



The Waltham Courier

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A Family Journal

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SERVING OUR CHURCH

Nursery Volunteers

Jan. 3

Amy Ploch, Valerie Blue, Kaitlyn Small

Jan. 10

Judy Applebee, Lois Edgcomb

Jan. 17

Phyllis & Tony Mertes

Jan. 24

Albert Hagenbuch,
Relynn & Nathan Olivero

Jan. 31

Rita, Bob & Rachel VanDrimmelen

If you are unable to serve, please make arrangements to exchange dates with someone. Thank-you

Sunday Worship

January

Deacons – Kathie Kleckner, Mary Sundberg
Liturgist – Stewardship & Finance
Coffee/Juice – Deacons

February

Deacons – Kathie Kleckner, Marlene
Moshage

Liturgist – Deacons

Coffee/Juice – Trustees

March

Deacons – Mary Sundberg, Lois Edgcomb

Liturgist – Trustees

Coffee/Juice - Stewardship & Finance

Keep in mind your group is responsible for getting someone to be liturgist or make coffee. That person does not have to be a member of your group.

I type up a sheet with the Prayer and Bible verses for the liturgist. It is posted on the the office bulletin board. If I have an e-mail address, I can also e-mail it. Please list the name of the liturgist on the signup sheet in the narthex so their name can be added to the Bulletin. Thanks, Kathie

Filling the Candles

January & February – Kathie Kleckner

March & April – Linda Chalus

January 17 Soup is On!

As we continue to raise funds to ready the manse for Pastor Howard and Patty's arrival, we will have soup for lunch on Sunday, Jan. 17th following worship. Join us for lunch for a free will offering and/or purchase a quart to take home. Mark your calendar and join us in fellowship.

Anyone interested in helping should contact Bev Scharlau 667-4970 or the church office 667-4611.

♪ Interim Notes ♪

Last month it looked like the day you had waited for had come at last. Now, we can eliminate the words "looks liked." Your called pastor is on the way.

The Rev. Mr. Howard Smith was elected to be your next pastor by a unanimous vote of the congregation at the November 15th congregational meeting. He will begin his work with you on February 1st. His first Sunday in the pulpit will be February 7th.

My last day with you will be Sunday, December 27th. And, to answer the question I have been asked frequently, I am searching for my next call but do not yet know where I will next serve.

After December 27th, I will no longer be your pastor. I cannot return to lead worship or to preside at weddings or funerals. I will be most happy to receive family news from you, by mail or email. I will continue receiving the newsletter and cheering you on in my prayers. I cannot, however, discuss anything pertaining to the work of your congregation. I cannot intercede in any way in the congregation's affairs. I realize this may seem a bit harsh. But in a pastoral transition, previous pastoral relationships must be broken in order that new ones may form.

My time with you has been wonderful. I believe we have begun a good work here. And I have greatly enjoyed being a part of your church family. You will always have a special place in my heart. I will be watching you, and I expect to see you shine Christ's light forth both in glorious days, and darkest nights.

It can be sad to say goodbye, but remember, goodbye really means, "God be with you." God be with you my sisters and brothers.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's be kind and gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In Christ's Peace,

Pastor Frank



How to Minister to Your New Minister

By Victor Parachin

Sometimes the loneliest people around are pastors. Being a spiritual leader can be a tough job. Often the hours are long, and the criticism is

considerable and constant. It can lead to feelings of disappointment, discouragement and defeat. Our spiritual leaders need our support and encouragement. Here are a dozen suggestions for encouraging your pastor.

1. Cut the criticism.

When Fred Rogers, Presbyterian minister and creator and host of the children's television program "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," was in seminary he attended a different church each Sunday in order to hear a variety of preachers. One Sunday he says he was treated to "the most poorly crafted sermon I had ever heard in my life." But when he turned to the friend who had accompanied him, he found her in tears. "It was exactly what I needed to hear," she said.

"That's when I realized," Rogers says, "that the space between someone doing the best he or she can and someone in need is holy ground. The Holy Spirit had transformed that feeble sermon for her."

Unlike people who are evaluated once or twice a year as part of a performance evaluation, clergy are in a sense critiqued

Could your pastor be lonely or "down"? Here are a dozen ways you can offer encouragement.

