

# THE WINDOW



Community Presbyterian Church of Waldport

March 2009

## A LOOK AT LENT

The season of Lent is a time when we prepare our hearts, minds and souls for the sacred observance of Christ's death on Good Friday and his resurrection on Easter. In Lent, we recognize that we are simply dust (see Gen.3:19) and ashes without Christ, we confess our sins (see Romans 3:23) to GOD, and we follow Christ to the cross, where we are made whole again. In the early Church, the weeks of Lent were a time of training and instruction for converts to Christianity who were preparing to be baptised on Easter. The English word "Lent" is derived from the Germanic root for "long," because Lent occurs in spring, when the days lengthen.

### Forty Days

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Sundays are excluded from the counting of the forty days because they still remain "little Easters" even during this solemn season. The number 40 is significant because, at the start of his ministry, Jesus spent 40 days fasting, praying and resisting temptation, as we are called to do during Lent.

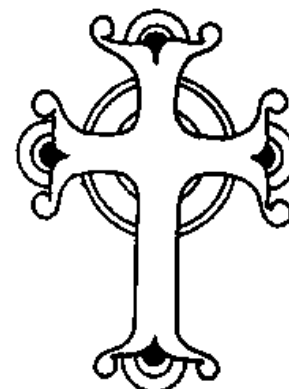
### Three Disciplines

Traditionally, these three disciplines are associated with Lent:

**Fasting.** Skipping a meal once a week or refraining from eating certain foods affords us the opportunity to spend more time feeding on the Word of GOD and being spiritually nourished through prayer and meditation.

**Abstinence.** Removing a particular bad habit, sinful indulgence or guilty pleasure from our daily routine frees us to engage in activities that are GOD-pleasing and reflects in a small way the self-sacrifice that Christ endured for us.

**Almsgiving.** Giving something extra during this time -- to our church, to the poor and needy among us, to charities or other service organizations -- is a way to remember that Christ gave up everything to save us from sin, death, and the devil and to free us to live a new life in Him.



### One Focus

Our focus during Lent is solely on the cross of Christ. For it was on the cross that the sinless Son of GOD suffered and died for us that we might be fully forgiven and live forever with Him in heaven. Reading Scripture verses about the events leading up to Christ's crucifixion and putting a cross in a prominent place where we can see it often keep our focus strong. (compiled by Mark Zimmerman)

May GOD instill in you a deep desire to devote time each day to commune with Christ and remember what it cost Him to win our freedom.

Blessings,  
Nancy Morphis, Worship Elder



Daylight Saving Time Begins

Sunday, March 8

Remember to move your clocks forward one hour  
before you go to bed on the 7th.

*In God's Timing....*

### **PNC Update**

The PNC continues to seek the pastor God wants for our church. The committee has several candidates in various stages of the selection process. Thank you for your prayers and patience.

Elliott Estes  
Chair, Pastor Nominating Committee

## Highlights from January Session

Your church Session met on January 13, 2009. Here are highlights of the *approved* minutes.

**DEACON REPORT:** Dale Estes wishes to know if non-elders, non-deacons or non-members could help Deacons in a shepherding program. Consent was given and she was told to come back to the next session meeting with further plans and details.

**CLERK OF SESSION:** Norma Butgereit (Janice Merry in December). Summarized an email received from our former pastor, James Howe, regarding the transfer of Kerry Howe's membership. Also reported a contact from The Gideons who would like permission to present a five to ten minute program in a Sunday service, with an offering to be taken after the service. Nancy Morphis said that the second Sunday in February would be acceptable. **Action: MSP** to approve minutes of December 9, 2008 Stated Session Meeting. **Action: MSP** to approve minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting, December 28, 2008.

### FINANCIAL REPORT - Janice Merry.

- Income for December was \$8229 (includes \$600 transferred from savings).
- December expenses were \$9600.
- Total 2008 income was \$104,133 (includes \$11,700 transferred from savings).
- Total 2008 expenses were \$103,603
- The church paid 84% of the mission budget for 2008 (\$1400 not paid out of \$8700).

