

# The Messenger

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### Special Points

#### Of Interest:

- **Breakfast sponsored by the Men's Club**  
February 7.
- **BIRTHDAY/FRIENDS & FAMILY SUNDAY**  
Birthday Cakes at Coffee Hour on Feb. 28.
- **Women of HOPE Luncheon Meeting, Noon,**  
Friday, February 12
- **ASH WEDNESDAY is**  
February 17.



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## Join the Church-Wide Lenten Study

In the year I have been in Peekskill, I have heard many people say they would like to see more opportunities for the congregation to engage in the study of Scripture. Because there is no better time to participate in a Bible study than the season of Lent, the Christian Education Committee and I are working to develop several small study groups that will use the same book. *Celebrate the Risen Christ* by Andy and Sally Langford is a six-session study offered for Lent 2010 that will help us understand, appreciate, and participate in meaningful and joyous celebrations of God's salvation and gift of life as we remember the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This study offers us the opportunity and challenge to journey toward Jerusalem and the cross by exploring the Revised Common Lectionary readings designated for this Lenten season. I will also be preaching on the lectionary readings throughout Lent, so everyone will be "on the same page."

On the Sundays February 7 and February 14 we will have sign-up sheets in the social hall during coffee hour (and in the office during the week) where you can sign up for a day and time that works best for you to meet for each of the six weeks during Lent. Groups will be formed based on which times have the most people available. I'm hoping that we have some evening groups, some weekday groups, and even a Saturday group, as well as the group that usually meets on Sundays after worship. I'm also hoping that the groups can be multi-generational. Books will be available for \$6.40.

Please prayerfully consider participating in this important 6-week church-wide Bible study, which will begin the week of February 21. I'm confident that your participation will make the 2010 Lenten Season more

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## February Birthdays



## **Join the Church-Wide Lenten Study (*continued*)**

meaningful as, together with your church family, you follow Jesus and his disciples to Jerusalem. The whole of Scripture encourages us to engage in such a journey and to celebrate the new life offered through the Risen Christ.

Rev. Rhonda K. Kruse, Interim Pastor

## **Bohlers' Project Relief Mission Trip to New Orleans**

Cindy and Eric Bohler will be traveling to New Orleans with Project Relief February 14-21. If you would like to make a donation to help with their expenses, make your check payable to Peekskill Presbyterian Church, noting that it is for the Bohler mission trip.

## **Summer Mission Trip to West Virginia--Join Us!**

A mission trip can be a life-changing experience. You are invited to be part of the 2010 Peekskill Presbyterian Church mission trip to Montgomery, West Virginia July 10-17. This multi-generational trip already has 10 people between the ages of 14 and 65 committed to serve; we have room for 10 more. We will be working with the West Virginia Ministry of Advocacy & Workcamps, a mission of the West Virginia Presbytery ([www.wvpresbytery.org](http://www.wvpresbytery.org)), doing home flood repair or small building projects such as wheelchair ramps, porches, floors, roofs, etc. for folks in an economically depressed area of Appalachia. A building supervisor will be on site, showing us exactly what needs to be done, so don't worry if you don't have building experience. The total cost will be around \$300 per person, and we plan to have fundraising events to help offset the cost. We will have Wednesday off for sightseeing or recreation.

Don't miss this opportunity to serve those in need in the name of Jesus Christ, build Christian community through service, deepen your faith in the context of service and teamwork, and help re-ignite a sense of mission and ministry for this congregation. The trip will be led by Interim Pastor Rhonda Kruse.

If you feel called to participate or want additional information, contact Rhonda at [rhondakruse@gmail.com](mailto:rhondakruse@gmail.com) or through the church office. A \$50 deposit is needed by February 28 to reserve your spot.

## **Presbyterian Women Ash Wednesday Retreat**

There will be a retreat from 10:30-1pm, February 17 at Stony Point. Bring a sandwich. Beverages & fruit provided. For more information contact [www.hudrivpres.org](http://www.hudrivpres.org).

## **Men's Club Breakfast February 7**

The monthly church-wide breakfast held the first Sunday of each month will resume February 7, 2010 at 8:30am. Having taken a break during January, the men's crew is anxious to resume their duties. So, we ask that you mark your calendars and join us for a relaxed breakfast before assembling for church service

## Men's Bible Study/Breakfast

The Thursday morning Men's Bible Study/Breakfast is now into its second month of meetings. All men of the church are urged to attend. We meet the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 8am and we have a great discussion of biblical and secular issues – all in a friendly manner. This month's meeting dates will be February 11<sup>th</sup> and February 25<sup>th</sup>. Men – we look forward to seeing you!

