who need them. There will be auction items for all households and budgets, and a "Buy it Now" section. The auction has everything from vacations to dinner gift certificates, family fun to handcrafted items, and more!

EP Auction Promo Items

1. Spiff My Ride

\$45 value

Decorations and decals to make your ride fly. Whether you drive a new Porsche or a micro-bus, you can ride in style, and your engine will thank you for the fresh oil and filter. Must be redeemed by August 15. Donated by Napa Auto and Shucks O'Reilly Auto Parts.

2. Playhouse

\$850 value

WSU playhouse! This football extravaganza playhouse has a 30-year shingle roof. Donated by Mitch Swanson.

3. Harry Potter Hats and Scarves

\$50 value

Harry Potter hats and scarves, hand-knitted and hand-crocheted in all four house colors! Donated by Hannah and Elaine Carter.

4. Knit and Scrapbook!

\$65 value

Two easy projects for the "budding" crafter! With a super simple pattern (all garter stitch) you can knit a cozy prayer shawl with circular needles and "forgiving" yarn (hides imperfection). Then, get creative while you make a fun scrapbook capturing special memories. Enjoy the fruits of your labor! Donated by the Sunwold Family.

5. New Parents' Nirvana

\$185 value

Fully equipped diaper bag, a dozen washcloths, two classic baby books, a super soft romper and snuggle toy in gender-neutral colors, plus a hand-made chenille baby blanket and one night of certified baby-sitting. Donated by Emma and Laura Sell.

6. Backyard Birding

\$116 value

Attract wild birds to your backyard with a variety of holiday bird feeders. Donated by Wild Birds West.

7. Giddy-up!

\$120 value

Four horseback riding lessons, 45 minutes each. During the lesson, the rider will learn how to care for, tack up, and ride their horse. Includes an equestrian magazine. Donated by Avichouser Stables/Jim and Karen Avichouser.

8. Try New Sports Basket

\$75 value

Three 1-day rentals (skis, snowboard, wakeboard, or waterskis). Donated by Wintersport.

9. Gonzaga Basketball, With Tickets!

\$300 value

Two GU men's basketball tickets and four women's basketball tickets, plus Gonzaga memorabilia. Donated by the Clay family.

10. Raspberry Delight Basket

\$50 value

An assortment of raspberry goodies! Donated by Raspberry Delite Farms (Jarvis Family).

Sunday Morning Adult Classes

Sunday Mornings at 9:15



The Gospel of Luke, Part II: Bruce Gore, in the gym

Do you ever find yourself wondering if God really cares about the lonely, the broken, and the disenfranchised? Would you enjoy a deep, biblical study taught by a biblical scholar? If so, take a good hard look at Luke's gospel with Bruce Gore. It's never too late to join this excellent bible class on Luke's gospel, where Bruce combines his teaching skills with his lawyer's attention to detail to provide a delightfully rich hour of learning. Join him at 9:15 in the gym. You'll be glad you did!

Sunday Mornings @ 10:45



Prayer: Why Bother?

Jerry Sittser
In the gym

Dr. Jerry Sittser, NT Scholar from Whitworth University, brings his deep knowledge of scripture, his experience, and a profound passion to this critical topic for the church today. Most

people pray. But few feel comfortable or confident when praying. How should Christians, who believe in a good God, think about prayer, considering that many of their prayers go unanswered? How should Christians actually pray? The class will study key biblical passages on prayer, explore the tough questions about prayer, and actually spend time praying. In fact, people attending the class will be encouraged to pray weekly **with a prayer partner**. In short, this class will explore prayer and actually spend time doing it!

Welcome to the Family

March 7, 14, 21, 28

Explore your connection to FPC! This class will help you make a good decision about church membership and find your place in the family of Christ at FPC. The March class will be on Sunday mornings from 10:45 – 12:00 for 4 weeks (3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28) starting on March 7. Those deciding to join will be welcomed as new members at the Maundy Thursday service on April 1. To sign up, or for more info, contact Jeremy Sanderson at 747-1058 x225 or jeremys@spokanefpc.org.

