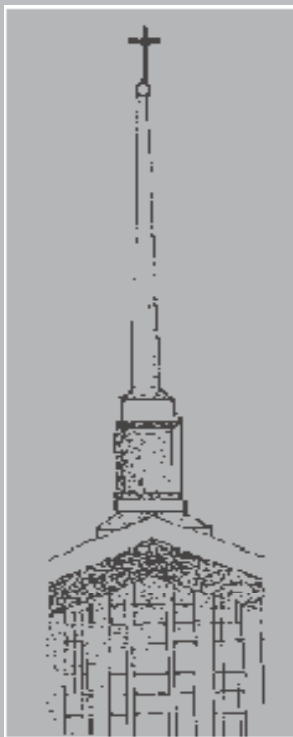


Tower Time

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We read for many reasons. In the grocery store we squint at the tiny numbers on the side of a package to discover the calories and contents, so we can make an intelligent purchasing decision. Reading the label for simple information. We open a novel on the bedside table looking for amusement and experience a temporary distraction. At the library and in the classroom we pour over a weighty volume aiming to increase our store of knowledge. But when we turn to Scripture, we have a purpose beyond information, entertainment, or education. For God intends the Bible to be a book of transformation.

How do you read the Bible? If you only read it in the third person, observing what a particular character does or says, then there is a further adventure awaiting you. You can move from observation to participation. For the biblical stories and events con-

stitute a Great Story that is actually our story. When we read the Bible autobiographically, in the first person, then we enter into the reality of God's saving purposes. We sense that the Lord is addressing us, challenging us, and directing us. We are changed.

During Advent we will study once again the narrative of our Savior's birth, when God came near. I invite you to enter into these great events with your imagination working and your heart open. Feel the bumps on the long donkey ride from Nazareth to Bethlehem. Blink your eyes into dazzling wakefulness as the angelic chorus tears open the skies above the startled sheep. Let your heart palpitate and your blood run cold as you deceive the murderous Herod. Marvel as your backyard stable becomes a maternity ward. God's salvation is not a theory or a doctrine delivered by special carrier or digital wizardry, it is a real human event, a genuine life, that changes and encompasses all other

human events, making it possible for our lives to become more genuine too. May God bless your reading and living this Advent.

*Yours in faith,
David*



Advent 2009

November 28th & 29th
The Way of Waiting
Matthew 25:1-12

December 5th & 6th
The Way of Wilderness
Luke 3:1-20

December 12th & 13th
The Way of Surprise
Luke 1:26-38

December 19th & 20th
The Way of Return
Matthew 1:18-25

December 24th
The Bethlehem Way
Luke 2:1-20

December 26th & 27th
The Wise Way
Matthew 2:1-12

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR A
FESTIVE EVENING FOR ALL CHURCH ADULTS
- SPONSORED BY THE DEACONS

“DANCING WITH THE STARS”

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30TH
(6:15 P.M. - FOLLOWING WORSHIP SERVICE)

WATCH OUR OWN “STARS” PERFORM...
PARTICIPATE AND LEARN A FEW DANCE STEPS...
NO DANCE PARTNER NEEDED!

IF YOU CAN'T DANCE, COME AND ENJOY THE
MUSIC AND THE FUN!!

CHILD CARE AND TRANSPORTATION, IF NEEDED.
(MUST SIGN UP PRIOR TO EVENT)

ATTENTION: IF DANCING IS YOUR FORTE AND YOU
WOULD LIKE TO BE ONE
OF OUR “STARS”, PLEASE
LET TORY KNOW!!



Christmas Bereavement Communion in the Chapel December 4th at 3:00 pm

If you have come to "Good Grief Groups" ever at PCTR OR are grieving a loved one recently or long ago, come to this special worship service. Those of the current groups, "Faith" and "Peace," will be participating, along with some members of previous groups "Hope" and "Love." Rev. Elizabeth Edwards will be serving the communion, with Elder Anne Joynt's assistance. This is our third year for this occasion.

Christmas Eve Services

4:00 & 5:30 pm
Family Services
“Bethlehem Rocks”
A Christmas Musical
The Children’s Choirs

7:30 pm
Traditional Worship
& Candlelight Service
Music
Jr. & Sr. High Choirs
Sounds of Truth

9:00 & 11:00 pm
Traditional Worship
& Candlelight Services
Music
The Sanctuary Choir

December 26th
Saturday Celebration
5:00 pm

December 27th
10:00 am Only



If you would like to give a Christmas Poinsettia in memory of a loved one, please use one of the flower envelopes in the pew holders.

