

Claude Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday in Lent
March 07 2010

Welcome one and all to Claude Church

Welcome to our friends and visitors to worship today. We are glad to have you with us this morning. If you are a first-time worshipper at Claude we reach out to you with hospitality and friendship in the name of Jesus. Please sign our Guest Book in the front porch before you leave today.

We hope you remembered that our Annual Meeting will be held following our worship service today. We will gather in the Sunday School room, eat our bagged lunches and get right down to business.

We hope everyone will stay and participate in this meeting.

Bible Study

Bible Study resumes this coming Wednesday, March 10th at the home of David and Faith Clarkson. Hope we will see you there as we continue our study of the Book of Revelation.

Mission Capsules

KENYA

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support Margaret Evans as she works with the Shauri Yako Youth Support Centre in Nyeri, Kenya, a program supported with grants from Presbyterian World Service & Development. As their Youth Program Coordinator, Margaret counsels and trains street youth in life skills; teaches and leads bible studies; and organizes educational activities such as art, music, drawing, sports and outdoor expeditions. She also helps the centre organize HIV voluntary counselling and testing events and provide home-based care for people living with HIV. Let us pray for Margaret as she works to make a difference in the lives of young people in Kenya.



Stewardship Moment:

Exploring the money issues in our life is a tool we use to reach our spiritual core – where our relationship with God moves from our head, to our heart, and out through our hands.

Jan Sullivan Dockter

Claude Book Club

Our February meeting had to be cancelled and we will now meet for our regular March meeting on **Monday, March 15th at 7:00 pm** at the home of Merle & Richard Harstone.

We will discuss two books this time. The first book is **STILL ALICE** by *Lisa Genova*. Our second book is **The Guernsey and Potato Peel Pie Society** by *Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows*. Pick up a copy of these books and come join us. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Prayer Partnership:

Please remember to include the following in your daily prayers throughout the coming week:

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

~ *Third Sunday in Lent* ~

Pray for women in El Salvador who, with support from Presbyterian World Service & Development, help each other learn about their human rights and how to defend them.

MONDAY, MARCH 8

~ *International Women's Day* ~

Pray for women everywhere who are contributing to communities, working for change, providing safe homes, and calling for justice and mercy.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

Pray for the work of the Rev. Francis Savill, who serves as the convener of the Student Certification Committee of the Presbytery of Westminster.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

Pray for Rev. Emmanuel Cheema and Rev. Bushra Cheema, co-ministry team for the Asian Christ Church congregation, that they may lead a successful ministry for the South Asian community in Surrey, British Columbia.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

Pray for Tricia Browne, Resource Consultant for The Book Room, and for her husband Ryan as they prepare to welcome their second baby into their family.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

Pray for those who are involved in creating government policies that affect us all, that they will make ethical and humane choices.

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

Pray for the safety of those who are travelling during March break.

International Women's Day

In 1977, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution calling on member states to proclaim a day for women's rights and international peace. Following the United Nations' lead, Canada chose March 8 as International Women's Day.

Over time, International Women's Day has grown into a week-long series of commemorative events and activities across the country. International Women's Week 2010 begins on Sunday, March 7 and wraps up on Saturday, March 13.

The Government of Canada's theme for 2010 is **Strong Women. Strong Canada. Strong World.**

This theme reflects the government's action to encourage more women and girls to participate in leadership roles, thereby helping them thrive, reach their full potential, fulfill their dreams and build a more prosperous Canada. Each year at this time, Canadians celebrate progress toward equality for women and their full participation, reflect on the challenges and barriers that remain, and consider future steps to achieving equality for *all* women, in *all* aspects of their lives.

For Canadians, equality means women and men sharing in the responsibilities and obligations, as well as in the opportunities and rewards, of life and work. In Canada, leadership is key across society – from the private sector to governments to the general public. Leadership is important, so that people of all origins, generations and backgrounds can participate fully in our country's economic, social and democratic life, and ultimately, in improving the state of the world.

Congregational Meeting

A reminder that we will have our Annual Meeting today following our morning worship service. We have many things that need to be done throughout the year and we really need to have all of you stay and participate in this meeting. It is at this meeting that plans are made and our budget for the year is approved.

Without knowing what support the congregation is prepared to give, our Session cannot authorize funding to our National Church programs or arrange for maintenance and upkeep of our properties.

If you haven't picked up a copy of our Annual Report during the past two weeks please be sure to get one following our worship service this morning and read through it quickly before the meeting starts.



Massive Earthquake Hits Chile: PWS&D Accepting Donations

An 8.8 magnitude earthquake—one of the most powerful earthquakes ever recorded—hit Chile on February 27, 2010, followed by at least six strong aftershocks over 6.0 magnitude. Concepcion, one of Chile's largest cities, was the worst hit. The quake claimed more than 700 lives, destroyed 1.5 million homes, and damaged highways, bridges, hospitals and infrastructure for electricity and water. Despite rain in the region, many people are sleeping outside, afraid of further aftershocks. Fuel, water and food are scarce.

Working Together to Respond

The Action by Churches Together Alliance is working with the Chilean government to assess the situation and determine the best response. Presbyterian World Service & Development is a member of the ACT Alliance and is accepting donations for this disaster. We will continue to post updates as they become available.

You can help those most affected by the earthquake in Chile through your prayerful and financial support. You can make a donation to PWS&D by calling 1-800-619-7301 ext. 291, donating online, through your church or mailing a cheque to the office. Please mark all donations "Chile Relief."

Presbyterian World Service & Development is the development and relief agency of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Women's Perspectives, March 2010

Women's Perspectives is a newsletter with the purpose of keeping women in touch with each other and sharing with the whole church their theological perspectives, biblical insights, special interests, joys and concerns. The newsletter is prepared by an editorial committee in co-operation with the Women in Ministry Committee, and published by Ministry and Church Vocations, the Life and Mission Agency of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. The views expressed in Women's Perspectives are not necessarily endorsed by the Editorial Committee or the Life and Mission Agency.

If you would like to receive new issues by email, please send an email to slang@presbyterian.ca with the subject line "Subscribe Women's Perspectives".

Departing Thought

As we go out to live as faithful followers of Jesus, carry these words in your hearts: "No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will provide the way out so you may be able to endure it." In the name of Jesus Christ, may this be our message to the world, wherever we go and whomever we meet.

Based on 1 Corinthians 10:1-13