Building Your Financial House

The Finance Team
In Room 210



Scripture has much to teach us about the importance of material possessions and the care and use of our resources — but implementing those principles isn't always easy. Whether you are wondering how to get children through college, what your retirement may look like, how to simplify your living, or how you

can stretch your current resources, this is a class that will benefit you. Others who have recently taken this course remarked that they wished they'd taken it sooner — and one member said, "If it's offered again, I'll take it again!" Join our dedicated finance team for this five-week course and learn some simple habits that can help you live the life God wants for you. In the process, reduce the worry of a "material centered" life that leads to debt. **Topics — March 7: Savings; March 14: Reducing Debt; March 21: Insurance; March 28: Investments**



Become a fan!

First Presbyterian Church, Spokane

FPCS:

Connecting to Gambella



Pastor Gilo visits with first graders

will be going to visit his school and meet the students there.

When we travel, we will be taking school supplies, including two donated laptop computers, that the teachers need. We will also be carrying letters from each of our classrooms with a picture of the class. They will write back to us so we can start a relationship with them through letters.

When you read this newsletter, we will be there! Please pray for us and for the Gambella community as we work alongside them. **You can help by purchasing books and school supplies for the Gambella school at our Book Fair, downstairs in the quad, March 1-5.**

In addition to these means of connection, each classroom participated in the Caregiver Kit Build on February 18-19th. They donated money for the supplies, put the materials in the kits, and prayed for the people and areas where the kits would be used.

This spring, a portion of the money raised in our school auction (on the evening of May 14), will go to the school in Gambella for supplies and scholarships (\$12 per year for one child). Please join us that night to support FPCS and the Gambella School in our parallel expansion: both schools added first grade this year and will add second grade next fall.



Gambella Team: Dee Lafferty, Gilo Gora, Tracy Blue, Mary Beth Baker. Not pictured: Randy Brothers, John Sowers.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
WHERE CHILDREN LEARN TO LOVE & LOVE TO LEARN

Fall 2010 Enrollment:

March 8: Current student and sibling enrollment; 8 am in the quad

March 22: First Presbyterian Church affiliation and alumni family enrollment; 8 am in the quad

April 12: Open enrollment; 8 am, upstairs in the Fellowship Hall

*Please call for a tour or to receive a packet of information about next fall. New classes will include Full Day Kindergarten and Second Grade.

*Tuition assistance is available. Please request an application.

Classes Offered Fall of 2010

Young 3's (must turn 3 by Jan. 31, 2011)

3-year-old classes (2-day and 3-day)

4-year-old classes (mornings: 3-day and 5-day; afternoons: 3-day)

Half Day Kindergarten (9:15 – 12:15)

Extended Day Kindergarten (9:15 – 1:30)

Full Day Kindergarten – NEW! (9:15 – 3:15)

First Grade (9:15 – 3:15)

Second Grade – NEW! (9:15 - 3:15)



Do you like to cook? Can you email?

Volunteer for Loaves and Fishes Outreach!

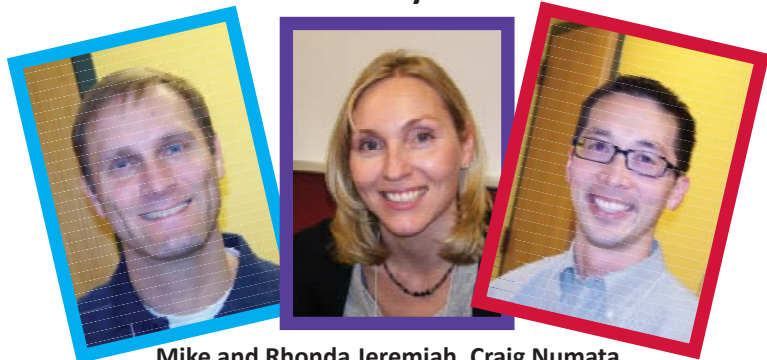
Your Deacons are taking a new look at an old volunteering opportunity. We need to rebuild a strong base of church volunteers who are willing to cook and deliver a meal for our families in transitional need such as birth, illness, or death of a loved one. With enough meal-makers on the list, a turn to provide a meal could be as seldom as once every 6 to 8 weeks, or more often if you feel moved. **The program will be managed via email, so it is important that you are comfortable communicating that way.**

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Trudy Burda at trudyb@spokaneipc.org or 747-1058 x214.

