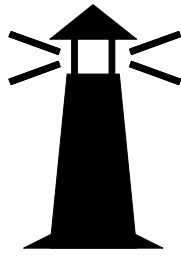


November  
2008



Wallace Memorial Presbyterian Church

# TOWER LIGHT

*"Cultivating a nurturing community that extends Christ's peace to all."*

## Holiday Greetings

Thanksgiving is just around the corner . . . for what gifts do you thank God?  
Our Session, Board of Deacons and Leadership Team wish for each and every one of you  
a blessed and wonderful Thanksgiving!

### Town Meeting on Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>

A Town Meeting to share and update the membership on the Mission and Ministry of our congregation will be held on Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> during the Sunday School Hour, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., in Fellowship Hall. Join us around the table as Pastor Dennis and members of Session present information and field questions and comments you may have about the direction of our congregation's ministries and mission efforts for the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. The Session committees will announce upcoming plans for programs and events, a financial update along with a donation pledge report will be given, a review of the Endowment Funds will be offered, and some goals and objectives for the next 5 years will be shared. Join us for this forum of shared insight into our calling as disciples for the Kingdom.

### Hanging of the Greens

The Advent and Christmas Seasons of the church year are approaching fast with the First Sunday of Advent being Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, therefore we will be holding the annual Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Since we will be having a big dinner feast that evening, we have decided to change the time for the Hanging of the Greens to 3:30 p.m. so we can decorate prior to the meal at 5:00 p.m. We hope you will join in decorating the Sanctuary and our facilities for the Holy Seasons of Advent and Christmas. There will be plenty of activity for everyone to share in from the hanging of wreaths to decorating trees and setting out the nativity displays.



### A "Circle of Hope" Breakfast, Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>

A Breakfast on Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, will begin our celebrations of the Advent and Christmas Season. The Worship Committee is hosting this event and encourages all the members of our church family to gather in Fellowship Hall for a continental style breakfast and program focused on the "Circle of Hope" theme we will be using throughout the upcoming liturgical seasons (Advent, Christmas, Epiphany). You will make a craft for your home and be equipped to have a "hope" filled Advent & Christmas Season. More details will be offered in the bulletin during November. The mission of Share the Warmth Sunday will be incorporated into the program, so bring a pair of gloves to donate to the mission cause.



# Worship Services

## November 2008

### November 2<sup>nd</sup> **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

Communion @ 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Services

Scripture 1 Corinthians 11: 17-26

Sermon "Consuming The Gift"

Choral Anthem "Freely Offered"

### November 9<sup>th</sup> **The Gift of Free Will**

Communion @ 8:30 a.m. Service

Scripture Luke 15: 11-32

Sermon "The Free Will Gift"

Recognition of Service Veterans

### November 16<sup>th</sup> **The Gift of Patience**

Communion @ 8:30 a.m. Service

Scriptures Exodus 34: 1-10, Ephesians 4: 1-16

Sermon "Equipped With Patience"

Choral Anthem "O Rest In The Lord"

### November 23<sup>rd</sup> **The Gift of Unfailing Treasure**

Communion @ 8:30 a.m. Service

Scripture John 3: 11-21

Sermon "Opening The Gift Box"

Choral Anthem "Sing Praise To God, Who Reigns Above"

### November 23<sup>rd</sup> **Thanksgiving Program @ 5:00 p.m.** **Turkey Dinner & Singing Our Thanksgiving**

### November 30<sup>th</sup> **First Sunday of Advent**

Communion @ 8:30 a.m. Service

The Lighting of the Advent Candle of Hope

Scripture John 1: 1-4, 10-14

Sermon "In the Beginning..."

