

*Elijah Kellogg Church*

## *Newsletter*



**February, 2010**  
**The Minister's Mite**

### **Prayer**

Prayer is "the soul's sincere desire, the Christians vital breath". I realize more than ever how much prayer must be central and vital to my Christian existence, and how it must be central and vital to the life of our church. Prayer is the connection of the human heart to the heart of God. It is our heart desire reaching out and grasping for God. And it is the loving desire of God reaching out to touch and grasp us. Poet Gilbert Thomas called it the unseen bridge.

*There is a bridge, whereof the span  
Is rooted in the heart of man,  
And reaches, without pile or rod,  
Unto the Great White Throne of God.  
It's traffic is in human sighs,  
Fervently wafted to the skies;  
'Tis the one pathway from despair;  
And it is called the Bridge of Prayer.*

Learning to pray is more about being motivated by desire (ours and God's) than we will ever learn by studying the theology of mediation, or a system of communication, or by trying to fine tune techniques and disciplines to get it all to work. The best way to learn to pray is to ... well... to start praying. The best school of prayer is praying with one another in united prayer; saying the Amen to another's prayer and hearing the Amen of another's heart to our prayer.

Join us for prayer on Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:10 – 9:40 AM in the Church Parlor.

Grace and Peace,

*Jim Henry*

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## Ponderings from the Associate Pastor

Here I sit tired from a day of shoveling, nursing a cold, and weary already of the snow that is falling ahead of what the weather people predicted for today...And yet in the face of what is happening in Haiti, I realize I have very little to complain about.

We can only imagine the despair of the people in Haiti - it is devastation beyond our comprehension. The Kellogg children are praying that God will be very real to the children of Haiti this day and in the days to come. What can we do to help? We can stand in the GAP - give, act, pray. Give as we are able, pray continuously for the people of Haiti and for the whole situation, and act. While it may not seem significant, putting together hygiene and baby kits is a tangible way we can help. The people of Haiti are in the most desperate need of the basics of life. The Kellogg children are gathering these things and will be mailing them off as quickly as we have completed kits. If you would also like to help, that will be wonderful. Items needed for the hygiene kit include 1 hand towel, 1 washcloth, 1 wide-tooth comb, 1 nail clipper (no metal files or emery boards), 1 bar of soap(bath size in wrapper), 1 toothbrush in original packaging, and 6 Band-Aids; baby kits include 6 cloth diapers, 2 t-shirts or undershirts (no onesies), 2 washcloths, 2 gowns or sleepers, 2 diaper pins, 1 sweater or sweatshirt, 2 receiving blankets (one can be hand knit or crocheted) - all should be new and under 12 months in size.

And as his disciples were arguing about who among them was the greatest, Jesus told them whoever wants to be first, must be the very last and the servant of all (paraphrase Mark 9:33-35).

May God richly bless us as we strive to become servants for Christ.

Peace, Pastor Nancy

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## From the Moderator:

EACH BOARD AND COMMITTEE IS ASKED TO MEET NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 15 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A CHAIRPERSON AND SECRETARY.

ALL BOARDS AND MUSIC COMMITTEE NEED TO DESIGNATE A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE REMEMBRANCE COMMITTEE.

FIRST MEETING OF THE CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL WILL BE FEBRUARY 16.

## Christian Education

### Bible Study

#### Lenten Focus on the New Testament letter of Philippians

During the Lenten season we will focus attention on what the Apostle Paul wrote in the first century and what we may learn as it applies to our present day circumstances.

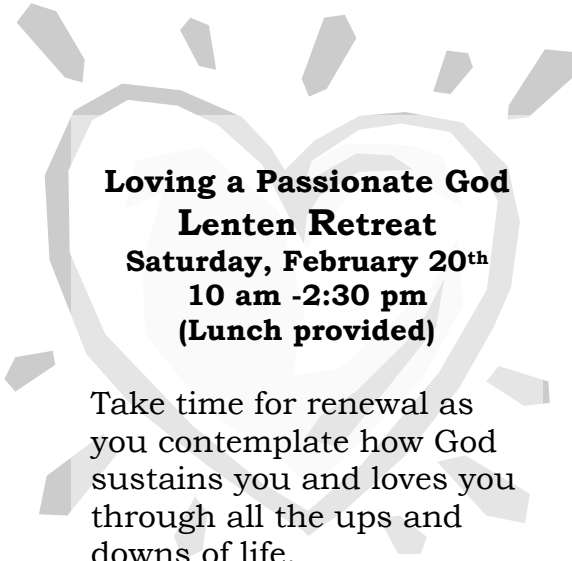
The Apostle Paul writes from prison to Christians living in Philippi, a flourishing city in Macedonia, a northern province of Greece. He is under Roman custody and possibly at risk of his own life. He uses these circumstances to affirm the power of the good news of Christ and as a model of Christ-like servant-hood.

Pastor Henry will preach a series of six sermons on Philippians, beginning on February 14th (the Sunday before Ash Wednesday) and concluding on March 21 (the Sunday before Palm Sunday).

On Thursday evenings, (February 18 - March 25, at 7:00 PM) Pastor Henry will lead a series of six bible discussions, each one based on the passage read and preached the previous Sunday.

A general breakdown and schedule will be something like this...subject to change.

