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**March 2010**

***Thus says the LORD: "Stand at the crossroads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way lies; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls." Jeremiah 6:16***

What does it mean to truly find *rest for our souls*? We know that rest, on a physical level, is the absence of work, the absence of those things that *drain our energy*. But it's not only the absence of work is it? Sometimes it's the *addition* of certain activities that brings the deepest rest (e.g. fishing, hiking and reading).

Spiritual rest works in a similar way. It is the absence of those things that drain us (e.g. guilt, frustration and anger) and the addition of those things that fill us (e.g. scripture meditation, prayer and service). Every day we "stand at the crossroads" of life and are reminded by the prophet Jeremiah to *look for where the good way lies, and walk in it*. But what does the *good way* look like in everyday life? What does real *spiritual formation* look like in the Christian walk?

The language of "spirituality" has become pervasive in contemporary American culture. Talk of spiritual *wholeness* and *wellness*, once relegated to Sunday morning sermons, can be found in health clubs, spas, boardrooms and magazine covers. Whenever pollsters ask about faith, it seems that most Americans *overwhelmingly* affirm that: they *believe* in God, *pray* to God, and share "testimonials of personal encounters with God..."<sup>1</sup> even as participation in *traditional religious activity* in America continues to decline. Simply put, religious institutions are no longer the places where people are getting all (or any) of their spiritual information. Many Americans have become skeptical of religious institutions and have turned to a burgeoning "spirituality industry" to meet their needs.

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<sup>1</sup> Wuthnow, Robert. *After Heaven: Spirituality in America since the 1950s*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1998, p. 1.

Over the last few decades, this "spirituality industry" (a conglomeration of religion, philosophy, supernatural phenomena, psychic readings and self-help psychology), has flooded popular culture with books, movies, television programs, seminars and media personalities, *all promising answers* to the fundamental questions of all things "spiritual." Sociologist Robert Wuthnow, in his book, *After Heaven: Spirituality in America Since the 1950's*, argues that *all* of this is a sign of a *profound* change in American spirituality that has taken place in the last half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century: a traditional spirituality of *dwelling* (e.g., congregations, denominations and neighborhoods) has given way to a new spirituality of *seeking*. Popular notions of "spiritual experience" (such as angels, spirit-guides and near-death experiences) and the development of the "inner self" are examples of a growing *seeker-oriented* spirituality that places a premium on *individual experience*.

There is a very real danger that the Christian notions of "spirituality" and "spiritual formation" have been tainted by popular culture. Is *Christian* spiritual formation primarily about the *individual* journey of the spiritual self? Not exactly. "Spiritual formation," for the Christian, is not focused on the *self*, but on the Person of *Jesus Christ*. It is "secular spiritual formation" in reverse—it focuses on God so that *God* can form the self. It is a spiritual journey with an end in mind: the *loss* of self—*Christlikeness*. It is a constant shaping and reshaping of the human self more and more into the image of Christ.

Lent is one of the oldest observations on the Christian calendar. Like all Christian holy days, it has changed over the years, but its purpose has always been the same: self-examination and penitence, demonstrated by self-denial, in preparation for Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, believers are called to imitate Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness where he faced the stark reality of sin and temptation—to *allow God to conform us more and more into His likeness*.

As we prepare for Easter here at Avenel, there are several opportunities for you to work on **true spiritual formation** in the way of Jesus Christ:

1. Worship: *Sunday morning series "5 Things God Uses to Grow Your Faith"; Wed. Night Lenten Vespers; Holy Thursday Tenebrae Service 4/1; Good Friday Worship Experience (non-traditional) 4/2; Easter Sunrise Service & Traditional Service 4/4.*
2. Study: *Adult Sunday School series "Cultivating Spiritual Practices"; Wed. Night Lenten discussion "5 Things God Uses to Grow Your Faith."*
3. Fellowship: *Wed. Night Soup Suppers; Family Bowling Night 3/6; Deacon's Tea 3/21.*

May God bless you and your family this month. And may we *all* allow God to give us the kind of *rest* that only comes from walking "the good way."

