



The Joyful Noise

December is a month of messengers.

Some of these messengers are highly visible to us – mail carriers delivering bundles of catalogues and cards, and FedEx or UPS drivers juggling packages while jogging to your front door.

Other messengers are known for their words. That’s particularly true of biblical messengers. Without their voices the Christmas story would never be told.

Who are these biblical messengers? Prophets from ancient Israel – like Isaiah – lived hundreds of years before Jesus and announced the message of a coming Messiah. Angels are messengers too. In fact, the word “angel” means “messenger.”

Unlike the future-oriented prophets, angels concentrate on the immediate present. They say what is happening right now. And, where prophets rely on broad pronouncements, angels mostly work one-on-one. Unless appearing to shepherds on a darkened hillside outside of town, angels seem shy, avoiding fanfare and crowds. They’re more likely to sneak up on unsuspecting Joseph in a dream, corral Zechariah in the temple, or whisper softly in Mary’s ear. (Ancient mystics explained the virgin birth by saying, “Through Mary’s ear the Word entered and dwelt secretly in her womb”!)

The third category of biblical messenger for this season is a man who stands alone in our tradition: John the Baptizer. His peculiar message is “don’t look at me” – though, by the odd way he dresses and eats, you wonder if that’s possible. The way he delivers this message is, “After me comes one who is more powerful than I am. I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals.”

What stands out about all these messengers – earthly and celestial, ancient or urgent – is that they all tell God’s story *forward*. They don’t repeat the news of the past but relay a *new* thing God is doing. They declare what’s *ahead*, not what already happened.

This is particularly true of John. His invitation (dare I say, his command) is to always look ahead, beyond himself and beyond the circumstances of the moment in order to discern the hand of God at work in the world. “After me comes one who is greater ...”

The other thing I notice about our biblical messengers is that they all keep one eye on God, and one on the world. They maintain a twin focus. So, the angels, for instance, are able to say in one breath, “Glory to God,” and “Peace on earth.” Biblical messengers work between those two realms, moving smoothly and sometimes stealthily in both directions ... inviting us to do likewise.

During Advent 2011, Laura and I will pay special attention to the oldest messengers, the prophets. In Sunday morning sermons and in Wonderful Wednesday adult classes we’ll hear what they have to say. Knowing what’s *ahead*, we hope you’ll join us. - Jim Rand

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WITH GRATITUDE
FOR THEIR LIFE AND
IN THE HOPE OF THE
RESURRECTION
OF JESUS CHRIST

NIGELLA NOE
OCTOBER 27, 2011

CAROL WRIGHT
NOVEMBER 8, 2011



Session Meeting Notes September 26, 2011

Submitted by Dottie Anderson, Clerk of Session

The Session met at the church for its regular meeting at 7:00pm on September 26.

Session Action: Session approved a policy that the photo directory be reviewed and renovated every five years by an *ad hoc* committee to be initiated by the membership committee.

Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee Chair, Elder Jim Badciong,

reported that to date six Deacon and two Elder positions are open. The committee is working hard to fill the church officer positions.

Finance Committee Chair, Elder Judson Luke, reported that proceeds from the sale of the manse were used to pay down the Building Fund by \$228,000 and that an audit of the church's finances will be conducted on October 29, 2011.

Time was spent discussing the new "Concealed Carry" law that will be in effect on November 1st. "How will it affect the church?" and "how do we present ourselves?" are a couple of questions that were discussed in light of the new law.



Session Meeting Notes October 24, 2011

Submitted by Dottie Anderson, Clerk of Session

The Session of Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church met at the church for its regular meeting on October 24, 2011 at 7:00p.m in Fellowship Hall. The Rev. Dr. James M. Rand served as moderator. Guests: The "Growing in Faith" New Member Class

We Welcome New Members

The elders and new members were introduced to each other; then, some questions were posed by the Moderator to the new prospective members: "What way has God been real in your life and world?" "Why do you want to be a member here?" "What do you bring to this church?" After an informative and lengthy discussion, **it was unanimously passed that the members below be received into the fellowship of the church.** The new members will be recognized at the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, October 30th.

By Profession of Faith: William DeCaire. **By Reaffirmation of Faith:** Scott S. Terhune, Heather R. Wojciechowski. **By Transfer of Letter:** James T. Holveck and Laura A. Holveck from Parkside Presbyterian Church, Madison, WI, Megan B. Miller from Central United Methodist Church, Kansas City, MO, and Lynette K. Terhune from St. Bernard's Catholic Church, Wauwatosa, WI. Daniel C. Markel joined the church as an **affiliate member**, keeping his membership with Grace Presbyterian Church, Lafayette, LA.

We Celebrate God's Work Among Us

Pastor Jim Rand reported that he participated in two baptisms: Evelyn Hughes, daughter of Tassia and David Hughes, was baptized on October 16, 2011 and Andrew Guckenberg, son of Jim and Julie Guckenberg, was baptized on October 23, 2011. He participated in two funerals – for the Rev. Roger Hawthorne and for George Wells. He also used 10 days of his vacation.

