



# The Waltham Courier

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A Family Journal

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## SERVING OUR CHURCH

### Nursery Volunteers

**May 2**

Scott & Heather Freebairn

**May 9**

Tom & Wendy Olivero

**May 16**

Dave & Diana Deutsch

**May 23**

Tim & Nikki Mertes

**May 30**

Amy Ploch, Valerie Blue, Kaitlyn Small

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

### Sunday Worship

**May**

Deacons - Lois Edgcomb, Carol Shaver

Liturgist - Christian Ed

Coffee/Juice - Music & Worship

**June**

Deacons - Tom Walsh, Roberta Brown

Liturgist - Decorating

Coffee/Juice - Youth

**July**

Deacons - Roberta Brown, Lois Edgcomb

Liturgist - Choir

Coffee/Juice - Session

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**

May & June - Janet Lynn Delaney



Memorial Day Services  
at Waltham Cemetery  
Monday May 31, 2010  
Tentatively set for 10:45am

## Pastor's Pen!

I look around and see the signs of spring all around me. The tulips and daffodils are in bloom, and the smell of lilacs blooming is in the air. The lawn has been mowed, birds are building nest and laying their eggs. It happens every year and every year it is breathtaking as new life and changes burst forth.

One big change that has occurred for me since the last newsletter, is that I am now "officially installed" as the pastor of the Waltham Presbyterian Church. In some ways I feel as if nothing has really changed. I still get up and come to the office just as I had before. Kathie and I still deal with the items that need to be addressed in much the same way as before. So what has really changed and what has really happened?

I suspect for some, it is that I am now truly "official" --- I am your pastor. I'm not going to be leaving anytime soon, this is not temporary but hopefully the beginning of a long pastorate for me with you. For the PNC, although disbanded at our congregational meeting in February, it brings finality to the work they began so long ago. The pastor is finally here! And still for others, a sense of a new beginning might spring forth. New leadership and direction lies ahead.

For me, I have to say at first, the installation service seemed far off and distant. It seemed to be more of a procedure of protocol than have any real significance. After all I have been ordained for 29 years and have been installed as pastor on several other occasions. It is a formality that must

take place, I thought. I really didn't want to be thrust into the limelight, just quietly take my place.

But as the days approached I began to feel some of the excitement that others had. I found myself becoming anxious that all would go well. In the week prior to the installation - I was truly seeing and feeling things differently. Our first visitor from back east was coming to help me celebrate this event. I watched people working together to bring about the celebration. As the day approached I found myself caught up in all the excitement of the preparations that had been made.

At last the day of my installation had arrived. There were people who came to the service whom I have never really met until then. They came to celebrate a newness that was occurring at Waltham Presbyterian Church. A new ministry, a new direction, new leadership, indeed something new was bursting forth. Three former pastors of Waltham Church were present. Two pastors from the LaSalle community had also come, as well as elders and ministers of Blackhawk Presbytery. All of them were there to celebrate the new life that is bursting forth in the Waltham church. They were all there to "install" me. What did it all mean?

According to *Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary 2010* install means:

- 1 a : to place in an office or dignity  
by seating in a stall or official seat*
- b : to induct into an office, rank, or order  
<installed the new president>*
- 2 : to establish in an indicated place,  
condition, or status <installing herself in  
front of the fireplace>*
- 3 : to set up for use or service.*

I was being *installed* as the pastor - wow! As the clergy and elders came forward for the laying on of hands new life was flowing in me, it was as if I had never been installed before. I felt the weight of past ministry upon me and the strength of the support of that ministry before me. I was being seated in this place and community for the first time for use and service to God. Like the breathtaking beauty of spring that comes to us anew each year so too the breathtaking call of God is bursting forth in this place anew. I look forward to the newness of life that shall come forth as together we begin this ministry God has brought us to. May God's glory be revealed in our service to the world and community with one another. Thank you for this opportunity to serve God in this place.

