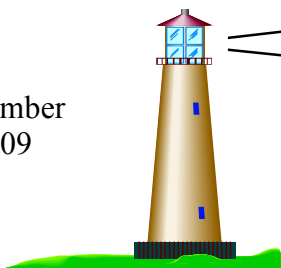


December
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Wallace Memorial Presbyterian Church

TOWER LIGHT

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

Christmas Greetings

The Wallace Leadership Team, the Session, and the Board of Deacons extend our warmest greetings to our church family, and wish one and all a blessed and meaningful Advent and Christmas Season.

We look forward to 2010 as we work together in the name of Him Whose birth we celebrate.



Support the Wallace Food Pantry

One of our most important missions is the Food Pantry, which provides nourishment to less fortunate members of our community. This year, our long tradition of supporting our Food Pantry at Christmas time will continue. We ask Wallace members and friends to consider making a financial contribution to the Food Pantry this month in lieu of sending Christmas cards to each other. In exchange for your gift to the pantry, your name will be printed on an insert in our Christmas Eve bulletins, extending holiday greetings to your fellow Wallace members and friends. Our Food Pantry serves hundreds of people year-round, and your gift will help to continue this service by keeping this important ministry financially sound. You may send a check payable to Wallace Memorial Presbyterian Church to the Church Office, or place it in the offering plate on a Sunday morning. In either case, be certain to designate your gift for the "Christmas Card Fund." Also, please place your name, amount, and designation on your envelope. Thank you!

Help Wallace Food Pantry Give Clients a Merry Christmas

To make Christmas more enjoyable for the children of our Food Pantry clients, we are collecting new books {age baby through teens}, coloring books, and crayons.

We also need new, unopened wrapping paper so parents can wrap their children's gifts. {Please, no clothing or toys of any sort – we do not have the space to store and distribute them}.

All items can be left on the table by the pantry. Thank you for your help.



FROM OUR PASTOR

The Pieces and Peace of Christmas

“The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us!”

One of the favorite Molnar Christmas traditions is the building of a Christmas puzzle. We usually begin it with the Open House in hopes of church members being a part of the picture as we create a picture that expresses the joy of the season. The puzzles are displayed throughout the house when we decorate for Christmas and we enjoy reminiscing about when and who was a part of the building process. Several of the puzzles depict the Nativity Scene while others express other delights of the season (Christmas Cookies, Nutcrackers, The Twelve Days of Christmas, an Angel Tree, a Collection of Ornaments, along with other Christmas Scenes. This tradition is now over 25 years old.

The real joy of puzzle building is the connections made around the puzzle and the conversation that emerges through the building process. It is one of the best ways to get to know people and to find what connects our lives. There is usually a sharing of family Christmas traditions and often a great deal of laughter. We have developed some strong friendships with people through the puzzle building process and we even have people mention it in Christmas cards we receive. We have also been the recipients of several puzzles as gifts and we have even built a few more through the Winter months of the year. I am certain that Christmas wouldn't feel like Christmas without this puzzle tradition in the Molnar household.

There are other family traditions that help us to capture the joy and delight of the season and most involve ways we connect with people. There is the Open House tradition where we invite church members, friends, and family to come and engage in a day of Christmas connecting with food, music, puzzle building, children's crafts, with plenty of food and conversation. We have a tradition of gathering family before and between Christmas Eve services to enjoy soup and other Christmas fare. There is the Christmas Pajama tradition, the cookie baking or other goodie creation traditions, the annual Christmas light wrestling match, and of course the usual gift exchanges, along with the annual family game to find a special Christmas present on Christmas morning. I have the personal tradition of reading a Christmas Story each year during Advent. Our family likes to light the Advent Wreath and use an Advent Calendar to count down to the Christmas celebrations we enjoy for the 12 Days of Christmas. All of these traditions make up the pieces of Christmas for me and members of my family and they help me to embrace the "peace" within my soul each Christmas.

It is always fun to discover traditions in other families and what new ones emerge each year as family, friend, and church dynamics change and new elements of life unfold. The loss of family members, the addition of new family members and friends, as well as changes in personal circumstances often bring about changes in traditions. However, the "peace" of remembering the past traditions, the ongoing experience of continuing ones, and the hope emerging ones, keep us grounded in the things that matter the most to our souls.

