

Life at THE PROMiSE!

(For the week of February 19, 2012)

Wednesday ConneXion This Week!

Join us this Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. for a sit-down dinner prepared by our Women of Faith group; followed by our annual Ash Wednesday Worship Experience at 7:00 p.m. Please be sure to sign up on the "I Matter" sheet or online!!

My Church Minutes

For our 9:16 classes and our 10:44 preschool classes: This week's Faith Point is "We can learn about God's love." Our Bible Verse: 1 John 4:8 – "God is love."

For our 10:44 elementary classes: This week's Faith Point is "Jesus is the son of God." Our Bible Verse is 1 John 4:14 – "We have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world."

Monthly Themes for our Partnership with the Fishers UMC Food Pantry!

We are collecting a different "item" each month for the Fishers UMC Food Pantry. We are collecting **Canned Chili** for the chilly month of February. (ANY brand, ANY variety!) Let's see how big a pyramid of Canned Chili we can build this month. We will deliver all of it at the end of the month! Thanks for your help as we share the love of God in this tangible way! For more information, please contact Pastor Jennifer (jennifer@thepromisechurch.org).

Two Mission Projects Sponsored by the Kids of THE PROMiSE

1. Stuffed Animals – The children of THE PROMiSE are collecting stuffed animals for the Good Samaritan Network during the month of February. Please bring any new or gently used stuffed animals you have to donate to the church by February 29th and put them into one of the collection boxes. For more information, please contact Kirsten Jones (kirstenjones72@yahoo.com).

2. Book Drive – THE PROMiSE Preschool and Kindergarten are collecting new and gently used books to donate to the Appalachian Mission Center. These books will be given to children so that they too may experience the joy of owning a book. We are collecting books through Sunday, February 26. Please bring your books to the Preschool Office. For more information, please contact Kirsten Jones (kirstenjones72@yahoo.com).

Room Usage and Scheduling – New Method

We have a new method for scheduling room usage here at THE PROMiSE, for both Church and non-Church events. All requests need to be submitted online at <http://tpcumc.no-ip.org/calendar/publicAdd.jsp>. Thanks!

Save the Date

Sunday, March 18th will be a celebration of the 10th Anniversary of THE PROMiSE! Please stay tuned for more details about a very special worship event (10:29 a.m.) and fellowship ...

Courageous Living Bible Study

God is calling us to fight for our faith and for our families. He is calling us to follow Christ and live a life that is COURAGEOUS! It's time to answer the call. Please join Late Nite Ministries and Women's Night Out in the Courageous Living Bible Study. This four session

study starts this month. Please contact Ryan and Jennifer McDaniel for details (mcdanielfamily@comcast.net).

An Update from our Children's Ministry Leadership Team!

The Children's Ministry wants YOU!! We have great need for both services with a variety of ages. This is an incredibly rewarding area to serve in and the team makes your service amazingly easy! For more information, please contact Kirsten Jones (kirstenjones72@yahoo.com) or Carrie Duer at (ceduer@yahoo.com). Thank you so much!!

In 6th – 12th Grade? Come Join us at MP3!

Youth Ministry at THE PROMiSE is for all 6th - 12th graders!!! Welcome to MP3 (More Power to the Trinity) ... youth ministry at THE PROMiSE!

In Matthew 28:19-20, Christ said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Our mission is to welcome all youth into a loving environment so they can become disciples of Jesus Christ through Bible study, fellowship and worship. We encourage, challenge and nurture students to grow in their own relationship with God. The youth ministry empowers students to experience and share the love of Christ with others to transform the world.

Junior High (grades 6-8) and Senior High (grades 9-12) meet on Wednesdays and Sundays. On Wednesdays, we meet from 7:00-8:00 p.m. for "In Tune." On Sundays, we meet from 7:00-8:00 p.m. for Bible Study.

Please contact Ashlea Barnett (ashleabarnett@yahoo.com) for more information!

Walk to Emmaus

Want to see the face of Jesus and experience radical hospitality? The next Emmaus Walks are coming up! The men's Walk is April 12-15, and the women's Walk is April 19-22. This is an amazing spiritual journey that will change your life, your relationship with Christ, your relationship with others and how you feel about God's Grace and His undying love for YOU. To attend a Walk you will need to fill out some paperwork and find a sponsor (someone who has been on a Walk and will help take care of stuff for you while you are gone), but Kirsten Jones is happy to help with that! Please email her if you have ANY questions whatsoever! (Kirstenjones72@yahoo.com)

My Church Choir

On Sunday mornings, come and sing with Liz Chandler at 10:20 a.m. All children (ages 3 and older) are welcome to join us. For more information, please contact Liz Chandler (lizchandler74@gmail.com).