Pastor Laura Loving reported on her two-day study leave, shadowing the Rev. Linda McKiernan-Allen, pastor of West Street Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, in Tipton, Indiana. She learned of their mission activities, curriculum, and garnered personal spiritual resources as well as time management ideas. She left Indiana with armloads of free books for our church library and feeling the days spent there were very worthwhile.

Treasurer's Report: Current giving is 10% higher than last year, but our investment accounts have reflected the economic situation and showed a decrease of approximately \$29,000.

Committee Reports:

Membership: After listing activities of a busy year for the Membership Committee, Elder Pam Parker reminded the session that new member classes were not keeping up with the funeral rate and it is important for all church members to support the activities of the church membership. Elders should frequently help update the website. Membership will be discerning how to better use the hour between services in order to attract and hold new members, and session members are encouraged to contribute ideas also. (Notes continued on next page.)

(Session Meeting Notes from October 24, 2011 continued...)

Memorial: Elder Rose Mary Muller reported plans were made to build a display for the January coffee house to showcase the generosity of those who have donated to the Memorial fund. The committee will also have materials that will encourage others to remember the church, the Memorial Fund and the scholarship fund. A new digital camera for photographing events at the church will be kept in the church office.

Stewardship: Elder Byron Skillings reported the Stewardship Blessings and Coffeehouse held on October 14th was a big success thanks to all who made posters for the various mission projects and activities of the church – a good educational tool. To enhance the stewardship campaign, (Continued on next page) members of the church have volunteered to speak to the church about why they are members of WPC during the “Minute for Mission” time in the worship services; and a stewardship brochure has been written, touching on many aspects of Christian stewardship.

September Presbytery Meeting : Milwaukee Presbytery met at Sun Valley Presbyterian Church, Beloit, Wisconsin on September 27, 2011. Its Pastor, David Ewing, had been a member of WPC. Elayne Stover resigned as vice-moderator, and Cathy Manthei was elected to serve as vice-moderator. Jessie Read was elected to Mission Partnerships, class of 2014. Session Partnerships announced a new program for this year – a day camp for children, and Mission Partnerships announced a presbytery-wide mission trip is being planned for next summer. Presbytery concurred with the call and installation of Rev. Laura Loving as Designated Associate Pastor to serve Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church. Sarah Rand will serve as consultant to the What’s Next Committee.

Motions offered and approved:

1. **Worship:** Approved serving Communion at the ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve Service on 11/23/11 at 7:00 p.m. at WPC.
2. **Worship:** Approved the baptism of Julianna Grace Mills, daughter of Jenny Vaughn and Robert Mills of Arlington Heights, IL and granddaughter of Larry and MaryAnn Vaughn, on Sunday, 11/13/2011.
3. **Christian Education:** Approved selling homemade cards at the Christmas Alternative Market.
4. **Personnel:** Authorized Laura Loving's medical reimbursement plan to include otherwise unreim-

bursed vision, dental, medical, and physical therapy expenses incurred by Laura Loving or her immediate family. (The reimbursement plan and the maximum amount of reimbursement had already been approved by the session and the congregation.)

5. **Memorial:** Approved granting seven scholarships. Recipients are: Bradley and Leslie Halverson, Ian Read, Carrie Streiff-Stuessy, Portia Turner, Julia Weinberg, and Claire Whetter. The balance of the gift funding these scholarships will be returned to the scholarship fund in order to strengthen the fund’s future.
6. **Memorial:** Approved the purchase of an Automatic External Defibrillator for the cost of \$1391 from the Memorial Fund requested by the Building and Grounds Committee. The AED will be placed in the Gathering Space.
7. **Mission:** Approved the sale of chocolate (made in Ghana) and Kobo beads to benefit the Presbyterian Ghana Partnership.
8. Approved the election of Jim Halverson as Commissioner to the November Presbytery Meeting.
9. Approved a request from Jean Miller to transfer any remaining 2011 Bells funds from the variety show to the 2012 Bells fund for repairs and festival opportunities.

At this point in time, the Session spent about an hour discussing the new Wisconsin concealed weapons law and its effect on the life of the congregation. Elder Kevin Sjostrom, a lawyer, was helpful in informing the Session of the legalities of the law and said there were many questions the law did not address. Litigation would have to make the law more clear. It was decided not to take action at this time.

Announcements and Other Business:

1. Elder’s pledge cards should be returned by Nov. 6th.
2. Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church has been covered by liability insurance from November 17, 2010 to November 17, 2011. A copy of the certificate will be placed as an addendum to the minutes.
3. The Presbytery of Milwaukee’s “Discovery Day: Stirring the Waters” will be held February 25, 2012, at Carroll University.

Prayers of gratitude and petitions were offered for the new members and those who are under stress from health concerns and grief.

Congregational Meeting Notes Sunday, November 6, 2011



Submitted by Dottie Anderson, Clerk of Session

The congregational meeting was called to order at 9:30a.m. for the purpose of electing officers and preparing the congregation for its annual stewardship campaign. Prayer was offered by the Moderator, Dr. James M. Rand, who asked for God's presence in the meeting and to ask the Lord's help with the congregation's decision-making.

Election of officers of the Church.

