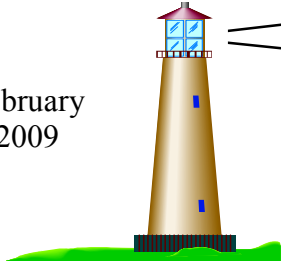


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# Wallace Memorial Presbyterian Church

## TOWER LIGHT

*"Cultivating a Nurturing Community which extends Christ's Peace to All."*

### Discovery Breakfast and Inquirer's Class

**Sunday, February 08,  
2009:**

A Discovery Breakfast will be held in the Arthur J. Campbell Chapel @ 9:30 a. m. for those thinking about membership.

We'll enjoy a continental breakfast together, while staff and some session committee members share what Wallace Church has to offer.

Programs and missions will be discussed, and a quick tour of the facility will be

### INQUIRER'S CLASS

**Wednesday, February 11, 2009:**

An Inquirer's Class will be held in the Arthur J. Campbell Chapel @ 7:00 p.m. Pastor Dennis will lead instruction on what it means to be a Presbyterian.

Anyone considering membership should plan to attend this class. Dessert will be served.

Attendance at either of these events does not obligate you to join, but the information which will be shared will be valuable in your decision about whether to join our Wallace church family in membership.

Please plan to join us! If you have questions, please call Peg Anderson @ 412-341-2109 or Pastor Dennis @ 412-561-2431.

### Pictorial Directory

The Pictorial Directory Project is coming to a close, and the directories will be arriving within a few weeks.

The Directory Committee would like to hear from anyone who has issues, pro or con, during the whole project, since we will be evaluating our experience with the Lifetouch Company.

Please call Peg Anderson @ 412-341-2109 or Shelby Wherry @ 312-344-0522.

### 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Valentine Day Dance

You and your family and friends are cordially invited to the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Valentine Day Dance, featuring music by the Pitt Alumni Dance Band.

We will be in the Activities Room on Saturday, February 14, 2009 @ 7:30 p.m.

We are asking people who are so inclined to bring a dessert to share.

The **beverages** will be provided. Please return the form below to the Church Office.

I / We \_\_\_\_\_ will bring a dessert of \_\_\_\_\_

that serves \_\_\_\_\_ people.



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As I write this Pastor's Page for the February Tower Light, the Pittsburgh Steelers are on the way to the Super Bowl. The Steeler Nation is in a frenzy! Terrible Towels are swirling, chants of cheers abound, and songs echo in the streets. "Here we go! Here we go! Pittsburgh's going to the Super Bowl!" Indeed the entire city's population, as well as fans throughout the country, are turning their attention south to Tampa. We'll probably watch the game being played in 70 degree temperatures while being surrounded by several inches of snow and ice, and temperatures in the teens. Yet things will be plenty heated up for the festivities. Merchandise and decorations are flying off of the racks and shelves. Parties are being planned, food is being purchased, decorations are being hung, and analysis paralysis is setting in.

As a Pittsburgh sports fan, I am thrilled that the Steelers are headed to the Super Bowl. I hope the team returns with the Championship Trophy to make it a "Six Pack" of wins. We are gearing up to host a younger generation party as our children have invited friends to be here to cheer, cry out at the plays, and experience the heights and depths of the big game. As the fortunes of the Steelers go, so shall the mood of a city and fans scattered throughout the country. It is wonderful to see the city alive in the dead of Winter. Oh, if only we might actually usher in the New Kingdom!

What is it about the Steeler fans enthusiasm that we don't have in the life of the church? Perhaps it is the degree of passion for the team and desire to be part of the fan base for such a team that is the difference. Do you think that we could ever generate that type of passion and such enthusiasm for a Discipleship Team? After all, what we are rooting for on Sunday afternoons is temporal, while what we should be excited about on Sunday morning is eternal. Could we learn anything about the Steeler Nation community that might help us understand better how to be a passionate community for Jesus Christ?

There have been times when I have felt like a head coach of a Discipleship Team where more people are in the stands than on the playing field. Like any good coach, it takes patience, an ability to teach, and a good coordination effort to make the team perform well. Yet, it does come down to the performance of all of the players, while the fans' presence and interest can influence the result. The ability of the foe is also a factor, and in the church we have a formidable foe who has a uncanny ability to get us "off our game."

