

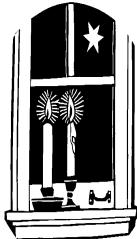
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Inviting all to know Christ, grow in Christ, and share Christ's love.

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December 13, 2009—January 23, 2010

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THE LONGEST NIGHT

Monday,
December 21, 7:00 p.m.

Even in this season of joy...
there is sometimes grief, weariness, loneliness
Yet even in the darkness...God's light does shine!

When the days are at their shortest, and darkness grows deeper, many experience depression in contrast to the expectations of joy. The loss of a loved one - due to death or divorce, unemployment, ill health or a sense of isolation can all contribute to a deep pain which is intensified when everyone around us seems to be celebrating.

Join us for a special time of worship...

A time to lament, to acknowledge our sadness and concern.
A time to know that we are not alone,
and to affirm that God's light and presence are with those who struggle.
A time for hope, to experience the light of Christ that continues to shine,
even in the darkest times.

Childcare is available!

Worship Schedule

- 8:30 Chapel Service
- 9:15 1st Bridge Service
(Lower Level)
- 11:00 Sanctuary Service
- 11:00 2nd Bridge Service
(Lower Level)

Church School

- Children's Classes
10:00 a.m.
- Adult Classes
9:45 a.m. Reception Room
10:15 a.m. Lower Level
- Youth Classes 10:15 a.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE...

Join us to celebrate Christ's birth on Christmas Eve:

- 4:00 p.m. Song, Celebration, & Scripture (Chapel)
- 6:00 p.m. The Bridge Christmas Eve Service
- 9:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service with Chancel Choir



Christmas Joy Offering



A Presbyterian tradition for almost seventy years, the Christmas Joy Offering goes to the Board of Pensions for assistance programs for retired clergy and missionaries, and to support Presbyterian racial ethnic schools and colleges. **We are receiving the Joy Offering now through December 27.** Please give generously. See page 8 for more information.

Well now that Thanksgiving is done and we are into December, I can indulge in one of my favorite pastimes of the year – singing Christmas carols in the car. I have a stack of CD's that travel with me, and several radio stations that are playing non-stop Christmas music, so if you happen to pass me, please don't laugh too hard if you see me singing along!

I admit it – I love this time of year: the music, the lights, the TV Christmas specials, the events at church, the shopping (yes, even the shopping). I'm looking forward to having Patrick home for the holiday and spending time with him and his wife. I even like the first few snow falls (though after December, I'm ready for spring ASAP). I know that this isn't true for everyone. For many this is a real time of struggle – which is why we offer our *Longest Night* service on December 21. But, whether you look forward to December or just to getting through to January, this can be a very busy, special time of year. But is it more than just lights and running around?

On the first Sunday of Advent, I shared a quote in my sermon – though I don't know the source. "Popular culture wants people to enjoy the *mood* of Christmas without doing the *work* of Christmas." I've continued to think about this quote a lot, especially as I'm doing just that – enjoying all the trappings of the holiday *mood*. Then, as I was listening to (yes, and singing along with) Amy Grant's first Christmas album, one of her more beautiful songs came on, one called *Heirloom*. I found myself reflecting on the many heirlooms that I do treasure this time of year: the ornament from my great-grandparent's tree, my grandmother's cookie recipe, the decorating traditions I learned from my parents, the nativity I got the year my son was born, etc. They are definitely part of the "mood" of the season – but I think they're more. They connect me with family and friends who are far away. I treasure them because they help me remember something important about who I am, where I've been, and what I hope to pass on to the next generation. But even if all those 'trappings' were gone, the connections would still be as strong and meaningful.

But the song goes on, and I was so moved (as I am every year) by these lyrics in particular:

Wisemen and shepherds, down on their knees,
Bringing their treasures to lay at His feet.
Who was this wonder, baby yet King?
Living and dying; He gave life to me.

Time never changes, the memory, the moment
His love first pierced through me,
Telling all that I came from, and all that I live for, and all that I'm going to be.

