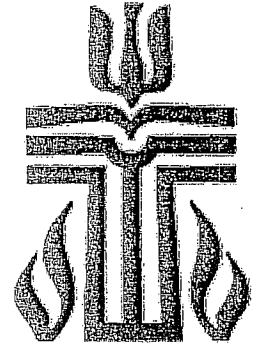




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## Minor Ministerial Musings

It started, I think, in 1999 at a tea shop called “The Tao of Tea” in Portland, Oregon. I had moved to Portland for the summer after my first year of seminary to complete a unit of what is called “Clinical Pastoral Education” at Providence Portland Medical Center in Portland. Basically, I was a student chaplain for the summer, one of a class of five. It was an intense summer, and I learned more than I could have imagined.

But this story is not about the internship. That summer, I stayed in a house with four other women around my age, who had rented the house together a few years ago. I found this house through a mutual friend of one of the women who lived there. As busy as I was that summer at the hospital, there was time for me to get to know those living in the house, and we became friends. On my birthday that summer, they took me to this tea shop. It was a wonderful time, which became a wonderful memory.

A couple of years later, my sister Amy found herself living in Portland. Recalling my stories about living there, and especially about “The Tao of Tea”, she bought for me a beautiful tea pot from that shop in Portland for my birthday.

Well, within a few years after that, I had acquired several other tea cups and pots from various places – one inherited from my grandmother, one given as a gift by a parishioner, and one bought from an art gallery in southwest Virginia, made by a local artist. I don’t have a large collection, but I like the feel of displaying, as well as using, teapots, cups, and saucers. There is an air of comfort and hospitality about it that suits me.

And then one Christmas I looked around and realized that I had begun, unwittingly, to develop a small collection of Nativity scenes. My great-aunt had given me a couple of small ones when she was cleaning out the house one time. When my grandmother began to clean out some of her stuff, I chose two beautiful bells from her bell collection which depicted Nativity scenes. Last year, my mother-in-law gave us a beautiful table runner with a Nativity scene stitched on it. And again, I found that I

really enjoyed the hospitality and warmth that was implied by the scene. It filled me with feelings of comfort, and even safety.

Our Scriptures are filled with stories of hospitality, from Abraham “entertaining angels unawares” (Gen. 18:1ff, Heb. 13:2), to Mary and Martha having Jesus over for dinner, to Jesus dining with tax collectors and sinners, and even a Pharisee or two. God commands God’s people throughout Scripture to remember the stranger and the foreigner amidst them, reminding them that they were once strangers in a strange land (e.g., Exodus 22:21, 22:9). In fact, throughout their existence, the people of God often found themselves either in exile, or home under foreign rule. Knowing what that felt like, then, they were instructed to make always make others welcome as they once were not, to show hospitality where they were once given none.

Hospitality is a ministry, of welcoming, caring, and attending to the needs of others. It is a ministry which shows respect, but most importantly, shows tenderness and love. From a simple, “Can I get you a cup of coffee?” to the visitor who unexpectedly drops by, to the elaborate customs of the Japanese tea ceremony, hospitality is an enactment of the humility and servant hood which Christ commands and challenges us to practice.

In the church, hospitality is a ministry which might not appear to be obvious at first. It generally falls under such labels as “fellowship”, “outreach”, or even “evangelism”. We talk about greeters, friendship pads, ushers, and other ways to greet new folks who come through our doors. But it is all part of showing others that as we are welcomed by God in God’s house, so we show that welcome to others. “No more a stranger, or a friend, but like a child at home”, as the hymn says. When we plan potlucks or receptions for visitors, whether for a concert or a memorial service, we are offering rest and nourishment. When we present a well-lit church where necessities are easy to find, we are expressing that this is a place of safety and rest for all who enter.

So, as we welcome the challenges and excitement of a new year, let us also remember always to welcome those around us, whether in our homes, in our church, or in our lives in some other fashion. Let us remember that each person we encounter is, like you and I, formed in the image and likeness of God. Welcome them as you would welcome God. Welcome them as God has welcomed you.

