

Waltham Courier September 2009

☰ Interim Notes ☒



Wow!
September is upon us. Summer, or what there was of it, has blazed by us all too quickly. As is usual the

coming of September brings some changes into our midst.

September 13th is Rally Day. Worship will be moved back to 10:00 A.M. with Sunday School for children and adults preceding worship at 8:45 A.M. During our Rally Day worship we will present Bibles to some of our children and will commission our Sunday School teachers for their work during the coming year. After worship there will be a meeting of any who want to participate in our youth group during the upcoming year. This includes both youth, and any adults who would like to aid in guiding the group.

You will notice some changes in our worship during September. In my time with you, I have worked with the Worship Committee and Session to move our worship into what has been the standard Presbyterian Church (USA) service for the last sixteen years. In completing that task, I will be introducing a Psalm in the midst of our Scripture lessons.

In our tradition, Psalms are usually sung. As a matter of fact until very recently Presbyterians were very well known for their use of metrical Psalms in worship. In our worship here, we will be occasionally be reading



Psalms like a litany. More often we will be singing them in a variety of fashions.

You will also see information in the midst of this newsletter on the Service for Wholeness, a service of enacted prayer that will be a part of our worship on September 27th.

I am looking forward to worshipping with you during the upcoming month.

Peace,

Pastor Frank

**Youth Group Organizing Meeting
September 13th!
Please gather in the lower lounge after worship if you wish to participate in, or help lead, our youth group.**

Help Pastor Frank!

Please sign up on the Narthex bulletin board to accompany Pastor Frank for visits and home communion.

If you know someone who would like a pastoral call, please call Pastor Frank.



The Perfect Pastor

As the pastor search is moving on, this chain letter, we received in the mail, seems quite appropriate.:

Looking for the perfect pastor? The perfect pastor preaches exactly ten minutes condemns sin, but never hurts anyone's feelings.

The perfect pastor works from 8 a.m. until midnight, and is also the church janitor.

The perfect pastor makes \$40 a week, wears good clothes (but not too good),

drives a good car (but not too good), and donates \$30 a week to the church.

The perfect pastor is 29 years old with 40 years of experience.

The perfect pastor makes 15 house calls a day and is always available at the office.

If your pastor does not measure up, send this letter to six other parishes that are also dissatisfied with their pastor. Then bundle up and ship your pastor to the church at the top of the list. In one week you should receive 1643 pastors -- and one of them should be perfect.

Have faith in this letter. One parish broke the chain and got its old pastor back in three months.



Service for Wholeness Frequently Asked Questions

What in the world are we up too?

On September 27th, our Lord's Day Worship will include a Service for Wholeness. This is a form of enacted prayer where the senses of touch and smell are added to the prayer experience.

What happens during the service?

At one point in the service those who wish to participate will be invited to come forward for prayer. Either myself, or an Elder, will place both hands on the person's head, and ask the Spirit to heal whatever harms each person in body, mind, or spirit. Then we will trace a cross in scented oil on each person's forehead and offer the blessing of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Do Presbyterians really do this?

Yes. This is a standard Presbyterian service that has been in use for sixteen years. Many Presbyterian churches perform it once a quarter. Some congregations also perform it during the week and invite their community to participate. It is also a service with deep roots in our tradition. Touching with hands and anointing with oils have been a part of Christian and Jewish tradition for thousands of years.

Will we do this a lot?

This is a "try it." Each Service for Wholeness must be approved by the Session in advance. Tell us what you think. Do you like it? Is it a valuable

way to pray for you or a valuable addition to our prayers? Your responses will help guide the Session in whether or not to authorize it again in the future.

What's supposed to happen? Will we keep our Presbyterian dignity during this service?

This service is a very dignified, and respectful form of prayer. It might actually be quite a bit quieter than the sermon. As we will be coming to God in prayer, we will expect answers. But our answers will come as do the

an
swers to any
other type of
prayer. The
service is no
more
miraculous than
other ways we

pray. It should also be noted that our eventual answers are not controlled by us. They are up to God. Prayers that are answered are not answered due to the goodness of the one praying. Prayers that are not answered are not the fault of us being bad or doing something wrong.

