

Coastal Chronicle

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Dear Members and Friends,

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain

Psalm 127:1

How inspirational it was for me to hear our choir sing, "*Come Build a Church!*" on Sunday, January 24. It was an expression of confidence in the Lord's work and a prayer that God will guide us in the physical, tangible ways we do ministry, as well as the things unseen by human eye. I share that confidence and prayer. With the choir, I, too, am singing, "Lord, come build a church!"

In mid-February, we begin the liturgical season of Lent, a time to reflect, confess, pray, and invite God into our lives in a deeper richer way than we may have been experiencing lately. We remember the life and approaching death of Jesus, and especially we remember his suffering. Somehow, this reminder helps us grow closer to God. We know that despite our mistakes and our difficult times, God is with us. Jesus has walked the lonely and the rough trail of life, and he faced suffering and death with courageous strength. He will help us through any and every trial that we face. We can simply say, "Lord, take my hand." He will and does. Thanks be to God that we are not alone.



Some have asked me about a prayer of dedication I used in worship on January 17. That week the nation commemorated the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King was influenced by the teaching and writing of the African-American scholar and spiritual leader, Howard Thurman. Thurman believed that religious faith can bring people together, that we can be changed by the love of Christ, and that honest prayer is essential for this harmonious transformation to be realized. Here is that beautiful prayer.

Lord, open unto me

Howard Thurman

*Open unto me – light for my darkness.
Open unto me - courage for my fear.
Open unto me - hope for my despair.
Open unto me - peace for my turmoil.
Open unto me - joy for my sorrow.
Open unto me - strength for my weakness.
Open unto me - wisdom for my confusion.
Open unto me - forgiveness for my sins.
Open unto me - love for my hates.
Open unto me - Thy Self for myself.*

Lord, Lord, open unto me! Amen.

God's peace to you,



MORE THAN 20 YEARS AGO, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

"Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat."

Since that day, more than \$60 million has been raised for local charities across the country through the Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest youth-led weekend of giving and serving.

Through this mission, young people learn what it's like to make a positive difference in the world - as they collect food, raise money and volunteer to work in charities that provide shelter to the homeless, food to the hungry and compassion to those in need.

Our Souper Bowl of Caring Soup Luncheon, featuring numerous homemade soups, bread and cookies, will be held on Sunday, February 7, in Fellowship Hall following worship.

Luncheon donation = non-perishable food items or cash. Our young people will be at the door with soup pots to collect your donation.

Be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need. Please give generously on Super Bowl Sunday.

Every non-perishable food item and dollar you donate will go to the Southport/Oak/Island Interfaith Food Bank our Souper Bowl of Caring charity of choice.



A Warm Welcome

After patiently waiting for 17 months, the congregation of Southport Presbyterian Church finally received what it had been looking and praying for—a talented pastor who would lead us. With God's good grace and the varied background she brings, we are sure the Reverend Ann B. Jahnes will bring us many new opportunities to enrich our church and our spiritual lives.

Rev. Jahnes arrived in her new office on January 1 and she was off and running for her new church! She has spent many hours meeting and getting to know our church members as well as the members of the session who were to be installed for the current year. Our members who are homebound or in nursing homes haven't been forgotten either—Ann has been making visits to see them too. In addition, Ann has attended many of the committee meetings, monthly circle meetings and gatherings and even the Adult Sunday school. Moreover, let's just say that our few, but very precious children have found a very special friend with whom they can connect!

We are so lucky to have such a devoted pastor to nurture and grow with us. Welcome to your new church home, "Rev. Ann."



New Members
Class

Want to Join or Just Learn More About Southport Presbyterian? A New Member Orientation is Planned

Our next New Member Orientation Class is scheduled for Sunday, February 7 following the "Souper Bowl" lunch. We will meet in the All Purpose Room in the Education Building from 12:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

This class is an opportunity to learn more about the Presbyterian Church in general and Southport Presbyterian in particular. If you are interested in joining the Church, or if you just want to know more about the Church before making a commitment, you are encouraged to come and learn more.



Adult Christian Education Lenten Study

Practicing Our Faith: A Study of Scripture and the Spirit
Led by Ann Jahnes

Do you wonder how to make your Christian faith more relevant to your daily life? During the season of Lent, we will focus upon learning helpful ways to link belief with practice. We will explore five concrete ways of living out the abundant life, biblical practices that are both relevant today and part of the early Church's life. These practices can be experienced in worship and in daily living, alone or within the Christian community. Come, expand your way of life, a way that is grounded in Christ and is good for you and others.

