



The Joyful Noise

The date of Easter changes every year. In *church-speak* it's a "moveable feast." (And you thought that only happened at the fast food drive-thru!).

A combination of factors on the lunar and solar calendars determine the date, allowing a 35-day swing from the earliest (March 22) to the latest (April 25). Don't expect to see the early date in your lifetime. It hasn't happened since 1818 and won't come again until 2285. If you lived during World War II, you probably saw the last time Easter was its latest (1943). And if you have it in you to live 27 more years, fear not. Your next chance is coming (2038).

April 19 is the most common date for Easter. It fell on that date in 1987 and '92 – twice in five years (and 3.9% of the time overall). Does the year-to-year shift feel pretty random from your vantage point? Take comfort, knowing that the dates repeat precisely ... every 5,700,000 years exactly. (That's timing only God can appreciate!)

Some years we'd be half way through Lent by the time our March newsletter is published. But this year, Lent and Ash Wednesday don't roll around until March 9. That's given me a little extra time to plan my sermon schedule for the season. And it gives hope that that daffodils and tulips will be blooming by the time Easter finally arrives – April 24.

Lent, as you probably know, is the 40-day period leading up to Easter (Sundays don't count). It is a time of repentance, seeking God's forgiveness, and taking on new practices that are more pleasing to neighbor and God.

Often we talk about "giving up" something for Lent, meaning we do without – chocolate, ice cream, or some other pleasure. But I encourage you to do your "giving up" this year to God. Don't just give up. Give UP (to God). Make your life an offering to God.

That's the theme of the sermons I've planned. The Apostle Paul used nine different words to describe the offerings he received from the young churches he established. Starting on Ash Wednesday and ending on Easter, I'll try to find suitable scripture and think creatively about what these words suggest about how we can "give UP" in gratitude to God.

The words Paul used aren't all financial. They have to do with various aspects of our lives – including abundance, fellowship, Christian service, liturgy (worship), philanthropy, sacrifice, and alms. These are things the Apostle saw his little churches "giving up" to God. I see it here, too. All of these are ways we answer the question posed in Psalm 116:12 – **"What shall I return to the Lord, for all of God's bounty to me?"**

I worry a little about whether I can bring this project to completion. What if I run out of different things to say every week?

But the real test isn't what I say. It's how you turn my spoken words into actions that praise God and bring blessings to neighbors.

After all, preaching doesn't begin when the words leave my mouth, but when those words enter your heart and take root in what you do. That's when our faith is most faithfully and fully proclaimed. May God's words dwell richly in you, and shine forth brightly from you in the Holy Days ahead. - Jim Rand

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

RON WSOBA
JANUARY 28, 2011

CHARLES RANDALL
FEBRUARY 10, 2011



Session Meeting Notes - January 24, 2011

Submitted by Dottie Anderson, Clerk of Session

Actions taken by Session:

- Pam and Kristen Fresch, Brookfield, Wisconsin, were welcomed into the fellowship of the church. They were introduced to the congregation on Sunday, Jan. 30, 2011.
- Approved the Annual Alternative Christmas Fair to be held on November 27, 2011.
- Approved the sale of chocolate (made in Ghana) and Kobo beads 2/13 - 3/6/11, to benefit the Presbyterian Ghana Partnership.
- Approved the deletion of five names from the church rolls and to send 42 letters to inactive members asking them to reconsider their memberships.
- Approved Communion with confirmands and their covenant partners to be held on March 4.
- Approved Souper Bowl of Caring offering for Tosa Food Pantry and the donation of cans of soup to be held on February 6, 2011.
- Approved the Baptisms of Parker Luke, son of Judson and Sara Luke (1/30/11) and Ella Brodzik, daughter of Greg and Laura Brodzik (2/20/11).
- Elder Jim Halverson was approved to serve as one of two commissioners to the next Presbytery meeting to be held on February 22nd at Delafield Presbyterian Church. Bev Schwabe is the church's permanent commissioner. All Elders are welcome to attend.
- Approved all Committee Reports in the 2010 Annual Report.

