



Steeplelight

First Presbyterian
Church

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February 2010

Premiere: "SIGNS! The Gospel of John"

And

"Hollywood vs. Faith"

Saturday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Every Christian has wondered what it would have been like: to have been there in Galilee, and met Jesus.

SIGNS! The Gospel of John is an effort to help those in the audience have that encounter. How? By doing exactly what the evangelist John did: by telling the story in the present tense. As lights and characters and settings constantly shift, **SIGNS!** engages the

audience's imaginations. It drives forward with all the dramatic suspense you would expect from great theater, and opens the door to a deeper faith.

Hollywood and Faith addresses the struggle to live as a Christian in the age of media values. Enjoy this Lenten evening intended to deepen your faith. Admission is free.



Frank Runyeon has starred in over 1,000 television shows over the past 20 years. He is also an honors graduate of General Theological Seminary and Princeton University.

...And a Spaghetti Dinner

Savor spaghetti? Meatballs make your mouth water? Then our two Youth Groups: Impact and Varsity, invite you to enjoy a dinner out with family and friends at our annual Pasta Supper in

Brooks Hall on Saturday, March 13 prior to the Frank Runyeon performance - and all for a good cause! The cost will be: adults: \$8, children: \$5 family max: \$25. All proceeds will go

towards the Boston Project Summer Mission Trip. See a member of the Youth Group to purchase your tickets or look for the Youth Group table at coffee hours in February.

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Special points of interest:

- Commemorating the season of Lent
- Importance of our Fellowship Coffee hours
- Sign up for Pledge Power
- ACO concert



Hearts for Haiti



Support the Mission efforts to the people of Haiti while giving your special someone a Valentine's Day gift. For \$20.00 you may order a special Valentine which will include:

a single long stem red rose and a box of chocolates in a red gift bag. All the proceeds will go to help the Haiti relief efforts. Place your order by emailing the church

or at the Mission table at coffee hour. You can pick up your Valentine gift on Saturday, February 13 or Sunday, February 14. For an additional \$5.00 we will deliver.

Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed

Here at FPC we have a wonderful tradition of fellowship and hospitality. Coffee hour after service is an enjoyable time of fellowship and socializing. It provides us an opportunity to catch up with friends and acquaint ourselves

with visitors. Hosting coffee hour is a wonderful part of that tradition. Coffee hours include coffee and juice for the children. The only item a host needs to provide is milk for the coffee and perhaps a small treat. Please consider

volunteering to host a coffee hour. Sign up on the Fellowship board in Brooks Hall. If you would like someone to work with you, please let the committee member (listed for the month you are interested in) know.

*Thanks to our January
Coffee hour hosts:
Sara and Bryan
Anderson
Fellowship Committee
Lynne Duffy
Sharon and Alan Howell*

American Chamber Orchestra

The ACO will perform their Winter Concert at FPC on February 6 at 8:00 PM. The program will consist of "The Moldau" by Bedrich Smetana, the First Symphony ("Spring") by Robert Schumann and the First Organ Concerto by Joseph

Rheinberger. The organist in the Rheinberger concerto will be Leslie Smith. Ms. Smith is Director of Music and Organist at United Methodist Church of Westport and Weston. She was involved in numerous musical activities at the Peachtree Presbyterian Church in

Atlanta, Georgia. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students. For information, please visit the orchestra web site at www.americanchamberorchestra.org or call Ray Weber at 203-255-7661. A portion of all ticket sales goes to support the Pollitt Fund.



Leslie Smith, Director of Music at the United Methodist Church of Westport and Weston.



Shrove Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday is the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, which is the first day of Lent. It's a day of penitence, to cleanse the soul, and a day of celebration as the last chance to feast before Lent begins. So come feast on pancakes and sausage, join the merri-

ment of Mardi Gras music, crafts, pancake races (aprons and all), parades (complete with our own king, queen, beads, coins etc) and more. Costumes are encouraged but not mandatory. Please sign up on the Shrove Tuesday bulletin board outside of

Brooks Hall. If you are interested in helping with the organizing, set-up, cooking (flippers and mixers needed), cleanup etc, please contact Kim-Louise Spinosa at 203-367-6488 or klspinosa@optonline.net.



Ash Wednesday Service

The season of Lent, commemorating the 40 days and 40 nights in which Jesus fasted and prayed, will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 17. This will be celebrated in a service of prayer, scripture and contemplation in the Chapel at 7:30 p.m.

40 Days

and

40 Nights:

A Pilgrimage

of

Prayer

and Study

Lenten Series starts February 24

For this year's Lenten Series we will discuss the topic of *Seeing and Savoring Jesus Christ*. We will be watching a DVD series by John Piper, preacher and author, currently

serving as Pastor for Preaching and Vision of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota. We will unpack what it means to recognize Jesus as He really is and to delight in Him

above all things. The series will be led by Pastor Duffy and PJ Drost and will be held for five weeks on Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m. from February 24 to March 24.



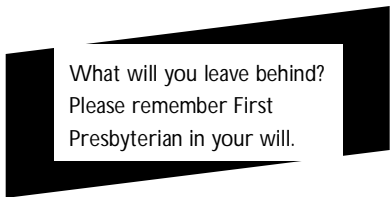
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Steeplelight deadline is the 13th of
each month.

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BY FEBRUARY 1**

First Fruits Giving and Pledge Power

"First Fruits Giving" means thinking first of God and giving to others before taking care of ourselves. This biblical foundation for faithful giving has fresh application in our day and time. Quite simply, it means giving to God first, from the top of our blessings, not the bottom. It is the opposite of casual giving that is

drawn from what we have left over, after first taking care of ourselves. This past year's Consecrating Stewards Committee offered a new initiative: Pledge Power. It allows members to give God their "first fruits" by enrolling in a program that will easily and automatically withdraw your monthly pledge

amount directly from your checking or credit card.

The Stewardship and Finance Committee wants to let you know that you can still sign up for this program. For more information, contact Mark Rappel, chair of S&F or Clare Schimpf, vice-chair of S&F.

Pledge Power can be a tool for commitment, convenience and consistency in your giving. Your offering is given regularly, even when you're away from worship for sickness, business, or vacation.