Why the oil? What will it smell like?

The oil helps us to continue our prayer. As the scent stays with us, we are reminded of our prayer and of God's presence with us. The oil is olive oil that is scented with frankincense and myrrh. So we will be smelling the scent that the Wise Men brought to the Christ child. They are also the smells that Jesus would have smelled in the temple in Jerusalem and the ones that surrounded him in the tomb.



Why are the Elder or Pastor Frank placing their hands on the participant's heads.

This is a very ancient gesture of blessing. It is one way Christians and Jews have always asked God to touch others.

Is this something we invented? What is the basis of our doing this service?

The Book of James, in chapter 5, verses 13-16 tells us: "Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective."

Is this a sacrament like one celebrated by our Roman Catholic sisters and brothers?

No. We do not consider the Service for Wholeness to be a sacrament. Any Christian can use this way of praying with another. For the benefit of any Roman Catholics who might be worshipping with us, the lack of sacramental nature does not forbid your participation.

Do I have to do this?

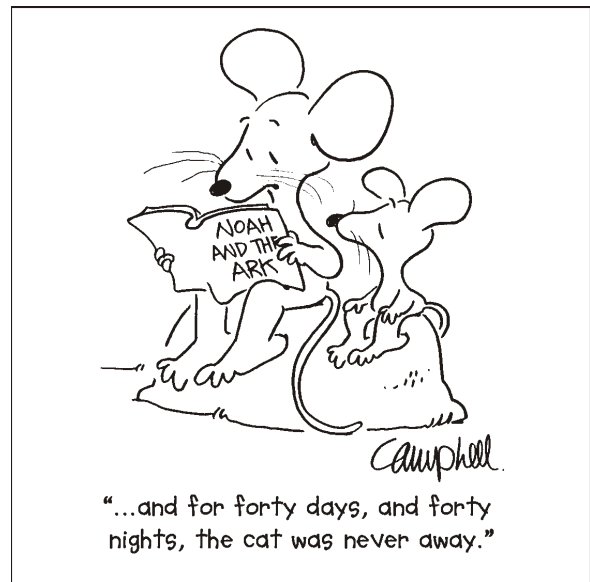
Very definitely not. No one is ever forced to participate in any type of prayer. If you do not wish to participate simply watch quietly and prayerfully

Why would I want to participate?

You may want to participate for countless reasons. Our prayers on that day, and the sermon, will talk about a number of them. Generally if you want to be touched by God for any reason, this is one way to ask for that touch. You could also participate out of a simple sense of curiosity. After all it may have been mostly curiosity that drove the Shepherds to come worship at the manger. God gave us that sense and wants us to use it.

If I have questions about this service, who do I talk to?

Pastor Frank



Presbytery

We will be hosting Presbytery on September 8th. Please check the sign up sheets in the Narthex to help with this event. Worship on that day will focus on mission and will include Rev. Brenda Harcourt, a Presbyterian missionary live from Kenya. If you can't be at the meeting you can listen to the live web cast at www.wtpblp.com. <http://wtpblpfm.presbychurch.org>.

SERVING OUR CHURCH

Nursery Volunteers

Sept. 6

Albert Hagenbuch
Relynn & Nathan Olivero

Sept. 13

Rita, Bob & Rachel VanDrimmelen

Sept. 20

Dena Ficek
Marlene & Nick Moshage

Sept 27

Scott & Heather Freebairn

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

Sunday Worship

September

Deacons – Tom Walsh, Lois Edgcomb
Ushers – Youth
Liturgist –Christian Ed
Coffee/Juice – Music & Worship

October

Deacons – Jean Jones, Marlene Moshage
Ushers – Christian Ed
Liturgist – Deacons
Coffee/Juice – Session

November

Deacons –Lois Edgcomb, Tom Walsh
Ushers – Stewardship & Finance
Liturgist – Music & Worship
Coffee/Juice – Decorating Committee

I type up a sheet with the Prayer and Bible verses for the Liturgist. It is posted on the office bulletin board. Please list the name of the liturgist on the sign-up sheet in the narthex so their name can be added to the Bulletin. Thanks, Kathie

Filling Candles

September & October – Wendy Olivero

Thank-you for taking your time to help make things run smoothly at Waltham.. Many hands make light work. Waltham is blessed to have so many wonderful people.