*In Joyful Anticipation,  
Pastor Lara*



# HHPC PRAYER REQUESTS



Alice Gust, in hospice care  
Gail Larson & family on Richard's passing  
Justin Rys for healing  
Carolyn Watson & family on the passing of her father  
Maryann & Richard Fellers & family, on the passing of his mom  
Grace Muszynski for healing  
Harry Zimmerman for health concerns  
The family of Dave Koch on his passing  
Marisa for healing  
Wally Golema for continuous healing  
Gert's son-in-law, Alden, for upcoming surgery  
Dennis & Mary Tarter for strength & direction & health concerns  
Lucy's sister, Delores, for healing  
Ivy Taebel's son, Larry, for health concerns  
Betty Kitching for continuous healing  
Shannon Bastien for health concerns  
John Bredlau for continuous healing  
Carol Sack's sister, Ruth, for healing and strength  
Kyle Krueger, in Marine Corps  
Dorothy Allen for strength  
Our service men and women and their families  
Our policemen, Firemen, & their families  
DelPrete Family for strength, faith, & hope during Jen's battle



**Prayer Groups meet on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.,  
and Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.  
We encourage you to attend this  
Vital Ministry of our church.  
\*PRAYER is the ENGINE of the CHURCH\***

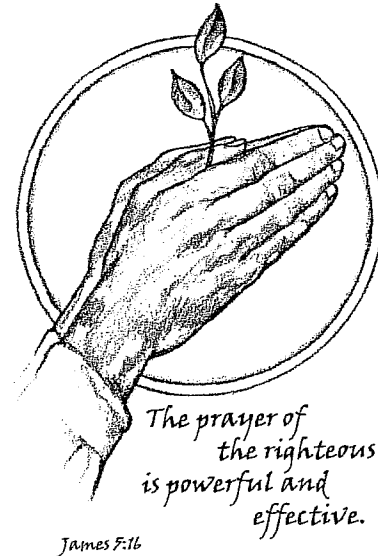
# TWILIGHT PRAYER

"Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the Lord pondereth the hearts." Proverbs 21:2

God sees us as we really are, not as we perceive ourselves. Saying Grace before a meal is not communicating with God. Yet the extent of many is a brief thank you. We each are responsible for ourselves but our concerns go beyond the self. I care for you! Do you care for me? I believe you do.

I, again, invite you all to join us on Tuesday evenings for the rewards of a happy heart as we remember each other's needs as fellow Christians and citizens of this great nation.

Regards,  
C. Lou Pearson



# PRAYER & CARE

"He hath said."

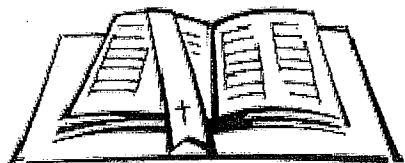
HEBREWS 13:5 (KJV)

If only we can grasp these three words, what a weapon in our hands. Should we not, besides reading and studying the Bible, claim God's promises? As we look forward to a New Year, let's remember Who is in total control. But who does He want to provide love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control?

May the fruits of the Spirit continue to grow in us...

Join us as we give thanks and praise to a faithful and mighty God.

Love 'N' Hugs,  
Arlene



## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

"The Lord Reigns; Let the Earth Rejoice; Let the many coastlands be glad!" Psalm 97:1

As I write this, the winds are blowing and snow is falling. Our Christmas luncheon is to be held on Monday Dec. 13 and it is supposed to be very, very cold. In January, we will begin Psalm 97. We invite you to join us because the Psalms are so informative and revealing about us.

Love 'N' Hugs,  
Arlene

## PADS UPDATE

Our Senior High students gave of themselves in a wonderful way last month. They prepared (with the help of an angel) the evening meal and dessert, and worked in the kitchen, and hand delivered to our guests a little Christmas gift that brought a smile to many a recipient. The girls joined our guests with the singing of a few Christmas carols, we all enjoyed the sounds of Christmas. We had approximately 60 guests, men and women for dinner.

May I extend to all our senior high students a big "Thank You" for giving of themselves in this unselfish way. We love you all and are very proud of your giving spirits.

Regards, C. Lou Pearson



## HHPC FOOD PANTRY

Starting January 5, 2011

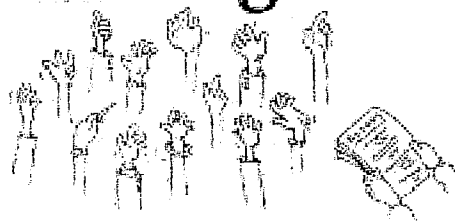
Wednesdays 4-6 pm

Church Members &  
Hickory Hills Residents Welcome

Anyone who would like to make a donation, would like to get involved, or would like more information,

Contact Debbie Zimmerman  
708-458-1662

## Congregational Meeting



## Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, Jan. 30, 2011

Immediately Following 10:30 a.m. Worship

Please be present, as we review the 2010 Annual Report, 2011 Budget, and elect members of the Nominating Committee.