The study will use the book, *Practicing Our Faith*, by Dorothy Bass. This Adult Study will meet Wednesday mornings, beginning February 24, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Participants who so choose may go together to the noon lunch and worship services at various churches. (If you are interested in this as an evening class, please speak to Ann.)



Lent

Worship and Community

The Southport Oak Island Interchurch Fellowship shares community worship opportunities throughout the season of Lent. Beginning Feb. 17 through March 24, different churches will host a simple lunch and brief worship service. Lunch is at 12:00 noon, worship from 12:30 – 1:00 p.m. The first service on Feb. 17, Ash Wednesday, Oak Island Presbyterian Church will be the host and Rev. Ann Jahnes will share the message. Please come!



Community Blood Drive

Place: St. James Plantation in the Members Club Dining Room

Date: Monday, February 8, 2010

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

For more information and to make an appointment, please contact Sue Mills at 253-8015.

Appointments are strongly recommended. By booking ahead, you will help us stay on time and reduce wait times.

Walk-ins will be taken as the schedule permits.



Save a Life – Learn CPR

If someone collapsed in cardiac arrest in front of you, would you know how to react? Each year there are 294,851 emergency medical services-treated out-of-hospital cardiac arrests in the United States. The one best chance for survival is immediate cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and defibrillation with an automated external defibrillator (AED). It isn't necessary to have a medical background to master these skills and possibly save a life.

On Saturday, February 13, there will be a CPR/AED class at Southport Presbyterian. Members of the class will learn to recognize the signs of cardiac arrest and how to respond to it. The process is simple and easy to learn. The course is a video-based class from the American Heart Association. Two of our own members, Blanche Maxwell and Carol Hazelton (both AHA instructors), will teach the three hour class.

Please sign up in the narthex or in Fellowship Hall for the CPR class at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 13. The life you save might be one of someone you love.



Prediabetes

About 54 million individuals in the United States have prediabetes, 12 million of whom are overweight and between the ages of 45-74.

In the United States, approximately one of every three persons born in 2000 will develop diabetes in his or her lifetime. The lifetime risk of developing diabetes is even greater for ethnic minorities.

Prediabetes is a condition that raises the risk of developing type 2 diabetes, heart disease, stroke, and eye disease. People with prediabetes are 5-15 times more likely to develop type 2 diabetes than are people with normal glucose values.

Progression from prediabetes to diabetes is not inevitable. Studies show that people with prediabetes who lose at least 7% of their body weight and engage in moderate physical activity at least 30 minutes per day can prevent or delay diabetes and even return their blood glucose levels to normal.

Intensive lifestyle interventions are the most effective way to prevent or delay type 2 diabetes. Eating healthy is one way. Pack your diet with fruits and vegetables, whole grains, beans and lentils, fish, and nonfat or low-fat dairy products. Skip the sugary soft drinks – drink water instead.

People with blood glucose levels that are higher than normal but not yet in the diabetic range have "prediabetes." Most often, prediabetes has no signs or symptoms. One of the few signs may be velvety, light brown to black markings on areas of skin, a condition called acanthosis nigricans. Common areas that may be affected include the neck, armpits, elbows, knees, and knuckles.

Classic red flags of type 2 diabetes to watch for include:

- Increased thirst
- Frequent urination
- Fatigue
- Blurred vision

Risk factors for prediabetes:

You are overweight, with a *body mass index* above 25.

You are inactive.

You are age 45 or older.

You have a family history of type 2 diabetes.

You are African-American, Hispanic, American Indian, Asian-American, or a Pacific Islander.

You have high blood pressure.

Your (HDL) cholesterol is below 35 mg/dL or your triglyceride level is above 250 mg/dL.

You regularly sleep 5.5 hours or less a night.

Know your risk factors and begin lifestyle changes as needed for a healthier you!



Reset Your Clocks!

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 14, 2010. That's a little earlier than we've been used to, so remember to reset your clocks before you go to bed on Saturday night. We don't want you to have to miss a minute of our Sunday worship.



Session Highlights January 2010

Session met on January 11, 2010.