Ask God to shower your pastor with love, hope, joy, faith, peace, power, wisdom, insight and courage.

every week, after every worship service. People may complain that a sermon is boring, but most pastors work hard every week to make worship a special celebration.

2. Express your appreciation in writing.

A compliment spoken is always welcome, but one received in writing can be read over and over again. So when you hear a sermon that is especially helpful to you or when you see an act of compassion and caring from your pastor, write a note expressing your appreciation.

3. Pray regularly for your pastor.

Ask God to shower your pastor with love, hope, joy, faith, peace, power, wisdom, insight and courage. Pray for his or her maturity and growth in the faith. Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe said: "If you treat a person as he is, he will stay as he is; but if you treat him as if he were what he ought to be and could be, he will become what he ought to be and could be."

4. Use your skills to make your pastor's life easier.

Are you proficient with computers? You could help your pastor master the use of a computer. Are you a mechanic? You could offer to service your pastor's car free or at a reduced fee. Are you a medical professional? You might provide your pastor with medical care or advice.

One pastor recalls this experience: "I was pastoring my first church, a small congregation with limited resources--so my salary was extremely low. I developed a series of dental problems and could not afford treatment. What a joy it was when a dentist in the church offered to treat me at no charge. Correcting my dental problem involved nearly a dozen visits. The memories of that dentist's kindness continue to bless my life."

5. Where there is a need, offer to help solve it.

Some people make their pastors defensive and angry by saying: "You need to . . ." That approach is almost always counterproductive. If you see a need, say to your pastor: "I'd like to help by . . ." If you see an improvement that can be made, take responsibility for working to implement your idea.

Let your pastor share dreams, goals, aspirations,

6. Squelch gossip that comes your way.

If you hear a negative comment, respond with a positive one. If misinformation is being spread, correct it with the right information. If people are gossiping, just walk away.

The Bible soundly condemns gossip and careless speech: "If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their heart, their religion is worthless" (James 1:26).

7. Respond to your spiritual leader.

Nothing animates and excites a pastor as much as seeing people respond to his or her preaching and teaching. Imagine the delight of the pastor who had a visitor explain she had come because of the kindness of a member of the church. "I'm a single parent, and new to this community," she said. "I work two jobs, which leaves me very little time for such things as yard work. I was relieved when the weeds didn't overrun my yard, but when I came home one day in the middle of the day, I saw why. There was my 86-year-old neighbor on his hands and knees, pulling my weeds. He explained that he heard you preach a sermon on the importance of living a life of compassion and kindness, and he decided to put that sermon into practice by weeding my lawn."

8. Minister to your minister.

Take your pastor out for lunch with no agenda except to listen. Ask how he or she

is doing. Listen to his or her fears and frustrations. Just listen, and respond with understanding.

9. Get involved.

Move from the role of mere spectator to active participant in your community of faith. Get involved by teaching a class, attending a retreat, singing in the choir, giving community service. Ask your pastor how you might use your gifts.

10. Specifically identify how your pastor's ministry is affecting you personally.

Encourage your pastor by describing specifically how his or her teaching, preaching or counseling is having an impact in your life. After hearing their pastor preach on "Do not judge . . ." (Matthew 7:1), a group of women decided to give a baby shower for the young woman who provided child care for them while they met

for Bible study. The woman was unmarried, pregnant, close to going on welfare, and with no support from her family. The young woman was moved to tears by the surprise baby shower.

Drop all personal agendas and preferences about how your pastor should carry out his or her ministry.

11. Give your pastor a special treat.

Invite your pastor out for dinner, offer to pay the cost for a special seminar or retreat, or give your pastor the gift of a few vacation days at a condo by the beach or a cottage on a lake.

12. Abandon preconceived expectations of your pastor.

Drop all personal agendas and preferences about how your pastor should carry out his or her ministry. Don't expect that it will be the same as your previous pastor. Instead,

