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# THE CALL



## FEBRUARY 2009



February 14<sup>th</sup>

### Valentine's Day Sweetheart Brunch

Christian Women's Fellowship is happy to announce that Bernard Ambrosino of Armors's Restaurant and his staff will again prepare and serve a wonderful brunch to members of First Christian Church and to their guests. The time and date are 11 a.m., Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009. This is a special opportunity to bring your spouse, your sweetheart/s - one or many - your family, and your friends to FCC's Fellowship Hall to enjoy a relaxed and delicious brunch. Wrapped into the bargain is great fellowship, fun entertainment after brunch, and some very nice door prizes donated by C.W.F. members. You'll need your ticket to enter the drawings so be sure to bring it along to brunch.

Tickets are \$10.00 each and will be for sale between Sunday School and the 10:45 a.m. service on Sundays January 25<sup>th</sup>, February 1<sup>st</sup>, and February 8<sup>th</sup>. You will find ticket sellers in the Narthex and in Fellowship Hall. If you'd like tickets and can't come to purchase them at any of those times, call C.W.F. Treasurer Virginia Yohn at 237-9716 prior to February 9<sup>th</sup>.

### CHURCH STAFF

**Rev. Charles Shannon**  
Interim Minister

**Lois Koch**  
Business Manager

**Veronica Mason**  
Church Secretary

**Betty Walts**  
Organist

**Amber French**  
Director of Music

**Melissa Heck**  
Custodian

**Michelle England**  
Youth Group

Month/Day	Offering/ Gen. Fund	Budget Needed	Special Offerings	Amount
12/07/08	9,454.19	6,269.63	Thanksgiving Christmas	50.00 50.00
12/14/08	3,174.70	6,269.23	Dress-a-Child Christmas	160.00 80.00
12/21/08	4,479.44	6,269.23	Dress-a-Child Christmas	5.00 276.00
12/28/08	2,699.52	6,269.23	Christmas	258.00
12/31/08	455.00			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20,262.85</b>	<b>25,076.92</b>	Thanksgiving Dress-A-Child Christmas	50.00 165.00 664.00



Being the political junky that I am I have been watching just about everything concerning the Inauguration. As I write this on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the day before the Inauguration, I find myself a bit disturbed by some of the conclusions made by the talking heads on TV. Yes, this event is historic, there is no doubt about it. I never in my life thought I would see

the day when a black man with a funny name would be elected President. If I were an African-American who had ancestors who were slaves, I would be dancing in the streets with joy. As a member of AARP, I all too well remember the summer of 1968. It had a profound effect on me. Years later, Rose and I took the kids to the Civil Rights Museum in Memphis and I saw for the first time the Lorraine Motel, the place where Dr. King was assassinated. The year of 1968 came rushing back to me. It doesn't matter if you are Republican or a Democrat, you know that this election has been a historic one. We have made incredible steps in healing the racial divide within this country. Yet, despite all of the patting on the back that we might do celebrating because we have elected a black person President, the racial divide still exists in our country. We have built a magnificent bridge over that divide, but work still needs to be done despite what some talking heads might say. I know far too many people who would not have voted for Obama, no matter what party he was a member of because he was black and that tells me we still have work to do. The war in the Mideast and the economy are two of the great issues facing us today and it is my hope and my prayer that working together as a nation to solve these problems, we can heal our own divisions and that we can become a more perfect union. That we, as a nation, can truly be a hope for the world and that we can challenge ourselves not to rest upon our laurels, but to always strive to be a better nation.

See you in Church,  
Chuck

Please remember to bring your nonperishable items to the church on the first Sunday of each month. These will be delivered to Joshua's storehouse. These items are especially needed at this time of year.

#### SUGGESTIONS:

1. Canned Goods 2. Packaged Foods 3. Toilet Paper 4. Diapers 5. Soaps  
Perishable items such as Turkeys, milk, etc. can be delivered in person to Joshua's at 334 S. Wolcott.



Ash Wednesday  
Soup and Service  
February 25, 2009  
6:00 pm

We will begin our Lenten services each week with a light Soup supper and then have a brief Lenten service in the Inner Room at 6:30 p.m.. We will be done by 7:00 p.m., so that the choir may begin rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.

Chuck Shannon will do the first Lenten service on February 25. The next five services will be led by our elders. The theme for this year's service is the "Seven Last Words of Christ". Those sayings that Jesus said from the cross. The "word" for February 25 is "Father Forgive Them They Know Not What They Do."



