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**Sunday  
Mornings at  
First Christian  
Church**

**8:15 AM  
Prayer &  
Communion**

**9:00 AM  
Sunday School**

**10:00 AM  
Worship**

*As disciples of  
Christ, we are  
called by God  
to worship  
faithfully,  
to be open to  
transformation  
by the  
Holy Spirit,  
and to serve  
responsibly our  
changing  
community.*

# First Christian Letter

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## Finding God's Peace

By Bill Neikirk

Molly is an aging German Shepherd who lives next door. Her owner, Don, is in real estate and often away from home. He was away the night the big snow storm swooped in. Snowbound elsewhere, Don called me frantically, asking if I could take care of Molly.

Though I had known Molly a long time, I had never been close to her. Often she would bark at me when she heard me outdoors, but she stayed inside the electronic fence Don had erected. (In her younger days, Molly once escaped the fence and bit off the tail of a neighbor's dog. Territory, I guess). I had always been apprehensive about her. It was going to be interesting to see how she reacted this night.

Molly was peaceful. A victim of arthritis, she could barely move and treated me with caution. She no longer needed an electronic fence. I got her outside

only with some cajoling, just as the snow intensified and snow crystals danced in the light from the street lamp.

Suddenly everything was deadly quiet. The snowplows were not in sight. No



one was driving or walking. We stood there for a long time, together in our enjoyment and awe of this mighty storm. A new world was being created before our eyes. She didn't seem to mind when her coat turned white, and I didn't mind either since I was warm in a heavy coat. And I thought: This must be what God's peace is like. The quiet of the snow had settled down the world.

True, there was not much peace after that as the storm proved to be a

huge burden, in multiple ways. They called it snowmageddon, and for good reasons. That beautiful white layer turned gray and then black, a testament to the dirt and pollution we tolerate in daily life. And we were all united: Stop the snow, please!

I went out the other night and Molly was out, too. She barked as usual, but this time I went into her yard, talked to her and petted her—and then bade her goodbye. As I got ready to get into my car, my two grandchildren said, "Look out, there's a wolf!" It wasn't. Molly had followed me over for the first time, ever, to pay a visit.

She and I had shared something together, after all. We had caught a glimpse of true peace and quiet, if only for a moment. And if someone should ask me, "What is God's peace like?" I can tell them. It's stored up here in my memory with Molly.

## Life Lessons Learned in Appalachia

By Stasia Fine

This January I went on an immersion study trip to eastern Kentucky to learn more about life in Appalachia. What I found was an entanglement of beauty and destruction, pride and shame, life and death.

The Appalachian Mountains are known for their organic beauty. From the

top of a mountain, one can see miles and miles of lush green wood interrupted by stark plateaus of rock where the tops of mountains have been thrown into valleys.

The people of Appalachia have proudly preserved the richness of early American culture. Here one can

find the banjo in some of its earliest forms. Here looms still click-clack, knives still whittle, and brushes still capture the beauty of the landscape. Yet this very preservation adds to their being marginalized as people "of the backwoods."

Still, they are full of life

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## International Dinner: Good Food and a Good Cause

Through funds provided in the capital campaign, our church is donating funds to build five houses for needy people in a remote Chinese province.

At the Feb. 21 International Dinner, actually a potluck luncheon, Jeannine Schroeder provided details of the church's contribution, and photos showing the



kinds of homes that would be built.

The church has already sent a check for more than \$5,000 and another check of similar size will be sent out soon, he said. Those to be helped were selected by Global Ministries, an arm of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

When the capital campaign began, the church agreed to "tith" and take 10 percent of the money

for worthy projects.

The money goes to Henan Province in China, Jeannine said, where there had been an HIV/AIDS outbreak, chiefly because of the needle sharing that took place when poor people gave blood to raise money. A 2005 tropical storm also slammed the area.

"There's a missing generation of people," Jeannine said.

"We chose this project three years ago in the Outreach Council," she said, "because it was building focused. It was not an area that got a lot of attention."

Also at the International Dinner, John and Penny Farris described their tour of Thailand, where they met with retired Disciples missionaries Allan and Joan Eubank and visited church facilities in the country.

They visited an area near the border with Myanmar (Burma) where Thailand tries to help refugees pouring across the border. They also purchased a carving of the Last Supper which they have donated to the church.

