



The Joyful Noise

The month of January is named for Janus, the Roman god associated with beginnings, endings and transitions. In ancient mythology, he was said to be responsible for the origin of time and for the start-up of new historical ages.

In ancient statues, paintings, mosaics, and coins, he is depicted with two faces – enabling him to look both forward and back at the same time.

No wonder the start of the new year bears his name. As we turn the calendar, we too look ahead, with resolutions we intend to keep. But we also look back, by singing “Auld Lang Syne” (which roughly means, “for old time’s sake”).

We Christians don’t worship Janus, of course; but our Sunday morning gatherings provide other reasons to look forward and back, seeing God’s faithfulness at all times. Here’s a preview of what awaits us:

January 1 (10:30 a.m.) – Instead of Communion, we will begin the year with a **Moravian-style Love Feast**. (Moravians are a small denomination in the U.S., with strong ties to Presbyterians.) The feast celebrates Christian love, strengthening our bonds of unity and harmony while forgiving past disputes. Unlike the tiny amounts of bread and juice we have at Communion, this feast offers cups of warm coffee or cocoa and fresh, homemade buns. Though the feast will look new to us, it also looks back to the Agape (ah-GAH-pay) meals of the New Testament church.

Friday, January 6 (9:00 a.m.) - Epiphany Service. The word "Epiphany" comes from the Greek, meaning "manifestation " or "appearance". We celebrate the manifestation of Christ to the world, represented by the arrival of the three Magi. We will observe a brief service of Morning Prayer in the sanctuary followed by rolls and coffee.

January 8 (8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.) – As Mark’s Gospel recounts the baptism of Jesus, we will celebrate **the Renewal of Baptism**, remembering God’s secure claim on us from times past, and hearing the call to live henceforth with Christ as God’s beloved sons and daughters.

January 15 – We will **ordain and install** new deacons and ruling elders to serve Christ and guide the church in days to come, while also thanking those who are completing those ministries. Marking the **Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday** that same weekend, we will also connect his historic witness and our ongoing commitment to pursue justice in Christ’s name.

January 22 -- Could it be ... an *ordinary* Sunday?? Annual reports will be distributed.

January 29 – Between services, we will hold our annual **Congregational Meeting**. We will receive year-end reports from committees and organizations, and we will review the annual budget for the coming months. **We expect to make a significant and exciting announcement at that meeting. Plan to be there.**

Bonus dates: **February 5** – We hope to look back on last year’s Super Bowl, and ahead to another victory!
March 25, 2012 – The 85th “Birthday” of Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church. Let’s make it a joyous bash, as we look backward and forward again, to see God’s love at work in and through this congregation.

- Jim Rand

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Initial Offering Envelope

In Case of Severe Weather

If a winter storm hits before or near the time of a WPC worship service or event, for information about delays or cancellations please visit these media outlets:

TV Stations: WISN-12 or WTMJ-4

Radio Stations:

WTMJ AM 620	WKLH FM 96.5
Lake FM 94.5	WKTI FM 94.5



Session Meeting Notes November 27, 2011

Submitted by Dottie Anderson, Clerk of Session

The Session of Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church met at the church for its regular meeting on November 27, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall of the church. The Rev. Dr. James M. Rand served as moderator.

Jesus Christ Calls Us Together as Disciples

Rev. Rand declared a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He lit the Christ candle as a reminder of Christ's presence in the meeting and distributed prayer cards asking the elders to listen for prayer concerns.

The Agenda was adopted, and Pastor Rand conducted the check-in, asking elders "Why are you a Presbyterian?" Some answers were: "Involvement of the Laity," "It's a democracy," "The Mission of Christ is served more effectively by all Presbyterian churches contributing to the world-wide mission of the national church."

Opening worship was led by Elder Linda Flood, who conducted a meaningful discussion about Advent songs, and asked the Session members to share their favorite Christmas hymns. She closed worship with prayer.

We discern God's Will

The new officers-elect had been attending three leadership training classes conducted by the church pastors and now were ready for examination. Pastor Rand welcomed the new leaders, and after introductions he formed the entire group into small groups where the new officers were examined by Session members. After the examination, **it was m/s/p that all the candidates be accepted as ruling elders and deacons.** The new leaders will be installed on Sunday, January 1, 2012.

The following motions were made by committee and approved by Session:

Membership: Approved membership activation of Sarah Laufer (Dominguez) and her transfer to Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Mission: Approved giving the Thanksgiving Eve Offering to the Tosa Food Pantry.