Elder James Badciong, chairperson of the congregation's Nominating Committee, presented the following nominations for the offices of Deacon and Ruling Elder:

Deacons:

*John Breunissen (1 yr.), Larry Hanlon, Jen Knapp,
*Dee Krugler, Peggy Paar, Carolyn Rauen, Luke Peaslee,
Allison Peaslee, Nora Whetter, Roy Whetter, *Dan Wolf

Ruling Elders:

Jennifer Whetter, Christian education (one year term)
Bonnie Strigenz, Community Life
Sharon Polakowski, Fellowship
Kelly Turner, Membership)
*Heidi Sjostrom, Stewardship
Anne Bond, Youth Elder (one year term?)



Because the roster of candidates was not complete, further nominations were asked from the floor. Nominees indicated with a * volunteered to serve. It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously that these persons (see list) be elected to serve as deacons and ruling elders, respectively.

Dr. Rand then gave a stewardship presentation. He stated that many gifts are given to church members free – especially God's Grace, quoting Isaiah: "...everyone who thirsts, come to the waters..." He then suggested some approximate yearly costs of membership in Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church: Church Staff, \$75,000; Education, \$4500; General Assembly, \$20,000-25,000; church building, \$110,000 – all to aid the congregation in its ministry. Because of its effective work in the community, the gift of \$4,000 to Common Ground should be considered an investment. He concluded that giving to the church – stewardship – should be considered an invitation to invest.

Elder John Krugler, church archivist, reminded the congregation that WPC first began in a store-front building, and through the faithfulness and commitment of its members through the years, today we have a vital, mission-oriented congregation and a very beautiful and worshipful sanctuary.



November 2011 CCNS Update

Dana Biasi
School Administrator

Time is rolling right along into the Holiday Season! The leaves on the trees are changing, the air is crisp, and the time to reflect on what we are thankful for is near. Every year we ask the children what they are thankful for and get a variety of (and often hilarious) responses.

We also talk about the Thanksgiving meal and all the abundance God has blessed us with. We tell them not all families have a lot of food at the holidays, so we have a Sharing Box in each classroom for the children to bring in non-perishable food



items for the Tosa Food Pantry. This simple act of giving makes the children feel really good about sharing their abundance with others!

Our school will be closed the week of November 21 for the Thanksgiving holiday. When we come back, we will begin teaching the children about preparing for Christmas and making special things to give to their families. Our school will also be closed December 21-January 1 for Christmas break.

Curiosity Corner Nursery School's
Christmas program at WPC
Please join us at 6:30PM on
Mon., Dec. 19th or Tues., Dec. 20th.

If you know of anyone who would like to join the fun this year, please have them contact the school at 774-5005 x 113 or email me, Dana Biasi at admin@ccnstosa.com.

Welcome to Our New Members!

Bill DeCaire has always had faith and has often turned to God in prayer for guidance. But this is the first time he has joined a church. He was drawn to WPC realizing that he can be himself here, and grow in faith with the help of others. His fiancée, **Heather Wojciechowski**, had a very different experience of church while growing up. She was active and involved, serving as a youth elder and deacon! (Both not pictured)

James & Laura Holveck

Laura grew up going to weddings, funerals, and visits with her father, a pastor. In college she tried other religions, with support from her parents, only to wind up returning to Christianity with new appreciation. One way she expresses her faith is by playing her flute – as we will hear today. James is from a lively, opinionated, religiously active family that loves spirited conversations. Discovering that this is a healthy church, not one in conflict, was part of what attracted him here.



Megan Miller (not pictured) is another person who expresses her faith musically. Megan's introduction to WPC was through the choir. In fact, she has been sharing her vocal skills and occasional solos with us for a couple of years. So don't accuse her of rushing into things!

Dan Markel lived in Louisiana a few years ago when Hurricane Katrina hit. With his family, he was one of five people living in a single room for three months after that. Rather than hurting his faith, that experience increased his trust in God instead of material things. Dan joins us as an affiliate member.



Lynette & Scott Terhune, along with their children **Emma, George & Sam**. Our first public introduction of this family was a little more than a month ago, when they presented Sam for baptism. Scott is a lifelong Presbyterian. Not satisfied with the lack of questioning – or inadequate answers to her questions – in other churches, Lynette decided to try us out ... and immediately felt at home!



Please introduce yourself when you see our new members in person. Plus, if you know someone looking for a church, tell them about us. If you see or meet a "visitor" at church, please go out of your way to help that person feel welcome.

On December 4th, Extending the Table = Hot Drink Mixes & Canned or Boxed Soups

The Mission Committee invites you to help extend the Communion Table on the first Sunday of the month by donating food for the Wauwatosa Food Pantry.

Please help the church to offer the bread of life to our community as we offer daily sustenance to the hungry on Sunday, December 4th (or on ANY Sunday). Thank you!



Wonderful Wednesdays in Advent "From Longing to Receiving"

Nov 30, Dec 7 & Dec 14 at 5:30 – 7:30pm

The doors at the church open for Wonderful Wednesday at 5:30pm and we start dinner at about 5:45pm. At 6:30pm we each go our way according to our peer group – Crib Room for very young people, Rainbow Choir for SrK through 5th grade, confirmation class for 7th and 8th grade students, and Laura Loving will lead "From Longing to Receiving" an enrichment program for teens and adults. For Wonderful Wednesday in Advent, the 6th grade students will work with Don Weinberg on music and dialogue for the Christmas Eve family worship service.