Special guest, Marty Kesmodel, presented information on the roof leak in the narthex.

Tom McCune made the final report on the stewardship drive. The budget for 2010 was adopted.

Elder assignments for 2010 were made as follows:

Administration	Carol Hazelton
Building & Grounds	Norm Praet
Christian Education	Dave Lineback
Congregational Care	Betsie Lytton
Fellowship	Julia Hill
Finance	Tom McCune
Mission	Ben Wilson
Outreach	Ruth Lawrence
Worship	Doris Irwin
Clerk of Session	Carol Hazelton

Officers of the corporation were elected:

President	Tom McCune
Vice-president	Norm Praet
Secretary	Carol Hazelton
Treasurer	Marilyn Whitford

The session will have its annual retreat on Thursday, February 4 at the Baptist Assembly.

The annual business meeting of the congregation will be held following worship on Sunday, February 21.

The Rev. Ann Jahnes will preach at the Ash Wednesday mid-week Lenten service at Oak Island Presbyterian Church on February 17.



Finance and Stewardship Committee

The Finance and Stewardship Committee thanks you for your overwhelming generosity in pledging for 2010. Truly, we have many reasons to celebrate God's steadfast love!

Of the 130 pledge cards distributed, we have received 95 responses for a total of \$197,879.60. This is an increase of 10 responses over last year. The total amount of pledges received is 5% more than last year. This has been a great help in our budgeting process.

With careful management of our spending, we ended 2009 with a surplus of \$9,235, which was applied to our capital expense reserve and will be used for repairs this year. The generosity of everyone was fantastic as we came very close to fulfilling our pledges.

We also did very well with campaign pledges, which allowed us to repay over \$182,000 to our construction loan. As our campaign pledge period ends, you are encouraged to continue to donate to the building fund. This will enable us to lower our mortgage and, later, to start funding the next phase.

Again, the committee thanks everyone for their financial support during these difficult economic times allowing all of us to continue God's work.



Building and Grounds Committee

The Building and Grounds Committee held their monthly meeting on January 24. This was an organizational meeting where selected sub-committees were created. In addition, we also identified a large number of areas, physical and operational, which need attention. We will be prioritizing these areas and working to improve them.

The cause of the water damage in the narthex foyer is being fixed and repairs made to that area.



Outreach Committee

In January, the Outreach Committee welcomed new members George and Carolyn Gunter, Blanche Maxwell and Barbara Miller.

Madelyn Clow will hold a new member class after the Souper Bowl luncheon on February 7. Shortly thereafter, we will be planning a New Member Mixer to welcome our new members. The Mixers are held in congregation members' homes and a few other congregation members are invited. All participate in good food, good fellowship and have fun getting to know each other.

We are preparing a new tri-fold brochure with our new pastor's name, new elders and their committees, along with a few other changes. In January, we arranged for the State Port Pilot to do a write-up on Rev. Ann Jahnes and it was a great article. If you have a newsworthy event coming up, please get in touch with a member of the Outreach Committee, so we can publicize the activities going on here at Southport Presbyterian.

Thanks for remembering to greet new faces you see in our congregation and showing them a warm greeting. We were all new once!



Congregational Care

Copies of "These Days" daily devotions for January, February and March 2010 are available in the lobby of the Education Building.

In December, members of the Congregational Care Committee delivered Christmas door hangers to our homebound and other special members of our congregation. These beautiful decorations were made by Jan Caudill and Sue Meyer. Many said they were the prettiest decorations ever.

Martha Jane Raedels and Betsie Lytton also served in-home communion to our homebound members during Christmas week.



Fellowship Committee

Happy 2010 to all! This year is already slipping by a little too quickly. January has almost come and gone. However, with the bitterly cold temperatures it's just as well it's over!

The Fellowship Committee ended 2009 with our Christmas Gathering and Farewell to Rev. Martha Jane Raedels. Everyone gathered in the church for a Carol Sing before coming over to the Fellowship Hall for punch and hors d'oeuvres. The Fellowship Hall was transformed into a very festive room decorated with lanterns on the serving stations, lights in the windows, garland, and our lighted Angel Tree. Christmas Carols played softly in the background as everyone gathered to enjoy good food and fellowship.

