



# PRESBYTERIAN NEWS

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## From Tom's Study

*“For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. For it is the God who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.” 2 Corinthians 4:5-7*

You have heard me say that one of my favorite times of the year is the January elder/deacon planning retreat. It truly is “Holy” time. This year was no exception.

As Paul described to the church in Corinth, we experienced that day, a bunch of imperfect clay jars who had experienced the extraordinary power of God at work in our lives. First, let me share with you all the ways we found God at work in our life together:

- A full fellowship hall
- A growing inner light
- More inter-generational gatherings
- All of the leadership training opportunities
- Our leadership in the new pantry
- How we pick each other up
- The new fellowship initiative in November
- How we support each other
- The Pastoral Residency Program
- We give outcasts a home
- The music in worship
- We let people use their gifts
- The blending of music
- Mentoring in Confirmation
- Variety of Music
- Growing use of technology for outreach
- God’s presence is known
- Our partnering with others

- A growing sense of welcome
- Decatur Shelter
- People have a sense they are special
- Improved communication through technology
- Growing acceptance of change
- Strong preaching
- Openness to new ideas

Isn’t that a powerful list of what we celebrate about our life together? It sends chills down my spine. God’s Spirit is moving and working among us in powerful ways!

The second part of our retreat focused on specifying our needs. **We decided that we will risk as we:**

1. Develop more spiritual growth opportunities particularly an emphasis on small groups, and opportunities for prayer.
2. Youth/Children’s Ministry particularly the hiring of a staff person.
3. Outreach to people in the congregation through caring ministries and fellowship opportunities.
4. Mission Opportunities including mission trips and deciding along with the pantry what other mission foci we will adopt.
5. Communication and technology. We want to continue to develop our use of technology and how it helps us communicate with each other and the world.

I hope you will take time to join us in celebrating the variety of ways we experience God at work in our midst. We would love to hear ways that you celebrate God’s presence and work among us.

I also would encourage each of us to be praying for these needs that we have identified. Is God calling you to help with any of these needs? Would you like to make a special monetary gift to help support any of these needs?

God has called us to be a beacon of light in this place. Let us be clay vessels through which Christ shines out upon the world.

In Christ’s Service – Pastor Abbott

**New Member Class:** Are you interested in learning about this congregation and the Presbyterian Church? It seems that there may be enough people to have a new member’s class sometime this spring. If you are interested please contact Pastor Abbott at 657-3111.

## Adult Small Groups

**Sunday School:** Royal and Judy Haefner will be leading a study of Matthew's Gospel in the Library at 9:30 a.m. Tom Shoemaker will be leading a study in the Lounge. They are beginning a new book, so this is a great time to join them. This class begins around 9:45 a.m. I hope everyone will consider getting involved in one of these classes.

**Monday Night Study:** The Monday night study continues at 7:00 p.m. in the Library. If the weather is bad please don't feel like you have to attend. Come and join us as we look ahead to the Scripture passages for the upcoming Sunday morning.

**Attention Men:** Men's breakfast will take place on Saturday, **March 27<sup>th</sup>**, at 8:00 a.m. Each month we share a wonderful meal, spend some time reflecting on God's Word (presently we are studying 2 Corinthians), and sometimes we do a bit of work around the church or in the community. We would love to have you join us.

## Worship Opportunities

**Sunday Worship Times:** In March we will have two services at 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. all four Sundays.

**Sacrament of Communion:** We will celebrate communion each Sunday through March.

### Holy Week Schedule:

1. March 28, Palm Sunday worship at 8:15 and 11:00
2. March 29-April 1 there will be a prayer service from 12:30-1:00 in the Sanctuary.
3. March 31 we will have a Seder Feast.
4. April 2 there will be a community Good Friday Service at 1:00 p.m. at First Christian Church.
5. April 4, Easter worship services at 8:15 and 11:00.

**Invite a Friend:** One of the ways we can be a beacon in our community is by simply inviting people to join us in worship. People's spirits are thirsty. Let us invite them to the well that never runs dry. Holy Week is a great time to invite some one to join you in worship. Make sure to offer to pick them up.