### **Discipleship Campaign**

On Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, Discipleship Toolboxes will be distributed to all the members of the congregation who are in attendance at worship. Those Discipleship Toolboxes that are not picked up will be delivered during the week of November 9<sup>th</sup>. We are asking every member to explore the contents of the box and to respond with a series of Discipleship Commitments for 2009. Please return the commitment cards and forms to the church office by Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, so we can include them in the report to the membership at the Town Meeting scheduled for Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

## REMEMBERING LESTER CRUMMY

Just as with most vocational pursuits, so also in the church there is always more to be done than one person has the time to accomplish. At one point in my ministry at Wallace Memorial, it was clear that some help was needed to keep up with the pastoral care of the congregation. After a number of phone calls and interviews, I found myself having lunch with Dr. Lester Crummy, graduate of Waynesburg College & Western Theological Seminary - one of the antecedents of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary - and retired hospital chaplain. That lunch, at the Marriott in Green Tree, started a wonderful friendship and collegial relationship between Lester Crummy and me. Beyond that, Lester became a special gift to the congregation at Wallace Memorial. Friendly, concerned, dependable, capable and also funny, Lester found his way into the hearts of all with whom he had contact. As Parish Associate at Wallace, Lester set the standard for being a team player and compassionate pastoral care provider.

Many memories have flowed since I received two calls from Wallace members to report the sad news of Lester's death. I remember Lester's lovely wife, Geri, and the times we spent together at staff parties and social events. Her limitations from a stroke did not slow Lester and Geri, and they continued as a loving couple until her untimely death. Interred in the Wallace columbarium, I understand Lester will now be as well. One of the things I used to say when I encountered something I didn't like was "that is crummy." Well, the first time I said that in Lester's presence he remarked, "What?" I made that remark countless times in his presence, and always he would call me on it and smile as I apologized. I still use the word on occasion, but always find it reminding me of Lester. I remember Carole Kerr working so patiently with Lester and me to teach us a dance routine for one of the choir's "Levity From the Loft" shows, and I can still see Lester singing and dancing with a stick and sack slung over his shoulder to the music that spoke of having a "Knapsack on My Back." That big white Lincoln Town Car was of special pride to Lester, yet when the day came for him to give up driving and sell it, he did so with great courage. Lester listened to me on a number of occasions when I was troubled about one thing or another, and was my confidant when I finally had to confront the opportunity to consider moving from Wallace to answer a new call from my Lord.

Lester was a generous soul, having served for many years as a Trustee of Waynesburg College, until finally he was granted the status of Trustee Emeritus. He raised countless dollars for our shared Alma Mater, and several times drove me back to the campus to meet the new President and other new staff. He instigated the eventual hosting of the College Choir, the "Lamplighters," at Wallace, a group I had sung with during my years at the college.

The story of Lester and Margie renewing their love of college days for one another, after the death of their respective spouses, is a classic one that many should hear if they haven't already. Life takes many unexpected and surprising turns, and often, as in this case, seem to be a special blessing of God. When a member purchased a new robe for me, in memory of her husband, after I was granted my Doctor of Ministry degree, Lester bought himself a new robe to match mine. When he finally retired from Wallace, he generously gave me his robe to use for future staff or myself. I mentioned in worship at my current congregation on October 12<sup>th</sup>, Lester's death, and the fact that I was wearing his robe that day. I held him up as an example of a good steward in the vineyard of the Lord, who used what he had access to wisely, and when the time came, graciously passed on to others what he had only been caring for temporarily.

Judith and I last saw Lester in July of 2007 when we met him at his retirement residence as he hosted us for lunch. When we pulled up to park the car, there was Lester, dapper as ever in his coat and tie, and sitting in his electric scooter with a big smile on his face. As he led us to the dining room for lunch, he smiled and greeted everyone he saw. That is the Lester many of us came to know and love, and that we will always remember. "Well done, good and faithful servant. It was a privilege to have known you and worked by your side within the caring community of faith at Wallace Memorial."

Art Campbell, October 13, 2008  
Mission del Sol Presbyterian Church  
Tempe, Arizona

## **Christian Education/Spiritual Formation**

Are you looking for a gift? For the perfect Christmas gift for your spouse? How about the gift of time and intention? Give your spouse the commitment to build on your already good relationship. Sign up for one of our two Winter offerings for TWOgether Pittsburgh.

