

## THOSE WHOM WE WISH TO HOLD IN PRAYER

To comfort those in mourning: Sue Missimer, Maureen and Ralph Kalbus, Sharon LeClaire, Julie Walker, Carol Cowperthwaite, Al Flood, Margie Smith, Betty Menist, Gerald Wehr, and the friends and families of Ernest Robinson, Judy Allen, Angus Crocker, and Christin Stock.

To ask for God's continued healing: Florence Ahlers, Marilyn Anker, Nancy Ardan, Donna Barnette, Diane Baumsteiger, Vicky Carruthers, Dixie Carter, Jim Cowperthwaite, Dorothy Crockett, Art Curtis, Eur Donovan, Patricia Eppenhart, Diane Fairchild, Jan Fairchild, Grace Ferguson, Chris Francisco, Glenn Fuller, Tomas Gomes, Lisa Hamm, Oren Harari, Jenna Harris, Ed Hart, B.J. Hauge, Mary and Roger Hedin, Frank Hewitt, Jean Holm, Elsie Hostetter, Carol Houston, Dorothy Houston, Va Ilolahia, Bobbie Klein, Sharon LeClaire, Harriet Langworthy, Katie Linder, Michael Maeder, Betty McCalla, Faith McClellan, John McDowell, Helen Miller, Bill New, Lynn Penny, Lucky Phelps, Lois Remmey, Candida Rosa, Ellie Ryan, Robert Shaner, Rob Shea, Lloyd Skanks, Joy Snyder, Linda Standish, Betty Stott, Chuck Swensen, the Thompson family, Astrid Voelker-Buchanan, Michael Volpat, Bob Whitt, William Worden.

To ask for God's help and guidance: to the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee; in Haiti, India, Indonesia, Vietnam, Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, Israel, Palestine, Congo, Darfur, and wherever there is hatred and strife; for John Titaley and his family; for deployed military personnel.

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## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS FEBRUARY 28, 2010

**Today is the second Sunday in Lent.** Our theme for Lent this year is "An Acceptable Fast: An Environmental Challenge." The way we live has damaged God's good creation. Each Sunday in worship, we will focus on a particular environmental theme. Today's theme is "Use of Water." You may download a Lenten devotional on our homepage at [www.togetherwesere.org](http://www.togetherwesere.org).

**We are "going paperless" for Lent** – that means no worship bulletins or inserts. In an effort to reduce waste and save trees, and as part of our Lenten theme of "An Acceptable Fast: An Environmental Challenge," we are using blue worship binders – "the Worship Book" – containing the material we will use each Sunday. The Worship Book is kept in the pews with the hymnals, and will remain in the pews beyond Lent for communion responses, etc. A small number of paper copies of weekly announcements and the calendar are available in the narthex for those who have no access to a computer. A large-print copy of the announcements and week's calendar is posted in the narthex, and on the homepage of the church website: [www.togetherweserve.org](http://www.togetherweserve.org)

**Lenten Devotional now here:** This year's beautiful devotional, designed by Virginia Thibeaux, is now available to download on the church website's homepage: [www.togetherweserve.org](http://www.togetherweserve.org). Limited printed copies are on the table in the narthex. If you wish to offset the cost of printing them, a suggested donation is \$2. which you may place in a pew envelope in the offering plate.

**Adult Ed Lenten Series continues today:** Dr. Sam Hamilton-Poore, Director of the Program in Christian Spirituality at SFTS, will lead this series based on his book *Earth Gospel, a Guide to Prayer for God's Creation*. We'll meet after worship at 11:30 in the Fireside Room every Sunday in Lent, today through Mar. 28. Pick up your copy of the book and a study guide today.

**Service for Wholeness and Healing:** "Wholeness and healing" includes healing from emotional scars, healing for our planet, reconciliation between people and nations, and *shalom* for all people – well-being, safety, fulfillment and peace – as well as physical healing. The service for wholeness and healing is this Wednesday, March 3, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Come for quiet prayer for yourself, a loved one and the world.

