

GLENDALE PRES

february 2012



WELCOME TO GLENDALE PRESBYTERIAN'S MONTHLY BULLETIN

february calendar

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GPC EVENTS

- Feb. 10 Parent's Night Out
- Feb. 11 Kids in the Kitchen
- Feb. 12 Senior Adult Ministry Luncheon
- Feb. 17 HS Winter Retreat
- Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 23 IMPACT Conference begins

COMING IN MAY



Weekly sermons are available on our website

Communion is served once a month

www.glenpres.org

GROUPS AND CLASSES

Sundays

- 9:00 am 10:10 Class, Family Room
- 9:00 am Agape Sunday School Class, Room 208
- 9:15 am Jerusalem to Athens Class, Room 202
- 9:00 am Children's Sunday School, Children's Ministry Bldg
- 8:45 am The Route (Jr. High), Subway
- 8:45 am Kinetic (Sr. High), Subway
- 10:30 am Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:30 am Children's Choir rehearsal, Stewart Hall

Mondays

- 7:00 pm Connections Book Club, 4th Monday
- 7:00 pm Caregivers Support Group, 2nd Monday, Room 107

Wednesdays

- 6:15 pm Christ-Centered Stretching & Strengthening
- 6:00 pm Youth Wednesdays at In & Out, 7 pm Subway

Thursdays

- 9:30 am Community Bible Study, 9:30 am, Family Room
- 7:30 pm Choir rehearsal, basement

Fridays

- 6:15 pm Celebrate Recovery, Family Room

Saturdays

- 9:00 am Connections Sewing & Quilting, 2nd Saturday

GLENDALE PRES PUBLICATION

If you have information you would like to appear in this monthly publication, please contact Jan Bush at jbush@glenpres.org, or ext. 225, in the church office. All articles need to be turned in by the THIRD Friday of the month.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT GPC MINISTRIES

There is an acrylic brochure holder located in the Narthex that contains information about our church. Please pick one up and take home with you.

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A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

There is big news among Presbyterian churches.

As of January 19th, 2012, there is a new denomination in town.

In response to the 1) historical decrease in membership in the PC(USA), 2) the lagging denominational momentum in planting new churches and 3) the approval of the ordination of homosexuals - a sizable group of Presbyterian churches - known quite Tolkienly as *the Fellowship of Presbyterians* - began to seek a new way forward. The goal was to create a New Reformed Body focused on missional health, orthodox practice and denomination growth; or as it is stated on their website: *flourishing churches that make disciples of Christ*.

On January 19th, in Orlando, FL, Menlo Park Presbyterian preaching pastor John Ortberg revealed that New Reformed Body:



Evangelical
Covenant
Order
OF PRESBYTERIANS

ECO is committed
to growing and planting
flourishing churches
that make disciples
of Jesus Christ.

It's my job to provide you with information...and that is what this is: *information*.

This is not the current direction of Glendale Presbyterian Church.

There is much more discussion to have, much more prayer, and much more discernment as a body of leaders and members.

The ECO, or Evangelical Covenant of Presbyterians, has completed a theological statement, a new book of polity, and a number of essential tenets that all ECO affiliated churches must agree to affirm. You will find these documents here:

<http://www.fellowship-pres.org/new-reformed-body-unveiled/>

The ECO theological statement is well written and adheres faithfully to our Reformed tradition, pointing us towards our Westminster origins. The new polity, comically referred to as the *Pamphlet of Order* because of its length, is in many ways much lighter and more adaptable than the current *Book of Order*. The Essential Tenets are sensible, but appear to need some more discussion and clarity of their purpose overall.

Many of you have asked about how the PC(USA) will respond the recent actions of General Assembly. Many have asked what will happen as a denomination. I don't have all the answers, but the ECO has presented a number of possibilities and topics for discussion.

In Christ,

Pastor Chris Harrison

GPC All Church Camp April 27 - 29, 2012

Join the GPC community at our annual retreat in the mountains - enjoying fellowship, playing, relaxing, and praising God! GPC All Church Camp will be held during the weekend of April 27-29, 2012 at the beautiful Thousand Pines Christian Camp and Conference Center. It's a weekend for ALL people of ALL ages to gather for extreme fun (or total relaxation) in the pines.

Be on the lookout for more details.



