



GlenPres

MARCH 1, 2010

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Adult Bible Study

Thursdays, 7:30 am

Learning for All Ages

Sundays, 9:30 am

Handbells

Wednesdays, 5:30 pm

Choir Practice

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm

Lenten Study

Wednesdays, 10:00 am
(through March 24th)

Mary Circle

March 18th, 7:00 pm

I&S and CE Meetings

March 21st, 11:45 am

Sarah Circle

March 23rd, 9:30 am

Easter Cantata:***And the Son Arose***

March 28th, 10:30 am

Session

March 28th, 11:45 am

Dear members,

As we look at the state the world faced 60 years ago, the state that first called our churches to join together in One Great Hour of Sharing, and at what we face today as we approach this offering's 60th anniversary, we see many troubling parallels. Now as then, far too many of our brothers and sisters are trying to recover from the devastation of war, a devastation multiplied many times beyond what some of our own families have suffered. This year as then, many economies are shattered, bringing those in poverty and hunger to the point where their very survival is at stake. Unlike 60 years ago, these needs reach deeply into our own towns and cities. We can no longer stand above the pain of the world, imagining that those stuck in the suffering below are somehow different from us. We know all too well that in a smaller and smaller world, the suffering of one family quickly spreads to all.

Yet this year's offering theme — *Where is your treasure?* — points to the eternal saving truth that enabled us to respond with amazing generosity then, and which still holds firm today: it is not by relying on human structures that we can find life's deepest treasure, but by opening ourselves to the abundance of God's love, flowing through us and overflowing beyond us.

This year, recognizing that the pain we experience from the global economic crisis will be magnified beyond our imagining for many of the world's poorest people, **con't on p.3**

Palm Sunday

March 28, 2010

10:30 a.m.

Cantata:

“And the Son Arose”

*Presented by the
GPC Chancel Choir*

Maundy Thursday

April 1, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Worship

and

*Celebration of the
Lord's Supper*

Easter Sunday

April 4, 2010

10:00 a.m.

*Please note the time change!
Easter Brunch will follow
worship in Fellowship
Hall.*

Good Things



WHAT IS THIS THING CALLED LOVE?

by Vic Doder

On the 14th of February we celebrate Valentine's Day. This is that special day when we approach this question, as we consider an action that will bring satisfaction.

Perhaps a card or a gift, a smile, a hug and a kiss, dining out, or all of the above.

With words spoken or unspoken as we deliver a token of our life.

Without fanfare or commotion, we offer Webster's dictionary definition of love as "fondness and devotion."

Love is a four letter word that defines caring and sharing, but to be able to say the words "I love you," at times is hard to do. When you say it for whatever the reason, it simply means that the person is special to you.

Love can be single or wed, ordinary or well bred, parents and children, sisters and brothers, along with pets and their owners. Some who love are younger, some older, some bashful and some bolder. To add to this sharing of affection (John 15:12), "This is my commandment that ye love one another as I have loved you," this is our Biblical direction.

As children we share valentines and experience puppy love with classmates, sometimes teachers and even preachers. As we grow older we find love that matures, is ongoing and endures.

True love is not a commodity that can be bought or sold. It is an emotion that is deep as the ocean and is pure gold.

The course of true love and devotion does not always run smooth, feelings like the tides of the ocean, will ebb and flow, now and then they will come and go.

But like a plant or a flower if love we nourish and allow it to flourish, with tender loving care and are willing to share, the joys and the sorrows, the yesterdays, todays and tomorrows, love will continue to grow.

GIVE A MEAL A MONTH

GAMAM grocery lists and bags are located on the Mission and Service bulletin board above the water fountain.

March Shopping List

- Canned Ham
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Canned Green Vegetable and Canned Fruit
- Powdered Milk

Dental Care Month

- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Dental Floss

I&S Update

GPC 2010 Budget: Our pledges and other sources of income predict that we will have an estimated income of \$220,000. This is remarkable when you consider our pledging units have dropped to 61 this year. You are to be commended for your continued sharing. The I&S Committee is determined that we will operate with a balanced budget in 2010.

2010 Per Capita Funds: This is a reminder that Glendale Presbyterian Church pays its per capita commitment to the Presbytery in March. There is a blue envelope in your box of pledge envelopes, and we urge you to pay your individual assessment of \$25.98 as soon as possible. If you don't have a blue envelope, you may place your check marked "Per Capita" in the offering plate, or turn it in to the office. GPC has been assessed a total of \$3,118 for this year, and so far we have collected \$951.