**Conference on Palestine-Israel:** This Friday and Saturday, Mar. 5 & 6, Friends of Sabeel will present “A Time for Truth, A Time for Action: Palestine/Israel and the U.S. at the Crossroads” here at First Presbyterian Church. Friends of Sabeel regional conferences are an effective tool for broadening awareness among western Christians on the issues relevant to the peoples of the Holy Land. Drawing on a rich pool of expertise in the fields of theology, biblical scholarship, church social justice teaching, regional history, international law, foreign policy and political currents, these educational events are able to attract wide participation from an ecumenical audience. Our speakers are individuals who represent the Palestinian Christian and Muslim communities as well as the Israeli Jewish community--religious leaders, scholars, writers and activists. American presenters come from all three religious traditions and from secular strands within the Sabeel movement. Visit our conference web page for updated information on speakers and workshops, keynote presentations, online registration, local hotels, and more. <http://www.fosna.org/content/marin-countybay-area-conference-march-5-6-2010>.

**Our Guest Preacher next Sunday, March 7 will be Dr. Mark Braverman,** a Jewish American with deep family roots in the Holy Land. Braverman is a co-founder of Friends of Tent of Nations North America and serves on the advisory board of Friends of Sabeel North America and the Board of the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions-USA. Dr. Braverman will be a speaker at the Sabeel Conference here at FPCSA on March 5-6. Trained as a clinical psychologist, Braverman now devotes himself full-time to the cause for peace in historic Palestine. In his work he focuses on the role of religious beliefs and theology in the current discourse on Israel/Palestine and on the issue of interfaith relations. He is particularly concerned about how the Jewish quest for safety and empowerment and the Christian endeavor to atone for centuries of anti-Semitism have combined to suppress the conversations needed to bring about a just and lasting peace in the Holy Land. His new book, *Fatal Embrace: Christians, Jews and the Search for Peace in the Holy Land*, charts Braverman’s journey as an American Jew struggling with the difficult realities of modern Israel. Vividly describing the spiritual and psychological forces driving the discourse, Braverman turns to the prophets’ cry for justice and Jesus’ transformative ministry to show the way forward. For more information, visit [www.markbraverman.org](http://www.markbraverman.org). Following worship next Sunday at 11:30 in Duncan Hall the congregation will have the chance to meet Dr. Braverman and discuss his sermon, his recent book, and his life vocation as a peacemaker.

**Marin Hunger Walk:** On Sunday, Mar. 21, everyone is invited to walk, volunteer and donate to this county-wide event which supports local non-profits as well as the international work of Church World Service and other organizations. See more at <http://www.churchworldservice.org> CROP walk or call Patty Sanders: [pattytri@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pattytri@sbcglobal.net) or 515-6127.

**Summer Camp for the whole family:** Enjoy the Zephyr Experience on July 4 - 9 at beautiful Lake Tahoe. There are stimulating classes for all ages, opportunities for relaxing on the beach, time for fun and fellowship. It’s all there. Brochures and information are available in Duncan Hall during coffee hour or you may talk to Carl or Joan Basore for more information.

**Please keep the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee in your prayers.**

**2010 FPCSA Members and Friends Directory:** Please check one of the draft copies at coffee hour. If you are not listed, or if any of your directory information has changed, please print in the corrections or send an e-mail to [KathleenMcCalla@TogetherWeServe.org](mailto:KathleenMcCalla@TogetherWeServe.org) with your name, names of minor children, mailing and street addresses, e-mail address and home and cell phone numbers. Please indicate with which phone number you would prefer to be reached. This phone number will be printed in bold type in the directory.

**Happy birthday this week to** Diane Faw, Joy Snyder (Mar. 2), Carl Basore, Laurie Buntain (Mar. 3), Katelyn Kazan (Mar. 4), Michael Meissner (Mar. 6).