

Coastal Chronicle

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Dear Members and Friends,

“And the Word became flesh and dwelled among us . . . full of grace and truth.” That’s the verse from the first chapter of John that comes to my mind every year when Advent arrives. Just think of it: the God who was and is and always will be took on human form as a grace-filled and truthful presence in the world. We celebrate that glorious presence at Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany in a way that is uniquely holy and altogether beautiful.

Certainly, the traditions of Southport Presbyterian Church help us to embrace the wonder and challenge of this season. Worship, fellowship, study, service, comfort, and love—all come together in a wholesome way. I look forward to celebrating Advent and Christmas Eve again this year with you.

When Advent and Christmas Eve have come and gone, my tenure with you will end. I am most appreciative of the way you have received me and the way you have moved through this interim period with a clear sense of call to be the church in this place. I have grown to love you very much as we have traveled this pilgrim road together. You will always have a very special place in my heart.

The future is much clearer than once it was! The Reverend Ann Jahnes will arrive on January 1, 2010, and I am most thankful that you called her as your pastor. Her credentials are such a good fit for the needs of this church! I will continue to pray that grace upon grace will be yours and hers in the years to come as you grow and serve together.

Your plans to honor me with your thanks on December 6 at the Congregational Gathering at 6:00 p.m. are very special—just as you are. We’ll have a good time together as we sing carols, enjoy finger foods, drink punch, recall the goodness of God during the past 15 months, and talk about the future together.

We have planned some wonderful Advent events you’ll read about in *The Coastal Chronicle*. You won’t want to miss a single one.

May God bless these days of December—and the New Year, too!

Love,

Martha Jane



Christmas Cantata

On December 13, 2009 during our Sunday morning worship service, the choir will be delivering the Word of God through the cantata "*I Hear the Prophets Callin'.*" This mesmerizing original cantata by Pepper Choplin opens with the haunting call of the distant prophet, "*Prepare the way of the Lord.*" The choir responds as the voice of the faithful, "*Make straight the way in the desert for our God.*" Composed in a simple, Appalachian folk style, this little gem sparkles with Pepper's renowned creativity.

Meet Our Newest Members

On Sunday, November 22, Southport Presbyterian Church welcomed its newest members! They are not new faces because they have been in our midst for quite awhile, but now they are truly members.

Robert ("Bob") and Gladys ("Glady") Marshall

This smiling, happy couple has been married for 53 years. Bob was born 18 miles south of Gloucester, Scotland. Early in his life, Bob moved to Canada and then to Illinois when he was in the eighth grade.

Glady, who was born in Illinois, met Bob when they were attending college there. Shortly after graduation, they married and began their family. Bob's work with IBM moved the family around the United States in states such as Indiana, Ohio, New York, Connecticut, and North Carolina. They vacationed in the Ocean Isle area several times and decided the Southport area was their retirement area of choice. Both Bald Head Island and Southport caught their attention.

Bob and Glady have 3 children (two daughters and one son) and ten grandchildren of which they are very proud!

They come to us from White Memorial Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, NC. Bob is an elder.

Sam Furiness

As you probably recognize, Sam is the husband of Joyce Furiness. He was born and raised in New Jersey. After four years at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania, Sam served in the Army. Afterwards, he worked in New Jersey in his family's small manufacturing business.

Sam and Joyce have four sons—the first was born in Massachusetts while Sam was in the army and the others were born in New Jersey. During this time, Joyce was a teacher for 25 years. In 1996, Sam retired from the family business. In 2001, Sam and Joyce came to North Carolina where two of their sons live. In addition, Sam and Joyce have eight grandchildren to give them lots of love.

Both Sam and Joyce attended Willow Grove Presbyterian Church in Scotch Plains, NJ for 30 years. Both are elders.

Even though they are familiar faces, please remember to greet Bob, Glady, and Sam and welcome them as our new members!