The deadline is Sunday, December 13th and the cost is \$10.00 per poinsettia

Christmas Theatre Outing Surflight Theatre on Saturday, December 12th

On Saturday, December 12th, some 30 of us will be meeting at Buckalew's for lunch and then going over to the 2:00 matinee of Ebenezer at Surflight a block or two away. This is a wonderful opportunity to become more into the Christmas mood! Rides will be arranged if anyone is unable to drive him or herself. The cost is \$37 for lunch and play combined. The sign up sheet and red envelope for checks (made out to PCTR, with "Surflight" on notation line) is to the left of Elizabeth's office in the Chapel hallway. Sign up now while space remains! We've enjoyed similar outings to Long Beach Island; don't miss this one!

FOOD, FOOD, AND MORE FOOD!

Our Food Pantry has been blessed with so much faithful giving of food. We are amazed by how much food is donated each week. As the demand for more food baskets has grown you have risen to the challenge. In October alone over 500 people were helped. Without the generous support of our members, neighbors and community organizations we could not meet the overwhelming need.

We thank you all and ask for your continued support in this season of Christmas and into the New Year. In these difficult financial times the need continues to grow. Pass the word to any group or organization you may be involved with that food is needed! Together we can continue to make a difference.

Update from the Finance Commission

10 months ended October 2009

General Operating Fund:

Operating Fund Receipts	\$1,018,725
Operating Fund Disbursements	\$(1,064,405)
YTD Deficit	\$ (45,680)

Master Plan Fund:

Total Revenues	\$ 151,115
Total Expenses	\$(278,521)
YTD Deficit	\$(127,406)

We need to increase our giving in November and December to offset the 10 month deficit. We ask you to prayerfully reflect on the fiancés of the church and to review your own ability to make an additional contribution.

End of Year Catch-Up

As the year comes to a close, our per capita offering is extremely low. We have received only just under \$12,000 of the \$94,000 that the Presbytery would hope for. We remind each of you that this offering goes to the work of the Monmouth Presbytery, the Synod and General Assembly. As a part of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A., members are asked to give this per capital offering to help all the churches stay connected. In this tough times, if it is difficult for you to give the entire per capita amount of \$34.92 per member, even a portion of what your family may be responsible for would be very helpful.

Mark Your Calendars

On Sunday, December 27th, a brief congregational meeting will be held in the Sanctuary following the 10:00 am service in order to present a proposal to refinance the mortgages on the church property and House of Hope. The refinancing will allow us to secure lower interest rates and reduce overall costs. Please plan to attend.



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Church School

“Good News”

On December 14th at 4:00 pm will be our Church School Christmas Program, “Good News!” The children will share with you the amazing ways the “Good News” of Jesus’ birth has changed our world and continues to transform lives. Telling the stories of the many touched by the Christ Child in India, Africa and here in Camden, we witness the power of our Lord. Don’t miss our messengers of “Good News” when our youngest angels sing out loud “Glory to God!”

AIM Club

"Bethlehem Rocks"

On Christmas Eve our AIM Club choirs will present the musical “Bethlehem Rocks” at both the 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm services. The musical tells the story of a group of children who show some disenchanted youth what Christmas is all about. The children do it their way – where Bethlehem really rocks!

The Mustard Seeds Playgroup

Created exclusively for our “Smallest Seeds”

Ages 1-5 & their parents

What fun we have each time we come together. At Mustard Seeds Playgroup, children and their parent or grandparent enjoy time playing in the gym filled with toys, Bible story time and have fun singing and playing instruments and a craft time that reinforces our theme.

Join us in
Fellowship Hall
Friday, December 4th &
Friday, January 8th
9:30 - 11:00 am

Children Ministry Calendar

December 4th

Mustard Seeds - 9:30 am

Fellowship Hall

December 6th

Get Ready for Christmas Luncheon

12:30 pm

December 12th

**Church School Dress Rehearsal
for 1st - 5th graders**

9:30 - 11:00 am

December 13th

**Church School Christmas
Program**

4:00 pm

December 15th

AIM Club Dress Rehearsal

4:15-6:30 pm

December 24th

AIM Club Christmas Eve

4:00 & 5:30 pm

January 3rd - Church School Resumes

January 5th - AIM Club Resumes

January 8th - Mustard Seeds

January 13th -Star Club Resumes



Youth Mission Fund Wreath Sale

Our youth have carefully decorated a wreath for you! Even if you have not pre-ordered, you can come and pick out a wreath for just \$20. Remember, you are not only getting a wreath you are helping our youth mission team to “show mercy” to their brothers and sisters in need.