Every member of the Congregation is urged to read the Annual Report carefully and participate in the discussions during the meeting. The Session wants every Member of HHPC to be informed and participate in the life and ministry of our Church Family.

Are you curious about the manse? Do you know where the manse is? Did you work on updating and repairing the manse? Are you curious about where the pastor lives? Have you ever been to the manse?



### ***COME TO THE MANSE!***

Come by for an Open House at the Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church Manse, and the home of Pastor Lara and Kirk MacGregor

9001 S. 83<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Hickory Hills

Friday, January 14, 2011 6-10 p.m.

Saturday, January 15, 2011

10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Come and go, come and stay, come and see how wonderfully you have provided for us!



### **Save the Date:**

*Friday, February 11, 2011-  
6:30 p.m.*

### *Valentines Day Gourmet Dinner*

**\$16.00/person, \$8.00/child.**

The Senior High class of Hickory Hills Presbyterian Church will be sponsoring a Valentine's Day Gourmet Dinner on Friday, February 11, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

The theme for the evening is an Italian Dinner, which consists of a seven course meal to remember. The cost for the evening is \$16.00 per person, \$8.00 per children twelve and under.

The evening's entertainment will be provided by Matt Witek on the keyboard and vocals by Gabby Ciametti. A memorable evening has been planned for your pleasure. The attire for the evening is casual. We would be honored if you are able to join us for this festive evening.

Reservations will be taken after worship services starting January 16 or any time by Andrew Witek at [events@hickoryhillspres.org](mailto:events@hickoryhillspres.org). Please make your reservations know as to how many children and adults.



*Hymning & Hawing: Women in Church Music IV*  
**SHE WHO SANG IN DARKNESS:**  
**FANNY J. CROSBY**

by G. R. Snow

Frances Jane Crosby (March 24, 1820 – February 12, 1915) usually known as Fanny J. Crosby, but sometimes as Frances van Alstyne, was an American lyricist best known for her Protestant Christian hymns. A lifelong Methodist, she was one of the most prolific hymntext-writers in history, writing over 8,000 despite being blind since infancy. During her lifetime Fanny Crosby was one of the best known women in the United States.

Fanny Crosby was born in southeast Putnam County, New York State to impoverished parents John and Mercy Crosby. At six weeks old, she caught a cold and developed inflammation of the eyes. A quack who came in place of the family doctor treated her with mustard plasters; this procedure blinded her.

Her father died when she was one year old, so she was raised by her mother and grandmother. These women grounded Crosby in Protestant Christian principles, and she became an active member of the John Street Methodist Episcopal Church in New York City.

At age 15, Crosby enrolled at the New York Institute for the Blind where she remained for seven years. During that time she learned piano, guitar and voice. In 1843, she joined a group of lobbyists in Washington, D.C. arguing for support of education for the blind. From 1847 to 1858, Crosby taught English and history at the New York school. She married Alexander Van Alstyne, a blind musician and fellow teacher, in 1858. At his insistence, she kept her maiden name. They had one daughter, also named Frances, who died while a baby. Alexander died on July 19, 1902.

Crosby wrote poetry from the time she was eight. Her first published work was *A Blind Girl and Other Poems* (1844), followed by *Monterey and Other Poems* (1853) and *A Wreath of Columbia's Flowers* (1858). She also wrote popular songs, set to music by George F. Root. These included "Rosalie, the Prairie Flower", "Hazel Dell", and "There's Music in the Air". Crosby earned nearly \$3,000 for "Rosalie, the Prairie Flower".

Crosby did not spend her life in bitterness and defeat, but instead dedicated her life to Christ. At age eight she wrote these verses about her condition:

*"O what a happy soul I am, although I cannot see;  
I am resolved that in this world contented I will be.  
How many blessings I enjoy, that other people don't;  
To weep and sigh because I'm blind--*

*I cannot, and I won't."*



She also once said, "when I get to heaven, the first face that shall ever gladden my sight will be that of my Savior". She composed her poems and hymns entirely in her mind, then dictated them to someone else. She worked mentally on as many as twelve hymns at once.

