



Greetings from Pastor Ron

A milestone is a numbered marker or sign that is placed along a road or path in intervals of a mile or sometimes in smaller increments.

For several years, I did not even notice them or if I did, I never gave a second thought as to what they were. About seven years ago, shortly after we arrived in West Lafayette to serve Covenant Presbyterian, Bill Dalton, with whom we had stayed for a few weeks, was giving me directions to an event I needed to attend in southern Indiana. When he got to a certain part of the instructions and said, “at about mile marker number....” I stopped him and asked him what he meant by mile markers. He explained them to me and shared with me the great benefit they play for travelers; for at any given moment the milestone will tell you how far you’ve traveled, where you are right now and how far you have to go before reaching your destination.

Amazed that I had never noticed them before, I asked Bill how long they had been there. We had been living out of state for awhile, so I suspected they had been added while we were gone. I was surprised when he said that most likely the mile markers were constructed when the road was laid.

Milestones help you know from where you came, where you are and where you are headed, and they were there all the time. Wow! It made me want to be more observant.

As a community of faith, we certainly are experiencing some very significant milestones right now. We are currently celebrating the tenth anniversary of the launch of Ahwatukee’s only NAEYC-accredited Christian preschool, *God’s Garden CDC*. What a blessing it has been, as it has truly become more than just a place where parents drop off their children, but also a community of people who care for one another. The teachers and staff are top notch! After a decade of service, this milestone would have never been reached if not for those who in the early years had both a vision for it and the energy to begin it! What does her future look like? While only God knows, I am confident that her past success is a great indication of her future which will be bright and rich in God’s blessings.

Another milestone is also approaching. Twenty years ago, on the first Sunday in March, *Horizon Presbyterian* “went public” holding its first worship service at the Village Foothills Shopping Center. For Presbyterians, the chartering process would mean that they would not officially be chartered for a couple more years, yet clearly a milestone was reached when a few Christians first gathered as a worshipping community where people were coming to Christ, growing in Christ and ministering for Christ. Twenty years is a milestone worth celebrating. Hope you can join us: ***Sunday March 7 for worship at 9 a.m. with a Special Twenty-Year Celebration at 10:30 a.m.***

As we look forward, what is in store for Horizon’s future? Like our preschool, God only knows. But I too believe that her past success is a great indication of a bright and awesome future. What a wonderful group of people God has gathered. Some have been here from the beginning, others for quite some time. Still others are new. But all are real and authentic, caring and compassionate, desiring to humbly serve Our Lord, each other, the Ahwatukee community and our world. In fact, if you do not have a church home, you are warmly invited to consider making this one yours.

Maybe you too are experiencing some milestones. Maybe your child is graduating from God’s Garden this year and moving on to kindergarten. Maybe this is a special anniversary year for your marriage. Maybe you or someone you love is graduating from high school or college or with a masters or doctoral degree. Maybe you’re reaching a milestone birthday. Whatever your milestone may be, don’t miss it. Consider with gratitude what

God has brought you through and taught you as you reflect on what it took to get there. In the moment draw closer to Him. And as you look forward from this milestone to what lies ahead, rest in the assurance that God has great things in store. In the words of the prophet Jeremiah:

***“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD,
“plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”***

Jeremiah 29:11

God’s best to you,



Ron Hawkins, Pastor

GOD’S GARDEN CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER NEWS

The 10th year of God’s Garden’s Transportation Day is almost here! Many of you are already aware of this event, and have even volunteered to help... thank you to those who have done so! This event draws thousands from our community, so as much help as we can get is always appreciated. As Psalm 133:1 states, *“How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!”*

God’s Garden is also getting prepared for registration for the 2010-2011 school year. We are holding an Open House on Wednesday, March 3 and public registration on Friday, March 5. HPC members and current God’s Garden families are given priority, registering the beginning of the week (March 1-4).

We look forward to a busy month, and cherish your prayers for the Lord’s peace and patience during this fun-filled February!

