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# Church Street News

Presque Isle Congregational Church, United Church of Christ

## Annual Meeting

Historically, "Congregationalism" became an organized religion in sixteenth century England. The Separatists wanted to create a church based on the New Testament model of simplicity and democracy. They wanted no elaborate rituals, garments, or set prayers recited from a prayer book. The Separatists who settled in Plymouth Colony and became known as the Pilgrims are our founding forefathers. We, as members of the United Church of Christ, still follow these early principles of intellectual freedom and the independence of the individual churches when, each January, we relive a part of our history as members of a politically free church through our participation in the Annual Meeting process of reporting and voting.

Eric Waddell, completing his three-year term as Moderator, called the 145th Annual Meeting of the Presque Isle Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, to order on January 31, 2010, and appointed Don Zillman as parliamentarian. Pastor Bob led the opening prayer, and a memorial prayer as we remembered members and friends who died in 2009.

The following reports were approved: Minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting, Pastor's Report, Reports of Church Council, Deacons and Trustees, Music Director, Education Committee, Nominating Committee and Renewal Campaign.

We welcome Jeannette Condon to the three-year position of Moderator; Lyn Edgecomb and Jim Pritchard to the Board of Deacons; and Kim-Anne Perkins and Lee Caron to the Board of Trustees. Two Deacon positions will be filled through recommendations and approval of the Church Council. Roberta and David Griffiths have agreed to continue on as our Conference Delegates.

Treasurer Paul Barrett presented the Treasurer's Report calling attention to the receipts and disbursements for 2009 and the status of the Memorial Gifts and Wills and Trusts. He noted that we will be starting 2010 "in the black" this year thanks to the generosity of our members and friends and our successful fund-raising efforts.

Penny McHatten, Trustee Chairperson, presented the 2010 budget, which called for an increase to the Pastor's annuity and a 2% increase for all other salaried employees. It was noted that our budget came in under last year's proposed budget by \$2,467.59. After Penny reviewed the anticipated income and proposed expenses for 2010, the congregation unanimously approved the proposed budget for 2010. The 2010 budget is only \$2,053 higher than the proposed 2009 budget.

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### Welcome

We welcomed *Scott and Christa Galipeau*, *Georgina Schiff* and *Jennifer Edgecomb* to a new covenantal relationship as members of our church on Sunday, January 24, 2010. All four have been a enthusiastic part of our church family for some time and chose to join with us in a more formal capacity.



## Haiti Earthquake Relief



This picture, copied from the website of the United Church of Christ, shows workers unloading supplies from Church World Service to one of five sites in Haiti. The United Church of Christ is currently partnering with CWS to provide aid in the

form of CWS kits and blankets, medical supplies, food and water.

As of February 2nd, more than \$560,000 has been raised by the UCC Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund. Our church family generously donated **over \$1,760** to be sent through the Maine Conference to this fund.

Your donations also have helped the UCC support the provision of 60 medicine boxes to address the desperate medical needs in Port-au-Prince. Each box can treat routine ailments of about 1,000 adults and children for up to two months.

Please pray for the injured, people who've lost loved ones, and those who are homeless. Pray for those engaged in relief and rehabilitation work.

## Life In Our Church Family

While Pastor Bob and Susan are away for a short vacation to visit family, **Reverend Timothy Stohlberg** will be preaching Sunday, February 7, and Sunday, February 14. Tim, Marcia and Trey have become a special part of our church family during the past several months and we look forward to hearing Tim's messages.

Congratulations are extended to **Anne and Joel Duncan** of Portland on the birth of their daughter **Josie Ella** on January 28. Miss Josie is the granddaughter of Lee and Marianne Thomas.

**Don Waddell** has recently undergone surgery and would love to hear news from the County. Don's address is: 1000 Kings Highway, 375 Port Charlotte Village, Port Charlotte, FL 33980.