We Celebrate God's Work Among Us

Worship: Elder Linda Flood reported that the worship committee meets monthly to assist the pastors in their worship responsibilities and to help make each worship

experience meaningful to the congregation. The committee enjoyed working with Sarah Rand, Martha Stoner and Susan Tolonen to create the beautiful banners that are displayed in the chancel of the sanctuary. The list of members who are interested in serving as liturgists has grown in 2011. We continue to find ways to serve the deaf ministry in worship. Pastors Barbara Jordan, Bill Humphreys, Bill Dummer and Julie Craig served as pulpit supply when our pastors were away. Anyone in our congregation is welcome to serve on the Worship Committee.

Stewardship:

The results of the annual Stewardship campaign to date:

Pledges - 164 (81% of 2011 total)
Operating Fund - \$381,691 (-10% for 2011)
Building Fund - \$ 89,421 (-8% for 2011)

Personnel:

During the last six months the Personnel Committee:

- Facilitated the installation of Laura Loving as designated associate pastor.
- Worked with the finance committee to pay a bonus to employees.
- Met with staff members to discover concerns and plans for next year.
- Worked with Jody Jossie and Jim Rand to find a successor (if not a replacement) for Cathy Caughey.
- Continued to work with CCNS administrator Dana Biasi. The nursery school is running smoothly and is self-sustaining.

The committee's immediate challenge will be budgeting again, with an eye toward increasing staff compensation after several flat years. Concerns for the immediate future are completing the process of finding an office assistant and supporting Pastor Jim. Part of the considerations when finding an office assistant is finding ways to keep the office technologically up to date, and helping the staff with database and web site management.

Adult Enrichment:

Fall programming has gone well with topics from New York Times Best Seller *Love Wins* by Rob Bell to Lynne DeBruin's up-date on Christian Priorities in 2012 Governmental Budgeting. Plans are in place for the balance of the program year. "Wonderful Wednesdays" will be led by Pastor Laura Loving during Advent and January's Wonderful Wednesdays will be led by Sarah Rand. January 8 coffee hour is showcasing the work of the session committees. **(continued on page 3)**

Continued...Session Meeting Notes, Nov 27, 2011**Pastors' Reports:**

On November 13th Pastor Rand baptized Marco Grayson Corona-Alzalde, son of Alex and Angelina Alzalde and Julianna Grace Mills, daughter of Jennifer Vaughn and Robert Mills and conducted funerals for Lucile Klemmer (10/24) and Carol Wright (11/16). In spite of carrying a heavy load of pastoral duties, he was able to take four days of continuing education at Marquette University (1/2 day) and Covenant Network in Durham, NC.

Pastor Loving has begun teaching two Bible Study groups, each held two days a month (see page ??). She is preparing for an adult education class for Advent Wonderful Wednesdays. Pastor Loving plans to attend APCE (church educators) from January 30 – February 4 where she plans to take workshops in Leadership Training and Folktales as Midrash as well as several other workshops. A few vacation days will be spent in Portland, Oregon in December (15-18) helping her daughter plan her wedding.

Treasurer's Report: Elder Judson Luke said there had been difficulty in distinguishing donations given to the Operating Fund and the Building Fund. This should be cleared up by the end of the year. Pledges for 2012 have reached the 92% level, higher than 2011 pledges at this point.

We Share Our Joys and Concerns

1. Annual Reports are due in the church office **no later than January 10th**.
2. Mission's Alternative Christmas Fair was highly successful, receiving, to date, \$3,608. Late orders are due by January 11th.

Prayers of gratitude and petitions were offered for those who are ill and homebound, as well as prayers for God's guidance to our new Deacons and Ruling Elders as they assume their new duties in January.

God Sends Us Out to Serve

After a time of prayer, the meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m. The next Session meeting will be December 5 for committee chairs and December 12 for the regular Session Meeting.

**Special Session Meeting Notes
December 4, 2011**

Submitted by Dottie Anderson, Clerk of Session

Moderator Dr. James M. Rand called a special meeting of Session for Sunday, December, 4 2011, at 11:50 a.m. in Fellowship Hall of the church for the purpose of approving the hiring of a part-time office assistant.

Pastor Rand called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with prayer. A motion was presented from the Personnel Committee to approve the hiring of Hillary Townsend as an office assistant, who would work up to 24 hours a week.

Hillary just moved to Wisconsin from North Dakota, due to her husband's job transfer. She has a Master's degree in Business Education and has the credentials to teach business courses. She previously worked at a public library where she created programs for children and adults. She is skilled with computers, social media, and has a warm personality that will suit our office well.



After a brief discussion, the motion unanimously passed. Pastor Rand offered a closing prayer, and the meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

\$ A Message From Your Treasurer \$

To ensure your contributions are applied to your pledge accounts correctly please use one of the pre-printed envelopes found in each pew. Regular pledges go in the white envelope and building pledges in the green envelope. If you are writing one check to cover both a regular pledge and a building pledge please use a white envelope, clearly indicating how your contribution is to be distributed.