## World Day of Prayer

Friday, March 5, 2010 will be the day for the World Day of Prayer Service – a global, ecumenical movement of informed prayer and prayerful action by women around the world. This year the service is written by the women of Cameroon. The theme this year is ***“Let Everything That Has Breath Praise God”***.

We are asking and hoping that all women of the church join us in this special service. The exact location will be announced at a later time. Keep the date in mind and mark your calendars – Friday, March 5.

## Women of Hope

The mid-winter luncheon meeting of the Women of H.O.P.E. is scheduled for Friday, February 12, 2010 at noon, in the church Social Hall. (The snow date is February 20.) Everyone is invited, men and women. Bring a sandwich and a friend to share the information and fellowship of this gathering. Beverages and dessert will be provided. Caroline Renaud, one of our members, will be dressed in her 18<sup>th</sup> century period attire as she discusses with us some of the techniques used in homemaking during this time period. Surprisingly, some of those same techniques are used today, as well.

The afghan project is on-going and every contribution is greatly appreciated. We are in need of 8-inch squares which are used to make our lap blankets and baby blankets. Due to the gradual decrease in the number of HOPE members able to participate, help from others is needed more than ever. We hope you will answer our call and we thank you in advance for responding. If you are able to help, please contact an officer of the women's group – Jean Valente, Vera Sokel, Leonore Mancebo, Beverly Dyckman, Eartha Brown.

## Hunger Rally

The joint Hunger Rally by WLNA and Peekskill Presbyterian Church will take place on Sunday, February 21, 2010. Please remember to bring in your canned goods and any other non-perishable items for this project. The project is held the third Sunday every other month beginning in February. Thanks you for your past support and we hope you will think of those who are less fortunate by continuing to support this project in 2010.

**Items to Give:** canned vegetables, canned fruit, tuna fish, canned chicken, canned soup, powdered milk, canned juices, boxes of macaroni, sauces, jellies, jams, water

## 2nd Fridays Community Youth Group

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Fridays Youth Group will meet at St. Peter's Episcopal Church on February 12 to participate in “A Night for Haiti,” a service project for the teens of Haiti. See Christine Button or Rhonda Kruse for times and details.

## Notes From Session - January 14, 2010

Following are a few highlights from the Session meeting of January 14.

- Session approved the contract for Rev. Kruse for another year, from February 4, 2010 to February 3, 2011.
- Walter Neff was welcomed by Session as the new Treasurer, taking over for Bruce Simon.
- New Church directories will be available in February.
- The Church website will be updated in the near future on a weekly basis.
- Mission and Stewardship announced that we have received 57 pledges for a total of \$105,200.
- The Session and Deacons will meet together on Saturday, February 6, 9:00am-noon.
- Ordination/installation of officers will be February 7.
- Beginning in February, the Session will meet on the 2nd Thursday at 7:00 pm.

- *Philena Bolden, Clerk*

## Thrift Shop News

The Lord's Attic needs donations of like new and clean household items, pots, pans, servers, small appliances, irons, coffee makers, toasters, blenders, microwaves, alarm clocks, fans, general utensils (no knives), blankets, sheet sets, comforters, drapes, curtains, tablecloths, giftware, jewelry, children's clothing, etc.

## February 28, 2010 - Family and Friends Worship Sunday Honoring our Members of Fifty Years Plus!!!

FRANCES YEATES  
AETNA DOWST  
BARBARA MATSEN  
CAROL WOOD  
KENNETH CREAMER  
MERVIN (DUTCH) TREPTOW  
JOYCE TREPTOW  
HARRY PERCOULIS  
ALTHEA PERCOULIS  
JOAN HINTZE  
KENNETH VOGT  
NANCY HORTON  
JOSEPH DEUTSCH  
ETHELMAY (EFFIE) DEUTSCH  
HELEN LINDSEY  
DONALD STRAUB  
FRANCES TRAVIS  
CHARLOTTE KOERNER  
ROBERT STRAUB  
MAE CONKLIN  
RUTH ISABELLA  
DOROTHY FOWLER  
AUDREY COTHREN  
DOROTHY WOMBLE  
RUTH DYCKMAN  
GENEVIEVE PALMER  
LILLIAN WILLIES  
CAROL ROBINSON

Annual Birthday Celebration following worship in the Social Hall