Announcements:

- **Discovery Day** will be held on February 26, 2011 at Carroll University. Registrations should be turned into the church office as soon as possible.
- Membership is planning a **Church Reunion Day** and potluck on April 10th.
- **"Bring a Friend" Sunday** is being planned for May 15th.
- Fellowship Ministry held an **"Over 55's"** re-organization meeting and formed a steering committee to help plan activities

Prayers of gratitude and petitions were offered in celebration of Gregg Neel's 8th ordination anniversary and Richard Ainsworth 50th ordination anniversary, and for those in need of physical and spiritual healing. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

2011 GHANA PARTNERSHIP DELEGATION TRIP JUNE 18 to JULY 4

Sponsored by Milwaukee Presbytery's
Ghana Partnership Team

Estimated cost: **\$3270**

The delegation is limited to 12 people.

All interested persons must fill out and submit a Registration Form and \$300 by April 1 (or sooner if the delegation is filled) Registration forms are on the Presbytery of Milwaukee's website www.pbymilwaukee.org

Note: Delegates who have been involved in the partnership since 2008 will attend a meeting of the Ghana Network June 22-24.

The trip will include the following:

- ♦ Five to seven days visiting Dangme Tongu Presbytery, seeing churches and schools, and participating in worship services and other celebrations
- ♦ An optional two day class June 20-21 on African Theology at the Akrofi-Christaller Institute (Presbyterian graduate school) in Akropong
- ♦ Seven days sightseeing in Ghana (some with our hosts, and the rest with a tour company). Sights will include: Wli waterfall in the Volta Region, Akosombo Dam (which creates Lake Volta), Kumasi the home of the Ashantis, the Ashanti Craft Villages, Cape Coast (former slave) Castle, Kakum National Park, and Sights in the capital city Accra.

**To register or ask questions, contact
the Rev. William Dummer,
Partnership Coordinator
at 414-475-0076 - or -
email: gardenerdummer@yahoo.com**

Exploring **FAITH** Traditions

Wonderful Wednesdays in Lent

March 16 & 23 and April 6 & 13 at 5:30 – 7:30pm

Join us as we gather with guest speakers from different faith traditions to explore the many unique ways to celebrate one's religious beliefs. We will identify similarities and differences with our Presbyterian experience, as well as, learning how many in our community demonstrate their faith. Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn something new and engage with local community members outside of our Presbyterian tradition. Specific topics and speakers will be included in the Wonderful Wednesdays sign up materials!

The doors open at 5:30 PM, dinner starts around 6:00. At 6:30 we each go our way according to our peer group – Crib Room for very young people, Rainbow Choir for SrK through 5th grade, the second year of confirmation for the current class, and the enrichment program for teens and adults.

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



News from Dinner for 7,8 and 9 Groups?

Do you have photos to share from what your dinner group has done this year so far? We know of Packer parties and *wii* playing.... but, what else has been going on? Share your pictures with us for the next newsletter. Please email them to the office: tosapres@tosapres.com

Growing in Faith classes are for those who want to learn more about WPC and are considering being active members of our congregation.

**The class will be held on
3 Sundays at Noon:
March 6, 13, & 20**

If you are interested, please call the church office at 414-774-5005 or speak to Pam Parker, Jim Rand or Bonnie Stafford.

A light lunch will be served and babysitting can be arranged if requested in advance.

Welcome Our New Members!



Pam & Kristen Fresch (mother & daughter) were received by the Session and introduced to the congregation in January as new members. They have lived in the area for 17 years, and come to us by transfer of letter from another church. Pam works as the Controller for the Medical College of Wisconsin. Kristen splits her duties as a substitute teacher (working toward a full-time position) and a swim coach. When asked why they chose to join WPC, Pam said she was drawn by our fellowship. (They take part in the Dinners for 7, 8, or 9; and Pam is a regular at TGIF). Our mission outreach was another draw for her, as is our splendid music program. Kristen highlighted the wonderful mix of ages. Both talked about "trying" a number of churches before settling at WPC. We're delighted they found us!

Mission News & Updates

Extending the Table on Sunday, March 6th –Pastas and Sauces

The Mission Committee invites you to extend the Communion Table on the first Sunday of each month by donating food for the Tosa Food Pantry. Please help the church to offer the bread of life to the our community as we offer daily sustenance to the hungry. Please remember to bring pastas and sauces to church on Sunday, March 6th.



