

# THE PRINTS OF PEACE

March - April 2010  
Tarkio Presbyterian  
Church Newsletter



## Top 10 Predictions for 2010

1. The Bible will still have all the answers.
2. Prayer will still be the most powerful thing on Earth.
3. The Holy Spirit will still move.
4. God will still honor the praises of His people.
5. There will still be God-anointed preaching.
6. There will still be singing of praise to God.
7. God will still pour out blessings upon His people.
8. There will still be room at the Cross.
9. Jesus will still love you.
10. Jesus will still save the lost when they come to Him.

## March

3/05/75.....Lauren King  
3/08/05.....Bannack Skillen  
3/10/05.....Grace Slaughter  
3/10/22.....Marnie Shaum  
3/12/58.....Scott Price  
3/16/.....Sue Niedermeyer  
3/25/.....Lois Lester  
3/27/32.....Nancy Kyle  
3/29/.....Linda Brunk Smith  
3/31/.....Bill Fox

## April

4/1/.....Rev. Rachel Lancey  
4/08/.....Larry Amthor  
4/12.....Becky Slaughter  
4/13/62.....John Walter  
4/17.....Jessie Naylor  
4/19/09.....Bettie Lee  
4/19/49.....Linda White  
4/19/72.....Kim Lee Coughlin  
4/19/05.....Matthew McKinnon  
4/19/06.....Cayden Fletcher  
4/29/.....Anne Amthor  
4/29.....Bonnie Fox  
4/30/65.....Kristine Price

## **Upcoming Events for March and April 2010**

**Friday, March 5**—4:00 p.m.—World Day of Prayer Service at the United Methodist Church in Tarkio.

**Saturday, March 6**—Food, Fellowship & Friendship Lunch in Fellowship Hall.

**Wednesday, March 10**—Birthday party at the Tarkio Nursing Home at 2:30 p.m.

**Saturday, March 13**—TPC Game Night at 6:00 p.m.

**Sunday, March 14** – **Spring forward 1 hour.**

**Sunday, March 14** –TPC leads Tarkio Nursing Home Worship at 9:00 a.m.

**Sunday March 14**—Members of TPC will go the cold men's shelter in St. Joseph to provide a meal.

**Sunday, March 21**—Annual Catholic Dinner

**Saturday, March 27** -Celebrity Waiter Dinner

**Sunday, March 28** - Palm Sunday Choir Program. One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

**Thursday, April 1** - Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 p.m. at Tarkio Presbyterian Church.

**Friday, April 2** – Good Friday

**Sunday, April 4** - Easter Sunrise Service at 7:30 a.m. and Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.

**Saturday, April 10**—Food, Fellowship & Friendship Lunch in Fellowship Hall.

**Wed. April 28**—Presbyterian Women will meet at 9:30 p.m. in Filson Parlor.

## **Notes from Your Session**

Dave Lee, Stated Clerk

**02/23/2010**

Your session is presently engaged in a vision process for our church and how we can use our efforts and abilities to help our church and community. We will be reviewing this exercise for several months to come and if you have some great ideas, please let your session members know.

One of your session's priorities for this year is remodeling our east entry way going downstairs. We are in the initial stages. John Walters' committee will be talking to local contractors and try to come up with some plans which will eventually be brought to the whole congregation. It will be a large undertaking and one we need to plan well. We will also try to get grass growing around the parking lot this spring, with maybe some landscaping to follow. This will be an ongoing project.

The session is looking forward to this New Year and we ask everyone to join us on Sunday mornings for Sunday school and morning worship. In addition, the session asks everyone to invite others to join us on Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m. and to help our family grow. We also need to reach out to everyone who is in need of spiritual help and understanding.

Every once and while Rev. Rachel has special retreats or studies, we need to make an effort to take advantage of these events and participate.

May God Bless each and every one of you, for great is your reward in heaven.

## Rev. Rachel's Ruminations

*“They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body... He is not here, but has risen.”* - Luke 24: 2-3, 5b

Even as I write this, there is still snow on the ground. It seems as though spring is just too far away. This year has been the coldest on record or so I have been told. Of course, this does not mean we have been breaking temperature records with many more of those negative degree days (which I hope are long behind us.) But, I have been told, we have not had enough days over 50 degrees this winter to significantly break the cold up. It has been cold and dreary. The few days of sunlight we have seen have been few and far between. I have this sense that it will never end.

I wonder if the disciples had this same sense during those final days at Jerusalem. When they saw the culmination of all that Jesus had been warning them about, did they have that overwhelming sense of the world being in a never-ending cycle of hopelessness? When the world turned dark at noon, did they all wonder if the sun would ever shine again? Was there some point when they truly wondered how anyone could ever be happy again?

I can only imagine that when the disciples were there in Jerusalem, those few days probably felt like this winter we have been having – long and dark and cold. They had lost hope that there would be warm happy days with laughter and sunshine and kids running happily in the streets. Everything they had worked towards these last three years was suddenly gone. It was over, Jesus was dead.

Yet, even in the midst of their own worries and hopeless fear, Jesus broke in. The tomb was empty, new life was budding around them. There was hope in sight! The Good News was at hand!

