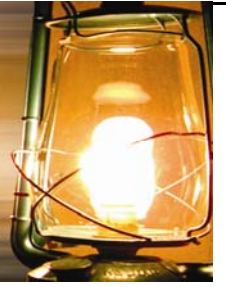




Leeds Presbyterian Church

The Lantern

"Shining Light on our Church and our Community"



MARCH 2010

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Sunday School
9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship
Service 11:00 a.m.

Adult Choir Practice
Wed. 5:30 p.m.

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Patricia Partridge

SESSION COMMITTEES

Worship -
Doris Jarvis

Property -
Wynton Hodges

Finance—
Lanny Littleton

Christian Fellowship—
Reita Browning

Mission—
Mary Anne Moseley

Personnel—
Rev. Kurt Selles

March 14th, 2010



THE PASTOR'S PEN

Dear Friends,

When I was in college, I had a dog named Spirit. I got him from a lady who had put a "free to a good home" ad in the newspaper. He was a mutt, part Black Lab and part something else, I don't know what. After I got him home, he was so wound up I called the lady back to see if I could return him. She wouldn't take him back. Later, fortunately, he became pretty good pet, and I took him with me everywhere.

One summer he went with me when I worked in a gas station on the Blackfoot Indian reservation in St. Mary, Montana on the northeastern edge of Glacier National Park. What a spectacularly beautiful place. I loved walking there, and my dog Spirit would often walk with me. One time I remember walking with him and coming to a mountain stream. It was still pretty early in the summer, so there was quite a bit of water rushing through it. Not wanting to trace my route back the long way home, I took off my shoes and waded in my shorts through the stream to the other side. Boy that icy mountain water was cold! My dog Spirit could swim quite well, but the cold, rushing stream scared him, and he refused to follow me across. He just stood there on the other side and barked and barked. Though I called and called, he wouldn't come. Finally there was only one thing to do: I waded back across the stream, picked up the dog, and clutching him tightly in my arms carried him to the other side.

Sometimes our walk with Jesus can be like that. We come to a particularly rough patch, something that feels too difficult for us. Faced with what seem like insurmountable obstacles, we easily forget that Jesus goes before us. But he also comes back for us, too. And sometimes he just plain needs to carry us across, and does so clutching us tightly in his arms to the other side. What a comfort to know how much he cares for us. As we face difficulties, challenges, and obstacles, "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:2).

Blessings to each of you,

Kurt



Prayer Concerns: Scott Spruiell, Susie Horsley, Trish Dobbs, Mrytis Barker, Pat Lane, Marlyn Strong, Candi Franklin and her family, Helen, sister of Mary Bess Spruiell, Carol Baker, Ed Gimberg, Arland Martin, Brandon Macon, Felicia Cooper, Mary Bess Spruiell, Maggie Gajewski, Nick Murphee, Wynton Hodges, Sr., Santife Hodges, Chrystal Green, Mary Grace McCord, Jenny Davis, and Jon Horton.

Whats Happening at Church and in the Community

MISSIONS

Many thanks to Doris Jarvis, Reita Browning and Spurgeon Marchant for helping cook and serve the meal at First Light on February 7. We will serve dinner again at First Light on March 14th.

Leeds Welfare is still being called upon for food over and above our normal requests. We have had to extend the time from 6 weeks to 8 weeks for the needy people in our area to get food from the pantry. This winter has already taken a toll on those who give and those who receive because of high, high heating bills. If you could make a food donation within the next 1 to 2 weeks we would be ever so thankful! We need all kinds of food except boxed mac and cheese, green beans and soups which we have enough for one month. We need the following: cooking oil or cooking spray; 2 lb bags self-rising meal and flour; sugar; canned fruit; dried beans and peas; rice –white or brown; canned corn, greens, black eye peas, mixed vegetable, limas, tomatoes, tomato paste and sauce and spaghetti sauces; bath soap, shampoo, dish detergent and clothes detergent, toilet tissue, paper towels, toothpaste, brushed and other toiletries.

Have been in contact with Felicia this week and she is doing fine and sends her best to our congregation!

Mary Anne Moseley

WORSHIP COMMITTEE –

Our guest pianist and choir director is Dell Harding Smith. Dell is a life-long resident of Leeds and I'm sure most of you know Dell and will make her feel right at home. On March 7, William Peek will be our guest pianist/organist. We had an average January attendance at Sunday morning worship of 28. Ash Wednesday Service attendance was 13. Just want to remind you that Palm Sunday is March 28 and Maundy Thursday is April 1.