HAPPENINGS AT GLENDALE PRES



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

JAM 56 - Jesus and Me for 5th and 6th grades

Our oldest elementary kids are invited to a gathering once a month with food, fun and amazing games! Each JAM 56 event has a special theme with opportunities to dress up, eat delicious food and play wild, messy and crazy games all while hearing a message about God. The next JAM 56 will take place on Friday, March 9th.

KIDS IN THE KITCHEN WITH KRISTINA KUZMIC

Saturday, February 11th

The BIG kitchen in the Children's Ministry Building

Each class will make (and eat) its own unique dishes. Invite friends! Adult and teen helpers are needed. Kindergarten through 2nd grade, 10 to 11:30 am, \$3 per child. 3rd & 4th grades, 12:30 to 2 pm, \$5 per child, 5th & 6th grades, 3-4:30 pm, \$5 per child. Sign up by Wed., February 8th - Lisa Patriquin, lpatriquin@glenpres.org or 828.242.8873, ext. 238.

THE LORD'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSALS

Rehearsals take place on Sunday mornings from 10:30 to 12 noon in the gym. Contact Peggy Richmond, ext. 242. All children from 1st to 6th grade are welcome.

YOUTH - JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH

Every Sunday we gather in the Subway from 8:45 to 10:15 am for Youth Worship.

Jr. High contact Lyndsey Deane ledeane21@yahoo.com

Sr. High contact George Ratchford geojax@mac.com

Wednesday Nights for Junior & Senior High

Dinner in the Subway from 6 pm, 7-9 pm, games/worship/hang-out.

COLLEGE/YOUNG ADULT

GPC's College and Young Adult ministry is a group of married and single college students and young professionals who are attempting to understand and follow the way of Jesus. We meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am at Starbucks located in the Marketplace. When it gets cold and rainy we meet in Room 110. If you would like to be included in the weekly update contact Ashley Myers at ashleycmeyers86@gmail.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Agape Class

February 12 to April 1 - Gospel of John - Marilyn McGinnis teaching.

10:10 Sunday School Class

Meets on Sunday mornings at 9 am in the Family Room. Travel through the Bible with the teaching of John Karagozian and friends.

Jerusalem to Athens Sunday School Class

Class meets at 9:15 am in Room 202. Join us for coffee and conversation as we wrestle with the big issues of life and faith. Goran Dragolovich is the teacher. To get on the email list for updates, contact Katherine Wallace at wallacesk@sbcglobal.net.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY "CONNECTIONS"

BOOK CLUB

4th Monday of the month. Contact Mary Pirio at 818.500.0517 or pirioma@aol.com for more information.

SEWING AND QUILTING CLASS

Meets in the Family Room from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on the second Saturday of the month. If you have a sewing machine and love to sew, quilt or stitch on fabric, please join us. The teacher is Christine Watrous 818.843.6380, with Carolyn Fariss, assisting. Please contact Carolyn at dandcfariss@charter.net for more information.

ON GOING GROUPS

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

We extend an invitation to anyone to join our dementia/caregiver support group that meets on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in Room 107. Our group offers an opportunity to discuss the frustration and bewilderment that comes with the care of a loved one and to offer suggestions in coping with a person with dementia of any form. Our group facilitator is Janet Yang. Call Marilyn McGinnis, 818.247.5488.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Meets every Friday evening in the Family Room. Dinner begins at 6:15 pm, program at 7:00 pm. This is designed to help those struggling with hurts, habits and hang-ups by showing them the loving power of Jesus Christ through a recovery process.

CHRISTIANS PRACTICING YOGA

Wednesday Evening Class - 6:15-7:30 pm weekly. \$15 per class. Scholarships and childcare are available. If you would like more information please contact Cissy at 626.823.1774 or cissy@cissybradyrogers.com.

SUNDAY LUNCH PROGRAM

Thank you, GPC, for your support of the *Sunday Lunch Program*. We served and blessed over 200 men and women in January. Special appreciation and thanks to Mary Pirio, Carol Unger and Kathryn Wallace, and the many, many

servers and volunteers including George Ratchford and the Youth, Deacons, and J2A and Agape classes. Do you have an interest in coordinating this program. Contact Suzie Szalay at sszalay@isualum.com.



