

NEDERLAND COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"The Little Brown Church with the Bell"



We are a Congregation of

Open & welcoming doors
Open & growing minds
Open & faithful hearts

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Shrove Tuesday *Pancake Supper – Feb. 16, 6:30

The traditional "Shrove Tuesday Flapjack Feast" begins promptly at 6:00 and will continue until 6:30, or until we are so full we can't eat any more. At 6:45, the fun and frivolity begins with the traditional "big bag bang." Shrove Tuesday will conclude with a short devotional in the Sanctuary when we will "bury the alleluia" in anticipation of Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. The evening will conclude at 7:45, so you can get the kids to bed on time. Don't like to drive at night but want to be there? Let us know and we'll fix that little problem.



***Did we hear you ask, "Why Pancakes on Tuesday?"**



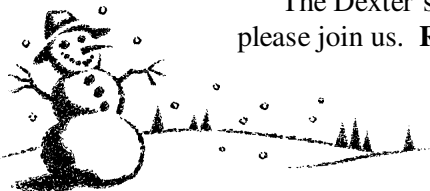
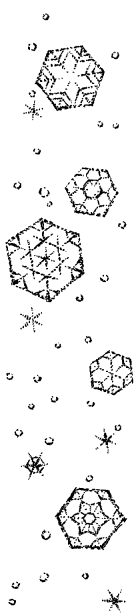
Our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is a tamed down version of "Carnival," the sometimes wild celebration we see take place in New Orleans, which began hundreds of years ago in the Middle Ages. The festivities include parades, costumes, dancing, music, and of course eating. Carnival always begins the three days before Ash Wednesday and began in anticipation of the approaching strict and severe Lenten observations of the time.

The last day of Carnival is known as "Shrove Tuesday," the day before Ash Wednesday. It was on this day that people traditionally went to confession in order to be "shriven" of their sins before the beginning of Lent. Shrove Tuesday is also the day of feasting that came to be known as "Mardi Gras" in French, "Fetter Dienstag" in German, or "Fat Tuesday" in England. (Patience, we're getting to the pancakes) About the time of Henry VIII, the Anglicans tradition of feasting on pancakes on Fat Tuesday was a way to use up their eggs and fat in preparation for the Lenten fast, so the Anglicans have given it the name, "Pancake Day." Historically, Lent was a period of giving up a number of foods and taking on spiritual disciplines, all ordered by the pope. Thus, feasting before the beginning of Lent was not only lots of fun, but also very practical. It was necessary to clear the house and cupboards of the foods that could not be eaten during the Lenten fast but would spoil without refrigeration. Those foods included meat, butter, cheese, milk, eggs, fats, etc. The word "Carnival" itself comes from the Latin phrase, "Farewell to meat".

Welcome to Our Table Sunday, Feb. 21 at 12:00 noon

Don and Pennie Dexter extend an invitation to lunch in their home to those who would like to know more about the mission and program of our church. This will be an opportunity for those who are new to our community of faith to become better acquainted with the Don and Pennie and other church members. The invitation is also open to those of you who have been around for a long, long time and would now like to explore what it means to become a member of our church family.

The Dexter's have a wonderful table that seats twelve so if you would like to be included, please join us. **RSVP the Dexter's at 303-642-7227 or e-mail dexinned@mric.net.**



Happy Valentine's Day
February 14





Lenten Book Study

Each Wednesday of Lent
Feb 24 – March 24 – 6:30 – 8:00

A “book study / discussion group” will meet at the church each Wed. evening during Lent, February 24, through March 24, at 6:30. We will share a light soup supper and discussion of the book: **“The Invisible Church – Finding Spirituality Where You Are”** by Pittman McGehee

Author Pittman McGehee is an Episcopal Priest and practicing Jungian analyst who writes with honesty and integrity about his love for the church, and concern that people who identify themselves as “spiritual but not religious” are not connecting with the traditional religious establishment. The following is a description of the book from the book jacket.