And they both rode an elephant.

## Safe Haven Continues to Meet Great Needs

The drama of Safe Haven deepens in winter with snow piled high and cold winds cutting to the bone.

The homeless and the working poor come to the church on Tuesdays and Thursdays for food and shelter from the cold.

"It is hard on them, very hard on them," said Priscilla Holbert, one of the regular Safe Haven volunteers. Usually, they cannot stay at their own shelters during the day, she said.

This has been a brutal winter, said Phil Gilliland, the new chairman of the Safe Haven Management Committee, adding the church is responding magnificently.

"The 'clients' have really enjoyed being inside during the colder weather and snow," Phil said.

While some sleep outside during warmer weather, he believes and hopes that all our clients have had shelter during the hard winter.

New volunteers have shown up. They include Betty Wright, Phuong Tran and Huong Hong, and they are very enthusiastic, said Phil and Priscilla. Phil said Wright had a connection to a food bank that has contributed such items as sweet potatoes, cabbages and bananas.

The Safe Haven ministry has been operating on a twice-a-week basis since December, Phil said.

"On Tuesdays, fewer clients come for the continental breakfast and hot lunch with us. There have been as few as 65 as many as 100. We plan to be open on Tuesdays until the end of March."

On Thursdays, the crowd is larger, but is capped at 125. Some clients have been turned away, and directed to other food shelters.

Consumption of cereal and bread has increased sharply with the cold weather, leaving leaders to consider how to handle it. Possi-

bilities include asking for more congregational help or asking for cooperation of clients in a fair system of self-limiting consumption.

Caralita Moore, the current coordinator will be leaving at the end of June. Phil said a search is on for a replacement but she will be missed.

"Vanessa Heim, a Fairfax County social worker tries to be in attendance on Tuesdays and Thursdays," Phil said. "(She) and another social worker, plus nurse-practitioners for medical and psychiatric, are here on Thursdays. There is always a need for volunteer help on both days, setting up for breakfast, cooking for dinner, serving, and cleaning up in the afternoon."

In addition, Safe Haven is awaiting a decision from Fairfax County on whether it will be continued as a county-sponsored program, and Phil is hoping for approval before the deadline at the end of June.

"I think this is about the best ministry we have, but of course I am prejudiced," said Phil.

## From the Pastor...

By Rev. Kathleen Kline Chesson

Recently, I have been intrigued by Adam Hamilton's book [Selling Swimsuits in the Arctic: Seven Simple Keys to Growing Churches](#). In the book the story is told of Bob, a gifted and successful swimsuit salesman who, upon a necessary move to Barrow, Alaska, sought to continue his passion for his product in a climate that never reached above 50 degrees in the warmest months.

He found that the techniques he employed when living in Florida didn't anymore work. He couldn't sell his beloved product in a climate that was not consistent with his customer's needs.

So his challenge lay in wrestling with the question, *do the people really need what I am offering?*

As I approach the enormity of the challenge ahead of us at First Christian — learning to share far more effectively, genuinely, openly and enthusiastically the passion we have for the gifts of Jesus Christ — this first question begs all of our personal discernment. In other words, our ability to be effective Christian leaders is tied to our own commitment to Christ and how well we are tending to our spiritual lives. "You cannot lead people where you yourself are not going" ([Selling Swimsuits in the Arctic](#), p. 12).

Martha Grace Reece, in her seminal series, ***Unbinding the Gospel***, discovered throughout her extensive research in the area of contemporary Christian evangelism, a number of consistent factors in churches that were growing. She defines the "most important" discovery in her research as that **"a vivid relationship with God lies at the heart of real evangelism."** ([Unbinding the Heart](#), p. 4)

Churches that are doing wonderful evangelism have three important things in common:

- They are in love with God. They also involved in a church that they love. They also care deeply about other people who do not live with this faith.
- People in these churches can tell you what difference being a Christian/a person of faith makes in their own lives.
- Key leaders in these churches of every theological stripe hold their churches to a "laser-like" focus on "church members growing relationship with Christ, and sharing their faith with others.