Thank you, Julie Badciong

REMINDERS:

- 1) Please turn in your 2012 pledge card if you haven't done so yet. (Thank you to those who have.) Pledges allow us to better plan our 2012 budget.
- 2) 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/postmarked in 2012 must be reported in 2012.



Time, Talent and Treasures

Our church is always very generous when we are asked to give to the four special offerings proffered throughout the church year [One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost, Peacemaking, and Christmas Joy]. But there is one offering – the **Initial Offering** – that every church is required to pay in full each year to the denomination, Presbyterian Church (USA) to maintain our relationship with the larger church. This offering is based upon the number of members on our church roles and is essentially our “dues” to belong to Presbyterian Church (USA). Just as we are a community in Christ, we also are a part of the larger church community and we help to support that larger community with our initial offering.

The **Initial Offering** is really a small price to pay for membership in the national church organization that provides so much support to our congregation. At \$ 28.60 per confirmed member, PC(USA) manages to effectively run a large organization that contributes to the greater community as well as individual member churches. At WPC we ask that our members help to offset the cost by contributing their individual “dues” for that offering over and above their regular pledge. The more members contribute to the Initial Offering, the more pledge money is available to cover other costs in our church budget.

Please use the enclosed envelope to contribute to this very important offering. Parents – remember that all confirmed youth are members too, even if they are away at college or on their own, if they have not transferred their membership to another church.

Presbytery of Milwaukee Meeting Highlights

Carroll University on November 22, 2011

Submitted by Beverly Schwabe, Community Life Elder

The pre-Presbytery session was conducted by the What's Next Committee. The gathering was welcomed by Dr. Douglas N. Hastad, President of the University. Among the new Teaching Elder Commissioners **Rev. Laura Lov- ing** was introduced as the Designated Associate Pastor at Wauwatosa.

Other items of interest to WPC:

- 1) Presbytery Treasurer reported a yearly deficit of \$77,573 as compared to last year's deficit of \$10,047. Expenses have increased in various categories. Seven churches have not given to date.
- 2) A Covenant agreement between Presbytery of Milwaukee and Presbyterian Homes of Wisconsin was approved. Avalon Manor and Kirkland Crossings make up the Pres. Homes. 400 older adults are served with independent living, assisted living and specialized memory care. They hope to add hospice care in the future.
- 3) The Waukesha, Southminster Administrative Commission was dissolved with thanks for a successful outcome. A PNC has been elected and sufficient progress has been made in addressing the established criteria.
- 4) Bill Stafford, Synod Commissioner (Mid Council) spoke about work underway to redefine the synod mission and make-up.
- 5) Session Partnerships:
 - a. Sessions are invited to submit proposals to support new or existing ministry initiatives. Deadlines are May and October.
 - b. Calvary Presbyterian and Christ Presbyterian have entered into a shared ministry with a new Parish Associate Ministry.
 - c. "Discovery Day-2012: Stirring the Water" will be February 25, 2012, at Carroll University. Worship offering will benefit Living Waters of the World, a mission dedicated to bringing clean water to all God's children.
- 6) Rev. Richard Ainsworth was honored for 50 years as a Minister of Word and Sacrament (Teaching Elder).
- 7) Hymns sung during the meeting were from the Sampler of Hymns and Songs for Worship. A new Presbyterian Hymnal is in the works. To be ordered at \$15 each if by June of 2013. Prices go up after that.
- 8) Congratulations to Tippecanoe Presbyterian for receiving Interfaith's "The Rev. Herbert Huebschmann Urban Ministry Award" for projects and outreach that are making a significant contribution to the quality of life in the greater Milwaukee area.
- 9) All-presbytery mission trip will be to Harlan County, Kentucky from August 6 to August 11. Cost for adults is \$325. Open to everyone--work for all skills and ages.

Next meeting--February 28, 2012, in Clinton

CALLED BY GOD, EQUIPPED BY THE SPIRIT TO SERVE

The Presbytery of Milwaukee is organizing a presbytery-wide mission trip for the first week of August 2012 to Appalachia. Participants will depart for Harlan, KY on Monday, August 6 in time to arrive by 6:30pm, and return to Wisconsin on Saturday, August 11. This trip is open to everyone: individuals, youth, families, and retirees.

Those working directly with SWAP (Sharing with Appalachian People) will help construct, repair, remodel, and/or paint home and buildings. Those who do not want to or cannot, can work with "Christ's Hands." This organization provides emergency housing, a soup kitchen, a food pantry, household assistance, and clothing.

The cost is \$325/Person for those 10 and older; \$162.50 for those 9 and under. Grants are available to help with these costs.

If you would like an application please visit the WPC Office. A completed application form and \$50 deposit are due before January 13, 2012.

For more information visit the Presbytery's website at: [Http://www.pbymilwaukee.org](http://www.pbymilwaukee.org) or contact the Rev. Kurt Walker at kmupcintouch@gmail.com.



