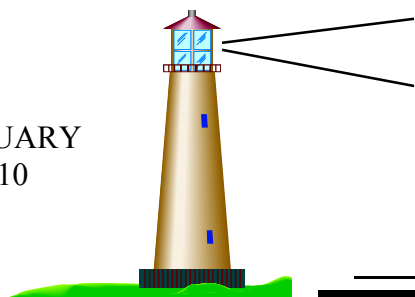


FEBRUARY  
2010



## Wallace Memorial Presbyterian Church

# TOWER LIGHT

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

### **A Journey to the Mountainside: Lenten Wednesday Worship, 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.**

"Now when Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to Him, and He began to teach them, saying: ..." Matthew 5: 1-2

Join us for a Lenten Journey to the Mountainside with Jesus; to worship Him and learn from His teachings. We will focus on the various parts of the Sermon on the Mount (The Beatitudes, Fulfillment of the Law, Judgment and Righteousness, Discipleship Practices, and more).

We will gather in the Chapel to sing songs, share prayer, explore scripture, and practice some faith applications we learn from the Sermon on the Mount. Make this gathering a part of your Lenten Journey this year, as we seek to follow in the Ways of Jesus. The Wednesday Gatherings begin February 24<sup>th</sup> and we will gather each Wednesday through March 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **Prayer with the Pastor / Wednesdays in Lent**

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. in the Chancel of the Sanctuary, you are invited to gather each Wednesday morning at 10:00 to join with Pastor Dennis in a time of prayer for various situations, people, and places that need the presence of God. Pastor Dennis will lead us through some prayer exercises to connect us with one another and with God through the power of prayer. The prayer journeys will take place at Wallace but will include various locations within the facility and on one occasion we will journey to Mount Washington to pray for the people and the places of the Greater Pittsburgh Region. You can plan to be a part of each opportunity or join us when your schedule permits.

### **Young Adult Fellowship Opportunity "Once-A-Month-Lunch" Downtown**

Are you a young adult who is working in the downtown area? Are you looking for something new to do in 2010 over the lunch hour? You are invited to a "Once-A-Month-Lunch" co-hosted by the Glenshaw Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh. If you are interested in participating in this great time of Christian fellowship, contact Tom Quigley @ Glenshaw or Kay Balderose @ First Presbyterian.

### **One Great Hour of Sharing Collection "Feed My Sheep"**

During the Season of Lent our congregation receives funds for the mission work of the church supported by the One Great Hour of Sharing Collection. These funds go to support Presbyterian Hunger Projects, Self-Development of People Projects, and the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Efforts. We are especially aware of these funds as a part of our response to the earthquake in Haiti. This has been an active source of Mission throughout the world for some 60 years following World War II. In response to the call of Jesus to, "Feed My Sheep", our gifts to One Great Hour will be transformed into acts of compassion and resolution in the world.

### **Wallace: It's What's For Dinner!**

#### **Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 - 7:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall**

Join us for some Pizza, Salad, Beverages, and Conversation of Connection. Using some community building exercises and interactive activities, we will share an update of information about our shared ministry and mission as a congregation. Members of the Session and Leadership Team will be at Table to share conversation with the Members and Friends of Wallace about the Wellness of Wallace. Please let us know if you will be in attendance so we can order enough pizza for you and the members of your family of all ages. Return this reservation to the church via the offering plate or mail. You can also call the office to note your attendance and the number of family members that will be joining us for this evening of activity.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

No. \_\_\_\_\_



FROM OUR PASTOR

## **"Mountaintop Experiences"** *A Journey for Lent*

I don't know how many of you have had the opportunity to journey up a "high mountain" to take in the wonder of God's creation from that type of spectacular view. Last year I had several opportunities to have some "mountaintop experiences". Each experience had a link with a spiritual retreat or conference I was attending. When I visited with my cousin in Colorado last Summer, I was preparing to attend the Reforming Pastors' Conference. Not only did I have a grand view from his home in Pine, Colorado, (around 9,000 feet), but also had the opportunity to visit Pike's Peak. I had never seen the drifting movement of clouds beneath me like that, although I had often flown above them. Later in the Fall, I was at the foot of the Black Mountains in North Carolina to attend a CREDO conference at Lake Logan. While there, I had several "spiritual encounters" with the Lord. Even as I write this article for the February Tower Light, I am watching a slow snowfall in the Laurel Mountains, at the home of friends in Hidden Valley, where I have retreated to prepare for the coming Season of Lent.