As the Advent and Christmas Seasons unfold this year, I would invite you to reminisce about the pieces of your Christmas and how you connect with others through the season. As you decorate, bake, write Christmas cards, shop, and engage the season with its personal, family, and friend traditions, consider the "peace" that it gives your soul. What a wonderful gift that our Lord provides from deep within our souls that is given new birth each year through the practice of Christmas traditions. I know the tradition of Candlelight Services stirs many souls, but there are other ways to stir up the "spirit of Christmas" in your soul this year.

Perhaps you could create a new tradition by trying something different this year in relationship not only with family and friends, but with the Lord through the activities at the church. I invite you to explore the options in this issue of the Tower Light. There are some new offerings this year, including Wednesdays @ Wallace, "The Winter Rose" Chorus and Orchestra offering during worship, as well as the traditional "Wallace presents..." on December 20th, and the usual Candlelight Services on Christmas Eve. What about reading a Christmas devotional or engage in another spiritual discipline to enhance your spirit through the Advent and Christmas Seasons. I hope you are able to experience the "peace" of Christmas midst the pieces of Christmas.

Peace and Blessed Be,
Pastor Dennis Molnar

The Ten Commandments as the Way of Christ

Dr. John Burgess

Sundays January & February 9:30-10:40
Fellowship Hall

Jesus does not reject the Ten Commandments, but he does reinterpret them.

They are no longer just laws; rather, they are markers of the new life that He offers His followers.

This class will explore the meaning of each commandment for the church today.

- How can the commandments deepen our baptismal identity?
- How can they help us express the love and justice of Jesus?

Come ready for study and discussion.

Dr. John Burgess is professor of Systematic Theology at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

He has written about the Ten Commandments in his book, *After Baptism: the Shape of the Christian Life*.

John is married and has three daughters, the eldest of whom is currently a cadet at West Point.

Advent & Christmas 2009

The Advent and Christmas Season begins on November 29th and is celebrated through January 3rd with the celebration of Epiphany. During these seasons of celebration we will be offering our praise to God for *"The Birth of the Gospel."* A special sequence of music will be presented during the season as the Chancel Choir and Orchestra present the message of the "Winter Rose". Please note the various elements of both worship services and **on Sunday, December 27th**, *we will combine our worship with one Celebration of Lessons and Carols.*

November 29th First Sunday of Advent / Men's & Women's Choruses

Contemplative Service @ 8:30 a.m. / Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Meditation

"Blessed is she who believed that there would be fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Luke 1: 5-7, 11-17, 23-25

Reading of Prophecy Isaiah 61 Selected

Scripture Lesson Luke 1: 26-38

Morning Message "Pregnant With the Gospel"

Morning Worship Service @ 11:00 a.m. / Sacrament of Baptism

Lighting of the Advent Candle *"Hope"*

Reading of Prophecy Isaiah 61 Selected

Men's & Women's Choruses

Scripture Lessons Luke 1: 5-7, 24-25 John the Baptist

Luke 1: 26-38 Jesus

Sermon *"A Third Pregnancy"* Luke 1: 39-45

First Lesson *"A Feeling Inside"*

Children's Song *"I've Got Peace Like A River"*

December 6th Second Sunday of Advent

Contemplative Service @ 8:30 a.m. / Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Meditation *"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior"*

Lighting of the Advent Candles *"Hope and Peace"*

Reading of Prophecy Isaiah 40: 3-11

Scripture Lesson Luke 1: 46-56

Morning Message *"Magnifying the Soul"*

Morning Worship Service @ 11:00 a.m. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Chancel Choir & Orchestra "The Winter Rose"

Lighting of the Advent Candles *"Hope and Peace"*

Reading of Prophecy Isaiah 40: 3-11

Scripture Lessons Luke 1: 46-56

Matthew 1: 18-25

Sermon *"A Magnified Spirit"*

First Lesson *"Love Finds a Voice"*

December 13th Third Sunday of Advent

Contemplative Service @ 8:30 a.m. / Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Meditation *"What then is this child going to be?"* Luke 1:66

Lighting of the Advent Candles *"Hope, Peace, Joy"*

Reading of Prophecy Isaiah 55

Scripture Lesson Luke 1: 57-66

Morning Message *"No! Instead..."*

Morning Worship Service @ 11:00 a.m.