This is your chance to be an angel!--Look for the Angel Tree in the Fellowship Hall anytime after November 24; it will be all decorated with angels...very special angels. Each angel carries the Christmas wish from someone in our area. Some angels represent the family that we have adopted through the Communities In Schools program; others are wishes from the residents at Ocean Trail Convalescent Center.

We are expanding our giving this year to include the residents at Providence Home. Due to the transient nature of their stays there, gift cards are the most practical gifts. Doshier Nursing Center requests items to be used as stocking stuffers. These will be represented on the tree with little stockings. They are very general in nature and do not need to be wrapped. There will be a large box for this purpose.

We will have 50 angels on the tree and are excited to spread joy to so many people. Please take an angel from the tree, sign the log, and purchase the designated gift. Stocking stuffers need not be recorded. Bring your gifts to church on any of the next three Sundays (12/6, 12/13, or 12/20) and place them near the tree. Please wrap the gifts and mark them with the name of the intended recipient. There will be an envelope for gift cards.

If you are not a shopper, monetary gifts are welcome and will be used by the committee to purchase gifts. In addition, we can also wrap the gifts if you wish. We request that all of the gifts, monies, and certificates be returned by December 20 in order that we can be sure of delivery by Christmas. We trust that you will all be excited to be an angel this year for some local people. If you have any questions, please call Bruce Meyer (754-9556).



Session Highlights November 2009

At the November 1, 2009 Called Congregational Meeting, the Reverend Ann B. Jahnes was unanimously elected by the congregation to be our pastor.

Rev. Jahnes will begin as our pastor on January 1, 2010 and preach her first sermon on Sunday, January 4, 2010. The Presbytery of Coastal Carolina will formally install her as our pastor at a special service January 24, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. in our sanctuary.

At the same congregational meeting, the Elder Class of 2012 was elected. These elder-elects are: Ruth Lawrence, Dave Lineback, and Ben Wilson. During the worship service on Sunday, January 10, 2010, Ruth Lawrence will be ordained and all three will be installed as session elders in our church.

The following items were approved during the November 16, 2009 Stated Session Meeting.

- ❖ By mutual agreement, Reverend Raedels and the session voted to make a joint request to the Committee on Ministry, Presbytery of Coastal Carolina, to dissolve the church's relationship with Reverend Raedels as interim pastor effective December 31, 2009. Reverend Raedels will be on vacation December 25 – 31. During her vacation, the Elder of the Month, Bob D'Reaux and all session elders will be available to serve the needs of the congregation. Feel free to contact Bob D'Reaux who will coordinate with the other session elders whenever you have special needs.
- ❖ The chair of the Pastor Transition Committee will be Norm Praet. Ruth Lawrence and the members of the Pastor Nominating Committee will be members of the committee.
- ❖ The session approved the *Policy and Procedure Manual* for Southport Presbyterian Church. The development of this manual was one of the key tasks for the interim pastor and the session. This manual covers every aspect of our church life at Southport and will be beneficial for our new pastor, the session, and everyone who is active in the activities of the church. The pastor and session are very appreciative of Elaine Donato who devoted many hours and valuable input in developing this manual.
- ❖ The Fellowship Hall rental fee schedule was revised with a modest increase in rates. Contact the church office for addition fee information if rental to outside organizations is needed.
- ❖ Future classes for computer training and CPR for Friends and Family were approved.
- ❖ The Fellowship Committee will be soliciting help from the men in the church for set-up help for fellowship activities.



Finance and Stewardship Committee

Our stewardship commitments have been outstanding this far. Of the 130 pledge cards distributed, we have had 78 responses with pledges totaling \$179,180. This already exceeds our last year's commitment of \$167,104. For those who have not responded, you are encouraged to return your pledge card whether you are pledging or not. Total pledges of \$200,000 are within reach. Your pledges of time and talent are also important and you are asked to return those as well. The Stewardship Committee deserves our gratitude and thanks for a job well done.

After 10 months, we have still avoided using reserve funds due to our careful management of spending. However, we have fallen further behind in our budgeted pledge income which is now short by over 6%. As mentioned last month, the financial obligations of the church continue, and we still have the goal of fulfilling our mission obligations. We ask all members to fulfill their pledge promises and take advantage of tax deductions this year.