Pastor Howard

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### SESSION

The session of the Waltham Presbyterian Church of Utica, IL held a regular meeting on April 8, 2010 at 8:27 in the upper lounge of the Church. Members present - Moderator Pastor Howard Smith, Ralph Freebairn, Bev Scharlau, Bruce Brown, Bonnie Walsh, Eileen Hagenbuch, and Clerk Ida Brown. Absent Kyle Videgar.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. After discussion it was agreed that the deacons would be responsible for making sure that the sound system is on for services.

A motion was approved to allow the Christian Education Committee to collect funds through offerings for Vacation Bible

School. The requests will include donations of food, time, money, or to sponsor a child. Sunday School will end May 16.

Volunteers for music during the summer are being sought.

Pastor Howard's request for vacation time from May 18-25 was modified to continue through the 31<sup>st</sup>. Additional vacations for August 16-22 and September 13-19 were also approved. Presbytery will be 11 May in Rockford.

The pastor's expenses were approved.

Summer services -There will be one service at 9. Summer services will begin June 6 and run through September 5.

A motion was made to allow Eileen to purchase an additional high chair with memorial funds not to exceed \$100.

The trustees will look into the cost of acquiring new shuffle board sets.

A motion was made to allow the Scrapbooking Club to meet in the Church.

Their next meeting is set for April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Just a reminder - All uses of the church need to be approved through the Session.

A fund raising yard sale at the Church has been set for August 14<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of the 21<sup>st</sup>.

All committees agreed to remain with the All Committee Night Meeting on the second Thursday of the month at 7. Session will follow with a meeting at 8.

The next Session meeting is scheduled for May 13<sup>th</sup> at 8 PM following committee meetings at 7.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21.

Ida Brown, Clerk of Session

### DEACONS

All Deacons were present. We discussed All Committee Night. We felt there would

always be conflicts with the night chosen. We wanted to see all of the committees meet on the same night.

We discussed our part in the upcoming Installation with Pastor Howard. We will continue to assist Pastor Howard with visitations. The Session has asked the Deacons to take over the Trustee's job of turning on the sound system on Sunday morning. Deacons talked about setting up communion for May. We served communion to 37 people at the Seder Service on Maunday Thursday and to 134 people on Easter.

## TRUSTEES

April 8 meeting:

The roof leak over the upstairs ladies' restroom was patched by Mayou roofing. They inspected the complete flat roof area and submitted proposals for replacement. They said replacement was not urgent, but should be considered in the next year or so. The existing roof was thought to be original but patched in a few places. One proposal was to avoid tearing off the complete roof and install 1/2" fiberboard and a fully adhered EPDM membrane roof for \$24,000. The other proposal was to do a complete tear off and install 2" thick foam insulation board with a fully adhered EPDM membrane roof for \$37,000. The complete tear off is recommended because testing later showed that there is moisture under the roof in a large area on the west side. The moisture will gradually ruin the plywood deck material beneath the built up roofing. An extra to both bids was to replace the copper flashing with new for \$4,600. We discussed the possibility of using brown aluminum instead, which should save some cost, but the labor would be the same.

The exit lights have been repaired. It was found that all exit lights are wired to a previously unlabelled fused switch above

the main circuit panel. They all work now and the switch is labeled!

A large 'Y' branch caught in one of the pine trees east of the manse has been removed, cut up and thrown on the burn pile.

A proposal from a water treatment vendor in New Lenox was received to install an iron and sulphur removal system that used air entrainment to get rid of the smell and residue. The bid was \$1700 for an installed system to treat the whole church and manse.

Many thanks again to all the Boy Scouts and dads that helped with the timely cleanup of the church grounds.

Members present: Jeff Ficek, Harold Kinzer, Dave Deutsch, Ron Chalus, and Steve Pillion with special guest Emma Pillion.

