

THE CHIMES

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*Rev. Craig French, Pastor
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START LOOKING FOR 'SIGNS OF HEAVEN' DURING LENT

Ready or not, here comes Lent, the 40-day season of preparation that leads to Easter.

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, can occur as early as Feb. 4 and as late as March 10. This year Ash Wednesday is Feb. 13.

Tied to the lunar calendar, Easter can occur as early as March 22 and as late as April 25.

Lent's 40 days do not count Sundays. Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten*, which means "spring." The 40 days represent the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring temptation.

While the date may have changed, last year's Ash Wednesday "experiment" will continue.

Instead of an evening worship service, the sanctuary will be open throughout the day — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 13 — for prayer, reflection and the receiving of ashes.

Between 9 and 6, you may come at your convenience and stay as long (or as little) as you choose. A variety of materials will be available to guide your silent prayer and meditation.

Rev. French will also be on hand

for those who wish to speak privately to him or to receive the mark of ashes on the forehead.

The ashes generally come from the palms of the previous Palm Sunday that are burned and mixed with a little water or oil.

Beginning the following Sunday, Feb. 17, Sunday worship in Lent will focus on the parables of Jesus —

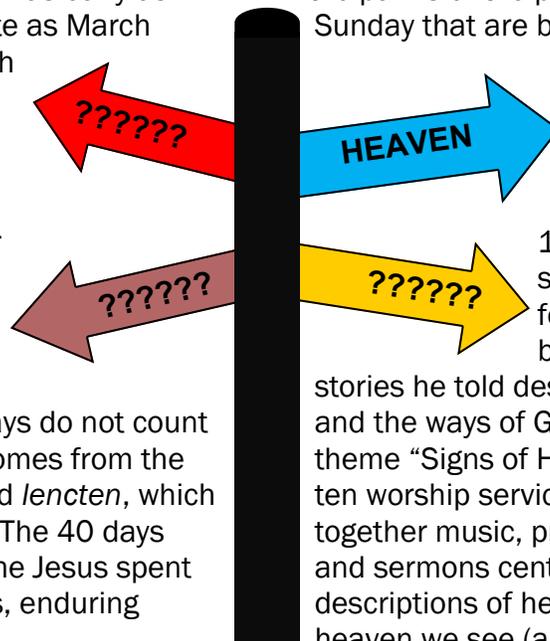
stories he told describing heaven and the ways of God. Under the theme "Signs of Heaven," our Lenten worship services will weave together music, prayer, images and sermons centered on Jesus' descriptions of heaven, signs of heaven we see (and watch for) in

the world today and ways we can be signs of heaven for others, both as individuals and as a congregation.

The stories, services and sermons will feature God's character and compassion as

- ◆ Patient gardener
- ◆ Rescuer of the lost
- ◆ Vigilant parent
- ◆ Friend of the poor, the sinner, the desperate

Details about our annual Lenten/Palm Sunday speaker, Holy Week and Easter will all be found in an upcoming issue of *The Chimes*.



Each season of our lives offers lessons, joys



Rev. French

It's not by happenstance that I sit here this morning engrossed in a new book and the reflections it spawns. Back before Christmas I wandered through a bookstore (one of life's fast disappearing joys), looking for a gift for my wife; looking for something for me too — something to take with me on my annual study retreat a month hence.

For her: "Happier at Home" (subtitled, "Experiments in the Practice of Everyday Life"), in keeping with the spirit of our new house and new venture in home-making.

For me: "American Saint" (a biography of Francis Asbury, founder of American Methodism); "One Thousand Gifts" (an eloquent, heartfelt, grace-filled ode on living fully and joyfully in the moment, in the presence of God); "Travels with Epicurus" (gentle musings on aging and the goal of life). (The imbalance of the list does not escape me. But feeding one's soul and nurturing a relationship are not about keeping score.)

The books were chosen with great care and thought, both hers and mine.

For me, it was for the sole purpose of companioning me on my retreat — something to sink myself into in unhurried solitude — an all too infrequent treat and luxury. And so the books were tucked away until this week, when I can savor them slowly.