Chancel Choir & Orchestra "The Winter Rose"

Lighting of the Advent Candles *"Hope, Peace, Joy"*

Reading of Prophecy Isaiah 55

Scripture Lesson Luke 1: 57-66

Sermon *"This Changes Everything"*

First Lesson *"Instead..."*

Worship continued . . .

December 20th Fourth Sunday of Advent

Contemplative Service @ 8:30 a.m. / Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Meditation *"For God so loved the world, that He gave His one and only Son..."* John 3:16

Lighting of the Advent Candles *"Hope, Peace, Joy, Love"*

Reading of Prophecy Isaiah 9: 2-3, 6-7

Scripture Lesson Luke 2: 1-7

Morning Message *"Delivery Preparations"*

Morning Worship Service @ 11:00 a.m.

Chancel Choir & Orchestra "The Winter Rose"

Lighting of the Advent Candles *"Hope, Peace, Joy, Love"*

Reading of Prophecy Isaiah 9: 2-3, 6-7

Scripture Lesson Luke 2: 1-7

Sermon *"The Delivery Room"*

First Lesson *"Preparing A Place for Love"*

December 24th Christmas Eve

Meditation

"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!" 1 John 3:1)

6:00 p.m. Service A Family Service of Candlelight

Lighting of the Advent Wreath and the Christ Candle

First Lesson *"A Story to Share"*

Scripture Lesson Luke 2: 8-20

Evening Message *"Let It Be Known!"*

10:00 p.m. Service Candlelight Service

Chancel Choir & Orchestra "The Winter Rose"

Lighting of the Advent Wreath and the Christ Candle

Scripture Lesson Luke 2: 8-20

Sermon *"I Want the World To Know"*

December 27th First Sunday of Christmas / A Birthday Celebration

***A Service of Lessons and Carols @ 10:00 a.m. ***

Meditation *"And this is how we know that He lives in us: We know it by the Spirit He gave us."* 1 John 3:24

Lighting of the Christ Candle

First Lesson *"The Gift of Christmas"*

Storytime *"A Perfect Snowman"*

Scripture Lessons The Birth Narratives

Morning Message *"The Birth of the Gospel"*

January 3rd Epiphany Celebration

Contemplative Service / Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Meditation *"Do not be afraid, ..., you have found favor with God."* Luke 1:30

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Scripture Lesson Matthew 2: 1-15

Morning Message *"Where To Now?"*

Morning Worship @ 11:00 a.m. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Scripture Lessons Luke 2: 21-38

Matthew 2: 1-12, Matthew 2: 13-15

Sermon *"This Is a Frightening Thing"*

First Lesson *"Finding Another Way"*

Christmas Open House @ The Manse

The Molnar Family invites the entire congregation to an Open House Christmas Celebration on Sunday, December 13th, from 2:00 p.m. - ? There will be a festive atmosphere as people come and go to enjoy the food and activities extended from the hospitality of our hearts to your heart this Christmas Season. We will have the annual puzzle set up, a fire kindling in the fireplace, an array of beverages, a sampling of soups, a flavorful buffet of finger foods and goodies, as well as the mingling of music and conversation throughout the house. Come and explore the theme of our home this season, "A Christmas from the Heart!"

The Molnar Family

Advent Wednesdays @ Wallace / A New Opportunity!

Pastor Denis Molnar will host an evening of "**Songs, Scripture, and Solace**" from 6:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. on December 2nd, 9th, and 16th. We will share some of your favorite carols and songs of the Advent and Christmas Seasons, explore the Birth Narratives of the Gospels, and find some solace amidst the busyness and hectic pace of the typical holiday season. Join us in the Chapel for this first in a series of Wednesdays @ Wallace that will be offered in the months ahead.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Two Candlelight Services will be offered on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2009 as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. The First Candlelight Service will be at 6:00 p.m. and will focus on a Family Celebration that will include a story time and worship elements to include the participation of children throughout the service. (There will be no nursery care as we encourage children of all ages to be in the worship service).

The Second Candlelight Service will be at 10:00 p.m. and feature the Chancel Choir and Orchestra as they offer the final portions of the "Winter Rose" choral message. Please plan to join us for one of these joyous services and please invite family and friends to join you.

Neighborhood Sweater Drive 2010

We can share our hospitality and genuine concern in being a welcoming and serving neighborhood Presbyterian Church via a "Neighborhood Sweater Drive!" Wallace Memorial during Advent has the opportunity to be a place for collecting and then distributing new or gently used sweaters to SHIM and our Wallace Food Pantry clients who can use a sweater for the Winter. The window of opportunity will be through December 15, 2009. 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.