## MUSIC & WORSHIP

Present: Ross Wilson, Bonnie Walsh-elder rep, Linda Chalus, Mary Small

"Trunk sale" – positive response – be selective in items being brought for sale  
Meeting date – OK for Music & Worship – best if all committees meet on same night  
Discussed musicians for the summer

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

April 11 – 5pm – Youth Group meet

May 16- Teacher Appreciation/Graduation Sunday

Please submit graduate names to Christian Ed

VBS – June 21-25 – still in need of teachers

Kids will sing May 2

Will send note with Sunday School kids for donations for Sunset Gap

Christian Ed will meet after Church on April 25 to discuss VBS – Please feel free to stop by and volunteer or see what's being planned.

## MISSION

Members present – Bev Scharlau, Kathy Fox, Relynn Olivero, Janet Small, Maxine Cole, & Wilma Hudma. Minutes of March 11 Meeting read & approved.

March donations received: \$1528.00

Minute for Mission: April we are asking Esther Funk to do Grief Camp

Pads Dinner set for April; last one for year

Food Pantry Items for May: Breakfast Items

Received receipt from Church World

Service \$220.00 for shipping of hygiene kits

Requests for: Soldiers' Angels Volunteers &

Ottawa Regional Hospice Volunteers, we

will post info on bulletin board & put in

bulletin and Courier

## YOUTH GROUP

Eleven young people from our church and their guests met Sunday evening, April 11. It

was their chance to meet with Pastor

Howard and get to know him. They made

their own pizzas. There were plenty of fruit

and desserts. Thank-you to Ida Brown &

Wilma Hudman. The group next met on

Sun., April 25 to make their own

sandwiches & sundaes. Thank you to all

parents who sent food. Ellen Wilson led the

group in singing. The group would like to

meet weekly. As there is an Eagle Scout

Service on May 2, the next meeting will be

May 9 at 5pm.

## MEMORIAL FUND

Memorials in memory of Ava Anderson,

Willis & Margaret Wilson and Betty

Tegtmeier.

Joyce Anderson, Memorial Treasurer

## BENEVOLENCE FUND

Balance is \$9478.20

One Great Hour of Sharing was \$779.54.

Ecumenical Lenten Services was \$1379.57.

This was sent to Church World Services.

Linda Chalus, Benevolence Treasurer

## Per capita

\$34.64 per member; \$6720.16 total from church; received to date ~ \$1,821.72

### **Blackhawk Presbytery**

#### **Per Capita Assessment—2010**

According to the *Book of Order, 2007-2009*, each governing body above the session shall prepare a budget annually for its operating expenses, including administrative personnel, and may fund it with a per capita apportionment among the particular churches within its bounds. The presbyteries shall be responsible for raising their own per capita funds, and for raising and timely transmission of per capita funds to their respective synods and to the General Assembly. The presbyteries may direct per capita apportionments to the sessions of the churches within their bounds. (G-9.0404d)

Per capita assessment is based on the number of members in each congregation in Blackhawk Presbytery. **The per capita payment for 2010 is \$34.64 per congregation member**, of which \$24.89 is retained by the presbytery to support its administrative budget and \$9.75 is apportioned between the Synod of Lincoln Trails and the General Assembly to support their administrative budgets. This is a \$.19 increase from 2009.

Until 2006, Blackhawk Presbytery forwarded the assessed amount to the Synod and General Assembly regardless of whether the presbytery received sufficient funds from its congregations. The payment was made from reserves. Those reserves are no longer available. Current policy is to forward only those payments actually received from congregations. The result of

this policy is that Blackhawk Presbytery may be unable to meet its commitment to other governing bodies.

Churches may elect to pay the per capita assessment in installment payments or in a lump sum.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN</b></p>
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P.W. will meet Thursday, May 27th at 9 a.m at the home of Janet Small (616 N 33<sup>rd</sup> Rd).. We will receive the annual Birthday Offering. This year's grants are going to support Peace Presbyterian Church R.I.S.E.(Reach-Improve-Strengthen-Empower) project in Louisville, Kentucky and Kindergarten and Childcare Center Primary School Development in Kirkuk, Iraq.

