

# McPherNotes

MCPHERSON FREE METHODIST CHURCH

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

## Weekly Events

### Sundays

9:15am-Sunday School  
10:30am-Worship Service  
6:00pm-Cell Groups  
7:00pm-ReMix (HS) Youth Group

### Tuesdays

1:30pm-Staff Meeting  
7:00pm-Perspectives Class  
7:00pm-Women's Bible Study

### Wednesdays

5:15pm-Bible Quiz Practice  
6:00pm-Choir Practice  
6:30pm-JOLT! (MS) Youth Group  
7:00pm-"Teach Us To Pray"  
MarketPlace  
8:00pm-Orchestra Practice

### Thursdays

8:00-9:30am-TOPS  
9:00am-Play Date at Jan's  
9:00am-Overeater's Anonymous  
12:00pm-Women's Bible Study  
6:15 pm-Worship Team Rehearsal

### Saturdays

7:00am-Men's Prayer Group

## January 2010 at a Glance

Jan. 1		Happy New Year!
	4:30 pm	Walker/Scheufler Wedding Rehearsal
Jan. 2	3:30 pm	Ethan Walker/Ann Scheufler Wedding
Jan. 3	12:00 pm	BASIC Potluck
Jan. 4	10:00 am	Archive Committee Meeting
	6:30 pm	Financial Peace University Preview
Jan. 5	9:15 am	Moms in Touch
	6:00 pm	"First Tuesday" Worship Arts Meeting
Jan. 6		Teach Us To Pray, MarketPlace & JOLT! Resume
Jan. 7		No Play-Date at Jan's
Jan. 8	7:30 am	USD 418 CPR
Jan. 9		Bible Quiz in Lincoln, NE
Jan. 11	4:30 pm	Outreach McPherson Team Meeting
	6:30 pm	Financial Peace University Preview
Jan. 12	7:00 pm	Perspectives Class Begins
Jan. 13	8:15 pm	Trustee Meeting
Jan. 15	6:00 pm	TWIGS Spa La La La
Jan. 16	9:00 am	Breakfast and Bingo for Grades 1-5
Jan. 19	9:15 am	Moms in Touch
Jan. 20	8:15 pm	Finance Team
Jan. 27	8:15 pm	BOA
Jan. 28	6:00 pm	Children's Ministry Team Meeting
Jan. 31	12:00 pm	Youth Dinner/Society Meeting

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## Welcome Carmen



Photo by Kerry Photography

The McPherson Free Methodist Church family is honored to welcome Carmen Zeisler as the

new Office Manager effective January 1, 2010. Carmen is a 1995 graduate of Central Christian College, and a 1997 graduate of McPherson College with a B.A. in elementary education. She also attended McPherson High School and was active in the youth group of this church.

Following college graduation Carmen taught 9<sup>th</sup> grade literature as well as kindergarten, and honed her administrative skills as a supervisor for gifted and talented, and as an academic support coordinator. All of these experiences took place in Monterrey, Mexico (10 years) and Brasilia, Brazil (2 years). So she not only has strong administrative experience, but she is also bilingual.

During her off hours, Carmen enjoys spending time drinking coffee at The Well (her second home, she admits), reading, walking, watching movies, and spending time with friends. Since returning to the States in late October after 12 years in

foreign countries, she has experienced some reverse culture shock, most notably the overwhelming number of choices that greet her any time she enters a super store of the Walmart or Target variety.

When asked how she hopes to serve in the capacity of Office Manager, Carmen responds, "I want to be a good listener and provide support and encouragement for the staff as well as for the larger church family and community. There is a lot that we can accomplish through our data base in regard to serving our constituency and I look forward to maximizing that software and training others (i.e., the staff) in how to use it to serve the various ministries."

Carmen also looks forward to the opportunities ahead to integrate into McPherson and use her organizational and relational skill sets as she assists others. The occasional workplace high traffic and multi-tasking demands do not deter her enthusiasm for this new challenge. Help us welcome Carmen in the coming days and weeks as she learns the ropes *and* learns more about the families and ministries of the McPherson Free Methodist

Church. Her church email address is [czeisler@macfmc.org](mailto:czeisler@macfmc.org).