The New Year is off to another busy start. The committee planned the reception for Rev. Ann Jahnes immediately following her Installation on January 24. It was a wonderful afternoon of fellowship with some of Ann's friends from Wilmington, members of the Presbytery, ministers from local churches, and, of course, members from our beautiful church. The array of lovely hors d'oeuvres and punch were perfect for this joyous event.

February brings about "Souper Bowl" Sunday. Please mark your calendars to attend this "Souper Bowl" luncheon on February 7 immediately following worship service. We will be serving five soups this year: Southwestern Vegetable by Ruth Douthat and Chris Dudley; Minestrone by Paula Watts; Italian Wedding Soup by Debby Jacoby; Manhattan Clam Chowder by Norm Carathanasis; and, Bob Jahnes will be preparing a "Mystery Soup". The soups will be served with warmed bread and butter, and, of course, there will be dessert. So please plan to join us. We know you will enjoy the soups and fellowship ~ the Fellowship Committee guarantees it!

Our next meeting will be announced in the Sunday Bulletin, and we invite all who are interested in joining us to plan events throughout the year. It is a fun group, and we do enjoy getting together to plan and prepare fellowship time for the church.

A very special thanks to all of you who hosted Fellowship Hour during 2009! To those who have signed up on the Time and Talent Sheet to host a Fellowship Hour during this coming year we thank you. The 2010 sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board outside the church office. It would be only one Sunday commitment a year if every member family would sign up for one Sunday. Please take time to sign up for a Sunday that meets your schedule.



Book Review from the Library Committee

Title: The Thirteen Apostles
Author: J. Ellsworth Kalas

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Publisher: Abingdon Press

J. Ellsworth Kalas is a professor at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky, and is a well-known speaker and preacher. He has been a presenter on DISCIPLE videos and is the author of several other books.

In this book, Kalas devotes a chapter to each of the apostles. He includes the original twelve chosen by Jesus and the thirteenth, Matthias, who replaced Judas Iscariot. Kalas contends that few people can name all the apostles. He states that his purpose in writing this book is to help others get to know these men who were so close to Jesus. The author has found a characteristic in each of the disciples that he thinks defines that person most clearly. Examples are Peter, man of action; Phillip, the deliberate; Thaddaeus, the questioner; Matthew, the successful man. He gives the biblical references which describe each apostle and fills in some of the gaps by using historical references as well as myths and legends that have grown up about them. He makes it clear what information is biblical and what is not. It is interesting that we have so little information about some of these men who were given such an important mission. Kalas reminds us that these men were not saints when selected by Jesus. He depicts them as human and not without faults, but also remarkable.

This book is a good reference source for finding a concise biography of an apostle. It can be used as a personal Bible study or for a group study. Each chapter contains a study guide that gives a brief summary, discussion questions, related activities, and a prayer.



Worship Committee

The Worship Committee had a very busy December as we celebrated Advent and Christmas. On January 1, we welcomed our new pastor, Rev. Ann Jahnes, as she began her ministry at Southport Presbyterian Church.

The Choir presented their Cantata, "I Hear the Prophet Calling" and the beautiful and meaningful music was greatly appreciated by the congregation. We thank Laurie Russ, Director of Music, and our choir for this beautiful music. The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service gave special Christmas spirit to the 164 who attended.

As we look forward to 2010, we begin to prepare for the Lenten Season; Ash Wednesday will be on February 17. No service will be held at Southport Presbyterian Church because many of the local congregations participate in the Southport Oak Island Interchurch Fellowship noon service and lunch. On Maundy Thursday, we will observe a solemn candlelight service.

Once again, this year, we look forward to the Easter Sunrise Service on Easter morning, April 4, at Kingsley Park followed by a breakfast in our Fellowship Hall. Easter morning Worship Service will be at 11:00 a.m. Sharon Byrum is coordinating the sanctuary and narthex hangings for Lent and Easter and Joycel Galuski will assist her as past coordinator.

The Worship Committee thanks our sacristans, Doty Armstrong, Isabel Teasdale, Pat and Dave Lineback, who faithfully prepare the elements on the first Sunday of each month and at other special services throughout the year. In addition, Isabel Teasdale also changes the paraments and Shirley Wilson secures our Worship Readers for each Sunday worship service. Byron Price, Ted Brewer, and Dell Cagle work the sound system for our services as well as arrange for ushers and greeters.