Crosby wrote her first hymn, "*There's a Cry from Macedonia*" in 1863 for the composer William B. Bradbury, a respected musician and publisher. Over the years she wrote for Bradbury and for other composers, including Philip Phillips, Hubert P. Main, Robert Lowry, W. H. Doane, Ira D. Sankey, Philip P. Bliss, Mr. W. F. Sherwin, and Phoebe Knapp. She wrote more than 8,000 hymns, some under pen names. Well-known nationally, Crosby often met with presidents, generals, and other dignitaries. She played the hymn "*Safe in the Arms of Jesus*" at President Grant's funeral in 1885. In her later years, she was a popular public speaker.

Crosby's tombstone carries the words, "*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine. Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine.*" Eliza Hewitt memorialized her in a poem:

*Away to the country of sunshine and song,  
Our songbird has taken her flight,  
And she who has sung in the darkness so long  
Now sings in the beautiful light.*

Crosby is buried in Mountain Grove Cemetery, Bridgeport, Connecticut. She was inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame in 1975. Crosby is honored with a feast day on the liturgical of the Episcopal Church in the United States of America on February 11.

**BRAIN TEASER:** *Can you identify the Fanny J. Crosby hymns from which the following lines come?*

1. That shelters a dry, thirsty land
2. A healing stream flows from Calvary's mountain
3. Filled with His goodness, lost in His love
4. Hail Him, highest archangels in glory
5. Angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy
6. A wonderful Savior is Jesus, my Lord
7. Opened the life-gate that all may go in
8. From the sunshine of love wilt thou roam farther
9. Most precious, sweetest that ever was heard
10. Be my glory ever, till my raptured soul shall find rest

## Sacrament of Holy Communion- Jan. 2, 2011

SUNDAY	USHERS	LAY READER
<b>Sun. Jan. 2, 2011</b>	K. Dritz, C. Pilgrim, R. Raschke	Dave Delaney
<b>Sun. Jan. 9, 2011</b>	T. Brock, T. Lane, H. Zimmerman	Rick Vogl
<b>Sun. Jan. 16, 2011</b>	B. Ambrosat, F. Esparza, M. Maranto	Scott Zimmerman
<b>Sun. Jan. 23, 2011</b>	D. Barker, D. Ciametti, T. Morrell	Terry Brock
<b>Sun. Jan. 30, 2011</b>	S. Zimmerman	Kim Ambrosat
SUNDAY	COUNTERS	
<b>Sun. Jan. 2, 2011</b>	Susan Frangella	
<b>Sun. Jan. 9, 2011</b>	Susan Frangella, Karen Hoffman	
<b>Sun. Jan. 16, 2011</b>	Susan Frangella, Sandy Beal	
<b>Sun. Jan. 23, 2011</b>	Susan Frangella, Shirley Brunell	
<b>Sun. Jan. 30, 2011</b>	Susan Frangella, Grace Muszynski	

## Deacon Board

The deacons are here to serve the members of our church. Please contact us if there is need for prayer or care.

This past month we took communion with Rev. Lara MacGregor to members of our church who were unable to make it to church. We visited a family that we were led to through the Outreach committee. We took Christmas cookies to some of our church members. We also provided grief counseling booklets to a family who lost some family members. We call families when there is a death in our church family so all may reach out to those in time of sadness and loss.

We meet monthly to pray and discuss ways to care for each of our families in our family clusters. Rev. Lara MacGregor meets with us and is providing guidance, suggestions and training to us to become better caregivers.

We continue to grow and welcome our new deacons coming on the board in January and we thank our leaving deacons going off the board. Thank you Dorothy Allen and Kim Brock for serving on the deacon board and providing care to your cluster families.

Kim Ambrosat, Chris Maranto, Debbie Zimmerman, Katie Treccani,  
Charley Huenecke, Rick Vogl and Patt Pilgrim

Dear Members of  
Mission Council 8,

We were so blessed  
last month when you  
honored us personally with  
the beautiful handmade  
gifts, as well as professionally  
with the white beards. We  
cannot thank you enough  
for your kindness and  
love. (us)

As I mentioned, we  
could not accomplish  
much of what we do without  
the support of your members.