FISH on Retreat

To think that over 50 youth would take a whole weekend out of their busy schedule to go and talk about, sing about, and pray to God for the weekend is amazing. That is indeed one of the blessings we experience here at PCTR. Our youth show us the impact of God in a person's life and how dramatic it is. Each one of these young people has developed a deep spiritual life. They look forward to the time away with other Christians to share both the fun and the study together.

As always our Sr. Highs are busy decorating and selling wreaths to raise funds to support their upcoming summer mission trip. Your support of our youth by buying a wreath means so much to them. Together we are able to make a difference in the lives of those God calls us to reach out to each summer.

Confirmation Sunday January 10th at 11:30 am

Close to 40 youth will be confirmed after completing an intensive time of study. They have visited homebound members and many have attended our Senior High Retreat. Each student is in the process of writing their Statement of Faith, which will be available for you to read the day of their confirmation. Please keep each one of our Confirmands in your prayers as they complete their statements. We encourage you to read all of their statements that will be on display during January and make every effort to come to the 11:30 worship service on January 10th to show your love and support as they take this important step in their faith journey.



Cast Hits the Beach

Our Jr. Highs went out in force to plant dune grass as a part of their service project during the Lock-in. Over 45 youth hit the beach with a vengeance to help preserve our great shoreline. Our youth are amazing servants, not a one of them grumbled or complain even though the wind was whipping the sand around. They were ready to tackle what ever was before them. Great job CAST members, you have made us proud and God is so very please by your dedication. If you know a CAST member give them a big "thank-you" for the work done in Christ's name.

In December CAST will continue their service by the decorating of wreaths and visiting members in their homes and bringing some Christmas cheer. Our discussion times will be focusing on the Gospel of John. We are always welcoming new youth each week so it is never too late to join in.

Youth Ministry Calendar

Jr. High Bible Study

Saturday at 5:00 pm - the River

Sunday at 10:00 am - Mission Room

Sr. High Bible Study

Sunday at 10:00 - the River

CAST Resumes January 6th

5:00pm Jr High Bells - the Sanctuary

5:30pm Jr High Choir -

Small Rehearsal Room

6:15pm Dinner for Jr High Music

Participants in the Creation Room

6:30pm CAST begins in the River

FISH Resumes January 6th

5:30pm Sr High Bells - Sanctuary

6:00pm Sr High Choir

Large Rehearsal Room

6:45pm Dinner for Sr High Music

Participants in the Creation Room

7:00pm FISH begins in the River

Enrich Your Christmas Season! **Enrichment - Sunday Mornings 11:15 in the Haven**

Two Advent Programs:

On **6 December** we will have a power point presentation on *MARY the Mother of Jesus*, with paintings that have been created over the centuries of this woman. There will also be some discussion on the different role she plays in the Protestant Church vs. the Catholic Church where she is so central. Are we losing out?! References will of course be made to the New Testament passages and post-NT ones that speak of Mary. Come join us!

Then the following Sunday, **13 December**, at 11:15 (to 12:30), we will have a discussion on the theological aspects of the play *Ebenezer* seen by some the preceding afternoon. Since, however, this play is based on the totally familiar story by Dickens (*The Christmas Carol*. everyone will be able to participate as they wish. Come for this Advent time of fellowship!

Encounters Along the Way will begin again on January 17, 2010

The *Encounters along the Way* group, which meets from 9:45 – 11:00 a.m., will begin the New Year with a six-week study of Max Lucado's *Next Door Savior – Near Enough to Touch – Strong Enough to Trust*. Just as Jesus walked the streets of Nazareth and Jerusalem, he's walking our streets today. Are you stressed, poor or lonely? He understands because he's been there. Unsure of the future? Upset that friends have let you down? He's been there, too. As Max Lucado points out, "Whatever you are facing, he knows how you feel.... When you turn to him for help, he runs to you to help." Just like a good neighbor, Jesus is eager to open his door. All we have to do is knock. Anyone can join this study. Come for some or all of the sessions, which are being led by Pat Grill.