Beth & Hanna

Beth Wilson – Preschool Director

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WHAT’S ON OUR HORIZON?

Saturday	February 6	Church Work Day (clean up)	8:00 a.m.	
Sunday	February 7	Super Bowl Sunday		
Thursday	February 11	Phoenix Rescue Mission	3:30 p.m.	See page 3
Friday	February 12	Youth Mission Trip	return Feb. 15	See page 4
Saturday	February 20	Horizon Hikers	8:00 a.m.	See page 4
Sunday	February 21	Youth Confirmation Class (startup)	11:30 – 1:30 p.m.	See page 5
Saturday	February 27	10 th Annual Transportation Day	9:00 – 12:00 p.m.	See page 8
Sunday	February 28	God’s Garden Preschool Registration		See page 2
Sunday	March 7	Happy 20 th Birthday to Horizon	9:00 a.m.	
Sunday	April 4	Easter Day		

SHOWING THE COMPASSION OF GOD: SERVING AT THE PHOENIX RESCUE MISSION

You are invited to join a group of Horizon volunteers who serve supper to the homeless at the Phoenix Rescue Mission once a month. We gather in Horizon's parking lot on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 3:30 p.m. and carpool to the Mission, returning to Ahwatukee around 6:30 p.m. If you have a caring heart, willing hands and are at least 15 years old, you'll fit right in. Please contact Jean Hood at jhood3@cox.net or phone 480.759.0019 if you are interested in showing God's compassion to some folks about whom He cares deeply. Mark your calendars for:

Thursday February 11, Thursday March 11, Thursday April 8

MISSION

The Fair Trade Coffee Cart has been restocked and prices have remained the same in 2010 ☺



Stop by the coffee cart in the breezeway after worship on Sundays to purchase coffee, cocoa and tea products. All products are provided through a partnership with Equal Exchange, a fair trade organization that purchases coffee and other products directly from farmer cooperatives enabling farmers to compete in the marketplace, stay on their own farms and support their families. A portion of each sale will be applied to fund short-term International Mission Trips. For more information, contact Ginny Rovelstad 480.496.8467 or Joan McMullen 480.759.5976 or visit <http://www.equalexchange.coop>. The founders envisioned a food system that empowers farmers and consumers, supports small farmer co-ops, and uses sustainable farming methods.: Horizon's prices:

Café Salvador drip grind	\$ 6	Café Salvador whole bean	\$ 6
Columbian Decaf drip grind	\$ 7	Columbian Decaf whole bean	\$ 7
Organic Tea (Earl Grey, English Breakfast, Green)			\$ 4
Organic Hot Cocoa	\$ 7	Organic Breakfast Blend Coffee whole bean	\$ 6

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.) AND PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

PDA is asking you to stand in the **GAP** for Haiti's disaster survivors as you **Give, Act, and Pray**.

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is responding to this earthquake through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and its partners. Presbyterian World Mission is gathering information on the safety and status of our mission personnel and ecumenical partners in the area. For updates on the earthquake and the church's response, please visit <http://www.pcusa.org/pda>. More than \$409,000 has been sent to meet immediate needs of food, water, shelter, and medical supplies. More than 35,000 hygiene and baby kits are being delivered.

You, too, can be part of God's answer to prayer for those affected by this disaster. Information on the situation and prayers and worship resources will soon be available. Funds from One Great Hour of Sharing are already helping with the initial response. You can give to the ongoing relief through PDA account number DR000064.

Gifts can also be made by phone at (800) 872-3283 weekdays between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. (EST) and checks can be mailed to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

Many thanks to individuals and congregations preparing Gift of the Heart hygiene kits and baby kits. This is a mission project that can be done throughout the year.

