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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear PLPC friends,

I thoroughly enjoyed watching the Winter Olympic Games this year. I enjoy the Summer Games, but I like the Winter one better. Perhaps it's because even though I can't compete at that level, I can run and jump and do most of what they do on some level, gymnastics aside. The Winter Games, though, seems impossible to me.

I can downhill ski (kind of), but jumping and flipping and twisting while 40 feet in the air is absolutely inconceivable to me. Perhaps if I put ice skates on I could make my way around the rink, but a triple axle is not within my imagination. It's all like magic to me. It stretches the bounds of what humanity is capable of. It gives me a sense of hope.

The truth is, that if I dedicated my life in the way these athletes do, I could do some of what they can do. What seems impossible is doable with dedication and effort. Perhaps if we as Christians followed Christ with the same fervor and dedication that Olympians do their sport, then we might do what seems impossible to onlookers. Perhaps we can love in a way that seems impossible. Perhaps we can practice a radical forgiveness that goes beyond the imagination of the world.

Jesus showed us what is humanly possible. We may say, "Yeah, but he was also divine." But Paul writes in Philippians that Jesus laid down his divinity to fully embrace our humanity. What Jesus did was do what seemed impossible to the world. And this gives us hope. And when we seek to follow Him and dedicate ourselves to the task, we will give hope to a world that desperately needs to believe that it can do the impossible: to love and forgive everyone.

You can do it, my friends!

Pastor Paul



Worship Committee News

“Thoughts on Lent”

~ Nancy Diana ~

Lectionary Schedule for March

Mar 7, 3rd Sunday in Lent

Isa. 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8
1 Cor. 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9

Mar 14, 4th Sunday in Lent

Josh. 5:9-12; Psalm 32
2 Cor. 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Mar 21, 5th Sunday in Lent

Isa. 43:16-21; Psalm 126
Phil. 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

Mar 28, Passion/Palm Sunday

Luke 19:28-40; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Isa. 50:4-9a; Luke 22:14-23

Apr 4, Easter/Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Cor. 5:6b-8; Luke 24:13-49



An Irish Prayer For You

May your days be filled with laughter
and the joy of many friends;
May God bless you with His grace
and peace that never ends.
May God bless you on
ST. PATRICK'S DAY,
and may He hold you always
in the palm of His hand.

**“Make known to me Your ways, Lord;
Teach me Your paths.”**

Psalm 25:4

Our 2010 Lenten season has begun and with it comes the powerful opportunity to reflect on sacrifice and our personal relationship with Christ. Rather than looking at the usual material things we might choose to give up, i.e. certain foods, video games, TV, etc., there are many other sacrifices we can make that can work powerfully to model us into Christ's loving likeness. As we read our Bible, it's undeniably clear that the focus of Christ's life was not on the material things He went without, but rather the lessons He taught us by simply loving us. And, when we stop to think on how great His love is for us, we often overlook that He lived His life without some very familiar things that we usually practice or encounter daily: complaint, judgment, hypocrisy, bitterness, envy, greed, gluttony, self-importance, procrastination, arrogance, worry, pride, self-righteousness, or self-pity (the list of our human failings is endless). Can you imagine the changes that would happen to our world if we chose to sacrifice any of these sins during the Lenten season? We might even then be able to make a habit of such sacrifice that would last beyond those very short 40 days. By choosing to give up our sins (and let's face it, we have that choice) and genuinely reflecting on Christ and His sacrifice for us during each day of our own Lenten promises, we can truly let our sacrifices act as worship of Him. And we are made to worship Him ... always.

Praise Happens
Love Happens
Prayer *Jes*
God Happens
us Praise Happens
Joy Happens Forgiveness

“God Happens” – Praise and Worship Service

~ Nancy Diana ~

Every Sunday at 6:30 P.M., PLPC opens its sanctuary for a "come as you are" fellowship to share contemporary musical praise and worship about the way God happens in our lives. PLPC invites believers and non-believers alike. All ages are welcome.