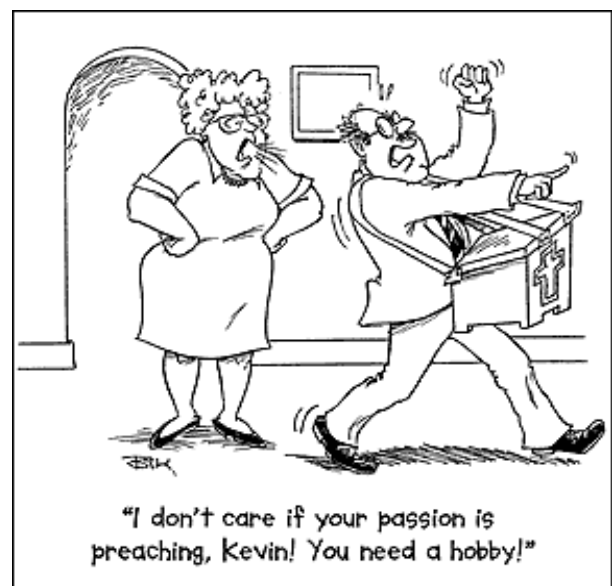
focus on how he or she is being used by God.

Note from Pastor Frank:

The above article is from *Presbyterians Today*.

To it, I attach the following notes:

- Remember that Howard is not Roy, or me, or any of your previous pastors. He has different gifts and will do things in a different way. Don't expect him to be like us.
- If you disagree with something Howard has done, tell him in Christian love. Don't tell someone else. Direct communication is necessary for a congregation to thrive.
- Remember that Howard, like all of us, is not perfect. Expecting him to be will be setting him up to fail.
- Take good care of Patty. Being a pastor's spouse can be a hard thing to be. And remember, pastors know there are occasions when "roast pastor" is served. But don't serve that dish to Patty. And remember, you are calling Howard, not Patty. She isn't an extra employee thrown into the deal.
- Howard does not have ESP. He will not automatically know things if he isn't told about them. If you have a need, tell him. If someone else is in need, tell him. If you, or someone else is in the hospital, tell him.
- Love them all with all your might, just as they will love you.



COMMITTEE REPORTS

SESSION

The session met on several occasions after Sunday services and on their regular meeting night on December 10th.

A motion was approved to “go green” and use memorial funds to purchase cloth tablecloths for use in the Fellowship Hall. Committee reports were received.

The Trustees are working on the manse in preparation for the Smith’s arrival.

The Smith’s are working on obtaining estimates for moving expenses.

The Music and Worship Committee have contacted Reverend Peder Carlson, a retired minister from Loves Park, for January 3rd and 10th. He will also moderate the session meeting January 10th following worship.

The session will sponsor a soup luncheon fundraiser on January 17th.

Ida Brown Clerk of Session

DEACONS

All Deacons present, except Marlene.

We filled in a new roster with phone & e-mail information. We worked on setting up a Deacon at the Door schedule for 2010.

We reviewed the Duties of the Deacon of the Month. Some were changed and others disregarded. Deacons will now be in charge of finding Ushers on Sunday morning.

When communion is served the Session members will take up the offering.

Friendship pads are no longer in use. Coffee & Juice is the responsibility of the group assigned each month.

Tom has worked up a Deacon’s Fund

Assistance Request Form to be used when considering requests. There will be one financial assist given a year (cash will not be given), unless a special request is made by pastor or session. A face to face meeting will be required for nonmembers. A list of other area agencies where help may be obtained is available. At the present time there is no longer money in the Deacon Fund; but we do have a few gift cards left.

85 people received communion in Dec. Communion will be served by intinction on Christmas Eve.

TRUSTEES

Present Dave Edgcomb, Dave Deutsch, and Harold Kinzer. Paint has been picked out by new pastor for manse. New straps were ordered for “Hobby Horse” in nursery and Harold will install. Extensive work needs to be done at manse beginning Jan 1. Frank will transfer 667-4402 into Dave Deutsch’s name until Howard & Patty arrive. Moving date for Frank is Dec. 30 via Stevenson Transfer. Ceiling in basement of manse must be removed.

TREASURER’S REPORT

YTD Income	\$103,398.18
YTD Expenses	<u>-110,816.86</u>
YTD Deficit	\$ - 7,418.68

Amounts owed:

Special Building	\$16,000.00
Memorial Fund	3,000.00
Manse Fund	4,036.00
Per Capita	<u>6,683.00</u>
Total Owed	\$29,719.00

Dena Ficek, Treasurer

Note of Explanation ~ Per Capita is the money each Presbyterian Church owes to the Presbyterian Church. Our “dues” so to speak for belonging to PCUSA.

The per capita for 2010 is \$34.64.

