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Education Opportunities
Sundays at 9:30

The all combined youth class meets upstairs in the Ed. Center, as does Jr. Church.

(Chris Hong)

Kerygma - Library (Carol Hough)

Searchers - Fellowship Hall (Bruce McCart)

Lent Study (March 5-April 9) - Dining Room
 "Questions of Faith" will include a video segment and discussion time covering a different topic at each session.

(Pastor Casey)

Youth Group

Sunday, Mar. 5 - South Park Youth Movie Night from 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. (This is the rescheduled date from cancellation of Movie Night on Feb. 12.)



**South Park Youth Group meets the first Sunday of every month in the youth room.

**Black Hawk Youth Connection meets the third Sunday of every month.

Church Office: 786-6466 Fax: 786-6470
 Email address: donnab@spchurchqc.org Website: www.spchurchqc.org
 Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00-4:30 p.m.

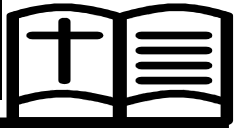
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TOUCHPOINTS



I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:1-2

Transformation, repentance, renewal, return – all words that speak to the season of Lent, and that guide us in our discipleship, which is our apprenticeship to Christ.

Lent, which begins March 1, calls us to turn away from those things that usually preoccupy us and turning in another direction, as Jesus did when he entered the wilderness. It is a turning away from those things that oppress and dominate us, as Israel did in leaving Egypt. It is a turning away from all that prevents us from sensing and living in the steadfast love of God.

Lent is also a time for us to turn toward. Turn toward God that we might be transformed by the power of God's Spirit, God's "yes" in our lives. Turn toward God that we might see anew what it means to live according to the teachings of Christ. Turn toward God that we might know what is good and right and acceptable and perfect. Re-turning to God.

We have enclosed a small brochure that you may use to guide your personal prayers during this Lenten season. We also offer several opportunities for you to join with your faith community in seeking God's presence both personally and in our life together. Note that schedule on page 4 of this issue. We hope you will join us in this journey of forty days toward the glorious celebration of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Sunday, April 16. I look forward to sharing this precious time with you.

Pastor Casey

The Session has called a meeting of the congregation for Sunday, March 5, 2006, after the 10:45 service, to elect seven (7) members to the Pastor Nominating Committee.

Touchpoints Publication Schedule

Next Touchpoints will be mailed on **Thursday, March 30**. The deadline for articles to be submitted is **Sunday, March 19**.

Church Services Schedule (see enclosed March calendar for all events)

Church Office Hours: Mon.-Fri., 8:00-4:30

Wednesday, March 1 **Ash Wednesday**
7:00 p.m. Worship, prayers for healing, Chapel imposition of ashes and Holy Communion

Sunday, March 5 **Communion Sunday**
Parish Nurse
8:15 Worship Sanctuary
9:30 Church School Ed. Center
10:45 Worship
4:00-6:30 Youth Movie Night at church

Sunday, March 12
8:15 Worship Sanctuary
9:30 Church School Ed. Center
10:45 Worship
1:30 BHYC Planning Meeting at East Moline
6:30-8:00 Confirmation Class

Tuesday, March 14
6:00 Simple Supper and discussion of Lenten Disciplines at South Park Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 19
Churches United Food Pantry
Parish Nurse
8:15 Worship Sanctuary
9:30 Church School Ed. Center
10:45 Worship Sanctuary
6:30 South Park Youth
Touchpoints articles due

Sunday, March 26
Recycling
8:15 Worship Sanctuary
9:30 Church School Ed. Center
10:45 Worship Sanctuary
6:30-8:00 Confirmation Class

Points of Interest

Covenant to Care - will meet on **Thurs., Mar. 2 at 7:00 p.m.** at Virginia Stockdale's home, 2150 29th St., Rock Island, tel. no. 786-9732. Please read Chapter 1, pages 23-28, N. T. Wright's book, The Last Word.

Next meeting is on **Tues., Mar. 21 at 7:00 p.m.** at Margaret Grossman's home. Please read Chapter 1, pages 28-34, N. T. Wright's book, The Last Word.

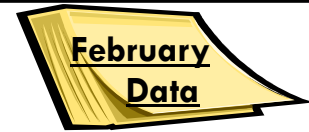
Any questions, please call Donna or Jerry Schroeder at 764-8657.