Thursday Morning Bible Study Christmas Party in the Haven

The final class for 2009 - on Luke - will be a Christmas Party on December 17th at the regular time of 9:30 BUT IN THE HAVEN! If you have ever come to this class, feel free to join us! There will be games about Luke, carol singing, snacks and desserts, and Christmas spirit in the fellowship!

January

After the two Advent Programs and after Christmas the class will resume its study, with DVD, of *Confronting the Controversies* by Adam Hamilton. In November we considered the issue of Church and State and began a consideration of evolution. We will return to this excellent study that gives a Biblical perspective on these significant questions affecting our life today on **17 January**, at the usual Enrichment time of 11:15 - 12:30 IN THE HAVEN. Issues to be addressed and discussed in 2010 will be Death Penalty, Euthanasia, Prayer in Schools, Abortion, and Homosexuality. You may join us for just one session if you wish, but of course consistent participation is preferable. Try for one class and perhaps you will want to continue! All are welcome. Ask a member of the class or Elizabeth to know how schedule is proceeding.



Growth is the goal of the Christian. Maturity is mandatory.

The apostle Peter tells us to

“...grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” (2 Peter 3:18)

If you are the same Christian you were a few months ago – you might need to check your spiritual habits. Four habits worth having are: prayer, study, giving, and fellowship.

We invite you to work on the habits of study and fellowship with us on Monday nights at LIF. LIF (Living in Faith) is an active and growing Adult Education opportunity. Adults meet at 6:30 on Monday nights for a catered Dinner - participate in Worship and Singing at 7:00 – and at 7:15 move to one of four Study Group opportunities.

Starting January 18, 2010 – make LIF part of your Christian growth pattern.

Join one of these four studies:

The Omega Class will use The Bethel Bible Series which is an excellent tool to enhance the biblical literacy. The study uses a historical approach to the Hebrew-Christian heritage of faith with an overview of the New Testament. The study of Scriptures in the context of the period in which they were written brings a great understanding of the biblical narrative. This 10-week study will include these topics: *Justification, I and II Thessalonians, I and II, Corinthians, The Church, I and II Timothy, I Peter, “False Teaching,” (Colossians, James, II Peter, I and II John, Jude), Sanctification, The Second Coming.*

Each class involves a lesson, a time for looking at Scripture, a time of discussion and a time for questions. This course speaks to everyone – regardless of how much or how little you have studied the Bible before. This study is led by Pat Grill, Bill Gould and Nadia Herman.

The Beta Class is a book study and discussion on living out our faith today. They will be reading books by modern Christian writers. This study is led by Iver Kennedy and Liz Thomson.

The Quest Class is a men’s ministry study group that provides men with an encouraging process of how to live lives of authentic manhood as modeled by Jesus and directed by God’s word. This group uses a curriculum that is developed by Dr. David Joynt, and will be led by Dr. David Joynt and Peter Thomson.

The Gamma Class is a study group geared for those who wish to go deeper into theological issues. They will be reading and discussing Reformed Doctrine of Predestination by Loraine Boettner. This study will be led by Chris Reynolds.



Looking Ahead . . .

FEBRUARY RETREAT: FORGIVENESS: ITS JOY AND ITS CHALLENGE:

This one-day retreat on **Saturday, 6 February, 9:00 - 3:00** will take place at Christ Episcopal Church. Some members of the Enrichment class will help Elizabeth plan and execute this special time together, which will culminate in Communion together in the Church's lovely Chapel. The cost will cover simply any morning coffee and snacks plus the sandwiches to be provided at lunch time. The topic of Forgiveness can never be exhausted because of its utter centrality in the theology of our faith and because of the demand Jesus gives us to live an accepting and forgiving life. Sometimes it takes literally YEARS to fulfill his demand in some particular situation, but it is never too late to bring the matter up again to yourself and be freed from the burden. Watch for a sign up sheet! But put date down now in your calendar; there will be a limited number of participants.

Couples' Retreat Highlights

Offering a time for spiritual renewal is vital to our Christian growth. At PCTR this past fall we hosted a Couples' Retreat experience. In addition to offering our All Church Retreat, our Men's Retreat and our Women's Retreat, we expanded to meet the needs of the Christian couples in our midst.

