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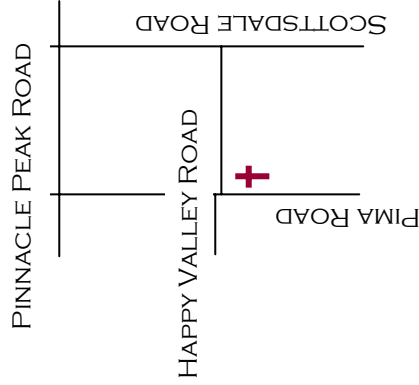
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FEBRUARY 2007

CHURCH WELCOMES PARIS AS SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

Pinnacle welcomes Dr. Peter Paris as its first *Scholar in Residence* from February 12 – April 9. He will be available to meet with small groups, give a series of presentations, and preach during his visit with us.

Pinnacle Presbyterian Church is honored to host Dr. Paris for this two month period. He has an extensive list of credentials which reflect his many personal talents and gifts. He is a fine professor, a sensitive pastor, author of several books and also active in the Princeton community where he serves on an after-school program for children of low income families. He and Adrienne, his wife, enjoy sailing and spend a fair amount of their leisure time on their boat on the east coast.

Dr. Paris recently retired from Princeton Theological Seminary where he was the Elmer G. Homrighausen Professor of Christian Social Ethics and Liaison with the Princeton University African American Studies Program.



CORBETT'S CORNER

Dear Friends,

It's February and Valentine's Day! Our thoughts go to romantic love, special gifts, cards, and that special someone. Hopefully, we'll pick out just the right card and enjoy some time together with our "Valentine".

Erotic (romantic) love is one expression of Biblical love. The three Greek words for love in the New Testament are *eros*, *philos* (brotherly love, hence Philadelphia) and *agape* or unconditional love. It's the third one, *agape*, which richly expresses God's love for humanity. It's *agape* love revealed so starkly in the crucifixion and resurrection.

February also brings Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. The pastoral and music staff are preparing unique worship services to express God's *agape* love. I hope you'll join together with other loved ones and worship with us in these demanding times.

Sincerely,

Larry



CHURCH SCHOOL PLANS FEBRUARY

During February children in church school will be learning about the following Bible lessons:

Nursery meet Paul, Silas, and Peter, find out about Jesus' miracles and the little lost sheep

3s - 4s learn that Jesus cares for the sick, loves us, keeps us safe and provides for our needs

Kindergarteners discover Peter and Jesus walking on water and how we can help others by telling them about Jesus, forgiving them and caring when they hurt

1st- 3rd encounter the Prodigal Son

4th get to know the Bible and receive a Bible from the church

5th - 6th examine the return of Jesus, His life and ministry, the gifts of the Holy Spirit and visit with Peter and John

JR and SR Highs uncover the three most rebellious things Jesus did, the five biggest misconceptions about the Bible, the meaning of the PC(USA) symbol, and the seven funniest and five grossest Bible stories—can you think of any?

CLASSES DEVELOP FAITH



How do parents help their youth make responsible choices as they live out their Christian faith? How do they prepare them to make ordinary but important decisions about time, money, talents and relationships? In this four week session, participants will explore **Living Generously**, the spiritual gift of generosity and our obligations as stewards of all God provides. Shelly Core, Director of Children's Ministries, will lead this class in room 1 of Fellowship Hall from 6-7 p.m. on February 7, 14, 28 and March 7.

The study of **Genesis**, taught by Rev. Francis Park, is held 6-7 p.m. in the Chapel Conference Room each Wednesday night.

PINNACLE HAS NEW FOUNDATION

Pinnacle Presbyterian Church has a new Foundation. It is governed by a separate Board of Trustees all of whom are church members and allows you to create a permanent endowment to the church, through planned giving. The Foundation is a charitable 501c(3) tax exempt Arizona corporation governed by By-Laws, a Trust Agreement between the Foundation of the Church and an Investment Policy. Fran Park is available to answer any questions about this new and exciting way to create your personal legacy in the church.

The Foundation has many products and choices available to donors: charitable gift annuities, property, charitable trusts and pooled income funds. Gifts may be designated within the guidelines of the Foundation. The goal of the Foundation is to retain the corpus invested and only make distributions to the Church for its needs from the earnings of these investments. Over time, these earnings should be sizeable.



