

*First Christian Church*

# FAITH NOTES

February 19, 2012



## Welcome to the Table

**We are Disciples of Christ...  
a movement for wholeness in a  
fragmented world.**

**As part of the one body of Christ, we  
welcome all to the Lord's Table as God  
has welcomed us.**

## House of Ruth Benefit!

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2012, the date for the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, is this Tuesday! How many people have you invited to support the work of House of Ruth?

Sponsored by our education team and the men of the church, this evening should be fun, filling, and informative. House of Ruth will provide educational information, and the proceeds raised represent a part of our mission outreach. The Education Team's goal is to raise \$1,000 for House of Ruth. Help us share the power of God's love and security to those in need of a comforting word and a safe place to stay. Invite friends and neighbors to enjoy a pancake supper: \$7.00 for adults; \$3.00 for children, infants free.

## Ash Wednesday

The next evening, February 22, is the beginning of Lent with Ash Wednesday's Souper Supper at 6 p.m. and Service at 7 p.m. with all the Christian congregations gathering in the Fellowship Hall. Come for soup and a spiritual beginning to the Lenten season.

## Lenten Devotions Online

One of Rev. Carol's favorite Scripture commentators, David Lose, is offering daily devotions during Lent. Starting Ash Wednesday, you can subscribe to a new online (and free!) devotional written by David Lose that follows the story of Jesus' Passion in Mark's Gospel. A devotional post a day throughout Lent, as well as occasional other articles and resources on relating faith to everyday life. The site is called "In the Meantime" and the address is [www.davidlose.net](http://www.davidlose.net).

## CCCA Camp & Conference

The 2012 Camp and conference schedule is out! CCCA has a camp or conference for all ages. For more information go to [cccadisciples.org](http://cccadisciples.org) or contact Janet Caughlin at 443-653-6662 or [jlscoughlin@yahoo.com](mailto:jlscoughlin@yahoo.com). Remember, CCCA camps and conferences are open to everyone, so pass the word to your family and friends.

## **Lenten Taizé on Tuesdays**

As part of our action plan developed by Claiming God's Vision meetings, we listed developing monthly Taizé services. We have not done that, but the Worship Team recommends continuing the Taizé services during Lent, and we added Advent Taizé this past year.

Please support our spiritual gift to the community by volunteering to help with Taizé on Tuesdays at noon and 5:30 p.m. The noon volunteer would come around 11 a.m. to set up for the noon service. The evening volunteer would need to stay after 6:30 p.m. to put everything away. The leader would have to read some Scripture and prayers and be able to stop and start the music on an iPod. Please let a member of the Worship Team – Janet Caughlin, Mary Simms, Lynn Hubin, or Joe Reister – know when you can help. There will be a brief training session before worship at 10:30 a.m. on February 19.

## **Rev. Cook's Vacation**

Russell and I thank all of you for your prayers during our vacation time. Our safe travel and wonderful times were filled with thoughts of all of you, especially Bobbie Crockett and her family. Thank you for taking such loving care of her and them during this difficult time.

We had an "aus"some time with our son, daughter-in-law and, of course, Audrey! There were times for touring and exploring Australia and New Zealand – we're figuring out when to offer the slide show ☺.

## **Faith Talk**

Faith Talk will meet again this Monday, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>. We meet from 6-8 p.m. for supper and exploration of faith questions. We are currently in the midst of a Dungeons and Dragons game where we are searching for a cleric imprisoned in a jail.

## **Bible Exploring**

Bible Exploring will meet again on Thursday, Feb. 23 at 7 p.m. We have completed the preliminary exploration of the historical and literary context of the Book of Revelation and on the 23<sup>rd</sup> we will begin Chapter 1. Please join us.

## **The Giving Corner**

Our Presence and our Presents:

For February 12<sup>th</sup>

Attendance: 17

Regular Offering: \$

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**Special Offerings:**

Christmas: \$152

Camp & Conference: \$528.50

## **Happy Birthday to . . .**

Nonie Courtney – 2/5

David McElroy – 2/6

Helen O'Donnell – 2/15

Kenneth Miles – 2/26

Larry Fisher – 2/28