As February marks the end of the football season with no more football on Sunday afternoons, what will we find to do to fill our time? Another sports season to engage our passions? Well how about exploring the Season of Lent and Easter, which will begin before the end of February? Ash Wednesday, February 25, 2009, will mark the end of our Season of Prayer and Peace, and we will begin our remembrance of the Passion that Jesus has for our souls. I hope that you will be a part of the activities being offered during February, from classroom to Sanctuary, and begin to prepare yourselves for the activities leading into Lent. I especially urge you to be a part of the Prayer Vigil on Ash Wednesday {see separate article}, and consider the Family Pancake Alleluia Celebration of the 22<sup>nd</sup> {see separate article}. The Round Table might also be a good Sunday morning for the adults. Whatever choices you make, remember, it does impact the team, even if you don't see how one person could make a difference. Of course, I don't think that the Steelers will try to play without a full team on Super Bowl Sunday. "Here we go, Wallace, here we go!"

Peace, Pastor Dennis Molnar



P.S. By the time you receive this newsletter, the results of the Super Bowl may be known. By March, we will also know how well our congregation responded to the multiple invitations and programs offered during the month. Come, be a part of the Discipleship Team for the Kingdom!



***The Church in Prayer – A Call to Prayer***  
***Ash Wednesday, February 25, 2009 – 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.***

As a conclusion to our Season of Prayer and Peace, and as a spiritual transition into the Season of Lent, we are calling all of our church members and friends to join us in a Prayer Vigil on Ash Wednesday, February 25, 2009. The Vigil will begin at 7:00 in the morning and will continue until 7:00 that evening, when we will begin our Ash Wednesday worship service. We are asking people to volunteer to come to the church for a fifteen minute interval to follow a guided time of meditation and prayer. The Meditation Room, located just off of the Sanctuary on the Pulpit side, will be used as the primary point for this Vigil time. The meditation guide will give you a time to reflect on Scripture, and allow you to offer prayer for people, situations, the church, the nation, and whatever the Spirit of God guides you to be in prayer for during the fifteen minutes. Everyone will be invited to light a candle, which will be included in the fabric of the Ash Wednesday worship service that evening. We hope you will consider being a part of this Prayer Vigil for an allotted time at the church. If you are unable to be in attendance during the day, we will provide you with a meditation sheet to use at home, or during your work day, that will connect you to this “*Church in Prayer*” exercise. Please sign up using the sheet below, and return it to the Church Office, or sign up on Sunday morning in the Transept area {fellowship greeting area}, or in the Narthex {front entrance area}. We hope to have a volunteer for each fifteen minute interval during the day, and more than one person can be in prayer at the same time. We will schedule you for a prayer vigil time based upon your preference, or you can select a specified time to be at the church. Please call the Church Office @ 412-561-2431 if you have any questions.

**Prayer Vigil Sign-Up Sheet**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Time Preference {Circle your choice.}

<b>Early Morning</b>	<b>Late Morning</b>	<b>Early Afternoon</b>	<b>Late Afternoon</b>	<b>Early Evening</b>
7:00 – 9:30	9:30 – 12:00	12:00 – 3:00	3:00 – 5:00	5:00 – 7:00

Specified Time \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pray @ home or work. Please provide me with a Meditation Prayer Sheet.

What's Coming Up with Wallace Presents .....

**Sunday, June 28, 2009 @ 6:30 p.m.**

**Band Concert and Ice Cream Social  
with *Community Band South***

Look for other outstanding performances listed on the front page and page 12 with Wally.



**A Family Pancake Supper and Alleluia Celebration**  
**Sunday, February 22, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

- ❖ Prepare the members of your family for the Season of Lent and Easter!
- ❖ This Sunday evening program is for families with children from infant through sixth grade. {Older siblings may join in on the food and activities.}
- ❖ Grandparents are urged to bring the grandkids!
- ❖ Invite your neighbors and friends.



**Plenty of Activities to Partake In!**

Craft Activities  
 Banner Making  
 DVD Viewing -  
*"The Jumbled Journey"*  
 A Parade  
 Singing

**Lots of Food to Feast On!**

Pancakes  
 Sausage  
 Applesauce  
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 Dessert Toppings  
 Beverages

Pastor Dennis Molnar will lead our families and friends through this "Pilgrimage of Activities" evening. This is a way for your entire family to prepare for the observance of Lent and the celebration of Easter. Please sign up using the form below, and return it to the Church Office, or sign up on Sunday mornings, or call the Church Office @ 412-561-2431. We don't want you to miss out on the fun and fellowship!