“We think sometimes that poverty is only being hungry, naked and homeless. The poverty of being unwanted, unloved and uncared for is the greatest poverty. We must start in our own homes to remedy this kind of poverty.”
Mother Teresa

Preschool Sunday School Teachers — We Salute You!

Teachers of 2-year-olds



Mike and Rhonda Jeremiah, Craig Numata

Teachers of 3's



John Paridon and Diane Mahan

Teachers of 4's



Stephanie Hines and Michele Greenwood

Kindergarten Teachers



Ryan Best and Michelle Taylor



Winter/Spring Term 2010
Continues Through April 29

DINNER: 6:00-6:30 pm
\$5 per adult (kids eat free)

CLASSES & ACTIVITIES: 6:45 pm

Please call us to register! 747-1058

Lenten Series Taught by Jeremy Sanderson Continues Through March 25

The word "repentance" is usually associated with the turning away from specific sins. The New Testament offers us a much broader sense of repentance. The word (in Greek, "Meta-Noe") literally means to "think beyond" or to "think again." This understanding of repentance is well summarized by Paul's command in Romans 12:

Do not be conformed to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

This series will seek to guide a process of repentance and transformation through the renewing of our minds as we consider some important subjects through the lens of the gospel.

Series Schedule:

March 4	Money
March 11	Work
March 18	The Body
March 25	People

Continuing Options for Adults

Divorce Recovery, Disciple, Stephen's Ministry Training (through March), Choir, Men's Basketball, Learn to play the Guitar, Serve.

Continuing Options for Children

Please register with Carole Spotts at 747-1058 x114

- Childcare for birth through 4 years
- KidZone including art classes for Kindergarten and up

Maundy Thursday Service, April 1, 7 pm

No dinner or classes on April 1; Maundy Thursday service at 7 pm.

Connect and Grow...

For Men and Women

Keenagers: A Monthly Gathering for Senior Adults March 18

The topic is "Lifestyle Options for the Future," with Carol Stover, Public Relations with Rockwood, and Pam Sloan from the Aging Council. Coffee at 10:30, program at 11, and lunch at noon. Cost is \$7. Sign up on Sunday mornings.

Trip to Israel: Informational Meeting

March 15, 6:30 pm in the Fireside Room

Have you ever wanted to literally walk where Jesus walked? Have you ever wanted to have a "hands on" mission experience with Palestinian Christians? John Sowers is planning on leading a group from First Presbyterian to the Holy Land in either January or February 2011. We are already well into the planning phase and can share exciting details about the trip. We will share sample itineraries, price estimates, tour length, options, and much more. Please come join us in sharing the excitement and information about what many folks describe as a life-changing experience. Light refreshments will be served.

For Students

Senior High

Senior High meets Wednesday nights at 7 pm

Senior High will continue to PRAXIS the first three Wednesdays in March, 7-9 pm. Then we'll have two Wednesdays off and see you after Spring Break!

Easter Project Families: Prep Meeting #4 is Sunday, March 7 and the Silent Auction is Sunday, March 14. Do you know what set up shift you have? Call Abby, 747-1058 x133. After the auction it's building day Sat., March 20, and commissioning Sunday, March 21.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Easter Project bake sale! We made \$4,400.

Junior High

Junior High meets on Tuesday nights at 7 pm

Mar. 2 SHIFT_deeper and Spaghetti Night

Mar. 9 PFT - Broomball

Mar. 16 SHIFT_jrhi

Mar. 23 SHIFT_jrhi

Mar. 30 Spring Break - see you next week!

For Men

Men's Breakfast: March 2, 6:30 – 8:00 am

March's Men's Breakfast will feature Scott McQuilken as the guest speaker. Scott is the Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Whitworth University. He was the former director of athletics at Whitworth and key in developing the outstanding championship sports programs the university enjoys today. Don't miss the opportunity to hear this outstanding Christian leader. The breakfast is just \$4. Sign up between services.