WALK
~ Crystal Caviness ~

WALK, PLPC's women's ministry, will host a Palm Sunday Tea for all women of the church and any guests from 4:30-6 p.m. Sunday, March 28. The Women of WALK would like to especially reach out to any women who are need of "pampering" for one afternoon.

So plan to join WALK on March 28 and invite a special woman in your neighborhood, workplace or ball team who may need some "time out" from the stresses of daily life.

Please RSVP by Thursday, March 25, to the church office or Crystal Caviness at crystal.caviness@gmail.com. Childcare will be available.

The story behind WALK (Women Are Love Keepers):

Women love their families. Women love their churches. Women love their friends. Women love their neighbors. Women Are Love Keepers in our society and throughout the world.

Oftentimes, however, worries, frustrations, daily challenges threaten to tear apart the love. But when we WALK together as women of faith, we form a stronghold against life's struggles, enabling one another to face each day armed with the power of love.

Women talking together. Women praying together. Women learning together. Women crying together. Women rejoicing together. Together, we will WALK victoriously through our lives, because Women Are Love Keepers.

You are invited to join at anytime to WALK with us.



Join Us for Bible Study
Pastor Paul has an Adult Bible Study on Wednesday mornings at 9:15 A.M. The group meets in the conference room. Bible study is as essential to the life of a Christian Community as breathing. Come join us and together we will "Breathe in the Word."



Sunday School
~ Andi Mosley ~

Bring yourself, bring your children, bring a relative and bring a friend...Come one, come all. There are Sunday School classes for every age from Pre-K to adults. Sunday School is a great way to grow in Christ. Come grow and learn with us! Sunday School is from 9:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M.



Confirmation Class
~ Andi Mosley ~

This year we have 10 kids participating in the 13 – week confirmation class. This will be the largest group we've had in awhile! Please keep these young people and their mentors in your prayers as they go through confirmation.

Specifically, please pray for:

- Clarence Mathis and Casey Walsh
- Jenise Davis and Nancy Loudermilk
- Jermal Mathis and Stuart Smothers
- Nesha Johnson and Michele Witten
- Rodriguez Arnold and Dori Hutchison
- Dani Hazlehurst and Melanie Watson
- Nathan Smith and Frank Horton
- Ke'Andre Johnson and Andi Mosley
- Moses Cornelius and Jon Loudermilk
- Ronnie Waters and Mike Mosley

The new confirmation class hours are 2:00 P.M. until 3:00 P.M.

**Treasurer's Report
March 2010**



~ **Jim Gracy** ~
Treasurer

February's loss was \$1,099.00 and January being in the positive of \$2,256. For the year we are in the positive of \$1,157. (See operating account below) Our heating bill is always high this time of year. We should get some relief as the weather warms and before the air conditioner season begins.

Our designated funds are \$10,318.00, which we are using as a cushion to prevent overdraft to our general account.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

**Revenues and Expenses for the
Period Jan 1 - Feb 28, 2010
(Operating accounts only)**

Revenues:	
Pledge Contributions	\$17,160.00
Loose Offerings	3,764.86
Other	<u>7,338.63</u>
Total Revenues	\$28,263.49
Expenses:	
Personnel	\$15,330.56
General (includes mortgage)	5,458.87
Properties	5,776.44
Committees	38.99
Other	<u>501.27</u>
Total Expenses	\$27,106.13
Net Income	\$ 1,157.36



DID YOU KNOW?

On March 10, 1985 the Priest Lake Fellowship was chartered as a Church of Middle Tennessee Presbytery and Dr. Donald Lagle was called to serve as pastor.



~ **Mary Anna Simon** ~

Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. Luke 10:38-42.

A friend of mine gave me a gift one time. It was a square shaped potholder, which she had made herself. The fabric that covered the potholder was cream colored and had a simple design on the front. A heart outlined with pink thread, and inside this heart read these words "Have A Mary Heart." At first I thought it was quite cheesy, but then I realized that inherent was a deeper truth. Here was this statement representing Mary's heart of worship on a potholder!!! Probably one that Martha was well acquainted with in their day.