Angel Tree Project

The Board of Deacons is sponsoring the annual "Angel Tree Project." The Angel Tree is displayed in the Transept area. Members can choose their "Angel" to purchase gifts for either a child from a list of names given to us by the Allegheny County Children and Youth Services, or for a Marian Manor resident. The names will be provided with possible gift suggestions. A limit of \$25 is suggested to purchase these gifts. Marian Manor has specifically requested that we not exceed the \$25 limit. All of these children are considered severe in their level of need. DHS has requested that we DO NOT wrap their gifts. They would like the parents or caregivers of these children to be able to wrap them. If you would like to donate wrapping paper, they would greatly appreciate it. Marian Manor would like for their gifts to be wrapped. We have been supporting the mothers and their children of Sojourner House for many years. The names of 15 children who are currently residing there have been added to our Angel Project. If you choose one of the angels, please WRAP their gifts. You will know if the child is from Sojourner by the label on the front of the angel. The deadline for bringing gifts to be distributed is December 08.

Please contact Chris Brussemi @ 412-571-0599 if you have any questions.

Christian Education and Spiritual Formation

ADVENT 2009

Sunday, November 29

HOPE families lighting Advent candle during 8:30 & 11:00 worship
Family Advent Breakfast Pre-K-6th grade & parents
Advent log, stations: hope, peace, joy, love & Christ candles

Sunday, December 6

PEACE families lighting Advent candle during 8:30 & 11:00 worship
All (children, youth, adult) education classes invited to bring new gloves or mittens to class to be distributed by Share the Warmth
Kids' Class focus on Heifer International donation to purchase chickens
Youth focusing on "walk a mile in their shoes"—how they would react if they were Mary/Joseph?

Choosing two or three peers to support by purchasing/wrapping gifts for the Angel Tree Mission

Sunday, December 13

JOY families lighting Advent candle during 8:30 & 11:00 worship
All (children, youth, adult) education classes invited to bring new gloves or mittens to class to be distributed by Share the Warmth
Youth: hosting a Children's Christmas Party 12-1

Sunday, December 20

LOVE families lighting Advent candle during 8:30 & 11:00 worship
3rd & 4th grade focus on Heifer International donation to purchase a pig
Kids' Class: "Birthday Party for Jesus"
Please bring a new toy (unwrapped) to be donated to Sojourner House

CHRISTMAS EVE

Family Worship 6 PM; Worship 10 PM families lighting Advent at both

The 3rd & 4th grade class with Mrs. Wallis will be moving into the former Church Office for the rest of the year. This class has been studying the Israelites since they left Egypt and crossed the Red Sea. They heard how God provided quail and manna and commanded water from a rock. They got to know about Moses going to the top of a rumbling mountain to get the Ten Commandments from God. They heard how the Israelites lost faith and made God angry by worshipping a golden calf; and, how the Israelites joined together to build a tabernacle and the Ark of the Covenant to carry the Ten Commandment tablets to make amends. God was going to lead them to the promised land, but they were afraid and lost faith, as a result none of the adults would enter the promised land—only their children. Joshua became the new God-guided leader after Moses died.

FYI:

- Safe Sanctuary rules require children to either be accompanied by a parent or a trained leader for Safe Sanctuary **at all times**. This is for the protection of our children and youth.
- Christian Education/Spiritual Formation Committee meeting: Monday, December 14 @ 11:00
- No classes (adult or youth) on Sunday, December 27. Also, no Round Table class with Paul Moessinger Sunday, December 20.

Youth Group

November continued the Youth Group's new year and a year-long scriptural focus on the Book and themes of Genesis while we went out to see a movie, served our neighbors doing yard work and competed with one another in some fun games. We look forward to beginning our new mission journey, to hosting kids for a Christmas celebration and to having some holiday fun of our own in December.

December 2009

Focus: All the Earth

Scripture: Genesis 11

Sunday, December 6, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

This Year's Mission Plan Revealed....and More!

Sunday, December 13, 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Christmas Party for Wallace & Local Kids

Sunday, December 20, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Trip to Hartwood Acres Celebration of Lights

Sunday, December 27

No Youth Group – Merry Christmas! He is Born!