The gift of hospitality requires planning! We want to be sure that we have enough tables and the right amount of food, so brochures will be available soon for sign-up. We need volunteers for meal set-up and clean-up, and donations of desserts would also be gladly accepted. Sign-ups will be in the Gathering Space.

Wonderful Wednesdays Adult Enrichment

Advent is a season of anticipation, and the prophets of the Hebrew Scriptures knew something about that state-of-being. They were the voices crying in the wilderness; the proclaimers of God's already-but-not-yet paradox; the harbingers of a rich realm beyond human understanding. During our Wonderful Wednesday sessions, the adult class will explore the mind, the culture, the spirit and the mystical "knowing" of the prophets. We will study the texts prescribed in the lectionary for the Sundays in Advent, so participants will take a sneak peek at the coming attractions (we will address the Scripture lesson of the following Sunday) as well as help to shape our proclamations in worship. Come for poetry, prayer, puzzles and participation! Laura Loving will lead the sessions.

Formation Corner

by Laura Loving, Associate Pastor

As we move into a lively holiday season, our senses come alive with the savory aromas and tastes of festive meals (think cloves, nutmeg, sage and mint); with the feel of snowflakes on our tongues or the sight of the last leaves clinging to the trees. As long as our senses are "on call", what about rallying them to help with some Bible reflection? Here's the suggestion: When you go home from church on a Sunday morning, or after preparing a lesson for Church School, or following a class devoted to Scripture, try to recreate the scene you just heard (read, or studied), recalling the sensory details of that scene.

For example, when the bridesmaids were caught without oil in their lamps, what did those empty, smoky vessels smell like? Or when the bridegroom arrived, what colors, sights, or smells swirled around him? What tastes does the wedding feast offer? Try this over and over again with various scenes, even the familiar tableaux of Advent and Christmas (we can only begin to imagine the...aromas...around the manger). Let your senses lead your spirit as you enter into the stories of the season.

You won't want to miss Adult Enrichment during Advent!

The first Sunday of Advent will offer the Mission Faire Coffee House your ultimate shopping experience. The 4th graders will be there with more Christmas Cards as well as many of our Mission Partners.

**Adult
Education
Class**



You may hear music from the west end of Fellowship Hall. Chris Halverson will lead us through an exploration of music of the Advent season on December 4. Heidi Sjostrom helps learn more about the book in the middle of the Bible-Isaiah on December 11 and 18. This book also inspired a lot of Handel's Messiah. Come to find what do its warnings and promises to Israel tell us about our relationship with YHWH in these times?

Come early with your cup of coffee so you don't miss anything in AE on Sunday Morning.

Christian Education

What Are the Kids Talking About in Sunday School?

Submitted by Denise Fried, Administrator of Christian Education

For the first three weeks of Advent the children's lessons will be from the Old Testament! They will talk about themes of Advent – longing and hope – filtered through scriptures from Isaiah and Psalms. On November 27 the focus is on Isaiah 64:1-9. This passage describes the longing of the disillusioned people of Judah to reconnect with God after the Babylonian exile. The children will make the connection with our own continuing hope for a relationship with God. The next Sunday, December 4, the children hear more about the release from Babylon in Isaiah 40:1-11 and the promise of God's comfort and care for the exiles. Just as their ancestors had been liberated from Egypt, the people were again returning home. It must have been confusing – the joy of freedom to leave Babylon mixed with the apprehension of returning to a ruined Jerusalem. Certainly they were a people in need of comfort, just as we are today. On December 11 the children will find the hope of the exiles restored in Psalm 126. The psalm talks of the great things that the Lord did for the exiles that restored "laughter...and shouts of joy." Our kids will have the opportunity to reflect on the great things that God has done for them as well. Finally, on December 18 the lesson will move to the New Testament - the mystery of the conception as told in Luke 1:26-38. Just as Mary was called to God's service, our young people will consider how God might be nudging them. If we had classes on December 25 the children would focus on Psalm 98. It might seem an unusual choice considering that it is Christmas morning, but Psalm 98 inspired Isaac Watts to write the hymn "Joy to the World." What could be more appropriate than a psalm that exhorts us to "sing to the Lord a new song?"



At the beginning of each worship service, an Acolyte brings the light that represents Christ's presence into our sanctuary. Many of our youth (grades 3 and up) serve as acolytes during our 10:30 worship services. In addition, WPC would like to invite others, of all ages (child or adult), to serve as Acolytes at the 8:15 worship service. If you are interested in helping with this integral part of our worship services please contact Heidi Hudson-Mairet (shudsonmairet@wi.rr.com or phone: 414-259-0315).

Children Light Advent Candles

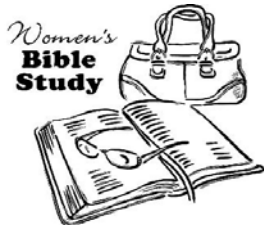
During the season of Advent our Sunday morning children's classes participate in worship leadership by lighting the Advent wreath candles. The children will rehearse during their classes and light candles at the 10:30 service.

