

★ Ministry of Women

December 2011

Baby News

Born:

Victoria Jean

On: September 22nd

To: Joe & Janet Perl

Hope Jalynn

On: September 24th

To: James & Janessa Klazinga

Lola Holland

On: September 27th

To: Ben & Tiffany vanKlinken

Titus Hudson Taylor

On: October 1st

To: Mike & Ang MacDermid

Olivia Katherine

On: October 10th

To: Jay & Ida Karelsen

Natalia Layne

On: October 13th

To: Chris & Melissa Kelly

Layla Patricia

On: November 2nd

To: Greg & Rachel Zantingh

Anisha Alee

On: November 9th

To: Ish & Annette Ghandi

Carly Ava

On: November 10th

To: Curt & Dana Moesker

Expecting:

Allison vanKlinken—January

Beth Langstaff—January

Amanda Bydeley—February

Henderike vanWieren—February

Emily Anjema—March

Erin Booy—April

Janene Wierenga—April

Anna Jamieson—May

Ashley VanBoven—May

Dialogue From Deb...

Lately there is a nip in the air and the warm autumn colours have all but disappeared. The leaves have all been raked (several times over I'm afraid) and the patio furniture stored away again for another season; time to put the summer memories behind us and look toward Christmas—which although it is the same date every year, seems to creep up on us almost unexpectedly. The radio ads begin, the catalogues arrive on our doorsteps...*and the rush is on!*

For some, Christmas is a time of "busyness" and hustle bustle. And, I must admit, in my younger years, it was the same for me. It's only as I've aged a bit that I see things differently. It's not so important that we

gather for a 'traditional turkey dinner', but rather just important that we are able to *gather together*—brunch works just fine. It's not important that there be multiple gifts under the tree, but rather that we share in the gift of Christ; and maybe offer a gift for the sheer joy of giving. It's not important that we spend lots of money, but rather that we spend what we've budgeted in an appropriate manner. Let's not worry about being 'politically correct' and wish our brothers and sisters a good old fashioned *Merry Christmas*. It's the simpler things that bring the most joy through this season.

Me, I always look forward to putting lots of energy into the early part of December. I enjoy making the rounds visiting with friends and taking in all the



celebrations the season offers. And when the visiting has finished and the festivities have quieted down, I look for a time to quietly ponder the season and what that really means... "good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord."

Merry Christmas my friends,
May you be richly blessed.

~Deb

Upcoming Peoples Church Events

Ministry of Women Christmas Event

Mary, Did You Know?



Tuesday, December 6th 2011

7:00 p.m. @ Peoples Church

Speaker: Elizabeth Dagg

Music by: Ellyn Davey from WNFA Radio

Coming in 2012!

It's early, but we want you to know that we're looking to September 2012 for a ladies' retreat in Indiana. Information has been put into your mailboxes regarding this retreat that promises to be one well worth attending. Our Ministry of Women committee is busy working on possible travel and accommodation details. Wouldn't it be fantastic to gather a large group of our ladies together for a time of refreshing and growth in the Lord? Please give some thought to this retreat and then watch for more info after the New Year.



"No Looking Back" By: Rose Oosterhof

Recently, our family has taken the pilgrimage of moving from Sarnia to a country property that, let's just say, needs a lot of love. It is on a road just outside of Petrolia called Plowing Match Road. This name is rather fitting. In the last 2½ months, the Lord has been plowing and turning over the soil of my heart; and in response to Him – I have had many wrestling matches. Have you ever seen a woman who is a believer wrestle with her Lord, herself, her husband, and her children? Not exactly a place of peace.

The Lord wanted me to go beyond this wrestling – He wants me to crucify – crucify myself. Let it go – die Rose. But how, Lord?

I had thought I was prepared for this move and the work it would involve; however, the Lord uses everyday life events to reveal our hearts and what we really hold dear. Am I a "faithfulist" or a "survivalist?" There were days I was barely surviving in the chaos of these renovations, never mind being faithful. The process of crucifying flesh is indeed painful. There are two sections of Scripture the Holy Spirit warned me with: Genesis 4:7, "If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it" and Hebrews 3:18-4:1, "And to whom

did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it."

The Lord is both kind and severe it states in Romans 11:22. If it weren't for His mercy, I would be consumed. My biggest challenge here on Plowing Match Road is not, not having everything fixed up looking the way I like it to look. The biggest challenge is to allow Christ to be my peace, even in the midst of confusion. I am to live in obedience to Christ to be accepted. I am to walk by faith so that the Lord will be the lifter up of my head.

Yes, since moving my heart has been continually tested. Will I hear His voice and TRUST HIM? I see that I am only beginning to know the mystery of "to live is Christ – to die is gain."

~Rose



~Your Little Corner Of The World~ By: Joyce vanKlaveren

I have a beautiful nativity scene, and I cherish it with its precious memories as my children were growing up. My girls were always so taken with Jesus, and many a time I had to go looking for him in a little purse or small teacup. My boys, of course, were more interested in the little farm animals, and they too were rescued many times from the toy box or the latest Little Tikes farmstead.

Needless to say, it has survived 23 years of marriage with only a broken donkey ear. But recently, I set out to find some small nativity scenes for our upcoming Ladies' Event entitled "Mary, Did You Know?" Little did I know that my mission was almost impossible. Amongst the 1000's of snowmen, trees, lights, reindeer, Santas, stars and angels, there was virtually no Mary, Jesus or

Joseph. This led me to think about my decorations in my home and how the basis of my own Christmas decorations was exactly what the stores market. This was such an awakening for me, and this year, my nativity scene is going to be the focus of my Christmas décor. Everyone who enters will know that Jesus is MY reason for the season!

Pithy Proverb

We all have a pretty good idea of what a proverb is, but what is a *pithy* proverb? In case you're wondering, it has nothing to do with the white stuff under the orange peel. Oxford and Webster define *pithy* as *concise and forcefully expressive; having substance and point; terse and vigorously expressive*. Keep this in mind as you read this Pithy Proverb:

"Anxiety in a (wo)man's heart weighs (her) down, but a good word makes (her) glad." Proverbs 12:25



Amazing Apple Dip

By: Lisa Land

1 tub dessert topping (such as Cool Whip)
2 packages cream cheese at room temperature
1 large bottle of butterscotch ice cream sauce or apple dip
Mix together the dessert topping and cream cheese.
Spread mixture into a 9 X 13 pan.
Top with ice cream sauce.
Refrigerate for several hours.



Green Punch

By: Karen Coyle



1 large bottle of lime-flavoured beverage* (such as Fruite)
1 bottle of Sprite (or other clear soda pop)
1 frozen concentrate of lime beverage
1 small container of lime sherbert/sorbet
Mix the first three ingredients together in a punch bowl.
Float scoops of the sorbet on top of the mixture & serve. *For ice cubes, freeze some of the lime beverage & add them before the sherbert/sorbet.

Note: Many of you have asked for the recipes I have used at the Women's Ministry evening events. I don't mind sharing a "homemade" recipe as above or one that is freely available on the internet for anyone to access. However, some of the recipes are from cookbooks I own, and therefore, are under copyright. It is illegal for me to distribute or re-print these recipes. Thanks for your understanding. Beth Ann.

Prayer Requests:

- Our elders, deacons, and ministry leaders as they seek to shepherd the flock here at Peoples.
- Listening ears and teachable hearts to peruse God wholeheartedly.
- Peace, encouragement, and joy for those who are heavy laden.
- Our missionaries as they work diligently to further the gospel abroad.

"Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."

~Romans 12:11-12 ESV