Do YOU Know Any Job Seekers?

If you know someone in the job market, please invite them to join WPC's Networking Group, "Creating Opportunities!" Our next meeting is **Friday, March 11th** at 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Each meeting features a guest speaker and lots of open networking. For more details contact Rick Moon (rmoon5@wi.rr.com) or Bonnie Stafford (ebstafford@astor-st.net)

WPC Quilters' Quest

Our door is always open to anyone interested in having a good time twice a month with this lively group. **We'll meet in March on the 3rd & 17th from 10am-2pm.** Just look for the banner on the Meeting Room door reading, "Quilting Therapy In Session." We'd love to have you join us!

Hope to See You There!

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

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Women and men are needed days, evenings, and weekends to volunteer at the Sojourner Family Peace Center. We offer opportunities to volunteer on the Domestic Violence Hotline; with battered women and their children at our shelter, Sojourner Truth House; with children affected by domestic violence, with men and women in our Beyond Abuse program at our Restraining Order Clinic in the Domestic Violence Unit at the Milwaukee District Attorney's Office; and at our Advocacy Office.

A minimum of 3 hours each week for 6 months is requested. A 13 3/4 hour, five evening training program begins on March 29 and continues on March 31, April 5, 7, & 12, 2011 from 5:30-8:15pm. All five evenings are required. Please call Melinda Wall Piraino at 414-933-2722 or email: melindap@familypeacecenter.org by March 25, 2011 for further information.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Sit'n & Knit'n
Saturday, March 12th in the Meeting Room
10 a.m. - Noon

**Do you have a friend
or relative that is in
special need of prayer?
Please let us know!**



The prayer shawls that we knit or crochet may add that special feeling of being wrapped in prayer and caring. The person receiving a prayer shawl need not be a member of our church.

If you like to knit or crochet please join us!
We meet the 2nd Saturday of each month Sept - May.
Come to the Meeting Room any time between
10 and 12 noon. Patterns and Yarn are provided.

For more information please call:
Jean (414) 476-2507 or Carol (414) 476-3757



February 2011 CCNS Update

Dana Biasi - Administrator

February is a busy month here at CCNS! Our new unit is Folk Tales and Nursery Rhymes! The Rainbow Room is the Folk Tales room and the Sunroom is the Nursery Rhymes room.

Here are the Nursery Rhymes and Folk Tales we will be covering. Feel free to check out some books at the library to help your child learn these and maybe some new ones!

Falling Day-Humpty Dumpty, Jack & Jill
Spider Day-Itsy Bitsy Spider, Little Miss Muffet

Jack Day-Jack Be Nimble, Jack Sprat
Cat & Mouse Day-Hey Diddle Diddle, Three Little Kittens, Hickory Dickory Dock,
Baking Day-The Gingerbread Man, Muffin Man, Queen of Hearts,

Plus: Rub a Dub Dub, Three Billy Goats Gruff, Three Little Pigs, Princess & the Pea



On February 14/15 we celebrated Valentine's Day. We made a class gingerbread man and searched for him when he ran away from us! Plus, the children exchanged Valentines!

Thank you to all for participating in our school fundraiser! We will certainly put the profits to good use by purchasing new items for our classrooms and sending our teachers to continuing education classes!



We plan to sell flowers again this Spring. Please look for information in future newsletters. Order forms will be put in the Gathering Space.
Thank you in advance for your support of our School!

We have received many applications for the 2011-2012 school year so far. **Thank you** for spreading the word about CCNS to your friends and neighbors! Morning sessions do fill up quickly, BUT there is a waiting list that shifts throughout the summer. Please advise friends and neighbors to call us for the most recent information about class availability. Please keep telling people about your experiences here at CCNS! Word of mouth is the best form of advertising!

Registration forms are available online at www.ccnstosa.com/enrollment.html

For more information please contact the school at 774-5005 x 113 or email me, Dana Biasi at: admin@ccnstosa.com.

Provide Comfort Through Companionship - Become a Hospice Volunteer

Heartland 
Enriching life.

