



THE LAMPLIGHTER

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2010 ANNUAL REPORT

We are again preparing to send the Annual Report via email to as many of you as possible. This year we began to have the Lamplighter available on our website but sent an email reminder to you that it was available to view so we do have quite a list to work with this year. However, if you have not given us your email for the Lamplighter and we can send to you the Annual Report by email, please contact the church to verify that email. If you do not have email access, we have two options for you: 1) you can pick-up one of the limited copies we will have available the week before the Annual Meeting, scheduled for Sunday, January 30; or 2) call the church office and ask to be put on the list of those we should still send a paper copy to. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 786-0910 or email us at preschurchws@centurytel.net.

HARAMBEE

Thanks to your generosity and the success of the Harambee of December 19. We have once again matched the Hauser Family Trust donation. You may recall the bulletin on December 19th stated we needed \$3,837.69 to fulfill the congregation's portion of the match. Monies received through the Harambee auction - \$4,112. There was also monies received during the morning worship offering designated Church Ministry Fund and its total was - \$2,690. Giving us a grand total of \$6,802.

If Harambee means come together, the session would like to thank all of you and say we have come together!

ANNUAL MEETING

Each year we gather together to review where we have been as a congregation and chart our course for the new year and the future. You are encouraged to attend our annual meeting on **Sunday, January 30, 2011** immediately following the 10:00 AM worship service. We hope to see you there!

**Reports from Committees for the Annual Report are due in the office by
Monday, January 10th.**

November 2010 Financial Summary

Operating Budget

Balance November 1st	(\$2,942.75)
Receipts	13,227.09
Expenses	(15,287.69)
Balance November 30th	(\$5,003.35)



To reach
someone in
the kitchen
via telephone,
please dial
786-0675.

Thank you!

Highlights from Session:

- Session approved the wedding of Bethany Saarem and Shawn McAlister on October 1, 2011.
- Session approved giving Mr. Kindschy a \$50 gift card to Features in thanks for being our Harambee auctioneer.
- Session approved PW calendar as distributed.
- Session approved use of Linda's gift card to be used to purchase bread for Lenten Suppers.
- Session approved a thank you and monetary gift being sent to Harland Meyer for his service of mowing.
- Session approved breakfast on the first Sunday of the month. Lisa Betsinger has agreed to provide a special breakfast, so come prepared to eat a great breakfast.
- Session approved sponsoring Relay for Life team, "Pres'ing for a Cure" for the 11th year.

Hats off to:

- Lyle Miles, Beth Hinck, Rachel (Shirley's granddaughter) and Shirley Beaty for the mailing of the December issue of *The Lamplighter*
- our December nursery volunteers: Colin Hass and Alex Galbraith
- our December acolyte volunteers: Faith & Brendan Holt, Lauren Garves, Martha Haugen, Autumn Schuster & Haley Parsneau
- our December liturgists: Jane Foner, Howard Garves & Nick Miller



Elders

Class of 2011

Jane Foner
Sherry Bonsall
Brian Lusk
Nancy Olson
Michael Ebert (Youth Elder)
Rachel Auna (Youth Elder)

Class of 2012

Mike Siekert
Ann Terry
Marcia Kazmark
Lisa Betsinger

Class of 2013

Charles Engel
Todd Kleiner
Greg Meeuwssen
Tracey Rogers

Deacons

Class of 2011 Helen Harold, Joyce Garves, Howard Garves, Beth Hinck, Alice Sprain

Class of 2012 Kathy Anderson, Loris Griffin, Camille Lusk, Diana Swim, Ted Yankee

A NOTE FROM PASTOR STEPHANIE:

As I reflect upon the past year for our church, it is a reflection that can best be encapsulated by the word “blessed.” I don’t think this word is terribly unique – as if there were some years where God’s blessings were somehow absent. I don’t believe that at all. It’s just that there are times when one stops and looks at all that God has done in our lives and there’s really nothing more to be said than “God has blessed us.” There is a danger, though, in reflecting upon blessing. Blessing was never intended by God to be reduced or limited to the first person pronoun “I.”