Rally Sunday Committee

Sunday, Sept. 13

Paul & Ida Brown, Bob & Shelly Chapman, Dan & Jessica Edgcomb, Beth Hahne, Jason & Becky Johnson, Leonard & Lois Edgcomb, Tony & Phyllis Mertes

Trunk or Treat Committee

Sunday, October 25

Pat & Sue Hughes, Nick & Clarissa Barto, Scott & Heather Freebairn, Skip & Joan Klinefelter, Jerry & Dawn Reed, Carol Shaver, Linda Jones, Jackie Bailey

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SESSION

The session of the Waltham Presbyterian Church of Utica, IL held a regular meeting on July 16, 2009 at 7:03 in the upper lounge of the church. Members present - Moderator Pastor Frank Fisher, Dave Edgcomb, Bev Scharlau, Bruce Brown, Eileen Hagenbuch Bonnie Walsh and Clerk Ida Brown. Absent Ralph Moshage.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Frank Fisher.

The minutes of the previous meetings were approved.

A motion was made and carried to schedule and approve the baptism of Karson Davis Sundberg for July 19, 2009.

After a discussion of the terms of the Durkee will, a motion was made and carried to approve splitting the proceeds of the Durkee Fund (approximately \$4,000 per year) – 50% for Special Building Fund and 50% for General Operations.

The Christian Education Committee expressed concern for upcoming expenses. Bible purchases, Sunday School curriculum, and a Stronghold scholarship for \$150 were approved.

A motion was made and carried to approve the transfer of Dave, Heidi, and Grace Hendrix to Faith Assembly of God in Peru, IL.

Music and Worship has some special music lined up for the summer.

Mission Committee will have \$7,000 sent to Githiga. \$5,000 will be sent to Presbytery. \$1,200 will be spent on school supplies to be divided between 4 districts.

The dishwasher in the manse needs to be replaced.

Plans still need to be finalized for Presbytery.

The wedding for October 3, 2009 is still on. Ellen and Sally Wilson will lead the youth group. We still need some men volunteers. Bev will purchase new plates and mugs for the kitchen from Memorial Funds.

There will be a walkthrough for the Presbytery on August 19th.

The next committee meetings will be on Aug. 13th at 7:00 with Session to follow at 8. A motion was approved to adjourn at 8:30 pm. The meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Frank Fisher.

Ida Brown, Clerk of Session

The session of the Waltham Presbyterian Church of Utica, IL held a special meeting on August 2, 2009 in the upper lounge of the Church. Members present – Moderator

Pastor Frank Fisher, Ralph Moshage, Bruce Brown, Bev Scharlau, Eileen Hagenbuch, and Bonnie Walsh

After discussion, it was agreed that Pastor Frank would begin to circulate his PIF as the PNC has had several interviews and has begun to look at neutral pulpit options. He will withdraw his name from consideration if the PNC hasn't found our new pastor at the time someone expresses an interest in him.

Bonnie Walsh, Acting Clerk of Session

The session of the Waltham Presbyterian Church of Utica, IL held a regular meeting on August 13, 2009 at 8:23 in the upper lounge of the church. Members present - Moderator Pastor Frank Fisher, Dave Edgcomb, Bev Scharlau, Bruce Brown, Eileen Hagenbuch, Bonnie Walsh, Ralph Moshage and Clerk Ida Brown.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Frank Fisher.

The minutes of the previous meetings were approved.

Committee reports were received.

Session, cont'd

Plans are still being finalized for Presbytery. A babysitter is still needed for Presbytery. Worship service will return to 10:00 on Rally Sunday, September 13th.

The Nominating Committee will begin meeting in preparation for elections in November.

The new plates and mugs for the kitchen have been purchased from Memorial funds for approx \$870 and put away on new shelves with Leonard Edgcomb's help. Pastor Frank will be moderating Session in Kewanee for a while.

The next committee meetings will be on Sept. 10th at 7:00 with Session to follow at 8. A motion was approved to adjourn at 9:49 pm. The meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Frank Fisher.