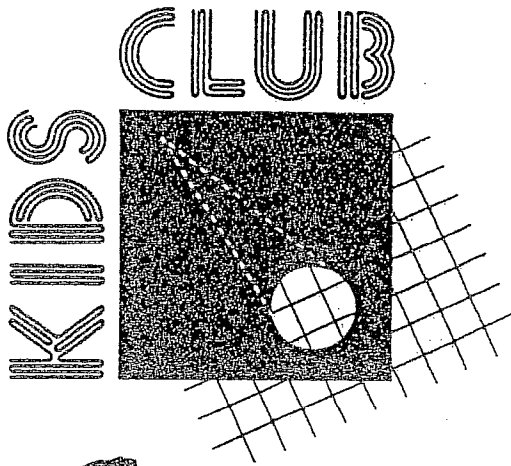
October 2010

Just a few of the ways you  
bless us include Breakfast  
with Santa, help with the  
weekly hot meal, library  
 upkeep, Take it to Town  
days, and much, much more  
The frosting (chocolate!) on the  
cake was all you did to  
make Camp Gray a reality  
for our youth.

Thank you SO much!

Love in Christ

Cheryl, Quada



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Dianne Flynn, *Director*

As I am writing this article the year 2010 is coming to a close at KIDS CLUB. As always I reflect on what these last few months have meant to us. We are blessed to be given this opportunity of sharing God's love with these kids. Each year brings new faces, new activities and always the joy of watching kids develop and grow in their faith.

On December 5<sup>th</sup> the children and youth from our church and KIDS CLUB presented the Advent Program "Hanging of the Greens". With the help of our very talented kids we brought the church sanctuary alive with beauty and life as together they told the story of the Nativity. We welcomed Adrianna Udstuen as the newest member portraying Baby Jesus. It was a wonderful day and a time which stirred emotions in all who were in attendance.

The Christmas party held December 20 was enjoyed by all. Thank you KIDS CLUB Staff for providing the refreshments for this day.

Giovanni S. was the winner of our perfect attendance award for November and received the honor of participating in the challenge of the "Snicker Balance." Congratulations! Who will be the next person to attempt this feat? Remember to be eligible perfect attendance for the month is required.

During the month of December our lesson time centered around our Advent wreath. Few symbols are as closely associated with Advent as the wreath with its candles, symbolizing hope, peace, joy and love. In January the topics of our lessons are;

*Cruising by Party Pastures* - The birth of Christ is a time of great celebration.

*Steamboat Inn* - By sending Jesus, God demonstrated that He always keeps His promises and can be trusted to work out His plan for us.

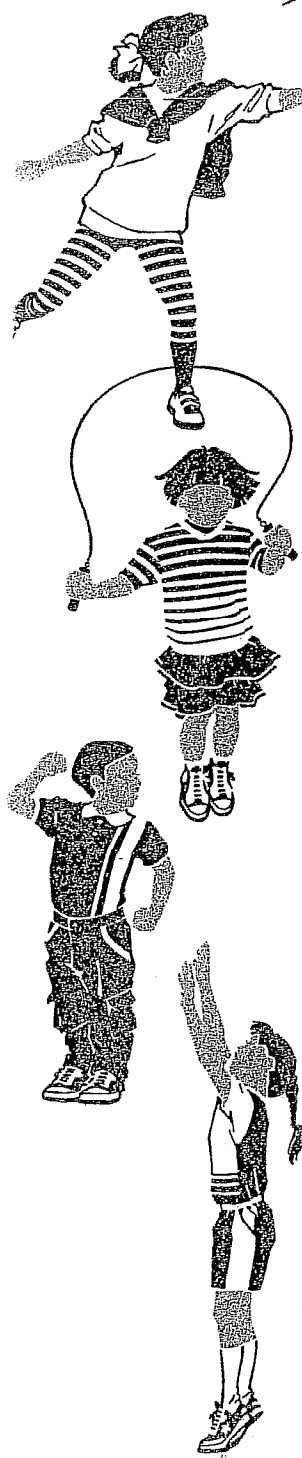
*Stargazing at Sea* - God wants us to express our love for Him through worship and giving.

*A Castle Cruise* - During His ministry on earth, Jesus taught us how to live .

KIDS CLUB will be closed for the holidays, but we will resume on Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. On behalf of the KIDS CLUB staff, I wish you a Blessed and Happy Holiday.

