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February Dates of Interest

Friday, 02/02:
 Groundhog Day

Wednesday, 02/14:
 Valentine's Day

Sunday, 02/18:
 Transfiguration of the Lord

Monday, 02/19:
 Presidents' Day

Wednesday, 02/21:
 Ash Wednesday

Sunday, 02/25:
 First Sunday in Lent

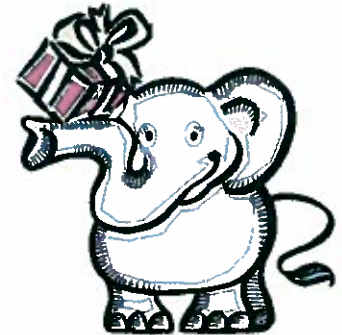
**Trinity Fellowship Sunday:
 February 4th**



- 10am: Church School
- 11am: Combined Worship Service
- Noon: Fellowship:
*Fried chicken & bread will be provided by the church. Just bring your favorite sides (veggies, salads, etc) and desserts, **and enjoy!!***

**White Elephant Gift Exchange:
 Saturday, February 10th – 6:00pm**

This is your opportunity for an evening of good food (a catered BBQ meal – **\$7.50** per person), barrels of fun (laugh until your sides ache), and superb fellowship (the best in town). It is also the perfect chance to get rid of that “special” gift you received for your birthday/Christmas/ anniversary. Please bring one wrapped gift per person attending.



RSVP is **required** in the narthex or to the church office (682-2514), Ver Nelle Fidler (553-4727), or Karen Evans (634-5024). If you require childcare, please make that reservation with the church office when you RSVP.

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Ash Wednesday Service:

ASH WEDNESDAY February 21st – 6:30pm

Jon's Journal

Five Kinds of Broken Things

We have occasional visitors to the neighborhood who apparently like fast food to go. Whether ignorant or rebellious, the visitors have either not learned the lesson of cleaning up the messes they create or they are merely disrespectful of others. Which of the above we cannot be certain, but we surely witness the results – usually a half-eaten hamburger, a bag of fries, and a coke thrown in the middle of the street, where they lie until the nearest neighbor picks them up and deposits them in the dumpster. Two things go against the lessons I learned from childhood. I can hear the voices even now, “Don’t waste your food!” and “Pick up after yourself!” There were some other lessons I didn’t learn until much later.

You may be acquainted with the writings of Charlie Shedd, noted Presbyterian pastor and author. *Letters to Karen* and *Letters to Philip* were some of his earlier works. Back about a decade ago Charlie wrote *Letters to My Grandchildren*. There is a jewel among the letters that I’ve wanted to share.

In the letter Charlie tells the story of his Uncle Edgar and the wisdom he taught. Uncle Edgar was a school superintendent and Aunt Libbie was a teacher in the same school. On one occasion when the family went for a visit, Uncle Edgar was out fixing his garden gate, an event which offered the opportunity for the elder to impart some wisdom to his young nephew. The lesson Uncle Edgar taught

was very simple. He said, “There are five kinds of broken things...”

First, there’s the kind that when they’re broken nobody can fix.

Second, there’s the kind that when they’re broken will fix themselves if we leave them alone.

Third, there’s the kind that when they’re broken someone else has to fix.

Fourth, there’s the kind that when they’re broken only God can fix.

Fifth, there’s the kind that when they’re broken we’ve got to fix.”

Uncle Edgar summed it up this way: “Five kinds of broken things, and I hope you got the big news. The big news is that the Good Lord doesn’t expect any one of us to neaten up the whole world all by ourselves.” In reflecting on this lesson Charlie concluded:

Some things flow in the stream of your life forever. With these, you’d better make friends. Or, if you can’t make friends, You’d better ask the Lord to handle them for you.

May God give you wisdom as you try to sort out the broken things in your life and patience to wait on the Lord for the things you can’t fix.

Dr. Jon Deily, Pastor

HORIZONS

2006-2007 Women's Bible Study

IN THE BEGINNING: PERSPECTIVES ON GENESIS
Tuesday, February 13th, at 5:30pm, in the Parlor

PERSPECTIVES ON PROMISE: ABRAHAM & SARAH

Bobbie Rose, *Presbyterian Women*

The Child of Promise The Ultimate Sacrifice Ancient Questions Listening to God's Voice

What is your understanding of sacrifice? Why do you think God tests Abraham? How old do you think Isaac is in this episode? Do you think Abraham moves into action before he takes time to pause and consider what is required?

God intends us to interpret carefully what He wants from us without doing harm in the process.