Our God supplies us with many seeds—gifts & talents. Cultivate and use them for His glory. He has given you life abundant; capture each moment! I wish you Christmas Blessings of *Remembering who and whose you are*. Merry Christmas!



Fellowship News

It is so hard to believe that the Advent Season is approaching! This time of year moves much too quickly.

The Fellowship Committee helped plan and carry out the Stewardship Sunday Luncheon. There was a great turnout for this event and we served over 80 BBQ sandwiches with sides of slaw and chips. The "Arnold Palmer" Iced Tea (made by Gay Ausband) was truly a "southern" addition to the menu.

As we go to press with the December newsletter, the committee has been busy planning a luncheon for the Girls' Choir of Wilmington on November 22, and a Chili Dinner, which will be served to workers after the Hanging of the Greens on November 23.

Our **Christmas Gathering and Farewell to Martha Jane** will be held on **December 6, at 6:00 p.m.** The Fellowship Hall will be decorated for the season and sounds of familiar Christmas music will play softly as we enjoy good food and fellowship. As we gather in fellowship during this time of holiday celebration, it will be our last opportunity to join Martha Jane and Fred in a social event before Martha Jane leaves us to enjoy her retired lifestyle once again. Please mark your calendars and make every effort to join us in a joyous gathering of the season and a farewell and thank you to our "Martha Jane"! Sign-up sheets are located in the narthex and Fellowship Hall to let us know who is coming. If anyone does not drive at night or does not have a means of transportation, let us know by signing the Transportation Sign-up sheet also. We will do our best to get a ride for you. In addition, there are also Sign-up sheets available in the Fellowship Hall for those who would like to help provide some of the hors d'oeuvres. This is going to be an extra special event—we do not want anyone to miss out!

Our "New Year" will begin with many opportunities of fellowship. We invite everyone to be a part of the Fellowship Committee. Meetings will be announced in the bulletin and we would love to see the many new faces that have become a part of Southport Presbyterian Church. We welcome all!

A very special "thank you" goes to all of you who signed up to be host/hostess for Fellowship Hour during 2009. We hope that we will have many more to sign up for the year of 2010. Again, if every member family would sign up for one Sunday, it would only be one Sunday a year! Think about it—one Sunday commitment a year!



Congregational Care Committee

This month, the new marketing director at Carillon Assisted Living at Southport, Amy Causey, invited our committee to participate in "The Cup," a monthly interactive devotional program provided to their residents by area churches.

Susan Spencer selected and copied the words for some of our favorite hymns. Marilyn Whitford made booklets of this music for us. Judy Sawers researched and printed brief histories of some of these. With Susan playing the piano, Judy, Grace Lee, and Betsie Lytton shared the background of the hymns with the residents and we all sang along together. The residents seemed to enjoy the event, especially learning the history behind these hymns.



Adult Bible Study

The Adult Bible Study group meets each Sunday, September through May, at 9:45 a.m. in the library.

The mission of the group is to explore the Word of God to understand more fully His message to us. We seek to learn in more depth about the Good News that, through Grace, He has given to everyone.

We expect to finish our study, "Into the World, The Acts of the Apostles," by the end of December. In January, we begin a new Kerygma study, "That You May Believe: The Gospel of John."

We welcome all men and women to join us in our search for understanding on Sunday mornings.



Advent is a season of preparation and waiting for the coming of the Lord. The Adult Forum will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall on December 2, 9, and 16 for the discussion of "**Advent Through the Eyes of Those Who Waited.**" The Rev. Bob Lee will be the facilitator for the three sessions.

On December 2, the focus will be on the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the coming of the Messiah. The second session on December 9 will explore the role of John the Baptist. The final session on December 16 will consider Mary the mother of Jesus and Elizabeth the mother of John the Baptist.

