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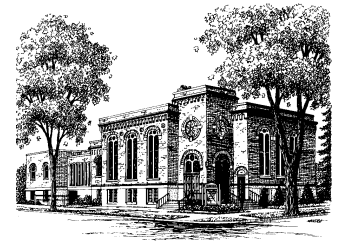
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# The Corner Connection



March 2010

## Church Vision-Growth Task Force

### Report to Congregation 2/23/10

1. The Vision For the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Workshop was held on Saturday, Feb. 20. At 9:00 am, we gathered for a Worship Service of prayer, praise music and words of direction/encouragement from Allen Foster.
2. Approximately 70 people were in attendance, including 18 leaders, facilitators and recorders. The participants gave input on each of the 3 discussion questions and answers were summarized and prioritized.

- **What is the main function (job) of a church?**

*What makes a church healthy, relevant, vital and vibrant?*

- **What are the best and least appealing parts of FPC Whitefish?**

*Why do you attend this church and if not why not?*

- **What should we focus on in the next few years?**

*How will we remain relevant in our community and attract new members?*

*What changes do we need to make?*

3. After a lovely brunch, each of the 9 tables came before the entire gathering to present their reports, which were written on large poster paper.
4. We closed with prayer and song at noon. The written reports remained on the walls of Fellowship Hall so all could read the results. On Sunday, we invited people to place stars next to their 3 favorite answers.
5. The Task Force is now in the process of summarizing the results of the Workshop and the 14 Non-Attendee forms which were submitted. They will have a final meeting on March 8.
6. On March 10, Jeanette Cheney will present the results to the Session. Allen Foster will coach the Session and Pastor Dan on putting the ideas into action, using a rolling forecast model which will ensure that the manpower, funding and periodic review process keeps new programs/actions moving forward.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeanette Cheney, Vision Task Force Secretary

### **WELCOME NOTICE:**

Please take the time to stop by the church office to introduce yourself and welcome Erin Sibley. Erin will serve as the Office Administrator and Secretary. She is new to the Flathead and has recently relocated from Missoula. She has a diverse work background and a can do attitude. Erin will be in the office Monday through Friday in the morning.



## Is in March *HAPPY BIRTHDAY!*

- March 1** Karen Rosenberg
- March 4** Arline Hankins
- March 5** Jerry Barnes, Phyllis Bjorsness, Ann Grant
- March 11** Rebecca Washer
- March 14** Terri Montgomery, Frank Leftwich, Donna Lazar
- March 15** Ole Netteberg, Ada Casazza
- March 16** Donnie Clapp
- March 18** Fay Atchinson, Mick Ricker, Don Montgomery
- March 20** Phyllis Galloway
- March 22** Turner Askew
- March 26** Jacqy Little
- March 28** Chris Washer
- March 29** Dee Strickler
- March 31** Glinda Fagan

### MISSION STATEMENT

The main purpose of the First Presbyterian Church is to glorify God and enjoy God forever. To fulfill this purpose, we affirm three God-given responsibilities:

- ⇒ To know, love and worship God through Jesus Christ
- ⇒ To serve and build up one another in love as members of the body of Christ
- ⇒ To go into our community, our country and the world, empowered by God's Holy Spirit

REGULAR SESSION MEETING - FEBRUARY 10, 2010

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| <p>† New members received by the congregation on February 7 were: Bill Canady (reaffirmation), Diana Stephens (transfer from First Presbyterian, Conrad, MT), and Gayle and Dale Bax (transfer from Christ Lutheran, Whitefish).</p>   | <p><b>Session<br/>Happenings</b></p> <p><b>By</b></p> <p><b>Ann Tarr</b></p> |
| <p>† K.C. Slikkerveer and Diana Stephens were ordained as Deacons on February 7. K.C, Diana and Flossie Fletcher were installed in the Class of 2012.</p>  | <p><b>Clerk of<br/>Session</b></p>   |
| <p>† A motion passed to allow use of Fellowship Hall March 20 for a birthday party for Phyllis Galloway. Decorating will be March 19.</p>  |  |
| <p>† A motion passed to move Deb House from the Session Class of 2010 to the Class of 2012, and Jeanette Cheney from the Class of 2011 to the Class of 2012. This is necessitated by the change in by-laws passed at the annual Congregational Meeting changing the makeup of the Session from 12 elders to 9.</p> |  |
| <p>† Remodel of the choir loft is close to completion. The Building and Worship Committees are collaborating on a screen and where it will be placed. Their recommendation will be brought before the congregation.</p>  |  |
| <p>† Painting of the Fellowship Hall will be done in the next few weeks. The kitchen floor has been stripped and refinished and the 5 year elevator inspection has been done.</p>  |  |
| <p>† A Shrove Tuesday pancake supper will be February 16.</p>  |  |
| <p>† The Ash Wednesday service will be February 17.</p>  |  |
| <p>† The Lenten study and soup suppers begin February 23.</p>  |  |
| <p>† The next Presbytery meeting will be the Convocation in Bozeman April 22-24.</p>   |  |

## March Scripture Reading

3rd Sunday in Lent— March 7

Isa. 55:1-9; Ps. 63:1-8; 1 Cor. 10:1-13  
Luke 13:1-9

4th Sunday in Lent— March 14

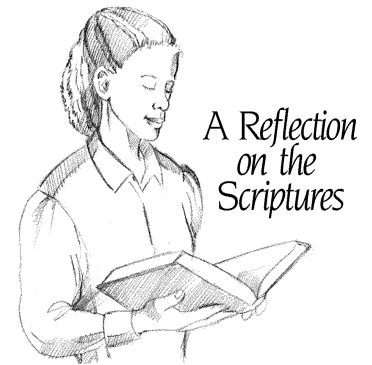
Josh. 5:9-12; Ps. 32; 2 Cor. 5:16-21  
Luke 15:1-3; 11b-32

5th Sunday in Lent— March 21

Isa. 43:16-21; Ps. 126; Phil. 3:4b-14  
John 12:1-8

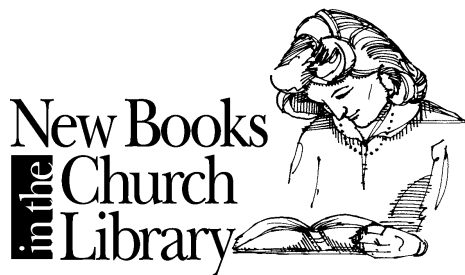
Passion/Palm Sunday— March 28

Luke 19:28-40; Ps. 118:1-2, 19-29  
Isa. 50:4-9a; Ps. 31:9-16; Phil. 2:5-11  
Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49



*When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.*

*John 19:30*



## The Passion of the Christ

### DVD

Mel Gibson

For the season of Lent I'm recommending from our church Library the Oscar winning Mel Gibson's DVD "The Passion of the Christ". With its release on Ash Wednesday, 2004, it became an instant classic hit.

A practicing Roman Catholic, Gibson had been trying for years to bring a compelling and realistic

account of Jesus' last hours to the movie screen. His vision of Christ's final hours is a departure from the rose-colored religious films made during the last mid-century.

"MY ULTIMATE HOPE IS THAT THIS STORY'S MESSAGE OF TREMENDOUS COURAGE, LOVE, AND SACRIFICE MIGHT INSPIRE TOLLERANCE, LOVE, AND FORGIVENESS. WE'RE DEFINITELY IN NEED OF THOSE THINGS IN TODAY'S WORLD." Mel Gibson



**Librarian  
Sandra Hartman**

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