“While nearly half of Americans identify themselves with a fundamentalist brand of religion, and a sizable minority has rejected religion altogether, there is a vast middle ground. This book is aimed at that huge group of people who describe themselves as spiritual, but not religious. In other words, people who are open to encountering the divine and the transcendent, and indeed actively seek these experiences. The authors help readers improve their understanding of the religious nature of the psyche, the origins of myths and religions in the collective unconscious, and the ways in which organized religion has often worked to infantilize its followers. They leave the reader with an empowered ability to claim his or her own spiritual authority and lead a more abundant, authentic life. Many of those who have left organized religion have done so because it has hurt them in some way or because it failed to address their needs, yet they maintain a strong yearning to reconnect with the divine and transcendent level of human existence. As religious fundamentalism continues to influence so much of our national discourse, and as atheistic books rank high on bestseller lists, the time has never been more crucial for a book to address a third way between fundamentalism and atheism - a way that encourages readers to connect with their true religious nature, while at the same time maintaining their intellectual integrity and claiming their own authority. McGehee and Thomas offer that third way.”

“The Invisible Church” is now available at the reduced rate of \$10 for this study. If you would like to be part of this soup supper - book study and discussion group, please speak with Claudia O’Neill.

“Empty Bowls” Soup Supper

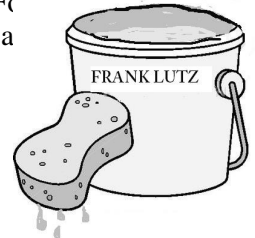
February 9, 6:00
At Teens Inc. building



The Nederland Area Seniors, in community with TEENS, Inc., and the Carousel of Happiness, will host a soup supper on Feb. 9 to help fight hunger.

The \$6.00 Soup Supper includes the ceramic bowl you use, but the evening has a special attraction for many of us. The evening will include a “Roasting of Frank Lutz”. But wait, there’s more! For will have an opportunity to throw a

The supper is a deal at \$6.00, but consider the real value here! For only \$5.00 more you can let Frank have it.



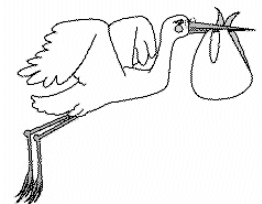
Priceless!

In our prayers:

Prayers of concerns for Kathy & Ben Brantley as they face complications with their pregnancy. Continued prayers of recovery and healing for: Frank Irwin, Frank Lutz, Judy Hubbard, Jim Stevens, Rhonda Skeie’s father-Lew Holland, Diana Nelson’s brother-in-law Gary Doolittle after heart surgery, and the family and friends of Linda Reese on her death. Continued prayers of comfort and peace to Susan Morrison’s mother, Irene and to Aaron Berkeley’s grandmother, Lucille Smart and as always, prayers of comfort and love to all those who are unable to worship with us on a regular basis including Florence Gruchy, Jane Bauder and Gloria Fraiser, as well as those serving in the military and away at school.

Prayers of joy for the birth of Dennis and Dorothy Whalen’s second granddaughter!

Adrianna Lorie Heller was born Jan 7, 2010 at 05:13am, 6 lbs 13 ounces, 20 inches long to Martha and Peter Heller, in Carthage, NY. Her older sister is Kristina Scarlett Heller.



Mission Committee

USDA Food Distribution will be Saturday, February 13, at 9:30 AM. The Food Pantry will also be open. Please let neighbors in need know of this service.

CWS will hold a covered dish luncheon at 12 Noon, followed by our regular meeting and devotions at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, February 9. We will hold our annual workshop to create Valentines for our absent members and friends.

One Great Hour of Sharing materials are in. Watch for the "fish" banks to soon appear on the credenza at the back of the Sanctuary. Take one for your family and begin saving coins to contribute. The collection will be taken up on Easter Sunday. *One Great Hour of Sharing has contributed a major effort in Haiti in recent weeks and funds will be needed to provide assistance in the future.*

Justine Irwin
Missions Moderator

Haiti Disaster Assistance

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has been at work in Haiti providing temporary shelter, food and health assistance thanks to gift made through the **One Great Hour of Sharing and gifts designated for Haiti.** Funds are also being used to provide water and sanitation engineers, and equipment to construct water purification systems. Resources for building latrines are also being provided, as the sanitation situation is critical. PDA will be supporting communities in the long struggle to rebuild from this disaster — the worst earthquake to strike Haiti in 200 years.