Discovery Day 2012

The Christian Education Committee will pay the \$12 early bird registration fee for individuals who RSVP to the WPC Office by 9a.m., Monday January 30th.

Presbytery of Milwaukee

DISCOVERY DAY 2012

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Stirring the Waters

Joshua 1:9
John 5:2-9

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Saturday, February 25, 2012
8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Carroll University
Campus Center
100 North East Avenue
Waukesha, WI

Schedule	
8:30 - 9 am	Registration, Socializing, Continental Breakfast
9 am - 9:15	Welcome and Announcements
9:15 - 10 am	Keynote Speaker, Landon Whitsitt Part 1
10 - 10:15	Break
10:15 - 11	Keynote Speaker, Part 2
11 - 11:15	Break
11:15 - noon	Worship, Ann Gibbs and Bill Peterson (churches will bring their Mission Offerings)
noon - 1 pm	Boxed Lunch, Virtual Bookstore
1 pm - 2:30	Workshops
2:30 - 2:45	Gather in the Main Meeting Room
2:45 - 3 pm	Book drawing, closing Benediction with music workshop selection

Morning Keynote:
Landon Whitsitt

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**Keynote address #1:
What is "Open Source"?**

The open source worldview is not a hope (or a fear). It is a reality that is here and will increasingly define the way that Christianity is organized and practiced. No matter one's context, the values of openness and inclusion are coming to define who we understand ourselves to be as the people of God.

Discovery Day Camp (for children of participants only)

Water! It's everywhere, right? The human body is 50-65% water. The earth is 71% water and 97% of that is salt water. Day Camp, designed for the younger participants in Discovery Day, will help us learn what the Bible says about water, how to be better stewards of water and have fun while doing it. There will be times for learning, fun activities and games and a craft time. Make a splash and join us!

Schedule

8:30-9:00	Check-in
9:00-11:00	Morning Activities
11:15-12:00	Worship with family
12:00-1:00	Lunch with family
1:00-2:45	Workshop with <i>Deb Bergeson-Graham, Teaching Elder (Franklin, Faith)</i>
2:45-3:00	Dismissal

Saturday, February 25, 2012
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Ages 5-11
\$10 includes lunch and a T-shirt
Limit 15 children

Carroll University Campus Center
Garden Terrace Level

Adult Education & Enrichment

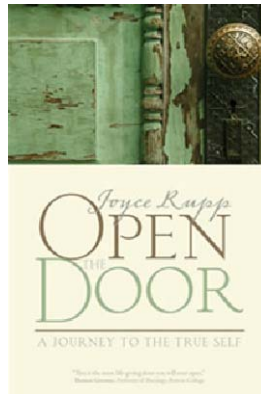
Wonderful Wednesdays in Winter Adult Education led by Sarah Rand Jan 18, 25, Feb 1, 8 at 5:30 – 7:30pm

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 Sarah Rand will lead OPEN DOOR: Reflections, Questions and Meditations on Joyce Rupp's book, Open Door.

Joyce Rupp brings new life to the ageless spiritual image of the door, weaving insights from East and West with the wisdom of contemporary spiritual writers, poets, and novelists.

"When we open the door and go inside, God is there in the temple of our soul, in the ashram of our heart, in the cathedral of our being. Which is not to dismiss the reality of this same loving

presence being fully alive in our external world. The Holy One is with us in all of life. Our purpose for opening the door inward is to help us know and claim who we are so we can more completely join with God in expressing this love in every part of our external world," Joyce Rupp, Open Door



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. Please RSVP by signing-up in the Gathering Space.



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.



Two Men's Conversation Opportunities

Weekend Group

- 1st Saturday of the month at 8am in the WPC meeting room (Jan. 7, 2012)
- Bring food to share, if you want
- Conversation on an announced topic

Wednesday Group

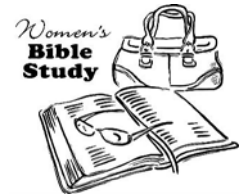
- 3rd Wednesday of the month (Jan. 18) at 7am at **One Way Café**:
1427 Underwood Ave., Tosa
- Dutch treat breakfast
- Open-ended conversation

Two Women's Bible Study Opportunities:

The weekday Women's Bible study, meeting on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m., has been reading the book *A Faith of Your Own* as a springboard for working out what we believe about basic Christian tenets: Who is the Holy Spirit? What do you believe about Resurrection? What is your image of God? With as many questions as answers, the group challenges and comforts one another in faithful discussion. If you haven't joined us yet, there's still time—these issues will always be with us. In January, we'll meet on the 10th & 24th.