Please note the following dates:

- Nov. 27 Preschool/Kindergarten
- Dec. 4 1-3 Grades
- Dec. 11 Grades 4-6
- Dec. 18 Teens Grades 7-12



Adult Education & Enrichment



Two Women's Bible Study Opportunities:

The weekday group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday at 1 p.m. and is reading Ron Allen's "A Faith of Your Own: Naming What You Really Believe," a study guide that explores both traditional and contemporary ideas about topics from The Trinity to Evil, The Holy Spirit to Christianity and Other Religions. The discussion questions invite participants to extend the ideas to formulate and articulate a personal faith stance on these topics.

The weekend study group meets on the first and third Saturdays at 9 a.m. This group is studying three different prophets: Elijah, Jonah and Micah, learning through materials from the *Thoughtful Christian*. As we understand more about the cultural contexts in which these spokespersons for God spoke out, we will also explore what current situations might elicit prophetic responses from us as contemporary prophets.

Please join in, women of the church! We want to meet as many of you as possible; hence the weekday/weekend possibilities. If you've never been in a study group before, now's your chance!

Please contact Laura Loving or Denise Fried if you have questions.



Two Men's Conversation Opportunities

Weekend Group

- 1st Saturday of the month at 8am in the WPC meeting room
- Bring food to share, if you want
- Conversation on an announced topic

Wednesday Group

- 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7am **at One Way Café:** 1427 Underwood Ave. in Wauwatosa
- Dutch treat breakfast
- Open-ended conversation

Creative Pathways in 2012



Want to enjoy the company of others, explore new avenues in art, laugh-a-lot, while centering on God's plan for you?

Please consider joining us for our second year of studying the spiritual side of creativity. Our first meeting is January 8, 2012 in Fellowship Hall from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. We will be using Julia Cameron's book, *Walking in the World - The Practical Art of Creativity*. (Available for your purchase online or at local book stores.)

Take one Sunday afternoon a month to find the artist within you. Be part of a lively discussion. Create cool works of art. Perhaps share your art with others. No specific talent needed! Come to our first meeting and explore the possibilities.

Questions? Contact Nancy Moon, Wendy Wosoba, Beth Wilkinson, Pat Detzer or Bonnie Stafford.



Alternative Christmas Market

Our 7th annual alternative Christmas shopping experience in support of local and international missions is planned for **November 27** between worship services. About 20 organizations will be present. We encourage you to make donations to these groups as an alternative to other kinds of gifts for family and friends. In addition, this is an opportunity to learn about the services these organizations provide in our community and elsewhere and to meet some of the people who help run them. The deacons will provide refreshments (free will donations will be collected), and congregation members will provide live music. The Mission Committee looks forward to seeing you there!

Please note: for those who are not able to attend, donation forms and checks will be accepted until Sunday, December 11th.

GET INVOLVED!

Back By Popular Demand... The WPC Cookbook



We have a limited number of the 2nd edition of the 2003 WPC Cookbook. It costs \$12 (the same price as in 2003!) To place an order, please purchase on Sundays in December in Gathering Space or call Virginia Doherty at 414-476-4628. Just leave her your name, phone number and the number of copies you would like.
Happy cooking and eating!

Christmas Caroling

Bring your family and friends to go Christmas caroling on Sunday, **December 11th**
Meet at church at 1:30 p.m.

Questions?
Call
Don Weinberg
414-258-6161



The WPC Book Club usually meets the 3rd Sunday of the month in the Meeting Room after the 10:30am Worship service.

Due to the holidays, the Book Club will not meet in December but will resume on **January 15th**, when we'll discuss *The Hotel at the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford. Please plan to join us!

TGIF (Thank Goodness it's Friday)



Please join us for an evening of fun and fellowship with friends from WPC. *TGIF* is held the 2nd Friday of the month for 9 months of the year. Guests bring a treat to share and whatever they want to drink. The fun starts at 6:30pm & usually ends around 9pm.

Hope to see you there!!

Have Questions or Need a Ride?
Please call Jessie or Lloyd Jung:
(414) 259-9081

On Dec. 9, 2011, our hosts are:
Bill & Jean O'Loughlin (414) 476-2507
12165 Woodside Ct., Wauwatosa

On Jan. 13, 2011, our hosts are:
Dennis & Pat Miller (414) 282-2319
1627 W. Plainfield Ave., Milwaukee

TGIF! TGIF! TGIF! TGIF! TGIF! TGIF!



It's Chat Time for Retirees!

Friday, Dec. 9, from 1-4 pm

At the O'Loughlin's: 12165 Woodside Ct

No RSVP needed. Hope to see you there!



Upcoming Event:

Due to the holidays, there will be no Over55 event in December. However, please plan to join us on **Monday, January 26 at 1:30pm** for **Desserts & a Program** entitled "**Laugh for the Health of It.**" Details coming soon!

Please direct questions to the Encore: Over 55s steering committee: Virginia Doherty, Faith Rhodes, Cathy Caughey, Trudy Thompson, Marge Wangemann, & Anne Coulling.

Prayer Shawl Ministry ~ Sit'n & Knit'n Saturday, December 10th at 10:00am

If you like to knit or crochet, come and join us the 2nd Saturday of each month (Sept - May)! You will find us in the Meeting Room from 10:00 a.m. until noon. You will learn more about our ministry of creating beautiful shawls for those, made known to us, who are in need of prayer, comfort, and strength. You will also receive easy to follow patterns along with yarn to knit or crochet your shawl.