In Christ,

Rev. Jason Tucker

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## STREAM LINES INFORMATION

**The deadline for the April 2010 issue of Stream Lines will be Wednesday, March 17, 2010 at 12:00 noon.**

Remember to email your articles to:

Susan Smolsky at [streamlines@comcast.net](mailto:streamlines@comcast.net) and  
Carol Palmer at [avenelpres@verizon.net](mailto:avenelpres@verizon.net)

**From the  
Editor**



The April issue will be available for online reading and printing on or about Wednesday, March 24, 2010 and will be available to those who have no internet service and pick up their copies in the Sanctuary on Sunday, March 28, 2010.

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**LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS • VESPER SERVICES • DISCUSSION GROUP**

**RE M I N D E R**



Lent is a season of preparation and reflection, soul-searching and repentance, and a time for taking stock.

Our annual Lenten Soup Suppers and Vesper Services held on Wednesday evenings are a perfect way to remember the sacrifice of our Lord during this special time of the year.

The next date is Wednesday, March 3, followed by March 10, 17 and 24. Join us for the Soup Supper, with delicious homemade soups, fresh baked breads and desserts, from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. in Jacob Morgan Hall, followed by the Vesper Service from 6:45 to 7:05 p.m. in the Chapel.

**New this year** is a discussion group after the Vesper Service. From 7:10 to 7:55 p.m., please join us in Ken Hunt Lounge for a discussion on the "5 Things God Uses to Grow Your Faith." Childcare will be available by request. Please contact the Church Office for more information.

**To view our flyer on the "5 Things God Uses to Grow Your Faith," [click here.](#)**

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**New Member Classes Beginning Thursday, March 11, 2010**

**RE M I N D E R**

While we consider everyone who walks through these doors to be our brothers and sisters in Christ – part of God's family – we also recognize the importance of joining a congregation as a sign of one's deeper commitment to the life of the church. We believe that our church is a wonderful place for such a commitment and we're extending an open invitation for all who'd like to join at this time.

This will be a 3-week class that will meet from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday nights, March 11, 18 and 25, 2010. All members will officially join on Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010.

Please contact the church office at 732-634-1631 to sign up or email Pastor Jason at [pastorjtucker@gmail.com](mailto:pastorjtucker@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

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**DEACONS' TEA**

**RE M I N D E R**

**Here we go everyone!!!**



On Sunday, March 21, 2010, we will have another Deacons' Tea. So mark your calendar because that is when you get to "Meet Your Deacon."

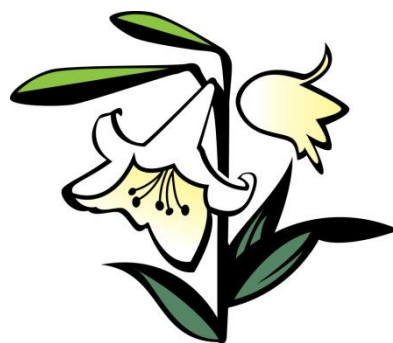
This is a time for fun, fellowship and good food. Let's all make this 2010 Deacons' Tea the biggest and the best. It will be held in the Gym of the Christian Education Building immediately following the morning worship service.

**See you there!!!**

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## Easter Lilies



Each year the church offers Easter Lilies to members and friends of the congregation to remember or honor a loved one. If you would like to place an order for a plant(s), please fill out the form below and return it to the Church Office at 621 E. Woodbridge Avenue, Avenel, NJ 07001, with your check made payable to the First Presbyterian Church. Each plant is \$8.00.

**Orders will be accepted until Sunday, March 14, 2010.**

Plants may be taken by those who donated them after the 10:30 morning worship service on Easter Sunday. Any plants remaining will be distributed to those families and friends who have lost loved ones this past year.

### Easter Lilies Form 2010

***Please Print Clearly***

Your Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Plants \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_



### World Day of Prayer - Friday, March 5, 2010

Theme for 2010: "Let everything that has breath praise God." Psalm 150:6

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (WDP) is a worldwide ecumenical movement of Christian women of many faith traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday in March.

Throughout the entire day, we collectively pray all over the world, beginning with the first sunrise and ending at the last sunset. Our prayers follow the sun's path around the globe. WDP's motto is "Informed prayer leads to prayerful action."