**My precious Savior
Is more than an heirloom to me.**

"My precious Savior is more than an heirloom to me." Wow – now that's something to think about! As we move through the events of this holiday season, it can be so easy to relegate the 'faith story' to the position of one more tradition, one more heirloom, one more piece of the Christmas 'mood.' But our advent journey toward becoming people of peace, hope, joy, and love really comes alive when the Savior at the heart of this season becomes something more than an heirloom – when he is allowed to live in our lives daily, shaping us with his love and forgiveness, challenging us to live differently in a world that is transformed by his presence. When our faith reminds us who we are, and leads us into who we can be and what we want to share with the next generations – then we are celebrating much more than just the 'mood' of Christmas. Then the Christ is truly born in us.

I pray that this year, as you move through the rest of the holiday trappings, you may discover the true peace, hope, joy and love of Christmas – the Savior Jesus Christ.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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We are now moving into the New Testament in our Sunday School classes. Teachers are still needed for January for the Red Group which is 1st - 3rd grade. The children have learned extensively about Moses, King David, Isaiah, and the prophecies of the coming of our Savior.

We would like to thank Lynnette Valentijn, Nichole Slagel, Anita Gorden, and Will Evens for teaching in the month of November.

We are also still looking for someone who enjoys computers and could help the children have the experience of using them in the Sunday School classes. This may mean helping with one class occasionally, not a whole month of classes. Please consider this worthwhile request. We need you!

As always the children have been a pleasure to teach in their learning journey of our faith. They have shown wonderful creativity in various crafts and the Christmas cards that we have made. We have some awesome kids in this church!!!

**Children's and Youth Sunday school classes will meet on December 13 and 20.
There will be no class on the December 27 and January 3.**

DECEMBER PYF HAPPENINGS!

December 13: Both PYF groups will meet at noon for lunch and to help tear down the Prayer Walk stations. When we're finished, both groups will go to see the movie "A Christmas Carol" with Jim Carrey! Please bring money for admission and snacks! Let us know if \$\$'s are an issue! Parents, if you would like to go or can drive, we would appreciate the help!

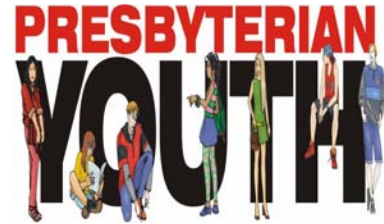
December 20: We will begin planning for 2010! Both groups will meet at their normal times with snacks in between (5:00-6:00 p.m., Jr. High, 6:00-6:30 p.m., snacks, and 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., Sr. High)! That night we would also like to have a gift exchange! Please bring a **wrapped** new or gently used item valued up to \$5.00!

December 27 and January 3: No PYF!

Reminder to the Congregation:

Please continue to recycle your aluminum cans!! We cashed them in last week and we made \$18.45! There are containers located by the back parking lot entrance and down by the snack area in the Bridge. This money goes towards PYF expenses!

During this month of hustle and bustle, John and I send wishes for a happy, healthy, Advent season, remembering that "Jesus is the Reason" (to quote Pastor Kathleen)!!



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Growing in Christ; Children's Ministry

Sunday Morning Adult Classes...



9:45 a.m. Class (Reception Room): In January, our 9:45 class starts a new video-based study called *First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom*. In it, noted scholars John Dominic Crossan and Marcus Borg explore questions such as:

Why did Jesus happen when He happened? Why the confluence of the Baptism movement of John and the Kingdom movement of Jesus? Why the tiny villages around the Lake? Why the confrontations in Jerusalem? Why then? Why there?

Why were the titles of Caesar Augustus -- Divine, Son of God, God from God, Lord, Redeemer, Liberator, and Savior of the World -- taken from a Roman emperor on the Palatine hill and given to a Jewish peasant on the Palestine plain? Was it low lampoon or high treason? Either way, the Romans were not laughing.

What were the priorities of Jesus' proclamation of the Kingdom? How was the status quo of Roman imperial theology subverted by this obscure Galilean whose message continues to challenge us today?

Join Steve Braden for this 12-session DVD-based study of the historical Jesus and the Kingdom of God with two of the world's leading Jesus scholars on location throughout Galilee and Jerusalem. The class starts Sunday, January 10.

10:15 a.m. Class (Downstairs Theater Room): This January, Tom Kirk will continue to lead a Bible Study at 10:15 a.m. each Sunday. Starting January 10, we'll be studying the Old Testament book of Ruth, in conjunction with the Bridge sermon series. Come learn more about this amazing story of hope and redemption, in the life of Jesus' great, great, great.....great grandmother!