(Presbytery \$24.89, Synod \$3.60, GA \$6.15).

A big help to our budget would be for each family to pay the Per Capita for all the members in their family.

BENEVOLENCE FUND

Balance is \$6809.81.

Linda Chalus, Benevolence Treasurer

MEMORIAL FUND

Memorials have been received for William Hughes, Philip Hughes, and Clarence Roether.

Joyce Anderson, Memorial Treasurer

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Major discussion regarding VBS and Sunday School. There will be one baptism on Dec. 13. Carol Freebairn has agreed to serve on Christian Ed.

Thanks-you to children, parents, and teachers for all the hard work that went into making the Children's Program such a joy to watch. Thanks as well to family and friends who came to the program. A big thank-you to the committee & all who brought food to the pot luck.

PADS

We are again serving meals at PADS on the 2nd Wed. of the month. Please consider signing up to help with the food or to serve. The dates are 1/13, 2/10, 3/10, 4/14.

Food Pantry

Please do not forget the Food Pantry now that the holidays are over. Canned soups, mac & cheese, and boxes of potato mixes mean a lot on a cold winter day. Hot chocolate, tea & coffee would also be appreciated as well as pancakes & syrup. Thank-you

The Illinois Valley Food Pantry wish to express their sincere gratitude for 32 lbs. of food received on 12/18/09.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



THANK YOU one and all for making our 28th "Come to Christmas" Tea a success – even after having to postpone it a week because of a blizzard. We praise God for all who could reschedule their time to share in

the program, bake cookies, work in the kitchen, set up, care for the children in the nursery, etc. It takes many to make this time special for all! After many years of requests, we, for the first time sold cookies and received over \$100.00. We will give those funds to the general fund of our church.

P.W. plan to meet January 21st at 9 a.m. If the weather is bad, we will cancel. Do continue to read the book of Joshua as we continue with that study.

Help Needed

Stefanie Sebastian is trying to finish her schooling at Educators of Beauty 122 Wright St., LaSalle. She needs to complete a certain number of each type of treatment. She works Tues. – Sat. Call 815-223-7326 to request Stefanie. Besides shampoos, cuts, & color, she does manicures, pedicures, facials & waxing. Price sheets are available in the church narthex. Please give her your support.

We will undecorate the Church on Jan. 10 right after worship. Please plan to stay a few minutes to help. Thank-you



Cub Scouts

Jan. 7 – Pine Wood Derby Cars

Jan. 21 – Pack and Den Meetings

Feb. 4 – Pine Wood Derby Cars

Boy Scouts

We have been accepted at Philmont this summer. Make sure you have met all the requirements.

Feb. 19 – 21, We have reserved the Wilderness Training Center at Ingersoll. Ice fishing & sledding are among the activities.

Troop 97 meets every Tuesday night at the Waltham Presbyterian Church. Contact Ralph Moshage at 667-4511 or Ross Wilson at 434-1469 for information about the troop.

Boy Scout Troop 123 and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Olivero cordially invite you to an Eagle Scout Court of Honor Ceremony for Matthew J. Olivero Jan. 10, 2010, 2:30 pm, Waltham Presbyterian Church. RSVP 815-224-4877 Reception to follow ceremony

Manse Update

Pastor Frank is scheduled to leave the manse December 30 and Pastor Howard and Patty are expected to be here February 1. Patty may have to stay behind to take care of details at their present house. The first major task is to take care of all the floors and ready the manse for thorough cleaning by Rainbow International by January 20. Carpet has already been removed in all 3 bedrooms, the hallway and living room. One bedroom has been sanded down and sealed with 2 coats of polyurethane as a trial, and it looks great. Nail holes from the carpet tack strips need to have wood filler applied before sanding the floors. The tile ceiling in part of the basement needs to be removed to allow for cleaning also. The chair rail in the living room needs to be removed and there is residual from a wallpaper border hiding beneath the chair rail to be removed. Spackle needs to be applied to all the nail holes in the walls from pictures and from the chair rail. The cleaning service needs 2-4 days to complete their part, and the duct cleaners can come in at the same time. I asked them to come after January 20. If all this proceeds within the time allowed, we will have the last week of January to give all the walls upstairs two coats of paint. The trustees alone will not be able to complete all this work. The manse will be available after December 30. Anyone who wishes to work during the daytime can

contact me or other trustees to get access. It's amazing what can be done in a few hours. No one needs to spend all day there, and any amount of work will help us get this done. My cell is 252-4579.