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:**

- is a movement initiated and carried out by women in more than 170 countries and regions;
- is a movement symbolized by an annual day of celebration - the first Friday of March - to which all people are welcome;
- is a movement which brings together women of various races, cultures and traditions in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.

### **THROUGH WORLD DAY OF PRAYER WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD:**

- affirm their faith in Jesus Christ;
- share their hopes and fears, joys and sorrows, their opportunities and need;
- become aware of the whole world and no longer live in isolation;
- are enriched by the faith experience of Christians from other countries and cultures;
- become aware of their talents and use them in the service of society.

Through World Day of Prayer, women affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence in the world.

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## Thank You Notes

January 2010

To My Avenel Presbyterian Church Friends,

Thank you so much for all your prayers, calls, gifts and visits. I was thrilled at such a large group of you who came to carol for me. My heart swelled at seeing our pastor and his family, along with many wonderful adorable children and all the rest of so many of you that I remember and love. We need you all in the choir. How about it?

May God bless you all.

Love in Christ,

Eleanor Smith

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February 4, 2010

Dear Family of Faith,

Thank you for the prayers that uplifted and enfolded us, the food that sustained us, the cards, hugs and poems, God-inspired tributes, quotes and copies of words to special hymns, that maintained us. AND THEN, when there couldn't possibly be anything else you could do for us, the notes of gratitude and thanksgiving for Rich's touch on so many lives, and the donations honoring and remembering him, started and are still arriving from current and past church members, youth fellowship kids, and friends. AND STILL there was more! The amazing send-off. So many of you gathering the night before and then again at church and at Woodbridge Gardens. The support of all the called deacons (and then some), the angelic choir (I heard you, I know who you are), the tribute to Rich as you sang with all your heart "The Big Big House," the bagpipes sending him on his way, the message delivered with such love and passion, the presentation of the flag, taps and Amazing Grace, the luncheons between viewing hours and after the church celebration.

I am sure most of you are familiar with the song "I Can Only Imagine." Well, until Rich's sudden death, I couldn't even begin to imagine even a finite portion of God's love for me/him/us. Having seen HIS love in action as He used "YOU" to comfort, uplift and care for all of us, I can better begin to fathom in a finite measure HIS unfathomable, inconceivable, unending, immeasurable, indescribable, incomprehensible, undeserved love for us. As I've told many of you, faith and prayer are far better than any drugs man has made.

With hearts filled with gratitude, thanksgiving and love, in Christ's love we thank you and pray God's blessings on you.

The Gagnon, Huth, Germek  
and Meizenis families

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February 5, 2010

Thank you all for being so kind to me during my recent health problems. You all were so caring.

Thanks to Rev. Tucker and Betty Hulsizer who came to see me in the hospital. Thanks to Dani Juarez and Carolyn and Jake Stockl who phoned me and sent cards and made calls to me even after I got home, as Carol Palmer did as well.

It is an on-going medical problem. Hopefully and with God's blessings I will be ok. The cancer is in remission now and my pacemaker is working fine, so hopefully this is it for awhile.

Again, thanks and God bless all of you.

In God's love and my gratefulness,  
Kathy McKelligett

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## Vacation Bible School 2010

High Seas Expedition: Exploring the Mighty  
Love of God

### Volunteers Needed

We will be sailing on the High Seas this summer and we need any help that you can give to us. If you are interested, please contact Dawn Connolly at home or through the Church Office.

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## Daylight Savings Time

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 14, 2010 at  
2:00 a.m. Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead  
one hour.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT NEEDED

The Christian Education Committee is looking for someone who cares about our children and wants to commit their Sunday mornings to a program to inspire the children to learn about Jesus Christ. Talents needed are the love of Jesus Christ, caring for our kids, and time for our church. Some of the responsibilities include ordering curriculum and supplies, record-keeping, organizing events, programs and activities, and helping to recruit teachers and helpers.

Please call someone from the Christian Education Committee or the Church Office if you think this position is for you or if you need further information.

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## Property Care Newsletter

After several months of being our committee's major focus, the renovation of the church manse for our pastor and his family nears its completion. Remaining work includes:



**Contractor** – Paul's Tile & Construction is finishing up the electrical work, the plumbing in the kitchen, bathrooms and basement, and the re-finishing of the floors throughout the rest of the house. Work completed to date has significantly improved the look and functionality of the home. It's looking beautiful!