And a preview of January 2010.....

Focus: This is My Covenant

Scripture: Genesis 12-25

Sunday, January 3 – No Youth Group – Happy New Year!

Friday, January 8, 7:00-11:00 p.m. - Celebrate a New Year and Movie Night

Sunday, January 17 – No Youth Group - Happy MLK Jr. Day!

Sunday, January 24, 12:00-2:00 p.m. – Mission Work

Sunday, January 31, 12:00-1:00 p.m. – Youth Zone Open House

For more info and updates, visit <http://www.wallacememorial.org/youth.aspx> or on Facebook at WMPY - Wallace Memorial Presbyterian Youth. To RSVP or for questions, contact Wil Forrest at wforrest@wallacememorial.org or 412-260-2554.

Worship. Education. Fellowship. Mission. Stewardship.

Young Adult Fellowship

This Fall the YAF is enjoying a series of focus months within our overall theme of "Different Perspectives." During this time we have been examining, both prayerfully and playfully, different faith traditions. In order to gain a broader and deeper understanding of how all God's people approach the Divine, we will spend some time with our brothers and sisters of various faith traditions and seeking to understand their practices & beliefs.

Different Perspectives

AUGUST: A Muslim Focus

SEPTEMBER: A Jewish Focus

OCTOBER: A Catholic Focus

NOVEMBER: A Buddhist Focus

***DECEMBER: A Protestant Focus
Reformed and Always Reforming***

Now that we have examined different faith traditions, we will explore our own faith tradition, Protestantism, through the eyes of the Reformation. What sets us apart? What unites us?

Sunday, December 6 at 6:30 p.m., Meet at Panera on Greentree Road
RSVP to Wil by 12/4/09

Young Adult Holiday Fun

Together with the Young Adult group from East Liberty Presbyterian Church we will celebrate Christmas when we visit Phipps Conservatory and Hartwood Acres Celebration of Lights....cookies and cocoa included!

Monday, December 21 at 5:30 p.m. (Meet at WMPC to car pool)
RSVP to Wil by 12/14/09

JANUARY: An Orthodox Focus

FEBRUARY: A Quaker Focus

MARCH: A Hindu Focus

APRIL: Other Christian Communities Focus

MAY: Putting it all Together

Interested? Contact Wil Forrest - wforrest@wallacememorial.org or 412-260-2554

***Let's share in Christian fellowship serving
and enjoying God together.***



HERE COMES WALLY

Dear Friends,

Merry Christmas!!

In November we had the Veterans' Dinner. What a great way to say thank you to the wonderful people who serve in the Armed Forces. Mike Fisher was the guest speaker. He's a great guy, and he told us about what it was like in the war zone. I'm glad he made it back safely.

We celebrated King Friday XIII's Birthday on Friday, November 13th. Mr. McFeeley came to help us celebrate. It was a good program and he was fun to talk to.

Are you ready for Advent and Christmas? Those weeks and days of celebrating the Birth of the Christ Child are now here. What are you going to do to celebrate?

Do you have your Advent Candles on your Log? Have you started to light them? Are you having a little service at dinner when you light the candle? I always enjoy this and we take turns in the family doing it.

I hear the Christian Fellowship Committee is working on plans for the Christmas Dinner on the 20th of December. I know it will be great. They always do a fantastic job.

And, I hear there will be a great Christmas Program of music in the Sanctuary after the dinner. If I'm not too full, I'll go upstairs and enjoy the music, too.

Which service will you go to on Christmas Eve? I think we are going to the 6:00 one so I can get to bed early. Some of my neighbors are planning on going to the 10:00 service. That's too late for me. I hope you and your family will be at one of them.

You can invite some of your friends and neighbors to come to church during Advent and Christmas. Maybe they would like to come and see what is going on. It's fun to share the special programs with our friends.

Have a great Christmas. It's fun to celebrate the Birth of the Christ Child and share in this special time of year. Will you have a Birthday Party for Jesus? Maybe you and some of your friends can do that. Merry Christmas!!

Love,

Wally, III

Annual Christmas Dinner

I / We will attend the Christmas Dinner on December 20, 2009, and will bring a side dish to serve 8.

Name _____

No. of Reservations _____



Please join us for our Annual Christmas Dinner to be held Sunday, December 20, 2009 @ 5:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Please complete the reservation form above and place it in the offering plate on a Sunday morning, or mail it into the Church Office; however, all are welcome, so if you forget to make a reservation, or if you have a last minute change of plans, please come!