Dave Deutsch

Congratulations

Tim Kinzer, son of John & Bonnie Kinzer, is graduating. He has just completed the work for a BS in Management Information Systems from Eastern Illinois University. Kristen Beard, daughter of Mark & MaryAnn Small is graduating from Western Michigan University.

Thank-you

The Family of Marie Fisher would like to thank the Waltham Congregation for their thoughts and prayers. We would like to thank all who helped with her Memorial Service. Thank-you for playing, Mary. We are especially thankful for the delicious meal that was served.

Thank-you for purchasing poinsettias to decorate our sanctuary for Advent. Christmas Poinsettias, In Honor and In Memory of:

Warner Whipple

Tom Sroka

John & Eleanor Davis Small

Louis & Ina Gleim

The parents of Roger & Marilyn Laatz

Howard & Marge Kleckner

Clifford & Bertha Carr

Harry & Edith Kleckner

The family of Harold & Gilda Kinzer

Chad Jones

Chresta Jones Demo

Allen Bender

Marie Drennon

Lavon Blue

Katie Brubaker

Nathan Applebee

Steven Applebee

Wesley & Naomi Freebairn

Jack & Shirley Franz

Tom Freebairn

Richard Shaver

Norman Small

Matthew Small

Addison & Evelyn Small

Ed & Marie Towne

For All the Loved Ones
of Tony & Phyllis Mertes
Loved ones of Dan & Lori Munson

Food Allergies

The Children's Memorial Food Allergy Study is gaining momentum and gearing up for a big push in 2010 to reach its goal of having 1,000 families participate in this study. The study team is seeking families from all over the US to join. An eligible family has at least one food allergic child under the age of 21 and both biological parents willing to participate. Visits last approximately 2 hours and involves a clinical evaluation including height, weight, blood pressure, and lung function measurements; an allergy skin test, and a small blood sample. The project goals are 1) to understand the role of genetic and environmental influences on food allergies, 2) to educate the professional and patient community on food allergies, 3) to advocate at the local, state, and national levels to increase awareness and resources for food allergies, 4) to aid doctors in developing more effective prevention and treatment strategies for food allergies. With the incidence of food allergies increasing so rapidly, the triggers and underlying causes of this condition *need* to be identified. Currently the ONLY solution to food allergies is strict avoidance. For more information please contact Project Coordinator, Ms. Deanna Caruso at (312) 573-7755 or dcarus@childrensmemorial.org

Life with Allergies by Jen Lane

My youngest child, my daughter Mandie, born 3-8-07, has many allergies which present challenges to daily life. Mandie is allergic to ragweed, pollen, grass, wool, lanolin, palm oil, chamomile, strawberry, seafood, shellfish, and dairy. She is contact and ingestion anaphylactic allergic to dairy, seafood, shellfish, chamomile, sunflower, and safflower (among all members of the

daisy family).

Mandie was born with her allergy to dairy, though it got more severe near her first birthday when she became more mobile and her diet expanded to more than breastmilk. We discovered most of her other allergies between her first and second birthdays, with the exception of the palm oil, grass, ragweed, and chamomile, which have been within the last 6 months. We found out about the sunflower, safflower, etc. just this past week. Mandie has experienced seven anaphylactic episodes so far, the most recent being 2/09 to chips contaminated with dairy, 9/09 to baked beans w/dairy based caramel coloring, and 11/09 to chamomile tea.

We RARELY eat at restaurants, because even the ones that have "safe" offerings for her – such as most Asian restaurants and Subway restaurants, also have products that contain dairy, so we must use Clorox wipes and sanitize EVERYTHING she may come into contact with before she is allowed to touch anything. There's also the very high risk of cross contamination in restaurants. When we do risk eating out we make sure to be aware of every ingredient in every food she eats. Unless we cook it from scratch, there is the potential for contamination and a reaction.

Going to friends and families homes presents similar challenges, so we generally only go to close friends/family's homes who know about all of Mandie's allergies and thoroughly clean before we come. Even so, we must be extra watchful while we're there. We rarely go to parties for that reason, with the exception of those of friends with children with food allergies, or very close family. Outside of our own, there are three homes we feel safe visiting at any time – one is my friend and local allergy support group leader, one is my best friend, and one is my in-laws home. Even then, as always, we are on high alert. We make sure to bring food with us, as well as her own cake for parties, suckers, etc.