The Children's Learning Center

Sandra Wills, *CLC Director*

Hope everyone is having a wonderful new 2007! We are now back in full swing and ready to tackle an exciting new year at the Children's Learning Center. In January, we studied winter, polar bears, hibernation, Alaska, dinosaurs, fairy tales, farm animals, and groundhogs. We offer our thanks to Jo Halpert for coming to the CLC and sharing her adventures in Alaska. We appreciate Mrs. Jo!!

February will find the children learning about Presidents, teddy bears, valentines, and dental care. February will be filled with love, giving, sharing, and remembering how much God loves us. Teacher Appreciation Week will also be in February. The Bible verse for February is Proverbs 17:17, "A friend loves at all times." Responsibility is the monthly character trait, and the responsibility Bible verse is Luke 12:48, "To what is given, much will be required."

We have completed the "bathroom" projects. The bathrooms the CLC uses were repainted by the staff and thoroughly cleaned and disinfected with steam machines by Scum Busters.

Registration for the Summer Program 2007 will begin the first week of February for current CLC families and church members. The Summer Program begins on June 5th, and runs on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9am-3pm. The Program is designed for children ages 6 weeks through 12 years old. Please call Sandra or Jodi to register or for more information.

Have a blessed February!!

Children's Choir News!

Mr. B., *Children's Choir Director*

It's the place to be on Wednesday evenings! Our Children's Choir is bursting with Joy and singing praises to God. Don't miss one rehearsal this spring as we learn together and share God's Word together through song.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The time for children's choir rehearsal has been changed to 6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. This will allow our children enough time to enjoy dinner and fellowship before having to rush off to rehearsal.

Special Thanks to Lydia Yoder who has graciously consented to lead the group in some "vocal calisthenics" to start off each rehearsal. Great things are happening so make sure your children are in attendance. Be Blessed!

Parables:

Stories for Life in God's World

Sundays at 10:00am in the Church Parlor

Share the stories of the Master Storyteller, Jesus. These deceptively simple, timeless stories that were told by Jesus bring new life to old ways. This series will be taught by a mother-daughter team: Janette Clausen and Marta Hurst. Hope to see you there!

You Are Invited!!!!

Saturday, March 3rd, 11:30am

You are invited to join with Cursillo friends from Palo Duro and Tres Rios Presbyteries as we gather to share in a pot-luck lunch, worship with Communion, and fellowship in the Trinity Fellowship Hall.

Tres Rios is looking to start a local Cursillo community to help promote the study of God's Word, sharpen the recognition of the call on us to serve, and strengthen the family of our Presbytery. Cursillo is one method of growing in faith. It is offered as a way the church can equip, encourage, and empower its members to live in all of their life environments as personal agents of Christ.

Please come and see and hear what Cursillo means to those of us who have attended.

Contemporary Worship Ensemble

Woodrow Bailey, *Contemporary Music Director*

Have you ever been singing in the car riding down the street and thought, "HEY, that sounds pretty good!?" Or maybe, you find yourself worshiping God, throughout the day with songs of adoration and praise. If so, there is a place for you to fulfill that longing and to express your love to God.

The Contemporary Worship Ensemble is in need of singers. You might say, "but I don't read music, and I can't sing solos..." well none of that matters if you have a heart for worship, and can at least carry a tune.

Rehearsals are scheduled for Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The time commitment is minimal and you will certainly feel better after singing praises to God. So come and join us; we would love to have you!

The Next *Trinity Herald* Deadline

The submission deadline for items for the February *Trinity Herald* is Friday, February 16, 2007. Items may be brought by the church office, emailed to becca@tpcmidland.org, or faxed to (432) 685-0109.

Services of Healing and Wholeness

Rev. Sherry Holloman, *Associate Pastor*

You are invited to celebrate and to enter a time of prayer and self-reflection during the Lenten Season with Services of Healing and Wholeness.

The focus of the Presbyterian healing service is on God's ability to heal and make whole. Jesus was a teacher and a healer. Stories in the Bible tell of Jesus' healing ministry, whether it was making the lame to walk, the blind to see, or the mute to speak.

There are many ways we need to be healed: disease, old grudges, pettiness, self-hatred, lack of self-esteem, addictions, anger, and many others.

Jesus says, "Come to me all who are weary and carrying burdens and I will give you rest..." You are invited to worship with us as we seek hope, wholeness, and healing.

Services will be on Wednesday evenings in the Las Cruces Room, beginning at 6:15pm and ending at 6:45pm. Come.

MAC Workshop Coverage in MRT

The Midland Association of Churches' Disaster Preparedness Workshop, *The Sky Is Falling – Now What?*, was written up in the Sunday, January 28, 2007, Midland Reporter-Telegram. The workshop was held on Saturday, January 27, at First Presbyterian Church, Midland.