The first needs to be an early Christmas gift—our **Marriage Enrichment** Weekend Friday, December 5, 7-9 PM and Saturday, December 6, 9 AM-3 PM. During this FREE weekend you will celebrate your strengths, identify areas for growth, understand how your family of origin affects your relationship, and learn specific skills for communication and conflict resolution to increase your intimacy. Much of the time is spent as a couple with specific activities to enable you to focus on your relationship.

Next is **Six Great Dates** starting in January. The concept is simple: 1) commit to a date a month for six months 2) each date will consist of meeting at the church to watch a video segment on the topic for the month 3) leave the church (child care provided at the church) to go out with your paired couple for coffee or dinner (I'll round up some discount coupons from local restaurants) 4) discuss the topic via some starter questions 5) return to pick up the kids by the assigned time 6) fill out a questionnaire on line for each month, and on the final meeting, stay at the church for dinner. All who complete all six dates will receive an Entertainment Book.

Call Ellen 412.561.2431 (Tues/Wed), or email [eheriger@wallacememorial.org](mailto:eheriger@wallacememorial.org) to find out more, or to sign up.

Also, I am looking for a few volunteers, people with ties to this community, and a heart for promoting the excellent opportunities offered through our association with TWOgether Pittsburgh to the larger community. If you feel called to strengthen marriages, give me a call.

Our new R & R (read & review) **Book Club** got off to a great start. We intend to meet monthly, on the second Thursday of the month from 7-8:15 PM in the Lounge. Next gathering: Thursday, November 13 at 7:00. Read Sue Monk Kidd's *The Secret Life of Bees* (no cheating by just seeing the movie!!), and join us for a great discussion.

Marilyn Waldman has graciously staffed the Nursery during the 9:30 Sunday educational time; however, we have not had infants and toddlers using this so their parents can attend class, and we now have the Sunday Splash! Class especially for parents AND their infants and toddlers in room 104 with the Tarbi's and the Wherry's, so the Christian Education/Spiritual Formation committee has suspended staffing the Nursery. If you would like to attend a Sunday morning adult class, and would use the Nursery for a young child, please call Ellen. We would be very happy to open it again. This does NOT affect Extended Session, our child care during the 11:00 worship, which will remain.

As there is a Town Meeting Sunday, Nov 23, at 9:30 for the entire congregation, there will not be adult classes that morning.

On Sunday, November 30, at 9:30 in Fellowship Hall we will have a **Circle of Hope Congregational Breakfast**. No class that day, as everyone in the congregation is invited-no RSVP needed-just come! We will join together to celebrate the first Sunday of Advent. **Please bring a new pair of mittens or gloves or hat** to place in the Share the Warmth boxes which will be out.

The **Christian Education/Spiritual Formation Committee** will meet Monday, November 10 at 7:00 in room 208.

Which class are you attending Sunday morning?

- **Bible Focus:** In-depth Bible study on *Hebrews*, then on to *John*

Room 206: Sielke Caparelli, Arlene Crissman

- **Short Class:** A well-rounded year is planned: sometimes joining the Round Table Class, sometimes using Spirit of the Seasons curriculum, sometimes launching from DVD's, and sometimes special speakers.

Lounge: Milly Hum, John Gottschall, Barbara Johnston

- **Faith & Life:** Lectionary based discussion; hands-on projects and spiritual companionship. Chapel: Marijane Eibs
- **Round Table:** One topic, one presenter each month; join this class in Fellowship Hall for a month or all year. **Joan and Roy Humphrey are facilitating Bible 101 for both October and November.** In their own words: "Some of us are Bible students, some have fragmented knowledge of scripture, and some have very little background in the scriptures. This class is designed for those with limited background and knowledge of the Bible whole. Join us for a class where we will try to put all the pieces together and come out with the story of the Bible. This is also a class where all questions are valid and invited. We will provide Bibles so we can all be working from the same version. Call us if you have questions."
- **Sunday Splash! New this year for families with young children** (three & under). Parents, bring your youngest along to class with you and join other parents as you learn to identify the Holy Spirit working in your lives. Your babies and toddlers can play around you as the casual discussion unfolds.