1. Philippians 1:1-11 A Pastor's Heart
2. " 1:12-30 Circumstances: Things Happen
3. " 2:1-11 A Christ Hymn: Humility and Exaltation
4. " 2:12-30 Working Things Out
5. " 3:1- 4:1 Park Your Self-righteousness at the Door
6. " 4:2-23 In the Final Analysis



**Loving a Passionate God  
Lenten Retreat  
Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>  
10 am -2:30 pm  
(Lunch provided)**

Take time for renewal as you contemplate how God sustains you and loves you through all the ups and downs of life.

Led by Rev Nancy White  
and Sandra Golonka



**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
EKC Talent Night  
Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**

Potluck supper at 5:30 pm with talent show to follow  
Sign up in hallway with what dish you will bring and what talent you might like to share.

Your talent may be 'live' or some creative piece you would like to display-  
Come join the fun!

## **The Deacons**

**Prayer Meeting**  
in  
the Church Parlor  
9:10 – 9:40 AM  
Second Sunday of each Month

### **Communion**

Communion will be served on Sunday, February 7, 2010.

### **Readers Sought**

If you would like to participate in our worship services by being one of our lay readers, please contact Louise Huntington or one of the other Deacons soon. After the Annual Meeting a new Reader Coordinator will be chosen, since Barry Hilbert's Deacon's term is ending. We thank Barry for taking care of this important ministry.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Board of Deacons will be on Tuesday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m.

### **Church Information Classes May 2, 9, 16**

Church Information Classes will be held three successive Sundays in May. We will meet in the church parlor at 9:00 AM on May 2, 9, and 16. The coffee pot will be on. The nursery will be staffed to look after little ones.

These sessions led by Pastor Henry are intended to be an opportunity for anyone to learn more about the nature of the Church, about the Congregational Church, and more specifically about the Elijah Kellogg Church. For those who may desire, the classes will lead to membership in the Kellogg Church, but the class is open to anyone who may be interested in knowing more about our Church.

New members will be formally received into the Church in the Worship Service on Sunday, May 16.

May 02 topic - Nature and Function of the Church  
May 09 topic - The Congregational Way  
May 16 topic - The Elijah Kellogg Church



### **Board of Missions**

The Board of Missions has become aware that not everyone understands the funding of this board. The Missions Board is not part of the church budget; there is no line item that provides funding. Rather, all monies for our philanthropies come from pledges

made specifically for Missions, and from an allocation of 10% of the loose cash in the Sunday plate, by vote of the congregation. So if you write a generous check to the Kellogg Church, none of it comes to Missions unless you designate a specific amount.

We continue to collect nonperishable food for the Food Bank in Brunswick. With local need growing, the Board agreed to place receptacles for collecting food at any time in both vestibule and Fellowship Hall. If you forgot your food or would prefer to donate money, there will also be receptacles for cash at those locations. Food will be taken to Brunswick twice a month.

At the January meeting, the Board voted to send \$300 to the Oasis Clinic. At a special meeting on January 17, the Board voted to send \$500 to the Global Disaster arm of Church World Service for Haiti, and \$500 to World Vision. The Board will accept donations from members of the congregation, designated for Haiti, until early February.

The next meeting of the board will be Friday, February 12 at 9:00 am.

#### **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

Connie Jones, Executive Director of the Mid Coast Chapter of the American Red Cross, will be the guest speaker at Women's Fellowship on Tuesday, February 2, at 11:00 AM. Come and bring a friend and a sandwich. Dessert and coffee will be provided. Everyone is invited, men, too.

#### **MEN'S BROWN BAG LUNCH**

The Men's Brown Bag Lunch will be held Tuesday, February 9 at noon. At press time our speaker has not yet confirmed his availability but mark your calendar for the date. More detail will follow in an Email to our regular attendees. Don't forget to bring your sandwich; coffee and tea will be provided. Also, many thanks to George Patterson and Doc Phillips for hosting these terrific programs!

#### **Newsletter deadline: Monday, February 15**

The deadline for the March newsletter is the third Monday of the month, February 15th. Please E-mail to [susan@kelloggchurch.org](mailto:susan@kelloggchurch.org) or leave hand-written items in the mailbox outside the church office entrance.

Thank you, Susan

#### **Cribbage Wednesday, February 24**

Cribbaggers meet in Fellowship Hall on the last Wednesday of the month at 7 o'clock. The

tournament starts next month, and then they'll be here *every Wednesday*, so this is the place to be to get in some practice! Everyone is welcome.

### **The Life of the Church**

#### Fellowship Hall

Every Wednesday 12-2:00 HCNS

Every Thursday "Time for Twos" 9-11am HCNS

Every Friday YAK 3:00pm

Tues, Feb 2 - Women's Fellowship 11am

Thurs, Feb 4 - HCNS Committee 6:30pm

Tues, Feb 9 - Men's Brown Bag Lunch 12pm

Sat Feb 13 - Public Supper 5-7pm

Tues, Feb 16 - Congregational Council 7pm

Thurs, Feb 18 - Bible Study 7pm

Sat, Feb 20 - Lenten Retreat, 10am - 2pm

Thurs Feb 25 - Bible Study 7pm

Sat Feb 27 - Fellowship supper & Talent Show  
5:30pm