**Parking on Sundays:** If you don't mind walking a bit, we would encourage folks to park on the street leaving the parking lot for folks who have a hard time walking, visitors, and parents with a car full of kids.

## Meetings

**Commission Meetings:** The commissions will meet on **March 16<sup>th</sup>**, at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to participate in our commissions.

**Session & Deacon Meetings:** The session and deacon meetings begin at 8:00 p.m. on **March 16<sup>th</sup>**.

**Session/Deacon Retreat:** We will have a retreat together on Saturday, March 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Don't miss this special time of learning, growing, and relationship building.

## Children's Ministry

Childcare Coordinator needed. Responsibilities include coordinating and recruiting staff and volunteers for the nursery and Abraham's Tent program, and planning activities for Abraham's Tent. See Marge McKee or Bill Welling for further job description or call Marge at 375-0518, or Bill at 657-7317.



The children visited the nursing home on Valentine's Day, Sunday, February 14 to deliver the cards they'd made. Their visit was much appreciated.

WE NEED A ONE SUNDAY COMMITMENT for a Rotation model teacher. Lessons are pre-planned. All you have to do is contact Marge or Bill at the phone numbers above.

## Mission Opportunities

**Joint Food Pantry:** If you have any questions about how you might help with the pantry please connect with Wendy Charles (674-3827). I am sure we can find a niche for you.

**Sound Person:** Sue Reynnells is working to coordinate the running of the sound booth. If you would be willing to help please contact her at 674-3195.

**Technology:** We want to be hearing your feedback about the projection equipment. What is working, what needs to be improved, what needs to be changed? We would particularly be interested in finding people to help match Scripture passages with both picture images and video clips. If you would be interested in this kind of adventure please give Andy Thorburn a call at 624-6901.

## Presbyterian Youth Triennium July 20-24, 2010 Purdue University

It's not too early to begin your plans to participate in the Presbyterian Youth Triennium at Purdue University.

**Young Life:** Young Life folks meet at 6:10 p.m. in the parking lot at the church on Monday nights. Call Samuel Abbott at 657-3788.



### *Annual Spring Thrift Sale*

Spring is just around the corner, believe it or not, and we have just the place for all those things you've been hanging onto and wondering what to do with but don't want to simply throw out.

April 17th is the date of our annual Thrift Sale with a side table of fresh baked goods: pies, cookies, cakes, bread and rolls.

The Thrift Sale is looking for any and all household goods; glassware, dishes, pots and pans, appliances, books, linens, canning jars and supplies, etc., etc.

Men's, women's and children's clothes and especially baby clothes are always welcome. There will be a children's corner for clothing, furniture and toys.

The last few years the men's section has been a great hit. We need more tools, gadgets, "toys" and sporting goods such as golf clubs, golf balls, basketball hoops and balls, baseball equipment, ice skates, skis, exercise equipment, etc.

Our "garden corner" has become a big hit. Thus the gardening corner needs garden tools, flower pots, plants and watering cans. "Starter" plants are wonderful and will put you in the feeling of spring. If you have a picture of those young plants it will help our customers know what they are buying, however, we'll be happy to take the starters with or without a picture.

**The men's corner, children's center and garden area are unique to our sale and are big sellers.**

As always the jewelry table is popular and we need necklaces, pins, earrings, tie tacks, rings and scarves.

Furniture is always in demand. This year we have a place to store non-upholstered furniture before the day of the sale. There must be something taking up space which you'd like to get rid of. Now is the time and place. Contact people for furniture donations are Kathy McGuire, 624-1445 and Marge McKee, 375-0518.

We also need over-large plastic bags. If you have any very large (30x30) plastic department store bags, please save them for the thrift sale.

To donate to the bake sale contact Marge McKee.

We're always looking for people to work the sale; sorting and set up on Thursday and Friday and during the sale on Saturday. The camaraderie is GREAT. It's time to spring clean! Your "trash" could be our "cash".