Exploring Membership Class... Are you interested in exploring membership in First Presbyterian Church? We are offering a membership class on Sunday, January 24, from noon-3:00 (including lunch). Childcare can be available if you let us know in advance that it is needed. Join us for this opportunity to meet with Pastors Steve and Kathleen. Bring your questions, and explore what may be your next step in your journey of faith—becoming a member of this faith community.

If you are interested in joining, but this class time does not work, please contact one of the pastors. An alternative time may be available.



The Men's Breakfast group meets Wednesday mornings at Baker's Nook in Easy Shopping Plaza, just across the parking lot from the Hacienda. Steve Braden leads the group in Bible study and prayer.

The breakfast bunch will be on Christmas break December 23-January 6, and will resume Wednesday, January 13. Come and join us!

Presbyterian Women



COOKIE WALK...Thanks to all of you who donated cookies, specialty items, and items for the raffle. Look for an update with more information in the future.

FLOWER OF THE MONTH...The Flower of the Month coupons from Linton's are now available. The cost is \$30.00. These make great Christmas gifts. The profits from this fundraiser will help with PW missions. See Harriet Sloop to purchase. Thank you.

CIRCLE OF GRACE...The next meeting is Wednesday, December 16 at 1:00. (Note: new time.) Kathleen will lead the Bible study. We will be cutting schoolbags, so please bring a pair of scissors. Hope to see lots of you ladies there!



MITTEN TREE...During December, drop off donations of mittens, scarves, and hats. The "Mitten Trees" are located in the Narthex and at the bottom of the stairs to Fellowship Hall. All the items collected will be taken to the St. Paul's Clothes Closet, where they will be dispersed to help keep heads and hands warm this winter.

Thank you for decorating our trees with warm gifts for others.



Poinsettias...will decorate the church on December 20, in memory or honor of loved ones. You may request a name to be listed in the bulletin by filling out an order form located outside the Chapel, in the rear of the Sanctuary and on the counter at the Bridge. Be sure to include a check (in any amount of your choice) and the names to be remembered. The deadline is December 17. All monies collected



above the actual cost of the flowers will help provide assistance to members of our church community in need. The Poinsettias will decorate the worship spaces on Sunday, December 20. Some will then be delivered to homebound and nursing home resident members, while others will stay here to decorate for Christmas Eve.

Small Group for Mission...Did you enjoy our *Take it to the Street* day, and a chance to get out into the community to make a difference? We're forming a new small group with the specific intent of getting together once a month to work together on a service project. If you think this is something you'd enjoy, please join us on Wednesday, January 13 in Room 107 at 6:30 p.m. as we discuss our plans and get organized. If you can't make the meeting, but want to know more - talk with Kathleen O'Connell or Tom Kirk.

January 2010



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Regular Sunday Schedule



8:15 a.m. Bridge Rehearsal
 8:30 a.m. Worship Service/Chapel
 9:15 a.m. The Bridge Worship Service
 9:45 a.m. Adult Classes
 10:00 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
 Children's Church School
 10:15 a.m. Adult & Youth Church School
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service/Sanctuary
 Worship Service/Bridge
 5:00 p.m. PYF Jr. High
 6:00 p.m. PYF sr. High

Regular Wednesday Schedule

8:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
 10:45 a.m. Wednesday's Table
 5:00 p.m. Melodia Choir Rehearsal
 5:30 p.m. Jr. Chorale Rehearsal
 6:30 p.m. Westminister Choir Rehearsal
 7:00 p.m. Bridge Band Rehearsal
 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Legend

AA - Alcoholics Anonymous
 AAUW - American Association of University Women
 EDCA - Elkhart Day Care Association
 EEG - Elkhart Embroiderers' Guild
 EGS - Elkhart Genealogy Society
 IPG - Independent Prayer Group
 OA - Overeaters Anonymous
 PBJ - People Between Jobs
 PW CT - Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team
 PT - Planning Team
 PYF - Presbyterian Youth Fellowship
 WT - Worship Team