At the moment it is the essays on life's true blessings and joys, especially those of old age, that command my attention. It seems most fitting, in light of my own stage of life and in the context of my yearly gathering with longtime friends and clergy colleagues, a gathering that has gone on for over 20 years now and where all of us are well into our sixth, seventh or eighth decade of life and on the final lap of our careers.

The author, Daniel Klein, posits that the modern approach to old age is wrong ... that old age is not something to be denied or delayed as long as

possible (through cosmetic surgery, youthful pursuits, extended employment, medically authorized elixirs, lengthy bucket lists, etc.), but something to be relished and valued in its own right.

Klein does not ignore the aches and pains and diminishments of old age. Even so, he points to the joys it contains — if we let it.

His basic message is that the final stage of life — like every other stage before it — has lessons to teach us and joys to give us, along with pleasures and insights to share with others ... lessons and joys and pleasures and insights that can only be fully known in the final years of life and only hinted at in younger years.

For Christmas I gave most of the staff a copy of Paula Huston's new book, "A Season of Mystery:

10 Spiritual Practices for Embracing a Happier Second Half of Life." (Sorry, Lyndsey.)

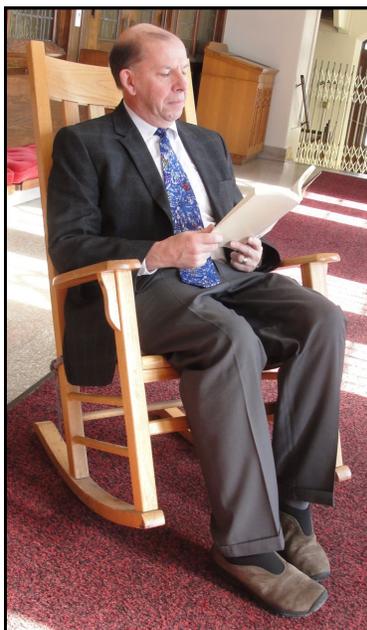
You may remember that I got to know Paula several years ago and that we used her previous book, "Simplifying the Soul," as our Lenten focus last year.

For Huston, the challenge of old age consists of learning to embrace it openly and honestly; to see it as a time when we can become better, holier and more contented human beings; and to use it as a time to draw closer to God, in anticipation of when we shall dwell with God forever. In other words, old age is not the winding down of life, but the culmination.

In like manner, Sr. Joan Chittister (in her book, "The Liturgical Year") describes the gift of each new season in the Christian church's calendar (Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost and "ordinary time"), as well as the gift of the repeating cycle of seasons, building upon each other, year after year, ripening slowly over the passage of time.

"This book," she writes, "does not concentrate simply on what it means to grow older as one year succeeds another. This book is about growing wiser, growing holier, growing more embedded in the

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OUTREACH MINISTRY



Rev. Smythe

I was registering friends of the pantry when a friend came in and said, “Rev, I want to see you.”

She was crying. I asked her to wait until I completed registering the present friend.

After I completed I went over to her. This friend has been attending the Friday Community

for at least two years. I still remember registering her when she first came here.

Today she needed my support. She lost her job. She has been caring for patient at a facility and a few days ago she was placed on leave.

She said she will eventually lose her job not because she has not done her work but some other person failed to do theirs. Now she is fearful that the job she loves and the people she cares for will not be available to her.

I took the time to suggest that based on what she told me she did nothing wrong. That the patients love her and she will find another job. I offered a few Scripture verses for her encouragement and offered a prayer.

She thanked me and then said, “I did not come for food today. I needed words of encouragement. I will find a job and will continue to pursue my dreams.”

Volunteer Luncheon

In March, this year, we will celebrate the gifts that volunteers bring to the pantry. The volunteers who receive this banquet will be those who serve the office staff. We will say thanks to them for the work they did during the year. If you know any of them, please make an effort to say thanks to them

for their service to the office staff.

Volunteer of the Month

Valerie Young is one of the volunteers who serve the pantry. Valerie has been attending University United Methodist and one year ago she was married to Rev. Russ Young.



Valerie Young

Valerie is a faithful person who makes an effort to be there every week. She takes friends as they select their food and often makes an effort to explain how the varied tins of food may be prepared.