**Action: MSP** to pay the bills. **Action: MSP** that Janice Merry be elected Treasurer for 2009. **Action: MSP** that the checking and savings accounts for Frontline be available for Aaron Wetzel's professional expenses for 2009.

**CONSENT ITEMS: MSP.** Three items were agreed to by phone/email during the week of December 14th. 1) In consideration of the extra work and responsibility required by Nancy Morphis in serving as worship leader in addition to worship elder, she will be given an honorarium of \$400 for the 4th quarter of 2008. 2) Subsequent to the positive phone interview of December 14, negotiations with a candidate from Montana will be pursued for a 3/4 time position of stated or temporary pulpit supply. 3) The Christmas Eve offering will be given to South Lincoln Resources for the voucher program.

**WORSHIP:** Nancy Morphis. Average attendance for Sunday morning worship in December was 36. Communion was served on December 7<sup>th</sup> to 33. Home communion was served to 1 by Pastor Bill Borgman with Elder Nancy Morphis assisting. Youth worship attendance for December averaged 42. Pulpit supply for the rest of January will be Jack Chan. For February Bill Borgman and Aaron Wetzel will preach. Session was in agreement.

**PERSONNEL:** Elliott Estes and Keith Marquand. Elliott Estes reported that of the seven PIFs received, four were contacted for tapes. One tape has been received, one is promised, one candidate has withdrawn, and one has not been heard from. He further reported that the candidate from Montana has

concerns about money and housing. Keith Marquand reported that modifications to the CIF were being made to make our church name more prominent and changes to our Web Site would be helpful for prospective pastors.

**YOUTH** - Randy Helms. Enthusiastic report. Front-line Christmas party had 44 in attendance. Due to unusual school schedules, Young Life has not met on a consistent basis but is continuing to draw large numbers.

### NEW BUSINESS:

1) Dale Estes is looking at new software for upgrading the website. It was suggested she check on Ebay. 2) Moderator Marc Andresen approved that Pastor Borgman be appointed moderator for the February Session meeting.

## Sunday Worship Who Will be Preaching?

According to Nancy Morphis, our Worship Elder, Bill Borgman and Jack Chan have agreed to return to preach during the month of March.

Bill Borgman will be here on the 1st, and Jack Chan will preach on the 8th, 15th, and 22nd. We are blessed to have them delivering messages!

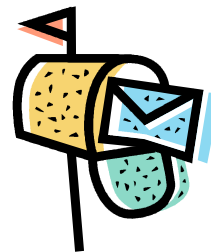
## Red Envelope Campaign

The Red Envelope Campaign is a way to let our new president hear our pro-life voices. It's simple: just buy (or make out of construction paper) a red envelope, seal it up (yes, empty), and write this note on the back of the sealed envelope:

*This envelope represents one child who died in abortion. It is empty because that life was not allowed to offer anything to the world. Responsibility begins with conception.*

Then mail the envelope to President Obama:

President Barack Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20550



February Update from the Chases (An Excerpt)

## News from Cambodia

At the CC, Lina (Communication and Network Support Coordinator) and Jeremy continue to hammer out the vision for the Networking for Children meetings. Lina and Jeremy's desire is to move from just reporting about each individual work (which was helpful in the beginning to raise awareness) to sharing struggles, needs and opportunities for other members to bring help. In other words, they hope to build up trust between network members so they can move forward together in ministry to children at risk.

Jeremy has been going out to Andong each Sunday for the past five weeks now. Here's a synopsis of the current Sunday school situation there. There are four



teachers, all girls between the ages of 13 and 15 who are new believers themselves. Their classes are made up of about 40 children ranging in age from 1-13. They have limited supplies, limited knowledge, but hearts that are willing! Please pray for Jeremy as he searches for appropriate Sunday school materials, helps the

girls organize themselves and the space and tries to find some Khmer women to disciple these four girls.