The weekend study group The weekend Women's Bible study moved around a bit in December due to Laura's travel schedule, but typically meets the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month. In January, we'll meet on the 7th & 21st. We have become familiar with the Elijah stories, asking ourselves what it means to be a modern day prophet as well. Please join us if you'd like to learn about Jonah and Micah this month! How can we "sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?"

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.



Formation Corner

by Laura Loving, Associate Pastor

Thirty years ago, James Fowler presented his theory about the stages of spiritual development, suggesting that humans pass through these stages with as many variations as we encounter in the physical and psychological passages of our lives. From the "primal" or "undifferentiated" stage at life's beginnings to the "universalizing" patterns toward the end, the ladder-like quality of these stages suggests a kind of linear progression that may not match our own spiral, helical, labyrinthine journeys! Yet we know that we represent many different stages along the way to spiritual maturity.

As we begin the New Year, we are launching a Spiritual Formation task force, comprised of five lay leaders and your Associate Pastor, to explore the spiritual landscape ahead for this church. We will meet four times during the month of January and prepare recommendations for Session, mindful of the variety of spiritual needs and interests within our diverse congregation. If you are asked to fill out a survey, have a conversation or attend a focus group, please know that we are trying to take the pulse of the people through these methods. If you do not hear from any one and you have something to say, please leave a message with Laura (x103) so we can add your input to our study.

Celebrate the New Year with Adult Enrichment!

Adult Education Class

January 2012 Adult Enrichment brings you many opportunities to learn more about WPC and being a faithful Presbyterian. On January 8th **come and huddle over a cup of coffee** with WPC committees who lead us to be a Community through Christ and in Christ. You may uncover how they rally us each week to Live the Christ Life.

Help, the Church I Love is Changing! On January 15th and 22nd Bill Stafford will lead us to consider what it means to be faithful as a Presbyterian as we encounter "The Great Emergence" (per Phyllis Tickle)? During the two sessions we will also review what questions people of all ages are asking which are putting so much pressure on the institution of the church?

We will close January with the **Annual Meeting of the Congregation on January 29th**. Grab that second cup of Java join the crowd in Fellowship Hall for Adult Enrichment.



Christian Education

Sunday School in January

Submitted by Denise Fried, Administrator of Christian Education



In January the children will spend most of their class time learning about Jesus. On January 1 we don't have Sunday School, but the story they would hear is a familiar one – the visit of the Magi. I'm sure that parents will make sure their children know the story.

The following week the class focuses on the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist, another familiar story and excellent opportunity to tell our children the story of their own baptisms.

On January 15 we go back to the Old Testament for the story of Samuel's call. Someone was waking Samuel by calling his name. He thought it was Eli, but it was God. It's the perfect lesson to lead into January 22 when we learn of Jesus' call to the disciples.

At the end of January the children will begin an exploration of Jesus' miracles with the first healing told in Mark 1:21-28, the man with the unclean spirit. More miracles to come in February!



December 2011 CCNS Update

Dana Biasi, School Administrator

In December, the children learned about Advent and preparing for the birth of Christ. We emphasized that the birth of Christ is the reason for the season and not so much about the material aspects of the holidays. We encouraged families to start some family traditions during the holiday season, such as baking cookies, making a gingerbread house, looking at Christmas lights, decorating, and making Christmas cards. As you may have noticed, our

New Confirmation Class

Submitted by Denise Fried,
Administrator of Christian Education

Confirmation Class



A new confirmation class started during the Advent session of Wonderful Wednesdays. Five students: Will Awwe, Jordan Crump, Meron Ciha, Liam McMahan and Jessie McNeely – have banded together to learn and experience so they can eventually make informed decisions about adult membership in our faith community. In the first class we compared the similarities and differences of several major religions to Christianity. We spent the next couple of classes exploring questions about the Bible – Who wrote it, God or humans? Is it true? Why does the Bible contradict itself at times?

We examined the story of Moses leading the Israelites across the Red Sea for the nuances of difference between "fact" and "truth". The kids understand that the Bible tells the truth of God's promises even though the stories might not be exactly, or scientifically factual. Just in time for Christmas, we looked at the different stories of Jesus' birth in the four Gospels as examples of the same story told in different ways in the Bible. We're building a good foundation for future discussions, and we're off to a good start.

classrooms were full of decorations and holiday cheer! We also spent a large portion of the month preparing for our Christmas concert. The children sang several different songs, so we spent a lot of time practicing them during our meeting time.

CCNS will be accepting applications for 2012-2013 enrollment on February 1, 2012. Packets are available in the Church Office. If you prefer to have a packet mailed to you, please call us at 414-774-5005 (ext 113 or 108) or email us at admin@ccnstosa.com.

Worship

A Moravian– Style Love Feast!



Join us **January 1st @ 10:30 a.m.**
and begin the year with a
Moravian-style Love Feast.

This feast will offer cups of warm coffee
or cocoa and fresh, homemade buns
in place of the tiny amounts of bread
and juice we usually have at communion.



