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FROM THE PASTOR

Lift High the Cross

Dear Friends,

I'm looking out the 2nd floor window of the manse. On Friday (the 21st). I sat here and watched the gathering of many fire departments, police departments, local citizens, and friends of Ben Moore's family, for visiting hours and the Hope Hose Humane Company's memorial service.

Today, the 24th, all is "normal" . . . pedestrians, cars, a school bus, the FedEx truck, the cab of an 18-wheeler . . . brake lights reflecting off snow and wet pavement. But something is different. Something has changed. This community came together peacefully last Friday and Saturday. Coincidentally, we're seeking more peaceful rhetoric in our national politics . . . maybe this is indeed a *kairos* moment . . . a moment in God's time. A time to pause, to learn, to listen - for both the Church and the country.

Through much of Friday, this phrase from the "Sussex Carol" kept going through my mind:

"When sin departs before His grace
Then life and health come in its place"

Hatred was turned away, and community appeared. Judgment was turned away, and cooperation took its place. Division faded, and solidarity emerged.

Although, as Rev. Tom Miller observed, perhaps the hymn of the day was actually "Lift High the Cross," since churches from the area brought their Christian flags out of the sanctuary and into the street! I'm guessing it was the first time any of those flags were exposed to sun and the elements (maybe the first time our members or the community knew Christians even had a flag!). There's something very theological about that . . . we nurture faith and community and health within the sanctuary, but we serve best after we leave the sanctuary and take to the streets.

We pray for all. For those lining the streets in respectful silence. For family and friends who mourn loss. For those whose religion is characterized by fear and hate. For each of us – frail humans – that we may discern, seek peace and commonality, and model God's justice drenched in mercy.

Shalom,
Pastor Robin



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Eugene Adam; Henry Allegretti; Diane Andreas; Tom Bayen; Anna Carmichael; Karen Giambrone; Toni Holevinski; Alicia, Nick and baby Nicholas Kalojiannis; Frank Katona; Candace and Virginia Lindh; Marlene Lyszczak; Heather Mergen; Alice Patterson; Fern Sacks; Tom Seaman; Guy Tassi; Claire Swarts; the Tolbert family.

WHO'S IN CHARGE FOR FEBRUARY

Minister—Rev. Robin Lostetter

How to reach the Pastor

(please call after 10 am):

Church—609-298-1243 (with voice mail)

Cell—732-644-7631 (with voice mail)

Manse— 298-1250

Director of Music — Wendy Huber

Accompanists — Debbie Hill & Lynn Flickinger

Secretary — SaraLee Pindar

office@bordentownpresbyterian.org

SaraLee's Office Hours: W & Th 9-1;

Fri. 9:30-1:30.

Deacon of the Month

Melonie Newton — 291-9534

Worship Co-Leaders

2/06—Marlene Lyszczak

2/13—Robert Joe Lee

2/20—Mae Hamilton

2/27—Pat Terry

To volunteer as a worship co-leader contact

Donna Potts, 585-0211

Communion Servers for February

Nancy Grim, Don Ryba, Cathy Elliott-Shaw

Scott Gyax, Mae Hamilton

Communion Servers for March

Jim Andrus, Pat Andrus, Bob Horton

Bobbi Maiuro, Dana Maiuro

Extended Care

Willing disciples needed!

To volunteer for extended care, call

Elke McAteer at 324-0271

ANNIVERSARIES

2/08 — Don & Dana Ryba

2/20 — Robert Joe Lee & Caryl Tipton

2/24 — Josh & Kerri Pell

2/25 — Ella & Howard Barman



BIRTHDAYS

2/02 — Chris Venezia

2/04 — Benjamin Ward

2/05 — Jason Seaman

Karin Venezia

2/06 — Emily Albrecht

Billy Cook

2/10 — Gavin Jones

2/11 — Winston Taylor

2/14 — George Chidley

2/19 — Stacey Robertshaw

2/20 — Caitlin Grabowski

2/22 — Victoria Taylor

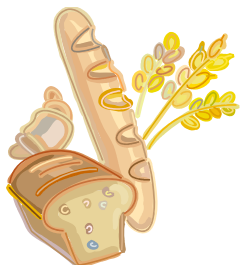
2/23 — Marion Stoneback

2/24 — Vincene Palmonari

2/26 — Joshua Grabowski

MISSION IN ACTION!