When we go to the store (Wal-mart, grocery, etc.) Mandie rides in her stroller or a shopping cart with a cover that I made (it has leg flaps – the ones you can buy don't) .

No exceptions. It would be far too easy for her to touch something that touched milk and have a severe reaction. We don't let her go into the nurseries or classrooms because we can't sanitize everything she may come into contact with. It may sound extreme, but when you've seen your child break out in head to toe hives from simply touching an allergen, and knowing that she could potentially experience anaphylaxis from it, you can't be too careful.

Wherever we go we carry a bag with her emergency action plan, half a dozen Benadryl Perfect Measure spoons, two Epi-Pens, and cortisone cream. We also keep two epi-pens at home. Whenever we leave the home Mandie wears her allergy bracelets.

Playing outdoors presents special challenges with outdoor allergies. Mandie takes allergy medicine daily, but when she's going to be outside she wears long pants, long sleeves, and socks on all but the hottest days, and I bathe her immediately when she comes inside.

Mandie has two older brothers (4 and almost 7) with no food allergies. Since we keep meals free of Mandie's allergens, the boys get to eat treats when their sister is not around. They are learning how to help keep her safe. They ask about everything before she eats to make sure 'sit safe for Mandie. Mandie is also learning to ask if food is safe for her before she eats it, and I'm working on teaching her the list of her allergens.

Caramel Corn from Kids With Food Allergies

Yields 4 to 5 Cups

4 to 5 Cups Air Popped Popcorn
1/3 Cup Granulated Sugar
1/4 Cup Pure Maple Syrup, Agave Nectar,
or Brown Rice Syrup
1/4 Teaspoon Salt
1/8 Teaspoon Cream of Tartar
1 Tablespoon Dairy-Free Margarine
1/2 Teaspoon Baking Soda

Place the popped corn in a large mixing bowl with all un-popped kernels removed, and set aside. Lay a non-stick baking mat or sheet near the stove. In a medium-sized saucepan, combine the sugar, syrup or agave, salt, and cream of tartar. Bring it to a boil over medium heat and toss in the margarine, stirring until it melts. Clip on your candy thermometer and continue to cook the sugar syrup, stirring occasionally, until it reaches 250°F (120°C), or the firm ball stage. Turn off the heat, stir in the baking soda, and quickly pour the syrup over the popcorn, tossing to thoroughly coat. Spread the coated popcorn out on your non-stick mat and break up as many clumps as you can. Let cool and harden before storing the caramel corn in an air-tight container at room temperature.

Gluten Free Pumpkin Bars By Amber Robinson, of Illinois Valley Food Allergy Support (also egg free, peanut free, tree nut free, corn free)

2 cups of puffed rice cereal (I used Arrowhead Mills Organic Brown Rice)
1/2 cup of garbanzo bean flour (can sub any kind of Gluten Free flour as needed)
1/3 tsp of xanthan gum
2 Tablespoons of brown sugar
1 tsp of baking powder
1/2 tsp of cinnamon
dash nutmeg and ginger
2 T of canola oil
1/2 cup honey
1 cup of mashed pumpkin

In a large bowl, combine the dry ingredients. Add oil, honey and pumpkin. Mix well. Pour into a square baking dish and smooth the top. Bake at 350°F for about 15-20 minutes or until the top starts to turn golden brown.
YUMMY!

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

31 Mr. & Mrs. Pat Hughes

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 David Christopher
Yvonne Geil
Ross Wilson
- 2 Norma Jann
- 4 Phyllis Mertes
- 5 Tiara Bedenko
Cole Wesley Freebairn
- 7 Sue Hughes
- 8 Anthony Brown
- 11 Monica Blue
Kerstie Lukas
- 12 Wendy Deutsch
Dave Wilson
- 13 Dawn Hess
- 14 Melvin Hagenbuch
- 15 Emily Lukas
- 18 Bruce Brown
Benjamin Kiner
- 19 Carol Hallead
- 20 Robin Leonard
Irene Munson
- 22 Phillip McConville
- 24 Luke Mertes
- 25 Jeffrey English
- 27 Annabelle Skoog
Jenny Wilson
- 28 Tanner Chapman
- 29 Daniel Baker
Ardelle Hagenbuch
Serah Lukas
- 31 Robert Geil

If your birthday or anniversary does not appear in the Courier, please let me know. Put name month & day in writing on my desk or in the secretary's mailbox. I will

gladly put it in. Thanks, Kathie

Welcome to New Members

Bud & Jennifer Lane become new members on Dec. 27, 2009.