As mentioned above, we're both pooped. We've had a pretty long stretch of late nights and early mornings. Ministry has picked up in some real encouraging ways, the kids are growing and needing attention in new ways and we're finding it hard to get to bed before 11 and are often up before 6. We're also finding it difficult to find time and space to talk together, plan and just connect. Please pray for us?

One of the reasons for the late nights has to do with Owen. The last couple of weeks have found him scared to be in his room alone at night. Add to this the new discovery that he can open his door and come out whenever he wants and you find us going in and out of his room until late into the night. Please pray for us to discern when he is fearful and when he's just curious.

Finally, we need to write our next newsletter, but have been putting it off because we need to address our financial needs. We have been so blessed by the amount of support we receive and for the first 2 years it was more than enough and though our expenses increased, we were able to live off the surplus. But, this past year has found that surplus slowly, but surely dwindling. At the same time, we understand the financial situation in the States is quite tenuous now. Please just pray for the writing of this next newsletter, that it would be a source of encouragement and joy for our supporters.

Thank you, again and again, for lifting us and our needs up to the Lord!

Love from Cambodia,

*The Chase 4*

## frontline

*A note from our Director of Youth Ministry....*

Well, it's the middle of February and Frontline is chugging along. We have had some great turnouts this year and kids are being ministered to in awesome ways.

Bryce Miller and his wife, Kaylee, have been partnering with us this year and it's been a successful experiment so far. While we've hit some snags in the last couple months, with Bryce out of commission with gallstones and some unforeseen complications after the surgery, we're still going strong.

The school year has been an odd one, especially since some of the budget cuts have resulted in changes to the school schedule. It's odd how those things indirectly affect Frontline and Young Life. We haven't had a normal Young Life since December. Having no school on so many Mondays has really taken its toll, but hopefully we'll get back into a rhythm very soon.

We always appreciate your prayers, especially since we're beginning to promote camp at Young Life. Pray that kids' hearts are open to joining the leaders for the week of their lives. Pray for encouragement of the leaders. As we head toward the end of the school year, pray that we all finish strong.

Thanks church. I love you all!

*Aaron*

[Frontline meets every Sunday at 6:30 p.m.  
in the Youth Room.]

*Where Two or More are Gathered.....*

## Community Prayer Every Friday

Everyone who is able is encouraged to join others for a time of prayer **every Friday at Noon**. Come to the Guild Room through the doorway on Hwy 34. Prayer is vital to the well being of each another, of our church, our community, our country, and the world.



# Taco Soup Lunch



**March 8—After Worship**

**We will have a special mingle after worship on March 8. Plan to stay for one of our favorites....Taco Soup!**

## **Community Presbyterian Church**

Highway 34 & Bay Street – Waldport, Oregon  
Church Phone (541) 563-2168

Sunday Worship Service – 10:30 a.m.

### **All Are Welcome – Come As You Are**

Pastor—Vacant  
Aaron Wetzel, Director of Youth Ministry  
Church Office Hours Vary--Please Call First

**Church Website –**  
[www.communitypres.net](http://www.communitypres.net)

## **March Your Calendars!**

- ◆ Mar 1— Communion Sunday (bring food for Food Share)
- ◆ Mar 4—Dine Out for Samaritan House at the Chowder Bowl  
In Newport (11am-8pm) 50% of proceeds will go to help homeless families.
- ◆ Mar 8 — **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS!**
- ◆ Mar 8—Taco Soup Lunch after Worship
- ◆ Mar 29—"Afternoon of Vocal Music" at Yachats CPC (4:00pm)

*Coming up....*

- ◆ May 16—ANNUAL FISHING DERBY
- ◆ Jul 31 to Aug 1 — American Cancer Society's **Relay for Life**

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