The main course of pork, mashed potatoes and gravy and dessert will be provided. We are asking you to bring a side dish that serves 8. Following the dinner {approximately @ 6:00 p.m.} there will be a program for the whole family in the Sanctuary.

Poinsettias for the Sanctuary

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. candlelight 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 with your payment* in the offering plate on a Sunday morning, or mail it directly to the Church Office by December 15, 2009.

Poinsettias

I/We would like to **donate** the following poinsettias:

_____ red _____ white _____ pink _____ marble

I/We would like to **purchase** the following poinsettias:

_____ red _____ white _____ pink _____ marble

Name _____ Amount Enclosed _____



Memorial Flowers



The 2010 schedule for the flowers that decorate the Sanctuary each Sunday is presently being set up.

As noted in the bulletin each week, the flowers are given in memory of loved ones, or to honor a special occasion. Thus, the congregation shares with you your special memories, and the Sanctuary is suitably decorated for worship.

In 2010, we will continue to receive our flowers from Parkway Florist, Inc. The price for two bouquets of fresh flowers will increase to \$45.00. Following the 11:00 a.m. worship service, you may retrieve the flowers, which will have been removed to the Cold Room downstairs.

Your memorial will appear in the bulletin. Please indicate the exact Sunday/s you prefer in 2010 on the accompanying form {as well as a second date of choice}, and return the form to the Church Office. Please enclose a check payable to Wallace Memorial Church with your form. The Sundays are assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Memorial Flowers

Name _____

Memory of _____

Honor of _____

Date of Sunday in 2010: {1st Choice} _____

{2nd Choice} _____

Clerk's Report of Session Meeting November 16, 2009

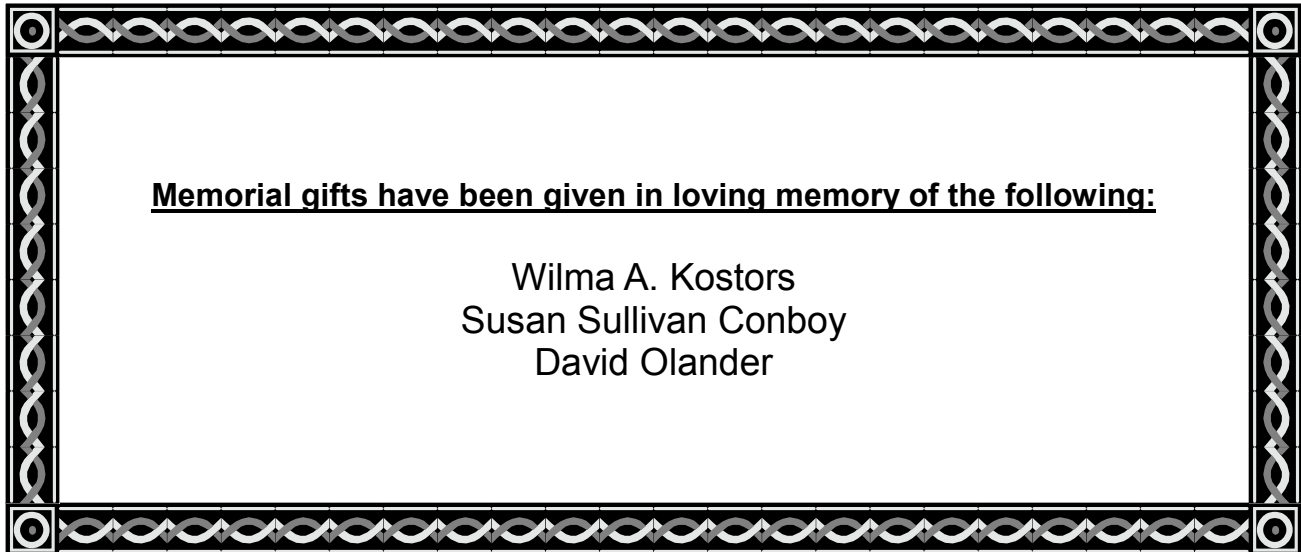
- *Sunday, November 22, 2009, Personal Assistance Offering at both services to collect money to place in fund to help those in need. This replaces the Lazarus Fund. A matching grant has been offered for \$2,000.
Hanging of the Greens.
 - *Sunday, November 29, 2009, 8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion.
9:30 a.m. Advent Breakfast for families Pre-K to 6th Grade.
11:00 a.m. Worship.
 - *Wednesday, December 2, 2009, 12:00 Noon, High Nooners' Luncheon (Brown Bag). Taking the place of the November meeting. Prescipro, a slide presentation on The Nativity Scene (from The Carnegie Museum).
 - *Thursday, December 3, 2009, 1:00 p.m., Pittsburgh Presbytery Meeting at Glenshaw Presbyterian Church with Nadine Eichenmiller and Joan Humphrey as Commissioners and Ann Baldrige as Alternate.
 - *Thursday, December 10, 2009, R & R Book Club in the Lounge.
 - *Sunday, December 20, 2009, 8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion.
11:00 a.m. Worship.
5:00 p.m. Dinner in Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. "Wallace presents..." "A Visit with Sandy", Christmas Music in the Sanctuary with Ms. Sandy Lusco and singing with the Wallace Orchestra.
 - *Thursday, December 24, 2009, 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service.
10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
 - *Sunday, December 27, 2009, 10:00 a.m. One Worship Service.
 - *Wednesday, December 30, 2009, High Nooners' Christmas Party at Peter's Place with entertainment by Christopher and Company.
- *The Board of Pensions sent the Session a letter thanking us for supporting our minister as he was absent from us to attend the CREDO Conference, which is a conference for pastors who have been in the ministry for a number of years. It gives them an opportunity to refresh themselves and look at where they are leading their church.
- *The Church Administrative Offices will be moved from the second floor to the new offices on the first floor within the next few weeks.
- *The Hospitality Committee hosted 65 for Veterans' Dinner on November 11, 2009.
- *The Hospitality Committee held King Friday XIII's Birthday Celebration and Adult Luncheon with David Newell (Mr. Speedy Delivery) on November 13, 2009.
- *The Nursery School Board purchased runners for the hallways in anticipation of bad weather.
- *Total pledged for Stewardship Committee to date is \$249,999, representing 150 pledges.
- *Renovations to the Youth Zone (Phase I/II) are complete and the youth are enjoying their new space. An open house will be held on January 31, 2010 to thank the congregation.
- *A church-wide ski trip to Hidden Valley will be held on Saturday, February 20, 2010 by the Youth.