Dear Friends at FCC,

Thank you for the lovely carnation bouquet when Alta Sanders was in the hospital. She had numerous visitors at the hospital and Life Care Center. I'm certain she knew you were all there. Bless all of you for what you have done for her and for those who participated in her service, including the reception afterwards. Alta was a special lady to many people.

Thank you, Anne Klocksiam

We would like to thank everyone for all the great gifts for Christmas. The kids were so excited to see all of the presents under the tree. We greatly appreciate all of the support we have received during this difficult time. It is a good feeling to know there are so many caring people in our community and especially at First Christian Church and Preschool. Thanks for making our holidays a little brighter.

The Weese Family,  
(Elisa, Oriana, Jessika, Trenton, and Mikayla)

Dear Church Family,

I thank you for keeping me in your thoughts and prayers during my surgery and recovery. I truly felt God's healing hand on me when the Elders anointed me with oil and laid their hands on me. Their prayers to God were heard and he blessed me with a good report from my surgery and my recovery has been fast.

We are so grateful to worship a God who is concerned with our welfare. Thank you again for all of your prayers during this time.

In Christ's Name,  
Jane Wallace

## Worship Assistants February 2009

### Elder Presiding:

### Bread Elder:

### Cup Elder:

### Diaconate:

*Marj Haass  
Brent Forbis  
Kim Forbis  
Del Lloyd  
Brenda Lloyd  
Bev Miller  
Kevin Budack  
Deanna Budack*

### Communion Preparation:

*8:00 am*

*Mary Burgess*

*10:45 am*

*Debbie Mestas*

### Greeters:

*8:00 a.m.*

*Ed Burgess*

*10:45 a.m.*

*Cindy & Steve Huckfeldt*

### Acolytes:

*TBA*



### Poplar Living Center

*June Forgey*

### Life Care Center

*Alta Sanders  
Donna Ward  
Arylne Dunmire  
Bob Knowlton*

### Meadow Wind

*Ethel Dunn  
Joe Dunmire*

### Shepherd of the Valley

*Margaret Shriver*

### Garden Square

*Wilma Dee Forester  
Betty Snyder*

### Park Place

*Jack Riley*

### Hospice

### Primrose

*Catherine Kingsolver*

### Maurice Griffith Manor

Location	Elders
Poplar Living Center Life Care Center	Mike Ward, Floyd Field, Jack Walts
At Home	Bob & Laura Glasspoole, Tammy Heck, Shirley Wenn
Shepherd of the Valley Maurice Griffith Manor	Suzy Stewart, Shirley Downs, Rick Black
Garden Square Primrose Place	Kelli Slominski, Lani McBee, Randisue Davis
Hospice	All Elders



### Membership Class

One of the primary ancient traditions of lent is to prepare individuals for membership within the church. We still do that. If you have a young person who would like to join the church, or you know of an adult who would like to join, please let the church office know. We would like to have the class begin on Sunday, February 25 during the Sunday School hour. If you have any questions, please contact Chuck Shannon.



### Boy Scout Sunday February 8, 2009

We will observe Boy Scout Sunday on February 8. Boy Scouts and their leaders will be participating in our service. Chuck Shannon will be preaching on Hannah and Samuel.



### REMINDER TO THE CONGREGATION

Please make sure coffee pots are turned off. These have been left on until Monday mornings.

Thank you.

Just for **KIDS**

# OUR HEARTS

The special Bible verse from the Bible describes what God wants us to do with our hearts.

1. Start with the words listed next to the heart and write the rest of the word in the blank.

2. Then follow the arrows and write the rest of the word in the blank for the missing words.

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**Youth Group FUNDRAISER**



On February 1<sup>st</sup>, bring your extra change or canned food for **Souper Bowl Sunday!** This is the Sunday that we collect money and canned food for the less fortunate in our community. 100% of the proceeds collected on this day will be given to local charities! The youth will be collecting the money and food before and after church on the 1<sup>st</sup>. Hope to see you there!