Presbyterian Women

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### Mission Within and Without

The Mission Commission has been active in seeking ways to increase mission opportunities for church members. It is our sincere hope that we can involve many members of the congregation in our activities throughout the year. The year 2009 saw the initiation and continuation of many ventures that will be carried into the upcoming year. We plan to keep the congregation informed and invited into service to members of our church and the community around us.

I would like to highlight some of the exciting opportunities for mission that are presently under way. If you are interested in or need more information about being a part of any of these projects please feel free to contact one of your friendly mission commission members. Presently we are actively involved in the following areas:

- Community Food Pantry
- Decatur Homeless Shelter
- Community Food Garden
- On site Recycling
- Angel Tree
- Mobile Health Fair

No doubt there are many more causes that we could be involved in and we continue to seek ways to serve. **We need your help.** It is our goal to shine a light on some of the ways we can move toward becoming a missional church. Commission members plan to roll up their sleeves and get busy but it is not healthy for our congregation (or commission members) to have them to do all the work. Make it your mission to join us in some way this year.

Mission Commission Chair, Tom Shoemaker



### February Pot Luck Report

Let it be known that neither ice nor snow can deter the faithful Pot Luckers at First Presbyterian Church of Paw Paw as 45 people braved the weather to spend an evening of food, fun and fellowship at the February Pot Luck.

For those who haven't chosen to check out this activity, let me recommend it to you. The food as usual was fantastic, the kids had a great time making Valentine Cards to take with them, Mary Burkett played the "oldies" for us and everyone participated in finding a dessert partner through a question and answer game, this gave all a chance to visit with someone new as conversation and stories were exchanged.

Wednesday, March 10 at 6:30 is the date and time for the next scheduled Family Pot Luck, how about marking your calendar now so you won't miss the fun. Hope to see you there.

Are you looking for a place to serve? Are you looking for a place to use your gifts? Please be thinking about involvement in these local mission opportunities: *Lunch with Friends, Habitat for Humanity, Restorative Justice, Eleanor's Pantry, and United Christian Services.* If you have any questions about any of these please contact Pastor Abbott at 657-3111.

### Raspberry Cheese Spread

Recipe shared by Cheri Duncan

- 4 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 2 cups (8 oz.) shredded mozzarella
- 2 cups (8 oz.) shredded cheddar
- 3 green onions chopped
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- ¼ c. seedless raspberry preserves
- Assorted crackers

In small mixing bowl, beat the cream cheese and mayonnaise until blended. Beat in cheeses and onions. Stir in pecans. Spread in a plastic wrap lined 9-in. round dish. Refrigerate until set, about 1 hour. Invert onto a serving plate, spread with preserves. Serve with crackers. Yield about 3 1/2 cups



### Seder Feast

What a wonderful experience we had last year at the Seder Feast! We are looking for people to provide leadership for the planning and carrying out of the Seder Feast. The Seder will be on Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. If you would be interested in helping please contact Pastor Abbott at 657-3111.

Also we hope everyone will put the Seder on your calendar, and sign up when the list gets going. Reservations will be taken so we know how much meat to order. There will also be recipes available so we make traditional Seder foods. This is a powerful part of the Holy Week experience. You won't want to miss it!





### Play and Pray

We have had two Sundays of Play and Pray, and have been so encouraged by the response. There are bridge players, Scrabble players, cribbage players, Cranium players, Sorry players, and the list goes on and on. We provide a light lunch for those playing, and rides home are always available. Please come and join us for this fun time – and bring your friends, or have them meet you. We start around 12:30, and end up around 2:30 (or 3:00 if there is an exciting game not quite finished)! If you have any questions, please contact Pat Conner (657-2705) or Wendy Mickle (657-6738).



## NEWS FLASH!!

### NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY IN THE WORKS

The Membership Commission has made arrangements with Olin Mills to publish a new directory this year. Many changes in membership and participation have occurred since our last directory of 2007 and this will allow us to update our book to reflect the friends and members as well activities going on at our church.