Peace and Joy,  
Dianne

**KIDS ARE NUMBER 1 AT THE KIDS CLUB**



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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**The Hanging of the Greens** took place on December 3, 2010. We were so fortunate to have so many talented students attending the worship service. Thank you to everyone who helped tell the Christmas story and helped us begin our celebration of the holidays. A special thank you to Mark Gulotta, Gina and Gabby Ciametti, Matt Witek, and Cheryl Huenecke for providing the special message in music. We had two Kids Club families join us for the service. Thank you to Madison and Ava for coming with your family to visit and participate with us. It was so great to see you join our worship service.

Did you enjoy yourself at the **Christmas Tea** held on December 16th? It was a fantastic way to celebrate the holidays. The Stagg Madrigal singers were exquisite. Listening to Alice Collins made the holiday traditions seem even more special with her view on life. The good fellowship and happy laughter always make this a very special event in our Church. I hope you had time to come because it was a very special night for all who attended.

**The Jr. High Youth Group** had an outing to see The Christmas Carol produced by Stagg H.S. on December 11th. So many of the students in our church were helping with this production that they decided to support them and have great fellowship, too. Everyone seemed to think it was a great outing. **The Sr. High Youth Group** visited PADS on December 5th. They made the meal of macaroni and cheese and sloppy joes. They even served it at PADS.

**Kids Club** will not meet for December 27th or January 3rd. We will begin again on January 10th. A party for the Kids Club was held on December 20th. There were hot dogs, chips, cookies, cupcakes, and pop for the snacks. The children enjoyed games and crafts for the day as well as singing some old favorite Christmas songs.

**Stories and More** is having a wonderful time with the children. The stories this month focused on the Christmas theme. We were busy learning the sequence of numbers 0-30. We will resume in January. If you are interested in this program please contact the director, Patt Pilgrim.

In the past two months, **the Prayer Shawl Ministry** has shared 4 more shawls with members of the congregation. We have been busy making the hats, mittens, and scarves for the warming tree, as well. We enjoyed the company of our visitors and hope they will join us often. Pastor Lara has visited us a few Sundays and is learning to knit.

**The Stammers** are taking a break for the holidays and will begin again on January 5th and January 19th. We are always interested in sharing new decorating ideas for making cards. We found several new embellishments from Fen Taylor and the Schofield sisters. We are still working on some ways to use them to create new and interesting cards. Come join us on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM in the Jr. High classroom.

**The Women's Bible Study** held a Christmas Luncheon on December 13th. There was such a variety of food, that everyone had too much to eat. The fellowship is always so special that this was another memorable event. The ladies enjoyed a program centered on "the Legend of the Candy Cane." They enjoyed the masterful playing of the Ukelele by Millie Neil. You really should have come since they even made a take-home souvenir of the Candy cane legend. They will take a short break and resume on January 10th.

All Christian Education program leaders are asked to submit a report on their program for the **Annual Report**. Please take time and thought to make your report complete and have it into Dianne no later than January 5th. Your help with this immense project is greatly appreciated.

There will be a **Camp Meeting** to discuss changes in preparing the paperwork and traveling procedures for all students who are interested in attending camp this summer. Information should reach the office by early February and the date and times for the meeting will be posted. If you and your children are interested in attending camp this summer, you should look for the dates and times of these meetings and make sure you attend.

The Christian Education Committee wishes you and your family a very **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year**. Let's all work together to make this year, 2011, a happy one for all. God Bless You.

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## Stories and More

In December we concentrated on learning and sequencing numbers from 1-30. We learn through playing games using our treasure box, the clothesline or by playing floor games. Sometimes we worked at the table to complete a follow the number picture or play a matching game with number and dot cards.

Our activities included decorating gingerbread cookies, making chains for the tree and counting the links, and decorating a Christmas tree and counting the various decorations.

Our December stories were:

Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer by  
Robert L. May  
Santa's Struck by Rhonda Gowler  
The Christmas Donkey by Gillian McClure

We welcome all 4, 5 and 6 year olds to join us on Tuesday afternoon from 1:00 to 2:00 PM. We begin a new six week session after Christmas break on Tuesday January 4, 2011. We hope to see you there!!

## Junior High Youth Group

In December our lesson time concentrated on ways to pray and Praying in Color.

One week we talked about the Lord's Prayer, read the prayer from the bible in Matthew 6:5-15 and then colored the prayer as we looked at the words.