Make someone's day - bring a gift of your smile and friendship to our hospice clients. Heartland Hospice Companion Volunteer Program gives people dealing with a terminal illness the extra TLC they need at this time in their lives. Hospice volunteers receive specialized training in techniques to care for and communicate with the terminally ill and their families. Our flexible visitation schedule is based on the volunteer's availability and comfort level. We currently have companion volunteer needs in your area and one of the many rewards is knowing that you have made a difference in someone's life. Call Peggy or Marcia at Heartland Hospice (414) 944-2000 for more information. Office Support/Clerical Volunteer Opportunities are also available.

Christian Education



This year, the Women's Bible Study has been studying the Book of Acts, using the Interpretation Bible Study by Charles C. Williamson. Copies (new & used) are available at www.amazon.com. In March we'll meet on the 1st & the 15th from 9:15-10:45AM. **We'll finish our study on March 15th.** If you have questions, please contact Bonnie Stafford at the church or contact Beth Neel at bemerri@gmail.com or 763-8651.

Adult Education Class

Please Note: We've made some changes to our schedule.
Don't miss the wide range of adult education in March!

March 6 will offer an opportunity for a Mardi Gras Coffee Hour and fellowship in preparation for **Ash Wednesday on March 9**. Plus, look for the WPC history display from the archives at the table manned by John Krugler and Liam McMahon

March 13 and March 27 Beth Neel asks "**Will the Real Paul Stand Up?**" These two Sundays will have those participating uncover whether Paul was a radical visionary, or a conservative re-

actionary. The earliest documents in the New Testament are letters written by the Apostle Paul, composed just a few decades after the life of Christ, and make up more than half of the New Testament. Yet 2,000 years later the debate rages on: Was Paul faithful to the spirit of Jesus' ministry, or did he betray Jesus' revolutionary message? Drawing on Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan's recent book, *The First Paul*, we will explore biblical and historical scholarship that seeks to let Paul's own voice shine through.

March 20 John Wettengel will lead us through some great stories of the Old Testament to see if sometimes truth can be found even though fact is not available.

April 3 Emilie Karpiuk and Bill Dummer will take a look at the Christian Organization Bread for the World and the funding needed to tackle hunger, health problems and child malnutrition in poor countries.



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HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

CREATIVE PATHWAYS: JOURNEY OF FAITH AND CREATIVITY

It's not too late to join this small group on Sunday, March 6th & April 3rd at 3:30 - 5:30p.m.
We're on Chapter 5 of Julia Cameron's book, **THE ARTIST'S WAY**.
We are enjoying taking time to welcome our and others efforts to be creative.

Questions/comments see: **Bonnie Stafford or Wendy Wosoba**

PLEASE NOTE: The monthly meetings for Centering Prayer & Walking the Labyrinth have been discontinued. The Spiritual Growth Committee hopes this time for prayer may resume in the future.

Confirmation Class of 2011

This spring we have seven teens that will finish their confirmation studies and consider application for full membership at WPC. Confirmation classes are structured into the Wonderful Wednesday schedule when they meet with Bonnie Stafford after dinner to study curriculum and dig deep into questions of faith.

They recently met their covenant partners in the first class of the mid-winter session. Each teen has been matched with a member of the congregation who has committed to be a friend and mentor during completion of their studies. The role of these adult friends should be underscored. These young people are about to make an adult decision regarding membership. It's fitting that they have an adult friend to be their partner in the process.

Our confirmands and their covenant partners:

Andy Awve
Chandler Bentley
Ben Ciha
Natalee DeBruin
Kyriel Skillings
Tux Turner
Katie Wilson

Ryan Mayrand
Mark Fraley
Jim Badciong
Mary Pluta
Dee Krugler
Jeff Sherry
Bonnie Strigenz

Between now and mid-April the students will finish their classroom work, prepare a faith statement, participate in a retreat, and develop and conduct a worship service for Session. They will be presented to the congregation at the 10:30 worship service on May 1.

Personal encouragement and prayers of encouragement are gratefully received.

How Does Sunday School Happen?

