

The South Plains Reflector



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Sunday Worship Service

1st Service 8:30 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.
2nd Service 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

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### Christian Education

Classes for all ages meet from  
9:45 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. each Sunday  
September through May

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Nursery

Childcare for infants through 2nd grade is
available following the Time With Children
portion of the Worship Service.

MEN'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST APRIL 19TH

Presbyterian men of South Plains Church are invited to a free, early-morning breakfast, to be held at the Manse at 08:00a.m., on Saturday, April 19th. This is an activity that we were doing several years ago, and our church would like to start it again. Primarily these very informal breakfasts will be a social gathering to allow the men of the church to get to know each other better, but we can also use the occasion to share prayer concerns and even chart out a project or two ... we'll see what you all would like to do. Anticipate we'll be finished by 09:30 at the latest, and probably plan getting together like this 3 or 4 times a year. Dads, high school/college age sons are welcome too! On the 19th we can discuss the best time for these breakfasts (to be convenient for our normal Saturday family plans, golf tee times, etc.). This time, Kip Riddle and Phil Keaton will be doing the cooking – please call either of us in order that we may have an approximate number attending... Kip 589-3975, Phil 589-2332. See you guys on the 19th!

UNGROUP

The unstructured, meet to eat gathering for all adults of South Plains, will meet Friday, April 25th at the Harrison/Ramirez home at 6:00 p.m. for a pot-luck dinner. Please call Linda (296-9992) for directions to their new home and to tell her what you'd like to contribute to the meal. Join us for an evening of delicious food and good fellowship!

EVENTS CALENDAR APRIL, 2008

- 2 Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m.
- 6 Worship Service with the Lord's Supper
- 9 Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m.
- 14 Presbyterian Women - 9:30 a.m.
- 15 Session - 7:00 p.m.
- 16 Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m.
- 23 Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m.
- 25 Ungroup - 6:00 p.m. (see article this page)
- 27 Cents-ability Offering
- 30 Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m.

PRAYER MATTERS

Joan Drake	At UVA recovering from accident
Mason Covington	Recuperating from surgery
Emily Dutterer	Peace Corps, worships in Grenada church
Joe Steckler	Friend of Jan Haire
Matt Garth	Downsized
Martha Keplinger	Frank's mother, heart problems
Mrs. Gibson	Friend of Rebecca Kuhn's
Becky Kropkowski	Friend of the Garth's
Larry Dayhoof	Friend of the Garth's
Bob Muller	Now at home
Charlotte Durham	Home after hospitalization
Sue Tallent	Marge Hampton's sister
Pete Gerard	Andrea Philips' neighbor
Marianne Josephson	Mother of Leah Wayner, improving
Robert James	UVA Hospital, cancer treatment
Marge Riley	Spinal Stenosis, recovering from surgery
Kim Kelly	Laura Campbell's friend being treated for Lupus
Grenada Presbyterian Church	Our partner in Grenada
Charles Smith	Brother of Carole Milks, treatment for leukemia
Reuben Swanson	Friend of Elsie Norford
Marge Hampton	Macular Degeneration
Georgia Grissinger	Macular Degeneration
Bruce Clabaugh	Lung cancer
Military and Government Service:	
Marshall Baughman	Basic Training, US Army
Michael Maddox	Kip & Janet Riddle's grandson - Germany
Doug Fenton	PCUSA chaplain - Walter Reed Hospital
Mark Little	Friend of Cindy Eaton, injured in Iraq
Bradley Smith	Lucille Campbell's grandson - deployed/Alaska

Dr. Garth is ordinarily in his study at the church from 9:00 a.m. – noon, Monday – Thursday. If he is called away during those hours, he will frequently check for voicemail. You may also reach him at home: (295-0584) or on his cell phone (465-5641).

NEW MEMBERS

On March 9, South Plains welcomed three new members into our church family. To help you become better acquainted with them, here is some more information about our new members.

Betsy and Ed Douglas moved to Lake Monticello after retirement. They were looking for lake living in a climate that was neither too hot or too cold. Lake Monticello fit the bill. They came here from Princeton, New Jersey. Betsy was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and grew up in

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Safety First

It is important that parents walk their children down to the nursery (during worship) and check in with the person providing childcare to make sure there is adequate coverage for the amount of children. Members of the congregation sign up to support this important part of congregational care and are scheduled to provide one adult each week. If another adult is needed one of the parents should remain behind to help.

WORSHIP SERVICE INFORMATION APRIL, 2008

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Sunday, April 6, 2008

COMMUNION ELEMENTS PREPARATION
Mary Howard

ELDERS SERVING COMMUNION
1st Service: Julie and Frank Keplinger
2nd Service: David Poleykett, Jan Haire,
Kip and Janet Riddle

GREETERS / USHERS
Apr. 06 (1st service) Mary Howard
(2nd Service) Don and Linda Ramirez
Apr. 13 (1st service) Larry and Sandy Day
(2nd service) Karyn Warren and Joan Biel
Apr. 20 (1st service) Mary and Jason Reitsma
(2nd service) Lisa Climer and Craig Brown
Apr. 27 (1st service) Bev Turner and Brenda Bikos
(2nd service) Carole and Gilbert Milks

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Officer of The Week  
Mar. 30 - Apr. 05 Bill Orr  
Apr. 06 - Apr. 12 Julie Keplinger  
Apr. 13 - Apr. 19 Lyn Johnson  
Apr. 20 - Apr. 26 Beverley Turner  
Apr. 27 - May 3 Laura Campbell