PRESCHOOL REPORT

As we close out January at GPC Preschool, I am thankful for how we, as a preschool, fit into the larger community. It was a month about reaching out and sharing ourselves with others. Thank you to Carolyn Fariss who invited us to take a turn in the ministry cabinet in the hallway.

GPC hosted a Kindergarten Information Night featuring representatives from local schools and community organizations in order to help parents make decisions about Kindergarten for their children. It was great to find out we are all working towards the same goal of meeting the diverse educational needs of children.

In February, we will continue our emphasis on kindness as we celebrate Valentine's Day together and talk about God's love. Friday, February 10th, we will host another **Parents' Night Out**. Bring your preschool and elementary age kids to the Yellow Room from 6 to 9 p.m. for dinner and activities. The cost is \$15/child with a maximum of \$35/family.

We will close out the month with a special presentation by one of our parents who is a professional puppeteer. If you would like to come and share, please contact Alisa Edwards in the preschool office: 818.242.2660.

PLAN AHEAD . . .

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

If you are 60 or over you are invited to a "Senior Adult" luncheon on February 12, 2012. Come celebrate with us! RSVP to the church office by Monday, February 6.

YOUTH SPECIAL EVENTS

High School Winter Retreat

February 17-19, Cost \$75

What's it all about? Good question. Ice Skating, helping those in need, i.e. Door of Hope, worship, late night chatting, great food, and . . . are you ready for this . . . well, it's actually a surprise. No that's not right, it should be plural, surprises. Don't miss it! Contact George Ratchford geojax@mac.com or 904.338.1574.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Begins with the Winter Retreat, Feb 17-19. Continues for 8 more Sunday Sessions. This is our every two-year confirmation process so get in on the action. Open to 9th grade through 21 years-old (for college students who have not gone through the process). For more information please contact the GPC Youth Oversight Committee: Gayle Myers 818.683.303
Rebecca Harrison 818.661.7794
Henry Artime 626.676.7703

2012 IMPACT CONFERENCE

GPC will host this conference on February 23 to 25. This conference brings together key national leaders, expat workers, agencies and churches to explore church planting partnerships in the Indo-Mala world. We need help in many different areas. A flyer is available in the Narthex that details what is needed. Everyone is invited to join the conference group for an evening of fellowship including a dinner and a Concert of Prayer on Thurs. Feb. 25. Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm (\$6 donation) and the Concert begins at 7 pm. Contact Rebecca Harrison if you can help or plan on attending the dinner, 818.661.7794 or rebeccalin@cox.net

FORMING HEARTS, CREATING ART

A one-day worship conference on February 11th, put on by the Fred Bock Institute of Music at Fuller Seminary. The conference will explore new resources for worship and consider theological and pastoral issues related to worship. If you are interested in coming along please contact Jeff Bonhiver, 626.429.3156 or jeffbonhiver@gmail.com.

FESTIVAL OF WORSHIP

February 12th at 7 pm - 1000 musicians will join voices and instruments in a multi-denominational worship event. The GPC Adult Choir and the Los Angeles County Children's Christian Choir will be singing. Co hosted by Fuller Seminary and the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in downtown Los Angeles, the worship begins at 7:00 pm and there is a suggested \$10 donation per person at the door. Be sure to come early, for an interview with Cathedral tapestry artist, John Nava at 6:15 pm.



Drawn to Discover God
Serve Others
and Together Meet Jesus

2012 DEACONS

Martha Baker, Cat Bigham, Ray Chan, Lucy Cloos, Jeanette Draney, Jon Edwards, Carol Jung, Gretchen Klintworth, Jeri Little, Audrey McFelea, Rob Preclaro, Shelley Staudenmeir, Carol Unger, Jorge Vazquez, Nancy Wammack and Sylvester Williams.

2012 SESSION ELDERS

Shelley Abel, Michael Beattie, Steven Beebe, Will Bigham, Chris Harper, Todd Hunt, Kari Lindman, Marilyn McGinnis, Bill Myers, Joy Palmer, Phil Pirio, Don Riddell, Beach Rogers, Gwen Thompson, Brent Unger, Katherine Wallace and Tom Yang.

Rev. Chris Harrison, Pastor and Head of Staff

Activate

Sign up TODAY!!

Forms available In the Narthex