Jesus often retreated to a high place to converse with his Father, God. Feeling drained from healing or teaching, He would be "re-energized" and could move on to do more teaching and healing. It was upon a mountain that He was transfigured. It was on a mount that He was crucified. It was atop a mountain that He ascended. As the season of Lent unfolds in the middle of February, I invite you to "go up" a few mountains with me. We are going to journey up several mountains that have appeared in scripture and join others who have encountered God in a "high place".

We will visit the Mount of Bethel, Mount Horeb, Mount Carmel, and other "high points" along the way to Mount Calvary. With each encounter we will discover what the people learned about their relationship with God having visited the "mountaintop". We will join Abraham, Moses, Jacob, Elijah, and other prophets, along with the disciples who ventured with Jesus on occasion to the "mountain" to hear God and His instruction for their lives. It is my hope that through each discovery we will learn more about our own journey of faith and energize our souls for doing the work of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ.

People often refer to a special or exciting experience as being a "mountaintop experience." There is usually some form of extra feeling of "spiritual movement", beyond the ordinary or what was expected to happen. It is often a moment that marked either a beginning or a culmination of a journey that was special to the person. I hope to hear about some of our members' "mountaintop experiences" as we converse about these "God moments" in the lives of people in scripture and in our lives.

Join in worship each Sunday in February as we prepare and begin our journey into the mountains to be with God:

- ◆ February 7<sup>th</sup> - Service of Confession and Sacrament of Communion
- ◆ February 14<sup>th</sup> - Service of Wholeness and Healing
- ◆ February 17<sup>th</sup> - Ash Wednesday: Jesus prepares to move to Mount Calvary.
- ◆ On Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> we will begin 5 Wednesdays focusing on the Sermon on the Mount.

***Throughout Lent I will also be presenting a Wednesday opportunity to be in Prayer with the Pastor, as we gather in various places to offer prayer for what is on our minds and hearts, including prayer for others and the world. One of the opportunities will take us up to Mount Washington to pray for the City of Pittsburgh and the surrounding region. (Look for details inside this issue of the Tower Light).***

Lent is intended to be a time for spiritual pilgrimages for the people of God. It is a time to retreat unto the Lord, to go apart from all other things that demand our attention and "come apart for a time to be with the Lord, before you come apart". I hope you will make an effort to walk with others in faith throughout the upcoming month and full season of Lent which ends on Easter Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.

I hope to see you along the way!

Peace,  
Pastor Dennis

## February Worship

### **February 7<sup>th</sup> The Relinquishment of Self**

Meditation "Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered." Ps. 32:1

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

Scripture Meditation Psalm 139: 1-4, 23-24

Scripture Lesson Ephesians 2: 1-10

Morning Message "God's Workmanship"

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

First Lesson "Prayer Coverage"

Scripture Reflection James 5: 13-20

Scripture Lesson Ephesians 2: 1-10

Sermon "God's Works of Art"

### **February 14<sup>th</sup> A Service of Wholeness and Healing**

Meditation "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation."

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

Scripture Meditation James 5: 13-20

Scripture Lesson Luke 5: 12-16

Morning Message "I Do Choose"

#### **Morning Worship @ 11:00 a.m.**

First Lesson "Remembering Our Baptism"

Scripture Reflection Colossians 1: 2-23

Scripture Lesson Luke 5: 12-16

Sermon "A Cure for Dis-Ease"

### **February 21<sup>st</sup> First Sunday of Lent / The Mountain of Promise**

Meditation "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you." Genesis 12: 2a

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

Scripture Promise Genesis 12: 1-9

Scripture Lesson Matthew 4: 12-17, 23-25, 5:1

Morning Message "Forming a Great Kingdom"

#### **Morning Worship @ 11:00 a.m.**

First Lesson "Magnify the Lord"

Scripture Promise Genesis 12: 1-9

Scripture Lesson Matthew 4: 12-17, 23-25, 5:1

Sermon "Jesus: The Preacher"