P.W. is making items to be sold at our Fall fundraiser for the general church fund. Do come join us for fellowship and study. Bev Scharlau was installed for her second term as Area III Cluster Leader for P.W, in the Presbytery of Blackhawk at the Spring Gathering in Earlville on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

PW is promoting the Healthy Women Healthy Families Mother's Day Project. The money will help with malaria prevention. The bulletin board for more details, or call the office, 815-667-4611.

## THANK-YOU

A ginkgo tree has been planted in the church yard across the driveway from the cross. This tree is in Memory of Raymond Jones. The church thanks the Jones Family for this Memorial.

The Memorial Service for Mrs. Bernardine Johnson that was cancelled because of inclement weather has been rescheduled for Sat., May 15. Visitation at 10am; Service at 11am with lunch to follow.  
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Soldiers' Angels is a volunteer, non-profit group that supports all branches of our Armed Forces and their families. See the bulletin board for more information or go to <SoldiersAngels.org>

Ottawa Regional is looking for volunteers for their Hospice Team. See bulletin board or contact Brittany Duggan, 815-431-5569, if you could help.

Ottawa Regional is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, May 21 from 7:30am – 5:30pm. Please make an appointment by calling 433-5260.

## FOOD PANTRY

Items for the month of May are breakfast items. This could include cereal, pancake mix, syrup, muffin mix, coffee, tea, juice (not frozen) or canned fruit.

A blue sheet of paper on the narthex bulletin board is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report from the Food Pantry for those who are interested. Among other items, Christmas Baskets went to 553 local families. LP High School Student Council raised \$2,542 for the Pantry.

## Allergy Notes by Jen Lane

Mandie's visit with Dr. Mary Morris

We saw Dr. Mary Morris of Allergy Associates of La Crosse on 4/9. I can't say enough good things about Dr. Mary and her clinic. I already think that it was worth the drive (4 hours from our home to Tomah where we have family; 40 minutes farther to Onalaska where the clinic is located).

The first thing that impressed me was how she knew our file before she met us. She'd studied the 16 pages of notes & photos I sent her, and eagerly read the 4 additional pages of notes, and 3 pgs of questions I brought to the visit. She answered many of my questions immediately, but said that she'd prefer to answer them all in writing AFTER getting the results of the blood work back in two. She thinks that there's no such thing as too much information, and said that all of my detailed notes on reactions, causes, possible causes, etc. saved over an hour of the visit and told her that Mandie has a ton of issues going on but that I know how to spot and take care of them. That made me feel very good. Another thing that made me feel good was when she said she knew that some patients tested negative no matter what, but most responded to her testing and that we'd just deal with whatever came up. The observations of reactions like I've been doing is the absolute gold standard of diagnosis and no tests will ever equal that. How nice to hear that from an allergist!

After making sure we had our Epi-Pens in hand, Dr. Mary did a couple of rounds of skin testing, for which (her staff) mixes up each test individually. Because of Mandie's 4 anaphylactic reactions last year, her solutions were mixed up the weakest possible to yield a possible result. Mandie tested positive to them all. She was strong positive to dust mites, and severe positive to ragweed, grass, midwest trees, cat, dog, TCE, Alternaria, and Cladosporium. The severe results from the weak solution told her exactly how severely she'd react w/a full solution w/out as much potential for an anaphylactic reaction from the tests. Mandie was great about it, in spite of begging for benadryl and saying her arm hurt and itched. We're to monitor the sites at 24 & 48 hours (which she said also gives her info on the type of reaction she has to things) and record our observations on a

postcard she gave us to mail back before we leave WI on Sunday.