Church Women United - announces "World Day of Prayer" will be held Fri., Mar. 4, at Memorial Christian Church. The program is entitled "Signs of the Times" and registration is at 9:00 a.m. with lunch served (\$5 per person) at noon. To sign up or if you have any questions, please call Frances Langston, 786-1462.

Circle of Virtue - The next meeting is Tues., Mar. 7, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. **Remember:** Presbyterian Women are still collecting Campbells Soup labels. The drop off container is located in the Parlor.

Book Club - We will meet on Sat., Mar. 11 at 9:30 a.m. in the South Park Church Library. We will read and discuss the novel Yada Yada Prayer Group by Neta Jackson. Contact Dorothy Meyer, 793-1323, if you have any questions.

Church Events Calendar



Week of March 1 - March 11
Wed., Mar. 1 Ash Wednesday
8:00 Choir Rehearsal (all other Wednesdays at 7:30)
Thurs., Mar. 2
9:30 PW Mission Workday
7:00 Covenant to Care
Mon., Mar. 6
11:00 Staff Mtg (and every Mon.)
1:00 Circle of Faith
3:30 Stewardship
7:00 C.E. Committee
Tues., Mar. 7
9:30 Circle of Virtue
3:15 Tutoring (and every Tues.)
6:30 Fellowship
6:30 Handbells (and every Tues.)
7:00 Outreach
Thurs., Mar. 9
6:00 Men's Brotherhood
7:00 PP&E
Sat., Mar. 11
9:30 Book Club in Library

Week of March 12 - 18
Mon., Mar. 13
1:00 Circle of Hope
4:30 WEM
7:00 Personnel
7:00 Sternwheeler Board
7:00 Worship/Music
Tues., Mar. 14
7:00 Circle of Love
7:30 Finance
7:30 Handbells
Wed., Mar. 15
5:00 Meal Site
Sat., Mar. 18
6:00 Sternwheeler Potluck at church

Week of March 19 - 25
Mon., Mar. 20
6:30 Session
Tues., Mar. 21
6 a.m.-6 p.m. Primary Election
7:00 Covenant to Care
Thurs., Mar. 23
7:00 Deacons
Sat., Mar. 25
1:00 Ladies Afternoon Out in Ed. Cntr

Week of March 26 - April 1
Mon., Mar. 27
1:30 PW Coordinating Team
Tues., Mar. 28
12:00 VIP

Sunday Attendance:

	Jan 29	Feb 5	Feb 12	Feb 19
1st Serv.	37	53	114	37
2nd Serv.	83	118	N/A	99

Income:

Jan 29	\$	2,652.49
Feb 5	\$	10,514.30
Feb 12	\$	22,655.64
Feb 19	\$	3,874.44
Feb Food Pantry	\$	53.00



Deaths: John Mortier, Gretchen Mortier's father; Helen Behrends.

Address Changes:
Susie Flick Julee Jordening
506 W Hanssler Place 1550 Platte St Apt. 365
Peoria IL 61604 Denver CO 80202

Jim & Helen Peak (starting Mon. Feb. 27)
Friendship Manor
1209 21st Ave. B213
Rock Island IL 61201

John & Robyn Brandenburg
1102 E 6th St
Coal Valley IL 61240-9489

Gretchen Mortier
Missouri State University
1132 E. Madison St. Room 342A
Springfield MO 65897

Telephone Number Change:
Alice Liedtke Robin Jasper
(309) 794-3907 (563) 326-1981

Meal Site - Thank you to all who provided food and helped serve at the Meal Site on Wed., Feb. 15. There will be a sign up sheet in the Parlor in Mar. if you would like to help provide food for the Mar. 15 Meal Site.

Varicose Veins

Varicose veins are dark purple or blue, gnarled, enlarged blood veins close to the skin's surface. They may be a cosmetic concern or cause other problems

like leg pain and swelling of the legs.

Arteries carry blood from the heart to the rest of the body and veins return blood from the body to the heart to be recirculated. Veins in the legs work against gravity. Muscle contractions in the lower legs and one-way valve in the veins help move the blood upward from the legs to the heart. The valves open as blood flows toward the heart and close to stop blood from flowing backward.

Varicose veins can occur when the veins lose elasticity, causing them to stretch out. When that happens, the one-way valves may not work properly. Blood that should be moving toward the heart flows backward and pools in the veins and they become enlarged and varicose.