The author of the study, Carol Wehrheim, is a freelance educator, writer, and editor. She was the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators "Educator of the Year" in 2001. She lives in Princeton, NJ where she teaches sixth grade church school and is clerk of session at Nassau Presbyterian Church.

Study materials will be available for those attending the study.



Book Review from the Library Committee

Title: Who Really Listens When I Speak? Poems of Praise and Prayer

Author: Jodie Huizenga

(Date) Publisher: (1999) Desert Ministries, Inc., Palm Beach, FL

Jodie Huizenga worked in the medical field for 15 years, retiring a few years before this book was published. At that time, she had been writing for about 25 years. Additionally, she has interests in the arts and is an avid photographer. The material in this book is taken from a large portfolio of essays, poems, and prayers resulting from her writing.

This small paperback book of 50 poems is perfect for reading as a book alone or used as part of one's daily devotions. Each poem is preceded by a scriptural reference relating to the subject matter of the poem. The short poems encompass a range of subjects related to: holidays (Mother's Day, Father's Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter), events (Welcome Dear Child, Christening), our country (Prayer for Our Nation, One Nation Under God, Help Our Nation), personal (Good Morning, God; My Purpose, Bless Our Home, Friends, Thank God for Friends, My Home, Prayer for a Friend) and many other subjects. All are creative, insightful, and inspirational.

This is a powerful book with each prayer speaking to one individually. It is a book that can be read repeatedly. Each reading will reveal a new insight, challenge, and understanding in the specific poem. One poem which speaks powerfully to me is entitled Praise the Lord and begins "I shall praise the Lord each morning for the gift of this new day, for his many, many blessings, for his hand to lead the way." How better can one welcome each new day?

As a personal note, I use this book as part of my daily reading using one poem a day and have done so for several repetitions. Each day, a new experience and insight occurs making the effort extremely worthwhile and enjoyable.



Mission News

The committee once again wants to thank the members of the congregation for their support in the ongoing mission projects this month. Southport Presbyterian walkers joined with others in the annual CROP (Churches Responding to Overcome Poverty) Walk for Hunger. Our church raised \$274 and one-quarter of those monies will be returned to combat hunger in our local area. Thanks to Brooke and Brian Deutsch for chairing this event.

This was the first year for the Pumpkin Bread Sale. Every loaf was sold with not a crumb left! The proceeds were \$250.00. The Mission Committee has matched that amount dollar for dollar. The Southport-Oak Island Food Pantry will receive \$500.00 as a “fragrant offering” from Southport Presbyterian Church. We thank those who baked, those who bought the bread and especially Betsy Lytton and Betty Johnson for organizing the sale.

Each Sunday in November, the Mission Committee provided devotions at Doshier Nursing Home. A special thank-you goes out to Laurie Russ for the wonderful music. We also thank Susan Spencer for pinch-hitting the week that Laurie was busy. The leaders each week included Nancy Kreider, Bruce Meyer, Rich Erickson, and Marty Kesmodel.

December brings the annual Christmas Joy offering. Inserts will be in the bulletin and envelopes will be in the pews. On Sunday, December 20, the offering will be collected. This is one of the three special offerings taken each year as part of fund raising for our local Presbytery.

In addition, December is also the time for the Angel Christmas Tree. It is our opportunity to spread God’s love in a tangible way among several of our local families in need. What a wonderful opportunity to reach out to our community.

We appreciate your support of Mission Committee endeavors and trust that all of you will participate in the efforts for this December.



PW Happenings

Christmas Brunch

All women are invited to Christmas Brunch on Tuesday, December 8. Bring a covered dish and join Morning Circle at Diane Price's for a Christmas fellowship time. A sign-up sheet will be in the Fellowship Hall.

December Luncheon

In place of the regular Afternoon Circle Meeting, the group will meet at the Pharmacy Restaurant at 12 Noon on Wednesday, December 16. We will also make donations for a local child abuse organization and give small gifts for those homebound and in local nursing centers. To make lunch reservations or to get more information on these projects, call Elaine Witmer at 278-7132.