**Insulation & Windows** – The impact of the insulation and new windows added in previous months can be felt throughout the home as we enter the cooler winter months. No more drafts!

**Painting** – Work parties are being formed to complete the painting throughout the home. As of this writing the upstairs is nearly completed with a first coat; most will need a second coat.

**Other Projects** that do not necessarily have to be completed before the COO (certificate of occupancy):

- New face for fireplace. Rolly Luntungan has agreed to do this work.
- Finish painting water sealer paint on basement walls.
- Seal back porch floor.
- Install fence in the spring.
- Landscaping.
- Piping water from the gutters out to the street.
- Paving the driveway.
- New sidewalk and landing from the driveway to porch.
- Other miscellaneous exterior work.

### Other noteworthy work and ongoing assignments:

- **Gym lights** - Gary, John and Kevin Hogan repaired/replaced all burnt out gym lights. "Let there be light!" This was no small task with the use of a rented lift to reach the lights. Most of the fixtures also had to be rebuilt.
- **Chapel Bell Pull** – Using the same rented lift equipment, John and Gary also fixed the Chapel Bell, reconnecting the rope in the bell tower. We can once again ring the Chapel Bell!
- **Ken Hunt Lounge** – All of the floor tiles have been cut (Wayne Collins, Rick and Rich). The temperature at the time prohibited them from applying the adhesive. Once the temperature rises, the adhesive will be applied to secure the tiles and the finishing quarter-round and door saddles will be added.
- **Gym Roof** – Options/Estimates are being looked into for repairing/sealing/replacing the gym roof. Some minor repair work had been completed in the late fall but clearly more work will need to be done to maintain our gym. This will be one of our major projects for 2010.

These are just some of the projects being worked on by the committee. **Again, anyone interested in volunteering, even on a part-time or project-related basis, contact any committee member to join.**

**Thanks to all who volunteer their talents and time in helping us maintain our church campus!**

**Committee Members:** Rich Culton, John Hogan, Frank Battito, Gay Patrouch, Ralph Price, Bruce McKee, Joan Ross, Karen Severyn, Rick Severyn and Gary Stevenson.

Respectfully Submitted, Rick Severyn



## Palm Sunday

Please join us for our Palm Sunday morning worship service on Sunday, March 28, 2010, at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Our Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service will be held on Thursday evening, April 1, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Communion will be offered.

Come join us!



## Prayer Vigil

Before His death, Jesus went to a garden at Gethsemane. He took Peter, James and John along with Him, and He began to be deeply distressed and troubled. "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death," he said to them. "Stay here and keep watch."

Going a little farther, He fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from Him. Then He returned to His disciples and found them sleeping. "Simon," He said to Peter, "are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."

This year, at the conclusion of our Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service on April 1, we will begin a prayer vigil that will start at 8:30 p.m. and end at 5:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 4. This time of prayer and meditation will be held in the beauty of our Chapel, lit by the glow of the Christ Candle used in our Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service. We encourage you to enjoy this time of solitude by selecting one hour (or more) to come pray and "keep watch." Please indicate a time preference on the Prayer Vigil Sign-Up Sheet located at the rear of the Sanctuary or call Elaine Ferrie-Kaczmarek of the Worship Committee or the Church Office to let them know which hour(s) you can keep watch.

Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to join with other members of our congregation in this vigil.

**"Could you not keep watch for one hour?"**



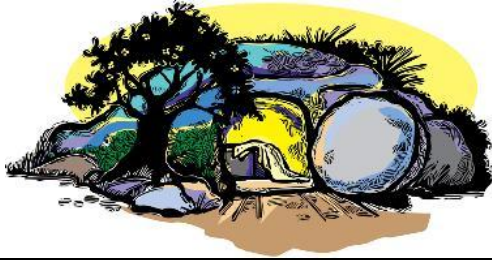
## GOOD FRIDAY

Come join us for our non-traditional Good Friday service in the Sanctuary on Friday, April 2, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. There will be no sermon, but rather a Prayer Path exercise and quiet reflection.