For more information please call:

Jean O'Loughlin (414) 476-2507
or
Carol Johnson (414) 476-3757



QUILTING GROUP

WPC Quilters' Quest Quilting Ministry

Please join us for plenty of fun, companionship and laughter as we start our 7th year of making lap quilts to be donated to various organizations across the city. You will find "high energy" and "creativity" flowing. We encourage anyone from beginners to experienced to drop in and join us. Our willing help is always available for those needing it and all equipment is provided along with donated fabric for our use. See you there!

We meet on select Thursdays in the Meeting Room from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Join us in 2011 on: Dec. 1 & 15, and Jan. 5 & 19.

For more information please call
Ilene (414) 475-5211 or Dee (262) 790-9700.

Bon Voyage!

The Wauwatosa Presbyterian Chancel Choir with friends is taking a trip in June 2012 to Budapest and Prague. The repertoire has been selected and the choir will begin rehearsing in January. Concerts will be in churches and will include participation in a reformed church worship service. We will have a fundraiser this spring to help fund some of the expenses and a concert on June 16 as a dress rehearsal for the tour.

There are still one or two openings for people who'd like to join us. You don't have to be a singer but you'd be welcome to sing with us. There are other people going on the tour who will not be singing. Please contact Martha Stoner mstoner@wi.rr.com if you would like more information.

Sign and Rejoice!



Looking for a unique way to participate in worship? The Hands of Praise is looking for individuals and families with great "signing voices". Experience with American Sign Language is not necessary; just a willingness to learn. We'd love for you to join us. Meetings are on Wednesday nights at 6:30pm at WPC. If you are interested in participating, or would like more information, please contact Beth Virlee at 262-894-4434, or email at evirlee@mcw.edu.

November Presbyterian Women's Circle Meetings

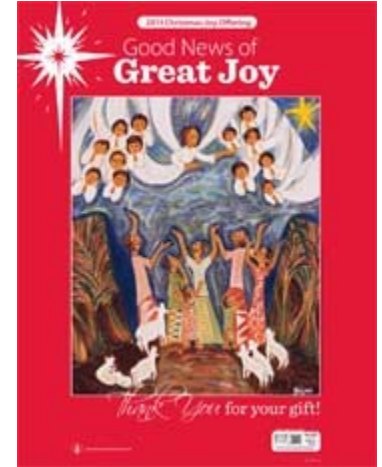
Circle	Date	Time	Place
Lydia	12/06/2011	7:00 PM	Meeting Room
Rachel	Details to be announced at November meeting		
Sarah	No meeting in December		
Ruth	Details to be announced at November meeting		



Shining a Light on the 2011 Christmas Joy Offering

What Is The Christmas Joy Offering?

A cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s, the Christmas Joy Offering is one of the four special offerings designated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Because Advent and Christmas shine a light not only on our world's greatest hope but also on our world's greatest need, the PC(USA) provides this timely opportunity for congregations to support causes specifically designed to bring *Good News of Great Joy* to the poor in circumstance or spirit. Alongside the message of promise and fulfillment in Luke's Gospel, we hear the clear call to God's people to respond in faith as Christ calls us: "From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded" (Luke 12:48). **We will receive the Christmas Joy Offering on Sundays, December 18th and December 25th.**



Distribution of the Offering

Fifty percent of the receipts from the Christmas Joy Offering are distributed to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, which provides support to both active and retired church workers and their spouses and families. The other 50 percent supports scholarships at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic school and colleges through the General Assembly Mission Council.

Mission News & Updates



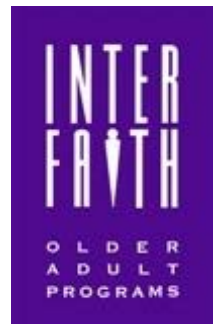
Please Donate Gifts of
Hats, Scarves, Mittens,
School Supplies, and Toys!

Please put new hats, mittens, scarves, school supplies, and toys on your Christmas shopping list to share with the children of Christ Presbyterian and its surrounding neighbors, near 19th and Walnut. Please bring your **unwrapped** gifts to WPC and place them under the tree in the porch entryway to the church on or before Sunday, December 11th, when we will dedicate the offering during worship.

Interfaith Needs You!

Looking for an opportunity to lend a helping hand to seniors? The Greater Tosa Interfaith (GTI) program has a suggestion: Become an Interfaith volunteer. It requires as little, or as much, time as you'd like to give. The GTI program has 21 sponsoring churches, including Wauwatosa Presbyterian, and helps older adults -- some 320 men and women -- stay in their homes. Jobs for volunteers include Transportation to Doctors; Grocery Shopping and Banking Help; Home Visits; and Telephone Chats.

















As one volunteer explains:
"I volunteer because I meet so many wonderful people. Everyone has a different story to tell. And they're so appreciative." For more information, call Diane Euting, GTI director, at 414-453-5750.