A heart of worship to God such as Mary's can be greatly used when coupled with hands of service such as Martha's.

Thus we call out to you all, whose hearts are filled with worship for God, to give us a little of your time on a Sunday to serve in Martha's Kitchen.



Ladies Lunch Bunch
~ **Florence Sass** ~

The Ladies Lunch Bunch will be going to the Lenten Series Concert and Luncheon at West End United Methodist Church on Thursday, March 18th. The concert starts promptly at noon so we should meet at the church between 10:30 A.M. and 10:45 A.M. to carpool down there. Lunch follows the concert at 12:30 P.M. and the cost is \$8.00. This is always a special event so we invite any ladies interested to join us. Please contact Florence Sass at 220-4538 or by email at dsass68553@aol.com by Tuesday, March 16th to make to reserve your spot. Reservations need to be called in by noon to UMC the day before.

We are always looking for new ideas for our next month's outing after trying it out and making sure that they take group reservations.



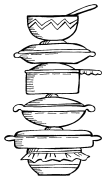
~ Belle Dahlman ~

Hygiene Kits For Haiti

We are happy to report that **108** hygiene kits were shipped to a distribution center in Little Rock, AR on February 27th. From Little Rock, the kits will be sent by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A., to Dominican Republic and then to Haiti. Our thanks to all who participated to make this mission project a success. Many people will benefit from your generosity.



~ Rachel Fields ~



Palm Sunday Luncheon Sunday, March 28th

Please join us as we come together in fellowship!

Each family is asked to bring 1 or 2 of their favorite dishes. Our holiday dinners are now averaging 150 people, so we ask that your dishes feed 6-8 people to ensure plenty for all.

We ask that dishes are brought fully prepared and cooked, and that all dishes, lids, and carriers are clearly labeled to avoid any confusion after the meal. The church will provide the ham.

Questions? Please contact Rachel Fields at 615-294-6541 (leave a message) or rachelafields81@gmail.com.



~ Sue Handisides ~

Date Set for Project J.O.Y. Mission Trip to Harlan, KY Saturday October 23, 2010

The Project J.O.Y. Steering Committee will meet this month on March 6th to continue plans for the 2010 Appalachian Mission Trip.

Our website has been updated and all the 2009 Mission Trip photos can now be viewed. Take a look at www.projectjoytn.org click on "Photo Gallery for 2009" and see last years pictures.

The Project J.O.Y. Steering Committee has decided that our main 2010 Fundraiser will be doing a food concession stand at "Shakespeare in the Park" for our second year. Centennial Park is such a nice environment it makes working fun even when we are cooking hot dogs. The Steering Committee is also looking at some other options for another short-term fundraiser for earlier in the year.

Update on the **Big Blue Bin** – As of this date, thanks to everyone, we have filled the bins five times. Project J.O.Y. has been able to sort out an assortment of blankets, towels and sheets that we have pulled out and will forward on to Pond Presbyterian. We have also been able to sort out some of those items that we run short of which will help us get a jump start on this next year. All school uniforms have been sorted out and set aside for local school kids in need. Please feel free to bring in any of your donations and drop them off at your convenience.

Michele Witten has reported that the Teen group wants to become more involved with Project J.O.Y. on a monthly basis. She will be making an announcement in a couple of weeks to let everyone know what they have planned and when their project will start.

If you have been thinking about getting involved with this Mission Project now is the time! Contact Sue Handisides for more information.

CareS

~ Nancy Loudermilk ~
Co-Coordinator

CareS continues to meet every Wednesday evening from 5:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. and we welcome all children from kindergarten through 12th grade to join us. If you have grandchildren or neighbors or kids of your own who aren't attending, we'd love for you to invite them! Currently we are averaging around 22 children and youth and around 10 adults. The jury is still out as to who has more fun – the kids or the adults.

We celebrated Fat Tuesday a day late with King's Cakes and frivolity just prior to attending Ash Wednesday services as a group. It was a meaningful night for all as we received our ashes from Pastor Paul.