PW Winter Gathering

The Presbyterian Women invite all women of the church to attend a Tea Party on Tuesday, January 5, 2010! The event will begin at 2:00 p.m. at Carillon Assisted Living of Southport (1125 E. Leonard Street). We will celebrate the Twelfth Night of Christmas and learn more about the meaning of Epiphany as we get to know some of the residents.

There will be sign-up sheets in the narthex in mid-December. Please sign up to indicate that you will attend. If you have any questions, please contact Gayle Allen.



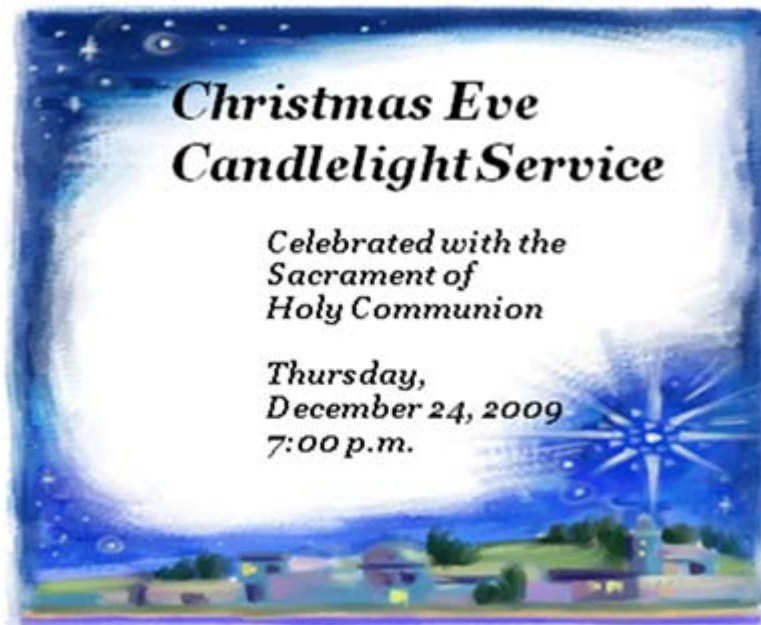
Worship Committee

The Girls' Choir of Wilmington was such an exciting event in the life of our church surrounded by all the talented young women ages 9 to 18. Laurie Russ gets our thanks for all her hard work and preparation in bringing them to our sanctuary on November 22 and to Julia Hill and her committee for organizing the lunch for the choir and their families who were present. It was a very special day in the life of our church and we thank Laurie for all her hard work.

Thank you to Greta Forsythe for the beautiful cornucopia that graced the narthex during the week leading up to Thanksgiving.

Many of us gathered to help with the Hanging of the Greens on November 23. We give thanks for Gay Ausband as chairman and all those who participated in this wonderful joyous event. In addition, our thanks go to Julia Hill and all her committee for all the preparations and cooking they did to provide a delightful Chili and Cornbread Supper for the workers.

The sanctuary and narthex are ready for Advent and call us to God in anticipation of the birth of Christ.





Thoughts on the Gifts of Christmas

From your PW Mission/Spiritual Nurture Moderator

G *grace unmerited*
I *infinite love*
F *free in Christ*
T *timeless wisdom*
S *salvation*

As we enter into this season of joy and festivities, let us remember and focus on the real and lasting gifts of Christmas. There are many but the following come to my heart:

1. The Gift of **Salvation/New Birth**, the greatest gift
2. The Gift of **Faith**
3. The Gift of **Life**, God's gift to us is our life; our gift to Him is what we do with that life. What are you doing with yours?
4. The Gift of **Grace**, are you giving and receiving it?
5. The Gift of **Mercy**, are you giving and receiving it?
6. The Gift of **Forgiveness**, God's gift to us to live in a world that is not fair. Are you giving and receiving it?
7. The Gift of **Talents**, are you using yours?
8. The Gift of **Hope**, that never perishes
9. The Gift of **Meaning and Purpose**
10. The Gift of the **Fruits of the Spirit**
11. The Gift of **Healing and Wholeness**
12. The Gift of **Unconditional Love**



Talking to Your Doctor

If you are not feeling well, here are some questions you may want to discuss with your doctor:

What is wrong with me? What causes this type of problem? Is this condition serious? Is it contagious? Are there any activities, foods, or medicines I should avoid? How can I prevent this from happening again? What type of treatment do you recommend? What is the long-term outlook for this condition?