Your Board of Deacons invites you to come and join them for the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior at our pastor-led Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 4, 2010 at 7:00 a.m. in the Chapel. This service will be led by Pastor Tucker. A full breakfast will be served in Jacob Morgan Hall immediately following the service.

Please join us!



## I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

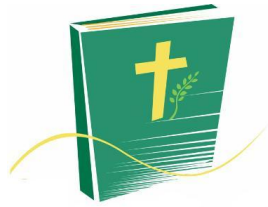
Mark your calendars and join us for this most joyous celebration of the risen Lord.  
Come be a part of our traditional Easter Sunday morning worship service on April 4, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary.



### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS



Wednesdays	03/03/10 03/10/10 03/17/10 03/24/10	Lenten Soup Suppers/Vesper Services/Discussion Group from 5:45 to 7:55 p.m. in Jacob Morgan Hall/Chapel/Ken Hunt Lounge
Thursdays	03/11/10 03/18/10 03/25/10	New Members Class from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Sunday	03/14/10	Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 a.m. – turn your clocks ahead one hour
Saturday	03/20/10	First Day of Spring
Sunday	03/21/10	Deacons Tea in the Gym immediately following the morning worship service
Sunday	03/28/10	Palm Sunday
Thursday	04/01/10	Maundy Thursday – Evening worship service at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Thursday thru Sunday	04/01 – 04/04	Prayer Vigil – Thursday evening, 8:30 p.m. thru Sunday morning, 5:30 a.m. in the Chapel
Friday	04/02/10	1. Good Friday – Non-traditional service in the Sanctuary at 7:00 p.m., with Prayer Path exercise and quiet reflection 2. Church Office Closed
Sunday	04/04/10	1. Sunrise Service – 7:00 a.m. in the Chapel 2. Deacons Breakfast – in Jacob Morgan Hall immediately following the Sunrise Service 3. Easter Worship Service – 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary 4. New Members Class to be received during the morning worship service 5. Confirmation Class to be received during the morning worship service 6. One Great Hour of Sharing Collection during the morning worship service 7. Communion Sunday
Thursday	04/22/10	Earth Day
Sunday thru Sunday	04/25 – 05/02	Family Promise Week in our church



## March Memory Verse

Matthew 5:11-12 (NIV)

<sup>11</sup>Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven...."



## Transferred to the Church Triumphant

February 2010 – **Ernest "Butchy" Donnelly**,  
beloved nephew of Jane and Bruce McKee

February 2010 – **Margaret Findlay**, beloved  
niece of George and Cathy Shaffer



## Thought of the Month

You can't keep trouble from coming, but you  
needn't give it a chair to sit in.



## March Birthdays

If there are any omissions or errors in the March birthday list, please contact the Church Office at 732-634-1631. Thank you!

- 02 Matthew Kosakowski
- 03 Nancy Holtz, Chelsea Speer
- 05 Chelsea Stulga
- 07 Carson Severyn
- 08 Karin Hallenbeck
- 10 Chrissy Groelly
- 13 Ashley Pepsin
- 15 Tonny Seik
- 17 Jason Tucker
- 21 Barbara Hanson, Amanda Seik
- 23 James Nolan, John Guarracino
- 25 Joan Benkert
- 28 Robert Roth, Arlene McCann
- 29 Bobbi Florio
- 31 Timothy Cohen

Winds of March we welcome you  
There is work for you to do



Work and play and blow all day  
Blow the winter wind away.



### **Our Military Servicemen, Servicewomen and Their Families**

Anthony Battito, Robert Bartko, Jason Bone, Amy Updike, Michael Barany, Justin Kitchen, Rev. Adam Tiejte, Carson Severyn, Edward Merz, Daniel Hedner, Brian Williams, Brian Ragas, Michael Warren, Joshua McCullough, Lauren Pfeifer, Bryan Palmer