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
							
						1 New Years Day Office Closed	2
3 Communion Regular Schedule	4 8:00 a.m. PBJ	5 10:00 a.m. WT & Staff 11:30 a.m. Bridge WT 12:00 p.m. IPG	6 Regular Schedule 11:00 a.m. PW Circle of Grace	7 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi	8	9	
2:00 p.m. Eastlake	6:00 p.m. OA 8:00 p.m. AA	7:00 p.m. Bikers		7:00 p.m. Quilters			
10 Regular Schedule	11 8:00 a.m. PBJ	12 10:00 a.m. WT & Staff 11:30 a.m. Bridge WT	13 Regular Schedule	14 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi	15 	16 1:00-5:00 p.m. Samaritan Center's Mental Health Fair	
Elkhart Co. Symphony	6:00 p.m. OA 7:00 p.m. EEG 8:00 p.m. AA		6:30 p.m. Small Group	6:30 p.m. Tri Kappa 7:00 p.m. Trustees			
17 Regular Schedule	18 8:00 a.m. PBJ	19 10:00 a.m. WT & Staff 11:30 a.m. Bridge WT	20 Regular Schedule 1:00 p.m. PW Circle of Grace	21 7:30 a.m. Samaritan Center 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi	22	23	
	1:00 p.m. EGS 6:00 p.m. OA 8:00 p.m. AA	7:00 p.m. Session		7:00 p.m. Quilters			
24 CVS Blanket Offering Regular Schedule 12:00 p.m. Membership Class	25 8:00 a.m. PBJ	26 10:00 a.m. WT & Staff 11:30 a.m. Bridge WT	27 Regular Schedule	28 10:30 a.m. Tai Chi	29	30	
Newsletter	6:00 p.m. OA 8:00 p.m. AA	7:00 p.m. Deacons	7:00 p.m. Deacons	6:30 p.m. PW CT			
31 Regular Schedule							

January Birthdays

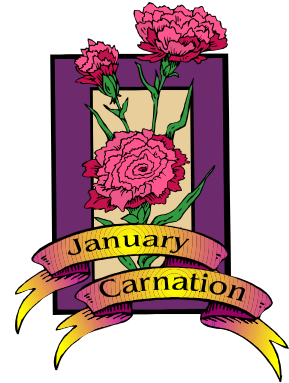
January 1—Robert Nix
 January 2—Kathleen O'Connell
 Devan Hoffer
 January 3—Laura O'Neill
 Jessica Gorden
 January 4—Jeffrey Bradford
 January 5—Tom Miller
 January 7—David Stetz
 January 8—Bill Rice
 Jordan Bontrager
 January 9—Judy Bechtold
 January 10—Jim Rasp
 Emma LaLone
 January 12—Lee Herschberger
 January 13—Kayla Herschberger
 January 14—Pat Warrick

January 14—Russ Gilpin
 Kevin Boyer
 Mindy Weirich
 January 15—Schuyler Hoffer
 January 16—Christopher Lea
 January 17—Kristy Nix
 January 20—Kathy Frey
 Andy Braden
 Sarah Downs
 January 21—Beth Braden
 Sy Pell
 John Hutchings
 Paul Romanetz
 January 22—Jackie MacKenzie
 Ronald Pisani
 Mike Weiss

January 23—Jim Davis
 Leslie Greising
 January 24—Dan Zimmerman
 January 25—Vicki Thompson
 Susan Freeman
 January 27—Stu Barb
 Jeff Freed
 January 28—Mike O'Neill
 Ben Romanetz
 January 29—Jack Gehring
 January 31—Jenny Free
 Peggy Zimmerman

January Anniversaries

January 1—Michele & Todd Salmon
 January 2—Lois & Orvis Rupe
 January 5—Cathy & Burton Johnston
 January 25—Karol & Rex Shreve



The Capital Campaign

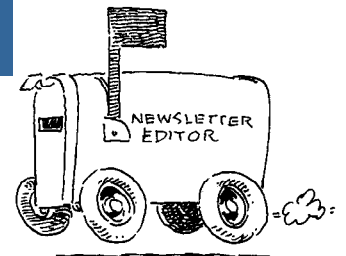
November 2009 Capital Campaign Update

Pledges Received to date:	\$1,092,000.00
Money Received to date:	\$727,035.79
Money Spent to date:	\$942,132.89
Money Borrowed to date:	\$370,100.00
Payments Made on Mortgage Loan:	\$162,100.00
Balance Remaining on Mortgage Loan:	\$208,000.00

Thank you to all who have paid and are paying their capital campaign pledges. We hope and pray that continued generous giving will enable us to retire the mortgage loan in 2010 and proceed to the remaining projects in the campaign (e.g. restroom renovation).