For Women

Thursday Women's Studies

Winter Session: Continues Through March 25

Thursday Mornings, 9:30 – 11:30 am, Fireside Room

Join us for fellowship and the conclusion of our study of Daniel.

Spring Session: April 8 – May 27

Look for brochures announcing our next study. **To register:** Come Thurs. morning, or contact Robin Gray at 536-4392, or Brenda Norton at 747-1058 x220. Brochures are in the Reception Room. Cost is \$20; scholarships available. Childcare is free! Must pre-register for childcare (contact Carole Spotts, 747-1058 x114).



Together on Planet Mom

Tuesday, March 2, 9:30 – 11:30 am, FPC

If you are a mom of a preschooler, or if you know a mom who would benefit from this support, please contact Joanna Semler at 290-5590 or joannasemler@yahoo.com, or Kim LaVine at 324-6436 or kclavine@yahoo.com, for information or to register. **Topic for March:** Shining Stars: Assessing School Readiness; Tracy Blue speaking. **MOPS AUCTION** is March 2 as well. Purchase great "mom" items as well as peruse the "Buy it NOW" table!

In order to provide a safe, loving, and supportive environment for preschoolers and their moms, we need the help of **men and women** who are willing to join our childcare team on the first Tuesday of each month from 9:15-11:45 am. If you can help us or if you would like more information, please contact Angie Reynolds at 443-6864 or angieakr@hotmail.com, Lyndsey Stewart at 325-4095 or lindsey.c.stewart@us.army.mil, or Jeanne Walsh at 747-1058 x200 or jeanne@spokane-fpc.org.

Fireside Quilters and Crafters

We are planning another Sew Day for Saturday, March 6 from 9:30 to 4:00 at the Riverview Community Center. Please contact Betty Shanks at 448-5697 or wagigg@aol.com to sign up.

Give and Receive

All-Church Spring Grounds Clean-up

Saturday, March 27, 8 am to noon

Bring your rakes and brooms and join the work party in fellowship as we spruce up the church grounds before Palm Sunday and Easter. Meet in the Fellowship Hall. Questions? Contact Frank Browne, 448-2513.

FPC's Mission of Hope to Thailand

On March 11, one dozen from FPC will arrive in Thailand and stay at Rev. Dr. Sirirat's home at the Prachakittisuk Orphanage. While there, we will have an opportunity to further the connection between our church and the orphanage through prayer, teaching, and fellowship. Rev. Dr. Sirirat provides a home for young orphan boys and girls in the area, and helps these children avoid prostitution as a way of life.



gation in July, a special offering was taken for an additional building at the orphanage, and our Missions Committee has contributed to this building fund as well. Rev. Dr. Sirirat also needs sewing machines to provide the women in her community a means to support their families so they do not consider selling their daughters (and sons). These sewing machines will be purchased in Thailand; they cost \$400 U.S. Rev. Dr. Sirirat asks for ten machines, and, so far, we are a few machines short of our goal. Thank you to the many in our congregation who have contributed.

A US Bank account has been established for this Mission of Hope. To donate, please make checks payable to Thailand Orphanage. They may be given to either Eric or Kim Johnson, or placed in the "Thailand" shoebox in the office. God bless you.

Barton School Volunteers Needed

Do you like to meet new people and learn about other cultures? Looking for a rewarding volunteer opportunity? The Barton School at FPC needs volunteer tutors to teach English to adult immigrants on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Child care is available. We have students waiting to meet you! Call 747-1058 x250 for more information or to schedule a visit.

Spring Rummage Sale

Donations Accepted: Saturday mornings in April

Sale Date: Friday and Saturday, May 7 & 8

The spring Rummage Sale is almost here! It's time to simplify, declutter and start your spring housecleaning. Please save your good saleable items and bring them to the church on Saturday mornings in April. Set-up days for the sale will be Wednesday and Thursday, May 5-6; the sale will take place Friday and Saturday, May 7-8.