Epiphany Morning Prayer Service 9:00 am Friday, January 6th

The word "Epiphany" comes from the Greek, meaning "manifestation" or "appearance". We celebrate the manifestation of Christ to the world, represented by the arrival of the three Magi. We will observe a brief service of Morning Prayer in the sanctuary at 9 a.m., followed by rolls and coffee. Please join us!



We hope that you all had an
Advent and Christmas Season full
of wonderful music, family,
friends, and memories.

Make joining one of our choirs
your 2012 New Year's Resolution!
Be part of the music community
at our church and offer your
talents to inspire and uplift your
fellow WPC worshippers.

If you would like to participate in
the music program at the church,
please don't hesitate to contact
Martha Stoner
(mstoner@wi.rr.com).
We always welcome the gifts of
our community to praise God
and enrich our worship services.

Please Join Us At:

Chancel Choir

Wednesdays from 7:30–9pm
Contact: Martha Stoner,
mstoner@wi.rr.com

Chancel Ringers

Wednesdays from 6:30–7:30pm
Contact: Jean Miller, 262-691-1463

Rainbow (Children's) Choir

Wednesdays from 6:30–7:15pm
Contact: Joanne Weinberg,
414-258-6161

Instrumental Ensemble

Contact: Don Weinberg, 414-258-6161

GET INVOLVED!



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! TGIF! TGIF! TGIF!TGIF! TGIF!

TGIF (Thank Goodness it's Friday) Please join us for an evening of fun and fellowship with friends from WPC.

TGIF is held on 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 Jan. 13, 2012, our hosts are: **Dennis & Pat Miller** (414) 282-2319
1627 W. Plainfield Ave., Milwaukee

On Feb. 10, 2012, our hosts are: **Rosemary & Dean Muller**
(414) 289-9992
1707 N. Prospect Ave., #11, Milwaukee

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



Upcoming Event:

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.

· FLOWER CHART ·



The 2012 flower chart is on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space. Please help us by signing up to donate flowers to enhance our Sunday worship services. We will even send you a reminder letter. We can order the flowers for you or you can do it yourself.

You also decide, in advance, if you'd like to take them home or donate them to a shut-in. If you'd like to donate them, our Deacon's will deliver them to a home bound member for you! Any questions, please contact the church office. *Thanks in advance!*

January Presbyterian Women's Circle Meetings

Circle	Date	Time	Place
Lydia	1/03/2011	7:00 PM	Meeting Room
Sarah	1/17/2011	9:15 AM	Meeting Room
Ruth	1/17/2011	9:30 AM	Lois Randall's Home
Rachel	1/19/2011	1:00 PM	Ruth Mueller's Home



**Prayer Shawl Ministry
~ Sit'n & Knit'n
Saturday, January 14th
at 10:00am**

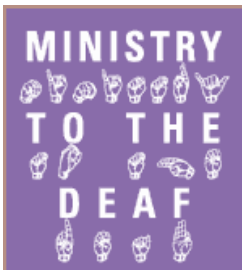


If you like to knit or crochet, come and join us the 2nd Saturday of each month (Sept - May)! You will find us in the Meeting Room from 10:00 a.m. until noon. You will learn more about our ministry of creating beautiful shawls for those, made known to us, who are in need of prayer, comfort, and strength.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

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 via email at evirlee@mcw.edu.

**The Greater
Milwaukee
Ulster Project!**



The Greater Milwaukee Ulster Project is seeking families with teen girls and boys (ages 14-16) to host a Northern Irish teen during the summer of 2012 (late June to late July). The Ulster project is an international peace project that has been in existence for more than 30 years. Past participants rate this project very highly and speak often about the emotional and spiritual growth it imparts in teens and families. All teens participate in a fun and busy month of programmed activities designed to allow learning about diversity, peace and conflict resolution. The Ulster Project grants service hours to all participants and is a once in a lifetime chance to be a part of the peace process.

For more information please contact Lisa Mihlbauer (414) 771-0551 or via email at Lmihlbauer@aol.com

It's Chat Time for Retirees!

**Friday, Jan. 27,
from 1-4 pm**



Chat time
for retirees!

At the O'Loughlin's:
12165 Woodside Ct.

No RSVP needed. Hope to see you there!

January Corrections/Updates to Non-Picture Directory

- 1) Bob Detzer Cell: 414 394 2843 (NOTE: This is a correction from the December Newsletter.)
- 2) Paul Malmstrom: #137611, Stanley Correctional Institute, 100 Corrections Dr., Stanley, WI 54768
- 3) Chris Bauer & Theresa Maatman: 11824 Bluemound Rd, Apt 1, Wauwatosa WI 53226
- 4) Muriel Mueller: 164 N. 68th St., Milwaukee, WI 53213
- 5) Christopher Gaar: 2123 N. 68th St., Wauwatosa WI 53213

Mission News & Updates

On New Year's Day, January 1st, Extending the Table = Hot Cereal



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 offer the bread of life to our community as we offer daily sustenance to the hungry on Sunday, January 1st (or on ANY Sunday).