Newsletter Deadline

**The next newsletter
 will be inserted in the bulletin on January 24
 and mailed the following week to those who are not in worship.
 Please submit articles for that newsletter by January 15.**



Christmas Joy Offering



Join other Presbyterians in supporting an Advent Offering which was established seventy years ago.



Offering funds are divided equally between the Board of Pensions Financial Assistance Programs to help ministers and church workers who are going through difficult times, and Presbyterian racial-ethnic colleges for scholarships and basic operating costs. The colleges are:

- Barber-Scotia College in Concord, NC was founded by the Presbyterian Church in 1867. This college prepares individuals called to Christ in Ministry to be effective and successful leaders in the church.
- Cook School for Christian Leadership in Tempe, AZ. This ecumenical institution was founded in 1911 by Presbyterian missionary Charles Cook. It prepares Native American students for leadership in church and society.
- Knoxville College in Knoxville, TN. This college was founded in 1875 by Presbyterian missionaries. It offers a wide range of study and provides opportunities for students to work for their tuition.
- Menaul School in Albuquerque, NM. This school was founded in 1881 by the Presbyterian Church for Native American and Hispanic students. It now offers a college preparation curriculum with courses in fine arts and religious studies.
- Presbyterian Pan America School in Kingsville, TX. This is a college preparatory school for students from the Americas for lives of Christian leadership.
- Stillman College in Tuscaloosa, AL. Founded in 1876 by Dr. Charles Stillman is a four year liberal arts college. Students are prepared for careers in Christian ministry and other professions.

You can help make a difference by joyfully donating to the Christmas Joy Offering before December 27, when the offering will be dedicated.

The Giving Tree

Wow! Can you believe Christmas is almost here?? Have you been naughty or nice?? Who's on your list to buy for this year? Hopefully you will find room to add one or two more adults or children! This year the Presbyterian Youth are once again overseeing the Giving Tree. We will be "adopting" families from Beardsley school, our congregation, and possibly one from either the Salvation Army or Faith Mission. In the past our members have given generously, please consider doing so again!

Although gifts were scheduled to be returned by December 13, there may still be a few ornaments with needed items on trees in both the Gathering Place and at the bottom of the stairs by the Bridge entrance. Please choose one or two items to purchase, and return them to church, wrapped with the ornament on the outside of the package ASAP.

Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity! If you have questions, please call John or Mary Seddon at 875-1321.

Coats for Lifeline

We are trying to collect 100 coats for Lifeline to be distributed to women and children at the Women's Shelter. If you have any gently used coats, snowsuits, jackets, or hooded sweatshirts, please bring them to the church. There is a rack by the table by the Gathering Place and containers located at some of the doors. Watch the thermometer rise (located at different locations around the church building) as we gather coats.

Though times are hard for many, there are numerous agencies and churches doing good things in our community. Here are a few, with opportunities to get involved.....

LOOKING FOR NEW WAYS TO LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF?...HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN ONE WOMAN'S LIFE! You are invited to become volunteer mentor for a participant in Soup of Success — a Church Community Services program — who is striving to make positive changes in her life. If you have ever parented a child, held a job, managed a household, gone to school or figured out how to make ends meet, you have all the expertise necessary to be a mentor. Come pass on the encouragement and support that has helped you along the way, and join a group of women who are making a difference. Training and support is provided. For more information contact Kathy or Abbie at 523-1551.

First Presbyterian Church, Goshen continues their Tradition of Christmas Day Dinner...Christmas Day Dinner at First Presbyterian Church is a time to celebrate the birth of the Savior, and to share fun, food, and fellowship with the community. The dinner, in its 11th year, is open to anyone from the community — singles, couples, and families. Last year, more than 450 meals were served and/or delivered. The dinner is served at no cost.

