

# CrossWord

*the newsletter of*



*Norcross, Georgia*

## January 2009

### Featured in This Issue:

Matt's Musings	Page 1	Birthdays	Page 4
NPC Ringers	Page 2	Calendar	Page 5
Presbyterian Women	Page 3		



M  
a  
t  
t  
'  
s  
  
M  
u  
s  
i  
n  
g  
s

As we approach the New Year, I got to thinking. This will be a year that will test us and our faith. The economy has hit everyone hard, and as is always the case, giving to anything non-profit, religious institutions definitely included, is considerably down. My Spidey Senses tell me that Norcross Presbyterian Church will feel the crunch of this economic recession as much as any other such institution. It will be a financially difficult year. It will test us and our faith.

Yet, NPC is a church that I have always known as a generous place. We have given money and time to the Norcross Co-op, to Clifton Night Shelter, to Rainbow Village, to Thornwell, and to World Vision as we have sponsored international children. I am hoping we can begin to sponsor the Heifer International project in the same light.

So, NPC has risen to the occasion several times in our history. I have no reason to believe that this year will not reinforce my experience with NPC as a generous place.

The experts on things financial (okay, you can stop laughing anytime now) always break into my drive time when I'm listening to NPR and they tell me that the recession will take at least until the middle of the year before it turns around, early summer if things all go extremely well. Though he ran on a platform of fixing the economy, Barack Obama says that it will take a while and that his inauguration on 20 January will not magically change the economy from recession to progress. Even his political adversaries acknowledge this.

So, I write this to you knowing that challenges lie ahead. Something in my bones tells me that it will be a difficult year. But I also write this to you knowing that NPC is a Church that seems to love challenges and has a certain way of overcoming them with a great show of faith. Something in my bones also tells me that it will be a good year.

As I am always,  
Yours in Christ,

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus. – I Corinthians 1:4 (NRSV)



**January 2009 announcements for  
The NPC Ringers**  
*Music program open to visitors and guests*

**Ring  
Out!**



**The NPC Ringers are ringing away!**

**We will now be preparing for Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter.** The NPC Ringers have integrated the new handchimes into their programs.

If you are interested in ringing, and if you have **ever** played an instrument or sung in a chorus for a year or so:

***You can do it!***

The NPC Ringers are open to all musicians Middle School age and up. You do NOT have to be a member of NPC to play. We have at least two slots open. We are trying to move from 10 regular positions to 12.

Join the handbell choir — it is an integrated part of our Ministry of Music. Our current ringers will help you get started. Ringing handbells is a community effort, and we are all in it together. - Ken Birmingham



**Handbell Calendar for Jan. 2009 — Feb. 2009**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Ringers' Activities</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>January 4</b>	No afternoon rehearsal	End of GCPS Holiday Break
<b>January 11, 18, 25</b>	Rehearsals at 1:45 PM	General, Lenten, and Easter Music
<b>February* 1, 8, 15, and 22</b>	Rehearsals at 1:45 PM	Lenten and Easter Music
<b>* We will likely play handbell pieces in a February service, date to be determined.</b>		

# Presbyterian Women

By Carol MacGregor

2009 Caring Community Conference

## Journey to the Well

February 14, 9:00am-1:30pm

Hosted by the PW of Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church, Sandy Springs

“**Journey to the Well**” is the theme for this half-day conference featuring workshops and experiences connecting and illuminating our local and global concerns about water in its many forms. Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church in Sandy Springs is hosting this year’s conference. The time is 9:00 am to 1:30 pm. There are youth scholarships available for ages 14 to 18. The registration cost is \$20 (includes lunch) and is due by February 1st if possible. Registration fliers with complete details are on the PW bulletin board. NPC women can carpool from the church at 8:30 am if desired.