If testing is recommended:

What is this test and why is it needed? How long will the test take? Is it painful? Do you perform this test in your office? Are there any risks involved? How do I prepare for this test? Are there any foods or activities I should avoid? What side effects should I look for? How long does it take to get the results?

When given a prescription:

What does this medicine do and why is it being prescribed? Can I take the generic? Is there any written information about this medication? How and when do I take it? What are the side effects? What happens if I don't take this medicine? How long do I have to take this medicine? Should it be taken with or without food? What do I do if I miss a dose? If I do not experience any improvement, how long should I wait to call you? Are there any foods, beverages or other medications I should avoid while on this medication? What are the interactions with other medications? Are there any alternatives to medication? Are there any of my current medicines no longer needed?

Some other general questions you should ask:

What are some changes I can make to improve my health? What cancer screening tests are appropriate for someone my age? What vaccinations do I need to have? How is my blood pressure? Do I have a healthy weight? Is my cholesterol level okay? What lab tests should I have? Do you advise me to adjust my diet or exercise plan in any way? If so, what do you recommend?

Do I have risk factors that mean I should be screened for diabetes? At my age, should I take a daily aspirin to prevent heart attack or stroke? For women - Do I need a bone density test to screen for Osteoporosis? For men - Do I need a prostate screening? Do I need a follow up visit and if so when? If I need further treatments, will it be covered by my insurance?

Remember that communication with your doctor can be the most important medicine. Your relationship with your doctor is a two-way street. You don't just ask questions and get answers. You have to provide information to your doctor in order to assure your best care.



February Newsletter Deadlines

I know this is the busiest time of the year, but I continue to request your diligence in reporting everything that is happening in our church so the congregation will be properly informed. I really could use an “update” from every committee every month so nothing important goes unreported! I thank you in advance for this help. Church activities are very heavy right now, but soon you will have a month’s rest from the newsletter. May you spend that time relaxing and enjoying every element of this sacred season. Embrace all your friends and loved ones who will be in your presence, hopefully, sometime during this break. Have a blessed Christmas!

Deadlines for the February 2010 issue will be:

Hard Copies: Thursday, January 21, 2010 in the church office by 5:00 p.m.

E-mail Copies: Friday, January 22, 2010 to:
bobbiedreaux@ec.rr.com (and cc copies to the church
sppresby@bellsouth.net)

Newsletters will be available in the church on **Sunday, January 31, 2010** and on the website (www.southportpresbyterian.com) that weekend or sooner.



Looking Back

10 Years – 1999

The Reverend Jonathan R. Kelley served the 101-member congregation. Ruling Elders were John Baer, Linder Elwood, Cynthia Evans, G. W. Fisher, Walter Moore, Leslie Myrie, Sr., Gilda Rogers, and Ben Wilson, Jr.

In May, the Rodgers 790 organ was dedicated. The Rodgers was chosen “for a full pipe sound and the synthesized sounds provided.” June Plunkett served as part-time organist until Steve Young joined us as music director and organist in October.

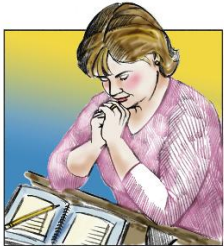
The Plans and Programs Committee was established. The four purposes of the committee were (1) recognize current programs and activities, (2) estimate potential growth, (3) envision expanded and new programs and activities, (4) recommend direction for the development of additional/new physical facilities. Committee members included Audrey Carathanasis, Ules Bridgeman, Charles Campen, Ralph Perkins, Frank Wallace, Doug Harris, Louise Johnson, John Baer, and Sam Runion.