HORIZON HIKERS

Join us on Saturday, February 20 in South Mountain again. We want you to come explore a couple of new trails which are practically in our backyard. This time we will be starting at the Kiwanis Trail up the hill to the Telegraph Pass area. There we will join the National Trail going west for about 1.8 miles and then come back down on the Ranger Trail for a total of 4.2 miles. Since this will be a loop trail we don't have to walk over our own footprints and we get to see new terrain with each new step. The hike comes with good company, great city and mountain views, a chance to learn more about our immediate neighborhoods, and a variety of desert flora and (maybe) fauna. The group will meet at the church at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday February 20 and carpool from there. Sign up or get your questions answered by contacting Sandy Castle – sandracastle@aol.com or call the Church office at 480.460.1480.

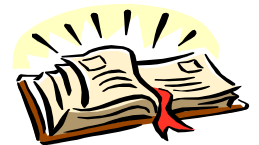
Stay tuned for the next hike also, which will be in the Superstition Mountains into Hieroglyphic Canyon on Saturday, March 20.

THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU AT HORIZON

If you are not an official member of Horizon, you are invited to our Connections Class which continues on select Sundays in February from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. (February 7 and February 21). These classes will enable you to get to know Horizon, and help us to get to know you a little better. Nursery Care will be provided upon request, and older children are welcome to join us after Sunday School when lunch will be served. *What if you are only present part of the year and you hold membership elsewhere?* At Horizon, you are invited to become an *Affiliate Member*, which allows you to express your commitment as part of this body when you are here, but changes nothing about your commitment elsewhere. So that we can plan for you, please contact Pastor Ron or Laura at 480.460.1480 or admin@horizonchurch.com.

SEEKER'S CIRCLE

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 17 at 9:00 a.m. and will be held in the Worship Center at Horizon. Our Bible Study for February is about Athaliah, queen of Judah, one of the *Less-Than-Perfect Women of the Bible*: featured in Chapter 4 *Blood will tell* – 2 Chronicles 21, 22, 24, 2 Kings 11 and Joshua 24. The meeting is open to all Horizon women and their guests. Please bring your Bible and a friend, and join us for study and fellowship. If you need more information, please call Marie McKinney at 480.460.5272.



YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO MEXICO

There will be a mandatory meeting on February 8 at 6:30 p.m. when registration forms and payment will be collected. If you have any questions or concerns before the meeting, please don't hesitate to contact Lindsay at youth@horizon.com.

CONFIRMATION 2010: AN ADVENTURE OF FAITH


Students in 7th, 8th and 9th grade, you are invited to participate in Horizon's Adventure of Faith for the Confirmation Class of 2010.

Attending the classes does not commit you to become a confirmed member of Horizon Presbyterian, although we would warmly embrace you in your decision. This is an opportunity for students to embrace faith either

afresh or anew and to make it your own as you grow in your understanding of several essential Biblical truths. This year's class will be led by Pastor Ron Hawkins and Youth Director Lindsay Lavery. To better prepare for you, please make a reservation as soon as you can.

The Confirmation Class will be held in the youth room on Sundays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with lunch provided. The following schedule is planned to accommodate vacations and holidays where possible:

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| # 1 | February 21 | # 4 | April 11 |
| # 2 | February 28 | # 5 | April 18 |
| # 3 | March 28 | # 6&7 | April 24-25 |
- Confirmation Overnight Retreat & Fun (Location tba)**

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR	
<p>Thursday, February 4 7:00-8:30 p.m. MSY CLUB</p> <p>Friday, February 5 6:30-8:30 p.m. S.T.A.C.K.</p> <p>Sunday, February 7 10:30-11:30 a.m. Youth Sunday School 3:30 p.m. SUPER BOWL SUNDAY</p> <p>Thursday, February 11 7:00-8:30 p.m. MSY CLUB</p> <p>Friday, February 12 – Monday, February 15 MEXICO MISSION TRIP</p> <p>Sunday, February 14 10:30-11:30 a.m. Youth Sunday School (on Recess) HSY Group</p>	<p>Thursday, February 18 7:00-8:30 p.m. Youth Mexico Parent Night</p> <p>Sunday, February 21 10:30-11:30 a.m. Youth Sunday School 11:30-1:30 p.m. Confirmation Class #1 6:30-8:30 p.m. HSY Group</p> <p>Thursday, February 25 7:00-8:30 p.m. MSY CLUB</p> <p>Sunday, February 28 10:30-11:30 a.m. Youth Sunday School 11:30-1:30 p.m. Confirmation Class #2 6:30-8:30 p.m. HSY Group</p>

We appreciate your prayers for our youth and all the volunteers.

