

The First & Central Cornerstone

February 2012

Check out What's Going On at F & C!

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

The Session of First & Central Presbyterian Church has called the Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation for Sunday, February 5, 2012 following worship. At the meeting the following items of business will be included: receiving the Annual Report of the Staff, Session and congregational organizations; receiving the budget for 2012, and other appropriate business.

Souper Bowl of Caring! Our kids will be participating in this nationwide soup and \$ drive Sunday, February 5th (Super Bowl Sunday) to benefit a local feeding ministry. They'll be stationed at the Sanctuary doors after worship with big soup pots to receive the congregation's donations of \$ and canned goods. All will be given to Emmanuel Dining Room, a program of the Ministry of Caring in Wilmington, which operates 3 lunch/dinner sites 7 days/week, feeding over 200,000 people a year.



Conversation about Membership on Sunday, February 12, 2012 at 12:15 p.m. in the Pastor's Study on the 2nd floor! If you're interested in exploring membership at First & Central please come and join the conversation. We'll cover topics ranging from this congregation to the PCUSA in general!



TEAM-BUILDING:
EXPLORE THE SECRET TO
COLLABORATION,
INNOVATION AND LIFE

COME GET TO KNOW YOUR FIRST & CENTRAL FAMILY AT THIS FUN & FESTIVE CHURCH RETREAT LED BY TOM & MICHELINE McMANUS. BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY—A CATERED DINNER AND CHILD CARE WILL BE PROVIDED! HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

FEBRUARY 11, 2012
2:00~8:00 P.M.
FIRST & CENTRAL CHURCH

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER
VISIT WWW.FANDC.ORG OR CONTACT THE CHURCH
AT (302) 654-5371



Ash
Wednesday
Service

Ash Wednesday Service, Communion, Soup and Bread: We enter the season of Lent with an Ash Wednesday Supper and Service on February 22nd. We gather at 6:00 p.m. with a simple supper of soups and salad and then we'll move to the Sanctuary for a service of Communion with the Imposition of Ashes for those who choose. The evening is a wonderful blend of fellowship, worship, and contemplation and provides a few moments of quiet, intimate spirituality in a world that is mostly marked by distance and cacophony.

Sunday, February 26th is the First Sunday in Lent. Come to worship and share the Lord's Supper with your church family.



Adult Education & Spirituality

Explorers' Forum – Adult Education

Explorers' Forum meets at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the DuVal Room.

February 5: New Venture with F & C, Trinity and SsAM

February 12: West Virginia Mission Trip

February 19 & 26: Mission Work in Kenya and

Malawi with Lyle and Terry Dykstra

Women's Spirituality Gathering meets on Monday, February 27th at 7 p.m. in the Chapel. All women are welcome, as we gather to grow our faith in good company!

Men's Spirituality Group meets on Monday, February 27th at 7 p.m. at the home of Dale Dallabrida and will discuss the movie "Win Win"!



The Labyrinth at First & Central is open on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. Our Chartres/medieval style portable labyrinth is set up in Memorial Hall on the church's lower level. Walk by candlelight to meditative music. If you have questions or need further assistance, please ask at the Church Office for Labyrinth Coordinator/Facilitator, Joanne Reinbold.

Labyrinth Walks and Events in February 2012

Wednesday 2/1:

11 a.m. Labyrinth Walk

Music: "Seven Metals" by Benjamin Iobst

Wednesday 2/8:

11 a.m. Labyrinth Drum Walk

Music: "Meditation Drum" by David and Steve Gordon

Wednesday 2/15:

11 a.m. Labyrinth Walk

Music: "Canyon Trilogy" and "Journeys" by R. Carlos Nakai

Wednesday 2/22:

11 a.m. Healing Sound Labyrinth Walk – **CLOSING AT 3 P.M.**

Music: "Sanctum Sanctorum" by Constance Demby

4 p.m. SoulCollage® Studio (until 7 p.m.)

Wednesday 2/29: CLOSED

Sunday School and Youth News

THANKS FOR ALL THE TASTY TREATS! Once again, the generosity of our F & C bakers was bountiful! Last week's "Little Slice of Heaven" was a huge success. The Youth Group raised over \$738.00 toward expenses for our mission trip to Blue Knob, Pennsylvania. May we offer a "big slice" of thanks to all who helped - by baking, buying, or both. We in the Youth Group are so grateful for your support.



March 11, 2012 - Save the Date for "Pastabilities:

A Little Taste of Italy!" To continue our fund-raising efforts for the Youth Group's 2012 Mission Trip, the YOUTH GROUP will be hosting its annual PASTA LUNCHEON "Pastabilities: A Little Taste of Italy" on Sunday, March 11, 2012 after the worship service. PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD, SAVE THE DATE, and BRING

AN APPETITE on March 11th for pasta and fellowship, as Memorial Hall is transformed into your favorite little Italian restaurant! This year, the Youth Group's Mission will be to Blue Knob, PA from June 24-30th! All proceeds from the luncheon will go to offset the costs of that trip. Thank you for your support of the Youth Group's tradition of learning through life-changing mission.

Reaching Out



Winter Sanctuary From November until the end of March, First & Central opens Memorial Hall every Saturday morning from 7 a.m. until 11 a.m. to provide a safe, welcoming place for anyone who needs it. Winter Sanctuary is a partnership program with Friendship House and there is always a Friendship House staff person present. If you would like to volunteer or just see what this ministry is about, please stop by any Saturday. You can also support the Winter Sanctuary program with donations of coffee, creamer, hot chocolate, current magazines, and crossword,

word search, and Sudoku puzzle books. For more information, please contact Jana Nazari (302.235.0144) or Curt Johnson (302.764.4433)



Annual Paper Drive for Friendship House! What can you buy with \$2.50? Maybe a coffee or you could buy 300 paper napkins to be used at the Sunday Breakfast at SAaM. Each month about 600-700 napkins are needed.

What can you buy for \$5.00? Maybe a quick lunch at a fast food eatery or you could buy 250 Styrofoam or paper plates for the dinners at Andrew's Place. Every evening meal, at this

24-bed shelter, is served on paper plates.

You get the idea. For a small amount on our part, we can help the many people that Friendship House serves. The Outreach Council will be collecting paper products from January 1st until February 29th. Items may be dropped off in the white box by the parlor. Here is what Friendship House needs: toilet paper, paper towels, paper napkins, tissues, paper or Styrofoam plates (6 or 8 inches), paper or Styrofoam cups (any size), plastic cutlery, garbage bags (any size), and food storage bags (any size).

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