



Announcements February 28, 2010

Good Morning and welcome to our worship at First Congregational Church! A special welcome to our visitors – we're glad you're here! Please sign and pass the black attendance register to the end of the row.

The March Newsletter is available for you to pick up on the table in the narthex.

The flowers on the Altar are in celebration of **Rich & Jackie Mahoney's 56th wedding anniversary.**

*****WOMEN'S MINISTRY*****

DORCAS: Next Dorcas meeting will be **March 10th at 1:00 p.m.** Mary Korte and Becky Wheeler will be the hostesses. Lorene Bastilla will continue with the study on the Book of Esther.

COOKING CLUB: **The Cooking Club meets the 2nd Thursday of each month. They will meet again on March 11th at 7:00 p.m.** All Ladies are welcome. Contact Kristi Starbuck for more information.

LADIES NIGHT OUT: Join us for a Ladies Night Out! Do you know the difference between essential oils and fragrance oils? How about what the difference is between soap made from scratch and glycerin soap? Which type of soap is best for your complexion? Church member Miriam DeVries, who has 10 years of experience in soap-making, will give us some background on how soap is made and the different types. She not only makes soap in many designs and scents, she has her own business creating and selling soaps and lotions from her basement "lab." If you'd like a little preview of her wares, visit www.willowtreesoaps.artfire.com. And, Miriam will have some samples at a display table this evening that you may want to purchase to pamper yourself. **We welcome all ladies (and bring a friend) to this Ladies Night Out on Tuesday, March 30, 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** Any questions, call Miriam DeVries at 654-1444 or Terry Smith at 651-1057.

*****WE'RE HOSTING A SPECIAL CONCERT*****

Get ready for an uplifting evening of worship and music as we host a dynamic trio of musicians, "Beyond the Ashes", on Saturday evening, **March 6th at 7:00 P.M.** Some of you might recall that they visited with us once before and they were really a blessing. They are a gifted group and will surely bless you that evening. There will be no charge for the event, but we will receive a love offering to help offset their travel expenses. You'll definitely want to put this date on your calendar. Don't forget to invite your friends as well. If you would like to learn more about "Beyond the Ashes" you can go to their website at www.beyondtheashesonline.com.

*****MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS*****

Highland Area Christian Service Ministry (HACSM): Spring's not quite here yet, so cold weather foods are still on the grocery lists. The people from the 400-plus households who visited the food pantry in January and again in February appreciated all the food you contributed. They will also appreciate all that cold weather food that you can spare during these next two weeks - especially the SOUPS, ALL KINDS OF CRACKERS, PASTA, RICE AND BREAD MIXES THAT WARM THE COLD BODIES. March 14th is HACSM Sunday.

SHOE DONATIONS FOR HAITI: Please bring your used shoes (they need to have soles), tie the shoestrings together or put a rubberband around each pair, and drop them off in the collection box in the hallway outside the nursery near the shopping cart.

*****NEW MEMBER CLASS TO BE OFFERED*****

If you have been attending First Congregational for awhile, and are interested in becoming a member of the church, Pastor Mauri will be leading a new member class, tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 13, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Please contact him about your interest and availability for this date.