It was previously mentioned that we have around 10 adults each week at CareS. It goes without saying how much we appreciate our regulars who lead the different age groups each week – Mike and Andi Mosley, Michelle and Lisa Witten, Jennifer Burns, Leesa Fields and Diane Hansel. Thanks also to Pastor Paul and Joel Hutchison for their help with Chimes, Choir and Prayer & Praise time. We've had some great kitchen help, too! Thank you to Crystal Caviness, Cathay McAninch, Nanci and Matt Stuteville, Wes Witten and Terry Culp.

Special congratulations to Alex Rodriquez, Charles and Patricia Burfield's grandson, who recently earned his black belt. We are very proud of Alex for this accomplishment!

If you have a child (ren) participating in the Chimes program, Pastor Paul needs to hear from you regarding Easter services and participation expectations. Please get in touch with him if you haven't already done so.

"CareS is funded through PLPC's budget and we attempt to be self-sufficient by charging \$3 per meal each week. However, we never want to lose a single child over this charge. All attendees are urged to contribute whatever they can toward meal cost. Monthly or semester payments are gladly accepted. I believe that we have been shown that PLPC has been called to provide this program not only for church members' children and youth, but also for those of our community. I would ask that you all remember this

program in your daily prayers -- that we reach the children and youth and that this program and all the programs that PLPC provides can be financially sustained. More importantly, please pray for our kids - - it's not easy to be a kid in today's world.

Teena and I are grateful for the support that CareS receives from the congregation. This program is intended to provide our children and youth with a mid-week spiritual boost and reminder of how much they are loved. I believe that I can speak for Teena, too, when I say we are getting a big dose of that boost as well.



Paul's Pantry ~ Cathay McAninch & Martha Cross ~

It's not charity, it's community. Thanks to all who continue to support Paul's Pantry on the first Sunday of each month. Many of our neighbors are having a hard time and the demand for food boxes is much greater than in the past. Your food donations provide food boxes that Pastor Paul can hand out to those in need during the week. Pastor Paul used to give out one box a month and now it's two or three boxes a week. Items can be left in the hallway across from the nursery.



Walkers Wanted ~ Gloria Kimbro ~

Walking and talking in the gym.
What a great way to start the day.

Any speed you want. Ask any friends and relatives to join us.

We would love to have everyone join us Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. until whenever we run out of steam and conversation. The more the merrier. For questions, contact Gloria at 668-4693. No "RSVP" required.





March Schedule for Worship Leaders, Ushers, Greeters and Acolytes

Mar 7	Worship Leader	Joel Hutchison
Communion	Prepare/Usher/ Serve	Nancy Loudermilk Andi Mosley
	Greet/Usher/ Serve	Rachel Fields
	Usher/Serve/ Cleanup	Valerie Barton
	Serve Choir	Nancy Diana
Mar 14	Worship Leader	Jon Loudermilk
	Greeters	Bonnie Shapbell Kristi Greene
	Ushers	Justin Greene Sarah Evans
Mar 21	Worship Leader	Phil McGovern
	Greeters	Jim Gracy Catherine Gracy
	Ushers	Sajeev Pothen Mary Anna Simon
Mar 28	Worship Leader	Jim Gracy
	Greeters	Tom Cross Martha Cross
	Ushers	Matt Hansel Diane Hansel
Apr 4 Easter Communion	Worship Leader	Crystal Caviness
	Prepare/Usher/ Serve	Nancy Diana
	Greet/Usher/ Serve	Joyce Hanson Casey Walsh
	Usher/Serve/ Cleanup	Mike Mosley
	Serve Choir	Jon Loudermilk

ACOLYTES

Mar 7	Mayerli Garcia	Faye Garcia
Mar 14	Brooke Stuteville	Lauren Stuteville
Mar 21	Michaela Mosley	Faye Garcia
Mar 28	Brooke Stuteville	Lauren Stuteville
Apr 4	Mayerli Garcia	Michaela Mosley