## Society Meeting

All members are encouraged to attend the Society Meeting on Sunday, January 31, in conjunction with a youth dinner immediately following morning worship in the Fellowship Hall. The business session will be brief, with the primary order of business the recommendation from the BOA of the 2010 operating budget which requires approval by the voting members. Also included will be ministry highlights, an abbreviated year-end financial summary, and goals for the future. Everyone is welcome; this is not a gathering for members only. Come and enjoy the youth dinner, the fellowship, and the ministry updates.

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## Children's Activities...with Jan O'Dell (242-6775)

### Thursday Play Dates

#### **Ages 3-5 Year Olds**

- January 14th, 21st, and 28th. (No Play-Date on January 7th)
- Jan's house, 308 N. Elm
- 9:00-11:00 a.m.
- January 14th will be Pajama and Pancake Day!
- Field Trip January 28th: Starlite Lanes for Bumper Bowling! We will leave at 9:20am and should return by 11am to Jan's.
- Contact Jan at the church office if you can assist.

### Wednesday MarketPlace

#### **7-8pm for 3s through Grade 5**

- Welcome Back "Games and Craft" Party on January 6th at 7pm! We will have Gator Slide, Twister, Tic Tac Toe, Darts, and Popcorn to enjoy! Come ready to have a special evening in God's House.

- **Focus for Grades 1-5:** "Jesus Washes The Disciples Feet." Center Leaders will be:
    - **Art**-Edna Hawkes
    - **Game**-Deede Ediger
    - **Drama**-Lanita Quastad
    - **Music**-Angie Gaeddert
- Shepherds for this year are:  
1st/2nd Grade: Jerilyn Burgeson  
3rd-Renee Nilson  
4th-Travis Hale  
5th-Greg Fields.  
Thanks to all of the Center Leaders and Shepherds for their dedication.

### January Children's Church **(ages 3-K)**

#### **1st Sunday**

Leaders: *July Pulscher and Brit-tany Stam* Helpers: Allison Craig, Hannah Ediger

#### **2nd Sunday**

Leader: *Linda Ferrell* Helpers: Janessa McVicker, Sarah Johnson

#### **3rd Sunday**

Leader: *Emily Mendez* Helpers: Dara Quastad, Jenessa Rose

#### **4th Sunday Helper**

Leader: *Kami VanCampen* Helpers: Eric Gaeddert, Jordan Kaufmann

### Breakfast and Bingo

Breakfast and Bingo for students in Grades 1-5 on Saturday, January 16th at 9:00am at Jan's. Please call Jan to sign up for this fun event.

### Special Note to the Christmas Carolers -

*Thank you so very much for coming to the O'Dells! It means so very much for you to come and share the very special Christmas songs with us! - Danny and Jan*

## "Paying Down the Debt" by Pastor Dallas

**I**n the past few weeks you may have noticed our emphasis on Financial Peace University once again. I want to pass along some of the ways God has worked in the lives of those who participated in our Fall 2009 class. At the 12 week mark in the 13 week course, a total of **over \$25,000** in debt had been paid off. This \$25,000 did not account for seven family units who had not reported that week. What a testimony to God's goodness! Hear some more encouraging words from some of our fall class members:

*"I now feel financial peace is much more obtainable. Dave gave us the tools and all we have to do is use them."*

*"The class was definitely worth the money. It gave so much information to help guide us with our money and future."*

*"This class would be so very helpful for anyone. Those with good finances can benefit as well as those who are struggling."*

*"The big thing we took from the class was the importance of a written plan, agreed upon by husband and wife - [it] improved our communications."*

We will be kicking off our next Financial Peace University class on Monday, February 1 at 6:00 p.m. Calvin Hawkins will once again be facilitating the class, with the first half of each night focused on the teaching by Dave Ramsey and the second half in follow-up small group discussion. There will be a preview of the program on Monday, January 11, beginning at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in signing up contact Pastor Dallas ([dburgeson@macfmc.org](mailto:dburgeson@macfmc.org)) or Calvin Hawkins ([calvinhawkins@hotmail.com](mailto:calvinhawkins@hotmail.com), 241-1362) Just remember that you need to be signed up with payment by Wednesday, January 13. Also please tell your friends from the community. Enrollment is open to all.

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## Here's What's Happening...