Room 104: Mike and Shelby Wherry; Keith and Robin Tarbi

Looking ahead...

Round Table (Fellowship Hall) for December will be ***Repentance, Faith, Holiness and Love:***

***An Advent Study,*** led by Ellen Heriger. Will there be room? Can we sweep out the clutter of our lives and leave space into which God might become a reality?

December 21-**Birthday Party for Jesus** for Mrs. Mildner's and Mrs. Schwartzmiller's PreK-K-1-2 classes

Round Table (Fellowship Hall) for January will be ***Called to be Peacemakers,*** led by Paul Moessinger. *Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God.* Matt 5:9. Today we are to seek reconciliation in a world beset by conflict. Challenge yourself to come with an open heart to understand cultural perspectives, then explore path ways to answer God's call to be PEACEMAKERS.



## HERE COMES WALLY !!!

Dear Friends,

I have to apologize to you in the 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School Class. I was to leave you some money to put in your mission project and I forgot. I'll do it this month when I get back to visit Granddad. Have you decided where it's to go yet?

The Holy Hot Rods Car Cruise was something. I thought it might be cancelled with all that rain. What a great way to get more people to learn about Wallace. Do you think any of them will come back? I hope so. I'd like to see some of those cars again too.

I was there for the Chili Cook-Off and it was great, although a little cold when away from those great fire pits. The chili was really good. Which one did you like? And those pies were really good. I had fun getting the whipped cream from the spray cans for the pumpkin.

I think the Town Meeting is coming up on Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Granddad said it's a time to get a report on what's been going on and have a chance to ask questions.

Granddad tells me there will be a turkey Thanksgiving Dinner, with the men cooking the turkeys in several different ways, and the congregation bringing the side dishes. I think he said it would be on November 23<sup>rd</sup> after you decorate the church for Christmas. Save me some turkey, I really like it. And there is to be a special Thanksgiving program after dinner. There is so much to be thankful for.

What is this about a "Circle of Hope" Breakfast on November 30, 2008? What does Ellen have planned for us to do this year? She always has some good ideas. Let's see, I think it's for everyone in the Church, and it will be during Sunday School. Do you know what's for breakfast? What a great way to get ready for Advent.

I'll see you folks soon.

Love, Wally, III



### **"Come in Out of the Cold/Neighborhood Sweater Drive 2008"**

Times are tough and people need to help with basic daily food and clothing items! We can share our hospitality and genuine concern in being a welcoming and serving neighborhood Presbyterian Church via a "Neighborhood Sweater Drive!" "Come in Out of the Cold" by joining in a "Neighborhood Sweater Drive" brings gently cared for sweaters/clothing to those in need of warmth this Winter. Wallace Memorial during Advent has the opportunity to be a place for collecting and then to distribute the sweaters to those people right in our own community who can use a sweater for the Winter. The window of opportunity will be from November 06 through December 14, 2008. When you come to worship, look for the "Sweater Boxes," marked children's, men's and women's, located in the Transept Hallway, under the coat racks, in which you can place your donation.

### **Christmas Poinsettias**

Following Christmas tradition at Wallace, our Sanctuary will be decorated with poinsettias this Christmas Season. This year the poinsettias will be available in red, white, pink and marble colors. If you would like to help defray the cost of these poinsettias, you may either make a donation or purchase a plant for \$6.50. If you are buying a plant to take home, it can be removed from the Sanctuary following the 10:00 p.m. worship service on Christmas Eve. All envelopes and checks {payable to Wallace Memorial Church} should be clearly marked for "Poinsettias." Please place the accompanying form in the offering plate, or mail it to the Church Office by December 10, 2008.

I/We would like to **donate** the following poinsettias:  
\_\_\_\_\_ red \_\_\_\_\_ white \_\_\_\_\_ pink \_\_\_\_\_ marble.