Dr. Mary does both IGE and IGG testing for various things. She IGE tested for almond, baker's yeast, cinnamon, coconut, corn, crab, egg white, lobster, milk, peanut, scallop, shrimp, soy, strawberry, tomato, wheat, aspergillius fumigatus, candida albicans, cat, dog, false ragweed, and penicillium notatum. She IGG tested for egg-white, milk, peanuts, soy, wheat, and candida albicans. I'm anxious for the results in two weeks to see what else we uncover.

On Monday we can start a two week trial of Singulair for Mandie's allergies. Dr. Mary said it often works for people who can't take allegra/zyrtec/claritin for whatever reason. I know nothing about it, but it'd be wonderful if it works! This morning we start our SLIT drops for the skin tested list. She said that pet allergies and molds & dust mites are the quickest to respond to treatment. We're NOT to get rid of any of the animals, but do remove the carpet in the bedroom. She told us from the start that due to Mandie's notes, her foods are far too risky to skin test for at the moment, and way way to risky to start any treatment for. She may not skin test for or attempt to treat any foods for several years. I'm totally fine with that. We go back up on August 7th, then probably every 6 months.

We got Mandie's blood work back, and found that she's deficient in Vitamin D, which we are to supplement and she'll be re-tested in August. She also tested mildly elevated for soy and peanuts, so we're to limit the amount of soy she gets, switching back and forth between almond and hemp milk, etc. We're supposed to give her a single teaspoon of peanut butter every single day, which research supports should keep that allergy from becoming more severe.

I'm hopeful that it will work! This research

is why we walk to support FAAN! This year's walk will be in October, in Lincoln Park in Chicago.

**Food Allergy Awareness Week is May 9-14 this year. Please consider wearing teal to show your support!**

### **Charlotte's Apple Cake**

2 pkgs (1/4 oz each) active dry yeast  
1 1/2 cups lukewarm water  
1/2 tsp. salt  
2 tsp. sugar  
3/4 cup butter or margarine, melted  
5 cups all purpose flour (gluten free flours work well also)

#### Filling:

4 apples, thinly sliced  
1/2 cup butter or margarine  
4 Tbsp. brown sugar  
2 tsp. ground cinnamon  
2/3 cup marzipan or almond paste, diced

Dissolve the yeast in lukewarm water in a large mixing bowl. Stir in the sugar, salt, melted butter or margarine, and half of the flour. Mix well. Gradually add enough remaining flour to make a soft dough. Let rise for 1 hour in a warm place.

Peel and slice the apples. To make the filling, combine the butter or margarine, brown sugar, and cinnamon in a small bowl. Dice the marzipan into small cubes.

Roll out the dough to the size of a jelly-roll pan. Put the dough on a greased jelly-roll pan, and spread the filling and marzipan evenly over it, leaving about 2" at all four edges. Close the ends of the dough at the top and ends over the filling, and brush with water and granulated sugar. Bake at 400 degrees for about 30 minutes.



5/2 – Eagle Scout Ceremony for Luke Webber, 4pm, Waltham Church

Tues. 5/4 – Troop Meeting, 7pm

Wed. 5/5 – TLC Meeting, 7pm

Thurs. 5/6 – Cub Scout Meeting, 6:30pm

Fri-Sun. 5/7-5/9 – Pathways

Tues. 5/11 – Troop Meeting, 7pm

Thurs. 5/13 – Round Table, 7pm

Tues. 5/18 - Troop Meeting, 7pm

Wed. 5/19 – Troop Committee Meeting, 7

Thurs. 5/20 - Cub Scout Meeting, 6:30pm

Fri.-Sun. 5/21-5/23 – OA Spring Conclave

Mon. 5/31 – Memorial Day

Coming in June

Scout Museum 100 Year Homecoming,  
Thurs.-Sun. 6/16-6/13

Sat. 6/19 – Day Activity- Canoe Trip

## **THANK-YOU**

Thank-you so much for the cute Bunny Baskets you make every year for our Easter Distribution. The clients really appreciate them. They make the holiday a little brighter. Thanks for caring and sharing!