I have to say that I am not one for any kind of cold, especially the kind that settles in and seems as though it will never go away. But, there is hope to be found. Easter is coming. Spring is coming. New life is already waiting to pop up all around us.

As we walk through this Lenten season to Easter, we can do so with hope and joy. It is the hope of knowing that winter will soon be over and the sun (Son) will shine. It is the hope of knowing that Easter is coming and that God's hope and peace and grace always win out.

Even today, as I glance out the window to see the white blanket that has encompassed Tarkio (if not the whole globe), I can smile with joy and hope knowing that winter will eventually give way to spring. I can smile knowing that soon, someday very soon, I will be able to put away my winter coat and we can all start commenting on how hot it is outside.

The cycle continues. Winter, spring, summer, and fall, come and go as a constant reminder to us of the Easter joy, of the good news we have in our lives. The tomb is empty. New life has begun. This is our promise from God. This is our hope. In Jesus Christ, we have new life and hope and grace. As we journey through Lent to Easter, let us do so with hope and excitement as we once more remember and anticipate the joy of the empty tomb and as we, too, look forward to meeting our risen Lord on the journey.

Blessings,  
Rev. Rachel

## KIDS IN CHURCH

3-year-old Reese :  
'Our Father, Who does art in heaven,  
Harold is His name.  
Amen.'

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A little boy was overheard praying:  
'Lord, if you can't make me a better boy,  
don't worry about it.  
I'm having a real good time like I am.'

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After the christening of his baby brother in  
church,  
Jason sobbed all the way home in  
the back seat of the car.  
His father asked him three times what  
was wrong. Finally, the boy replied,  
'That preacher said he wanted us brought  
up in a Christian home,  
and I wanted to stay with you guys.'

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One particular four-year-old prayed,  
'And forgive us our trash baskets  
as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets.'

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A Sunday school teacher asked  
her children as they  
were on the way to church service,  
'And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?'  
One bright little girl replied,  
'Because people are sleeping.'

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons,  
Kevin 5, and Ryan 3. The boys began to argue over  
who would get the first pancake.

Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral  
lesson. 'If Jesus were sitting here, He would say,  
'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'  
Kevin turned to his younger brother and said,  
' Ryan , you be Jesus !'

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A father was at the beach with his children  
when the four-year-old son ran up to him,  
grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore  
where a seagull lay dead in the sand..  
'Daddy, what happened to him?' the son asked.  
'He died and went to Heaven,' the Dad replied.  
The boy thought a moment and then said,  
'Did God throw him back down?'

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A wife invited some people to dinner.  
At the table, she turned to their six-year-old daughter  
and said, 'Would you like  
to say the blessing?'

'I wouldn't know what to say,' the girl replied.  
'Just say what you hear Mommy say,'  
the wife answered. The daughter bowed her head and  
said, 'Lord, why on earth did  
I invite all these people to dinner?'

**TARKIO PRESBYTERIAN  
PRAYER FAMILIES FOR MARCH AND APRIL**

**March Prayer Family  
NANCY KYLE AND FAMILY**

**April Prayer Family  
GARY & SIDNEY COOPER AND  
FAMILY**

**Lots of opportunities  
for a good meal in March!**

**St. Paul Catholic Church  
Spring Dinner - 2010**

Start Time: Sunday, March 21 at 11:30am

End Time: Sunday, March 21 at 1:00pm

Where: Tarkio Elementary School

**Celebrity Waiter Dinner Event**

What: Fundraiser

Start Time: Saturday, March 27 at 5:30pm

End Time: Saturday, March 27 at 9:00pm

Where: Fairfax High School

**Our Church Members and Friends  
to Keep in Your Prayers**

Family of Maurice Irvine

Haiti Victims

Bonnie Mathers, mother of Brad Mathers

Gayla McIntosh

Loretta Turnbull

Bettie Lee

Leland and Connie Crapson

Jack Nixon, Madonna Rehab in Lincoln

Nursing Home & Assisted

Living Members & Friends

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## March 28 - Palm Sunday Events

### Palm Sunday Presentation

The Presbyterian Church Choir will be giving a musical presentation during the worship service on Palm Sunday, March 28. Please join us for this special service of scripture and song.



### One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering - March 28

Since 1949, Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives, and work together to strengthen their families and communities.

### THE U IN JESUS

Before U were thought of or time had begun,  
God stuck U in the name of His Son.

And each time U pray, you'll see it's true,  
You can't spell out JesUs and not include U.

You're a pretty big part of His wonderful name,  
For U, He was born; that's why He came.

And His great love for U is the reason He died.  
It even takes U to spell crUcified.

Isn't it thrilling and splendidly grand  
He rose from the dead, with U in His plan?

The stones split away, the gold trUmpeT blew,  
and this word resUrrection is spelled with a U.

When JesUs left earth at His upward ascension,  
He felt there was one thing He just had to mention.

"Go into the world and tell them it's true  
That I love them all - Just like I love U."

So many great people are spelled with a U,  
Don't they have a right to know JesUs too?

It all depends now on what U will do,  
He'd like them to know,  
But it all starts with U.