Ida Brown, Clerk of Session

DEACONS

7/9/09

Deacons discussed who would take care of being deacon at the door for Aug. We discussed preparing communion for Communion Breakfast and for Aug. We decided to purchase small loaves for the breakfast. Communion was served to 68 people at the Communion Breakfast. Deacons will be helping with the Presbytery Meeting on Sept. 8.

We discussed members who may be in need of assistance and how we could best help them. We have begun gathering information on area groups that could be of assistance. There is a need for people to accompany Pastor Frank on home visits. This usually means visits from 1:30 – 4 on Thurs. or Fri. afternoons.

8/13/09

The Deacons discussed communion. When it would be served in Sept.; who would do what & communion for Sept 8. Pastor said that communion would be by intinction at Presbytery & that we would probably need 4 stations.

We served communion to 57 people in August.

We discussed other jobs that deacons could help with on Sept. 8

Cards were signed & calls talked about for our shuts-ins. Mary Sundberg is looking into inexpensive medical testing for people in need, with the possibility of having a clinic at the church.

TRUSTEES

Discussed preparations for Sept. 8 Presbytery Mtg. Main things for Trustees are to hang paper over windows in front of sanctuary and help set up tables on 9/6 after Sunday worship. Also help Jeff Ficek run phone line from manse to the pastor's study before Presbytery meeting.

Discussed scope of work for this Sat.AM workday,8/15. Roundup grass & weeds in parking lot & driveway. Get rid of wood pile between church & manse. Smooth out dirt around storm access north of church. Remove broken BB hoop. Trim bushes around manse & church. Remove old satellite dishes at manse. Weed flower beds.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Need teachers for Sunday School. Need Christmas program director. Need VBS director for next year. Rally Sunday is Sept. 13. Pastor Frank will hand new Bibles out to Kindergarten, 2nd & 5th graders. Sunday School curriculum will be ready for teachers to pick up after worship on August 30th.

MUSIC & WORSHIP

7/9/09

Opened with prayer by Bev Scharlau. Present were Ross and Ellen Wilson, and session rep, Bruce Brown. It was noted that the plans for the communion breakfast had been completed. Mary Small had previously commented on having arranged special music which included piano and flute solos. No new business noted at this time.

8/13/09

Present: Amy Ploch, Ross Wilson, Mary Small, & Bruce Brown. Discussion of various Orders of Worship. Always we welcome anyone interested in sharing their musical talents – vocal and/or instrumental. Plans were made for special music for Rally Day. Reviewed several musical publications. Suggested that we incorporate “Lift Up Your Hearts” selections during Sunday worship Services.

MISSION

7/9/09

Members present were Bev Scharlau, Kathy Fox, Relynn Olivero, Janet Small & Maxine Cole. Monthly giving for June 2009
Matt Olivero (Eagle Scout Project)
\$24.60

Balance in Mission checkbook as of June 30, 2009 is \$15,981.38.

Covered Minute for Mission; Aug., Janet Small on School Supply Mission giving
Covered Coffee/Juice sign-ups for Aug. 2009

Distributed four area school districts for supplies: Relynn, LaSalle/Peru; Janet, Ogelsby; Kathy Fox, Mendota; Maxine, Waltham.
8/13/09

Treasurer's report

United Way/Labor of Love \$500

Food Resource Bank \$300

Minute for Mission: Janet Small with school supply giving, Aug.30

Maxine Cole, Janet Small, Kathiy Fox reported on school supplies they purchased for: Waltham, Ogelsby & Mendota Schools
New Business:

Presbytery Meeting 9/8/09 assignments will be posted

Lavor of Love 9/12/09 plan to have a short meeting prior to 9/12 to discuss meal

No mission money requests this month

Voted & agreed to provide meals for PADS in LaSalle for the 2010-2011 year.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Total Contributions January 1, 2009 through August 9, 2009 - \$59,110.75

Total Budget January 1, 2009 through August 9, 2009 - \$90,820.12

Deficit spending January 1, 2009 through August 9, 2009 - \$31,709.37

Treasurer - Keri Sundberg

BENEVOLENCE FUND

\$5000.00 sent to Blackhawk

\$5558.27 is the balance

Linda Chalus, Benevolence Treasurer

MEMORIAL FUND

Memorials have been received for Irene Kleinmair, Velma Clement and Robert Anderson.

