



The Good News

ENJOYING LENT(?)

Many Protestants have a hard time getting their minds around Lent. We know that it's a season of penitence, discipline, and preparation for Holy Week and Easter. A common misunderstanding is that we should "give up something for Lent." This may be appropriate as far as it goes, but far too often the result is that self-sacrifice is an end in itself. A far better and more positive take on the Season is to add something—like an increase in volunteer hours in church or community, or foregoing a morning latte and donating the extra \$4 to combat hunger.

For several years I've made it a practice in Lent to read the entire New Testament. Plowing through all 27 books and 240 chapters from Matthew to Revelation may seem a bit overwhelming, but by going back and forth between the five historical books (the Gospels and Acts) and the Epistles, there's a variety that keeps the exercise fresh. This is the schedule I plan to follow for Lent, 2010.

<u>Week</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Books</u>
1	Feb. 17-21	Mark, Romans, James
2	Feb. 22-28	I, II, & III John, Jude, Luke
3	Mar. 1-7	I Corinthians, Matthew
4	Mar. 8-14	Galatians, Ephesians, Acts
5	Mar. 15-21	Philippians, Colossians, Hebrews, I & II Thessalonians
6	Mar. 22-28	II Corinthians, Revelation, I & II Timothy
7	Mar 29-Apr 4	I & II Peter, Titus, Philemon, John

Some books are long (28 chapters each in Luke and Acts) and others are only a single chapter. Some chapters are lengthy as well, particularly in the Gospels and Acts. By reading an average of six chapters in the 40 days of the Season (for most readers about 20 minutes worth), the entire New Testament can be covered. It's best to find a time when you can have quiet and avoid interruption. Before opening the Bible, spend a few minutes in silent prayer seeking the illumination of God's Spirit. At the conclusion of your reading, devote another few minutes to reflection. You may find it helpful to jot down questions or observations about what you have read.

Like almost all pastors, Dorothy and I enjoy answering church members' questions about the Bible. If you get stuck on something, let us know. If we don't have the answer immediately, we can probably find it.

May God bless all of our people in the Lenten Season.

Deane

PYC EVENTS

February 7	Souper Bowl of Caring
	Super Bowl Parties
February 14	Dinner and a Movie
February 21	Discussion - Suffering
February 28	Game Night
March 5-7	Mystery Mission Trip



FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

FEBRUARY 7

Join us in the fellowship hall for our monthly first Sunday fellowship time. We will enjoy coffee, lemonade, cake, cookies, and best of all fellowship with friends new and old. This month, we will have the special treat of meeting our newest members who will be received by session earlier that morning as well as a chance to meet our new church administrative assistant, Barbara Melton. Hope to see you there!

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

February 7

Each year on Super Bowl Sunday, Dorchester's youth participate in this national fundraising drive to help end hunger. Last year, they raised over \$800 for HELP of Summerville...but we can do even better than that this year. The youth have decided to collect money for Haiti through Water Missions International this year, recognizing that our brothers and sisters in Haiti cannot survive without this basic necessity. So fill those soup pots to overflowing on Sunday!



**Special
Events**



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

February 17



Join us at 7:00pm in the sanctuary as we begin the Lenten season with an Ash Wednesday Service, including the imposition of ashes as a sign of repentance in preparation for these 40 days leading up to Easter.

COMMUNION WORKSHOP

February 21 and 28



We will begin with a meeting for parents on February 21 in the fellowship hall at 9:00 a.m. to discuss how you can help prepare your children to participate in communion. Then the first and second graders will spend two weeks during Sunday school learning about the importance of communion and even help set the communion table on March 7.

OYSTER ROAST AND CHILI COOK-OFF

February 27



You don't want to miss this wonderful annual event! We will gather around the oyster tables until you just can't eat any more. And for the non-oyster eaters out there, there will be hotdogs and plenty of yummy sides and dessert. And don't forget to bring your best chili to enter in the chili cook-off - prizes will be awarded for the top three. Sign-up in your bulletin or call the church office beginning February 7th. Hope to see you there for a wonderful evening of food and fellowship!

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

Looking Ahead

March 7	Red Cross Blood Drive
April 4	Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt
May 23	Confirmation Sunday
May 30	Sunday School Teacher Appreciation
June 7-11	Vacation Bible School
November 12-14	Women's Retreat

2010 Committee Chairs

Christian Education

Brenda Sutton
Randi Wells

Fellowship

Julie Burchette
Shirley Monnet

Finance

Peter Jones

Mission

Robin Bowers
Tony Savage

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Brandon Page

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Jack Judson
Don Harmon

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Don Harmon
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Session Representatives

Pastor Nominating Committee

Harry Johnson

Good Shepherd School Board

Don Harmon
Peter Jones

My Dear Friends of DPC,

Thank you, thank you, thank you for the truly wonderful retirement celebration that was held in my honor on January 17th.