There is no sure way to prevent varicose veins, but improving circulation and muscle tone can reduce signs and symptoms. Exercising, controlling weight and periodically elevating the legs may help. Avoid high-heeled shoes or constricting clothes around the calves or groin, sitting with the legs crossed, or long periods of sitting or standing. Another way of prevention is to wear stockings that compress the entire leg. Compression stockings are worn during the day and squeeze the legs, helping the veins and leg muscles move blood more efficiently.

Treatment:

Sclerotherapy-the small and medium-sized varicose veins are injected with a solution that scars them. This treatment is usually effective.

Laser surgery-is used to close off smaller varicose veins and birthmarks, especially on the upper body and face.

Catheter-assisted procedures-a thin tube (catheter) is inserted into an enlarged vein and heated with laser or radiofrequency energy. As the catheter is pulled out, the heat causes the vein to collapse and seal shut. This is used for large varicose veins.

Vein stripping-the long varicose vein is removed through small incisions. Removing the vein doesn't generally affect circulation in the leg because deeper veins in the legs take care of larger blood volumes.

Ambulatory phlebectomy-smaller varicose veins are removed through a series of tiny skin punctures. Scarring is minimal.

Endoscopic vein surgery-is considered only in advanced cases involving leg ulcers. It involves surgery to insert a tiny camera to visualize and close off veins.

Joanne Stice, Parish Nurse

Men's Brotherhood on March 9 -

Men's Brotherhood will meet in the Church Dining Room at 6:00 p.m. on Thurs., Mar. 9, for dinner and program. The cost is \$6.00 payable at the door and guests are always welcome. The program will be "Mission to Viet Nam" and will be presented by Mel and Betty Peterson. Orphans living at the "Sweetwater Orphanage" in Viet Nam had no immediate access to medical care. Medical help was available only after a long journey of several hours over a mountain pass to the distant town of Hue. Children of Peace International and Kiwanis members in Colorado, Illinois-Eastern Iowa, Michigan, and Japan Districts raised funds to build and supply a clinic at Sweetwater. Mel and Betty, co-chairs of the Illinois-Eastern Iowa Young Children Priority One committee, attended the opening of the clinic in April of 2005. In addition to their time spent in Viet Nam, they visited Japan, Thailand, and Hong Kong. Their talk will focus on the Sweetwater clinic and will include some of their "tourist" adventures.

Sternwheelers - After a lot of brainstorming the past two months, we are excited to start our 2006 programs with a Potluck and Speaker on Mar. 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the church Dining Room. Bring your own table service and a dish to pass. You don't drive at night anymore? Please let Don & Marilyn Sale know and they will arrange for transportation. No, I didn't forget the speaker's name! That's a surprise and you will have to attend to find out.

Ladies Afternoon Out - will meet on Sat., Mar. 25, at 1:00 p.m. in the Ed. Center. Come and view "The March of the Penguins" for an enjoyable afternoon. A plate of treats to share will be appreciated. **See you at the movie!!**

V.I.P. - will meet on Tuesday, at noon on March 28, in the church Dining Room. Amy Driskill, Director of the German American Heritage Center, will present a short program on the history of German-American immigration to the Quad City Region. Dividing the Immigration waves into three segments, Ms. Driskill will focus on the different areas of Germany that immigrants came from and the diverse reasons that caused them to leave their homeland and risk a long journey to establish a new life in our community. Ms. Driskill has been Director of the Center for three years, holds a Master's Degree in Colonial and Nineteenth Century U. S. History and Museum Studies.

The host committee will be Bev Linn, Shirley Work, Helen Sears, Nancy Soseman and Barb Weber. Betty Kramer will share devotions. LaNeva Birkel will be our MC.

Everyone is welcome! Please bring a dish to share, your own table service and a friend! Anyone that is unable to attend the potluck is welcome for the program at 12:45/1:00. **Come, have fellowship, and enjoy an interesting program!**

VIP/Jan Fitzpatrick

College in Your Future? - If so, consider attending a Presbyterian college! There is a bulletin board in the narthex with listings of Presbyterian colleges and your high school counseling office should have additional information. South Park has a Presbyterian scholarship fund which could help you with your tuition. If you are interested in applying for a scholarship, please contact a member of the Stewardship Team.