Lindsay

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

“All your children will be taught by the Lord, and they will have much peace.” Isaiah 54:13

February Highlights

We will be making valentines and also decorating paper lunch sacks for the Phoenix Rescue Mission's "Hope Coach" during the Annual Congregational Meeting on January 31. Kids, be sure to join us in our Sunday School Gathering room at 10:30 a.m.

The Gathering ~ 10:30 a.m.

Kids ages 4 years through 5th grade gather together at the start of each Sunday School hour for 15 minutes of praise, prayer, and preparation for their lesson. We call kids in from the playground to room 4 of the Education Building and start by singing praises, followed by an offering or Moment for Mission. We hear our Bible verse and pray together before our teachers lead us into our classrooms. We often have skits and special guests so be sure to join us whenever you can. You are welcomed and encouraged to come, even if you can't stay for the entire Sunday School hour. The Gathering is led by Karen Rhoades and Ann French.

Kid's Sunday School ~ New Class!

Great news! We have a new class of 1st-3rd graders, taught by Ruth Fuller!

Jan Felton continues to teach the 4th & 5th graders, while Ann French & Laura Grainger teach the Preschool-Kindergarten class. Kids under age 4 have Bible stories in the Nursery with Lee & Nancy. Dana Sherf and Shery Newell help out wherever needed.

Perhaps it's your New Year's Resolution to deepen your walk with the Lord... Please make Sunday School a part of your journey! In February we'll be focusing on Jesus' healings, and we encourage all families to follow along by making Bible stories a part of your everyday life with your children. Sunday School teachers send home story and activity sheets that will help you continue the learning at home.

Kid's Mission

We're building a house for a family in Mexico! Well, actually our offerings will, since they will be sent with the Youth on their Mexico Mission trip on February 12 -15. An anonymous donor is matching our offering each Sunday to help us out.

Parents, we encourage your children to donate any lost coins they may find on the playground or in your neighborhoods so that the 'lost' money can be put towards God's work. We've also suggested that the kids consider donating part of their earnings for any paid jobs they do at home. We are also collecting canned food, especially soup and peanut butter, for the Souper Bowl of Caring. Questions? Contact Ann French at frenchnewton@aol.com

S.T.A.C.K.

Super Terrific Awesome Christian Kids meet once a month on a Friday night for fun, food, and fellowship with their friends right here at Horizon. **The next 'STACK ATTACK' is Friday night, February 5, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.!** For details on this STACK Attack, please call Lindsay at 602.618.2169 or email her at youth@horizonchurch.com. STACK is a great way to connect kids to Christ!

Neighborly reminder: we call your children into Sunday School from the playground. Please be aware that there is no formal adult supervision on the playground before class, although several parents usually congregate there and keep a watchful eye. Also, please help us be good neighbors to God's Garden by having your child tidy up after him/herself whenever they are done on the playground. A "Playground Checklist" is posted on each entry door with details on where items belong. Thank you for your help!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

We'd love to have your help in whatever way you feel called. In particular we currently need:

- S.T.A.C.K.: 2nd through 5th grade monthly fellowship activity - needs additional adult planners and supervisors.
- Substitute Sunday School teachers' assistants (no planning necessary).
- Children's Ministry Team members: help plan and carry out activities for Horizon's children.
- Vacation Bible School volunteers

If you're interested or just want more information about what we do, contact Jan Felton at jfelto@cox.net. We are blessed that Beth Heath and Christine Elliott have joined the Storytelling rotation. Thank You so much!