### 2009 PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN DATES TO NOTE

<b>February 14</b>	Conference for the Caring Community
<b>March 15</b>	Annual Gathering of Presbyterian Women in the Greater Atlanta Presbytery
<b>April 16</b>	Come See Columbia Day
<b>April 17-19</b>	Spring Retreat for Women Callaway Gardens
<b>May 9</b>	Villa International Tea
<b>July 11-15</b>	Church-wide Gathering of Presbyterian Women Louisville, Kentucky

*Information and registration forms will be posted on the Presbyterian Women bulletin board in the church hallway. Look there when you walk by for full details.*

**BEST WISHES TO OUR  
JANUARY  
BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS**



- 9 Larry Fluehr
- 13 Jack Crymes
- 16 Jonathan Bartlett
- 18 Lee Smith
- 22 Donald Turner
- 23 Julie Kaul
- 25 Dan Herron
- 28 Elizabeth Currier
- 30 Allie Carroll
- 30 Jim Martin
- 31 Pam Fox

**\*\*For the latest scheduling additions and updates, view our online calendar at\*\***

<http://calendar.yahoo.com/norcrosspres>

# January 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>January Session Retreat Date to be Determined</i>		<i>1</i> <i>New Year's Day - Office Closed</i>	<i>2</i>  9:00 KYC Prayer Meeting	<i>3</i>
<i>4</i> 9:15 SS/NPC 9:30 Praise Team 9:30 Prayer Shawl 10:30 NPC Worship 12:00 SS/KYC 1:00 KYC Worship 2:30 KYC Fellowship	<i>5</i>  <i>Preschool Resumes</i>  6:30 Boy Scouts 7:00 Prayer Shawl	<i>6</i>  7-9:30 District BSA Commissioners' Mtg	<i>7</i>  5:45 WND- Melissa Fry 6:30 Discussion 7:30 Chancel Choir 8:30 KYC Worship	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>  9:00 KYC Prayer Meeting	<i>10</i>
<i>11</i> 9:15 SS/NPC 9:30 Praise Team 9:30 Prayer Shawl 10:30 NPC Worship 12:00 SS/KYC 1:00 KYC Worship 1:45 NPC Ringers 2:30 KYC Fellowship 6:00 Youth Group	<i>12</i>  6:30 Boy Scouts 7:00 Prayer Shawl	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i>  5:45 WND- Helmstetter 6:30 Discussion 7:30 Chancel Choir 8:30 KYC Worship	<i>15</i>  6:30 Brownies	<i>16</i>  9:00 KYC Prayer Meeting	<i>17</i>  7:00am-4:00pm Covenant Room and Sanctuary Rental
<i>18</i> 9:15 SS/NPC 9:30 Praise Team 9:30 Prayer Shawl 10:30 NPC Worship 12:00 SS/KYC 1:00 KYC Worship 1:45 NPC Ringers 2:30 KYC Fellowship 6:00 Youth Group	<i>19</i>  <i>MLK, Jr. Holiday Preschool &amp; Office Closed</i>  7:00 Prayer Shawl	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>  5:45 WND- Plyler/Bartlett 6:30 Discussion 7:30 Chancel Choir 8:30 KYC Worship	<i>22</i>  6:30 Brownies	<i>23</i>  9:00 KYC Prayer Meeting	<i>24</i>
<i>25</i> 9:15 SS/NPC 9:30 Praise Team 9:30 Prayer Shawl 10:30 NPC Worship 12:00 SS/KYC 1:00 KYC Worship 1:45 NPC Ringers 2:30 KYC Fellowship 6:00 Youth Group	<i>26</i>  6:30 Boy Scouts 7:00 Prayer Shawl	<i>27</i>	<i>28</i>  <i>newsletter deadline</i>  5:45 WND- Matt Fry 6:30 Discussion 7:30 Chancel Choir 8:30 KYC Worship	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i>  9:00 KYC Prayer Meeting	<i>31</i>

*at Norcross Presbyterian Church*

3324 Medlock Bridge Road, Norcross, GA 30092 770.448.7744

[www.norcrosspresbyterian.org](http://www.norcrosspresbyterian.org)