### **February 28<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday of Lent / The Mountain of Blessing**

Meditation "I will not let you go unless you bless me." Genesis 32: 26b

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

Scripture Story Genesis 32: 22-32

Scripture Lesson John 4: 1-26

Morning Message "Limping Along"

#### **Morning Worship @ 11:00 a.m.**

First Lesson "A Wrestling Match"

Scripture Story Genesis 32: 22-32

Scripture Lesson John 4: 1-26

Sermon "Jesus: The Blessing Source"

### **Ash Wednesday Service, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m.**

#### **A Service of Darkness and Light**

#### **Disposition of Ashes and Sacrament of Communion**

Shared Scripture Readings, Reflections, and Reformation

Evening Message "A Resolute Fix"

## Five for Five

With the receipt of the Joy Offering at Christmas we became a "Five for Five" congregation in 2009, as we have been for several years. Our congregation received and disbursed mission funds to all Five extensions of Mission Funding through the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. In 2009 we disbursed mission dollars to the Basic Mission Support for Mission Personnel, sent in collected funds for One Great Hour of Sharing (See appeal in this issue of Tower Light), the Pentecost Offering (Youth Ministry & Mission Projects), Peacemaking Offering (Resources and Training for Conflict Situations), and the Joy Offering (Extra support for Retired Ministers and Mission Workers and their families & Ethnic Schools & Colleges). The final total for this year's Peacemaking Offering was \$1,064 and the Joy Offering \$2,044. In addition to these efforts, the congregation also contributed \$3,642 to match a \$2,000 matching grant for personal assistance for families and neighbors related to our congregation.

Thanks for your generosity! / Give yourself a "High Five"!!!

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### Christian Education/Spiritual Formation:

- We have a PLAN if we ever need to cancel the **Sunday morning education classes** as we did on December 13 due to the ice. If you are ever in doubt about your safety on the roads, please stay home. I will try to keep my cell phone on Sundays during poor weather 412.874.9196. We can now get cancellations posted on **WPXI-TV channel 11** and we hope to get a **mass email** out via the Communications Committee. If you get the weekly "What's Up At Wallace?" you would receive that mass email. If not, send me (eheriger@wallacememorial.org) your email address and I will forward it to the Communications Committee.
- If you are not committed elsewhere Sundays at 9:30, you need to be hearing **Dr. Burgess** in Fellowship Hall. Dr. Burgess will entice you to THINK. He continues through February.
- **Mrs. Wallis' class** (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade) has come up with enough donations to purchase a pig for distribution via Heifer, Int. and are now working towards a llama.
- **Mrs. Tancraitor and Mrs. Schroeder's class** (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade) is planning a field trip to the Aviary Sunday, February 7, after class.
- The **Christian Education/Spiritual Formation Committee** will meet at 11:00 AM Monday, February 8.
- The leadership Team for the New Kids' Class is having a **Storytelling Workshop** Monday, February 8, at 7 PM in room 206. If you would like to utilize a different approach to entering into biblical stories for yourself or others, you are most welcome to join us. Please let Ellen know.
- Thursday, February 11, the **Read & Review Book Club** meets in the Lounge at 7 PM. This month they will be discussing *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson and D.O. Reilin. March's selection: *Sundays at Tiffany's* by Paterson. YOU are welcome.
- **Pretzel Day**, a fun, annual event on Sunday morning for our children & youth will be February 14.
- March 12-13 is the **TWOgether Pittsburgh Weekend Marriage Preparation Seminar**. The course, materials and lunch are provided free. Space will be limited as Penny Ziesloft (Crafton UP) and I are combining, so that we may offer the seminar at the Radisson Hotel Green Tree. It will certainly be a great venue. If you know any serious or engaged couples, please let them know to contact Ellen (eheriger@wallacememorial.org) soon as spaces will fill up fast.
- Reservations have been closed for the **Scripture & the Arts: Pastel Workshop** for adults with Linda Frank focusing on Psalms, Saturday, February 27.

# Youth Group

December continued the Youth Group's year-long scriptural focus on Genesis as we examined the concept of covenant. We also hosted the Youth Zone Open House as we celebrated our newly renovated space, our youth and our congregational support.