Joyce Anderson, Memorial Treasurer

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FROM YOUR PNC

We have chosen a pastor that we would like to do a Neutral Pulpit with. Blackhawk Presbytery is conducting a background check for us. We will be talking with our Committee on Ministry representative.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

On Sept. 8th Waltham is hosting Presbytery. The list of responsibilities is posted in the narthex. Phone calls are being made and we thank you in advance for your help to make that day successful. We appreciate all the work the committees are doing in preparation for the 8th.



Each of the Four Areas of Blackhawk Presbytery will have a Fall Gathering this year. Our Area III Fall Gathering will be held on Tuesday, OCT. 6th from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Princeton First United Presbyterian Church.

We are excited to have the opportunity to hear from visiting missionary Rev. Doug Urbaker who serves in Nicaragua and is in Blackhawk Presbytery during this week. We invite and encourage all women from Waltham to come and hear about his work. We will receive an offering for Rev. Urbaker's work. We ask each church attending to bring a salad to share for our potluck lunch. We are encouraged to share samples of any Mission work we are doing. Bev Scharlau will present a program on CHRISMONS. Sign up on the Narthex bulletin board and plan to join us!!

LOST & FOUND

Are you missing a jacket, sweater or something from your kitchen?? A Basket and several utensils were left at the July picnic. Do check the table and coat rack in the narthex to claim your items.

Left from the flooding last winter. There is a hose from a Shopvac downstairs by the safe.

LECTIONARY for the LORD'S DAY

Sunday, Sept. 6

Prov. 22: 1-2,8-9,22-23 Ps. 125
James 2: 1-17 Mark 7: 24-37

Sunday, Sept. 13

Prov. 1: 20-33 Ps. 19
James 3: 1-12 Mark 8:27-38

Sunday, Sept. 20

Prov. 31: 10-31 Ps. 1
James 3: 13-4: 3, 7-8a Mark 9: 30-37

Sunday, Sept. 27

Esth. 7: 1-6,9-10; 9: 20-22 Ps. 124
James 5:13-20 Mark 9: 38-50

Things to Do

The Hardware of Alzheimer's Disease
Wed., Sept. 9th; 9am – 3:30 pm;
Peru Municipal Bldg, 1901 4th St., Peru
The program is free. Registration is preferred but not required. For more information call 1-800-272-3900 or visit www.alz.org/illinoiscentral

Good News

We wish to recognize Diana Freebairn Mital on the 10 year anniversary of her kidney transplant. We pray that things continue to go well.

Thank yous

Special thanks to all those who showed up August 15 for the work day at the church and manse. They were, Steve and Karen Pillion, Albert and Eileen Hagenbuch, Diana Deutsch, Kathie Kleckner, Dena, Ben and Emily Ficek, and Harold Kinzer. We pulled out the post for the broken basketball hoop, trimmed bushes and trees, pulled many weeds, removed an unused satellite dish, leveled out the dirt north of the manse and north of the church, and removed concrete chunks that were around the utility pole north of the manse. We also put weed killer on the grasses coming up in the asphalt parking lots. Thanks to Steve Finley who could not make it but volunteered the use of his gas powered hedge trimmers.

Dave Deutsch, Trustee Chair

The Family of Robert Anderson wishes to thank everyone for their support and prayers.

Thank you to everyone for your thoughts and prayers during Jeff's illness. Thank you to the Presbyterian Women for all your work in the kitchen during the wake and service and to all the people who donated food and time. Thank you, Pastor Frank, for making Jeff's service a celebration of his life and for taking our memories and putting them together for laughter--Jeff loved to laugh, and he loved the Lord. Our family is very blessed. Praise the Lord!
Karen Pillion & Family

On behalf of Ottawa Regional Hospital & Healthcare Center, thank-you and Waltham Presbyterian Church for its donation in the amount of \$300.00. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. As specified, this donation will go toward ensuring that indigent patients at Ottawa Regional continue to have access to high-quality health care and the latest, state-of-the-art technology available. Again, thank-you, the members of Waltham Presbyterian Church for your support. Best regards, Robert A. Chaffin, President & CEO