LENT LABYRINTH WALKS

As Lent begins a walk in Labyrinth may help many prepare themselves for a time of reflection, repentance, and preparation. We encourage you to use the space and silence the labyrinth provides to listen to your life and be with God. It will be available Sunday, February 25, and Monday, February 26, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. At 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, February 25 Mac Schafer will do a orientation to walking the labyrinth and service of blessing.

S.A.G.E. MEETS ON WEDNESDAYS

S.A.G.E. (Senior Adults Gaining Enrichment) meets Wednesdays in the Chapel Conference Room from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. They are currently studying the Psalms. It is a time to share food (lunch is \$5), fun, and fellowship.

CHILDREN GIVE TO SOCIAL SERVICES

The children's offering for November and December totaled \$629.08 which will support Vista del Camino, a City of Scottsdale community center that provides emergency social services, counseling, financial assistance, job preparation and youth programs. January and February contributions will be given to Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit housing organization that builds simple, decent, affordable housing for those in need. Sets of children's offering envelopes are available in the narthex. Individual children's offering envelopes are also available in the pews.



CONSULTANT AIDS SOUND SYSTEM

Major steps have been taken by the Property Committee of the Session and the church staff to improve the quality of the sound, especially for the spoken word, in the Sanctuary. Kierkegard and Associates, an acoustician of international reputation, has been contracted to access the acoustics and recommend what steps need to be taken to improve the listening needs of people in the pews. Toby Spessard, church Business Manager, will willingly answer all questions at 480.585.9448 or e-mail him at tspessard@pinnaclepres.org.

There are costs associated with the improvements Kierkegard and Associates are recommending. Those who wish to contribute are appreciated.

CHURCH INVOLVED IN MANY MISSION PROJECTS

Pinnacle Presbyterian Church is involved with the following mission opportunities:

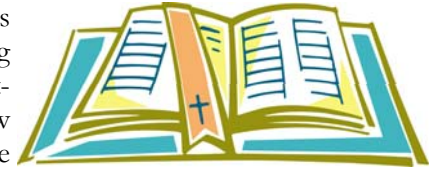
Andre House	Presbyterian Funds
Just Coffee	Border Links
Vista del Camino	Children's Ministries
Knit Wits	Habitat for Humanity
ViCaP Faith in Action	Christmas Offering
Foothills Caring Corp	Operation Quality Time
Souper Bowl	Sheldon Jackson College
N.A.M.I.	Heifer Project

Those who wish to become involved may call the Rev. Fran Park at 480.585.9448.



4TH GRADERS RECEIVE BIBLES

During February, 4th graders will spend three weeks learning about when the Bible was written, how it is organized, and how to look up verses. A prize will be given to those who memorize all of the books of the Bible. On Sunday, February 25, a Bible will be presented to each student during the church service.



THERE'S SOMETHING FOR KIDS TO DO

In the narthex there are activity bags available with interesting things for children to do at the 11:00 a.m. service. After the service, parents or others are asked to return the bags (less any used pages) to an usher.

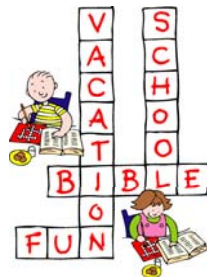
PINNACLE CELEBRATES FAT SUNDAY

The Deacons will once again host Fat Sunday between the 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services on February 18 on the Green. It is Pinnacle's pre-Lent party! The Deacons will provide coffee, King Cakes, donuts, music, fellowship, and more. For the children there will be beads, masks, and other goodies to celebrate with. All friends and members are encouraged to join us for this special time of fellowship and celebration.



During Church Services

THE 2007
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
WILL BE
JUNE 11 – 15



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has a new look! It still
gives the best information
on:

worship services,
music,
children's activities,
mission statement, and
Bible study groups.



E-mail the church at
lcollins@pinnaclepres.org

VICAP REACHES HOMEBOUND

Beatitudes Center DOAR's volunteer program, VICaP Faith in Action, is an official outreach program and partner of Pinnacle's congregation. The good will of caring volunteers has helped homebound adults realize their goal to remain independent in their own homes. Volunteers have also provided companionship that has given our "neighbors" a heightened sense of well-being and connection to others. What blessings!