At its core, continues Reese, evangelism is "people sharing with others their personal understandings that life is better, richer, truer if one has faith in Christ and lives in a faith community." ([Unbinding the Heart](#), p. 5)

Working with a "think tank" of FCC members who are excited about growing our ability to share our faith is helping us to consider the steps we need to take as a church to grow and prosper in these times. We have just begun our work. Reading ***Unbinding Your Heart*** has become a first step among one group of individuals meeting Monday evenings during Lent. Stasia Fine's forward thinking leadership as chair of the Evangelism Council is contributing to this effort. And the work of a small group of concerned participants (Stasia Fine, Jeannine Schroeder, Ron and Cherie Hutchison, Michael Lane, Mark Granfors-Hunt, Phil Gilliland) is working towards defining a process that can be embraced by the entire congregation.

For now, I ask you, the congregation and readers of this extraordinary Newsletter, three questions to ponder. [Why do people need Jesus Christ? Why do people need the church? Why do people need First Christian Church?](#) I would love to hear from you as you wrestle with your own answers. Email me at [Rev.Chesson@fccfc.org](mailto:Rev.Chesson@fccfc.org).

Second, I would ask you to read the "Lenten Meditation for First Christian" that I have written which appears on page 6 and think about the issues I have raised. We are an amazing and mighty congregation of people committed to sharing the love we know in Jesus Christ. In order to do that, we ourselves must be willing to consider the realities that shape our future. Jesus lived with an urgency concerning his mission and ministry. It is our time for urgency.

With faith and hope, Your Pastor, Kathleen



## Shrine Mont? . . . in March?

Some of you are saying, "I wouldn't miss Shrine Mont!!—what's the date for 2010?"

October 22-24. MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Some of you are asking, "What the heck is Shrine Mont?"

Shrine Mont is the wonderful mountain conference center at the foot of Great North Mountain in the Shenandoah Valley where we gather for our annual Congregational Retreat.

Some are probably thinking, "I'm not sure who is invited to Shrine Mont—is this event for me?"

A "Congregational Retreat" is less about the location than about the people! Every member, friend, visitor and "alumnus" of our church helps to define us as a congregation, and all are invited. In fact, the broader the ranges of ages, interests and experiences represented by our retreaters, the more we come to understand



each other, our congregation and what God is calling us to be. So, YES this event is for YOU!

Someone out there is asking, "If the retreat is in the fall, why is this newsletter article coming in March?" . . . Well, the 2010 retreat directors are inviting you to join us on **Sunday, March 14** after the worship service:

**We'll be teasing your taste-buds with a Shrine Mont-style lunch** (Shrine Mont "regulars" will recognize one of the home-style meals we enjoy each year on retreat!). Everyone is invited to this fundraiser

## By Ginny George

which will help offset the cost of the retreat for families with children.

You'll get the chance to reserve your spot by registering with a nominal, refundable deposit. All the details will be available on March 21 including a new "payment plan" option to help spread the cost of the retreat over the year.

And for those who haven't been to Shrine Mont before, you'll have a chance to see some photos and other Shrine Mont memorabilia, and to talk to the "regulars" about why you should join them on the mountain in October.

**Start planning now!**  
**Shrine Mont-style luncheon**  
**after worship on**  
**Sunday, March 14**  
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**Congregational Retreat at**  
**Shrine Mont**  
**October 22-24, 2010**

## Christian Education News

There are lots of exciting CE opportunities in our congregation! Here are a few upcoming events:

**Adult Shared Fellowship Classes** (March – June) Have you ever wondered what the Crusaders class talks about each Sunday in Fellowship Hall? Curious about what issues interest young adults in the Maranatha class? Come explore all of the adult Sunday School classes over the next four months in a "shared fellowship" experience. "Shared fellowship" is open to everyone not just current class members. It will be held in Fellowship Hall from 9:00 – 9:45 AM on these

dates: March 7 – Crusaders Class, April 11 – Maranatha Class, May 2 – Koinonia Class, and June 6 – Connections Class.

**Pastor's Class** (April 10-May 16) Explore what it means to be baptized into the Christian faith. This class is for anyone who thinks they may be ready for baptism, generally starting in the 5th grade. Rev. Kline-Chesson will lead this six-week class, which will begin with a special opening session on Saturday, April 10 from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM at the church (lunch will be included). Subsequent classes will be held during the Sunday School

hour on April 18 and 25, and May 2, 9, and 16. Please sign up with Rev. Chesson.