Thank you!



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 join us. Our willing help is always available and all equipment is provided along with donated fabric for our use.

We meet on select Thursdays in the Meeting Room from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Join us in 2012 on:
Jan. 5 & 19 and Feb. 2 & 16

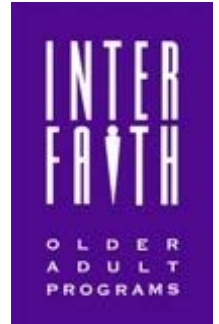
For more information please call
Ilene (414) 475-5211
or Dee (262) 790-9700.

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,
please call Diane Euting,
GTI director, at 414-453-5750.



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Many thanks to everyone for your support of our recent Noodles Night fund raiser. Thanks for publicizing it and thanks for bringing your appetites to Noodles last Thursday. I do not have the final figures yet but it appears to have been another very successful evening. We couldn't have done it without you. Thank you so much!

- Diane Euting, Greater Tosa Interfaith















It was great to be with your members again this year at your Alternative Christmas Market! **Meta House** thanks for your steadfast support.

- Wendy Cozzens, Director of Development


Thank you for your on-going support of the **Tosa Food Pantry**. Your faithfulness in giving so generously is very much needed and appreciated.

- Cindy Cooper, Pantry Board Member

January 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>EXTENDING THE TABLE = Hot Cereals</p>   <p>10:30 AM Traditional Worship & Moravian Love Feast</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:00 AM Gray Panthers - Men's</p>  <p>Breakfast</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7:00 PM Lydia Circle</p>  <p>7:00 PM Narcotics Anon</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:30 PM Hands of Praise Choir 6:30 PM Rainbow Choir</p>  <p>7:30 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00 AM Quilters' Quest</p>  <p>QUILTING GROUP</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>9:00 AM Epiphany Prayer Service</p>	<p>7</p>  <p>8:00 AM Men's Conversation</p>  <p>9:00 AM Weekend Women's Bible Study</p>
<p>8</p>  <p><i>Celebrate the Renewal of Baptism</i></p> <p>8:15 AM Contemporary Worship 9:20 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM Traditional Worship 3:30 PM Creative Path ways Meeting</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:00 AM Gray Panthers</p> <p>1:00 PM Steering Committee Mtg for Over 55s</p> <p>7:00 PM Committee Meetings</p>  <p>Small Group Meetings</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Committee Reports for WPC's 2011 Annual Report DUE by NOON!</p>  <p>Women's Bible Study</p> <p>1:00 PM Weekday Women's Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 PM Master Singers Practice 7:00 PM Narcotics Anon</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6:30 PM Hands of Praise Choir 6:30 PM Rainbow Choir 7:30 PM Chancel Choir</p>  <p>Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>6:30 PM TGIF! (Thank Goodness it's Friday) @ Dennis & Pat Miller's Home</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Group – Sit'n & Knit'n</p>  <p>Shawl Ministry</p>

January 2012

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15 8:15 AM Contemporary Worship 9:20 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM Traditional Worship + Ordination/ Installation of Officers 11:30 AM WPC Book Club 4:00 PM Concert Tour Rehearsal 7:00 PM Deacons Meeting 	16 <i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i>  8:00 AM Gray Panthers	17 9:15 AM Sarah Circle 9:30 AM Ruth Circle @ Lois Randall's Home  6:30 PM Master Singers Practice 7:00 PM Narcotics Anon	18 7:00 AM Men's Conversation @ One Way Cafe, Tosa  5:30 PM Wonderful Wednesdays in Winter 6:30 PM Hands of Praise Choir 6:30 PM Rainbow Choir 7:30 PM Chancel Choir	19  10:00 AM  Quilters' Quest 1:00 PM Rachel Circle @ Ruth Mueller's Home	20	21 9:00 AM Weekend Women's Bible Study 		
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29  8:15 AM Contemporary Worship 9:20 AM Christian Education 9:30 AM Annual Meeting of the Congregation 10:30 AM Traditional Worship 4 PM Concert Tour Practice	30 8:00 AM Gray Panthers	31 6:30 PM Master Singers Practice 7:00 PM Narcotics Anon	 BULLETIN INFORMATION DUE to Church Office Wednesdays by 9AM				(CCNS) Curiosity Corner Nursery School <u>Classes:</u> Mon-Fri 9-11:30AM & Mon/Wed 12:30-2:50PM CCNS - Parent/Teacher Conferences NO CLASSES: Jan 25 & 26	

Thank You & Congratulations

Thanks to all who helped transform the church into a festive Christmas worship space during Hanging of the Greens:

Bill Benedek, Anne Coulling, Virginia Doherty, Mike, Kathy, Clare and Brigid Flanders, Steve, Heidi, Emma and Grace Hudson-Mairet, Emilie Karpiuk, Laura Loving, Dan Markel, Liam and Mary Catherine McMahon, Mike and Peggy Paar, Jim Rand, Bev Schwabe, Todd and Beth Virlee and Don Weinberg.