Our next Bread of Life Mission Meals: February 27, 2011 (immediately following worship).
March 27, 2011 (immediately following worship).



Next Grocery Bag Mission due date: Week of February 21-26, deliver items to the First Baptist Church in Bordentown.

Our church provides 50 microwaveable meals for the homeless each month. Our donation is combined with donations from other churches to provide 20-30 grocery bags to homeless families living in local area motels. Some examples are pop-top soup cans, Chef-Boyardee pasta meals, or cans of stew. Donna Potts has left a pot in the back of the church with soup can labels for your reference. If you can donate some items for this monthly collection, please place them in this pot.

Ready to distribute Mission Meals:

The Mission Team has been making up paper bags containing non-perishable food that can be stored and ready to be distributed. The bags consist of bottles of water, juice, cereal, soups, microwaveable meals, fruit cups, puddings and anything else that stores well and doesn't need refrigeration. Please help us continue this important mission in our church by making up a bag now and then that can be stored at the church. Give your donated bag to anyone on the Mission Team and we will put it in storage.

Grace and Peace to all!

The Mission Team

Anne Reilly, Karen Chamberlin, Donna Potts, Bobbi Maiuro, Anne Hernandez,
Patty Korsak, Nancy Foster, Colleen Swiderski

FAIR TRADE COFFEE, TEA AND CHOCOLATE SALES



The Mission Team is taking over the Fair Trade Sales, look for us during fellowship hour to restock or to buy a great gift for someone you love!

Contact Karen Chamberlin if you have a special order or if you have any questions... 609-

291-0603 or kcpx@verizon.net



UPCOMING CONCERT: On Sunday, March 6th

from 4 to 5:30 pm, SaraLee's Russian Orthodox Choir will join the chant choir at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Trenton for a concert of chants for Holy Week and Easter in the Western and Eastern Traditions.

The Cathedral is located at 801 West State Street, and parking is available in the lot behind the cathedral and also on the street.

A freewill offering will be taken.



Deacons' Corner

FOOD PANTRY: We have received word that the food pantry has been running short on supplies. They have experienced twice the amount of visitors as expected. If anyone wishes to donate non-perishable items to the food pantry, you can leave the items in the bucket in the rear of the sanctuary.

CHRISTMAS GIVING: We want to thank everyone who contributed funds and items to help 2 families at Christmas, as well as the scarves, hats, and mittens for our motel friends.

Deacon on call.... February Melonie Newton

Your friends in Christ,

Candy Walling, Nancy Grim, Melonie Newton, Karen Chamberlin, Greg Hoch, Amy Dallas, Bobbi Maiuro

Thank you!

To the session and congregation – thank you for your very generous gift of cash at Christmas. And to all who gifted me with greetings, baked goodies (yum!), a most elegant poinsettia, and other treats – I wish I could thank you each in person . . . but many things came as unlabeled gifts of love – so, instead, a sincere thank you to all!!

With affection, Pastor Robin



Dear Everyone,

As usual at this time of the year, I'm speechless as I look back over the year in gratitude and try to remember whom to thank for your Christmas gifts, your kind words, your participation, your presence... I'm pretty sure it must be all of you. Thank-you so much!

Wendy Huber

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES!

On **February 6th** the Girls Scouts will host Fellowship Hour and Girl Scout Cookies will be on sale.

Please join us!



NEWS ABOUT A FEW OF OUR MANY SPECTACULAR SENIORS!

*Article in the Spring/Summer
Newsletter for
The Salvation Army*

100 Years Old and Still Giving Her All



Charlotte Dailey began volunteering for The Salvation Army Bordentown Service Unit just over five years ago when she was in her mid nineties. Charlotte, who is now 100 years old, stands kettles with her 85 year old niece, Shirley Outtrim, at the Bordentown Acme and

the Burlington Mall.