"Members from several local faith organizations gathered Saturday to learn better ways of coping with natural disaster..." Speakers included Rev. Lura Cayton, Church World Services Coordinator; Dale Little, Midland County Emergency Management; Bill Vanderland, FBI; and Rev. David Harwood, Midland Memorial Hospital.

A copy of the article is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Trinity Youth Summer Events

May 6th: Senior Sunday (TFS)

June 24th-29th: Mission Trip to NM

July 8th-14th: Synod Youth Workshop, OK

July 16th-21st: Triennium, IN

Youth Mission Trip

Rev. Sherry Holloman, *Associate Pastor*

Use your God-given energy to serve others, and where better to do that than in the mountains surrounding Chimney Spring Camp and Retreat Center in Cloudcroft, New Mexico! Come and hammer with us on June 24 – 29, 2007. Come and gulp cups of cool, refreshing water under the shade of a pine tree. Come and get to know one another even better. Come and worship as we sing and pray together. Come and let God's Spirit re-energize others through you.

Keep balance! Make the commitment to work in New Mexico. This is your opportunity to be blessed and to be a blessing. Together, let's serve.

Mo-Ranch Summer Plans

May 4-6, 2007: Men's Conference

June 1-3, 2007: Women's Conference II

June 10-15, 2007: Youth Celebration I

June 17-22, 2007: Worship and Music Conference

June 24-29, 2007: Youth Celebration II

July 8-12, 2007: Junior High Jubilee II



For God so loVed the world,
That He gAve
His onLy
begottEn
SoN
That whosoever
believeth in HIm
should Not perish,
but have Everlasting life.
John 3:16

Advent Outreach Says Thank You

Ver Nelle Fidler

We thank Wal-Mart, Super Mercado, and Sam's Club for their generous donations to our 2006 St. Andrews Mission Advent Outreach Project. With their kind help we were able to give hams, turkeys, or chicken and chicken legs to each of the families we helped. Also our thanks and gratitude goes to Dr. Christensen and Dr. Ochsner for the donations of toothbrushes and toothpaste. We certainly appreciate these charitable local businessmen and merchants.

Thank You from St. Andrews

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Midland Presbyterian Corporate Mission Board and the Mission staff, I would like to whole-heartedly thank you for your part in making it a joyful Christmas for some wonderful children. Your gifts made the children happy, but your thoughtfulness is what made the difference for their parents. We have received many "thank you" and "God bless your generosity" cards from the families whose children you helped dress. We were so pleased to be able to dress all the children on our list this Christmas. You made this possible.

Thank you for uniting with us in making it a memorable Christmas for the families we served. May God bless you all richly in the coming year.

Sincerely,
Pilar Revilla,
Director, St. Andrews Presbyterian Mission

Thank You

Thank you for all of your prayers, cards, and the personal support you provided to us during the time of my mother's illness and passing.

Bobbye Rose

Dear Trinity Church members,

Thank you for the love and concern you showed us during this difficult time. We appreciate all the prayers, cards, and phone calls we received. Many thanks to those of you who were able to attend Stan's "celebration" of life!

We feel blessed to be members of this congregation. Thanks again for your support.

Sincerely,
The Shaeffer family

Thank You from a St. Andrews Client

(This is an excerpt from a letter sent to some helpers in Trinity's Advent Outreach.)

I just wanted to let you both know how THANKFUL I am for your gift of love toward me for Christmas... The gift was great, but getting a chance to actually meet you both was even greater... Upon your face was a caring and friendly smile...

I pray that God's blessing be upon you both, and for sowing a seed of kindness from your hearts into my life, may you be greatly blessed...

With Appreciation and Thanksgiving...

Financial Report

General Fund:12/31/2006

Income	Budget	
	YTD	Actual YTD
Pledge Rcpts	\$288,925	\$294,410
Non-Pledge	\$81,881	\$98,372
Loose Rcpts	\$3,200	\$3,129
Misc. Rcpts	\$7,846	\$9,281
Interest Income	\$5,000	\$6,476
Oil & Gas Roy.	\$5,200	\$7,079
Prepays	\$69,950	\$69,950
GF:CI/DF Suspensed	\$0	\$0
Total Income	\$462,002	\$488,698