**FREEDOM ISN'T FREE.  
SOMEBODY PAID.**



Jolan Farkas, Eleanor Smith, Toni Anderson, Linda Bisgaard and Edith Cloldt

### **Prayer Requests**

To add someone to this list, please call the Church Office at 732-634-1631



### **Recent Concerns**

Ernie Zelizi (brother of Vilma Ambis), Tessa Campbell (great-niece of Arleen Schreiber), Helena Weeks (friend of Wayne Collins), Charlotte Lankford (friend of the McKees), Helen Smith (grandmother of Jessica Miller), Tim Spewak (brother-in-law of Carol and Larry Palmer), Howard Ely, Dot Allebach, David Moyer (friend of Carolyn Stevenson), Jim and Robin Brinkman (Bette Duesterdick's daughter and son-in-law), SPC Roberto Rosado (friend of Carol and Larry Palmer), Mary Corigliano (cousin of Carol and Larry Palmer), Josephine DeVito (mother of Carol Palmer), Robin Pevonis (friend of Jackie Turnbull), John Wehle (friend of Jackie Turnbull)

### **Those with On-Going Long-Term Concerns**

Edward and Betty Dobson, Jennifer Perez, Tyler Rich and Family (cousin of Carol Palmer), Dorothy Piperi (mother of Carolyn Gilligan's co-worker), Diana Dydak, Jeremy Hogan, Don Gilligan, Leo and Lucille Webber (friends of Carolyn Gilligan), Esther Nielsen, Phil Prasser

### *Reflections*



### **They Ran Through the Rain**

Story by Bob Perks - 2001

She had been shopping with her Mom in Wal-Mart. She must have been 6 years old, this beautiful red-haired, freckle-faced image of innocence.

It was pouring outside -- the kind of rain that gushes over the top of rain gutters, so much in a hurry to hit the earth that it has no time to flow down the spout. We all stood there under the awning and just inside the door of the Wal-Mart. We waited, some patiently, others irritated because nature messed up their hurried day.

I am always mesmerized by rainfall. I got lost in the sound and sight of the heavens washing away the dirt and dust of the world. Memories of running, splashing so carefree as a child, came pouring in as a welcome reprieve from the worries of my day.

Her voice was so sweet as it broke the hypnotic trance we were all caught in. "Mom, let's run through the rain," she said. "What?" Mom asked. "Let's run through the rain!" she repeated. "No, honey. We'll wait until it slows down a bit," Mom replied. This young child waited about another minute and repeated: "Mom, let's run through the rain." "We'll get soaked if we do," Mom said. "No we won't, Mom. That's not what you said this morning," the young girl said as she tugged at her Mom's arm. "This morning? When did I say we could run through the rain and not get wet?" "Don't you remember? When you were talking to Daddy about his cancer, you said, 'If God can get us through this, he can get us through anything!'"

The entire crowd stopped dead silent. I swear you couldn't hear anything but the rain. We all stood

silently. No one came or left in the next few minutes. Mom paused and thought for a moment about what she would say. Now some would laugh it off and scold her for being silly. Some might even ignore what was said. But this was a moment of affirmation in a young child's life, a time when innocent trust can be nurtured so that it will bloom into faith. "Honey, you are absolutely right. Let's run through the rain. If God lets us get wet, well maybe we just needed washing," Mom said. Then off they ran.

We all stood watching, smiling and laughing as they darted past the cars and yes, through the puddles. They held their shopping bags over their heads just in case. They got soaked. But they were followed by a few who screamed and laughed like children all the way to their cars. And yes, I did. I ran too. I got wet. I guess I needed washing.

Circumstances or people can take away your material possessions, they can take away your money, and they can take away your health. But no one can ever take away your precious memories.

So don't forget to make time and take the opportunities to make memories every day.

I hope you will take time to run through the rain!

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## COMIC RELIEF

**"A cheerful heart is good medicine...." Proverbs 17:22**



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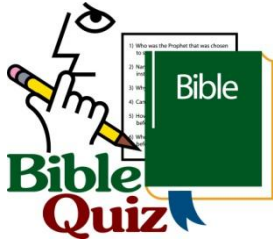
## STREAM LINES INFORMATION

Some of you had trouble opening last month's issue of Stream Lines until I removed an item to make the issue a smaller file size. The reason you could not open the issue was because your current version of Adobe Reader is out of date and cannot open files over a certain size. If you have version 8 or later, I believe you are fine. Versions earlier than 8 appear to be problematic.