On October 16 & 17 at PCTR, 17 couples signed on to "Fireproof Your Marriage." This interactive experience, which included a Friday night dinner and Saturday morning breakfast, used a combination of film segments (from "Fireproof") and discussion time to challenge couples to love better, to love first and to love for a lifetime.

In a world where emotions and selfishness rule – Rev. Tory Pruner led the discussions which addressed the REAL meaning of love and sacrifice. This was a great time for reflection, study, laughter and fellowship.

Connected to the film "Fireproof" is a powerful book entitled *The Love Dare*. It is a 40-day challenge for husbands and wives to understand and practice unconditional love. Whether your marriage is hanging by a thread or healthy and strong, *The Love Dare* is a journey you might want to take. It's a way to learn the keys to finding true intimacy and developing a dynamic marriage. If you would like to "Take the dare!" we have books available at the church and we will be having some follow-up opportunities for Couples at PCTR.



IHN Giving Tree is Here

Among the reminders that Christmas is approaching is the Giving Tree, outside Fellowship Hall. The tree is decorated with gift tags that tell clothing items and sizes, as well as toys, that Interfaith Hospitality families have included on their wish lists.

Simply take a tag from the Giving Tree outside Fellowship Hall, purchase the gift mentioned, and return the UNWRAPPED gift to the boxes by the Tree. Deadline for gifts is Sunday, December 6th. After that, a group of Santa's helpers will wrap the gifts and deliver them to the lucky families before Christmas.

Let's make this another banner year for helping families in need. Share your many blessings and spread happiness this Christmas season!



Book Discussion set for January 24, 2010 in the Haven 12:30 p.m. with a Light Lunch

"Out of the Black Shadows – the Amazing Transformation of Stephen Lungu"

by Stephen Lungu and Anne Coomes

Stephen Lungu preached at PCTR last year – and moved us with his testimony. This book gives us the rest of his story.

Stephen was the oldest son of a teenage mother, married off to a much older man by her parents, and living in a black township in Zimbabwe. When he was three, his mother ran away, leaving him, and his younger brother and sister, in the reluctant care of an aunt. By eleven Stephen too had run away, preferring life on the streets.

To survive, he slept under bridges and scavenged food from white folks' dustbins. As a teenager he was recruited into one of the urban gangs, called the Black Shadows, which ran a program of theft and thuggery with a half-focused dream of revolution. When a traveling evangelist came to town, Stephen was sent to fire bomb the event, carrying his bag of bombs and mingling with the crowd.

Instead of throwing bombs he stayed to listen... what followed was more amazing than fiction. Read his story and join us for lunch and discussion!

Ocean Classic Concerts' welcomes cellist Evan Drachman and pianist Richard Dowling January 31st at 4:00 pm

Cellist Evan Drachman has combined artistic talent with great personal compassion and warmth to create a distinctive musical career. Mr. Drachman is increasingly sought-after for his solo and chamber music performances, and as Founder and Artistic Director of the Piatigorsky Foundation has become one of



the most respected authorities on the presentation of live classical music for diverse audiences everywhere.



Hailed by The New York Times as “an especially impressive fine pianist,” Richard Dowling appears regularly across the United States in solo recitals, at chamber music and jazz/ragtime festivals, and as a guest soloist in concerto performances with orchestras. He has been acclaimed by audi-

ences for his elegant and exciting style of playing which earns him frequent return engagements. Mr. Dowling has presented solo recitals in the Far East, Australia, Africa, and Europe. Career highlights include a sold-out New York orchestral debut at Lincoln Center’s Alice Tully Hall and a solo recital at Carnegie’s Weill Recital Hall in New York.

Mr. Drachman recorded his first CD, *A Frog He Went a Courting*, with pianist Richard Dowling. The *Baltimore Sun* wrote of the recording, “Drachman possesses in abundance two qualities for which his grandfather was revered: the ability to make the cello imitate the human singing voice and, even more importantly, the ability to tell a story.” Following this success, Drachman and Dowling released a second CD, *Infinity*, and most recently a third, *Romance and Revelation*.