If Valerie is there whenever I am making the order, she will remind me when certain food will be used more than the others and what are the possible items I should purchase. Sometimes Valerie is there to help unload and stock the food from the Food Bank or wherever I purchase it. She often accompanies me to purchase bread.

Last year, she and Russ spent several days helping to sort the clothing and other items that were given from Syracuse University in the “Tons of Love” to the churches. The sorting took place at English Lutheran in May.

Be Careful

As we approach this time of the year with the snow falling, let me ask you to be careful. Think of the friends who must walk to the pantry and how slippery it could be. Pray for their safety and keep your families warm and safe.

Blessings.

— Rev. Joseph Smythe,
Friday Community chaplain

Creation Stewardship

The Climate Change Study Group resumes its monthly meetings Tuesday, Feb. 19, at 5:30 p.m. in the Chappell Room. We will discuss part three of “A Climate for Change” and a vision for our group in the new year. As always, we welcome anyone who is interested in this timely topic to attend. Reading beforehand is not required! Any questions? Please contact Creation Stewardship co-chairs: Stephanie Hitztaler shitztal@umich.edu or Peter Swords pswords@ocmsinc.org.

February birthdays

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|---|---|
| 2 – Bette Helwig | 19 – Jan Garman |
| 4 – Henry Steinwert-
Arrowood, Josh Barkan | 20 – Aidan Brackett |
| 6 – Gwen Sacia | 21 – Taylor Bacon |
| 7 – Mellamby Duru | 23 – Roseanne Samuel |
| 8 – Tom Boll | 25 – Johanna MacDon-
ald, Elise Curry-
Schemichen |
| 9 – Starke Donnally | 29 – Michael Messina- |
| 16 – Robert Morris Jr. | Yauchzy |
| 18 – Mattie Hightower | |

Latest figures on 2012 and 2013

Total pledges for 2013 are \$251,130. Amount paid to date: \$12,437.

Non-pledge contributions: \$625. Prepaid pledges: \$58,300.

Please see Page 5 for the budget proposal.

Update for 2012

Income: \$542,499 (includes endowment and parsonage income)

Expenses: \$509,985

Net: \$32,514

Ninety-nine percent of 2012 pledges were paid in full. Thank you!

One hundred percent of conference obligations were paid in full.

"SOS" Update

Approximately \$40,000 is needed to upgrade our sound system.

Current "Sounds of the Spirit" campaign balance is \$33,628. Current expenses paid are \$6,215. Total donations received are \$39,843.

— *Bobbie Hemphill*

'Golden years' may hold own blessings

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essentials of life as the years go by rather than simply moving from one time of life to the next. The liturgical year is an adventure in bringing the Christian life to fullness, the heart to alert, the soul to focus."

I find great comfort and hope in all this — that there's more to look forward to ... that the "golden years" may, in fact, hold wonders and blessings of their own, far beyond the expected physical and mental infirmities and complaints ... that the

endless loop of Christian seasons is not just more of the "same old same old," but new opportunities to grow spiritually deeper and richer in the mysteries of life, faith and God.

"Grow old along with me! The best is yet to be ..." Contrary to common belief, this is not the imploring of an earthly lover, but an invitation and a promise by the Divine Lover: "Grow old along with me! The best is yet to be, the last of life, for which the first was made."

— *Craig*

Governing Board creates task force

At the January meeting of the UUMC Governing Board, board chair Lynn Steenberg reported on the outcome of the stewardship campaign and gave a presentation on the proposed 2013 budget that will be voted on at the church charge conference Feb. 3. Lynn noted that copies of the budget would be made available either in hard copy or electronically for anybody interested in reviewing it in advance of the charge conference. (It's also on page 5)

In other action, the board approved creation of an outreach task force to put together a long-term plan for the sustainability of UUMC's outreach program and ministry, including an evaluation of staff responsibilities and job descriptions. The board also discussed tenant space configurations.