*Thank you for attending and for your continued support!!!*

## **February 2010** **Focus: Serve Your Brother** **Scripture: Genesis 26-36**

Sunday, February 7, 12:00-2:00 p.m. - Soup'er Sunday  
*Our annual fundraiser with a little facelift. All hands on deck!!!*

Sunday, February 14, 12:00-2:00 p.m.  
Mission Work: Having a Heart for the Hungry  
*Stay after church for lunch and to help make treats for patrons of the Food Pantry. Show some Valentine's love.*

Saturday, February 20, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. - Wallace Ski Trip  
*We again will host Wallace membership at Hidden Valley for a day of skiing, food, fellowship, games and more skiing. Plan to come with your family and have a day of fun!*

Sunday, February 28 - No Youth Group

Also, coming in **March 2010**  
**Focus: The Blessings of Your Father**  
**Scripture: Genesis 37-50**

Sunday, March 7 - 12:00-5:00 p.m. - Lunch and Museum Trip  
Friday, March 12 to Sunday, March 14 - Camp Crestfield 30 Hour Famine Weekend  
Sunday, March 21 - No Youth Group  
Sunday, March 28, 12:00-2:00 p.m. - Mission Work in the Food Pantry (Easter Bags)

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](mailto:wforrest@wallacememorial.org) or 412-260-2554. Friends are always welcome!

Worship. Education. Fellowship. Mission. Stewardship.

# Young Adult Fellowship

This year 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. It has been a great journey so far... below is a list of where we have been and where we are going. Come join us!

## *Different Perspectives*

*AUGUST: A Muslim Focus*

*SEPTEMBER: A Jewish Focus*

*OCTOBER: A Catholic Focus*

*NOVEMBER: A Buddhist Focus*

*DECEMBER: A Protestant Focus*

*JANUARY: An Orthodox Focus*

***FEBRUARY: A Quaker Focus***

**Quaker Worship Meeting**

at the Religious Society of Friends of Pittsburgh in Oakland on Sunday, February 14 at 9:00 a.m. (meet at WMPC at 8:15 a.m.). We will attend a worship service, then stay to meet with some young adult Friends to answer our questions and perhaps join the sing-along. We may be able to return in time for the WMPC 11:00 a.m. worship. Plan to come!! RSVP to Wil ASAP!!!!!!

*MARCH: A Hindu Focus*

*APRIL: Other Christian Communities Focus*

*MAY: Putting it all Together*

Interested? Contact Wil Forrest - [wforrest@wallacememorial.org](mailto:wforrest@wallacememorial.org) or 412-260-2554

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

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# HERE COMES WALLY

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Dear Friends,

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!

Super Bowl or rather Soup'er Bowl will be on February 7<sup>th</sup>. The Youth really know how to celebrate the day. They're getting the Elders to make soup and bring it for the lunch after church. And their Bake Sale is always great. I'm looking forward to coming.

I have my calendar marked to go to the "Wallace, It's What's for Dinner" with pizza and salad on Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Bring your parents and come for an early night. It's to be over before 7:30 p.m.

Then there will be the Valentine's Day Dance on Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. If you like to dance, that is the place to be. The Pitt Alumni Band is great and they will play requests.

Starting the following Wednesday, Pastor Dennis will have another short program at 6:00 for "Wednesdays at Wallace" for Lent. No food, but a good program.

See you at all these great events.

Oh! Oh! The Ski Trip with the Youth is coming up on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. Dress warmly and come for a fun day. They are planning a great trip. I enjoyed it last year, so I plan to come again. Mom said she'd sign my permission slip. Don't forget to get yours signed.