We want to invite each and every one of you to join us in making this directory reflective of our church. The biggest impact comes with the participation in the photo sessions planned that gives us the backbone of the book. Once again Olin Mills will be offering photo dates for members and friends of our church.

There are many benefits to both you and the church when **YOU** share in this activity. First of each family photographed will receive a **FREE** 8x10 photo of your choice from the shots taken (it can be a different photo than the one chosen to go into the directory), each family photographed also receives a free copy (this is free to you and of no cost to the church) of the new directory. Now once you start using this directory to connect to our church you will realize what a valuable book this is.

This book is provided **at NO cost to the church** if we have enough involvement in this photo taking step. Olin Mills has guaranteed the committee that no one will be pressured into purchasing extra photos.

Meanwhile we, the church, will have a new record of God's work and workers in our community that we can share with new people who are searching for a place to worship. Also we again will receive free copies of the directory to place in the pews, perhaps you are one of us who uses this chance to "sneak a peak" to identify a forgotten or unknown face.

Here is the important part. There will again be photo sessions that are scheduled a month or more apart to allow for scheduling around everyone's needs. The first photo dates will be **Friday and Saturday, April 9 & 10**. If you are living according to the school schedule, you're right, this is during Spring Break but there will be a second session on **Wednesday, May 19**.

You will be receiving more information through the mail and phone as committee members work on making this the biggest and best directory possible so mark these dates on your calendar to help us accomplish this task.

*Happy Birthday!*

- 03/01 Thomas\* Smith
- 03/01 Bonnie Davidson
- 03/01 Ryan Jahr
- 03/02 Marlene\* Tucker
- 03/03 James\* Dutcher
- 03/03 Phyllis\* Gruizenga-Sahr
- 03/04 Andrew\* Thorburn
- 03/04 Rogar Knopf
- 03/06 Robert Long
- 03/06 David Hoggatt
- 03/06 Hanna Walker
- 03/08 Theresa\* Yarbrough
- 03/08 Lexis\* Boothby-Shoemaker
- 03/08 Blake Burkett
- 03/11 Ruth\* Miller
- 03/12 Wendy Charles
- 03/13 George\* Jacher
- 03/13 Jacob Major
- 03/14 Chloe\* Clark
- 03/14 Harvey\* Hop
- 03/14 Kathleen\* McGuire
- 03/14 Jessie Charles
- 03/14 Nolan Beck
- 03/15 Danna\* Dent
- 03/15 Stephen\* McCloskey
- 03/15 Matthew Hess
- 03/15 Tiffany Hess
- 03/16 Harold Duringer
- 03/16 Frederick Martin
- 03/17 Brian Nichols
- 03/17 Mac\* Faul
- 03/18 Jean\* Taylor
- 03/18 Jeff\* Brown
- 03/20 Paula Cameron
- 03/20 Kelly Carr
- 03/20 Carrie\* Martin
- 03/20 Aidan Deal
- 03/22 Enedina Chavez
- 03/24 Melissa Racette
- 03/25 Maizie\* Seeber
- 03/26 Alex\* Frazier
- 03/26 Ian VanDenBerg
- 03/27 Sean Seymoure
- 03/28 John Wyatt
- 03/28 Troy\* Imus
- 03/29 Richard\* Schallhorn
- 03/29 Wayne\* Martin
- 03/29 Colleen\* Stiles
- 03/29 Rachel Martin
- 03/30 Nathaniel McCloskey

**Our heartfelt sympathy to**

Adele Giddings' family and Ken Braybrooks' family on their deaths.

*Happy Anniversary!*

- 03/16 LaVon & Sydney Roth
- 03/17 Dave & Pat Conner
- 03/19 Diane & Fred Triquet
- 03/19 Tim & Jennifer Combs
- 03/22 Jeff & Laura Wells
- 03/24 James & Ginnie Miller
- 03/31 Jim & Sally Brinkman

**Thanks to...**

Harold & Freida Duringer, Johnelle Cuddeback Weintraub and Danna Dent for folding the January/February newsletter, and Jim vanWestrienen for folding Sunday bulletins.