The church doors open at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, December 25. Starting at 1:00 p.m. , guests will be seated and served a traditional holiday meal. Volunteers from First Presbyterian and the Michiana area will serve until 2:00 p.m. The pastors will be available for prayer and spiritual guidance during the event.

No reservations are needed for the dinner served at the church. Carry out is available as well as delivery.

Anyone wishing to help with the dinner may contact the First Presbyterian Church 533-7845. Volunteers are needed for deliveries (arrive at 11:15 a.m.) serving (arrive at 12:15 p.m.) and clean-up (arrive at 1:30 p.m.) *Marilyn & John Horvath helped with this dinner last year, and found it to be a very rewarding experience.*

For more information contact Alan Griffin, 533-7845, (agriffin46526@comcast.net), or David

The Center for Healing and Hope is a church-based non-profit health program offering urgent care to people without health insurance. Supplementing the care offered by Heart City Health Care (which has a waiting list), the Center offers a free or reduced-cost health clinic several nights a week in both Goshen and Elkhart. The current Elkhart site is Grace Lutheran Church, and they are seeking to open a second Elkhart site. Dr. Dale South is one of their volunteer physicians.

The Center is seeking support from churches, including a liaison person from each church and other volunteers. Interested in learning more about this vital ministry? Check out their website — www.chhgoshen.org — or contact Steve Braden or Dale South.



Church Community Services continues to be in great need for funds to enable it to serve its growing and increasingly desperate clientele. In particular, utilities have cut back on help with deposits, and CCS is one of the few agencies that will help. Any and all donations to CCS will be well-used. Checks can be made payable to the church marked "CCS."



A BIG THANK You to Jessica Gorden and Kaitlyn Kronemeyer for coordinating the Lifeline Coats Drive for the Women's Shelter. Kaitlyn and Jess took on this project to fulfill one of their Confirmation Learning Activities. Each seeker chooses 7-8 different learning activities to do during the year to explore areas of the church's mission and ministry.

Holiday Schedule for Church Office:

The church office will be closed these days:

- ✧ Thursday, December 24: close at noon
- ✧ Christmas, December 25
- ✧ Monday, December 28
- ✧ Thursday, December 31
- ✧ New Year's Day, January 1

John Bell to visit Elkhart... John Bell, composer, writer, and worship leader from the Iona Community in Scotland, will be in town February 20-22. You will have two opportunities to hear him, but both require prior registration:


- ✧ On Saturday, Feb. 20, he will present a workshop called *Singing Through Our Lives* from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Prairie Street Mennonite Church, 1316 Prairie Street. The cost is \$20. Send name, address, phone, e-mail, and check to the church.
- ✧ On Tuesday, February 22, he will present a workshop at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary called *Reclaiming the Bible as the People's Book* from 8:30-3:30. The cost is \$75 + lunch. Registration can be done online at www.ambs.edu.

B a p t i s m . . . On November 29, Evelyn Judith McCormick, daughter of Braden and Katie McCormick, granddaughter of Connie and Ron Minzey, was baptized.



Tax Break for Gifts from Individual Retirement Accounts

Congress has extended the tax break whereby donors can make charitable gifts from IRA distributions. To qualify for this benefit, the donor must be 70½ years of age or older, and the transfer must be made directly from the IRA to the charity. Transfers to First Presbyterian Church can be designated for the capital campaign or for other support of the church. Please allow time for the IRA trustee to process the transfer before year-end!



Donations for 2009 need to be given or postmarked by December 31 (make sure the date is 2009) to be included on your 2009 giving statement. If you are planning to give a gift to the church by donating stock, make sure you contact your broker immediately to allow the transaction to clear by year-end. Also, please let Cinda know about your gift, so she can credit your account. If you have questions, please call Cinda in the church office.

2010 Worship Flower Calendar...

Please sign-up for any Sunday's Worship Flowers in 2010. They may be in memory of a loved one, or in celebration of an anniversary, or birthday, etc. The regular cost is \$29.00. If you would prefer a special arrangement, please call the church office. We would love to have fresh flowers each Sunday in 2010. The calendar is located outside the narthex of the Sanctuary in the hallway going to the Gathering Place.