The Worship Committee looks forward to working with our new pastor, Ann Jahnes and offering new opportunities for worship and prayer in acknowledging God's sovereignty and grace and in keeping with the Presbyterian Book of Order.



The recent earthquake in Haiti reminds us that we are our brother's keepers and that God calls us to respond to those in need. The devastation was widespread, the death toll continues to rise, and we see again the grinding poverty that exists for many of our brothers and sisters. The world stepped into help. For the moment, assistance is there and some of the pain can be eased. However, what happens to the countless people who exist in hopelessness day after day? What about the people we know about in third world or developing countries, but relegate to the back of our mind?

For more than 20 years, Equal Exchange has been helping small farmers in Latin America, Asia, Africa and India develop cooperatives for their crops. The Presbyterian Church created the Coffee Project as part of its Enough for Everyone program.

Two years ago, Equal Exchange and Interfaith partner, Presbyterian Church U.S.A., funded a small reforestation, environmental protection, and food security project created by the Tierra Nueva Union of Co-operatives. Equal Exchange and PC (U.S.A) created *"Planting Trees for Life in Nicaragua."* Equal Exchange contributes to the Presbyterian Small Farmer Fund for each case of coffee, tea, or chocolate sold by a Presbyterian Church. The money helps provide fuel-efficient stoves and reforest land with coffee trees, shade trees, and cacao trees.

You probably enjoy a cup of coffee or tea while watching the news or reading the paper and never think about the change you can make in the life of the farmer who planted, nurtured, and harvested that coffee or tea. The difference is a house made of adobe instead of cornhusks, a better road or school for the village, schoolbooks and uniforms or children. The difference is an opportunity for a better life. To you it's a cup of coffee; to the farmer it's a cup of hope.

The coffee, tea, and candy are sold during coffee fellowship and announced in the bulletin. When you see the yellow sign, please stop and take a look—it's a small way to make a big difference.



Sunday Adult Bible Study

It is a new year in a new decade, so what could be more fitting than beginning a new study! The class has recently chosen and begun a new Kerygma study book, That You May Believe: The Gospel of John by Carol Miller.

In the past, our class has studied the canonical gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. These studies gave us a good insight on the relationship that developed between Jesus and the disciples he chose as he taught them and helped them to learn who he was and how they would carry out his Word. These studies focused on a lot of earthly qualities: the humanness of the disciples, the new followers, and the ongoing struggle with the Jewish religious authorities. There was lots of travelling by foot and by boat. Often there were parables and miracles to reinforce what Jesus wanted his disciples to understand and accept.

In the new study of John, the focus is quite a bit different, but it is a great complement to complete the whole picture of who Jesus really is—from his lifetime right up to ours today! The main difference in this study is a deeper focus on the spiritual side of Jesus: who he really was, where he came from, and why he came to us on earth! There are some of the familiar stories from the other gospels, but there is more emphasis on “signs and wonders” that are meant to encourage us to believe that Jesus is the Christ and we can have new life in his name.

We meet in the library on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. We invite all men and women of the church to join us and see how some simple words and thoughts we are familiar with have a profound way of teaching us what wonders God, through Christ, has in store for us!



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PW Happenings

On January 5, the PW celebrated Epiphany by going to the Carillon Assisted Living facility and having cider and refreshments with the residents there. It was a joyous conclusion to the Christmas season as we visited with the residents and shared Christmas memories with them.

Spring Outing and Picnic

On Saturday, April 24, we will be going out to the Shelton Herb Farm which is a local farm specializing in herbs, vegetables and native plants. The owner, Meg Shelton, will lead us on a tour of the herb gardens. Please plan to meet at church at 10:00 a.m. and bring a bag lunch. Drinks will be provided. Plants will also be available for purchase. Shelton Herb Farm is located at 340 Goodman Road in Leland, about two miles to the west of US 17. We will carpool from church, or see Gayle Allen for directions. We hope you will join us at this rustic, peaceful spot as we have our spring gathering.

PW Circle Update

Morning Circle

Insider, outsider, part of a group or separate, inclusion, exclusion, included, excluded—all words that can sting. Morning Circle will discuss “Outsiders Become Insiders” as we study Joshua on Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. Please join us as we continue *A Journey of Faith*. We welcome all women to join us in our continued sharing and growing on the first Tuesday of each month.