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

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Donna Ward	01	Pat Buck	12
Connie Stinson	03	Bob Knowlton	13
Joshua Padilla	04	Russ Black	17
Marjorie Hamar	05	Melanie Dowler	17
Judy Potter	05	Tracy Padilla	17
Corynne Rediske	05	Victoria Street	17
Sherry Volker	05	Dona Ryan	19
Casey Brown	07	Payton Brown	20
Joe Cox	07	Allison England	20
Twilla Herrick	07	Kayla Feurt	20
Heather Rice	07	Ben Ambrosino	21
Marie Robertson	07	Shannon Feurt	21
Roberta Duesenberry	08	Nayna Hilton	21
Jared Baker	03	Mark Foster	22
Gregg Bunton	09	Jason Vreeland	23
Bailey Vreeland	09	Stevy Kingsolver	24
Bev Miller	10	Jackie Tighe	25
Dan Schmidt	11	Del Lloyd	27
Betty Blain	12	JoAn Germain	28



**Youth Group Gospel Journey: Maui**

Join us starting February 22<sup>nd</sup> for a journey that you will always remember! We will kick off Gospel Journey with a Luau at 4! Gospel Journey is a chance to join 6 teens of different faiths, and learn about their faiths, as well as learn more about your own! This is going to be a wonderful opportunity, and I hope to see you all there! If you have any questions, give me a call. Michelle - 259-1166.

The youth will be gone February 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> for Midwinter in Black Forest Colorado. Pray for them as they travel, and spend a weekend with other DOC youth from around our region, and learn about God and all He has to offer!

# HEARTS in the morning

Start your morning with heart. Enjoy this special breakfast with someone you love!

## What you need:

- Your favorite pancake recipe and syrup
- Pan or griddle
- Cooking spray
- Liquid measuring cup
- One 5-inch heart-shaped metal cookie cutter
- Wooden clothespin
- Spatula
- Adult help

## What you do:

1. With an adult's help, follow your recipe to make your favorite pancakes.
2. Spray cooking spray onto your pan or griddle.
3. Pour pancake batter into a liquid measuring cup. (This helps with pouring individual pancakes.)
4. Place the cookie cutter on the pan or griddle. Then clip the wooden clothespin onto the cookie cutter to act as a handle.
5. Pour batter (about 3-4 Tablespoons) into the cookie cutter.
6. Cook until the top is bubbly and the pancake is dry around the edges.
7. When the heart is ready to flip, use the clothespin to lift and remove the cookie cutter.
8. Turn the pancake with the spatula and cook until golden on both sides. Enjoy with your favorite syrup or fruit.



Congratulations to Ken & Brianne (Davis) Watkins on their new baby boy. Benjamin Davis Watkins was born on December 29, 2008. He weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces and 21 inches long. Grandparents are **Don & Randisue Davis**.



**It's a Birthday Party!**

February 22 is the Church' 88th Birthday. To celebrate we're having Birthday cake, ice cream, mints, and nuts. Come to the Fellowship Hall to enjoy dessert and each other.



Tom Dowler's cousin, John Bennett, passed away on January 12th. The family requests your prayers.

**Special dates**

- African-American History Month
- Boy Scout Sunday, February 8, 2009
- Valentine's Day, February 14, 2009
- Presidents' Day, February 16, 2009
- Transfiguration of the Lord, February 22, 2009
- Ash Wednesday, February 25, 2009



**February Schedule**

**Feb 1.**

Souper Bowl Sunday - No Youth Group

**Feb. 8**

Snow Day

**Feb. 13 - 16**

Midwinter - No Youth Group

**Feb 22**

Gospel Journey



DATE	STORY	STORYTELLER	GREETER
Feb. 1	The Leavon	Sarah Brown	Emily Dundas
Feb. 8	The Great Pearl	Linnea Meline	Lacey Slominski
Feb. 15	The Sower	Pat Buck	Kelley Lackey
Feb. 22	The Good Samaritan	Jennifer Hawley	Hanna Slominski



*FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES*

*BOB & BERNICE RILEY*

*02/06/54*

*LARRY & KATHY WINDERS*

*02/22/69*



Please make sure you are signing in on the attendance sheets for Sunday services. It is hard to mark that you attended if you are not signing in. This includes Choir and Diaconate. The attendance is down from last year for this month. Having the correct attendance count is important for the annual report. Thank you for all of your help in regards to attendance.

I'm not sure if anyone has noticed that there is a mailbox on my door. If you want to leave anything, please put it in the mailbox instead of putting things under the door. I will get it on the next business day. I would like to say thank you to Floyd Field for cutting the mailbox hole and installing the mail box in the door and to Steve Huckfeldt for putting the file folder on the door.

Thank you for Janet Field and Shirley Wenn for offering to proof the directory.

Thank you, Veronica



**Melissa's Hours**  
Monday through Friday  
6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.