**Birth Announcements**

Brixton Noel hill to Matt and Becky Hill, grandparents, Jim and Sally Brinkman.

Carson Scott to Sarah and Lance Treece, grandparents Rick and Mary Diemer.



**Eleanor's Food Pantry**

The Pantry has been very successful, serving many more people since its opening than the various churches did combined. Financially it is well in the black and donations have been steady. There are, however, certain items that the pantry could use to restock its shelves:

- Juice - large cans, bottles
- Diced Tomatoes
- Canned Potatoes
- Kidney Beans
- Tomato Sauce
- Canned Fruit - Pears, Fruit Cocktail, Mandarin Oranges

**Decatur Homeless Shelter**

**Projects completed in 2009:**

(approximate costs- \$200)

1. Ramp to back door power washed and painted with skid free paint, railing power washed and stained.
2. North porch floor and steps painted with skid free paint and railing scraped and painted white
3. Front porch floor and steps painted with skid free paint and railing scraped and painted white
4. South porch steps painted with skid free paint and railing sprayed black. Cellar door painted
5. Bushes trimmed
6. Ten Backpacks to children for school
7. Cookies and cupcakes baked with children
8. Sandbox donated
9. Beds, clothes, toys donated to family and shelter
10. Crib and stroller contributed to newborn

**Projects to be completed:**

1. Do mini health promotion sessions /reflections?
2. Sand inside hard wood floors and varnish
3. Swing set (build or find used?)
4. Small back porch power wash and paint- front porch paint and scrape ceiling
5. Fire escape porch to second floor power wash and stain
6. Paneling on dining room to protect walls...currently has holes in them.
7. Garage rebuild

The deadline for the April newsletter is **March 24**. Please turn your articles in to the church office by email or by dropping them off. Thanks.

# March 2010

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue   | Wed  | Thu   | Fri | Sat                                  |
|--|--|---|--|---|-----|--------------------------------------|
|  | 1<br><br>7:00 Bible Study                          | 2   | 3<br>8:00 TOPS<br><br>12:00 Lunch with Friends<br>7:00 Boy Scouts  | 4<br>9:00 PALS<br><br>Noon Rotary Club Meeting<br><br>7:00 Choir Rehearsal  | 5   | 6                                    |
| 7 Communion<br>7:15 Prayer Time<br>8:15 Worship<br>9:30 Christian Ed<br>11:00 Worship Fellowship<br>Pray & Play  | 8<br><br>7:00 Bible Study                          | 9<br>10:30 Sharenet   | 10<br>8:00 TOPS<br><br>12:00 Lunch with Friends<br>7:00 Boy Scouts<br><br>6:30 Potluck                     | 11<br>9:00 PALS<br><br>Noon Rotary Club Meeting<br><br>7:00 Choir Rehearsal | 12  | 13<br>9:00-3:00 Elder/Deacon Retreat |
| 14 Communion<br>7:15 Prayer Time<br>8:15 Worship<br>9:30 Christian Ed<br>11:00 Worship Fellowship<br>Pray & Play | 15<br><br>7:00 Bible Study                         | 16<br>6:30 Commissions<br>7:30 Joint Worship<br>8:00 Session/Deacons Meetings | 17<br>8:00 TOPS<br><br>12:00 Lunch with Friends<br>7:00 Boy Scouts   | 18<br>9:00 PALS<br><br>Noon Rotary Club Meeting<br><br>7:00 Choir Rehearsal | 19  | 20                                   |
| 21 Communion<br>7:15 Prayer Time<br>8:15 Worship<br>9:30 Christian Ed<br>11:00 Worship Fellowship<br>Pray & Play | 22<br><br>7:00 Bible Study                         | 23<br>10:30 Sharenet  | 24<br>8:00 TOPS<br>9:30 PW Bible Study<br>10:30 PW Meeting<br>12:00 Lunch with Friends<br>7:00 Boy Scouts  | 25<br>9:00 PALS<br><br>Noon Rotary Club Meeting<br><br>7:00 Choir Rehearsal | 26  | 27<br>8:00 Men's Breakfast           |
| 28 Communion<br>7:15 Prayer Time<br>8:15 Worship<br>9:30 Christian Ed<br>11:00 Worship Fellowship<br>Pray & Play | 29<br>12:30 Prayer Service<br><br>7:00 Bible Study | 30<br>12:30 Prayer Service  | 31<br>8:00 TOPS<br>12:00 Lunch with Friends<br>12:30 Prayer Service<br>6:00 Seder Feast<br>7:00 Boy Scouts |   |     |                                      |