**Vacation Bible School 2010** VBS is tentatively scheduled for July 26-30 this year. It is a half-day program from 9:00 AM until noon at the church. We are looking for volunteers for all types of activities! Please come join us for a planning meeting on Sunday, February 28 from 11:30 AM — 1:00 PM. Please contact Lynne Willhoit at [lynneoit9699@gmail.com](mailto:lynneoit9699@gmail.com) if you are interested in getting involved.

## By Lynne Wilhoit

## Appalachia

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and hope. I met a farmer who regularly takes agriculture and economic classes to learn how to better care for his cattle and make a greater profit. I met a woman who started her own medical center after watching several of her neighbors die from lack of a hospital. I learned how a woman quit her judicial job to start a rehab center to fight the progression of OxyContin addiction in her community. I visited a media shop that is empowering young people to tell the story of Appalachia.

I also witnessed death: The death of trees, the destruction of important medicinal herbs, the flattening of mountains and filling of valleys, and the pollution of waterways with sludge and coal debris. I heard about a doctor who had been murdered because he refused to give a patient OxyContin, a drug that is tearing apart families and multiplying the crime rate. I saw the economic depravity of requiring people to rely on an unstable coal industry for jobs when most of the profits and resources were being sent elsewhere. I met people who were sick and dying who would be healthy if they had just grown up somewhere else.

The causes of Appalachian poverty are very different from urban poverty. In Appalachia children grow up in intact families with strong familial support systems. People own the land that has been passed down to them. But life is controlled by the coal industry.

Health care is inaccessible in much of Appalachia both because of a lack of means to pay and a lack of local doctors and medical centers. Because of the mountainous terrain, travel is difficult, and in order to gain access to federal and state resources people often have to drive several hours.



So, where does the church fit into all of this? One of the things I learned on this trip was how difficult it is for pastors to have a prophetic voice on the issues that are impacting the people of eastern Kentucky, especially the social and economic concerns related to the coal industry. Why is it difficult? Because the pastors are called to provide pastoral care for all members of their congregation, this includes people who are impacted by the issues in very different ways.

How does the church speak to the issues? The church's prophetic voice is articulated by both the members of the church and the regional office. Since regional ministers do not need to be as concerned with their pastoral relationships with members of the local community they are able to speak loudly on behalf of those who are

being oppressed. In a like manner, members of the church community re-examine how their faith influences how they act out justice or righteousness in their profession.

For example, one Disciples man owns a small coal mining business. He lives out his faith by modeling the best ethical practices in coal mining and by demonstrating to the community how coal mining could be done differently. He is willing to be honest about the weaknesses and the strengths of the industry and has made a commitment to listen to the needs of his staff and his community in order to be the change that is needed.

So what can we do? We can begin by becoming more aware of the needs of the church in Appalachia and looking for ways that perhaps we can help be that prophetic voice. When we hear co-workers joking about "those people from West Virginia" we can interrupt with a comment about the richness of the culture and the passion of the people. We can encourage the regional and national expression of the Christian church to be more intentional about supporting the justice efforts of the church in Appalachia. We can write to our representatives and share our concerns about the impact that OxyContin is having in rural areas. We can also support Appalachian artists by purchasing their work and writing them letters of thanks. Finally, the simplest thing we can do is remember that every time we flip a light switch we have a coal-mining family to thank for our electricity.

## Even the Kitchen Sink

The church board has approved taking up to \$4,000 from capital campaign funds to pay for kitchen improvements required by Fairfax County.

The county is requiring installation of a hand-washing sink and installation of a stainless steel top for the large central cutting board.

Initial estimates are that the stainless steel cover would cost in

the range of \$900 and the sink improvement an estimated \$2,000, but final costs won't be known until a contractor is named.

## A Lenten Meditation on First Christian

By Rev. Kathleen Kline Chesson

Lent is a marked season of self evaluation, spiritual reckoning, and directional discernment. Tradition invites us, as did the earthly Christ, to purposely examine and/or re-examine our own readiness to minister in his name. Each of us should ask: How am I doing? Am I spending enough time seeking God's guidance? Am I soaking myself enough in the ways and wisdom of Christ? Have I been successful in my choices and decisions according to the One I have chosen to follow? Where have I fallen short, and do I need to re-engage and recommit myself with the covenant I made at my baptism? What can I identify as my stumbling blocks – things that have gotten in the way of the necessary growth towards wholeness and happiness? What do I need to "let go of" in order to draw closer to those fruits of the spirit that the apostle Paul identifies as evidence of Christ?