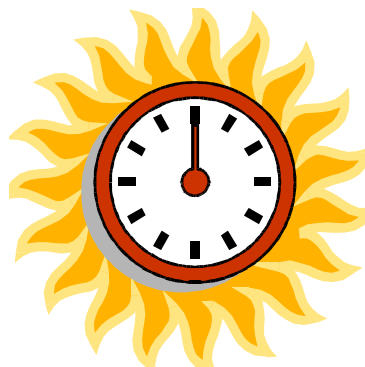
Love,

Wally, III



## High Noon

Wednesday, February 24, 2010  
12:00 Noon  
Fellowship Hall  
Matt Smith, State Representative



Wednesday, March 31, 2020  
12:00 Noon  
Fellowship Hall  
Herb Eck and his Harmonica

## **Clerk's Report of January 18, 2010 Session Meeting**

- \* January 24, 2010, Sunday, Church Growth hosting a lunch at Pastor Dennis' home for prospective members.
- \* January 27, 2010, Wednesday, Noon, High Nooners - Silent movie and pizza at \$3.00 per person.
- \* January 31, 2010, Sunday, Noon - 1:00 p.m. Open House in the Youth Zone to dedicate newly renovated space and to thank the congregation for their support.
- \* February 7, 2010, Sunday, Noon - 2:00 p.m. - Soup'er Sunday - Youth Fundraiser will include soup/bread lunch for \$5.00 per person, as well as a bake sale.
- \* February 10, 2010, Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. - Town Hall Meeting for entire congregation. Pizza and salad will be provided. Meeting to be about one hour.
- \* February 13, 2010, Saturday, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m., - 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Valentine Day Dance in the Activities Room, with music Maestro Jack Anderson and the Pitt Alumni Band.
- \* February 14, 2010, Sunday, 9:30 a.m., Pretzel Sunday.
- \* February 15, 2010, Monday, Session Meeting, prospective members to be introduced.
- \* February 17, 2010, Ash Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Service. Taize style worship. Draping of window.
- \* February 20, 2010, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., - 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wallace Ski Trip @ Hidden Valley, sponsored by the Youth.
- \* February 21, 2010, Sunday, 8:30 & 11:00, One Great Hour of Sharing Offering promotion to begin, with offerings received on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter.
- \* February 24, 2010, Wednesday, Noon, High Nooners - Matt Smith, State Representative
- \* Wednesdays @ Wallace - "Journey to the Mount" - Jesus' ministry - Evening Lenten Service.
- \* February 27, 2010, Saturday, - Scripture and the Arts Pastel Workshop. All welcome. Cost \$20.00 per person. Local artist Linda Frank will demonstrate pastel techniques for artists of all levels.
- \* February 28, 2010, Sunday, 11:00 Service, New Members to be introduced to congregation with reception in the Lounge following service.
- \* March 31, 2010, Wednesday, Noon, High Nooners - Herb Eck and his harmonica with a sing-a-long.
- \* April 25, 2010, Sunday, Time to be announced - Program featuring the outstanding and unique Feria-Marcinizyn guitar duo. Program to be held in the Sanctuary.
- \* April 28, 2010, Wednesday, High Nooners - Wendell August Forge with lunch at a nearby restaurant.

### **Items of Interest:**

- \* The Rev. Dr. Sheldon W. Sorge was elected to the Office of Pastor of Presbytery at the December 3, 2009 Pittsburgh Presbytery Meeting.
- \* The Presbytery Council reported that the Rev. Eric Dennis of Linway United Presbyterian Church and Elder Earle Wooding from Pleasant Hills Community Church were appointed as Co-Moderators of the Committee on Local Arrangements for the 220<sup>th</sup> General Assembly that will be held in Pittsburgh. Anyone interested in helping may contact Clerk Ann Baldrige and have your name added to the list we have already submitted.
- \* Sunday School Cancellation Policy due to inclement weather - Pastor Dennis or Christian Education Director Ellen Heriger will contact WPXI, Channel 11 Television and KDKA Radio for their cancellation/delay announcements.
- \* The Christian Education/Spiritual Formation Committee intends to have a door/window placed between the former office work room and Ellen's present office. This will allow for four spaces (Ellen's office, former work room, former office and small kitchen) to be used in a variety of ways. The area will be called the Scriptural Arts Center.
- \* October Peacemaking Offering Totaled \$1,064.
- \* November Personal Asst. Match Offering was \$3,642 + \$2,000 Match = \$5,642.
- \* December Christmas Joy Offering Totaled \$2,044.
- \* The Nursery School is revamping their schedule. Anyone interested may contact Lynn Wren at the Nursery School for more information, 412-561-7123.
- \* The VIM Committee reported that 146 people volunteered their services for 2009-2010 fiscal year and on an average each person volunteered for 7 activities.