WORSHIPING GOD IN SONG

"Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song." Psalm 95:2



We are a ministry devoted to worshiping our amazing God through music and song. Through singing and playing instruments, Horizon's adult choir has the privilege of lifting up the name of God! Our music on Sunday mornings varies across many musical styles as we sing traditional and contemporary worship songs, as well as a blend of hymns. Come sing the praises of God in the fellowship of His people! We would love to meet you and sing with you. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the worship center. For more information, please contact Music Director Jana Minov at janaminov@yahoo.com

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to:

Ann French	Timothy Adamson
Jose Gutierrez	George Sutandar
Kelly Heiberger	Lynne Kim
Jake Toepel	Erin Andrews-Sharer
Cary Sherf	Betty Jarrell
Brian Heiberger	Thomas Phillips
Midge Osborn	Sarah Cottington
Nathan Heath	Bill Monk
Maggie Delaney	Maitland Newton
Kendra Hopkins	Caleb Yurmanovich
Todd Combs	Zhenya Jatcko

See current Pictorial Directory for dates.

If your birthday is missing or incorrect, please call or email the office so that we can update our records. We wish a special day to anyone we may have omitted.

10TH ANNUAL TRANSPORTATION DAY IS COMING!

Can you hear the hum of motors? No, it's not your imagination! The 10th Annual Transportation Day planning has begun and it will be here before we know it! The committee chairs have already started work and they are all geared up! Transportation Day is the biggest community event that Horizon Presbyterian Church and God's Garden Child Development Center put on every year! Over 3,000 people of all ages come out for a fun morning exploring over 40 vehicles of all makes and kinds! Helicopters, Fire trucks, Police cars, NASCARS, motorcycles, boats, airplanes, and more! The "Fun Zone" is bigger than ever and the live Entertainment is always a delight! And of course, what would Transportation Day be without all the wonderful Raffle Baskets? Every year they're bigger and better so it's hard to imagine what is in store this year! I know Carolyn has been busy all year collecting wonderful items!

I just wanted to let you know that the committees of Transportation Day are in full drive! Mark your calendars now and be on the look out for how you can be a part of this fantastic day! If you want to jump aboard sooner, please call us! We would love to have you help!

WAYS TO HELP NOW

- Donate a themed basket or item to be raffled.
- Hang fliers around the community.
- Have your company/business sponsor a "Fun Zone" game.
- E-mail friends and families inviting them to join us for some fun!

WAYS TO HELP ON THE BIG DAY

- Donate your time (sign-up sheets available after worship each Sunday in February)
- Bake a Cake for the Cake Walk
- Bring your special vehicle for attendees to explore.
- Be a vendor.
- Provide food & beverage for the volunteer lounge

For more information please contact these Committee Chair people:

Overall Event Organizers:

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Beth Wilson: 602-300-0184 OR godsgarden@horizonchurch.com
Carolyn Davis: 480-460-0724 OR cdavisdesigns@aol.com

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Karen Rhoades: 480-704-8205 OR angelkeys@cox.net

Food Vendors:

Alyson Bruzas: 480-706-6464 OR alysonbruzas@yahoo.com

Raffle Baskets:

Carolyn Davis: 480-460-0724 OR cdavisdesigns@aol.com

Cake Walk:

Monica Gellman: 602-615-9471 OR M_GELLMAN@msn.com

Fun Zone:

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Classroom Baskets:

Stacy Lenz: stacylenz@cox.net

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Jill Sears: 480-266-9531 OR jilpada@cox.net

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Dorris Gonzalez: 602-367-7090 OR dentesari@msn.com

Marketing/PR:

Brittney Strubbe: bstrubbe@cox.net

Volunteer Lounge:

Ann French & Jodi Combs: frenchnewton@aol.com

Thank you in advance for your donations and volunteering... see you there!

TURN SHOPPING INTO A MISSION

There are at least two ways to raise money for both Horizon Presbyterian Church and God's Garden Child Development Center, without even changing your shopping habits:

COOL CASH is a program at Fry's Food Stores. With your help, God's Garden can earn up to \$2,000 in cash rebates. COOL CASH is part of Fry's ongoing commitment to Arizona's schools, children and their educational process. For every \$50,000 in V.I.P purchases, Fry's Food Stores will mail a \$500 check to the school to spend as they please. On your next shopping trip, present the barcode **00000102346** to the Fry's cashier. The cashier will enter the school's COOL CASH barcode and scan your V.I.P card, which will automatically attach the school to your card. This only needs to happen once and then every time you use your Fry's card through April 24, 2010, all of your purchases will automatically be credited to God's Garden.