I/We would like to **purchase** the following poinsettias, and will pick up the plants following the 10:00 p.m. worship service on Christmas Eve:  
\_\_\_\_\_ red \_\_\_\_\_ white \_\_\_\_\_ pink \_\_\_\_\_ marble.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_



## **October 20, 2008 Clerk's Report of Session Meeting**

- \* Booth on Election Day, Tuesday, November 4, 2008 from 7:00 a.m. to ?? p.m. with coffee available to voters.
- \* Pittsburgh Presbytery Leaders/Officers Training @ Pleasant Hills Presbyterian Church on Saturday, November 8, 2008 from 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- \* "Wallace presents...The Entertainers," a banjo/piano/tuba sing-a-long group on Saturday, November 8, 2008 @ 6:30 p.m. in the Activities room.
- \* Youth to hold a Leaf Raking Mission Outreach on Sunday, November 9, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.
- \* Dinner to honor Veterans of Wallace will be held Tuesday, November 11, 2008, at 6:00 p.m., in Fellowship Hall. Speaker Benjamin Schaus, a Purple Heart Recipient.
- \* The Thursday, November 13, 2008, 7:00 p.m. meeting of the R & R Book Club will discuss Sue Monk Kidd's, "The Secret Life of Bees".
- \* Town Meeting on Sunday, November 23, 2008 @ 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary to update the congregation on happenings in the church and to hear questions and concerns of the congregation.
- \* Hanging of the Greens will be at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 23, 2008, followed by a 5:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner and a "Thanksgiving Through Song" program.
- \* An All-Congregation "Circle of Hope" Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, November 30, 2008, and this year's Share the Warmth glove collection will be a part of it.
- \* A Marriage Enrichment Class for TWogether Pittsburgh will be held Friday and Saturday, December 5 - 6, 2008, under the leadership of Ellen Heriger.
- \* The Christmas Dinner will be Sunday, December 21, 2008 @ 5:00 p.m. with the Christmas Music Program to follow.
- \* There will be two Christmas Eve Services on Wednesday, December 24, 2008 @ 6:00 and 10:00 p.m.
- \* There will be one Worship Service @ 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 28, 2008.



\* High Nooners Events:

Wednesday, November 19, 2008 @ 12:00 noon - "Share the Humor"

Wednesday, December 10, 2008 @ 12:00 noon - Christmas Lunch @ the Grand Concourse with entertainment by Mr. & Mrs. Banjo.

\* The 2007 Minutes, Rolls & Registers of Wallace Memorial were reported in the Stated Clerk's Report of the October 16, 2008 Pittsburgh Presbytery Meeting to have been "Approved with Commendation."

\* Two Elders of Wallace were recognized in the memorial Service at the October 16, 2008 Pittsburgh Presbytery Meeting - James J. Harris and Dr. William Z. Nasri.

\* Five New Members were taken into membership:

Dylan B. Graff; Michael P. Micklos; Kathleen M. Krol; Kenneth Ide; and Helen K. Walter. Welcome!