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**Alleluia Celebration and Pancake Supper**  
**Sunday, February 22, 2009**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_

## **Christian Education / Spiritual Formation**

As we approach Lent (beginning February 25, 2009), Pastor Molnar has designated "A Season of Prayer" as the theme for worship. Each week, in our Meditation Room (just off of the Sanctuary, Pulpit side), there will be a different **self-guided spiritual reflection**. Each reflection will be easy to follow, yet a meaningful pathway to God. You are invited to pause during the week, step into the Meditation Room, and open your heart to God in quiet ways.

Good news: Joan Humphrey and Ellen Heriger are willing to generate a program around Sacred Pauses, intentional pauses in our day to focus on God for a **Women's Retreat**. Not so good news: we lack a team to pull together this retreat (Spring or Fall). This team would need to: 1) set up the site/dates; 2) promote the retreat; 3) handle the reservations; 4) set the 24 hour schedule; and, 5) enlist folks to do crafts, recreation, games, etc. **What about YOU?** If you are interested in being a part of this team, please contact Ellen @412-561-2431.

**Gathered Together** is the name for the Sunday School opening (9:30 – 9:50 a.m.) for our upper elementary children (3-4-5-6 grades). Each Sunday it rotates between prayer, memory work, music, mission and worship (which includes being part of the worship team for a Sunday.)

Attention parents of elementary children! We need your input. We are dispersing (in many ways) a **survey** of your family's Christian education needs and wants. This is to help us plan to better serve you. If you have not already done so, please complete this form.

Our **Sunday School offerings** have always gone for missions. Remember that this year all children's offerings will go to buy chickens through Heifer International, and the adult offerings will be split between our Food Pantry and Sojourner House.

The Round Table Class for February will be **Framing Our Faith: a Portrait of Belonging**. Rebecca Cartus will be the presenter. Becky is a graduate of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and a friend of Ellen's. Some of you may remember her from Re: SOURCE, a former partnership of Ellen's that contributed to the '07 Women's Retreat. Becky will use the *Brief Statement of Faith* (PCUSA) to provide a picture of what it means to belong to God, and the impact on your lives. She is an excellent teacher. All adults are invited to Fellowship Hall Sunday mornings.

**Our Scripture and the Arts Team** is in the beginning stages of planning a first: an art exhibit based on Scripture for the Fall. This is an exciting undertaking. If you would like to be involved, please contact Ellen @ 412-561-2431.

You are invited to join the **R & R Book Club**. We meet the second Thursday of the month from 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. in the Lounge. February 12 is *The Life of Pi*, by Yann Martel, and it promises to be a LIVELY discussion! March 12 is *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, by Khaled Hosseini.

**TWOgether Pittsburgh's 6 Great Dates** has 10 couples enrolled. This runs through June, 2009.

A **Marriage Preparation** week-end course is targeted for April 24 – 25, 2009. Please tell anyone who is planning, or even just considering marriage, to contact Ellen.

The **Christian Education / Spiritual Formation Committee** will meet Monday, February 09, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m. in Room # 208.

Looking ahead . . .

**Pretzel day** is March 01, 2009.

Nancy Schultz is working to offer a special Lent for our upper elementary children (3-4-5-6 grades) – a **musical!** Preparation for this will happen each Sunday during their Sunday school class in lieu of regular class. All children are encouraged to be present each and every Sunday, starting March 08, 2009.

The Wallace Memorial Presbyterian Church Raymond M. Reischer **Vacation Bible School** will be held August 03 – 07, 2009.

**Round Table for March** will be mission based, presented by our Mission Committee.

# Here Comes Wally!!



Happy Valentine's Day! It's certainly been a cold, snowy and icy Winter so far. I'm glad that January was a slow month. There is a lot more happening in February. I hope it won't be too cold.

Let's see. There is the Super Bowl on February 01, 2009, and I hear that you are going to have a Souper Bowl luncheon with home-made soups, and a bake sale after the 11:00 a.m. worship Service. It sounds like fun with good eats. By the way, did you hear that your former pastor, Arthur J. Campbell, is going to root for the Arizona Cardinals, and not our Pittsburgh Steelers, at the Super Bowl in Tampa, Florida? The nerve of him! I think that we should remove his name plaque from the Arthur J. Campbell Chapel? What do you think?

Saturday, February 14, 2009 is the Valentine's Day Dance with the Pitt Alumni Dance Band. That will be a fun night for sure. I do plan to be there, how about you? I know that you can come by yourself, and there is always someone to dance or talk with. The music is really great, and there will be good desserts to enjoy.