Lynn announced that this would be the last meeting over which she would preside as chair as she has decided to relinquish that

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Altar Guild thanks volunteers who decorated and delivered

Members of the Altar Guild thank the following volunteers for decorating the church, arranging the poinsettias in the sanctuary, delivering the poinsettias or baked goods to shut-in members and others associated with the congregation, and/or removing decorations after Christmas.

These include: Tom and Carol Boll, Judith Bowers, Barbara Cargo, Charles Chappell III, Ernie and Bobbie Hemphill, Don and

Margo Koten, Jo-Ann May, Marg McDivitt, Barbara Nunn, Ed and Lee Potter, Gwen and David Saccia, Rita Soufleris, Peter Swords, Debra Virgo and Jim Wiggins.

Those receiving either the poinsettia or the baked goods were: Gregory Bayne, Charles Chappell Jr., Ila and Thomas Christoff, Barbara and Tom Cook, the Dahal Family, Rosemary DeHoog, Katie Flynn, Mattie High-

tower, Bernie Hinds, Ruth Houser, the Hso Family, Freda Kirkley, Mary Klepper, Dorothy Logan, Joanna MacDonald, Carol Moyer, Arlene Musilli, BJ and Larry Meyers, Barbara and Eddie Nunn, Mercia Palmer, Martha and William Potter, Marion Rush, Don Steenberg, John Swords, Diane Tarbell, Genn and Ted Thuma, Betsy Wiggins, Ben Wiles Jr. and Mary Wilson.