Expenses	Budget	
	YTD	Actual YTD
Administrative	\$93,245	\$86,553
Benevolence	\$58,120	\$54,444
Bldg & Grounds	\$106,953	\$115,071
Christian Ed.	\$13,249	\$11,197
Cong. Fellowship	\$1,300	\$14
Comm. Ministry	\$950	\$321
Finance	\$32,166	\$28,350
Food Service	\$2,850	\$2,361
Outreach/Pub.	\$4,516	\$2,207
Worship	\$198,943	\$180,563
Witness & Evang.	\$0	\$0
Shepherd Min.	\$100	\$74
Total Expenses	\$512,392	\$481,154

Capital Improvements Fund: 12/31/2006

	Total to	
	December	Date
Total Income	\$2,613	\$322,038
Expenses	\$10,450	\$186,781
Balance		\$135,258

Concerns for January



Rikki Upton's mother, Jimmie McCracken; Beth Guzy; Bill Galbraith's grandson, Jackson; Weldon Philips; Bob Lancaster; Alexis Mott; Floyd Wheeler; Martha Martin's brother, Walter Holcombe; Bob Harrington; Gertrude Smith's sister, Evelyn Cundy; Margaret Stroh and her brothers; Pat Mandell; Marian Matthews's grandson, Brian Scott; Amanda Wagner; Jessica Chase's grandmother, Dovie Nichols; Rikki Upton's coworker's daughter, Heather Barry; Brenda Perryman's niece, Heather Mears; Brian Freed's aunt, Pamela Monroe; Martha Martin's daughter, Tracie Drennon; Donna Nichols's mother; Brenda Perryman's great-granddaughter, Rachel White; Lana Herring's great-niece, Madison Reynolds; Donna Cannon's husband, Don Cannon; Randy Hurst's grandmother, Joy Singleton.

Condolences

The sympathy of the congregation is expressed to:

- The family and friends of Tami Newbold's mother, Thelma Rogers, upon her death on Friday, January 5, 2007.
- The family and friends of Stan Shaeffer upon his death on Monday, January 8, 2007.
- The family and friends of Juanita Marshall's sister, Alice Allen, upon her death on Monday, January 22, 2007, in Austin.
- The family and friends of Lana Herring's brother-in-law, Kevin Herring, upon his death on Saturday, January 27, 2007.

Home Hospice 2007: Life After Loss Grief Support Groups

4 different sessions, each on 6 consecutive Tuesdays

- January 16-February 20: 10am-12pm
- April 10-May 15: 6-8pm
- August 14-September 18: 10am-12pm
- October 9-November 13: 6-8pm

Each is held at the Home Hospice office at 901 W. Missouri, and is free and open to the public. Please call 570-0700 if interested; space is limited.

These Days Devotional Guides (January – March) are in the narthex and outside the church office.

Wednesday Night Dinner Menu

February 7 th	Chicken tetrazzini , 2 veggies, salad, rolls, and chocolate cake
February 14 th	Chopped beef, 2 veggies, fruit salad, rolls, and pecan pie
February 21 st	Fried catfish, 2 veggies, salad, cornbread, and cobbler
February 28 th	Baked chicken, 2 veggies, rolls, fruit salad, and chocolate & lemon pies
Kids Meals: Chicken strips/leg, veggies, dessert	

Recent Visitors

Dave Cavanaugh	Patrick & Tracie, David and Kelleigh Drennon
Paul & Ester Entzminger	Amanda Clausen Hammel
Edith Hardy	Tom & Shelley, Robert and Adam Harrington
Sally Harrington	Gail Harrington Harris
Travis & Helen Hatter	April Hernandez
Dorothy Holloman	Gary, Ryan, and Jordan Holloman
Jim Humphreys	Christian Johnson
David & Anne Killan	Jeff & Chris Laufer
James Lee, Sr.	Ken & Diann Lippiman
Sharon Luzadder	Ben May
David & Annette, Halee, and Brian McDermott	Roger Minner
Charlie Patteson	Joe & Shirley Petersen
Brandi Schoel	Elena Smith
Annie & Morgan Swartz	Tommy & Gwen, Katy, Emily, and Ben Taylor
Orin & Linda Wade	David Wallace
Ron Whitaker	Emily Wickman
Mylinda, Celina, Del, and Pierce Wilson	
Robert & Debbie Winegar	Sidney Yoder

TPC Needs YOU!