Denise Fried, Administrator of Christian Education

The Christian Education Committee is already thinking about Fall 2011 Sunday School! Seems early, but there is plenty to do. In a few weeks the CE Committee will say a little prayer of thanksgiving and petition, and then ask the current teachers if they would please come back next year. Once the replies are tallied we will brainstorm names and make phone calls to fill in the ranks. We will review curriculum, schedules, supplies, classrooms, etc. etc. Eventually reminders will be sent to parents and kids, Teacher Orientation will be held and then, hooray, the Sunday after Labor Day Sunday School will begin anew.



At the heart of this planning and activity is our concern for how to best serve the children. Before we do anything we consider them. For example, last summer we asked ourselves many questions - Can we reasonably put 4th through 7th graders in one class? That's a wide developmental range but we have only one 4th grader who attends regularly and there are lots of 5th graders, no 6th graders and several 7th graders. Will the 7th graders be mature enough to be friendly to the 5th graders? How did it work out to put 7th graders with the high school teens last year? Who are the teachers for that class? Are they willing to deal with the possible shenanigans of that class configuration?

This kind of evaluation happens for each group of children. We want a sufficient number of kids in each class to encourage response to the lessons and to create opportunities for friendships to develop. On the other hand, the teachers have only a scant hour so we need to provide a reasonable class size and age span. We also consider how many volunteer teachers we have, and the classroom preference of each one.

By the end of last summer we assured ourselves that the best configuration was not very different from the year before. For the 2010-11 school year we set up classes for Pre-kindergarten – Sr. Kindergarten, 1st – 3rd grade, 4th – 7th grade, and 8th – 12th grade. It's working well now but, as I mentioned, we're already looking at next year and it appears that we need to reconfigure. There are a bunch of 3rd graders this year that would move into the 4th – 7th grade class which is already full of 5th graders. It's too many kids and many of them are siblings. The most logical plan is to reinstate a middle school class. That change will ripple through the entire configuration. We're probably going to need more teachers. We need to look at curriculum. We need another classroom. Yikes! We have things to do. And so it goes...

GET INVOLVED!



We are always looking for talented musicians who would like to share their gifts with the congregation during worship, especially for the 8:15 a.m. service. If you are interested, please contact Martha Stoner at (414)364-8089 or mstoner@wi.rr.com

Our Chancel Choir will be preparing several selections from the Easter portion of Handel's Messiah to be presented in worship on Sunday, April 10. If you would like to sing with us, we will rehearse portions of the Messiah from 8 - 8:30pm on Wednesdays in the choir room starting on March 2.

TCIF! TCIF! TCIF! TCIF!TCIF! TCIF! TCIF!

Please join us! Bring yourself, a snack to share, something to drink, and be ready to have fun! The fun starts at 6:30 and ends around 9pm. Hope to see you there!!

Have Questions or Need a Ride?

Please call Jessie or Lloyd Jung:
(414) 259-9081

On March 11, 2011, our hosts are:

Greg and Jackie Williams (262) 853-4662
3945 N. 169th Street, Brookfield

On April 8, 2011, our hosts are:

Dean and Rosemary Muller (414) 289-9992
1707 N. Prospect Unit 11A, Milwaukee

TCIF! TCIF! TCIF! TCIF!TCIF! TCIF! TCIF!

The Phantom of the Opera
Starring WPC's own
Bradley Halverson & Portia Turner!

Sunday, April 10, 2011 at 2 p.m.
in the Dale K. Hidde Theatre
at East High School, 7500 Milwaukee Ave

Cost: \$20/Adult and \$12/Student
Please sign-up and pay in advance!
The performance is expected to sell out. So, WPC has purchased a limited number of tickets which will be available on a first come first served basis.
(Confidential financial assistance is available. If needed, please speak to Rev. Rand).



After 10:30 Worship, join the Over55s for a dutch-treat lunch before the show at "The Chancery" restaurant on State Street in Wauwatosa

It's Chat Time for Retirees!

Friday, March 18th, 1-4 pm

Chat time for retirees!

The O'Loughlin's:
12165 Woodside Ct

No RSVP needed.

The WPC Book Club usually meets the 3rd Sunday of the month after the 10:30 am service. Please join us for fellowship & lively discussion.