— *Bobbie Hemphill*

UUMC 2013 Proposed Budget

	Actual				Budget		
	2009	2010	2011	2012	Budget	Variance	2013
Building							
Endowment Earnings	\$ 28,487	\$ 41,896	\$ 41,268	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ 55,000
Tenants	\$ 45,721	\$ 76,561	\$ 136,834	\$ 132,387	\$ 120,200	\$ 12,187	\$ 135,000
Conf Custodian Services				\$ 9,921	\$ 6,400	\$ 3,521	\$ 8,500
Room & Security Fees	\$ 7,339	\$ 11,470	\$ 16,378	\$ 16,193	\$ 23,400	\$ (7,207)	\$ 5,500
TOTAL BLDG INCOME	\$ 81,547	\$ 129,927	\$ 194,480	\$ 198,501	\$ 190,000	\$ 8,501	\$ 204,000
Maintenance & Insurance	\$ 44,668	\$ 45,436	\$ 53,955	\$ 51,110	\$ 52,000	\$ (890)	\$ 50,000
Utilities	\$ 39,415	\$ 43,965	\$ 47,857	\$ 43,495	\$ 62,000	\$ (18,505)	\$ 43,450
Wages	\$ 49,614	\$ 52,422	\$ 54,030	\$ 69,648	\$ 58,400	\$ 11,248	\$ 59,279
TOTAL BLDG EXPENSE	\$ 133,697	\$ 141,823	\$ 155,842	\$ 164,253	\$ 172,100	\$ (7,847)	\$ 152,729
# BUILDING NET	\$ (52,150)	\$ (11,896)	\$ 38,638	\$ 34,248	\$ 17,900	\$ 16,348	\$ 51,271
MINISTRY							
Contributions	\$ 244,419	\$ 253,634	\$ 240,624	\$ 257,032	\$ 240,000	\$ 17,032	\$ 260,000
Misc	\$ 666	\$ 826	\$ 426	\$ 18,748	\$ 12,010	\$ 6,738	\$ 13,550
FundRaising	\$ 6,614	\$ 918	\$ 126		\$ 500	\$ (500)	\$ -
Ministry Income Total	\$ 251,699	\$ 255,378	\$ 241,176	\$ 275,780	\$ 252,510	\$ 23,270	\$ 273,550
NCNY Conf, Apportionments	\$ 55,437	\$ 55,234	\$ 66,805	\$ 72,588	\$ 72,587	\$ 1	\$ 80,159
Committees & Programs	\$ 33,206	\$ 21,407	\$ 27,034	\$ 22,530	\$ 25,680	\$ (3,150)	\$ 25,920
Staff & Payroll Expense	\$ 86,471	\$ 89,126	\$ 75,930	\$ 87,072	\$ 78,720	\$ 8,352	\$ 94,866
Sr. Pastor	\$ 81,428	\$ 84,777	\$ 86,826	\$ 92,186	\$ 93,423	\$ (1,237)	\$ 92,876
Second Pastor	\$ 17,652	\$ -	\$ -			\$ -	
Ministry Expense Total	\$ 274,194	\$ 250,544	\$ 256,595	\$ 274,376	\$ 270,410	\$ 3,966	\$ 293,821
MINISTRY NET	\$ (22,495)	\$ 4,834	\$ (15,419)	\$ 1,404	\$ (17,900)	\$ 19,304	\$ (20,271)
OUTREACH							
Contributions	\$ 56,438	\$ 56,893	\$ 65,470	\$ 56,711	\$ 53,400	\$ 3,311	\$ 57,165
Food Bank Grants	\$ 9,067	\$ 6,323	\$ 14,754	\$ 1,325	\$ 14,200	\$ (12,875)	\$ 1,000
FundRaising & Other	\$ 4,109	\$ 117	\$ 1,828	\$ 1,224	\$ 3,400	\$ (2,176)	\$ 1,000
Outreach Income Total	\$ 69,614	\$ 63,333	\$ 82,052	\$ 59,260	\$ 71,000	\$ (11,740)	\$ 59,165
Food and Supplies	\$ 58,253	\$ 49,217	\$ 60,879	\$ 54,590	\$ 58,000	\$ (3,410)	\$ 54,970
Food Bank Credits				\$ (8,185)			\$ (5,000)
Wages	\$ 11,361	\$ 11,477	\$ 11,853	\$ 16,966	\$ 13,000	\$ 3,966	\$ 23,250
Outreach Expense Total	\$ 69,614	\$ 60,694	\$ 72,732	\$ 63,371	\$ 71,000	\$ (7,629)	\$ 73,220
OUTREACH NET	\$ -	\$ 3,750	\$ 9,320	\$ (4,111)	\$ -	\$ (4,111)	\$ (14,055)
OPERATING BUDGET TOTALS							
Operating Income	\$ 402,860	\$ 448,638	\$ 517,708	\$ 533,541	\$ 513,510	\$ 20,031	\$ 536,715
Reserve Income ('09 only)	\$ 44,500	\$ -	\$ -				
ALL OPERATING INCOME	\$ 456,186	\$ 448,638	\$ 517,708	\$ 533,541	\$ 513,510	\$ 20,031	\$ 536,715
ALL OPERATING EXPENSE	\$ 477,505	\$ 453,061	\$ 485,169	\$ 502,000	\$ 513,510	\$ (11,510)	\$ 519,770
OPERATING BUDGET NET	\$ (21,319)	\$ (4,423)	\$ 32,539	\$ 31,541	\$ -	\$ 31,541	\$ 16,945

SUMMARY

2012	Income	Expense	Net
Building	\$ 198,501	\$ 164,253	\$ 34,248
Ministry	\$ 275,780	\$ 274,376	\$ 1,404
Outreach	\$ 59,260	\$ 63,371	\$ (4,111)
TOTAL for 2012	\$ 533,541	\$ 502,000	\$ 31,541

Budget for 2013	Income	Expense	Net
Building	\$ 204,000	\$ 152,729	\$ 51,271
Ministry	\$ 273,550	\$ 293,821	\$ (20,271)
Outreach	\$ 59,165	\$ 73,220	\$ (14,055)
TOTAL for 2013	\$ 536,715	\$ 519,770	\$ 16,945

Additional 2012 Income Includes

Pastor Allowance	\$ 8,000
Outreach Special Giving	\$ 4,400
Outreach UUMC Operating Support	\$ 5,500
Ministry Special Gift	\$ 5,000
	\$ 22,900

Humility asks for help, waits on God for result



Lyndsey Graves Lately, I've been *supposed* to be doing stuff.

In theory, in the abstract, I'm excited about all of these things, namely taking on new responsibilities and participating in new directions for the Friday Community; writing things; applying to grad school; and working on a sermon.

In practice, I'm discouraged and unmotivated. I'm hearing that same question, the one you're supposed to know the answer to, you think you've figured it out but (if you're me, at least) every time, it pops back up and bewilders you: "Who do you think you are?" Why should I be preaching in place of a beloved, gifted, wise pastor?

