

March, 2010

Dear Corinth Friends,

The sun is shining and the windows are open. Can spring be far behind? The word "lent" comes from the Latin that means "to lengthen" and that is just what the days are doing. We are well on our way to Easter, three Sundays into our six week journey of Lent. Join us as we explore the spiritual mysteries God has in store for each of us and all of us together.

COMING EVENTS

This coming **Sunday, March 7, is Communion Sunday**. We will begin a new practice - as we are fed, so we will feed others. **Please bring a food item** or 2 or 4 to church with you on Sunday to share with the Food Pantry at Allen Community Outreach. Our goal is to fill 5 reusable grocery bags with peanut butter, chili, beans, stew, hamburger helper type meals, macaroni and cheese, and such. There is not much need for canned vegetables, but a real need for canned meats and protein-rich foods.

Daylight Savings Time begins on **Sunday, March 14**. Remember to "spring forward" and set your clocks an hour ahead before you go to bed. Otherwise, you will get to church in time for the benediction!

The **Soup Supper & Bible Study Movie Discussions** continue each **Wednesday evening**, with **dinner at 6:30 pm** and discussion beginning at **7:00 pm**. If you can't get there until 7:00 or 7:15, come anyway. The soup pot will still be on. Here's the schedule of remaining films that I hope you will be able to watch on your own. (Some folks are getting together to watch the film during the week or weekend before at someone's home. Talk to Caryn Whitehouse or Barbara Orban.)

March 10 – Slumdog Millionaire

March 17 – My Sister's Keeper

March 24 – Gran Torino

March 31 – UP (Children under 13 are invited to join us this week.)

We will receive the **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** on **Palm Sunday, March 28**. One Great Hour of Sharing is one of our Presbyterian denominational offerings which is divided three ways to support **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self-Development of People Program**. More information about these programs will be available in worship over the next few weeks. The Session has elected to emphasize this offering which supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance rather than take up special offerings to help with earthquake recovery in Haiti and Chile. By contributing to the One Great Hour of Sharing, our contributions to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance are there and available the minute the next disaster strikes. They are there for the long-term and they are managed economically and well. So if you have been wondering how to help with recovery in Haiti and Chile, contribute generously to One Great Hour of Sharing on Palm Sunday.

Maundy Thursday will be observed on **Thursday, April 1, at 7:00 pm** in the Sanctuary. We will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion and experience a

service of 'Tenebrae' (which means 'lights and shadows') as we hear of Jesus' last day on earth. The chancel will be stripped and draped in black until Easter Sunday morning.

Our **Easter celebration** begins on **April 4** with a **pot-luck brunch at 9:45 am**. Bring your favorite breakfast casserole, pastry, fruit, juice, or meat dish to share. Dishes and coffee will be provided. Friends and family are always welcome. There is always room at the table for more.

Easter worship will be at **11:00 am** on **Sunday, April 4**. Halleluiahs will ring from the rafters once more as we rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord and Savior. Bring your friends and family to hear the true meaning of the Christian Message – that Christ is Risen!

Mark your calendar now for **Holy Humor Sunday** on **April 11, 2010**. What better way to celebrate the joy of Easter than through humor? Holy Humor Sunday has ancient roots and finds its basis in the idea that God played a practical joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. It is an opportunity for the faith community to joke, sing and celebrate the joy of the resurrection and the fact that Jesus is the LIFE of the party! Come prepared to laugh. And if you have jokes to share with the pastor, please send them to <pastor@corinthpresbyterian.org> or <linda@mccormick1.com>.

COMMUNITY LIFE

This past Sunday we received the "**Trudy Offering**" in appreciation of the music ministry of Trudy Jackson. Trudy has chosen that the \$196 received so far will go to a **micro-economic development project** she has yet to choose. If you have not yet contributed to this worthy mission project, please mark your check or envelope "Trudy Offering" and drop it in the offering plate. We truly do appreciate the gifts Trudy brings to our worship. We also appreciate Scott Bartley who graciously substitutes when Trudy is occasionally absent.

We also recently received our first check for our **recycling** efforts – \$15.48! We are grateful to the Abitibi-Consolidated Corporation for allowing us to have the recycling bin. Our efforts to date have resulted in saving 2.56 cubic yards of landfill space! Let's continue the good work and increase our efforts to get friends and neighbors to contribute to this environmental mission.

March birthdays:

5	Mary Ann Bauer
9	Riley Bryan
11	Grace Howeth
15	Debbie Holman

The women will all be 29, but Riley has admitted he will be 82 years young!

If there are birthdays I have missed, please let me know. I am still building the birthday calendar.

Congratulations to **Bob and Brenda Kellow** who recently celebrated their **49th wedding anniversary!**

If you are interested in **gardening space**, our yard at the church is available. The Session has discussed this as a possible mission opportunity but has decided to make it available to the congregation for now. Talk to Maggie Button if you are interested.

If you are interested in making the **flower beds** more attractive this spring and summer, talk to Dixon Glaze or Trudy Jackson.

The Session is looking for **volunteers** to form a **Publicity Committee**. The responsibilities of this committee would be to create publicity pieces and get them to local news organizations in a timely manner to publicize the activities taking place at Corinth. We envision 2 or 3 people sharing this responsibility which might include photography or at least passing on digital photographs taken by others. Responsibility may come to include working with the Webmaster to update the Corinth web-site. If you are interested, please contact the pastor in person or at pastor@corinthpresbyterian.org or linda@mccormick1.com.

A **Membership Directory** is coming soon! Be sure your information is correct by going to www.corinthpresbyterian.org, going to the "News" page, and clicking on the link at "[Get form](#)" below the drawing of the church. This will also include a release which will allow us to use your picture (or not) on the web-site.

If you have pastoral concerns or just want to talk, please don't hesitate to call me on my cell at 214-663-6861. Most of you know that I care for my three grandchildren in Fort Worth from Sunday nights through Thursday mornings. But I am always available by cell phone. You may have to leave a message, but please do and I will call you back. And if there is ever a crisis or you are in the hospital, please don't hesitate to call or e-mail. I ALWAYS have time for you. There is never any time, no matter what I am doing, when I am not your pastor.

May the peace of Christ be with you,

Linda