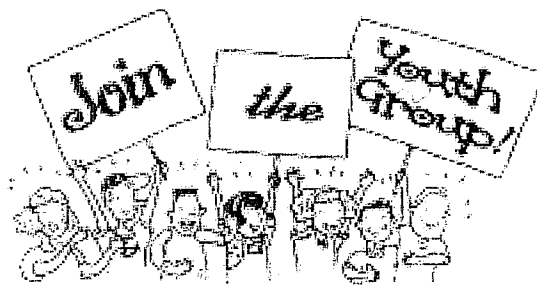
The next week we wrote our own prayer and colored the prayer as we looked at the words. We used the following guide to help us write our prayer:

Adoration  
Confession  
Thanksgiving  
Supplication

We went to see the play "Christmas Carol" at Stagg High School this year instead of ice skating downtown for our Christmas outing. We got together on December 30 for movies and pizza.

We invite all junior highs to join us for games and snack and lesson on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 p. at the church. Some games we play are Knock Out, 4 corners, dodge ball, Salamander, and Best Friend. In nice weather we play shoe golf or kick ball in the parking lot. Snacks are usually cookies and a salty snack with soda. Come join us!!!

Bryan Ambrosat, Katie Treccani, and Patt Pilgrim



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

10 Jacob Leake  
20 Emily Raschke  
21 Andrew Witek  
Matthew Witek  
29 Haily Wreza

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## NOVEMBER PERFECT ATTENDANCE

5th Grade  
Shaylin Rys

Junior High  
LeAnne Kommenich

Senior High  
Gabiella Ciametti  
Brittany Maranto  
Sarah Swearingen  
Andrew Witek

## Sunday School News

*Senior High Sunday School - Lou Pearson*

Don't be a "Tree on the Outside." Be a "Tree on the inside." Are you wired this Holiday Season? Will your inner glow reflect the warmth of the season? Do your ornaments reflect the love in your heart? Ah yes, our trees are lit. We are ready to celebrate the true birthday of our Savior. Always appreciate that which is noble and loving in one another as a friend or in Jesus. Blessed are we all. Amen

Regards,  
C. Lou Pearson

## Senior High Youth Group

The Senior High Youth Group spent the evening of December 5 at the Oak Lawn Community Church. We shared our evening with about 60 homeless people. Food, gifts, smiles and a couple of Christmas carols made for a very different evening than most of us see on the normal Sunday night.

Saturday, the Group met in the HHPC kitchen. 20 pounds of ground beef and a gallon of ketchup were the start of one very large batch of Sloppy Joes. The water was boiling to prepare 12 pounds of macaroni that would make up several trays of Mac 'N Cheese. Add in three sheet cakes and we were ready to feed a large group of hungry neighbors.

Knowing that the people served by PADS don't always have the necessities, the Group decided to prepare gift bags. Each bag contained a toothbrush, toothpaste, lip balm, hand sanitizer, a pair of new socks, a package of Kleenex, and a deodorant. Several of the guests came up to the Youth and thanked them for their service and their thoughtfulness. The items were collected through some donations and filled out with purchases using money made at the Haunted House Concession Stand. If you donated gifts, or supported us at the Haunted House, we thank you very much. The guests of the PADS program thank you very much.

As this is being written Laser Tag is right around the corner. By the time you read this everyone will have been zapped a few times. How come I think the leaders seem to be a common target?

We are still planning a spring trip to Saugatuck for a weekend retreat. If you are a high school age youth, or you know of one, there is still time to join our group.