In May, the Time Capsule was buried in the Memorial Garden and a red maple centennial tree was planted to mark the end of the Centennial year activities. (The Time Capsule was reburied last year near the cornerstone of the sanctuary.)



Penny Pledge Update

Tom Kuzenko reports that the penny jar collected \$43.06 for the month of October. There were no unusual coins or objects, but there were six wheat pennies. Please continue to save your coins for the jar.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers for those in nursing or assisted living facilities: Helen Hodson, Marion Williams (Marilyn Whitford's mother), Jean Rhudy, Betsy Snyder, Inez and Charles Kierstead, Grace Robertson (mother of Diane Wyte), Eleanor DeCoster (Sandy Egbert's mother)

Prayers of Sympathy: Terry Miller, Family of Denise Hoskins

Continued prayers: Ellen Messick, Karen Holdridge, Mary Higgins, Jerry and Susan Spencer, Joyce and Marcia Galuski, Dave and Jan Caudill, Melissa Ruelle, Trex Thomas, Walter Geck, Christy Cribb, Gilda Rogers, Lou Duke, Fran Jarrett, Robert Aylor, Marty Hickey, Charles Terhune, Marcia Fetter's mother, Ruby Groves (Barbara Miller's mother), Meg Courtright (sister of Rhodes Messick), Steve Gervase, Fred Smith (Phyllis Johanson's brother), Susanne, Heather and John Titrington, Jack Walker, Phyllis O'Brien, Adam Boardway, Ralph White, Lynda Bregy, Joe Boyles (brother of Judy Sawers), Evelyn Wescott, Patrice Laughton, Brenda Skinner, Marcia Amos, Ray Dyer, Carleen Sowers, Roger Kerr, Jocelyn Tingley, Margaret Davis, J. R. Tompkins, Tiffany Carpenter, Rev. J. C. Grose, Margaret and Mitchell Davis, Lucy King's daughter, Glenn Reed, John Bradford, Susan Seidel, Michael Allen, Grace Allen, Kate Harris (granddaughter of Connie and Doug), Marianne Barrelli (sister of Lynn Pfeifer), Mark Zebouni (Lena Fisher's great-nephew), Les Milliken, Joan Anderson, Dennis & Peggy Byrnie, Woody Mead



December Birthdays

3	Beth Leyden	16	Ted Brewer
3	Ruth Douthat	16	Brooke Deutsch
5	Bill Viney	16	Jack Kirkland
6	Erika Cribb	16	Bob Purnell
8	Tricia Kelley	19	Ed Rose
9	Hannah Jones	20	Phyllis Johanson
10	Bill Allen	24	Diane Wyte
10	Mary Jean Rose	28	Cora Jones
10	Savannah Tenenoff	28	Grace Lee
11	Iris Allard	30	Barbara Griffin
14	Ben Wilson, Jr.	31	Carol Durante
15	Bruce Meyer	31	Matt Pfeifer

January Birthdays

2	Joe Fetter	15	George Jones
3	Marty Kesmodel	17	Reita Cockrell
4	Chris Dudley	18	Bill Wynn
5	Lynn Pfeifer	20	Barbara Miller
7	Bill Davis	23	Guy Lawrence
12	Margie Siegenthaler	25	Nancy Kreider
13	Jerry Spencer	30	Ernie Neville
14	Hailey Jones	30	Rhonda Rardin



- 2 Advent Study Begins, 10:00 a.m.
- 6 Christmas Gathering & Farewell to Martha Jane, 6:00 p.m.
- 13 Christmas Cantata during worship service
- 20 Reverend Raedels' last Sunday worship service
- 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service w/Holy Communion, Reverend Raedels' last service



- 3 Reverend Jahnes' first worship service
- 5 PW Winter Gathering, 2:00 p.m.
- 10 Installation & Ordination of new elders
- 24 Installation of Reverend Jahnes (afternoon service)