On behalf of the Illinois Valley Community Hospital Foundation, I would like to take this time to express our deepest appreciation for your contribution to the Social Service Indigent Patient Fund in the amount of \$300.00 dated 6/8/09. The IVCH Foundation acknowledges that no gifts or services were received in exchange for the above mentioned charitable contribution. Community financial support is essential if IVCH is to continue to provide modern health care services to the community. Your

contribution is greatly appreciated.
Sincerely, Harry F. Erlenborn, President

I am overwhelmed by your generous donation of \$300 to our Social Services Dept. at Mendota Community Hospital. Thank-you again for this wonderful gift. This financial gift as well as this wonderful gift of \$300 is used to help patients who do not have finances for things like food, medications and transportation. Most recently, our department gave a woman gas money for her vehicle so she could follow her husband's ambulance to a larger hospital. She would not have been able to go otherwise. On behalf of my department I offer our sincerest appreciation. Again, we will be responsible stewards of this generous donation.

Respectfully, Stacy Belski,
Social Services, MCH

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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| 1 | Pastor & Mrs. Glen Hallead
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Kinzer |
| 3 | Mr. & Mrs. Jim Feuerborn |
| 8 | Mr. & Mrs. Vaughn Kiner |
| 16 | Mr. & Mrs. Rick Hayne |
| 21 | Mr. & Mrs. Monty Whipple |
| 26 | Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Freebairn |
| 29 | Mr. & Mrs. Don Croisant |
| 30 | Mr. & Mrs. Steve Durant |

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 2 | Ginny Whipple |
| 3 | Beverly Scharlau
Dalton Wensel |
| 5 | Larry Wilson |
| 6 | Everett Christopher
Bruce Funk
Robert Funk*
Kaitlyn Small |
| 7 | Nick Moshage |

- Melissa Taylor
- 8 Debra Hayne
Sally Kiner
- 9 Paul Athorn
J. Davis Small*
- 10 Heather Robinson
Carol Shaver
- 13 Caleb Davis Hallead
- 14 Tommy Wilson
- 15 Tim Kinzer
Dean Robinson
- 16 Eleanor Anderson*
- 19 Linda Murfey
- 22 Logan Phoenix Brown
- 24 Tahnee Hagenbuch
Diane Kinzer
- 25 Pat Fox
- 26 Shawn Robinson
- 28 Rachel VanDrimmelen
Ann Backus
- 30 Robert Anderson Jr.
Veronica Blue
Mark Klinefelter

donation by simply clicking on the link at the bottom of this message. If you prefer, you can send your tax-deductible contribution to us at P O Box 633 Ottawa, IL 61350-0633 (make check payable to FAAN), and we will send it in.

Any amount, large or small, helps FAAN continue Moving Toward A Cure! We greatly appreciate your support and will keep you posted on our progress.

Thank you very much! The Lane family

Labor of Love will be Sat., Set 12. We will be working on Matt & Stefanie Sebastian's house in LaSalle.

SCOUT MASTER BOB



Any additions or corrections for the birthday/anniversaries list please e-mail the church at walthamchurch@pcwildblue.com or leave a written note on the secretary's desk.

HELP NEEDED

A message from Bud & Jen Lane
 twovsthree@sprint.blackberry.net.
 Our family will be participating in the Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network's (FAAN's) Walk for Food Allergy: Moving Toward A Cure. The event will be held on September 26, 2009, at Lincoln Park in Chicago, IL. The FAAN Walk for Food Allergy is designed to raise funds to find a cure for food allergy and to educate others.

Please support our fundraising efforts with a donation. Your tax-deductible donation will make a difference in the lives of many! It is faster and easier than ever to support this great cause; you can make your online

- Sept. 1- Swimming @ Ottawa Y
- Sept. 2 – TLC meeting
- Sept. 3 – Cub Scouts
- Sept. 9 – Volleyball Game Night
- Sept. 12 – Labor of Love
- Sept. 17 – Cub Scouts
- Sept. 18-20 – OA Fall Conclave
- Sept. 25-27 – Family Campout,
Woodhaven Lakes
- Oct. 16-18 - Campout,
Dalzell Rod & Gun Club
- Nov. 13-15 – Climbing Campout,
Bloomington
- Dec. 11-13 – Caving with Troop 13

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.