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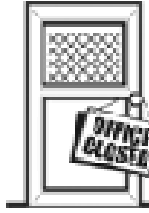



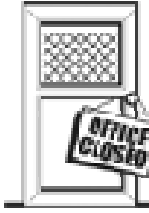



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>4</p>  <p>Wauwatosa Food Pantry</p>  <p>2nd Sunday in Advent</p> <p>EXTENDING THE TABLE = Hot Drink Mixes & Canned or Boxed Soups</p> <p>8:15 AM Contemporary Worship 9:20 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM Traditional Worship + Chancel Choir Sings</p>	<p>5</p> <p>January 2012 Newsletter articles DUE!</p> <p>8:00 AM Gray Panthers - Men's Breakfast</p>  <p>7:00 PM Budget Meeting</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>6:30 PM Master Singers Practice 7:00 PM Narcotics Anon 7:00 PM Lydia Circle</p> 	<p>7</p>  <p>5:30 PM Wonderful Wednesdays in Advent 6:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal 6:30 PM Hands of Praise Choir practice 6:30 PM Rainbow Choir 7:30 PM Chancel Choir</p> 	<p>1</p> <p>10:00 AM Quilters' Quest</p>  <p>7:00 PM Worship Committee Meeting</p> <p>8</p>	<p>2</p> <hr/> <p>9</p> <p>1:00 PM Chat Time for Retirees! 5:00 PM Jamnesty! 6:30 PM TGIF! @ O'Loughlin's</p>	<p>3</p>  <p>8:00 AM Men's Conversation 9:00 AM Weekend Women's Bible Study</p> <hr/> <p>10</p>  <p>10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Group - Sit'n & Knit'n</p>
<p>11</p> <p><i>TODAY: Alternative Christmas Orders & Donations for Christ Presbyterian DUE!</i></p>  <p>3rd Sunday in Advent</p> <p>8:15 AM Contemporary Worship + Rainbow Choir Sings 9:20 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM Traditional Worship + Bells Ring 1:30 PM Meet at WPC to go Christmas Caroling!</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:00 AM Gray Panthers 7:00 PM Session</p> 	<p>13</p>  <p>1:00 PM Weekday Women's Bible Study 6:30 PM Master Singers Practice 7:00 PM Narcotics Anon</p>	<p>14</p> <p>ALL Bulletin Info DUE for remainder of 2011!</p> <p>9:00 AM Newsletter Collation 3:30 PM Common Ground Strategy Team</p>  <p>5:30 PM Wonderful Wednesdays in Advent 6:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal 6:30 PM Hands of Praise Choir practice 6:30 PM Rainbow Choir 7:30 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p>15</p>  <p>10:00 AM Quilters' Quest</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>  <p>9:00 AM Weekend Women's Bible Study 10:15 AM WPC Teens work at Christ Church Toy Store</p>



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<p>18</p> <p>CHRISTMAS Joy</p> <p><i>Christmas Joy Offering Received Today!</i></p> <p>8:15 AM Contemporary Worship + <i>Choir Cantata</i></p> <p>9:20 AM Christian Education</p> <p>10:30 AM Traditional Worship + <i>Choir Cantata</i></p> <p>11:30 AM WPC Book Club</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8:00 AM Gray Panthers</p> <p>6:30 PM CCNS Christmas Program</p> 	<p>20</p> <p>Ruth Circle Luncheon</p>  <p>6:30 PM CCNS Christmas Program</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:00 AM Men's Conversation @ One Way Cafe, Tosa</p> <p>6:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal</p> <p>6:30 PM Hands of Praise Choir practice</p> <p>6:30 PM Rainbow Choir</p> <p>7:30 PM Chancel Choir</p> 	<p>22</p> <p><i>First Day of Winter</i></p>	<p>23</p> 	<p>24</p> <p><i>Christmas Eve Program</i></p>  <p>5:00 PM Christmas Eve Family Worship Service</p> <p>11:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service</p> 
<p>25</p> <p>10:30 AM Christmas Day Worship - Carol Sing</p> 	<p>26</p> 	<p>27</p> <p><i>Women's Bible Study</i></p>  <p>1:00 PM Weekday Women's Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 PM Concert Tour Rehearsal</p> <p>7:00 PM Narcotics Anon</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>

(CCNS) Curiosity Corner Nursery School Classes: Mon-Fri 9-11:30AM & Mon/Wed 12:30-2:50PM

CCNS Christmas Break, NO CLASSES: Dec 21-Jan 1

NOTE: Due to Christmas, all bulletin information for December 18, 24, & 25 is due by 9am on Wednesday, December 14th.

Thank You & Congratulations

To the members and staff of Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church, Thank you for letting us stay overnight at the church on Thursday, November 20th and for your great hospitality. We can't put out wonderful mission trip like we do with out caring people like you. Best Wishes,
STLF - Students Today Leaders Forever

The Worship committee, on behalf of the congregation, would like to thank the members of the Chancel Choir who have been coming earlier on one Sunday a month to offer an anthem for the first service. We all appreciate that extra effort to enrich the worship of our congregation.