Ann M. Baldrige  
Clerk of Session

## **“To My Wallace Memorial Family”**

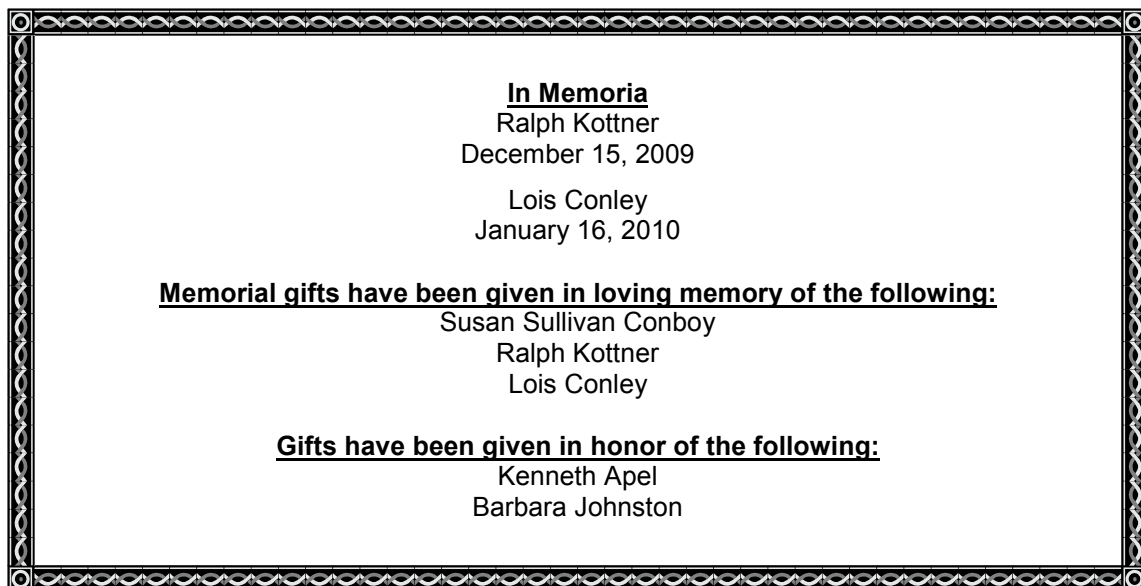
*I've always known that being a member of Wallace was a good thing, but this last couple of months, that fact has been reinforced “big time”!!! My heart is overflowing with thanks, love and humility for the outpouring I have received from you all - my friends and “family”!*

*Thank you for all of the beautiful cards, remembrances, food, flowers, phone calls, visits, and most of all, your prayers. “God is good all the time, and all the time God is good.”*

*Special thanks to the Wallace Staff for their constant, every day care through calls, visits, etc. We are so lucky, that I feel the church pews should be filled to overflowing for worship on Sundays.*

*I hope to be back “haunting the hallways,” singing in the choir, etc. soon - ‘til then, “God bless you all!”*

*Your Sister in Christ,  
Milly Hum*



## **February Birthdays**

1	Edward Maurer	9	Alex Ferianc	19	Richard Petro
	William Maurer		James Hicken	20	Ross Sproat
	Kathleen Scholz	10	Pamela Donald	22	Lynne Chadwick
2	Alex Goldman		Patrick Wherry	24	Mark Lindsay
	Thomas Heselbarth	11	Marsha Ruddy-Lund	25	Daniel Schultz
	Amy Marchlen	14	Joshua Ferianc		Trevor Buttermore
	Paul Moessinger		Richard Herbel		Kathy Buzilow
	Chad Rahner		Shane McGuire		Elsie Craddock
3	Jacob Scholz	15	Brendan Jamison		David Luedemann
4	Robert Fallgren		Robert McCartney	26	Judith Nolte
5	Jack Eibs, Sr.		Doris Prince	27	Charles Lindsay
	Jeffrey Sterling		William Thomas	28	David Hughes
6	Frederick Fraer, Jr.	17	Nancy Harris		Kay Palmer
					Donald Scorzafave