Ann M. Baldrige
Clerk of Session

Stewardship & Financial Update

A hearty thank you to all who have returned your pledge cards for 2010! We are pleased to be ahead of our pledge pace from this time last year but we still have pledge cards distributed that have not been returned. A friendly reminder will be mailed in early December to those who have not returned their pledge card by November 30th. This information is vital as the Session evaluates our financial condition for the mid-course of our fiscal year and determines actions to adjust the budget in 2010.

Our current giving level for 2009 is still coming up short of our weekly need of \$7,000 in order to continue supporting our full staff, ministry programs, and extended mission support. The Christmas Season is a wonderful time to "gift" the church and close out your financial support for the calendar year. We encourage you to evaluate your ability to extend an additional offering to balance our budget and begin the next 6 months of ministry with a positive outlook.



December Birthdays

2	Joseph Caruso, III Robert Rush	11	Norma Heselbarth	22	Nadine Eichenmiller Don Eisenbeis
3	Keith Rieger Ruth Schultz	12	Kelly Rodavich Matthew Sterling	23	Georgia Repack Heidi Huck
5	Roy Humphrey John Kerr	13	Donn Wilke Doris Batelli	24	Maureen Keefer LaVerne Arnold
7	Carrie Fisher Charles Foster	15	Judith Corbett Robert Frame	26	Lorie Oleksak Jane Rodavich
	Melissa Michaels Ted Schroeder, Jr.	16	Timothy Kellner Janet Sterling	28	Melissa Addis Betty McCartney
	William Slater, III	17	Lucy Kottner Emily Lowry	29	Louise Harper Shari Bittel
8	Virginia Geiger	19	Howard Dunn		Richard Swadley
9	Julie Giardina	20	Kathryn Paras Michael Paras	30	Amelia Wren
10	June Rush Paul Seipp Heather Sarver		Scott Schultz	31	Thurston Laurin

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Thomas A. Davis

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Ellen L. Heriger

Facilities Manager
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