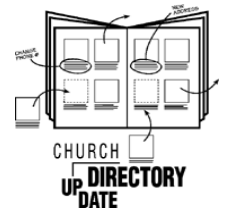
I want to thank everyone for your cards and prayers that I have received and continue to receive. The thyroid surgery and the back surgery are done and successful. I am now in the healing process of the back surgery (3 level fusion). The back surgery recovery is 6 months to a year. It is so warm and touching to know I have such wonderful people at WPC that still keep me in their prayers. THANK YOU ALL!!! I also hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and will have a blessed Christmas. Love to all, **Sue Rattner**

We ask that all **PREVIOUSLY** serving **Deacons** please return their notebook/ folder to the church office. We need to give out information to our new Deacons at our January meeting. Therefore, we need to get as many notebooks/folders back as possible. The sooner these items can be returned - the better, since we need to have time to update the information for our January meeting . We want to be sure that every Deacon has their own reference copy to begin their work. Thank You!

Thanks to all who have wished me well on my retirement. I truly appreciate the opportunity I had to serve on the church staff. I will miss working with the other wonderful and hard working staff members, but will continue to be an active WPC member.
Cathy Caughey

DECEMBER CORRECTIONS/UPDATES to Non-Picture Directory

- 1) Bob Detzer: Cell 262-271-3168
- 2) Robert Dumville: 5532 N 11th St., Milwaukee WI 53209
- 3) Tassia Hughes Email: DTHughes425@gmail.com
- 4) Paul Malmstrom: Stanley Correctional Institute, 100 Corrections Dr., Stanley WI 54768



Plus New Member Additions

- 1) Bill DeCaire & Heather Wojciechowski: W232S6860 Millbrook Circle, Big Bend WI 53103
- 2) James & Laura Holveck: 2534 N. 69th Street, Wauwatosa, WI 53213
- 3) Dan Markel: 4335 N. 104th St. #208, Milwaukee WI 53222
- 4) Scott & Lynette Terhune: 1822 Ludington Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53226

Congratulations to Grandparents Jeff & Barb Homar

On the birth of their granddaughter
Miranda May Homar ,
 on Thursday, Nov. 4th.
 She weighed 9lbs. 7 oz and
 was 21 inches long.

Grandparent's
 Corner



Proud Parents are Pete and Elizabeth Homar

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From the Church Staff





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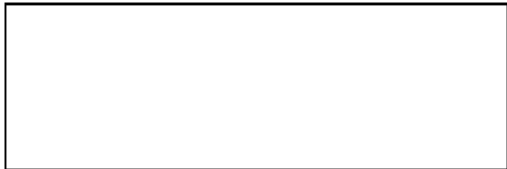
- Pastor: Dr. James M. Rand, Ext. 102
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Administrator of Christian Education: Denise Fried, Ext. 104
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Office Assistant: Angela Ulrich, Ext. 101
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Sign Language Interpreter: Jennifer Collard, CI & CT
Director of Music: Martha Dodds Stoner
Assistant Dir. of Music: Don Weinberg
Organist: Martha Brown
Handbell Director: Jean Miller
Rainbow Choir Director: Joanne Weinberg
Nursery Caregivers: Beth Parkansky & Christine Ratkowski
Curiosity Corner Nursery School Administrator: Dana Biasi, Ext. 108

We are accessible Sign Language Interpreter Listening system (1st Sunday of each month)

Church Office Hours: Monday -Thursday: 8:30 am - 3:30 pm Fridays: 8:30 am - Noon

Sunday Schedule: 8:15 am Contemporary Worship Service (School Year) 9:20 am Education for all Ages 10:30 am Traditional Worship Service

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The Joyful Noise is published 11 times a year by Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church. Articles for the January 2012 issue are due by Monday, December 5th.

Statement of Welcome

- * We open our doors to all persons to join in worship, fellowship, educational programs, and service.
* We welcome into membership all who profess faith in Jesus Christ, without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, worldly condition, sexual orientation, disability, or any other human condition.
* We elect and ordain persons who are called by God and committed to serving the Lord Jesus Christ in the Church.

REMEMINDERS

- => Wednesday evening, November 24 - Thanksgiving Eve Service 6:00 pm Soup Supper & 7:00pm Worship at WPC . Please RSVP in the Gathering Space .
=> Saturday, November 26th - Hanging of the Greens at 5:30 pm Come for an evening of fellowship and join us in preparing our church for Advent!
=> Please turn in your pledge card if you haven't done so yet. Thank you to everyone who has already done this. Pledges allow us to better plan our 2012 budget.
=> Wonderful Wednesdays in Advent - November 30, December 7, & 14 Make plans to come to church on these Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30pm and enjoy the company of YOUR church family, the delight of a meal already prepared for YOU, and the inspiration of a program planned to enhance YOUR Advent season. Brochures & a sign up sheet will be available soon.
=> Christmas Caroling on Sunday, Dec. 11. Bring your family and friends and meet at church at 1:30 pm.
=> Due to Christmas, all bulletin information for December 18, 24, & 25 is due by 9am on Dec. 14th.
=> Attend CCNS's Christmas Program at 6:30pm on Monday, Dec. 19th or Tuesday, Dec. 20th.
=> Only ONE Service at 10:30am on both Christmas Day & New Year's Day
=> PLEASE NOTE: All financial gifts for 2011 must be received in the church office by 12/31/2011 or be postmarked by that date. All gifts received or postmarked in 2012 must be reported in 2012.