Women of Faith 2012

It's NOT too late to get your ticket! For more information, please contact Kirsten Jones (kirstenjones72@yahoo.com) or Liz Chandler (lizchandler74@gmail.com).

Updating our Email Lists

We need YOUR help! We have discovered several "bad" email addresses which bounce back to us. Please help us update our records by writing your email address on the "I Matter" sheet or sending an email to Pastor Jennifer (jennifer@thepromisechurch.org). Thanks!

Easy Tithe is Here!

We are excited to announce our new **EasyTithe** program with two great tithing options for your convenience:

Option 1 - EasyTithe Auto Draft: Just complete the EasyTithe Auto Draft form, include a voided check, and place it in the offering bag. It's just that easy!

Option 2 - EasyTithe Online Banking: Use the online checking for your bank or credit union to setup one time or recurring online payments for your tithe. We've developed the EasyTithe Getting Started guide that includes all of the information you need to help you start to EasyTithe today.

For more information, please contact Hal Eichorst (heichorst@msn.com).

PROMiSE Scrapbook Club

Scrapbookers celebrate. Your time has come at THE PROMiSE. On the 2nd Friday night of each month, join a gathering of friends for the purpose of creative fellowship and time to work on your memory celebration projects. Bring your own supplies. If you need any other items, Creative Memories products are available for purchase (and portion of any purchases will go to THE PROMiSE). Nancy Skaggs, a Creative Memories consultant and PROMiSE family member, will be available to provide ideas, encouragement, and excitement. For more information on time and location of our gatherings, please contact Nancy at (nanzzmemories@sbcglobal.net).

Books and Brunch

Book Lovers Unite! Don't miss out on some wonderful fellowship, great discussion, and yummy treats with THE PROMiSE's own Books & Brunch Book Club! Join us the first Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to noon at members' homes for this great small group. Please contact Karla Elliott (karla.elliott@att.net) for details on upcoming events or any questions. We'd love to see you there!

Name Tags

New name tags will be available for delivery *next week*. Simply request one on the "I Matter" sheet. If you request a name tag, it will be on the table below the name tag rack by next Sunday. In the interest of hospitality, everyone is encouraged to wear their name tags.

Recycling

SAVE YOUR PAPER.....it's easy!! Save your paper and make the church some extra money!! Save your junk mail, kid's school papers, newspapers, old magazines and any other paper you have to throw away. Set up an extra container for your house just for your unwanted paper, and empty it in the green "dumpster"!! Please contact Stacy Pratt (stacy@thepromisechurch.org) for more details.

THE PROMiSE is Podcasting!

Please see our website (www.thepromisechurch.org) for more information.

Discounts at Office Depot

We have a very special and unique money-saving opportunity. THE PROMiSE has received a limited quantity of "Office Depot Store Purchasing Cards." These are cards that work similar to a Kroger Plus card for in-store purchases at Office Depot stores, and are good for whatever you buy. There are 3 levels of pricing/discounts with these cards. One level is the contract program items. The second level offers a 7% discount on all in-stock items, which are not in the contract program and are not on sale. The third level is that sale items are at the sale

price as indicated. The cards are limited to one per family, and are available in the Church Office. Please see Monte Chamberlin or Pastor Jennifer for a card, or more information.

February Weekly Attendance and Giving Update

PROMiSE Friends, please find below the giving and attendance for this month. Thank you for your gracious and continued support of THE PROMiSE.

If you have questions on our budget or finances, please call Monte Chamberlin, Finance Team Captain (409-2984) or Hal Eichorst, Imagineers Captain (370-5211).

Needed weekly to meet expenses and mortgage commitments: Giving \$8,000.

Our February weekly giving and attendance is noted below:

Week 1 Attendance – 299, Tithe – \$ 5,006, Children’s Offering – \$ 17.60

Week 2 Attendance – 326, Tithe – \$14,175, Children’s Offering – \$ 22.71

Upcoming Sermons:

February 26 – “Good News for Me...and You Too!” – Rev. Rusty Allanson, preaching

March 4 – “World of Words”

March 11 – “Denying our Faith”

March 18 – 10th Anniversary Celebration – Bishop Michael Coyner, preaching – one Worship experience at 10:29 a.m.

March 25 – “What’s Next?”

Our Purpose Statement

To Develop Persons into Faithful Followers of Jesus Christ

We do this corporately as a church by intentionally:

- L** **Loving** persons individually and unconditionally. (seek)
- I** **Inviting** them to know and accept Jesus personally as Savior. (include)
- F** Teaching them to **Follow** Jesus with every aspect of their lives, honoring him as Lord. (train)
- E** **Equipping** and **Empowering** them to **Engage** the world in mission in Jesus’ name. (send)

“We do not exist for ourselves, but for those who are not yet here.”

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