Rally Sunday ~ September 13

Our regular church hours will begin on Sunday, Sept. 13. **Sunday School will start at 8:45 and Worship will be at 10am.** It is our Welcome Back to Sunday School Time. Kindergarten, 2nd graders & 5th graders will be presented with their very own Bibles. Teachers will be recognized. Following Worship there will be a pot luck dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your own table service and a dish to pass. We look forward to seeing everyone and hearing about what a fun summer you have had.

Sunday School Mission Project

Our Sunday School children are collecting funds to send to Heifer International for the purchase of farm animals for families in

need. The great thing about Heifer International is that not only do the families receive training in animal care, but that they must pass on the 1st offspring from their gift to another family. The bee keeping co-op in Honduras began in 1977 with 10 families. Today there are over 100 families. The average monthly income in rural Honduras is \$130. Those families involved in bee keeping have an average income of \$370. Please consider supporting the Sunday School children with a contribution. Please mark the contribution as Heifer project. It may be given to a Sunday School teacher or put in the offering plate. So far we have collected \$183.84. Toward the end of September the children will vote on the animals they would like to purchase.

Remembering

The following article was written for the Jan. 1963 Courier by Katie Brubaker. Rev. Dale Brubaker served Waltham Church in the early 1950's.

The pleasantest thing anyone has asked me to do in a long time is to write memories of Waltham. Talking about Waltham is a favorite Brubaker pastime. Robin has heard so many stories about it that she is convinced that she, too, is a "Walthamite". Our minds are filled with memories from the day we moved in to a sparkling clean, brand new manse where the movers were not allowed to dirty the floor with their muddy feet to the days we moved out when the last of the winter's snow refused to melt. We talk about Fourth of July picnics, school programs, children's choirs, Scotch Christmases, Wendy's first days in the one room school, real winters with snow drifted to the eaves of Tina English's roof and the buses and snowploughs stuck. Beautiful summer days to make those luscious

strawberries, incomparable sweetcorn, and tomatoes ripen, and the apple tree which knows no peer for tasty Jonathans and good sturdy limbs to climb. We remember Harvest Festivals, David's swing in the big elm, Leanne's babyhood visits across the road to see the new lambs. The frisky ponies which jumped the fence and tore off



down the road each year on the first spring day. There were work days to clean up the church; neighbors helping when someone needed them; the peace at the end of the day as we looked out the kitchen window across our pretty little cemetery where we could think about the good people gone before us who had helped build Waltham, and off to the glorious red sunsets in the west. All these things are uniquely Waltham. But most of all, we remember with pleasure that Waltham is a big family of industrious, intelligent people who exemplify a spirit of Christian brotherhood as they accept into their "family" the newcomers and share their joys and sorrows. Wendy once said when discussing the possibility of removing the slight scar remaining on her cheek from her tangle with a dog, "I wouldn't want it off. It reminds me of the good times we had in Waltham."

Sincerely, Cathrine

Bonnie Walsh, Acting Clerk of Session

John Calvin, 1509 ~ 1564

There is not one blade of grass, there is no color in this world that is not intended to make us rejoice.



When John Calvin left Geneva, he took a new position at a church of French refugees in Strasbourg. From 1538 until 1541, Calvin ministered to his congregation by preaching two sermons on Sunday, celebrating monthly communion, and lecturing daily. He encouraged the people to sing psalms during worship.

Calvin rewrote his book, *Institutes*. The six chapter book was expanded to seventeen chapters. He also wrote *Commentary on Romans*. He would later write commentaries on most of the other books of the Bible.

In August of 1540, John Calvin married Idelette de Bure. She was a widow with two children.

In the fall of 1540, a letter came to John Calvin from Geneva. They wanted him back. Calvin's reaction. "Rather would I submit to death a hundred times than to that cross on which I had to perish daily a thousand times over." But Geneva persisted and in the summer of 1541, Calvin and his family were given an official escort into Geneva.

Continued next month