Fellowship Club

Friday, December 18th

Come ye, one and all, to the Friday, December 18th Annual Christmas Fellowship Club festivities in the Haven. Find a friend you can bring. Find your festive holiday vest, tie, sweater or scarf to wear. Look through all your holiday recipes for a favorite hot dish, salad, or dessert to bring to the sumptuous potluck luncheon. Join us for fellowship at 11:00 am. We'll plan to eat promptly at 11:30 and begin the program at 12:30. Our own talented Josh Melson will treat us to a musical program followed by your chance to sing during our traditional sing-a-long.

Everyone is welcome to come!



Friday, January 15th

Protecting the Barnegat Bay We all Love

ReClam the Bay is a local non-profit organization whose mission is to involve and educate the public about the estuary’s water quality and the integral role shellfish have in our lives..

Rick Bushnell, president of the group, will join us January 15th to speak about the importance, challenges and actions of their group to protect the fragile shellfish population. He will bring visuals and equipment to show what they do.

Join us at 11:00 a.m. Bring a sandwich; we provide the beverage. The program begins at 12:30 p.m. Come learn how *ReClam the Bay* works to encourage us to be good stewards of the bay’s ecosystem.

Choral Concert on January 11th

The Westminster College Choir, a 45 voice choral group from New Wilmington, Pennsylvania will perform a wide variety of choral works in the Sanctuary on Monday, January 11th at 7:00 pm.

Volunteers who are willing to host two or more choir members on Monday night and bring them to PCTR on Tuesday morning are needed! If you would be able to do this please contact Josh Melson at the church, 732-349-1331.



Presbyterian Women



December

Adah - December 21st
11:30 am - Mission Room

Elisabeth - December 15th
7:00 pm - Church

Esther - December 8th
10:00 am - Deane Sharp

Eve - December 16th
7:30 pm - Mary Petruski

Joanna - December 16th
6:45 pm - Church

Joy - December 7th
6:30 pm - Dining Out

Leah - December 21st
9:30 am - Renaissance

Lydia - December 15th
7:00 pm - Church

Martha - December 15th
10:30 am - The Haven

Mary - December 15th
12:00 pm - Mission Room

Rachel - December 11th
9:30 a.m. - Mission Room

Rebecca - December 8th
9:30 am - Mission Room

Sarah - December 15th
10:30 am - Mission Room

Dates to Remember:

December 2nd
Bible Study Leaders
1:00 pm - Mission Room

December 7th
Coordinating Team
Meeting
12:30 pm - Mission Room

"You may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you." Deuteronomy 6:3

To Isaac Franz, America was The Promised Land. Isaac was a Swede living on the coast of Finland in the late 1800's. Times were tough, there was little work, almost no education. Russia ruled Finland at that time and was conscripting men into their army. Word of a copper rush in northern Michigan, even bigger than the California gold rush was sweeping Europe at the time. The only hope seemed to be in America. And so, with final partings, the difficult journey was taken, over the ocean, into Canada and down the rivers to a tiny town in the upper peninsula of Michigan. Isaac settled into that part of Dollar Bay known as Swedetown, a place where other immigrants from Sweden and Finland resided. Isaac worked in the copper wire mill during the day and spent a good deal of his free time at Sebbas' Bar until one night the Lord spoke to him. Isaac roused the Lutheran minister out of bed, converted right there on the spot and devoted the rest of his life to God. And where best to find the guidance to lead him but in the Bible. Now that isn't easy when you never learned to read either in English or Swedish. But Isaac was a determined man and now with an educated wife, Christina

Backman, who could help, he undertook the difficult task. Bible reading and prayer time were a daily must and Isaac was one of those who actually followed the teachings of the Good Book. Through all the good and bad times, raising ten children, losing one to pneumonia, living through the Depression, losing his beloved wife, Isaac looked to the Lord. The Franz family was always there to help others, to be a solid rock in the community and church. This was their Promised Land and they took it quite seriously. It was a gift from God for which they were ultimately grateful. And in return they gave back, devoting their lives to living out God's promise. Isaac and Christina are long gone but not in my memories. When I make my yearly trek back to that little town and walk by the old homestead, I can still hear, in my memory, songs drifting from the open window on a warm summer night. There it is. Grandpa's singing his favorite-"Standing on the Promises". Have a blessed Christmas and spend the new year standing on His promises.