Full Day Kindergarten Teaching Position

Begins Fall 2010. Hours are 8:45 am – 3:45 pm. Please call 747-9192 or come down to the school office to pick up an application and job description. Must hold a valid Washington State Teaching Certificate.

Application deadline is April 9.

For Your Marriage

New Beginnings: Spring Session

Marriage Education Weekend @ FPC

Friday, April 16 and Saturday, April 17

New Beginnings is celebrating its tenth year here at FPC! Over 200 couples have taken part in the New Beginnings experience. This marriage education weekend is especially for couples who are engaged, seriously dating, or newly married and is designed to build and strengthen communication and intimacy in couple relationships.

Since the retreat is built around the Prepare Inventory, **all participating couples will need to take the inventory in advance, on Tuesday, April 6 (6:30–9:30 pm)**. Pick up a New Beginnings brochure for more info. **Cost** for this retreat is \$150 per couple (includes cost of inventory). For more information and to register, call Barbie Olson @ 448-2765 or email her at barbcheer1@aol.com.

Joining the Church Triumphant

Fern Showacre, February 3, 2010



Imagine Yourself at the Women of Faith Weekend with Women of First Presbyterian Church

We long for something more.
Sometimes we don't even know what that
something is.
God does.

Imagine two days focused on God and his love for you. *Imagine* two days filled with laughter, music, and stories that make you chuckle even as you wipe away a knowing tear. **Join the women of FPC** at the Women of Faith weekend and let your imagination soar. Because the God who loves you can do far more than you can ever imagine.

Join us at *Imagine!*
September 17-18
at the Spokane Arena
Friday: 10:00 – 3:30 & 7:00 – 9:30;
Saturday: 9:00 – 4:00

Theme: **Ephesians 3:20**
"God can do anything, you know — far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams!"

Registration will take place in April and May; check the next newsletter for details.

Questions? Contact Linda Yates: 536-6082, or Brenda Norton: 747-1058 x220.



SPOKANE CITY FORUM

“HELPING TO BUILD A BETTER COMMUNITY”

“Creating the Healthiest Region in Washington State” with Mike Senske, Chairman of the Board, Empire Health Foundation

Learn more about the role of Empire Health Foundation in the Spokane community, the projects the Foundation has been involved in and the projects the Foundation

hopes to be involved in from the perspective of the Chairman of the Board, Mike Senske.

Mr. Senske will describe the formation of the Empire Health Foundation and provide a current look at the work of the Foundation and the goals and impact it hopes to have in the seven county regional area that it will touch. He will also discuss the role in the community of the newly hired Executive Director for the Foundation, Antony Chiang, together with information about the Foundation's grant making process. In addition to his duties with Empire Health Foundation, Mr. Senske is Chief Executive Officer of Pearson Packaging.

Spokane City Forum Luncheon
Wednesday, March 17th

Time: 11:45 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Location: Spokane First Presbyterian Church, 318 South Cedar Street, Spokane

Reservations required by no later than 12:00 noon, Monday, March 15th

Cost: \$10, \$5 for students, includes lunch and is payable at the door in check or cash.

Childcare available by reservation at \$4 per child.

For Reservations:

Phone: (509) 777-1555

E-mail: info@spokanecityforum.org

Online: www.spokanecityforum.org

Upcoming Spokane City Forum

Wednesday, April 21st, 2010

“Coaches .vs Cancer – Making a Difference” with Mark and Marcy Few



“The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood.” — John 1:14

What is 6:05? 6:05 is a worshipping community striving to live out God's call in the world. We are real people with real problems and real joys coming together to worship, pray and serve. We meet Sunday nights at 6:05 pm in the sanctuary.

“Again Jesus said . . . As the Father has sent me, I am sending you!” — John 20:21

We are a community engaged in the world and we see ourselves as sent into the world to be in relationships with our neighbors, our co-workers and our community.

“Then I heard the voice of the Master: ‘Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?’

I spoke up, “I’ll go. Send me!” — Isaiah 6:8 (The Message)

Want connection? Contact Janeen Steer: janeens@spokanefpc.org, or 747-1058 x227.