In disaster situations, the most pressing need is money. A designated account has been established to help with the immediate relief efforts in Haiti. Gifts by check that includes the designated giving account number: DR000064 and given through our church

or mailed directly to:
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
P.O. Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700



Opportunities to Serve:

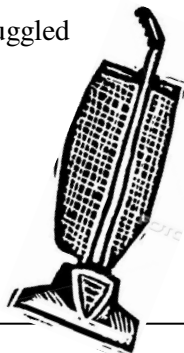
The Worship Committee needs 15 or more worship leaders each month to help serve communion, usher, greet, and serve as liturgist. If you would like to become involved in the worship life of our church in this way please speak with Michael O'Neill or Carolyn Armstrong.



Fellowship Committee Moderator, Kathleen Henningsen has done a marvelous job organizing our Fellowship Hour week after week. She appreciates all the help with goodies, set-up and clean-up, but have you noticed that she also does much of this herself as well? There is a sign-up sheet on the kitchen door that always has a spot for your name!

Our custodian, Michael Dexter, has struggled for the past few years trying to do good work with a BAD vacuum cleaner. If you have a good machine just sitting around waiting to be put into service, consider the church.

Our tired old vacuum needs to be "put down" – literally.



CELEBRATIONS AND CONGRATULATIONS

February Birthdays

Scott Murray	2
Erik Skeie	4
Frank Irwin	5
Gaylord Morrison	12
Stazi Snelling	17
Bette Ventrella	20
Judy Hubbard	21
John Anderson	23
Samantha Harrison	23
Nancy Lawthers	27



February Anniversaries

Ed & Eleanor Busch	8
Bill Kocher & Cheryl Wiles	27



Report of the NCPA Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the congregation convened on Sunday, January 17, 2010 following a potluck lunch in the Fellowship Hall of the church. The purpose of the meeting was to review the past year's work of our church community, receive the annual report from the session, receive the budget for 2010, elect elders to the class of 2013, and review the terms of call for the pastor. A copy of the Annual Report is available on the credenza or via e-mail by request.

1. Budget: Ben Brantley reviewed the end of year results of the 2009 budget and presented the budget for 2010. We received more in the offering plate than we budgeted and the church was blessed with several large donations. As a result, instead of the deficit of \$18,500 that was forecasted at the beginning of 2009, the church realized a surplus of \$13,000. We are very thankful and blessed by this giving. Although the church was blessed with extraordinary giving in 2009, the 2010 budget does not forecast similar giving. Thus, the almost \$94,000 budget includes a deficit of around \$17,000.

2. Terms of Call: The congregation voted to give its pastor, Don Dexter, a 4% increase in salary. There had been no adjustments for three years.

3. Election of Officers: Michael O'Neill and Ben Brantley leave the session this month after three years of devoted service. Be sure to thank them. Kathy Brantley will leave session this spring, thus we will need a person to come forward to chair Christian Education. The congregation elected Carolyn Armstrong to serve as the Worship and Music chair on the session. Michael O'Neill will serve as her assistant. No one has come forward to fill the position of Finance on the session. That position will remain vacant for the time being. Please be in prayer for these vacancies to be filled. The congregation elected Jim Hubbard to serve on the 2010 Nominating Committee. The Session will appoint an active elder to head the committee at its February meeting. This leaves one vacancy from the congregation. Please consider serving the church on this committee. The burden is light.

Don Dexter asked the congregation to thank and acknowledge the following individuals for their continual, untiring service to the church:

- **Judy and Jim Hubbard, Treasurer and assistant**
- **Jack and Shirley Filer, newsletter folding, stapling and mailing the newsletter, and collecting and distributing the church's incoming mail**
- **Rhonda Skeie, proofreading and help formatting the newsletter**
- **Frank Irwin, hauling church's trash to the county green boxes**
- **Cinda Kochen, for her indefatigable service in the nursery with our youngsters**
- **Frank Lutz and Gary Ennor, for stepping into the pulpit from time to time to relieve the pastor**
- **Jim Stevens, who bakes our communion bread each month, although not a member**
- **The members of Session, the choir and musicians, and all those others whose silent, quiet service to the church may have gone unacknowledged, for cleaning, weeding, repairing, cooking, etc.**

At the close of the meeting, Don commented that much of the trash leaving the church is a result of food and disposable place servings being thrown away. We anticipate that before Easter this problem will be solved. Keep your eyes open — a change is in the works.