All these questions, and our honest answers, have a purpose: that from this day forward you and I can eventually point to measurable growth in our relationships and measurable peace in our lives and world. Grappling with these questions will reveal the work that needs to be done as we seek a more complete, fulfilled, and other focused relationship with all of life.

It occurs to me that this process needs to be carried out on multiple levels. And while we generally consider Lent a personal journey, I would like to consider what it could mean for First Christian Church to engage *collectively* in such important spiritual questions.

In order to do this, we must take a good, hard look at our realities.

*"This is the time of tension  
~ between dying and birth."  
T.S. Eliot ~ Ash Wednesday*

My last pastor's letter was filled with the hope of a new 2010 beginning, enthusiasm over strong new leadership, and the commitments of many to make the tough decisions required for good leadership. I remain deeply grateful, appreciative, and inspired by this reality.

There are, however, other observable realities which shape our life together. Our congregation, like the ethos surrounding us, is feeling the harshness of such an isolating winter. Worship attendance is down, and our young adults especially are searching for more accessible and relevant ways to meet their spiritual needs. We have worked hard as a community to define our future vision, but we are having difficulty making and acting

on the decisions needed to make that vision real. We are not achieving long identified goals (including building renovations, an essential commitment to evangelism, and the evaluation of all of our programs in light of our desire to grow) because we become mired in personal emotions.

In order to move forward with the necessary adaptations to thrive, we need to replace opinion with prayer and theology.

We have a leadership team that seems very willing to engage in the hard questions and not give up. The entire congregation must be willing to do the same...and individually we must each be willing to evaluate the emotions that stifle change. What must we do to become more relevant to the searching lives that need the wisdom, wonders, and saving grace of Jesus Christ? We could sigh and complain, whimper and blame... and use the bottom line to do nothing. Or we could rise up to meet the challenge.

As Jesus went into the wilderness to strip himself of everything that was not of or in the direction of God, may we as a congregation find the courage and strength to do the same.

### Note of Thanks

On Feb. 15, FCCFC hosted a memorial service for Janet Moore on behalf of Rock Spring Congregational UCC., due to lack of parking at Rock Spring.

On behalf of my family, I can't begin to thank you for working so hard — and so successfully — to make the February 15 service for Janet so wonderful. The First

Christian and Rock Spring teams appeared to work seamlessly. I know those things are not accidental. The result was very special.

From Vern Gale, Mark Granfors-Hunt, and other "technical" supporters in the Sanctuary, to Judy Miller's wonderful team in the kitchen and fellowship hall, I don't know how things could have been improved upon. I know this re-

sulted in no small measure from the extra work put in by the First Christian team, notwithstanding the efforts of many Rock Springers.

Our family and friends were overwhelmed by the outpouring of support, cooperation, and good old-fashioned hard work.

Thank you, thank you, and thank you again.

~Allen Moore and family

## Lenten and Easter Worship

**Sunday, March 7**

**Letting Go of Judgment**

Isaiah 55:1-9

Luke 13:1-9

Mark Granfors-Hunt preaching

**Sunday, March 14**

**Letting Go of Pride**

Joshua 5:9-12

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Rev. Chesson preaching

**Sunday, March 21**

**Letting Go of Scarcity**

Psalms 126

Philippians 3:4b-14

John 12:1-8

Rev. Chesson preaching

**Sunday, March 28**

**Letting Go of Innocence**

*Palm/Passion Sunday*

Dramatic Presentation

Rev. Chesson preaching

**Thursday, April 1, 7:30 PM**

**Letting Go of Stature**

*Holy/Maundy Thursday*

This service will focus on the events of Holy Week from the triumphal entry to Jesus' trial through scripture and music. It will include an experience of the Last Supper. Directed by the Worship Council.



**Friday, April 2, 12:00 Noon**

*Good Friday*

St. Anthony's of Padua Catholic Church  
Rev. Chesson and Mark Granfors-Hunt will participate in the annual community Good Friday Service of the Seven Last Words of Christ. Rev. Chesson will offer a meditation on the 6th word, "It Is Finished."