## March Madness

If you are a basketball fan, and follow the 64 teams as they dance through the brackets during March, keep your eyes on the church bulletin as the Deacons make their own version of the Road to the Final Four, complete with brackets, prizes and fun for all! We will culminate this event with Fellowship on April 11<sup>th</sup> (the Championship game is April 5<sup>th</sup>) where the winner will be announced and the prizes awarded. Stay tuned for the details....

## Thought for the Month: John 12:12-15

*The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel!" Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it as it is written: "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"*

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### March Sermon Schedule

#### March 7<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

**Scripture Reading:** Romans 12:1-2, Acts 2:41-47, 2 Corinthians 4:5-6 (4:1-18)

**Sermon Title:** “Worship as Public Witness”

**Synopsis:** Worship is the central act by which the community celebrates with joy and thanksgiving both God’s presence and God’s promised future. Flowing out of its worship, the community has a vital public witness. Does this describe who we are becoming?

#### March 14<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

**Scripture Reading:** Romans 8:26-28, I Thessalonians 5:12-28, 2 Corinthians 4:7b (4:1-18)

**Sermon Title:** “Dependence on the Holy Spirit”

**Synopsis:** The missional community confesses its dependence upon the Holy Spirit, shown in particular in its practices of corporate prayer. Does this describe who we are becoming?

#### March 21<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 13:44-53, Romans 8:18-25, 2 Corinthians 4:17-18 (4:1-18)

**Sermon Title:** “Pointing Toward the Reign of God”

**Synopsis:** The missional church understands its calling as witness to the gospel of the in-breaking reign of God, and strives to be an instrument, agent, and sign of that reign. It points toward the reign of God that God will certainly bring about, but knows that its own response is incomplete, and that its own conversion is a continuing necessity. Does this describe who we are becoming?

#### March 28<sup>th</sup> – Passion/Palm Sunday

**Scripture Reading:** I Corinthians 11:1, Philippians 3:17-4:1, Luke 22:24-30, 2 Corinthians 4:5 (4:1-18)

**Sermon Title:** “Missional Authority”

**Synopsis:** The Holy Spirit gives the missional church a community of persons who, in a variety of ways and with a diversity of functional roles and titles, together practice the missional authority that cultivates within the community the discernment of missional vocation and is intentional about the practices that embed that vocation in the community’s life. Does that describe who we are becoming?

#### March 29<sup>th</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup> – Daily Prayer Services from 12:30 to 1:00 p.m.

#### April 1<sup>st</sup> – Seder Feast

#### April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Community Good Friday Service at First Christian Church



Easter Lilies

Order Easter Lilies to beautify our church on Easter Sunday. Each Easter Lily is \$8.00.

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church marked “Easter Lilies” and mail to the church office or place in the offering plate along with this form.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Your name/names as you want them in bulletin)  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please print full name and check one:  
In Loving Memory of  In Honor of

Please print full name and check one:  
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- Please have a Deacon deliver Easter Lily to shut-in or member who is ill.
- I will pick up the Easter Lily after service on Easter Sunday.

All proceeds from the Easter Lily sale go to the Deacons’ Flower Fund.

### Creating Congregations of Generous People

The Administration Commission is reading “Creating Congregations of Generous People” to help us present you with a more exciting and faith based stewardship campaign in 2010. If you have any interest in joining us on this journey, please contact any of the members of the Administration Commission (Andy Thorburn, Sue Reynnells, Ric Baker, Fran Kubicek, Cheri Duncan, and Wendy Mickle) – we would love to have you join us!!