I am very touched by all your warm comments and all the work that went into a very special day. I really enjoyed the dinner that included some of my very favorite foods and a beautiful cake, the framed photo of Dorchester with all your warm wishes, the surprise of a very generous monetary gift, a corsage and prayer in worship . . . all in all the nicest recognition I have ever received. I will never forget it, nor will I ever forget you . . . the warm, loving generous folks of Dorchester. You have become, in every sense of the words, my church family. Thank you.

Love,

Jan Meyers-Stanfield



Benevolent Giving at Dorchester Presbyterian Church For 2009

Presbytery Undesignated Gift	\$12,000.00
Presbytery Designated Offerings	\$ 3,044.66
Joy	\$ 648.00
Mother's Day	\$ 533.00
Peace Making	\$ 293.00
Pentecost	\$ 343.00
One Great Hour	\$1,227.46
Seminary Scholarship	\$ 1,357.00
Charlie Brown Christmas Project	\$ 405.00
Charleston Crisis Ministry	\$ 1,333.58
God's Gift Shop	\$ 3,314.00
Habitat For Humanity	\$ 293.95
Haiti Projects	\$ 146.50
Haiti Auction	\$2,300.00
Pearlington Mission Trips	\$ 1,071.00
Presbyterian Women - Charitable Gifts	\$ 1,660.00
Ronald McDonald House	\$ 357.14
Dorchester County DSS - Shoe Fund	\$ 1,725.70
Souper Bowl of Caring-HELP of Summerville	\$ 863.10
Dorchester Serves Day	\$ 270.33
Capital Funds:	
HELP of Summerville	\$ 500.00
Rural Missions	\$ 500.00
Palmetto House	\$ 525.65
	\$31,667.61
PYC Fundraisers	
Cookie Walk	\$ 365.00
Talent Show	\$ 864.00
	\$32,896.61



ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

The congregation will meet immediately following worship on Sunday, February 14. The congregation will vote on three items: terms of call for the Associate Pastor, at large members of the nominating committee, and a change in the church bylaws. The text of the bylaw in question reads as follows:

VIII. Vacancies

Vacancies on the session or the board of deacons may be filled at a special meeting of the congregation or at the annually called meeting to elect officers as the session may determine. At the request of the pastor(s) and with the concurrence of the appropriate board, previously ordained elders or deacons may fill vacancies as they occur until the next regularly scheduled election.

The proposed change is to strike sentence two from Article VIII and retain sentence one. Rational: This change will bring the church bylaws into compliance with the Book of Order.

HAITI OFFERING

After two Sundays of collecting money for Haiti, we have raised \$3280.75 to help with the relief efforts. Thank you for your generosity. We pray that these funds will be a blessing to those in Haiti – those victims of the earthquake and the many people (including our own Russell Huiet and Michael Stewart) who have traveled there to help.

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Please take note of the church's new office hours. The office will be open Monday-Thursday from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. If you need to come by or meet with one of the pastors at another time, please call to make an appointment.

Deane Kemper can be reached at home: 843-216-1175
Dorothy Blackwelder can be reached on her cell: 843-513-2627

PYC THANK YOU

The youth group is very grateful for all of your support of our summer trips through our fundraisers. In 2009, we raised \$1316.60 through the Cookie Walk, Talent Show, ink cartridge recycling, and goodseach.com. Out of our gratitude and recognition of our blessings, we will tithe our fundraising proceeds to help others in need, and \$137 will go to the Red Cross relief effort in Haiti.

MARCH 2010 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Thank you for your promptness!

Articles not received by this date will not be included.
Email articles to: DPCUSA@bellsouth.net

REMEMBER: If you have had a change in your email address, please let the office know as soon as possible so you won't miss out on the newsletter.

Reminders

SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Seniors will meet on Wednesday, **February 10th** in the Fellowship hall for lunch and Bingo. Please join us and bring a dish to share. We are looking forward to seeing you.



Sarah Wickersham and Jenny Ticknor

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

We are getting back on our regular schedule for crafts, and we dedicated new Prayer Shawls on January 31. We have several quilts, comfort buddies, towels, and prayer shawls available now. If anyone has a need for any of these items, please contact Sandy Nunn 851-2548, Kathy Worthington 873-1296, or Norma Jamrogowicz 863-0993. We continue to meet on the fourth Thursday of each month beginning at 10:00 a.m. with refreshments and Bible study. We hope to see you on February 25.



ELDER OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY

Peter Jones

COMMUNION SERVERS

Peter Jones

Robin Monnet

Mike Monnet

Bob Semle

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

	<u>Infant</u>	<u>Toddler</u>
February 7	Melanie Oswald	Sara Gamble
February 14	Robin Bowers	Kelly Howard
February 21	TBD	Suzanne Graham
February 28	Jenny Ticknor	Brenda Sutton

NEWCOMERS HOSTS

February 7	Bob and Linda Veline
February 14	Steve and Randi Wells
February 21	Mike and Kim Monnet
February 28	Kirk and Pam Stewart

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

February 7	Georgia DuPree and Alex Hansen
February 14	Ann Anderson and Taylor Feltner
February 21	Kim Dixon and Cody Sharp
February 28	Robin Monnet and Leigh Burnette