Our Next Meeting :
Sun., March 20th

















"The Hedgehog's Dilemma"
by Hugh Warwick

Presbyterian Women's Circle Meetings

















Circle	Date	Time	Place
Lydia	3/1/2011	7:00 PM	Meeting Room
Ruth	3/15/2011	9:30 AM	Jane McMullen's Home
Sarah	3/15/2011	9:15 AM	Meeting Room
Rachel	3/17/2011	9:15 AM	Ruth Mueller's Home



March 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>(CCNS) Curiosity Corner Nursery School Classes: Mon-Fri 9-11:30AM Mon/Wed 12:30-2:50PM</p> <p>CCNS Fundraiser Delivery Day Mon., March 7th from 10:30am-Noon</p> <p>EASTER VACATION: NO CLASSES Mar 28-Apr 3</p>  <div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> BULLETIN INFORMATION DUE to Church Office Wednesdays by 9AM </div>		<p>1</p>  <p>9:15 AM Women's Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 PM Lydia Circle</p> <p>7:00 PM Narcotics Anon</p>	<p>2</p>   <p>5:30 PM Wonderful Wednesdays</p> <p>6:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal</p> <p>6:30 PM Rainbow Choir</p> <p>7:30 PM Chancel Choir</p> <p>8:00 PM Messiah Rehearsal</p>	<p>3</p>  <p>10:00 AM Quilter's Quest</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>5:00 PM Maggie Skarich Wedding Rehearsal</p> <p>6:00 PM Confirmation Class</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:00 AM Men's Conversation</p> <p>9:00 AM Sacramento Training</p> <p>10:00 AM Adult Mission Trip Meeting (God's Building Buddies) @ Breunissen's</p>  <p>4:00 PM Maggie Skarich Wedding</p>
<p>6</p>  <p>EXTENDING THE TABLE = Pastas & Sauces</p> <p>8:15 AM Contemporary Worship</p> <p>9:20 AM Christian Education</p> <p>10:30 AM Traditional Worship</p> <p>New Members Class</p>  <p>12:00 PM Growing in Faith Class</p> <p>3:30 PM Creative Pathways Meeting</p> <p>3:30 PM Master Singers Concert</p>	<p>7</p>  <p>8:00 AM Grey Panthers - Men's Breakfast</p>  <p>9:00 AM Play Group!</p> <p>10:30 AM CCNS Fundraiser Delivery Day</p> <p>7:00 PM CCNS Board Meeting</p>	<p>8</p> <p>12:00 PM Website Meeting</p> <p>6:30 PM Master Singers</p> <p>7:00 PM Narcotics Anon</p>	<p>9</p>  <p>7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Worship</p> <p>8:00 PM Chancel Choir</p> 	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>  <p>8:30 AM WPC's Networking Group "Creating Opportunities"</p> <p>6:30 PM TGIF! @ Williams' House</p>	<p>12</p>  <p>10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Group - Sit'n & Knit'n</p> 

March 2011

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<p>13 Daylight-Saving Time Begins</p>  <p>8:15 AM Contemporary Worship 9:20 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM Traditional Worship</p> <p>12:00 PM Growing in Faith Class</p> 	<p>14 Newsletter articles DUE!</p> <p>8:00 AM Grey Panthers</p>  <p>7:00 PM Committee Meetings</p>	<p>15</p>  <p>9:15 AM Sarah Circle 9:15 AM Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM Ruth Circle @ Jane McMullen's Home 6:30 PM Master Singers 7:00 PM Narcotics Anon 7:00 PM Adult Ed Committee</p>	<p>16</p>   <p>5:30 PM Wonderful Wednesdays in Lent 6:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal 6:30 PM Rainbow Choir 7:30 PM Chancel Choir 8:00 PM Messiah Rehearsal</p>	<p>17 10:00 AM Quilter's Quest</p>  <p>1:00 PM Rachel Circle @ Ruth Mueller's Home</p>	<p>18 1:00 PM Chat Time for Retirees!</p>	<p>19</p>
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Thanks so much to Don Weinberg for taking over the Chancel Choir in Advent and in March while I was not available. I know the choir enjoyed working with him; he brought different and thoughtful gifts to the singers. I am so blessed to have such talented and generous people with whom to work.