**Sunday, April 4**

**Easter Sunday**

7:15 AM — Sunrise Service

Mark Granfors-Hunt preaching

8:00 AM — Easter Breakfast

9:00 AM — Sunday School & Easter Egg Hunt

10:00 AM — Celebration of the Resurrection

Special music, word and Communion

Rev. Chesson preaching

## From the Worship Council By Drex George, Jr.

Many thanks go out to all of the people who participated in our 24 Hour Chain of Prayer. Even the series of snow storms didn't prevent us from getting all of the slots filled and successfully completing the 24 hours thereby keeping the "chain" going.

During the month of March, we will continue our Lenten Worship series "Letting Go," inspired by John 20: 17, "Jesus said to Mary, 'do not hold on to me...'" .

The month ends with the celebration of Palm Sunday, followed by our Maundy Thursday Service and then Easter. Listed above are the themes for each of the weeks during the season and the scriptures for each week.

Please plan on joining us throughout the Season.

## Lenten Opportunities

Enrich your Lenten journey by participating in these special opportunities.

**Weekly Study, Mondays, 7:30 — 9:00 PM.**

**Unbinding Your Heart: 40 Days of Prayer and Faith Sharing**, by Martha Grace Reece (a disciples theologian, writer, and evangelist). This study was written for full church participation and includes a study guide and prayer journal. Each member will be asked to contribute what they can towards the purchase of these books.

**Wednesday Evening Lenten Services, 7:30—8:00 PM.** This service will take place in the parlor. Rev. Chesson will offer a meditation, which will also become a congregation wide weekly devotional.

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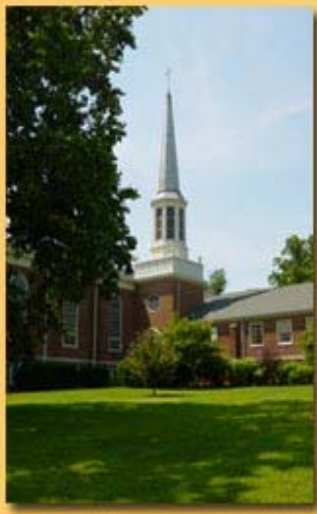
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### Mark's News

Greetings to you all from your Director of Program Ministries! This is a very exciting time for the Program Ministries of First Christian Church. As part of last month's Newsletter, we highlighted the 2010 Lay Leadership and published pictures of our Ministry Council Chairs so that those of you who are not familiar with them may put a face to their name. This month I can't help but tell you little more about them individually.

Drex George has a heart for worship that breaks every time the smallest thing goes less than perfectly. You may be tempted to think that 'nobody cares' when things go a little askew. Drex and the members of the Worship Council care very much.

Bill Neikirk brings an unparalleled expertise to our First Christian Newsletter as Director of Communications. The church is not the building, but the people who gather in it to worship and who call it home. Bill is committed to publishing our story, not merely our to-do list, as a testament to who we are as a unique body of Christ.

### Got Soup?

For many years, the CWF has been collecting barcodes from Campbell's soup-can labels and sending them to NBA Woodhaven, which serves people living with developmental disabilities, which uses the labels under Camp-

### by Mark Granfors-Hunt

bell's education program to purchase technology equipment and day program supplies to carry out their various activities.

But, it seems, the barcodes can be difficult to remove from the cans. And that presents a problem for many of our people who want

helps to provide a wonderful welcoming environment as Chair of the Membership Council.

Stasia Fine has a true love for First Christian and as Chair of Evangelism is dedicated to being the focus for our combined ministries this year. What does that mean? Our church theme for this year is centered on evangelism and an extravagant welcome into the First Christian Church family. Part of each program ministry task this year is to find ways to embody that welcome in ways specific to their area of ministry.

You have a truly wonderful group of leaders. Please understand that they are all ministers in their own right and constantly show their care and love for this community in a multitude of ways, both large and small. I can't get over how fortunate First Christian is to have the quality of leadership and the commitment to ministry exhibited *without exception* by this group of volunteers. Christ is present here within our leadership and our congregation! This is good news indeed and worth shouting to the world!

So Marilyn Gilliland's solution is this: "You may bring the entire label from the can and we will extract the barcode. Please bring the labels to the church and place them in the large 'Campbell's' soup container in the hallway leading into Fellowship Hall."