Afternoon Circle

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 17 at **2:00 p.m.** in the CE Building. (Please note that the meeting time has changed this one time from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. to allow time for those attending the Lenten service and lunch to have time to make it to our meeting.) We will complete our study of the book, The God of Second Chances. All women are invited to join us.



Thoughts on Gifts to Goals From your PW Moderator of Mission/Spiritual

As we enter the second month of the New Year, I hope you are beginning to open those many Gifts of Christmas and finding many delights, wonders, challenges, new beginnings, and second chances in this new decade. As I begin to unpack my many gifts, my heart is overflowing with gratitude, hope, peace, and anticipation. Now it is time to set some goals for 2010!

“Properly understood, Christmas is not just a day or even a season of the year. It’s not an event on the calendar that arrives and passes. No, Christmas is much more than that. It is a permanent change that enters into our world ‘for keeps,’ affecting every one of our attitudes, actions, and relationships for the rest of our lives.

Christmas is not an end of anything. It is the beginning of a whole new way of understanding the world, each other, and ourselves. Christmas is the arrival date for a gift that must be opened up and put to use if it is to make any difference at all.” I hope you will meditate upon these words from a favorite website as a goal this year and as you prepare for Lent and Easter!

As we move into the New Year from The Gifts of Christmas to the Goals of the New Year, I challenge us to ponder the questions below, listening for God’s priorities. Life will happen...so make it the best....full of LOVE!

Some Questions to Ponder as We Pray About Goals

Goals give our life some direction; they put a powerful force into play on universal, conscious, and subconscious levels. They must be realistic--attainable. *What changes would you like to see happen in your life this year?

*What personal growth areas need your attention; blocks, character defects?

*What problems need resolving; decisions made in your life, your family life?

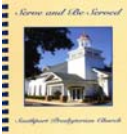
*Where do you want to go? What is attainable and doable? What are my limits?

Write it all down...and watch the year unfold with direction and purpose!

*Frederick Buechner says “The place God calls you is the place where your gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.”

*“In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your steps.” Prov.3:6

*“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past” and accept God’s invitation to “See, I am doing a new thing.” (Isaiah 43:18-19)



The “Baby” Has Arrived--Finally!

On Thursday, January 14, 2010, at 4:45 p.m., the long awaited cookbook “baby” finally arrived! It came about 5 days before its “due date” and there was great excitement in the D’Reaux household! The “birth weight” was 378.7 pounds and arrived in 12 boxes.

The PW Cookbook Committee is proud to present this 2010 edition and we have already received many nice compliments about its appearance. We hope you will enjoy using the wide variety of recipes for many years to come.

If you would like to purchase cookbooks, you can find them during the Fellowship Hour after Sunday service or you can contact Bobbie D’Reaux (253-8910) and we can make other arrangements. Each cookbook costs \$15 and you may pay by check (made out to: “Southport Presbyterian Women”) or cash.

Once again, the PW Cookbook Committee thanks the congregation for its great help and support in this project.

Providence Home

On Sunday, December 13, a plea for help went out from Providence Home (The Family Emergency Teen Shelter). The home is one of our church’s locally supported missions and it needed help to relocate their Southport Sheltered Treasures Thrift Store. Seven enthusiastic volunteers responded and helped by painting shelving, display racks, and furniture or sorting clothing and other donated items. Some of the volunteers even helped with both jobs.

The SPC members who volunteered their time and talents at such a busy time of the year received a thank you note from the store administrator. Their help allowed the store to reopen before Christmas and meet the urgent needs of our community. We also send our “thank you” to Beth Leyden, Grace and Bob Lee, Don Hazelton, Greta Forsythe, Jim Egbert, and Mike Hill!

Volunteers are always needed at the Thrift Store. No experience is necessary. Talk with Grace or Bob Lee if you would be able to volunteer a few hours a week to benefit needy families in Brunswick County.



Looking Back

100 Years Ago – 1900

In its second year since organizing, Southport Presbyterian had 21 members and 30 in the Sabbath school. The Rev. W. M. Shaw, evangelist for Brunswick County, and Price Furpless, Elder, continued to lead the congregation.

In September, the fall session of the Wilmington Presbytery met in Southport. Part of the meeting was a “Tacky Party” at Mr. Furpless’ home, Sunrise Palace, at the northwest corner of W. West Street and Clarendon Avenue.