### Community Café

Starting the first Sunday of 2010, Community Café, the 20-minute gathering opportunity between Sunday school and worship, will be discontinued. This decision by the Board has been driven by budgetary considerations. Weekly donations did not keep pace with expenses, and due to tightened programming budgets for 2010, Community Café has been eliminated. More detail regarding the 2010 budget will be presented at the January 31, 2010 Society meeting immediately following morning worship.

### Women's Bible Studies Start in January

"Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman" starts on Tuesday January 19th at 6:30pm in the Parlor. "Resting in Him" starts on Thursday, January 21st at 12:00pm at Miraculous Meals.

Sign up at the Women's Ministry table in the Narthex.

### Third Annual Bedding Drive Through Month of February

Outreach McPherson needs blankets and sheet sets. This year, along with some twin size, we especially need full and queen size. Used bedding is okay as long as it is in good condition, in a bag to keep it clean, and the size is clearly labeled on the bag. There is a table in the Narthex to place your items. Thank you for helping to warm the hearts and souls of the less fortunate in our community.

### DivorceCare

The First United Methodist Church is hosting a 13-week DivorceCare classes starting Thursday, January 21, 2010. Classes meet at 6:30pm. Please contact Lori Persigehl at 241-3626 for more information.

### Perspectives on the World

**Christian Movement:** will meet on Tuesdays January 12 - May 11, 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Free Methodist Church. Course fee is \$240 (includes textbooks). For more information contact Dean Smidderks at 241-2535 or go to [www.perspectives.org/McPherson](http://www.perspectives.org/McPherson).

Spa-wala-wala  
Friday, Jan. 15  
7 pm - midnight

Post-holiday fun and pampering for all ages sponsored by TWIGS

- Facial
- Paraffin Dip
- Manicure
- Pedicure
- Foot Soak
- Massage
- Craft Station
- Classic Movies
- Game Tables
- Snacks

Please bring a snack to share. Sign up at women's ministries table, narthex.

### Points of Interest:

- TWIGS SPA LA LA LA JANUARY 15
- FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY PREVIEW JANUARY 4 & JANUARY 11.
- WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES START THE WEEK OF JANUARY 18
- PERSPECTIVES CLASS STARTS JANUARY 12
- BREAKFAST & BINGO FOR GRADES 1-5 JANUARY 16
- SOCIETY MEETING/ YOUTH DINNER JANUARY 31
- FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY CLASS STARTS FEBRUARY 1

## Thank You...

Thank you seems so inadequate for all of the cards, gifts and expressions of love that I have received these past few weeks. The support that I felt this past year especially will always be remembered and cherished in my heart. I have been so blessed to be both a part of this staff and this church family. Thank you so much for the good-bye/good luck flowers they are beautiful. I love you and promise to stay in touch.

-In His Love, Pat Reimer

We would like to thank you for the prayers given for us this week. We would also like to thank you for the nice vegetable try. Our department very much appreciates your prayers. Thank you so much!

-McPherson EMS

The McPherson Police Department would like to thank you for the yummy vegetable try. It was very thoughtful of you. Please keep us all

in your thoughts and prayers, as you are in ours.

-Chief Dennis Shaw,  
Officers, & Staff

Thank you for the goodies, but especially for the prayers.

-Lincoln Elementary Staff

Thank you! We want to say thank you, we really appreciate everything. The diapers, wipes, paper towels, shampoo, bar soap, clothes soap, and toilet paper, it is all very helpful. It's so hard being a single parent and everything helps and helps so much. The kids love the books and now they have a new favorite book to read for bedtime. We wish you all the best. God Bless you for all that help you do for everyone.

-Sheena, Dominick, Erica, Alex Burch,  
and Christian Rich.

Thank you for your prayers and the beautiful poinsettia following my foot surgery. My recovery is going well

and much better than I had anticipated.

-Dan Hervey

We are so thankful for such a loving church family. Thank you for the Christmas Love offering.

-The Pastoral Staff

Thank you for accepting my boys and myself with open arms into your midst and thank you for what we experienced over Christmas! We had a most enchanted Christmas because of all of you and our heavenly father. The boys had presents overflowing from under the tree; just like the love I feel from you all. I am brought to tears over this season and this church. Please know how grateful we are for what has, is, and is going to happen with you all, Jesus and our lives. May God, bless you and keep you all.

-Rebecca Lewis