Where did I get the idea that I could earn a Ph.D.? Since when does my writing deserve to be read?

What does it even matter if I buy fair trade or recycle my milk cartons?

What makes me think I am special enough to sustain this nonsensical approach to life as some kind of countercultural nonconsumerist adventure?

Enter this quote. I don't care if you've seen it a thousand times, it's one of the truest things I've ever read:

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small doesn't serve the world. There's nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us." — Marianne Williamson

In the past, this paragraph has inspired me. But this time around, even though I still think it's true, I feel cynical. And behind the cynicism — fear. I feel myself cowering under the glower of these words. They feel harsh. I mean, I'd like to shine, but I don't feel shiny.

I wonder, though, if all this self-doubt isn't actually wrapped around a kernel of pride, or at least self-preservation. I don't want to stick up or stick out. If I speak loudly, I may be misunderstood. If I learn too much, I might encounter too much responsibility.

If I try to do all this stuff, I could fail.

And *there's* the kernel.

Pride would rather be "successful" at small and unchallenging things, in a little pond, with good-enough results, than take a risk on big and difficult things on a grand scale with preposterous dreams.

Pride cannot *stand* to think what others would say if they did not understand, if they became jealous, if all the hard work in the world turned out to not really do much of anything.

Pride wants to see labor rewarded and accomplishments lauded, and that is best guaranteed by exceeding low, manageable expectations.

Humility doesn't really need to be able to write all that well or "make a difference"; but it will. Because humility doesn't plan to do these things alone.

Humility proclaims, *my help comes from the Lord*, and therefore so do my dreams. Humility asks for help, does one thing at a time, and waits on God for the outcome in quiet confidence.

I will do small things and trust they can communicate great love.

I will speak with conviction in my small voice and trust that I will become a preacher.

When darkness threatens to overwhelm, I will not stop pursuing justice and love. I will live out of hope in a world I cannot yet see, even when I do not know how my small part matters; such things are too wonderful for me.

I know only that I have been called to an audacious dream of the kingdom, and the step toward it I am taking today.

May we all know ourselves to be gifts of God, that we might find strength to forget ourselves and shine the more brilliant under God's care.

— Lyndsey

Lyndsey is our mission intern by way of Grace House. She will be with us through July.

PEOPLE/PRAYER CONNECTION

THANKS

- Thanks for the cards and kind words I received upon the death of my brother, from **Mattie Hightower**
- Thank you for our freedom of spirit and body and we pray for that freedom for all people.
- Gratitude! To all who provided Christmas flowers for the sick, elderly and shut ins

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR:

- Those in military service: **Nathan Miller, Jim Pettyjohn, Alex Saxby and Matt Fischer**
- My family and myself that we continue to keep our faith in him, from **Charmae Mohammed**
- For the leaders who have stood as allies for civil rights – e.g. when Lyndon Johnson spoke out against bigotry, saying “We shall overcome.” from **Peter Swords**
- **Genn & Ted Thuma**
- **Westerly** and his family
- To be free from addiction
- **Charlie Chappell** as he continues his recovery.
- **Rev. Don Brown**, in Hospice care, and for his family.
- That concern about the natural world, our blessed earth, becomes a part of everyday conversations.
- **Tom**, who is in rehabilitation at Van Duyn, from **Barbara Cook**.
- Our troops
- Our president – wisdom, strength and protection.
- The family of **Linda Scales** upon her recent passing.
- Jesus the Prophet: show and guide your servants to weave raw materials for community