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH

Grant us grace, our Father, to do our work this day as workmen who need not be ashamed. Give us the spirit of diligence and honest enquiry in our quest for the truth, the spirit of charity in all of our dealings with our fellows, and the spirit of gaiety, courage, and a quiet mind in facing all tasks and responsibilities.”

– Reinhold Niebuhr (1892-1971)

e-Giving vs. Online Bank Payments: Financial Update

Each year we spend \$4,000-5,000 processing contributions. We also expend about 250 hours of volunteers' time sorting, counting, stamping, and entering your cash and checks to prepare them for their trip to the bank. We take great care to maintain the confidentiality of these gifts so the information remains between you and God, but it is time- and resource-consuming. Many of us want to have automatic payments made from our bank accounts each month; there are two ways to do this, either through e-Giving (where FPC initiates the withdrawal from your account) or online bank payments (also known as "bill pay," where you set up the payment through your bank account). **e-Giving is much better for the church than online bank payments. Here's why.**

e-Giving: the best use of church resources

An electronic funds transfer (EFT) request we initiate from your bank account to ours, with funds removed on the 5th and/or the 20th, depending on your preference. This form of payment requires minimal time and resources for processing. **If all of us signed up for e-Giving, the total effort required by staff and volunteers for contribution processing would be only 50 minutes of time and \$20 — even if our church attendance were to triple.** Any scheduled payment can be cancelled with a quick phone call to the church three days before the transfer. We currently have 72 households (984 transactions/year) e-Giving, and we'd love to have more.

Online bank payments: convenient for you; costly for the church

Convenient for you but not for us. **This popular payment method costs the church more to process than regular checks.** Online bank payments come to church by regular mail and therefore require an extra process to separate them from other mail and open the complicated perforated envelopes. Many online bank checks also come from a common regional bank account. The use of a common account number eliminates our ability to use our check reader. If everyone chose this method, we would spend up to \$7,000 per year processing contributions. If you are considering this, please call your bank and ask if a unique check tied to your bank account will be issued.

Checks: If giving with a personal check, please avoid folding or putting it in an envelope. Just place it face down in the offering plate.

If you are interested in e-Giving, please contact Dean DuPree, who will set you up over the phone. Thank you for your faithfulness and gifts to carry forward important ministries of the church.
-Dean DuPree 747-1058 x216

2010	
Income & Expenses	
Year	
January	Jan.-Jan.
Income	
\$167,496	\$167,496
Expense	
\$149,933	\$149,933
Income/(Loss)	
\$17,563	\$17,563



LISTENING is what STEPHEN MINISTERS are trained to do!

FPC is a Stephen Ministry Church. Stephen Ministers receive 50 hours of training in confidential, Christian care-giving and are prepared to offer one-on-one support for anyone who is in a difficult spot or time of transition, including the loss of a loved one, unemployment, terminal illness, divorce, loneliness, childbirth, and spiritual crisis. If you would like to find out more about this important ministry, or if you're interested in being trained as a Stephen Minister, please contact Cynthia Johnson @ 327-7291 or aslan6220@air-pipe.com, or Jeanne Walsh @ 747-1058 x200 or jeanne@spokane-fpc.org. Stephen Minister training will be held on Thursday evenings beginning in October – but don't wait any longer to begin the conversation! Contact us now! Brochures are available in the KIOSK.

Holy Week Dates

April 1 7 pm, Maundy Thursday Service
April 2 7 pm, Good Friday Service

Easter Sunday

April 4 6:30 am Sunrise at Manito Shelter
9:15 am Easter Service, FPC
11:00 am Easter Service, FPC
(identical services at 9:15 and 11 am)
6:05 pm Service, FPC

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Junior High

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High School

Brad Hauge (130)

Adult Equipping

Jeanne Walsh (200)

Community Life

Brenda Norton (220)

Worship and Music

Garth Hangartner (300)

Newsletter

Sarah Hauge (218)

Barton School

Mildred Scheel (250)

Prayer Line/Deacons' Line (150)

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Mon.-Fri., 8:30-5:00

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