Thanks also to Denise Fried and the Youth Group for the delicious chili supper--including fantastic sweet potato biscuits!

My heartfelt thanks for all the cards, phone calls, and visits I received following my surgery. I was very grateful for visits by Jim Rand and Laura Loving. What a wonderful caring Church! My best wishes for a healthy and happy New Year. - **Mary Lawrence**

Thanks for the Thanksgiving card. It's much appreciated.
- **Lorraine Zabel**

We want to thank you so very much for the very lovely poinsettia plant for Bob. That was very kind and thoughtful of you. He was very touched and loved that you remembered him. We truly appreciate your thoughtfulness. God's blessings to all of you.

- **Bob, Jim, & Mary Maurin**

Many thanks for all the love, kindness, and prayers for myself, Jeff, and our family in the passing our son and brother, Shelly. It is a heart breaking experience to lose a child regardless of age. The prayer shawl is lovely and the flowers, beautiful. - **Ellen Ferguson & Family**

I would like to thank the entire congregation for the beautiful poinsettia that was delivered to me. - **La Verne Charlson**

Thank You
for the
Christmas
Poinsettias



John & Kathy Breunissen

Pam Stanick & Kristen Fresch

Jane McMullen

Dennis & Pat Miller

Ed Stech

Jacqueline Swanson

Walter & Pat Hanson

Russ Read

Lyle & Faith Rhodes

Cathy Caughey

Dottie Anderson

Nathalie Jackson

Jim & Julie Badciung

Jeff & Barb Homar

Mark & Leigh Anne Fraley

Bill & Kathy Dummer

Larry & Maryann Vaughn

Kim Fareeau

Bob & Jane Lawrence

Ken & Kay Graham

Jim & Sarah Rand

Lorraine Hinstorff

Byron & Linda Skilling

Herb Witt

Martha Stoner

Mary Pluta

Marion Kressig

Richard Ainsworth

Audrey Gilq

Heidi Hudson-Mairet

Bob Gove



New Arrivals

Congratulations to Proud Parents:

Rob & Rebecca Paxton!

On the birth of their son,

William (Liam) Robert Paxton

on Monday, October 31, 2:40am. He weighed 6 lb. 11 oz..

Congratulations to Lucile Dexter!

On the birth of her great-granddaughter

Eden Ann Ruchmar

on Saturday, Nov. 19th.

She weighed 7lbs. 6 oz and was 20.5 inches long.

Grandparent's
Corner





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Office Assistant: Angela Ulrich & Hillary Townsend Ext. 101
Custodian: Jean Tushar, Ext. 105 **Part -Time Custodian:** Gary Hodel
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
Sign Language Interpreter: Jennifer Collard, CI & CT

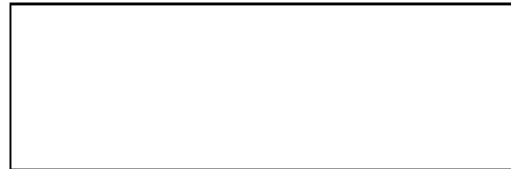
We are accessible **Sign Language Interpreter** **Listening system**
(1st Sunday of each month)

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.
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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.

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Mark Your Calendars!

- ⇒ Please turn in your 2012 pledge card if you haven't done so yet.
- ⇒ The week of Monday, Dec. 26th - The church office will have VERY limited hours. Please call ahead if you need something.
- ⇒ Saturday, Dec. 31st - ALL 2011 Contributions Due *NOTE: By Law, all gifts to the church must be received or postmarked by this day in order to be counted in 2011 tax filings.
- ⇒ Sunday, Jan 1 @ 10:30 a.m. - New Year's Day, join us for a Moravian-style Love Feast
- ⇒ Monday, Jan 2nd - Last day to turn in 2011 Check Requests & Reimbursements
- ⇒ Friday, Jan 6th - Epiphany Service at 9 a.m.
- ⇒ Tuesday, Jan. 10th - ALL Committees 2011 Annual Reports are Due by Noon.
- ⇒ Wonderful Wednesdays in Winter - Jan 18, 25, Feb 1, 8 (see page 6)
- ⇒ Sunday, Jan. 16th - Ordination/Installation
- ⇒ Sunday, January 29th - Annual Congregation Meeting