Please consider updating Adobe Reader to a newer version that is compatible with your particular operating and computer system.

**From the  
Editor**





## Monthly Bible Trivia Quiz

See how well you did by finding the answers elsewhere in this newsletter

**Category:** Jesus  
**Quiz Title:** Sermon on the Mount

1. What is the light of the body?
  - a) The eye
  - b) The mouth
  - c) The heart
  - d) The head
2. Who was compared unfavorably to the lilies of the field?
  - a) King Herod
  - b) King Solomon
  - c) King David
  - d) The Queen of Sheba
3. What does Jesus say about tomorrow?
  - a) Prepare well for it
  - b) Take no thought for it
  - c) Pray about it nightly
  - d) Always think about it
4. Why should we not judge people?
  - a) Because God will judge them
  - b) In case we are wrong
  - c) So that we are not judged
  - d) Because we are sinners
5. What should you not throw before swine?
  - a) Food
  - b) Pearls
  - c) Bread
  - d) Coins
6. Which is the gate that leads to life?
  - a) Narrow gate
  - b) Broad gate
  - c) Golden gate
  - d) Small gate
7. What does a good tree bring forth?
  - a) Bad fruit
  - b) Good fruit
  - c) Green leaves
  - d) Ripe fruit
8. What happened to the house that was built upon the sand?
  - a) The house stood still
  - b) The house half fell down
  - c) The house fell flat
  - d) The roof blew away
9. What is in the hypocrite's eye?
  - a) Dirt
  - b) A fly
  - c) A mote
  - d) A plank
10. How did the people view Jesus' teachings?
  - a) His teachings were interesting
  - b) He taught like the Pharisees
  - c) He taught with authority
  - d) He taught like a learned man

### Answers to Monthly Bible Trivia Quiz

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|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. a) Matthew 6:22           | 6. a) Matthew 7:13-14 |
| 2. b) Matthew 6:28-29        | 7. b) Matthew 7:17    |
| 3. b) Matthew 6:34           | 8. c) Matthew 7:25-27 |
| 4. c) Matthew 7:1, Luke 6:37 | 9. d) Matthew 7:4-6   |
| 5. b) Matthew 7:6            | 10. c) Matthew 7:29   |



## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

### **About the Offering**

For more than 50 years, Presbyterians have joined with Christians throughout the nation in supporting One Great Hour of Sharing, responding to Christ's love for all people by joyfully sharing that love with people in need. The refugee and the stranger have found food and safe shelter; those stunned by the aftermath of disasters have found relief and help rebuilding; and communities seeking to take control of their future have found partners in development.

The hundreds of millions of dollars Presbyterians have given over the last half-century have enabled a powerful witness to the love of the One who came that all might have life more abundantly.

### **Allocation of Gifts**

After deducting administrative costs (up to 5 percent) and the costs of creating and distributing promotional materials (roughly 5 percent), the remaining undesignated gifts are divided among three programs as follows:

**Presbyterian Hunger Program** (36%) - For ministries working to alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes, responding with compassion and justice to poor and hungry people in local communities, in the nation and throughout the world, as well as ministries addressing homelessness and affordable housing.

**Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** (32%) - For disaster response and ministries with refugees.

**Self-Development of People** (32%) - For partnerships with groups of people who are oppressed by poverty or social systems, who want to take charge of their own lives, have organized to do something about their own condition, and have decided what they need to do to produce long-term benefits for themselves.

### **The Sharing Calendar**

Both urgency and joy pervade the work of the One Great Hour of Sharing. The calendar below highlights some of the challenging situations we address when extending care of God's treasured people in the U.S. and around the world. Each day suggests a donation of coins. Your household can decide what coin is best for your situation each day.