PLANS GO TO PLANNING OFFICE

The architect for the youth center and expansion of Fellowship Hall, Jim Roberts of Roberts/Jones Associates has begun the approval process with the city of Scottsdale. It is a lengthy process that is likely to take the next several months. The preliminary schedule indicates that with good luck and no unforeseeable delays a building permit could be issued by the end of July.

KNIT WITS DELIVER ROBES, CAPS

The Knit Wits ended 2006 by delivering thirty lap robes to Veteran's Hospital and caps and layettes to Children's Protective Services. They were able to purchase underwear, socks, and gloves for homeless Vets with money from December sales. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 13 at 1:00 p.m. in the Chapel Conference Room. They invite all knitters and crocheters to join them! Donations of yarn may be turned in to the Church office.

CLUB WED! FEATURES MUSIC

Club Wed! offers vocal choirs and hand bells ensembles for children from pre-school to sixth grade each Wednesday beginning at 5:00 p.m. Leaders add games on The Green beginning at 5:00 p.m. and dinner at 5:30 p.m. for the nominal fee of \$5/adults and \$3/children. Marilyn Hylton at 480.585.9448 x241 will gladly answer any questions. After dinner there are many adult education classes while the children engage in music.



STUDY CENTERS ON JESUS

The Women's Bible Study is beginning a new Serendipity study, **Hebrews, The True Messiah**. They will see Jesus through the lens of the Old Testament which will reassure us that Jesus is truly the way, the truth, and the life. As we walk with Christ and experience deeper worship, we will more fully appreciate who Jesus is and what He has done for us. Cost of the study book is \$9 and is available from Jan Premo at 480.563.4778 or in the church office. For more information, please call Gena Brown at 480.451.7613.

MUG 'N MUFFIN GIVES LIFT

Mothers are having a little spiritual lift with their coffee the first and third Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, room 2 with Mug 'n Muffin. Katy Schafer directs women as they share a cup of coffee and discuss relevant topics, dig into the Bible, pray for each other. Childcare is provided in the nursery. For more information phone Katy Schafer at 480.513.0942.

THE NEXT NEW CONNECTION CLASS

an orientation meeting for new members is
Sunday, February 25 at 11:00 a.m. in the
Chapel Conference Room.

SPECIAL MUSICAL EVENTS

GREAT SCRIPTURES, GREAT MUSIC

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12 AT 7 P.M. IN THE CHAPEL

Have you ever noticed how music can bring the message of the scriptures alive? Composers have often gone to the Bible for inspiration and created music to reflect the power and beauty of the Word. Join Brent Hylton, Pinnacle's Music Director, as he examines familiar scriptures set to great music by some of the world's most famous composers. The program is free.

AUGSBURG CENTENNIAL SINGERS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15 AT 7 P.M. IN THE SANCTUARY

Organized in 1993, the Augsburg Centennial Singers seek to revive the tradition of the gospel quartets of the 1890's. The group is comprised primarily of Augsburg College (Minneapolis) alumni and now numbers over 50 members. The singers have performed before sell-out crowds on their 2005 tour to Arizona. The concert promises a feast of sound as these rich male voices perform a variety of gospel, spirituals, barbershop and sacred music.

SESSION CALLS ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the congregation will be held February 4, 2007, between worship services in the Sanctuary. At that time the following people will be presented for election to the Boards of Elders and Deacons.

3 YEAR TERMS AS ELDER

Roy Gust, Lisa Kessler, Mark Leinweber, Bob Westoby

1 YEAR TERM AS ELDER

Beth Cabrera

3 YEAR TERM AS DEACON

Jane Barber, Carol Bower, Kristin Casas, Jenafer Forrest, Christine Hobbi, Tom LeClaire, Chuck MacGregor, Irene O'Hare, Susan Stanton, Andrea Terhune

YOUTH 1 YEAR TERM AS DEACON

Emily Beghin, Lauren Leinweber

3 YEAR TERM ON BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE PINNACLE FOUNDATION

Harlan Smith, Amy Schapira

2007 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Shea Augustine, Les Brokke, Becca Hamilton, Ned Miner

The annual budget will be reviewed as it is adopted by the Session.