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Dana Lee
- 3 Martha Smith
- 4 Andrea Phillips
- 5 Vito Addotta  
Linda Makranczy
- 6 Darien Hall
- 7 Cindy Eaton
- 13 Sandra Day  
Debby Garth
- 14 Meaghan Willis
- 15 Lee Sipe
- 16 Addison Hall
- 19 Joanne Addotta
- 21 June Mueller
- 23 Michelle Smith
- 27 Michaux Grant
- 28 Carole Milks
- 29 Julie Keplinger
- 30 Andrew Hall  
Marjorie Riley



## SOUTH PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Around the world coffee & fellowship come together where we share community. A warm pot of coffee is often the centerpiece of fellowship hour, celebrations & other gatherings. As the second most heavily traded commodity in the world, coffee is a direct link between our communities & farming communities in Latin America, Africa, Asia & Appalachia. Through The Presbyterian Coffee Project, our congregation can enjoy great coffee while helping small farmers as they build a better future for themselves & their families. Through The Project, farmers earn a fair price for their products, have access to affordable credit & gain a long-term trading partner they can trust, a fair trade organization called Equal Exchange. In addition, for each pound of coffee, tea or chocolate purchased by Presbyterian churches through The Project, Equal Exchange makes a contribution to the Presbyterian "Small Farmer Fund" for projects supporting small farmers & their families. Last year (2007) with our support, these communities were able to invest \$23,591.61 in education, health care & agricultural improvements. By using Equal Exchange products we can share fellowship with our global neighbors as we help them to help themselves.

PW of South Plains sponsors the use of Equal Exchange products. The suggested contribution of \$6.00/pkg. for coffee, \$3.00/pkg. for tea & \$2.75/pkg. for chocolate helps us cover our cost. Fellowship hour coffee is provided by our Fellowship Committee through PW. Try a cup; We now offer whole bean decaf & regular coffee as well as drip grind decaf & regular coffee.

James 2:14-17 "What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes & daily food. If one of you says to him "Go, I wish you well; keep warm & well fed." but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."

The Presbyterian Coffee Project is a wonderful example of faith accompanied by action, Christ alive & well in our world.

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suburban Pittsburgh and Princeton.. She majored in French at Hollins College and received her MA in Russian at the University of Wisconsin. She was a language teacher and tax preparer. Betsy enjoys gardening and sewing. Ed was born in Greensburg, Pennsylvania and grew up in Tarrytown, New York. He graduated from Wooster College and received his MEE and PhD at NYU. He was a semiconductor research scientist. Ed enjoys photography, woodworking and cut-glass. He is interested in biblical history and the philosophy of religion. Ed and Betsy met in Princeton and have been married for thirty-five years. They have two grown sons, one living in Germany and the other in San Diego. They both agree that they were drawn to South Plains by the friendly atmosphere and the excellence of our pastor.

June Mueller was born in Ohio and grew up on the family farm in southeastern Ohio. At Ohio University she majored in secondary education with a concentration in biological sciences. She and her husband, Fritz, met in the Biology Club at Ohio University where he was pursuing a graduate degree. They have been married forty-three years and have a son and two grandchildren in Gaithersburg, Maryland and a daughter and two grandchildren in Farmville, Virginia. While her husband was studying for his PhD in zoology in Bozeman, Montana, June worked at a retirement home. Then Fritz accepted a position at Slippery Rock University and they moved to a farm near Grove City, Pennsylvania where June says "they were fortunate to incorporate teaching, farming and their love of nature into their daily lives." After ten years at home raising her children, June became manager of a plant tissue culture micro propagation lab. In her retirement she enjoys reading, walking, hiking, photography, swimming, observing nature and most of all, grandparenting! They moved to Lake Monticello to be near family and enjoy a milder climate.

## SOUTH PLAINS INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT – FEBRUARY 2008

### EXPENSES

|                          | <u>YTD Total</u> | <u>Budget</u> |
|--------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Ministerial              | \$ 11,834.00     | \$ 74,073.00  |
| Administrative           | 2,169.00         | 17,810.00     |
| Utilities                | 727.00           | 7,750.00      |
| Building & Grounds       | 990.00           | 10,130.00     |
| Worship & Music          | 1,856.00         | 14,010.00     |
| Christian Ed.            | 51.00            | 1,800.00      |
| Congregational Care      | 59.00            | 1,700.00      |
| Fellowship               | 0.00             | 1,200.00      |
| Evangelism               | 424.00           | 1,200.00      |
| Benevolence & Mission    | 1,450.00         | 14,700.00     |
| Trustees                 | 0.00             | 2,700.00      |
| Other Expenses           |                  | 12,584.00     |
| Total Operating Expenses | \$ 19,560.00     | \$ 159,657.00 |

### INCOME

|                    |              |               |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------|
| General Offering   | \$ 25,336.00 | \$ 150,000.00 |
| Interest/Dividends | 2.00         |               |
| Other Income       |              |               |
| Total Income       | \$ 25,338.00 |               |



## SAY CHEESE!

Olan Mills Photographers will be at The Manse on Tuesday, May 13th to take your picture for a new pictorial directory. More information to follow later this month.

**The deadline for the May issue of The Reflector is April 20th.**