Some examples of what your gift can buy are:

- \$834 can purchase a water pump which can provide safe, clean water for a small village
- \$100 can purchase the piping needed to bring the water to the village
- \$35 can purchase the hardware needed for installation (wrench, bolts, seals)
- \$200 can purchase fishing nets for villagers in Asia striving to feed themselves
- \$125 can purchase one goat, which could provide milk for a hungry family
- \$15 can purchase a set of garden tools (hoe, shovel, rake) to help tend a garden
- \$90 can purchase a Family Shelter Kit (tent, ground sheet, plastic tarp, and four blankets)
- \$30 can purchase a wheelbarrow for construction work
- \$20 can purchase a carpentry tool set for home construction and repairs

Start your Sharing Calendar on Sunday, March 7, 2010. The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be collected during the morning worship on Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010. If you do not have an OGHS envelope, please use a plain envelope marked One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. If you cannot attend the Easter worship service, please mail your donation to the Church Office.

Your gifts are a powerful, tangible witness to the healing love of Christ for all people.  
Every gift makes a difference!

# A SHARING CALENDAR - 2010

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING IT'S REMARKABLE WHAT YOUR GIFT WILL DO!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jesus said, "Feed my sheep." Tell of a time when someone showed care for you by giving you food. Give two units in thanksgiving.	One in four children in developing countries is underweight. Give one unit for each pound your weight differs from your ideal.	Demand at food banks across the United States increased by 30% the most recent year for which statistics are available. Give one unit for every five cans of food in your kitchen.	The cost of a night out for a couple can provide emergency food supplies for a family of five for a month. Give one unit for each "date" or celebratory outing you had last month.	In the United States each month, 28 million low-income people receive government supplemental nutrition assistance (food stamps). Give one unit for each time you ate out last month.	Malnutrition in mothers and their children causes more than one-third of child deaths. Give one unit for each meal you eat today.	In the United States, 40%-50% of all good ready for harvest never gets eaten. Give one unit for each meal you ate today when you did not finish what was on your plate.
Jesus said, "Tend my sheep." Tell of a time when someone cared for you when you were sick. Give two units in thanksgiving.	Close to half of all people in developing countries suffer at any given time from a health problem caused by water and sanitation defects. Give one unit for each faucet in your home.	More than a billion people worldwide do not have access to clean water. Give one unit in thanksgiving for each glass of water you drink today.	More than 2.1 million people die each year from water-borne diseases. Most of them are children. Give one unit for every time you turn on the faucet today.	Between 2000 and 2007, measles deaths dropped 74% worldwide, primarily due to increased vaccination. Give one unit if you have been vaccinated for measles.	Worldwide, each year 4 million newborns die within the first month of their lives. Give one unit for each child you consider part of your family and extended family.	Two-thirds of all Americans are overweight, and half of those are considered obese. Give three units as a sign of commitment to help improve health in the United States.
Jesus said, "Tend my sheep." Tell of a time when someone helped you through a rough time. Give two units in thanksgiving.	Worldwide, 11.4 million people have become refugees – fleeing conflict and persecution by escaping across international boundaries. Give one unit for each year you have lived in your home.	The United States admits approximately 50,000 refugees each year. Give one unit for each person you know who came from another country.	Worldwide, 26 million people are "internally displaced" – forced to flee their homes due to conflict and persecution, escaping elsewhere in their own country. Give one unit for each time you have moved.	About 2.5 billion people live on less than \$2 per day – less than the cost of many mealtime beverages. Give one unit for each cup of coffee or soda you drink today.	An estimated 400 million fewer people live in absolute poverty today than in 1990. Give one unit in gratitude for this improvement.	Many poor villages still lack reliable electricity. The United States uses 22% of all electricity consumed in the world. Give one unit for each electrical appliance in your home.
Jesus said, "Tend my sheep." Tell of a time when someone taught you something you have found helpful in life. Give two units in thanksgiving.	Nearly a billion people entered the twenty-first century unable to read a book or sign their name. Give one unit for each time you write your name today.	Providing an education to girls and young women is one of the strongest ways to end cyclical poverty. Give one unit in thanksgiving as you name each girl and woman important in your life.	A video game console costs as much as a sewing machine and job training that a family needs to start their own business and become self-sufficient. Give one unit for each video game your family owns.	More than 100 million elementary school-aged children worldwide do not attend school. Give one unit for each year of formal education you have received.	One out of every three urban dwellers lives in slum conditions. Give one unit for each bedroom in your home.	Clean water reduces disease and improves nutrition. Today 1.6 billion more people can get safe drinking water than in 1990. Give one unit in gratitude for this improvement.

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