Annette Iglehart, Chairman

Special Lenten Events

Ash Wednesday, March 1, 7:00 p.m.

Worship in the Chapel, including prayers for healing, the imposition of ashes, and Holy Communion

Sunday, March 5, 8:15 & 10:45

Holy Communion

Adult Study Opportunities, Sundays,

Mar. 5-Apr. 9, 9:30 a.m.

Kerygma - Library with Carol Hough
Searchers - Fellowship Hall with Bruce McCart
Questions of Faith - Dining Room with Pastor Casey

Sunday, April 2, 8:15 & 10:45

Holy Communion

Palm Sunday, April 9, 8:15 and 10:45

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering received

Maundy Thursday, April 13, 6:00 p.m.

Simple Supper and Holy Communion around tables

Good Friday, April 14, 7:00 p.m.

Service of Light and Darkness in the Chapel

Easter Sunday, April 16, 8:15 and 10:45

Celebration of the Resurrection and Holy Communion

Easter Breakfast at 9:30



Lenten Studies with Blackhawk Presbyterian Connection Churches

Tuesdays, March 14-April 4, 6:00-7:15 p.m.

Simple Supper and discussion of Lenten Disciplines

March 14 - South Park Presbyterian Church

March 21 - Milan Presbyterian Church

March 28 - Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church

April 4 - Gloria Dei Presbyterian Church

Prayer for the Lenten Season

God of mercy,
as we move through the journey of this season
incite us to truthful reflection,
faithful action,
and quiet release of all that is false
and fleeting.
Deliver us from every evil and protect
us from all anxiety as we wait in
joyful hope for the great feast of
Easter, the Passover of the Lord
Jesus from death to life with you.
Amen



Questions of Faith

Do you want to participate in a special discipline for Lent? Then you are invited to join Pastor Casey on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the Dining Room to discuss "Questions of Faith". Each session will begin with a video segment, with several well-known authors and theologians giving their views on the question of the day. We will follow that with an opportunity to share our own thoughts on the subject and on their comments. The topics are:

- March 5 - Who is God?
- March 12 - What good is prayer?
- March 19 - What's God got to do with evil?
- March 26 - What's being good good for?
- April 2 - Who needs organized religion?
- April 9 - What matters anyway?

Church Directory Correction - Upon the recent publication of the updated Church Directory, it was brought to the church office's attention that Stacey Hoover, an active member, was not listed among the members. We deeply regret this error and want to print her address and telephone number for you to notate in your directory. Her information should have been listed in the directory as follows:

Hughes, Ms. Pamela *+
Stacey Hoover *+
1040 Rebecca Ave.
Carbon Cliff IL 61239

Thank You - to everyone who helped make the **Quad Cities Dining Tour Books** a great success! 150 books were ordered and 10 were returned giving South Park Church a profit of \$1,400. Great dining...same time a great "fundraiser".

The Session

Fellowship Committee - extends their appreciation for your participation at the "Spaghetti Lunch" on Feb. 12. Your donations helped the General Budget with \$206.11 after our expenses of \$86.89 were paid. **Thank you!**

Habitat for Humanity - sends a **huge thank you** to everyone at SPPC who helped provide their lunch on Sat., Feb. 18. A special thank you to Claire Vandercar, Julia Franklin, Jordan & Tyler Wagener along with Pete McCart, the Confirmation Class leader for serving the workers.



I'd like to thank my church family for their prayers and phone calls. Also for the visits from Pastor Casey and our Parish Nurse, Joanne Stice, during my stay at the hospital. God Bless you all.

Gary Hendren

Hooray for the Souper Bowl! - Thank you so much for your generous contributions after worship on Souper Bowl Sunday. You contributed \$177.35 to assist in the community ministries sponsored by Churches United of the Greater Quad Cities.

Power Point Operators - We are now having the Sunday worship bulletin and hymns projected by Power Point during morning worship. Many are wanting this to continue. To make that possible, we need people to run the projector for one service a month. Do you attend the early service? You will be aided and instructed in how to do this until it is comfortable. **Please** sign up on the bulletin board, and/or phone "Pete" McCart, 794-9629.



Our Sympathies and Prayers to...

...Gretchen Mortier and her family upon the death of her father, **John Mortier**, in January. If you would like to send her a note, please see the address listed for her on page 9.