Offering Envelopes

Offering Envelopes for 2010 are here. Those members who requested a box should have received them. If you did not request a box, but would like one, contact Kathie Kleckner or Lois Edgcomb. We have extra.

Cookies

For those of you who requested the recipes for Jackie Jones Baily's cookies, there are copies in the narthex. I have a master copy in the office, if those are gone. Kathie

LECTIONARY for the LORD'S DAY

Jan. 3 2nd Sun. after Christmas
Rev. Peder Carlson
Jer. 31:7-14 Psalm 147: 12-20
Eph. 1: 3-14 John 1: 10-18

Jan. 10 Baptism of the Lord
Rev. Peder Carlson
Isa. 43: 1-7 Psalm 29
Acts 8: 14-17 Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

Jan. 17 3rd Sun. in Ordinary Time
Eric Mertes
Isa. 62: 1-5 Psalm 36: 5-10
1 Cor. 12: 1-11 John 2: 1-11

Jan. 24 3rd Sun. in Ordinary Time
Rev. Peder Carlson
Neh. 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19
1 Cor. 12: 12-31a Luke 4: 14-21

Jan. 31 4th Sun. in Ordinary Time
Rev. Peder Carlson
Jer. 1: 4-10 Psalm 71: 1-6
1 Cor. 13: 1-13 Luke 4: 21-30

Thank-you

The family of Delbert Edgcomb wish to thank the congregation of Waltham for all the kindness the family received at Delbert's Memorial Service. We would especially like to thank all who brought food. The dinner was excellent. The children were very fond of the potato salad. There were so many new faces. We can not thank you enough for helping us through our time of sorrow.

Carol and Family

As Waltham continues to search for ways to cut expenses at the church, we will not be renewing our bulk mailing permit later this year. Many of you have let us know you would be happy to read your Courier on line. Every month Dave Deutsch posts the Courier on our Website.

Go to www.walthamchurch.org

Dave will have it up as soon as I send it to him, which should be by the first of each month, if not before. Please check each month.

We have also talked about printing copies to be picked up at Church on Sunday morning. If you would like a printed copy that you could pick up the 1st or last Sunday of the month, let me know. Please put that information in writing or call 815-667-4611.

There is *usually* someone in the office Mon. – Fri. from 9-11am.

Please remember to let us know if your mailing address, phone number, or e-mail address changes. We work hard to keep all of our members informed. There will be lots of upcoming news with the arrival of Pastor Howard and Patty. Please make sure we can contact you.

**Please have a safe and
happy new year**

2010		
	LITURGIST	COFFEE & JUICE
JANUARY	Stewardship & Finance	Deacons
FEBRUARY	Deacons	Trustees
MARCH	Trustees	Stewardship & Finance
APRIL	Youth	Christian Ed
MAY	Christian Ed	Music & Worship
JUNE	Decorating Committee	Youth
JULY	Choir	Session
AUGUST	Music & Worship	Mission
SEPTEMBER	Deacons	Music & Worship
OCTOBER	Mission	Presbyterian Women
NOVEMBER	Session	Decorating Committee
DECEMBER	Presbyterian Women	Choir

~ January 2010 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 8:45 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	4	5 7 pm Scouts	6	7 6:30 pm Cub Scouts	8	9 11:00 am - Service of witness to the Resurrection of Raymond Jones
10 8:45 - Sunday School 10:00 - Worship 11:00 - Take down greens 2:30 - Eagle Scout	11	12 7 pm Scouts	13 7:00 pm – Dinner at PADS	14 7:00 pm – All Committee Meetings	15	16
17 8:45 - Sunday School 10:00 - Worship 11:00 - Soup Luncheon	18	19 7 pm Scouts	20	21 9:00 am - PW 6:30 pm - Cub Scouts	22	23
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