I've never been on a ski trip. I heard that Wil Forrest is having the Youth sponsor a church-wide trip to Hidden Valley on Saturday, February, 2009. Do you think that I could go with you? Are you planning to go? I guess that I could always stay in the building if I can't ski. Besides, I like hot chocolate, and I'm sure that I can always find good food there.

Ash Wednesday is also coming up on February 25, 2009. So with the start of Lent, this will really be a busy time. I'll see you folks soon. Have a Happy Valentine's Day!

Love, Wally, III

***PS This could be page 12!***

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*What's coming up with Wallace Presents . . . . .*

**Sunday, April 26, 2009 @ 6:30 p.m.**

**An Assembly of Ensembles**

with

***Hillsdale Brass***

{one of Pittsburgh's great treasures}

***The Steel City Incline***

{from Duquesne University}

and featuring ***Cellofourte***

{Pittsburgh's nationally acclaimed cello quartet}

Look for other outstanding performances listed on the front page and page 5.



## **Clerk's Report of January 19, 2009 Session Meeting**

- ❖ Wallace Memorial has been advised that we are to have two Elder Commissioners for 2009, one for our membership, and one for Elder equalization. The next Pittsburgh Presbytery Meeting will be held @ Pleasant Hills Presbyterian Church on Thursday, February 05, 2009 @ 1:00 p.m.
- ❖ Dates for new member functions are: 1) Sunday, February 08, 2009: A Discovery Breakfast will be held in the Arthur J. Campbell Chapel @ 9:30 a.m. An explanation of Wallace's programs and missions will be included, and staff will be introduced. 2) Wednesday, February 11 2009: An Inquirer's Class for those interested in membership will be held in the Arthur J. Campbell Chapel @ 7:00 p.m. Pastor Dennis will lead instruction in the Presbyterian faith. Dessert and coffee will be served. 3) Monday, February 16, 2009: Prospective members will meet with the Session in the Arthur J. Campbell Chapel @ 7:00 p.m. 4) Sunday, February 22, 2009, new members will be publicly welcomed by the congregation at the 11:00 a.m. worship service.
- ❖ The new pictorial directories will be delivered in February, 2009.
- ❖ \$50.00 from the Mission Committee's Camp/Conference budget will be given to the Crossroads Christian Fellowship on the campus of Duquesne University. Carolyn Esterly is active in this organization.
- ❖ The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received during Lent {February 25 – April 12, 2009}.
- ❖ During the month of March, 2009, the Round Table Sunday School Class theme will be mission. The following organizations will be making presentations: Habitat for Humanity, Hosanna Industries, Ten Thousand Villages, Burma Relief, and Mexican Presbyterian Church. {Wil Forrest will tell about this mission initiative of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.}
- ❖ The Mission Committee will give Wil Forrest \$300.00 for a mission trip to Mexico as part of World Initiative of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.
- ❖ During the month of January, 2009, the following provided assistance in the Church Office to Marilyn Hetzel: Joan Humphrey {Monday}, Alberta Aspinall {Tuesday}, Doris Gottschall {Wednesday}, Pat Pannier {Thursday}, and Ann Baldrige {Friday}. Special thanks to Alberta and Ann who provide assistance each month throughout the year.
- ❖ The Worship and Music Committee reports that: 1) January through February, 2009 worship will focus on "A Season of Prayer and Peace." 2) The theme for Lent will be "A Pilgrimage of Discipleship." 3) The Ash Wednesday worship service on February 25, 2009 will be preceded by a Prayer Vigil. 4) There will be special Wednesday services during Lent. 5) Sunday worship will focus on "The Role of Christian Responsibility." 6) Holy Week Services: Palm Sunday, April 05; Maundy Thursday, April 09; Good Friday, April 10; Easter Sunday, April 12. 7) Other dates of note: Celebration of Women, March 08 {"Lydia," presented by Helen Trautman during the worship service}; Memorial Day Week-end, one worship service @ 10:00 a.m.; Pentecost, Sunday, May 31{Confirmation Class welcomed}.
- ❖ The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Valentine's Day Dance will be held on Saturday, February 14, 2009 in the activities Room @ 7:30 p.m., with music by the Pitt Alumni Dance Band.
- ❖ On Sunday evening, April 26, 2009 @ 6:30 p.m., a special musical event, featuring "An Assembly of Ensembles," will be held in the Sanctuary.
- ❖ On Saturday, February 21, 2009, a church-wide ski trip to Hidden Valley is being sponsored by the Youth. Reservations are due by February 08 to Will Forrest, Youth Director.
- ❖ The Second Annual Souper Bowl, sponsored by the Youth, will be held on Sunday, February 01, 2009, immediately following the 11:00 .m. worship service. There will also be a bake sale.