The Bible is full of reminders that those to whom much is given, much is expected. The Lord rebukes people for taking the blessings they have been given and squandering them for selfish purposes. God legitimately asks the question as to how they could, with clear conscience, be so consumed with their lives that they forget and ignore the plight of the alien, the fatherless and the widow.

The Bible clearly states that the people of God are blessed to be a blessing. That is to say, when we stop to count our blessings, it is not limited to how much we have received. The deep blessing of God is the blessing of the ways and the means by which we can bless others with the blessings we have received. Here we thank God for using us, for giving us opportunities to serve, for giving us the means by which to help, for not allowing our hearts to grow selfishly cold.

How blessed we are to be starting our fifth year of the community dinner. How blessed are we to keep our connection with CESA and AA and Al-anon, and WIC, and Bloodmobile. We are blessed to have volunteers who keep the mission of this church alive – to spread the Good News to all God’s creation. And those blessings are just a start and an opportunity for each of us to reflect on the blessings we’ve received this past year and look forward to the blessings that God has yet in store for us.

As we begin 2011, may we count our blessings of the past year and strive to find ways that we can continue to be “blessed to be a blessing” in all areas of our lives!

Thank you for your ministry,
you have truly been a blessing in my life,

Pastor Stephanie

Just for Kids answer:

1. Praise, 2. Pray, 3. Light Candles, 4. Play Music, 5. Give Offerings, 6. Sit Quietly, 7. Communion, 8. Lift Your Hands, 9. Read Scriptures, 10. Sing, 11. Say “Amen”



PER CAPITA 2011: Per Capita is a financial responsibility for every adult member of a Presbyterian congregation. For 2011 the per capita will be \$27.40. When submitting, please write in “per capita” on the memo part of your check or on the outside of your envelope. ***Thank you!***

JANUARY VOLUNTEERS

HEAD USHER: Charlie Evans

LITURGISTS

2—Becky Auna
 9—Holly Kleiner
 16—Tracey Rogers
 23—Nancy Olson
 30—Marie Haugen

NURSERY CARE

2—Chase Aleckson
 9—Brianna Holt
 16—Laura Kelley
 23—Lydia Sells
 30—Sean Horton

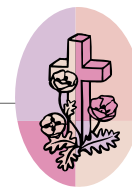
* with a Parent/Guardian/Adult,
 over 25, accompanying them

ACOLYTES

2—Grady LaJeunesse
 9—Katrina Houser & Mariah Terry
 16—Noah Reynolds & Ryan Beirne
 23—Sam Cvikota
 30—Dylan Noel & Grant Bohnsack

FELLOWSHIP (Serve & Clean-up): Finance/Stewardship & Mission

COMMUNION BREAD BAKER: Helen Harold



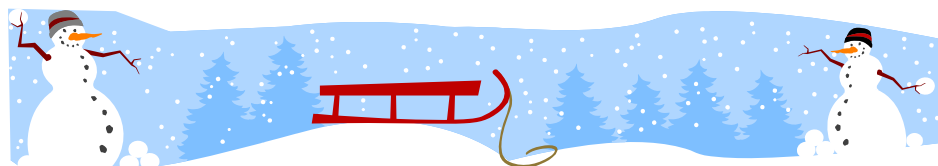
The sympathy of the congregation is extended to:

...Claudia Olson and her family on the death of her cousin, David Benson on November 26.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1—Fred Dodd, Kim LaBarre, Larry Olson
 2—Martha Burdick, Joseph Hauser, Bob Thomas
 3—Howard Garves, Sandra Schmidt, Dianne Wolf, Elayne Erdman
 4—Becky Auna, Patricia Ruetten
 5—Leeann Krall, Ken Hauser, Shanna Roe
 7—Cindy Ashland, Mark Gullickson, Betsy Trevaskis
 8—Dan Trautsch, Kendra Trautsch, Dave Bohnsack
 9—Terry Miller, Aiden Knoll, Ernie Tourville, Debbie Tourville
 10—Glenda Koeneke, Rita Logging
 12—Taylor Calvetti
 13—Gene Logging, Angela Simonson
 14—Greg Ashland, Sharon Holven, Emily Severson, Alex Galbraith
 16—Adam Griffin, Ellen Havens, Kent Buehler
 18—Jackson Bonsall

19—Katelyn Carlson, Kaitlin Seeger, Erica Parsneau,
 Matt Schwier, Maureen Longcor, Mike Siekert
 20—Brian Lusk, Dorothy Schmaltz, Patrick Zalewski
 21—Brian Baker, Elgin Brown
 22—Michelle Lusk, Luke Noel
 23—Doris Riniker
 24—Terry Parmenter
 25—Dixie Fladhammer
 26—Ethan Sells
 27—Kevin Arndt, Nancy Olson
 28—Doris Carlson, Ed Lusk, Haylee Meyer, Alexis Shaw
 29—Delores Torgerson
 30—Diane Rogala, Brandt Wessel, Riley Holte,
 William Silbaugh
 31—Jim Beebe, Diana Meeuwssen





PW December meeting

The PW met on Thursday, December 2nd, at 6:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck finger food buffet. There was a fantastic assortment of food. Kathy Schedin and Carolyn Lindeman served as hostesses.

The Hunger Offering was collected and unwrapped gifts were brought for Horizon House.

A short business meeting followed.

Helen thanked everyone for their effort and support for the year. She informed us that our church has a page in the 2011 Mission Yearbook of Prayer that features the churches in the John Knox Presbytery. The yearbook encourages people to pray for the highlighted people on a specific day. The day of prayer for our congregation will be April 16th, 2011. The yearbook is in the office if anyone would like to check it out.

Diana requested volunteers to serve as hostesses for 2011. New officers for 2011 were installed by Vickie Holt. They are: Moderator – Helen Harold, Vice Moderator – Diana Engel, Secretary – Joyce Garves, Treasurer – Nelda Manter, and Nominating – Sharon Shaw.

A short program, “The Procession to Bethlehem”, was narrated by Marcia Kazmark and Diana Engel. Music was provided by Sharon Holven, Elinor Johnston, Caroline Sells, and Beth Hinck. The focus was on specific people in the Bible, who received and answered God’s call to follow Him, no matter who they were or what they were doing. Christmas comes every year, no matter the place or situation. Christmas comes every time we see God in other people, whether in Bethlehem or Time Square.

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BELL RINGING 2010

Our bell ringing for the Salvation Army was a resounding success. Thanks to those who rang and those who gave so generously, \$623.17 was dropped into the red kettle. Ringers were: Avis Evenson, Martha and Laura Burdick and Laura's friend; Heidi and Ray Ebert and Michael and Kathryn; Marcia Kazmark, Mike and Jackie Siekert, Melissa Sprain and Genevieve, Kevin and Chase Aleckson and Sharon Aleckson, Chase's grandma; Lynn Lieder. Others volunteered but the slots were filled. Thanks to all.

NEW MEMEBERS SIGN-UP

If you or someone you know is interested in joining our church please contact Marcia Kazmark, chair of Membership & Evangelism, at 385-2210 or one of the pastors.

Youth Group

High School Youth Group will meet at the church in January on:

January 5th and 19th at 6:45-8:15



Confirmation Schedule for January:

6th-7th Grade -

January 12, 6:30 PM—Worship Wednesday

January 26, 5:00 PM—Community Dinner—
(6th & 7th in craft room)

8th-9th Grade -

January 12, 6:30 PM—Worship Wednesday

January 19, 6:30 PM—Confirmation Lesson

January 26, 5:00 PM—Community Dinner—
9th graders assist (8th in craft room)