Martha Stoner



Thank you for the beautiful card with two cardinals on the front. There were 60 signatures on it. Plus, thank you for the beautiful flowers purchased by Duzeta Thomas in honor of her family and for Marie Wesolek for bringing them out to us on a snowy day. Thank you so much for thinking of us. We really do appreciate it.

Gloria & Ralph Marker

We are blessed with great variety of music in worship. As Martha Stoner brags to her colleagues in other churches: "We may be the only church that has made use of bagpipes, a hammer dulcimer **and** a glass armonica." Our thanks go out to everyone who participates in the music ministry as a singer, ringer, player or planner. Members of WPC would like to extend a warm thank you to everyone who participating in bringing this ministry into worship: those who help to organize as well as those who sing, ring, play...members and non-members, those who don't read music and those who have degrees in music, children to retirees ~ and everyone in between, Chancel Ringers, Chancel Choir, Praise Singers, Rainbow Choir, and the many instrumentalists (guitars, drums, brass, piano, organ, flute, oboe, French horn, violin, and those listed above). We are blessed, and we appreciate your time and talent!

- Submitted by the Fine Arts Committee

In 2010, Meta House was able to offer comprehensive substance abuse treatment to 335 women and served more than 200 children through our extensive child and family program. On behalf of these families, Meta House thanks WPC's Quilters' Quest for your generous gift of 18 quilts in tote bags with stuffed animals received on December 22, 2010. Thank you! Very truly yours,

Wendy Cozzens - Director of Development - Meta House, Inc

Thank you for the many cards and condolences we received after the death of Ed's brother in December. The thoughtfulness of our church friends is appreciated.

Ed & Ilene Marconnet



Did you know that our church is now on Facebook? Please "friend" Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church and write on our wall. Plus share church pictures, your church experiences, and our Facebook page with your friends!

"Christmas Joy" in the New Year

We received a phone call in late February from the Presbyterian Board of Pensions saying "Thank You" for our gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering. Over \$2 million of this special denominational offering was dispersed to families of ministers and lay workers in need of special assistance. Most of the beneficiaries served the denomination before the start of a pension program, or have a current-day crisis. Because of the gifts from this congregation and many others, over 1800 families received grants or supplements to help meet their needs. Through your generosity, the joy of Christmas is extending into the new year in many homes. Thank you for spreading the Good News of the gospel this way!

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING THE SOUPER BOWL OF CARING



Thanks to everyone who threw a dollar bill into the soup pots on Super Bowl Sunday. Because of your generosity, our teens were able to send \$782.32 to the Wauwatosa Food Pantry due to this Souper Bowl of Caring fund raiser. This is an increase from last year's donation of \$721 which was already the largest donation in 10 years!!



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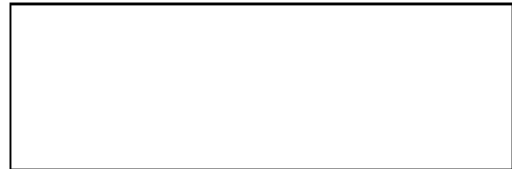
We are accessible **Sign Language Interpreter** **Listening system**
(1st Sunday of each month)

Church Office Hours: Monday -Thursday: 8:30 am - 3:30 pm
Friday: 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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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.



March 9th marks the start of Lent this year. Please join us for worship that Wednesday night starting at 7:00 p.m. Our evening services often have a different "feel" than Sunday morning, helping us connect with God in meaningful ways.

More than spoken words, this service uses symbols and sacraments. Not only are ashes "imposed" on each person's forehead as evidence of human sin, but they are washed off as a powerful reminder of God's forgiveness. As well, the Lord's Table affirms Christ's generous sacrifice ("my Body ... my Blood ... for you"), as the means by which that forgiveness is given.

The choir always sings beautifully at these special services too, piercing the darkness of night with melodies that revive hope.

Easter lilies and other flowers grow from the dust of Ash Wednesday. Please join us as we plant seeds of resurrection that night.