Sincerely, Donna Hess, Executive Director,  
Illinois Valley Food Pantry

I want to thank you for your generous contribution – especially appreciated in this challenging economy. Thanks to caring donors like you, Church World Service can provide food, water and other necessities to families displaced by war or natural

disasters, as we are doing in Haiti now. And with your help, we can also assist impoverished communities as they work to improve their farming techniques, develop reliable water sources, and build a more sustainable future. While these are sobering days, I remain hopeful because of the creative, resilient women, men, and children we assist around the world, and because of caring people like you, who empower us to act on your behalf in our wounded world. May God bless you for your compassionate support.

Faithfully yours, Rev. John L. McCullough

\$1010.25 has been sent to Church World Services because of the Lenten Offering. We are still collecting hygiene kits.

Blackhawk Presbytery has sent 2,915 kits from 34 congregations as of March.

We have received Easter greetings from the staff and children of PCEA Githiga Children's Home. The card is on the bulletin board.

### MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. & Mrs. Tim Mertes

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Pillion

4 Mr. & Mrs. Phil Klein

7 Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Freeman

13 Mr. & Mrs. David Deutsch

17 Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Kays

19 Mr. & Mrs. Richard Leonard

21 Rev. & Mrs. Lawrence Athorn

22 Mr. & Mrs. John Thomson

24 Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Munson

25 Mr. & Mrs. Shannon Brown

27 Mr. & Mrs. Stephan Tomeski30 Mr. & Mrs. Brad Mital

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 Dayne Chalus Leonard

2 Bud Lane

3 Jane Young

5 Thomas Allen Freeman

Heidi Hughes Hendrix

Grace Backus

6 Tristan Chapman

7 Nicholas Fox

Relynn Olivero

8 Janet Delaney

11 Jon Fox

12 Doug Edgcomb

13 Caleb Barto

Nolan Hagenbuch

14 Maria Mertes Kays

15 Gary Baker

16 Paige Leonard

Karly Rae Reel

17 Ellen Wilson

Tim Wilson

19 Leonard Edgcomb

20 Rev. Frank Fisher

Tom Small

Dave Edgcomb, Jr.

Diane Wilson

22 Joyce Anderson

Barbara Small

23 Gary Small

24 Shawn Baker

Valerie Blue

Raynette Mason

25 Mary Small\*

Florence Charneskey\*

26 Jeff Bernabei

29 Eileen Hagenbuch

Nicholas Daniel Edgcomb

30 Jack Harrison Kinzer

31 Gilda Kinzer\*

Travis Hagenbuch

## Scrapbooking

We will meet on Sat., May 8 and Sat. June 5. Fellowship doors open at 10:30am. Come & go as you can. Bring snacks & donation for Church.

### LECTIONARY for the LORD'S DAY

#### May 2 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 11: 1-18                      Psalm 148  
Rev. 21: 1-6                        John 13:31-35

#### May 9 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 16: 9-15                      Psalm 67  
Rev. 21:10, 21:22-22:5        John 14:23-29

#### May 16 – 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 16: 16-34                    Psalm 97  
Rev. 22:12-14,16-17,20-21    John 17: 20-26

#### May 23 - Pentecost

Acts 2: 1-21                      Psalm 104: 24-34,35b  
Rom. 8:14-17                      John 14: 8-17

#### May 30 – Trinity Sunday

Prov. 8: 1-4,22-31                Psalm 8  
Rom. 5: 1-5                        John 16: 12-15

## Treasurer's Report as of April 15, 2010

Total Receipts	\$41,290.39
Total Disbursements	<u>-\$39,711.98</u>
<b>Net Receipts</b>	\$1,578.41

### Account Balances:

General Fund	\$13,965.63
Special Building	\$1,389.51
Manse Fund	\$2,367.68
Youth Account	\$430.00
Sunday School Account	<u>\$386.01</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$18,538.83

### General Fund owes:

Special Building	\$10,000.00
Memorial Fund	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$13,000.00

*Dena Ficek, Treasurer*