Charlotte had worked for Triple A International for 45 years and travelled throughout the world.

Also included in the Bordentown Service Unit is Mrs. Evelyn Seyebe who is 86 years old and has been a Salvation Army volunteer for almost 50 years! "I am so blessed to have these young volunteers," said Virginia Evans, Burlington County Field Representative. Ladies - thank you for continuing to give your all to the mission of The Salvation Army in Burlington County.



HALLELUJAH! NEW FLOOR FOR FELLOWSHIP HALL!

On Sunday, January 23, the Session met to receive a recommendation from Buildings and Grounds for replacing the water-damaged floor of the Fellowship Hall. Session voted to contract with Davis Flooring to replace the main floor, nursery, fry room, cake room, and kitchen floors. Perhaps the best news is that we are able to do all of that within the insurance settlement, so there is no impact on our church operating budget.

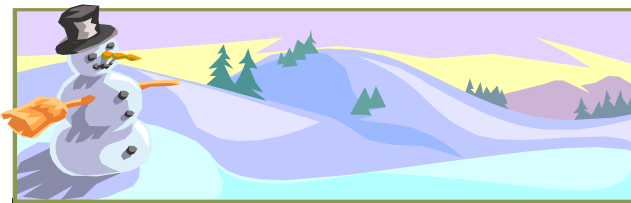
In addition, Davis Flooring will cover the front landing and bottom steps as a donation. They will do all removal and proper disposal of the existing floor tiles, leveling of the area, and replacement of the baseboard trim.

Here are some dates to mark on your calendar:

- ★ The entire Fellowship Hall and kitchen will be sealed off and unavailable from **Monday, February 28 through Friday, March 11**. All groups that use this space will be notified.
- ★ We are scheduling two work days to completely empty the areas to be re-floored: **Saturday February 5 and Saturday February 12, beginning at 9 a.m.** This will entail a major sorting of all items stored in these areas, discarding things that are no longer useful, and making alternative arrangements while work is being done.

We hope that you will pitch in Feb. 5 and 12 as we prepare our building for a beautiful new floor! We need everyone's help, cooperation, and communication so that the installation goes off without a hitch.

Don Ryba, for the Building and Grounds Committee



February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7 pm Deacons	2	3 7 pm AA 7 pm Choir 8:15 Handbells	4	5 9 am Clean Up Day
6 10:30 Communion 11:30 Confirmationn Class No Youth Group	7 7 pm Women's Bible Study 7:30 Women's AA	8 7 pm Session	9	10 7 pm AA 7 pm Choir 8:15 Handbells	11 6 pm Diner Open! 7 pm Coffee House	12 9 am Clean Up Day
13 4 pm Choir Fest at Trinity Methodist	14 7:30 Women's AA	15 Newsletter Deadline	16	17 7 pm AA 7 pm Choir 8:15 Handbells	18	19
20 5 pm Confirmation 6 pm Youth Group	21 7 pm Green Team 7 pm Women's Bible Study 7:30 Women's AA	22	23 7:30 Book Club	24 7 pm AA 7 pm Choir 8:15 Handbells	25	26
27 Mission Meal after worship	28 Fellowship Hall sealed off thru March 11					

SUNDAY MORNINGS: Chimes 8:55; Sunday School 9:15; Worship 10:30

2011 Officers

SESSION 2011

Scott Gygax (12-1)

Donna Potts (12-1)

Don Ryba (12-2)

Victoria Taylor (12-1)

Robert Joe Lee (13-2)

Anne Reilly (13-1)

Guy Tassi (13-2)

Pat Terry (13-1)

Kathie Ackerman (14-1)

Cathy Elliott-Shaw (14-1)

Cathy Seaman (14-1)

DEACONS 2011

Greg Hoch (12-1)

Barbara Kimball (12-1)

Karen Chamberlin (13-1)

Nancy Grim (13-1)

Melonie Newton (13-1)

Amy Dallas (14-2)

Bobbi Maiuro (14-2)

Kerri Pell (14-1)



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