*Blessings,
Phyllis Klar*

January

Adah - January 18th
11:30 am - Mission Room

Elisabeth - January 19th
7:00 pm - Church

Esther - January 12th
10:00 am - Beverly Gaston

Eve - January 20th
7:30 pm - Ellen Smith

Joanna - January 20th
6:45 pm - Church

Joy - January 18th
7:00 pm - Kirsten Holman

Leah - January 22nd
9:30 am - Renaissance

Lydia - January 20th
7:00 pm - Church

Martha - January 26th
10:00 am - The Haven

Mary - January 26th
12:00 pm - Mission Room

Rachel - January 8th
9:30 a.m. - Mission Room

Rebecca - January 12th
9:30 am - Mission Room

Sarah - January 19th
9:30 am - Haven

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**Presbyterian Women's
Christmas Covered Dish Luncheon
Monday, December 14th
11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
"The Twelve Months of Christmas"
Please bring a covered dish entree or salad.
All church women are invited!**

Our Prayer List

Jane Aiken	Cheryl D' Alessio-Coleman	Ryan Handberg	Edith Mayer	Robert Petty	Helen Stewart
Margit Aksdal	Bonnie Collett	Betty Hansen	Ann Mazzeo	Monica Jean Petyo	Mervin Stines
Jeanette Albert	Nick Colucci	Lisa Hardifer	Edythe McCarthy	Andrew Phebus	Bill Stolte Sr.
Jeanette Altieri	Vincent Connor	Ruth Harms	Virginia McCarthy	Josi Poli	Bill Stolte
Amanda	Ellen Conners	Art Harris	Matthew McCormick	Michael Polich	Evelyn Stratten
Gino Amarini	Ireland Conaghan	Ellen Harris	Trisha McCormick	Ann Marie Poll	Connie Sullivan
Harold Anderson	Carolyn Cooper	Ed Hays	Sarah McDermott	Neil Prothers	Brian Swedberg
Joe Andretta	Father Vincent Coppola	Mary Helle	Wendy McFarland	Robin Pucci	Greg Szamari
Leslie Andrews	Dolores Corona	Willis Herman	Mary McGahey	Faye Purcell	Cathy Taylor
Alexa Angstar	Robert Crawford	Carol Herzer	Petronell McGovern	Kathy Rahner	Raymond Taylor
Rebecca Antunes	Vanessa Cunha	Marjorie Heyburn	Thomas McKenna	Carly Joan Raso	Kim Terry
Robert Applegate	Harold Dacus	Ed Hickey	James McLean	Lynda Rasper	Yvonne Terry
Sandra Armbruster	Loretta DeHann	Maureen Hirtis	McMann Family	Karen Reid	Andy Teeter
The Ascoughs	Christopher Dehzad	Bill Hourigan	Thomas Mead	Curt Reinheimer	Brittany Teufel
Tony Aspromonte	Joan DeJean	Steve House	Kathy Mertons	Aiden Edward Reis	Michael Thees
Dawn Autullo	Angelo DeMauro	Ben Howard	Jerry Messana	AnneMae Relph	Blanche Thompsen
Ernie Auerbach	Delores DePasquale	Dr. Eric Hudson	John Meyer	Ricci Family	Emily Roberts Thompson
Michael B.	Eugenia Dereamer	Ken Hunter	Sharon Meyer	Eileen Riley	
Brenna Baine	Rafael Dhanaher	Andrew Innarella	John Miesowitz	Tom and Kathy Riley	Mary Ann Thompson
Jan & John Baldwin	Dr. Peggy	Frederick Ireland	Betty Ann Miller	Rachel Robertson	Laura Thompson
Judy Barcellona	Jim Dowlen	Walter Johnson	Brett Miller	Robert Roemer	Robert Thompson
Glenn Griffith	Patricia Dylla	Eileen Justus	Malvina Miller	Matthew Romano	Arlene Thoms
Barney	Grant Edens	Jeanette Kaari	Natalie & Herb Miller	Joan Ross	Theresa Thomson
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**Get Ready for Christmas
Luncheon
Sunday, December 6th
Immediately following the
11:30 Service**

As we gather together we will share a pizza lunch and help families make their own advent wreath. This advent wreath will help you focus on the true meaning of Christmas as you light the candle each night.

All supplies will be provided. We promise your Advent Wreath will be "one of a kind" and very special to you because you'll make it!



Activities for younger children are planned and your child can be one of the people from the nativity. Bring your camera!

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