In Southport, the city and William Weeks filed suit to recover possession of Fort Johnston claiming the United States government forfeited title because the fort had not been garrisoned consistently.

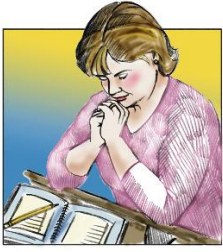
In the United States, William McKinley was re-elected President, defeating William Jennings Bryan.



Penny Pledge Update

The collection from the penny jar continues to be suffering with the economy. Tom Kuzenko reports that there was a total of only \$47.54 for the last two months. (Tom kindly donated extra to boost the amount.) Aside from the coins, there were only two different coins – 1 wheat penny and 1 Canadian coin.

Please think of the penny jar and deposit some of your coins when you can!



Prayer Concerns

Prayers for those in nursing or assisted living facilities: Helen Hodson, Marion Williams (Marilyn Whitford's mother), Betsy Snyder, Inez and Charles Kierstead, Grace Robertson (mother of Diane Wyte), Eleanor DeCoster (Sandy Egbert's mother)

Prayers of Sympathy: Family of Adam Boardway, Family of Dorothy W. Davis, Modlin and Family, Family of Jean Rhudy, Family of Ralph White

Continued Prayers: Grace Allen, Michael Allen, Marcia Amos, Joan Anderson, Robert Aylor, Marianne Barrelli (sister of Lynn Pfeifer), Joe Boyles (brother of Judy Sawers), John Bradford, Lynda Bregy, Dennis and Peggy Byrnie, Tiffany Carpenter, Dave and Jan Caudill, Christy Cribb, Meg Courtright (sister of Rhodes Messick), Margaret Davis, Lou Duke, Ray Dyer, Keven Elwood, Marcia Fetter's mother, Joyce and Marcia Galuski, Walter Geck, Steve Gervase, Rev. J. C. Grose, Ruby Groves (Barbara Miller's mother), Kate Harris (granddaughter of Connie and Doug), Marty Hickey, Mary Higgins, Karen Holdridge, Fran Jarrett, Roger Kerr, Ben Kiernan, Lucy King's daughter, Patrice Laughton, Sean Maxwell and all others in the military, Rosa Mae McCoy and family, Woody Mead, Ellen Messick, Les Milliken, Phyllis O'Brien, Glenn Reed, Gilda Rogers, Melissa Ruelle, Susan Seidel, Brenda Skinner, Fred Smith (Phyllis Johanson's brother), Carleen Sowers, Jerry and Susan Spencer, Charles Terhune, Trex Thomas, Jocelyn Tingley, Susanne, Heather and John Titrington, J. R. Tompkins, Diane Viney, Jack Walker, Evelyn Wescott, Mark Zebouni (Lena Fisher's great-nephew)



February Birthdays

1	Mary Alice Haynie	11	Gayle Allen
1	Martha Liotta	15	Linda York
1	Glenda Smith	18	Mary Higgins
2	Christy Cribb	23	Joann Aylor
4	Susan Toth	23	Gavin Toth
6	Trex Thomas	26	Elaine Witmer
7	Eric Hedblom	26	Sandy Burch
8	Jan Caudill	27	Norman Carathanasis
9	Ann Jahnes	28	Dave Caudill
10	Jeanne Crabtree	28	Joan Holloway



March Newsletter Deadlines

Welcome back contributors. Thanks for all your good efforts to send in articles that will help our congregation during the month of February. As you have probably observed, our new year is already busy and it promises to stay that way for the next few months at least. I welcome any news that you have at **any** time—you don't have to wait for the deadline if the topic isn't time sensitive. I would really like all committees to send in an article updating their activities for **each month's newsletter**. I really appreciate working with so many good people.

Deadlines for the March 2010 will be:

All articles (hard and e-mail copies) due: Friday, February 19, 2010

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Newsletters will be available in the church on **Sunday, February 28, 2010** and on the website (www.southportpresbyterian.com) that weekend or sooner.



- 7 New Members Orientation, 12:45 p.m.
- 8 Community Blood Drive
- 13 CPR Class 9:00 a.m.
- 14 Transfiguration of the Lord
- 17 Ash Wednesday – Lent Begins
- 24 Lenten Study Begins



- 14 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 28 Palm Sunday