- improvements! from **Elise Rachel**, who leaves Wednesday for six months abroad in Ecuador and Chile as part of her studies at SU. She will return in July, from **Carol and Tom Boll**
- Help me and my mom do better, from **Dakota**
- Please help me put God in people’s hearts for love, from **Grady**
- Family and friends of **Dr. Alden Starr**, who died Dec. 30 at the age of 91, from **Robert Pastor Craig, Patrick** and others who are healing
- God, please watch over my brother who had an accident yesterday, that he recovers quickly.
- Watch over all our brothers and sisters and let them know your healing touch.
- That each of us may get acquainted with someone here we haven’t known.
- Continued prayers for **Pat O’Neill** as he faces treatment regimen for his tumor.
- Jesus the Prophet, Your servants desire to weave a cloth for you to wear; because we are asking for your forgiveness, from **Elise**
- Prayers for **Robby’s** family, who lost his grandmother yesterday and is now in heaven. She will be missed.
- Prayers to help us fill our responsibility to live our lives as children of God as we claim to be his children, from **Daphne and Dakota Gray**
- Infant Jesus, Submit your servants to perform compassion and forgiveness! From **Elise**

- Lord, we are sad thinking ourselves so violent in some places, so happy at Christmas
- Patience for those healing from pain, disease and surgery

JOYS

- Congratulations to our granddaughter **Katelyn** and Adam on the birth of their daughter, **Alexis**, from **Shirley Miller**
- Joy, at the arrival of **Lux O’Neill**, brand-new granddaughter of **Vicki and Pat O’Neill**

MARRIAGE

- Congratulations to our son **David** on his marriage on New Year’s Eve to **Leane Brooks**, from **Shirley Miller**

PRAYERS REQUESTED FOR

CROSSROADS DISTRICT

CHURCHES AND PASTORS:

- **Feb. 3:** Amboy Belle Isle, Betty Jones
- **Feb. 10:** Apple Valley, Arlene VanNostrand
- **Feb. 17:** Apulia, George Sanderson; Bowens Corners/Hannibal UMC, Mary Johnson
- **Feb. 24:** Baldwinsville, Larry Lundgren, Voigt Archer, Jeffrey Hodge

CARE AND SHARE MINISTRY

ASKS PRAYERS FOR:

- **Feb. 3:** Carol Dawes, James Dawes, Leatha Damron
- **Feb. 10:** Rosemary DeHoog, Robert Dewey, Virginia Dewey, Helen Dewey
- **Feb. 17:** Starke Donnally, Christine Doran, Beth Drew, Will Drew
- **Feb. 24:** Gloria Duru, Mellaby Duru, Melanie Duru, David Duru, Golden Duru, Julia Chiamaka Duru

Thanks to all who helped with pecans

The last bags of pecans were sold Sunday, Jan. 20! Thank you to all who participated in the pecan/cashew fundraiser for the Outreach Mission. The profit from the sale, including donations, totaled \$1,193.66.

Special thanks to:

Marjorie Carter, who took orders from the Salvation Army Auxiliary. This group discontinued their sale last year.

Nancy Hough, who continues to sell about two cases of a variety of nuts to friends and residents of Limestone Apartments.

Charlotte Burnap, from Freeburg, N.Y., who each year orders pecans for stocking stuffers for her many family members. She also requested a second order this year. Charlotte had her 99th birthday Jan. 4 and wishes to be remembered to "all who remember her."

A "big" thank you to all the volunteers who helped in many ways on Sundays and during the week: Cheryl Brown, Bobbie Hemphill, Nancy Hough, Margo and Don Kotten, Roger MacDonald, Marg McDivitt, Nelson Price and Joseph Smythe.

Office staff: Don Betz, Rachel Kgama, Robby Lewis and Marsha Plucinik. Our Mission for Outreach is blessed to have all your continued support.

— Johanna MacDonald,
Margo Kotten and Nelson Price



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WEEK OF FEBRUARY 3

Sunday the 3rd

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, ages 5 and up

9:30 a.m. Contemporary Issues

10:30 a.m. Worship; Sunday School, ages 3-4

11:45 a.m. Fellowship - Gathering Room

Noon Charge Conference, Pettengill Center

Tuesday the 5th

7 p.m. Stephen Ministry

Wednesday the 6th

11:15 a.m. Staff meeting

Thursday the 7th

6 p.m. Handbell Choir

7:30 p.m. Senior Choir

Friday the 8th

10 a.m. - noon Friday Community

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 10

Sunday the 10th

9 a.m. Community/Church Breakfast

9:30 a.m. Contemporary Issues

10:30 a.m. Worship

11:45 a.m. Fellowship - Gathering Room

Tuesday the 12th

5 p.m. Outreach Committee

Ash Wednesday the 13th

9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Church open for meditation, prayer, ashes