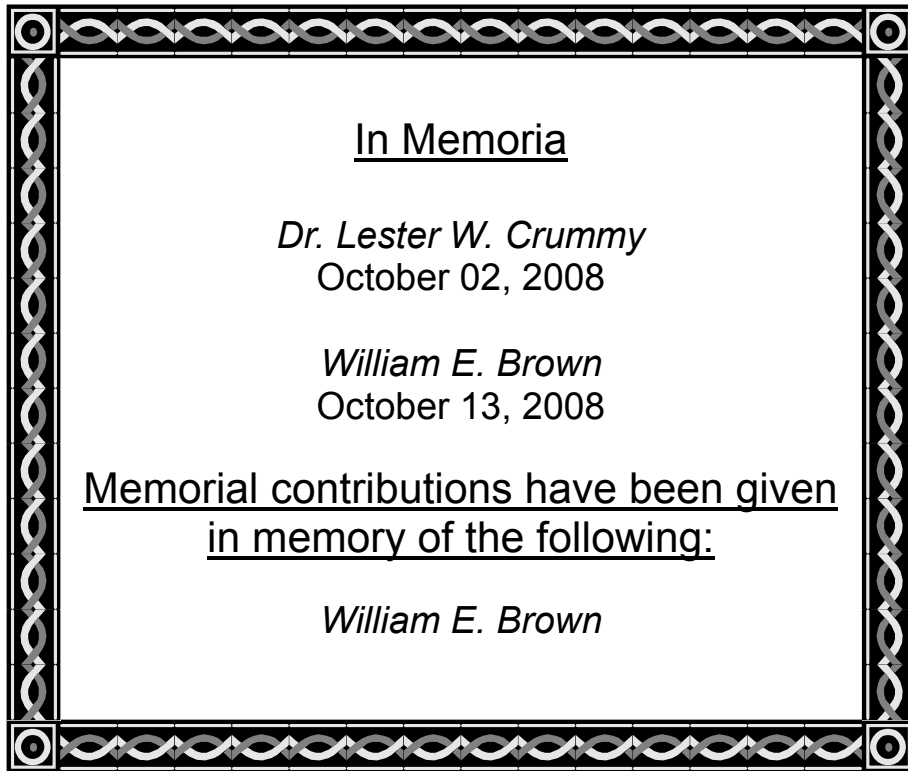
\* The Safe Sanctuary Task Force revised the Safe Sanctuary Policy on "Procedure for Safe Ministry" and has included a "Training Form for Outside Groups Using Church Facility," which each organization will be required to complete. A required Universal Field Trip Permission Form for Grades 7 - 12 has been put into place.

\* New natural gas (pricing) purchasing arrangement was entered into with Dominion Peoples Plus for both the church facility and the manse.

\* New awnings will be installed on rear entry doors of the Church Education Building.

\* The front entry steps of the Sanctuary are being "leveled out" to preclude water puddling.... and top-surfaced with water-repellant coating in order to arrest water drainage issues in Fellowship Hall restrooms.

Ann M. Baldrige, Clerk of Session



In Memoria

*Dr. Lester W. Crummy*  
October 02, 2008

*William E. Brown*  
October 13, 2008

Memorial contributions have been given  
in memory of the following:

*William E. Brown*

November Birthdays -  
The Best to You!

- 2 Sandra Caruso
- 3 Lindsey Peirson  
Earlene Stealey
- 4 Ruth Mitry  
Judith Patterson  
Karen Slifko
- 7 Mary Herbel  
Kailey Fraer
- 8 Elva Schwartzmiller
- 9 Tara McGuire  
Stephen Stone
- 11 Robert Goldman  
Peggy Kuehn
- 12 Jack Eibs, II
- 13 Joseph Perri, Jr.  
Donald Walter
- 14 William Bell  
Roberta Cejka  
Fred Nolte, Jr.
- 15 Betty Weightman
- 16 Susan Conforti  
Mary Peterson
- 17 Robert Donaldson  
Allison Tranter
- 18 Alyssa Keefer  
Richard Vapner
- 19 Douglass McCracken  
LaVerne Scott
- 20 Ruth Boyle  
Mary Ford  
Jeffrey Kerr
- 21 Ben Cunningham  
Natalie Goldman  
Robert Harris  
David Lewis
- 22 Ryan Eisenbeis  
Evelyn Harper
- 23 Grier Kuehn  
Elizabeth Poe  
Matthew Slifko
- 25 Megan Ford
- 26 Jack Anderson  
Adam Lindsay
- 27 Charles Goffe
- 30 John Peterson

A Note of Appreciation

“Dear Friends of Wallace Church:

I would like to thank you for all the help you have given my children and me.

Thank you very much!”

Tamara Davis  
{Graduate of Sojourner House}  
6743 Atwell Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15206  
412-403-2415

Congratulations!

Word has it that Gerrie Sullivan won 1<sup>st</sup> prize and Gena Wise won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off!

Congratulations, gals!