Upcoming Weekly Worship Schedule

Date	December 27	January 3	January 10	January 17
Preacher Upstairs	Kathleen O'Connell	Steve Braden	Steve Braden	Steve Braden
Bridge Preacher	Kathleen O'Connell	Kathleen O'Connell	Kathleen O'Connell	Kathleen O'Connell
Liturgist (8:30 C) (11:00 S)	Marilyn Horvath Ron Downs	Carol Steede Nella Putman	Dottie Arnold Colleen Goode	Dottie Arnold Lain Downs
Special		<i>Communion</i>		
Welcome Table	Carol Steede Jill Stoll	Terry McCaskey Vern Pitcher	Paula Barb John Hutchings	Colleen Goode Helen Free
8:30 a.m. Ushers (Chapel)	Linda & Phil Forgey	Paula & Stu Barb	Carol & Steve Eldridge	Kay & Dale South
9:15 a.m. Ushers (Bridge)	Cami Amendt Russ Gilpin	Linda & Bill Loftus	Anita & Jessica Gorden	Kristy & Robert Nix
11:00 a.m. Ushers (Sanctuary)	Judy Bechtold, Al Benham Agnes Grahmbeek Mary Wagner	Alex Eraybar Betty Kegerreis Vernease & Jim Pyles	Diane & Doug Evans Susie & Wen Wu	Terry & Andy McCaskey Vickie & Sam Thompson
11:00 a.m. Ushers (Bridge)	No 11:00 a.m. Bridge today	Nikki & Chad Gernand	Vicki & Kaitlyn Kronemeyer	Jackie & Ryan Stockman
11:00 a.m. Music (Sanctuary)	Bridge Band	Chancel Choir	Chancel Choir	Chancel Choir
Hospitality Host	Fellowship Commission	Fellowship Commission	Becky & Al Benham	Carol & Steve Eldridge

Daily Prayer Listings

the week of December 27, 2009

Sunday – Jackie McCoy
Monday – Sharlee & Galen McFee
Tuesday – Carol Miller
Wednesday – Debbie, Angelo, & Elaine Miller
Thursday – Melissa Miller
Friday – Cheryl Ann, Todd, Jessica, & Jonathan Miller
Saturday – Tom Miller
And at Riverside Village – Elizabeth Wood & Bea Pyle

the week of January 3, 2010

Sunday – Connie & Ron Minzey
Monday – Linda Morgan
Tuesday – Alice & Rich Morris
Wednesday – Wendy, Brittany, & Jim Mosier
Thursday – Eleanor & John Moyer
Friday – Betty & Ralph Murphy
Saturday – Miriam & Josphat Mwaniki
And at Hubbard Hill Estates – Helen Hovey, Sy Pell,
Isabelle Freeman, & Betty & Ralph Murphy

the week of January 10, 2010

Sunday – LaDene & Fred Nesbitt
Monday – Kristy, Robert, Evan, Olivia, Elliott, & Emma Nix
Tuesday – Holly & Pat O'Connell
Wednesday – Winnie & Patrick O'Connell
Thursday – Laura, Mike, Sean, & Liam O'Neill
Friday – Margaret Parshall
Saturday – Joyce & Bill Persic
And at Hubbard Hill Health Care – Avia Baker, Mary Peters,
& Aimee Patterson

the week of January 17, 2010

Sunday – Jane Pinkerton
Monday – Mary & Larry Pio
Tuesday – Ronald Pisani
Wednesday – Jennifer, Vern, & Lauren Pitcher
Thursday – Nella & Jerry Putman
Friday – Lou Putnam
Saturday – Vernease & Jim Pyles
And at Beverly Living Center – Barbara Karay

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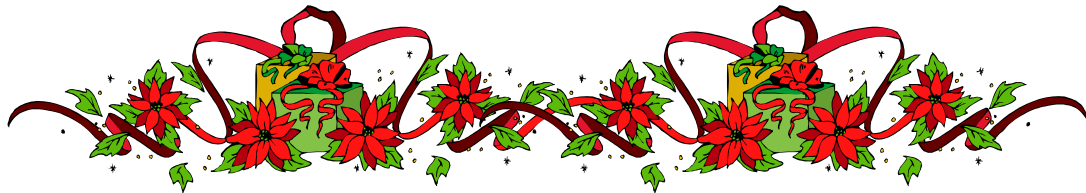
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