Senior High Youth Group Leaders,

Rick Vogl  
Jeni Vogl  
Mitch Huenecke

# JANUARY 2011

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
<p>2 Annual Report Deadline            9:00 a.m. Worship &amp; Adult Ed.            9:00 a.m. Developing a Chr. W. V.            9:30 a.m. Youth Choir            10:30 a.m. Worship &amp; Child. Ed.            11:45 a.m. Prayer Shawl Min.            11:45 a.m. Dev. a Chr. W. V.            3:00 p.m. Praise Team            5:00 p.m. REV            6:30 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group</p>	<p>3            1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>4            9:30 a.m. Cancer Sewing            1:00 p.m. Stories &amp; More            6:30 p.m. Prayer &amp; Care            7:30 p.m. C.E. Meeting</p>	<p>5            9:00 a.m. Prayer &amp; Care            10:30 a.m. Stampers            4:00 p.m. Food Pantry            7:30 p.m. Choir</p>	<p>6            6:00 p.m. TOPS            6:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group            8:00 p.m. Handbells</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8            2:00 p.m. Building &amp; Grounds</p>
<p>9            9:00 a.m. Worship &amp; Adult Ed.            9:00 a.m. Developing a Chr. W. V.            9:30 a.m. Youth Choir            10:30 a.m. Worship &amp; Child. Ed.            11:45 a.m. Prayer Shawl Min.            11:45 a.m. Dev. a Chr. W. V.            3:00 p.m. Praise Team            5:00 p.m. REV            6:30 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group  <b>Feb. Newsletter Articles Due</b></p>	<p>10            1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study            3:30 p.m. Kid's Club            7:30 p.m. Session</p>	<p>11            1:00 p.m. Stories &amp; More            6:30 p.m. Prayer &amp; Care</p>	<p>12            9:00 a.m. Prayer &amp; Care            4:00 p.m. Food Pantry            7:30 p.m. Choir</p>	<p>13            6:00 p.m. TOPS            6:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group            8:00 p.m. Handbells</p>	<p>14            Manse Open House            6-10 p.m.</p>	<p>15            Manse Open House            10am- 2pm</p>
<p>16            9:00 a.m. Worship &amp; Adult Ed.            9:00 a.m. Developing a Chr. W. V.            9:30 a.m. Youth Choir            10:30 a.m. Worship &amp; Child. Ed.            11:45 a.m. Prayer Shawl Min.            11:45 a.m. Dev. a Chr. W. V.            3:00 p.m. Praise Team            5:00 p.m. REV            6:30 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group</p>	<p>17            1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study            3:30 p.m. Kid's Club            7:30 p.m. Outreach</p>	<p>18            1:00 p.m. Stories &amp; More            6:30 p.m. Prayer &amp; Care            7:30 p.m. REV            Committee Meeting</p>	<p>19            9:00 a.m. Prayer &amp; Care            10:30 a.m. Stampers            4:00 p.m. Food Pantry            7:30 p.m. Choir</p>	<p>20            6:00 p.m. TOPS            6:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group            8:00 p.m. Handbells</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23            9:00 a.m. Worship &amp; Adult Ed.            9:00 a.m. Developing a Chr. W. V.            9:30 a.m. Youth Choir            10:30 a.m. Worship &amp; Child. Ed.            11:45 a.m. Prayer Shawl Min.            11:45 a.m. Dev. a Chr. W. V.            3:00 p.m. Praise Team            5:00 p.m. REV            6:30 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group</p>	<p>24            1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study            3:30 p.m. Kid's Club            7:30 p.m. Deacons</p>	<p>25            1:00 p.m. Stories &amp; More            6:30 p.m. Prayer &amp; Care            7:30 p.m. Mission</p>	<p>26            9:00 a.m. Prayer &amp; Care            4:00 p.m. Food Pantry            7:30 p.m. Choir</p>	<p>27            6:00 p.m. TOPS            6:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group            8:00 p.m. Handbells</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30            9:00 a.m. Worship &amp; Adult Ed.            9:00 a.m. Developing a Chr. W. V.            9:30 a.m. Youth Choir            10:30 a.m. Worship &amp; Child. Ed.            11:30 a.m. Congregation Meeting            11:45 a.m. Prayer Shawl Min.            11:45 a.m. Dev. a Chr. W. V.            3:00 p.m. Praise Team            5:00 p.m. REV            6:30 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group</p>	<p>31            1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study            3:30 p.m. Kid's Club</p>					

## January Birthdays

- 1- Christopher Witek
- 2 - Jean Somerstorfer
- 4 – Stan Flynn
- 5 – Virginia Zabelka
- 8- Sarah Adams
- 9 – Loretta Koch
- 11 – Mary Davis
- 11 – Enid Scholefield
- 17 – Sue Orsic
- 18 – Lou Pearson
- 18 – Richard Kahn
- 20 – Jennifer DelPrete
- 25 – Gwen Lopinski
- 31 – Jim Kupka

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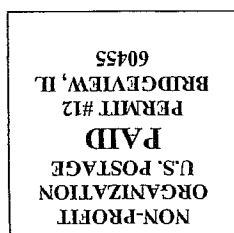
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