March Calendar of Activities, Birthdays and Anniversaries

2	Walt Litaker J. V. Delaney Boone Hutchison
3	Bible Study – 9:15 AM CareS – 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM Mr. & Mrs. Frankie Diana Jerry Wilbanks
4	Lexi Felts
7	Lectionary Class – 9:00 AM – Library Sunday School – 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM – all ages Seekers Class – 9:00 AM – Sunday school room Martha’s Kitchen – 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM Confirmation Class – 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM WALK – 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM “God Happens – Praise and Worship Fellowship” - 6:30 PM
8	Nancy Loudermilk
9	Allison Culp
10	25 Years for Priest Lake Presbyterian Church Bible Study – 9:15 AM CareS – 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM
11	Mr. & Mrs. Phil Hereford Florence Sass
14	Daylight Saving Time Begins Lectionary Class – 9:00 AM – Library Sunday School – 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM – all ages Seekers Class – 9:00 AM – Sunday school room Martha’s Kitchen – 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM Confirmation Class – 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM WALK – 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM “God Happens – Praise and Worship Fellowship” - 6:30 PM Bob Ware
15	Session Meeting – 7:00 PM Peg Yarnall
17	Bible Study – 9:15 AM CareS – 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM
18	Ladies Lunch Bunch – 10:30 AM Dallas Sass Eligha Reed
21	Lectionary Class – 9:00 AM – Library Sunday School – 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM – all ages Seekers Class – 9:00 AM – Sunday school room Martha’s Kitchen – 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM Confirmation Class – 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM WALK – 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM “God Happens – Praise and Worship Fellowship” - 6:30 PM
22	Linda Anders
24	Bible Study – 9:15 AM CareS – 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM Dot Samples
28	Lectionary Class – 9:00 AM – Library Sunday School – 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM – all ages Seekers Class – 9:00 AM – Sunday school room Palm Sunday/Spring Potluck – following Worship Martha’s Kitchen – 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM Confirmation Class – 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM WALK – 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM “God Happens – Praise and Worship Fellowship” - 6:30 PM
29	Ronnie Waters Catherine Gracy
31	Bible Study – 9:15 AM CareS – 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

In order to keep our birthday and anniversary lists accurate and up-to-date, let the office know of any corrections and additions.

Youth Report

- Leesa Fields -
High School Youth Leaders



~ Andi Mosley ~ High School Youth

The High School Youth would like to say a special thank you to the entire PLPC congregation for all their financial contributions during the Candy Bar sales this year. The funds raised will go to support High School youth retreats and towards future High School youth mission projects. Again, thank you!



~ Andi Mosley ~

A special “thank you” to *Leesa Fields* for 17 years of service to the Youth Program. During the Congregational Meeting in February she was awarded a plaque for her dedication and service to the PLPC Youth.

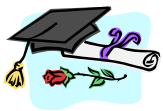
Thanks Leesa!

I want to take this time to recognize our dedicated high school youth leaders, Mike Mosley, Michele Witten, Andi Mosley and Lisa Witten.

With our high school group becoming more diverse, the job of the youth leaders has become a real challenge. I have been so touched by the devotion and determination of these adults to tackle this task head on with patience, discipline and unconditional love. They go over and above what is expected of them...they provide transportation most Wednesdays and Sundays, they often take kids out to eat after church, and even attend basketball games to show their support.

I hope everyone will take the time to thank these leaders for taking on the challenge on such intense ministry work.

Thanks for everything, guys...you are amazing!!



Congratulations to **Jon Loudermilk** chosen Teacher of the Year at Margaret Allen Middle School. Thank you for all you do!!



With Special Thanks

~ Dallas and Florence Sass ~

Dear Church Family,

No words can say how truly Dallas and I have appreciated all of your love, prayer concerns, food that was delicious and the cards I have received. I ran out of room to show them off.

We are so grateful to all of you and feel so fortunate to have such a wonderful, loving church and family.

Many thanks and God bless you all.



~ Andi Mosley ~

A special “thank you” to *Crystal Caviness* for her many years of service to the CareS Program. Before the Congregational Meeting in February she was awarded a plaque for her dedication and service to the CARES Program.

Thanks Crystal!

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