Thanks to Linda Littleton for the lovely decorations that adorned the fellowship hall at our February 14th luncheon. Our next meal together is our Wednesday supper on March 24 at 6:00 p.m. We will be meeting on the fourth Wednesday as the third week of March is Spring Break. I will have a sign-up sheet in the kitchen for folks to sign-up to bring sandwiches, salads, or desserts. Kurt will arrange for the guest speaker.

Thank you to all volunteers and as always let me know if a date is not good for you.

Doris

YOUR SESSION AT WORK

At the February 21, 2010 Session Meeting the following items were discussed and decisions were made.

Elders Training will be held March 11, 2010 at 7:00 PM at the church.

We will be participating in a pulpit exchange with Bold Springs twice during 2010.

Adult Sunday School continues their study of church history. Ten members attend on a regular basis.

Elise and Chloe meet each Sunday for study with Vickie Selles.

Our church will be responsible for the evening meal at First Light Shelter on March 14th. Patricia Partridge will be coordinating the effort.

The search committee has asked William Peek to audition for Music Director and he will play for the Worship Service on March 7th.

The community chorus is holding practice at the church for the next 3 months on Tuesday Evening.

The next third Wednesday Program will be held March 24th. Speaker to be announced.

The quorum for session was reduced from four to three.

The Finance Committee will be chaired by Lanny Littleton. Jerry Partridge will sit on the committee as serving elder. The complete committee will be solidified before March Session Meeting.

The Personnel Committee for 2010 consist of Rev. Selles, Patricia Partridge and Linda Littleton.

We will donate \$100.00 to the PSL College Campus Ministry.

The questions confirming Reita Browning as a new elder were asked and affirmed before the session.

Next meeting to be March 21, 2010.

Patricia Partridge
Clerk of Session

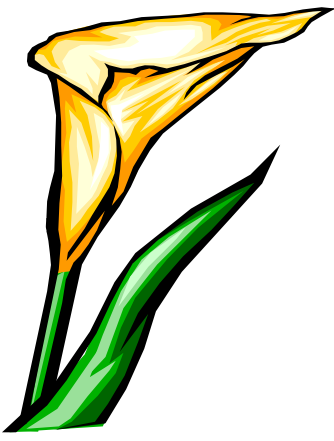
Community Events

The Leeds Arts Council presents Bluegrass music by Stoney Road Band on March 6, at the Leeds Theater and Arts Center, 7:00 p.m., tickets \$10. A group of Celtic dancers will also perform.

Gospel Night at the Leeds Theatre and Arts Center featuring the G2:20 Band, a local group from Bethel Baptist Church will perform on March 13, 7:00 p.m., tickets \$10.

Leeds Lodge #446 will celebrate its 125 anniversary with an open house on Sunday, March 7 at 2:00 p.m. Historian, Joe Becker, will give a history of Masonry in Leeds at 2:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. The Lodge is located two and one-half blocks from the church on First Ave.





March 2010

Anniversary Birthdays

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Knit Group 10:00—12:00	2	3 Choir Practice 5:45 pm	4	5	6
7 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Elders Training Meeting—7:00 pm Leeds Lodge #446 Open House 2:00 Leeds Art Council — Bluegrass 7:00	8 Knit Group 10:00—12:00	9	10 Choir Practice 5:45 pm	11	12	13 Leeds Theatre & Art - Gospel Night 7:00 pm
14 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. First Light Dinner	15 Knit Group 10:00—12:00 A-Bob & GiGi Sadler B-Andi Partridge	16 A- Ed & Clara Horton	17 Choir Practice 5:45 pm	18	19 B-Miriam Turner	20
21 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m. S.S. Meeting	22 Knit Group 10:00—12:00	23	24 Choir Practice 5:45 pm Wednesday Supper 6:00	25	26 A-Bill & Dianne Hollis	27
28 Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 11:00 a.m.	29	30	31			

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

	<u>Service Position</u>	<u>VOLUNTEERS</u>
Mar 7	GREETER OFFERING STEWARDS COMMUNION PREPARATION COMMUNION SERVERS LAY READER	Mable Hecht Reita Browning/Doris Jarvis Patricia Partridge Wynton Hodges/Raymond Rowan Joan Dawson
Mar 14	GREETERS OFFERING STEWARDS OFFERING LAY READER	Mable Hecht Reita Browning/Doris Jarvis Bill Eads/Jerry Partridge Mickey Eads
Mar 21	GREETER OFFERING STEWARDS OFFERING LAY READER	Gini Mitchell Reita Browning/Doris Jarvis Matt Raines/Wynton Hodges Celeste Raines
MAR 28	GREETER OFFERING STEWARDS OFFERING LAY READER	Reita Browning Reita Browning/Doris Jarvis Raymond Rowan/Jesse Turner Miriam Turner

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