The eScrip program is a resource for fundraising where participating business partners contribute a percentage of your grocery loyalty cards, credit card and debit/ATM card purchases to the church. There are hundreds of merchant partners for you to shop at, such as Safeway, Macy's, OfficeMax and many hotels and restaurants. Go online to www.escrip.com to register one or all of your grocery loyalty, debit and credit cards for use in the program. You will need to enter Horizon's group I.D., which is **9603230**. Your purchases are tracked and available to you online, allowing you to see just how much you are earning on the church's behalf. Electronic Scrip Incorporated (ESI), a California-based corporation dedicated to establishing relationships between commerce and community, introduced the eScrip program in 1999 and has distributed over \$120 million to schools, groups and youth organizations across the country.

Please enroll in one or both. Many thanks for your support.

CLERK REPORT

At the Regular Session Meeting held on Tuesday 01/17/10, the following topics were discussed and associated actions taken:

- Horizon is authorized to send 2 Presbytery Commissioners to Presbytery meetings again in 2010. Chuck Jarrell continues to ably represent Horizon and provided leadership to the Presbytery. He led the committee during the presentation and voting on the Overtures at the last Presbytery meeting. Ron Vahle also represents Horizon with great patience and dedication at these meetings. Both have indicated that they are willing to continue to serve as Commissioners. Chuck Jarrell and Ron Vahle were re-elected as Horizon Presbytery Commissioners for 2010.
- During December 2009 the giving at Horizon was lower than expected and lower than our historical numbers. Because of this change in our giving pattern approximately, \$5K was cut from the initial budget. The revised budget was distributed by Alan and approved via an email vote. This budget projects income of \$269,950, spending of \$279,880, and a subsequent shortfall of \$9,930.
- The Middle School Youth Club is now meeting on Thursday evenings in order to give that group a more focused time together. The High School Group will continue to meet on Sunday evenings.
- The main entrance doors to the Worship Center are in need of replacement. Repairs have been attempted but the hinges will not hold firmly any more. A&P is coordinating this effort and getting bids for replacements. The plan will include replacing the door to the Administrator's office at the same time.

- A church-wide cleanup day is scheduled for 2/6/10. A list of priority tasks will be targeted. All willing workers will be welcome. Jeff Benedict is coordinating.
- Plans are underway for a weekend-long celebration of Horizon’s 20th anniversary on March 6 and 7. Rob Rhoades is leading this effort and a committee has been formed to establish the plans for a Saturday night dinner and special events on Sunday morning. Horizon members who are no longer worshipping here will be invited to join us that weekend. Any interesting pictures or stories from the early days should be given to Rob. Mark your calendar to be here to celebrate with us.
- Stephanie and Michael Hawkins sent thank you notes for Horizon’s participation in fund-matching scholarships at Belhaven College for each of them. These were gifted by an anonymous donation from the congregation. We are blessed and thankful for these generous angels among us.

- Worship Attendance:

Category	12/20/09 – 01/17/10	2008-2009 Comparable	Change
Average Worship Service	126.4	126.4	0%
Average Sunday School	45	49	-8.2%

God’s blessing to you,

Sandy

Sandy Castle
Clerk of Session

Breaking News:

The Minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting from 01/31/2010 are available for you to review at www.horizonchurch.com/resources/documentdownloads/2010/Meetings

If you have any additions or corrections to these minutes please send a note directly to Sandy Castle at sandrastle@aol.com

Helpful Web Hint:

On the left panel under “Resources”, click on “Document Downloads”. When you get to that page and select the year “2010” and “Meetings”, you will see a listing of the documents currently available for viewing.