...the family of Lesa Behrends upon the recent death of her mother, **Helen Behrends**.

**MEMORIAL EASTER FLOWER
ORDER FORM**

Please fill out the order form and mail to:

EASTER FLOWERS

c/o South Park Presbyterian Church
1501 30th Street, Rock Island, IL 61201

*Don't forget to include your check
in the correct amount,
per plant ordered, designated
"EASTER FLOWERS"
and payable to*

*South Park Presbyterian Church.
Orders must be received **no later than***

Monday, March 20th

TYPE OF FLOWER (check one):

Lily (\$11.00) _____ Tulip (\$11.00) _____

Daffodil (\$11.00) _____

In Memory of:

From:

Easter Breakfast - The Fellowship committee invites everyone to come & share breakfast in the Church Dining Room, April 16th at 9:30 a.m. Your menu will be Egg/Potato casseroles, choice of breakfast pastries, juice & coffee.
Fellowship Committee/Jan Fitzpatrick

**Mark Your Calendars
Summer Fund Raisers**

June 10: Flea Market in the church parking lot.
June 17: Rain date for Flea Market.
August 11 & 12: All Church Annual Rummage Sale in the church basement.
Watch Touchpoints for further information!!
The Team/Annette, Bus, Duane, Jack & Jan

The Nominating Committee - for the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) has completed their work and offers to the congregation the following names to be elected to the PNC on Sunday, March 5, after the 10:45 worship service:

Bob Brown - 8:15 service, long time member

Sue Foster - CE member, young family

Gary Hendren - Deacon and long time member

Carol Hough - Worship & Music member, long time member

Marilyn Kieffer - Session member, long time member

Sam LaMere - Young adult

Terry Langston - Session member

Cheryl Pople - Deacon member

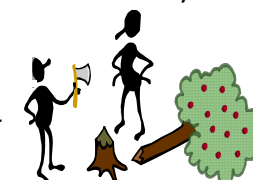
HIGHLIGHTS

of the February 20 Session Meeting

- ◆ Christian Education is making plans for Summer Camps and VBS.
- ◆ Church in Society needs more volunteers to donate main dishes for the meal site.
- ◆ Fellowship is planning an Easter Breakfast at 9:30 on April 16.
- ◆ Learned the church has a block of 3 Chippiannock cemetery lots, gifted in 1983, available to be sold. Contact Don Berg, Clerk of Session.
- ◆ The PNC slate was presented, and a congregational meeting was called for March 5, after the 10:45 worship, to elect the PNC.
- ◆ The plan to allow the main doors for groups of 25 or more, for 30 min. prior and 15 min. after the time of the event during office hours of 8 am – 4:30 pm was approved.
- ◆ Personnel presented Beth Newberry, who was elected as Church Treasurer.
- ◆ Worship and Music announced the Lent worship schedule. The motion to hold one service on Sundays at 10 am during June, July and August, was approved.
- ◆ The WEM By-Laws were changed to adjust representation on the committee, reflecting reduced numbers on Session and Deacons.
- ◆ Requests for membership transfer from Byron Beck, Shirley Johnson and Larry and Carolyn Perkins were approved.
- ◆ Conversations between SPPC and Good Shepherd continue.

Holocaust Study - The Tri-City Jewish Center, 2715 30th St., Rock Island, is holding a Teacher Institute on Holocaust Study on Thurs., Mar. 2. This institute is open to teachers, students, and interested community members. Registration is at 3:00 p.m., with sessions and dinner from 4 - 8 p.m. The cost is \$20. Information is at www.holocausteduqca.com.

In case you wanted to know... during the week of January 22-27, seven different projects were printed and assembled by your office staff and member volunteers. These included the church Annual Report, Directory, Holy Conversations Report, PW Yearbook, Touchpoints, monthly calendar and Sunday bulletins for a total of 20,347 sheets of paper passed through the Riso-graph copy machine. Our apologies to the trees.



A Home for Used Cell Phones

If you have recently updated your cell phones and are wondering what to do with the old ones, here's what you can do. The Christian Family Care Center recycles them in a responsible manner. The proceeds benefit the center's programs, which offer several ministries to the homeless and abused of the Quad Cities. You may bring your phones to the church Library, or deliver them directly to the center at 2209 3rd Ave., Rock Island.

