

MID-WEEK ACTIVITIES

Breakfast/Bible Study, Children's choir, mid-week meal, children & youth groups, mid-week Bible Study, adult choir rehearsals. Consider being part of the excitement on Wednesday's.....

MID - WEEK MEALS.....

- **February 11th - Bill/Alice/Frances Ann** will prepare the meal. Team # 5: Brian Gibbons & Patti Davis along with Junior High Youth will assist with tea, serve meal, and clean up of kitchen.
- **February 18th - Vinnie/Ed/Dwight** will prepare the meal. Team # 1: Isabelle Young, Sandy Jordan, Jim & Janice Fuller, Tony Pope, Jeff Orr, Frances & Bobby Morrow, Valerie Taylor, Jeff Kerr, Billy Raines, & Rebekah Shillinglaw will assist with tea, serve meal, and clean up of kitchen.
- **February 25th - Russ & Gina White** will prepare the meal. Team # 2: Walt Whitman, Debra Singleton, Annette Strickland, John & Barbara Sherer, Lee & Pam Roddey, Linda Barrett & Linda Tinker will assist with tea, serve meal, and clean up of kitchen.



"Stitches of Love" Ministry

Wednesday's ~ 10:00am – 12:00pm - Contact: Jan Mauney

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday's @ 8:30am

Our Morning Bible Study group meets on Wednesday morning for a time of Christian fellowship, breakfast, and engaging Bible study. We are currently studying the book of Isaiah. See you there!

THE SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS of the Congregation are extended to the family of Rita Shetley Stringfellow upon her death on Wednesday, February 4, 2009.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Family of Rita Stringfellow (Ladson, Mary Gage, and Lad); Ashley and Aiden Roberts (Phil Stephenson's daughter and grandson); Pauline Roth; Pat Rudowski; Edward Moore; Sebastien and Patti Benicourt; Josh and Vonja Thomas; Scotty and Paula Godfrey; Bobby and Anne Stevenson; Mary Ann Todd; Family of Nancy Raines (Wayne, Bobby, Billy, Edie and their families); Family of Pat Wylie (Bob, Mike, Martha and their families); Danny and Edie Baker; Greg and Dana DiPasquale; Ed and Sarah Wynn; Ed Mills; Isabelle Young; Ruth Derrick (Janice Fuller's Mother); Thomas Delancey; Sam and Martha Edwards; Jeff and Shelia Osborne; Henry and Virginia Denruyter; Dumpy Crocker (Chuck Crocker's Mother); Whitney Muller and her family; Billy Keith; Bill Bennett; Family of Bill Carraway (Carolyn); Margaret McAngus; Lyle and Terri Dickerson; Geoffrey, Christine, and Jonathan Fogus; Bill and Webbie Keels; Mike and Andrea Wylie; Ed York; Ed Williams; Mary Louise Pawloski; Edith Hall; Mary Sanders; Clay & Jennifer Shannon; Hopewell ARP Church; Persecuted Christians in the World.

MUSIC NOTES - TERRI DICKERSON

- Adult Choir will meet on Wednesday's at 7:30pm for rehearsal.
- Handbell Choir will meet on Sunday's at 6:00pm for rehearsal.
- Children's Music Games—Wednesday's @ 5:30pm

CHESTER ARP CHURCH FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH FOOD PANTRY DRIVE

Each member of the congregation is encouraged to support the efforts of supplying food to the Food Pantry at Purity Presbyterian Church and the Turning Point Ministries to help those who are less fortunate. Please bring staples, canned meats, canned vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, grits, dried beans, etc anything that can be given to families in need of food. A receptacle will be in the rear of the Sanctuary for you to deposit your food. Thanks for participating in this ministry.

Committee Spotlight

Organizationally, we have 6 Sessional Committees. Each committee is comprised of six members (2 Elders, 1 Deacon, 1 Women's Ministry Representative, and 2 At-Large Congregational Members). These six committees are:

- Worship
- Christian Education
- Congregational Life
- Community Ministry (Outreach)
- World Witness (Missions)
- Service/Nominations

In the coming weeks we will spotlight each committee, giving their members and duties.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER GROUP

The men of the Church meet on Friday mornings at 7:00am for Bible Study and prayer. All men of the Church are encouraged to participate in this ministry.

ALL ARE WELCOME

TO JOIN US

FOR

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The way to God is through Jesus Christ. The way to grow is through learning and that happens at Sunday school. Chester ARP Church's Sunday school classes are the "way to go."

Our Sunday school program provides opportunity for everyone, regardless of age. Sunday School starts at 9:45am and there are a number of opportunities and classes to be involved in. Everyone is welcome!

FLOWER CALENDAR

There are still dates available on the Flower Calendar: August 9th, November 8th. This is a lovely way to remember or honor a special person. To reserve one of the following dates, please call the church office at 385-2228, email your choice chesterarp@truvista.net, or sign up on one of the Flower Calendars on the bulletin boards in the Educational building or Barron Room.

COOKIE SWAP - THANK YOU!

The Women's' Ministries of the church would like to thank each member of the church who supported their efforts of their annual Women's Ministries Cookie swap for College, University, and Technical School Students. Thanks again for making this ministry a success.

READ THE BIBLE THROUGH IN 2009

Each member of the Congregation is encouraged to read the Bible through in 2009. Bible Reading guides are available.

IMPORTANCE OF TITHING

Much has been said about the importance of tithing. Little has been said about being able to trust God by tithing. Understanding how we can trust God can give us a better understanding of how the tithing principle works. Please prayerfully consider your pledge and your commitment and if you have not turned in your commitment card for 2009, please do so.

*"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in my house, and **prove me now herewith**, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open for you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."*

Malachi 3:10

From the Pastor's Heart

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from this first day until now. Philippians 1:3-5 (ESV)

Is there any one for whom you are thankful, for whom you give continual thanksgiving to the Lord? Perhaps it is your mother or father, or your children, or a teacher, or a coworker, or a friend who has been there with you through thick and thin. Whoever it is your gratefulness for that individual is a continual reason to thank God for his or her presence in your life.

Like you, Paul is grateful for the Philippians for their participation in the gospel from "the first day until now." Their cooperation with him in the gospel is in the widest sense. It is anything from their sympathy with him in suffering to active labor in the ministry to almsgiving to any other way that they may have participated in Paul's ministry.

I echo Paul's words while I write to all of you. Your participation with me in the gospel ministry is such an encouragement to me and a continual reason for thanksgiving. Your prayers for our church, our ministry, and our community, and Patti and me are a constant reminder of your godly and loving hearts. Also, your generosity with your time, talents, and tithes is a cause for much thanksgiving. Though economically times are tough your giving has increased 9% over 2008 and your faithfulness to the gospel remains unmatched. I thank God with joy for all of you "because of your partnership in the gospel." God bless you!