Your support and continued prayers for GPC are gratefully appreciated.

- Jim Lahr, I&S Chair



Thanks to everyone who helped the GPC kids on Super Bowl Sunday in raising money for the Souper Bowl of Caring. Your contributions totaled approximately \$170, which will be donated to the national campaign. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

GPC Fellowship



March Birthdays

The following members of the GPC family are celebrating this birthday during March. Note: If we miss someone or make a mistake, please notify the office!

Ethan Chamberlin	March 1
Leslen Sanders	March 6
Stephanie Calhoun	March 8
LaVerne Rahmberg	March 20
John Ulmer	March 24
Dougie Shoults	March 26
Matt Krob	March 30
Katie Niesen Cook	March 30

Birthday Offering: This offering funds the Deacons' discretionary fund which provides assistance to those in need. Envelopes are available on the Birthday board next to the church office.

Shepherd's Center Classes

As it celebrates its eleventh anniversary, the Shepherd's Center of Webster-Kirkwood is focusing part of its efforts on people and families facing life changes and/or transitions:

Transitions: Shepherding the "Sandwich Generation." The "Sandwich Generation" cares for their aging parents while supporting their own children. This class is designed for family members facing life transitions, and offers collaboration and conversations on life changes and strategies for coping. Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings on March 2, 9, and 16, from 6:00—7:15 pm. Cost for the class is \$40, and a sandwich meal will be provided.

Are You a Handy Man or Woman? Shepherd's Center is looking for a few handy people to provide minor home repairs to local seniors. These are small, but important, jobs that help our seniors remain independent.

If you have questions or would like to register for classes or volunteer, please contact the Shepherd's Center at 314.961.2669.

GPC Cares

For pastoral care: To notify the church of illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; or to pass along a prayer request; or to arrange homebound Communion, contact Pastor Jay at (314) 822-2545 or (314) 779-7299, or e-mail him at jrkanerva.gpc@sbcglobal.net.

Please keep in your prayers:

Clarice, Dan Jr., and the Fleming family as they mourn Dan's recent death.

Marijo Arthur, on the death of her daughter Katherine.

Neal Newton, who is hospitalized after falling.

Melissa Vighi, Logan Mayfield, and Barb Stupp, all of whom are recovering from surgery.

Elizabeth Leopold, who is recovering at home.

Joys:

Beth Ford, who has safely returned from vacation.

Russ Lyons, who received good news from medical tests.

The Olympics, which display higher ideals of peace, respect, and world unity.

GPC Members in Residential Care:

Lila Brookes, Ruth Cassidy, Gene Herr, Eleanor Hodges, Evelyn Moline, Ann & Gene Spradling, Verba White, and Jean Zahnweh.

GPC Homebound Members:

Martha Armstrong, Jan Corn & Lou Rice, Lois George, Diana Phelps, and Juanita Farley.

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the General Assembly's moderator, the Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow, has asked us to consider doubling last year's giving. Our congregation has generously supported the One Great Hour of Sharing offering and I encourage you to take time over the next weeks to reflect prayerfully whether you can increase the amount you gave last year, and on the difference between the impact that increasing your gift will have on your own lives and the impact it will have on the lives of our brothers and sisters around the world.

Yours in Christ, Liz

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Please submit all articles and announcements or anything else you want in the GlenPres by **noon on WEDNESDAY, March 12th**, to Robyn Nagle. Leave in her box or send to glenpres@sbcglobal.net.

SERVING ON SUNDAY

	February 28	March 7	March 14
Worship Leader	Chris Schodrowski	Maggie Schodrowski	Sue Van Patten
Communion Servers		Matt Foresman, TBA Cathy Lind-Kern, Dorcas Lahr	
Youth Reader	Dougie Shoults	Carson Anderson	Claire Calhoun
Acolyte	Emma Kanerva	Maddie Kanerva	Alex Keeley
Usher/Flowers	Kathy Whalen Jan Nolan	Debbie Rose Connie Montgomery	Maggie Schodrowski Don Orchard
Greeters	Elaine Bidstrup Betty LeCrone	Maggie Schodrowski Chris Schodrowski	Mike Cook Clarice Fleming
Coffee Fellowship	Yvonne Paglusch	Beth Ford	Joan Rossi
Teachers	Sue Van Patten Randy Schroeder	Kris Rogers Nancy Anderson	Martha Keeley Leslen Sanders