Liturgists are needed to assist with the 9am & 11am services each week! Call Teresa Mitchell to serve your congregation as Liturgist.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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February 2007

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6:30am Men's
Breakfast- Lori's
Café
6:30pm Disciples
Class
7:30pm Worship
Team



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TRYC at Prude Ranch →

4 **TFS**
10am Church School
11am Combined
Worship Service
noon Fellowship
Meal
5:30pm Cursillo
Reunion Group

← TRYC

5 11:00AM STAFF
MEETING
noon-1pm Prayer in
the Sanctuary
6:57pm
Handbells

6 9am Sew & Sews
11:30am Where's
Lunch? Kuo's
Chinese Kitchen

7 7am Devotion &
Communion
12:10pm Sacred
Sisters
5:15pm WN Dinner
6:00pm Kids' Choir
6:15pm Wonderful
Wednesdays (Adults)
6:58pm Sanctuary
Choir

8 6:30am Men's
Breakfast- Lori's
Café
6:30pm Disciples
Class
7:30pm Worship
Team

9

10 6pm White
Elephant Gift
Exchange

11 9am Contemporary
Worship Service
10am Church School
11am Traditional
Worship Service
4:00pm Vespers at
Greathouse Manor
5pm Youth: TAT
5:30pm Cursillo
Reunion Group

12 11:00AM STAFF
MEETING
noon-1pm Prayer in
the Sanctuary
6:57pm
Handbells

13 9am Sew & Sews
11:30am Where's
Lunch? Cattle
Baron
5:30pm PW Bible
Study
6pm ECOB
7pm Committee
Night: CE, Finance,
Community Min.,
Outreach, Stewardship,
Sanctuary Comm.,
Fellowship, Worship

14 7am Devotion &
Communion
12:10pm Sacred
Sisters
5:15pm WN Dinner
6:00pm Kids' Choir
6:15pm Wonderful
Wednesdays (Adults)
6:58pm Sanctuary
Choir
7pm Building &
Grounds

15 6:30am Men's
Breakfast- Lori's
Café
6:30pm Disciples
Class
7:30pm Worship
Team

16 3pm Newsletter
Deadline

17

18 9am Contemporary
Worship Service
10am Church School
11am Traditional
Worship Service
5pm Youth: TAT
5:30pm Cursillo
Reunion Group

19 11:00AM STAFF
MEETING
noon-1pm Prayer in
the Sanctuary
6:57pm Handbells

Presidents' Day

20 9am Sew & Sews
7pm Session

21 7am Devotion &
Communion
12:10pm Sacred
Sisters
5:15pm WN Dinner
6:00pm Kids' Choir
6:30pm Ash
Wednesday service
6:58pm Sanctuary
Choir

22 6:30am Men's
Breakfast- Lori's
Café
6:30pm Disciples
Class
7:30pm Worship
Team

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25 9am Contemporary
Worship Service
10am Church School
11am Traditional
Worship Service
5pm Youth: TAG
5:30pm Cursillo
Reunion Group

26 11:00AM STAFF
MEETING
noon-1pm Prayer in
the Sanctuary
6:57pm
Handbells

27 9am Sew & Sews
6:30pm Visioning
Meeting

28 7am Devotion &
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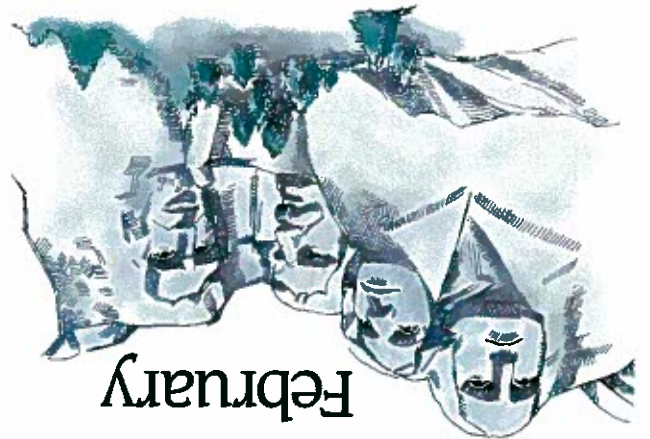
Jodi Campbell:
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Glenn Enderson: *Building Engineer*

February Birthdays

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Keith Hughes | 17 Curtis Forsberg |
| 2 Courtney Iverson | Kinsey Hodge |
| 3 Sue Larsen | 18 Joy Boes |
| 6 Margie Barton | 19 Tonya Freed |
| Vernon Shock | 21 Leti Lopez |
| 7 Barbara Creager | 22 Eva Britt |
| 9 Bob Gaines, Jr. | Bill Warren |
| 10 Jim Humphreys | 23 Mable Gardner |
| 10 David Mathis | 24 Alan Byars |
| 11 Jon Deily | Ellen Luckie |
| 12 Mark Owen | 26 Bob Halpert |
| 14 Bessie Collins | Rhett Rose |
| 15 Ruth Thon | 27 Macy Fulton |
| 16 Lana Herring | |



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