- ❖ Renovations to the Youth Zone are underway.
- ❖ The offerings received from the adult Sunday School classes will be given to Sojourner House and the Wallace Food Pantry.
- ❖ The Christian Education / Spiritual Formation Committee will be offering a six-week class for our high school seniors in April and May, 2009. This "Send-Off Class" will discuss topics which may include worship, defending your beliefs, finding groups, ethics/decision-making, transitions, diversity, pitfalls of room sharing, depression/anxiety/physical ailments.
- ❖ Joan Humphrey has established a very thorough weekly schedule for the Confirmation Class with a great subject list which included The Trinity, spiritual practice, the sacraments, the liturgical year, hard questions of faith, music, missions, a Bible overview, and polity.
- ❖ TWogether Pittsburgh: 10 couples will be attending "6 Great Dates" January – June, 2009. A Marriage Preparation course is scheduled for April 24 – 25, 2009.
- ❖ Pretzel Day is Sunday, March 01, 2009.
- ❖ A Family Worship Breakfast will be held on Sunday, January 25, 2009 @ 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall for the families of children in Pre-K – grade 6.
- ❖ The Christian Education /Spiritual Formation Committee accepted a donation of \$1,000.00 for the purchase of printed and media resources for adults and children.
- ❖ High Nooners will meet @ noon on Wednesday, January 28, 2009 for their luncheon meeting.
- ❖ A Pittsburgh Presbytery Convocation will be held on Thursday, February 19, 2009 from 2:00 – 5:30 p.m. @ the Beulah United Presbyterian Church: "Our Freedom of Religion at Risk: A Presbyterian Crisis."
- ❖ The Wallace Nursery School had a photo in the Green Tree Times showing the four year olds giving canned goods to the Wallace Food Pantry.
- ❖ Pastor Dennis was interviewed by the Pittsburgh Post Gazette, and had his comments published in the South edition of the paper prior to Christmas.

Ann M Baldrige, Clerk of Session

	<b><u>Financial Up-Date</u></b>	
	<b><u>Budget</u></b>	<b><u>Actual</u></b>
	<b><u>07/01 – 12/31/08</u></b>	<b><u>07/01 – 12/31/08</u></b>
Pledges and Offerings	155,281	155,281
Bequest	0	0
Other Receipts	20,500	22,839
Expenditures	<u>{215,734}</u>	<u>{207,914}</u>
Surplus {Deficit}	<u>{39,953}</u>	<u>{29,794}</u>

The actual amount of Pledges and Offerings are being also reflected as the budgeted amount until the Discipleship Campaign is completed. The budgeted pledges and offerings will be reflected beginning on the January report. The \$5,000.00 bequest has been reflected as a receipt until use is determined.

*Memorial gift has been given in loving memory of the following:*

*William Z. Nasri*

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**Memorial Flowers**

There are seven 2009 dates remaining open on the memorial flower calendar. If you would like to provide flowers @ a cost of \$40.00, in memory or honor of a loved one or friend, please contact the Church Office @ 412-561-2431.

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## February Birthdays

01	Maurer, Edward	09	Ferianc, Alex	20	Sproat, Ross
	Maurer, William		Hicken, James D.	22	Chadwick, Lynne
	Scholz Kathleen	10	Donald, Pamela	24	Lindsay, Mark
02	Goldman, Alex		Wherry, Patrick		Schultz, Daniel
	Heselbarth, Thomas	11	Ruddy-Lund, Marsha	25	Buttermore, Trevor
	Marchlen, Amy	14	Ferianc, Joshua		Buzilow, Kathy
	Moessinger, Paul		Herbel, Richard		Craddock, Elsie
	Rahner, Chad		McGuire, Shane		Luedemann, David
03	Scholz, Jacob	15	Jamison, Brendan	26	Nolte, Judith
04	Fallgren, Robert		McCartney, Robert	27	Lindsay, Charles
05	Eibs, Jack, Sr.		Prince, Doris	28	Hughes, David
	Sterling, Jeffrey		Thomas, William		Palmer, Kay
06	Fraer, Frederick, Jr.	17	Harris, Nancy		Scorzafave, Donald
		19	Petro, Richard		