



# FPC Youth News!

First Presbyterian Church  
Texarkana, Arkansas

December

2009

## A Fall filled with Fun, Fellowship, Mission and Service



FPC youth, leaders, and friends had a busy fall full of service, fellowship, and fun. We traveled on a **Magical Mystery Tour** with youth and leaders from all over the **Presbytery** and created PDA hygiene kits, played games, and ran screaming through a corn maze. **Brett Jackson** enticed us to visit the **Haunted Trail in Little River County** and we partied all of Halloween night. Our **Thanksgiving Basket Food Drive** was a wonderful success as we were able to provide boxes of food to 57 families, feeding over 350 individuals. Due to the wonderful response and action of our congregation, friends, and community, we were able to rename our annual Thanksgiving Basket Luncheon to a **Thanks for Giving Luncheon**. FPC Youth served spaghetti, Fran's Fantastic Salad, garlic breadsticks, desserts, and drinks to over 100 people on Sunday, November 15. The youth did not need to ask for donations at the meal to support our food drive. We already had more than we needed. Everyone was able to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal, Italian-style, with their church family. **Thank you to our congregation for your unrelenting support and attention to the mission and service projects of FPC Youth Groups.**

On **December 6, 2009**, the Second Sunday of Advent, representatives of our FPC Youth Groups will light the candle and present the readings to the congregation:



Second Sunday of Advent

- Banner - Miss Ruth Arnold
- Scripture - Miss Kristina Ellis
- Candle lighting- Miss Erin Gloster
- Prayer - Mr. Will Gloster



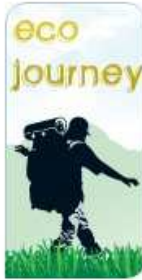
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(See Luke 6:39)

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USING A THIRD PARTY, THEY WERE ABLE TO FIND A LOOPHOLE IN THE BLIND LEADING THE BLIND RULE



Eco-Journey is the blog of the Environmental Ministries Office of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). It will include a wide array of environmental topics: upcoming environmental events, links to interesting articles and studies, information on environmental advocacy, eco-theology topics, and success stories from churches that are going "green."

There are currently some great articles on Louisiana Wetlands. Bayou Blue Presbyterian Church in Gray, Louisiana, has begun a wetlands education program and hospitality dinners for volunteers at the Houma Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Volunteer Village.

*What's going on...*

**Wednesday December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

- 6:00 p.m. Family Night Supper; Joy Gift Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. Put final touches on Christmas Wreaths for Rose Hill Cemetery project



**Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship—**Ruth, Erin, Will, and Kristina** - Advent readings
- 4:30 p.m. Caroling, guitars, and bells at the Sterling House
- 6:00 p.m. Youth meal
- 6:30 p.m. Place Christmas wreaths - Rose Hill Cemetery

**Wednesday December 9<sup>th</sup>**

- 6:00 p.m. Family Night Supper
- 6:30 p.m. Bible Study

**Sunday December 13<sup>th</sup>**

- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship

**????????? CHRISTMAS PARTY!!! Details coming soon!**

**Wednesday December 16<sup>th</sup>**

- 6:00 p.m. Family Night Supper
- 6:30 p.m. Bible Study

**Sunday December 20<sup>th</sup>**

- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 6:00 p.m. Youth meal
- 6:30 p.m. Bible Study

**Wednesday December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

No Family Night Supper/Youth

**Sunday December 27<sup>th</sup>**

- 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 6:00 p.m. Youth will not meet – enjoy this time with your families!

**Dinner and a movie**

**WINNERS**

FPC Youth rocked in their response to our food drive, donating **420** food items and **25** can openers. Way to go, youth! Our top three givers were:

- Laura Davis (95)**
- Kristina Ellis (89)**
- Charlie Morehead (89)**



*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.  
Isaiah 9:6*