## The Season of Lent

One resource has called Lent "a conversation between the season celebrating the beginning of Jesus' life and the season about the end of his life." ([www.judson.org](http://www.judson.org)) The liturgical color for this church season is purple, which represents pain and suffering and, therefore, mourning and penitence.

In many traditions around the world, the time just before Lent is a time of trying out other identities, wearing masks, a carnival. Our **Seasons of the Spirit** worship resources tell us Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of a time of inner revealing. It is a time when we confront the reality that sometimes our prayers are efforts to show God our best sides, rather than our most broken selves. It is a time to unveil to our own awareness the true contours of our hearts, including the shadowy parts.

One religious tradition calls for anointing with ashes on this first day of Lent. We see and wear ashes not only in grief for our mortality, but also in our sense of freedom. In God's loving way, forgiveness, justice, and renewal aren't all up to our efforts and goodness. Our spiritual work is to make all dimensions of life and community available to the renewing love of the Holy One.

## LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**February 17** **7:00 PM**  
*Ash Wednesday Service*

**February 21** **10:00 AM**  
*First Sunday in Lent*  
*Worship with Holy Communion*

## Soup Luncheon

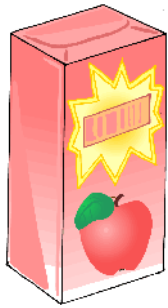


After worship on this first Sunday in Lent, we will join together to share a common meal of soup and bread.

If you can contribute either a meatless soup or a loaf of bread, it will be most appreciated. Sign-up sheets can be found in Fellowship Hall February 7 and February 14.

## February 2010

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday    | Saturday   |
|--|--|-----------|--|-----------|-----------|--|
|  | <i>1</i>   | <i>2</i>  | <i>3</i>   | <i>4</i>  | <i>5</i>  | <i>6</i>   |
|  | 3:00 PM<br>Girl Scouts<br><br>4:30 -6:45 PM<br>TOPS                                  |           | 7:00 AM<br>Men's Group<br>11:30 AM<br>Women's Group<br>4:00 PM<br>Writer's Group   |           |           | 1:00 - 4:00 PM<br>Music Recital<br>Beth Ann Miller |
| <i>7</i>   | <i>8</i>   | <i>9</i>  | <i>10</i>  | <i>11</i> | <i>12</i> | <i>13</i>  |
| 8:30 AM Choir<br>10 AM<br>Worship with<br>Rev. Tim<br>Stohlberg<br><br>Church School<br>11:00 AM<br>Bell Choir | 3:00 PM<br>Girl Scouts<br><br>4:30 -6:45 PM<br>TOPS                                  |           | 11:30 AM<br>Women's Group<br><br>4:00 PM<br>Writer's Group   |           |           |  |
| <i>14</i>  | <i>15</i>  | <i>16</i> | <i>17</i>  | <i>18</i> | <i>19</i> | <i>20</i>  |
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| <i>21</i>  | <i>22</i>  | <i>23</i> | <i>24</i>  | <i>25</i> | <i>26</i> | <i>27</i>  |
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# GIFT

Due to the needs of our local community during the last month, the **GIFT** (Grace Interfaith Food Table) shelves must be restocked and your help will be greatly appreciated. The food items most needed during the month of February include: Juices; Baking Goods (flour, sugar, salt, baking soda, baking powder); cereals (hot and cold); evaporated milk; crackers (saltines and graham); jams and jellies; coffee, tea and cocoa.



## FEBRUARY 7, 2010 - GO RED SUNDAY

The American Heart Association's Go Red for Women® encourages women to take action to reduce the risk for heart disease. *Please wear red to church this coming Sunday, February 7 and support this effort.*

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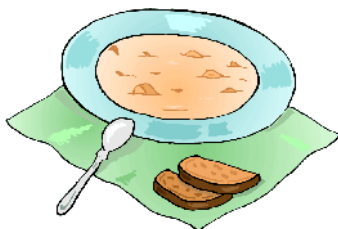
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*Soup Luncheon* following Worship



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