Gary Ennor, Clerk of Session

Counselor's Corner:



Before we know it, the New Year is well on its way and Valentine's Day is just around the corner. People's experiences and opinions about this day are a lesson in extremes, much like our mountain weather!

I once had a co-worker who religiously hosted an Anti-Valentine's Day party every year. If you attended, you were required to wear all black, participate in games like destroying the black, heart-shaped piñata, and not use any Valentine's words—heart, love, red, pink, happy, couple. She passed out a vocabulary list at the door to make sure you were forewarned, although she was always a bit vague on the consequences.

Some people speak of Valentine's Day as being created by the card and flower industry. There's a lot of time between Christmas and Easter, so they

needed to pick one holiday and create lots of excitement to make a profit. In a capitalist society such as ours, even relationships and feelings are up for sale.

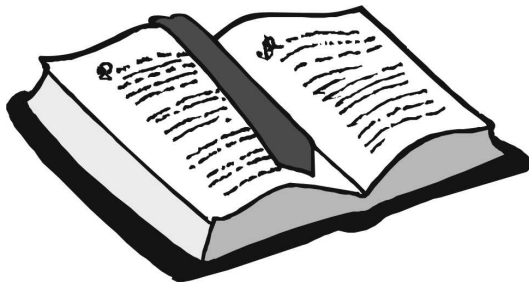
At the other end of spectrum some couples start planning for the special day the beginning of January. What gifts to buy? What special flowers to order that will convey the perfect message? They agonize over reservations at a fancy restaurant or creating an elaborate meal at home. Every detail must be perfect to create that unforgettable romantic moment.

Finally there's the agony of first love that accompanies every elementary school Valentine's Day party. How do you demonstrate your love for that special someone without being too obvious? What if they don't even know you exist? Or worse, what if they like you too?

The reality of Valentine's Day of course is all of these experiences, and so much more. May your Valentine's Day this year be one that fits who you are and all that you hope to be.

Amy Hartman www.peaktopeakcounseling.com

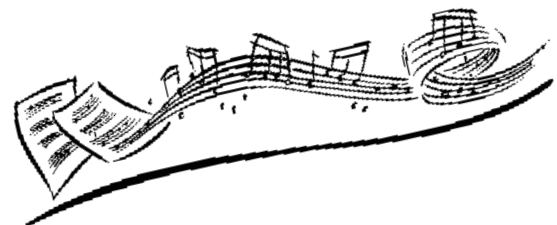
Liturgist Workshop



If you are interested in serving as a Liturgist for our worship service, you are invited to join those currently serving as we explore the meaning and fulfillment of this important leadership roll. The Liturgist team will meet after worship on February 28 for a brief workshop. Please speak with Michael O'Neill or Carolyn Armstrong about your interest in attending.

Choir Notes:

This month the choir will rehearse on Tuesday, February 2 at 6:30. We will begin work on music for the season of Lent and Easter. We welcome anyone who likes to sing. Come join us!



Sun	Mon	Tue	February 2010 Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 12pm NAS Lunch	2 6:30 Choir Rehearsal	3 9:30 – Painting 12pm NAS Lunch	4 10:00 Food Pantry	5 Presbytery of Plains	6 and Peaks Ft. Collins
7 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship and Communion FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY	8 12pm NAS Lunch	9 1-3 CWS 6:00 – Empty Bowls And Frank Lutz Roast	10 9:30 – Painting 12pm NAS Lunch 1-3 Writing <u>Wkshop</u>	11 6:30 - Session	12	13 9:30 – 11:00 USDA and Food Pantry
14 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship 10:30 Church School Potluck Lunch after Worship	15 12pm NAS Lunch	16 SHROVE TUESDAY Pancake Supper 6:30	17 9:30 – Painting 12pm NAS Lunch 1-3 NAS Board	18	19	20
21 9:00 Choir 10:00 Worship 10:30 Church School 12:00 Inquirer's Luncheon	22 12pm NAS Lunch	23	24 9:30 – Painting 12pm NAS Lunch 1-3 Writing <u>Wkshop</u> 6:30 Lenten Soup Supper and Book Study	25 10:00 Food Pantry	26	27 9:00 – 1:00 Nederland Library Board Retreat
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