11:15 a.m. Staff meeting

7 p.m. Staff/Parish Relations Committee

Thursday the 14th

6 p.m. Handbell Choir

7:30 p.m. Senior Choir

Friday the 15th

10 a.m. - noon Friday Community

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 17

Sunday the 17th

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, ages 5 and up

9:30 a.m. Contemporary Issues

10:30 a.m. Worship, Sunday School, ages 3-4

11:45 a.m. Fellowship - Gathering Room

Monday the 18th

Presidents Day—Office Closed

Tuesday the 19th

7 p.m. Stephen Ministry

Wednesday the 20th

11:15 a.m. Staff meeting

Thursday the 21st

6 p.m. Handbell Choir

7:30 p.m. Senior Choir

Friday the 22nd

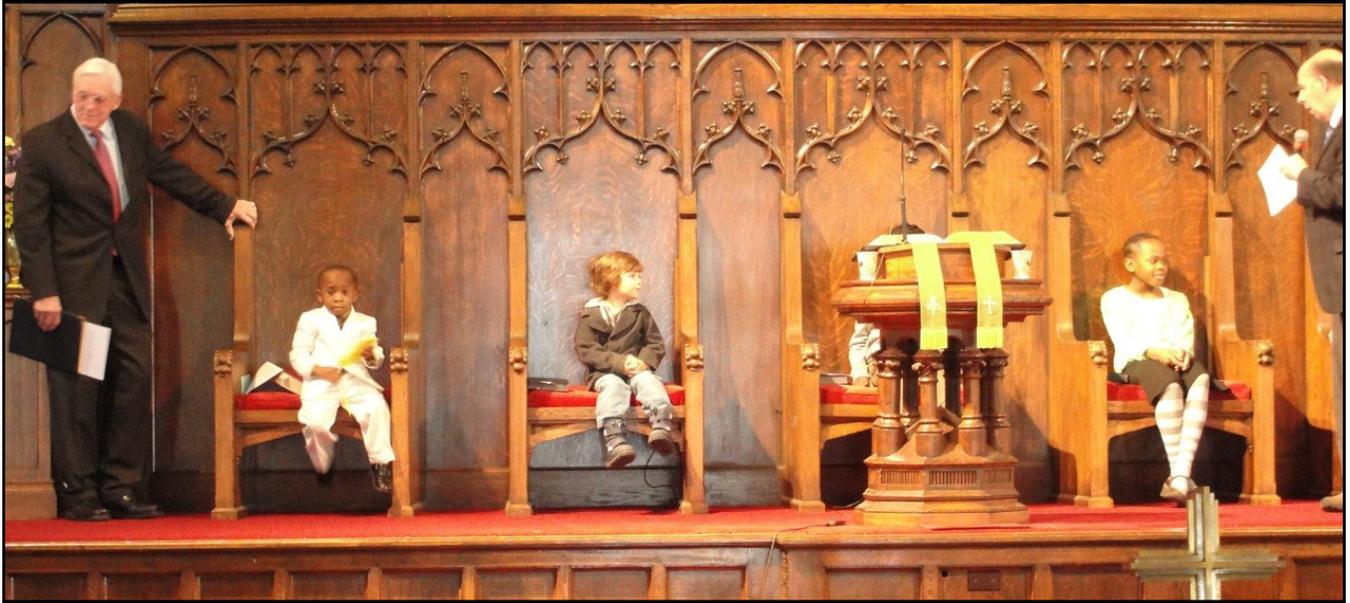
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Changes announced in Governing Board positions

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role due to expanded family and professional demands. She will continue to serve as finance chair.

Vito Sciscioli will replace her as board chair. Gwen Tillapaugh-Fay joins the board, serving as team liaison for areas of church life relating to education.



Our children got a different perspective on the sanctuary last week.



Collecting offerings of toilet paper for our pantry guests.



Bill cleans the sidewalk after a recent snowfall.

Community/Church Breakfast Jan. 27, 2013





















