



Lamplighter

Ohio U.P. Church 724-378-3690 www.ohiopresbyterian.org January 2010

From the Pastor

January is a time for setting goals, and making plans for the new year. As we look forward to the months ahead and think about the things that have happened in the past year, we may be filled with hope or with dread. At times like this I'm reminded of the first question and answer from the Heidelberg Catechism.

Q. 1. What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

A. That I belong--body and soul, in life and in death--not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ . . .

I am comforted and inspired by the knowledge that I am participating in an undertaking that is bigger and more lasting than anything I can accomplish on my own. It makes me wonder, though, what is my part? When I sent my children into their Sunday School classes, I knew that they would get a lot more out of Sunday School if they were able to take part in all aspects of the experience. I provided them with a Bible, and I gave them a quarter or two to put in the offering. When they met me after class, I asked them what they had learned. I helped them to understand that the offering that they gave made it so that they and other kids could have materials and a comfortable place to meet.

They didn't have to do anything to be permitted to join the class, but the more they put into Sunday School the more they got out of it. Our life in Christ is a little like that. We don't have to do anything to be loved and cared for by God and experience his blessing. Like my children who only had what I had given them to share in the class, I only have what God has given me. But when we take the gifts that God has given us and share them with others we get to be a partner with God in the sharing of heavenly gifts with the people of earth. May we make our plans and set our goals remembering that we get to participate in what God is doing all around us. Happy New Year.

January Celebrations



BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jim Greene
- 2 Rachel Specht
- 3 Dominic Pasquarelli
- 5 Tamera McMasters
- 6 Jerri Lech
Matthew Jones
Mary Alexander
- 8 Chelsey Hineman
- 10 Paul Hurni
- 11 Cami Smith
- 12 Eric Nan
- 13 Elva Antel
- 16 Sara Allen
- 17 Leah Kanitra
Katie Selby
- 18 Faith Chamberlain
Michelle Sebastian

- 19 Greg Ward
- 20 Belinda Nolte
- 21 Kevin Smith
- 22 Erica Fox
David Kocher
Richard Kerlin
- 23 Betty Lou Conrad
Sarah Zakrajsek
- 24 Jean Henderson
Marlee Kerlin
- 25 Everitt Laird
Corwin Falk
- 27 Erin Barkovich
Jerry Stuck
- 31 Johnathan Lech
Betty Boguszewski



ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Kenn & Cami Smith



Annual Congregational and Corporation Meeting

**To review the 2009 Annual Reports will be January 24th, 2010
following the 11:00 worship service**



Week of Hope 2010

The Junior and Senior High Youth Group will be traveling to Bay City Michigan for a "Week of Hope". A "Week of Hope" is sponsored by Group Foundation. Groups of 100 go into the community for seven weeks during the summer to do community service. The youth may be helping in a soup kitchen, a summer camp for children, volunteering at a senior citizen center, or helping to spruce up the community. If you are in 7th grade and 12 years of age through 20 years old you are eligible to participate. If you are 21 and over there may be opportunities for you also. If you are interested in attending contact Patti Strominger at 724-495-2146 for more information. A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is required to hold your spot.

May the light of His love bring joy and peace to your life
Happy New Year!

8:30 WORSHIP LEADERS

January 3: Shirley Fluharty
Lois Davie

January 10: Evelyn Moss
Jon Moss

January 17: Shane Byers
Diane Byers

January 24: Amber Tackac
Justin Tackac

January 31: Alli Martin
Joe Glatz

11:00 WORSHIP LEADERS

January 3: Paul Magee

January 10: Jesseca Muslin

January 17: Elaine Verostek

January 24: Chris Cronin

January 31: Chuck Adamski

JR. CHURCH

Nancy Hribar
Elaine Verostek
Karen Barth

GREETERS

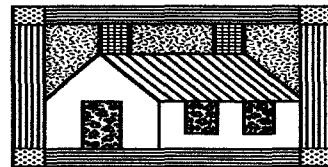
January 3: Bonnie Martin/Lois Davie

January 10: Sharon Neville/Barb
Tackac

January 17: Karen Barth/Sharon
Neville

January 24: Barb Tackac/Karen Barth

January 31: Lois Davie/Patty Slezak



**As for me and
my house, we
will serve the
Lord. -Joshua 24:15**



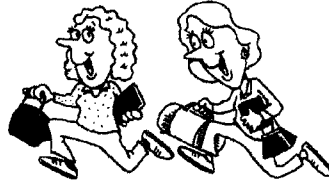
As I close the door

Dear Lord, as I close the door on the old year,
I ponder the things I've done ...
the things I've said and the joys I've had.
I wonder, have I lost or won?
I've thought of new friends I have made,
and the old ones, staunch and true ...
the paths of the old year made easier, Lord,
because I have walked them with you.
I think of all the many times,
when my burdens were so heavy to bear,
and how my faith slipped away from me.
But somehow you were always there.
Now, as I open the door to this New Year,
and carefully peep inside,
I wonder what it holds for me ...
but I'll throw the door open wide.
Whatever it brings to me and mine,
I'll meet it with a heart so true ...
I know that, Lord, whate'er it may be,
you'll be there to carry me through.

—Merrel Thompson

In the New Year

Always remember to forget the troubles that have passed away, but never forget to remember the blessings that come each day!



WOMEN'S RETREAT

When: February 12th-14th, 2010

Where: Providence Villa in the North Hills

Theme: Bouquet of Blessings

Cost: \$140.00 per person, includes meals & supplies

Time: Depart Friday at 7:00 pm and

Return Sunday 3:00 pm

Transportation: Church Van

What to Bring: Bible, personal toiletry items

**Special arrangements can be made if you are unable to attend the full weekend*

\$20.00 Deposit required with registration

Name: _____

Phone Number _____

Ohio U.P. Fellowship

January 14th— Fellowship Dinner 5:45-6:30 PM

Menu: Trudy's Ham Stew, vegetable, salad, bread, beverage and homemade dessert

Cost: \$4.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children, with \$12.00 family limit

Reservations can be made with the bulletin insert, by phoning the church office at 724-378-3690, or by emailing the church office at oupc@choiceonemail.com.

Fall/Winter Thursday Evening Groups

January 14th-6:30-7:15 PM-Informational and initial planning meeting for "Good Friday Experience" to be held on the evening of Good Friday, April 2nd.

Jr. and Sr. High Youth Group Schedule & Kindergarten to 6th Grade Youth Group

January 7th—NO YOUTH GROUP

January 8th-9th- LOCK-IN 9:00 PM to 7:00 AM Cost \$3.00 each-may bring one friend each

January 14th- Youth Group 5-6:30 PM Includes Fellowship Dinner

January 21st-Youth Group 5-6:30 PM

January 28th-Youth Group 5-6:30 PM

Kindergarten to 6th Grade Youth Group—The kindergarten thru 6th grade youth group will meet on the second Thursday of each month from 6:30-7:15 PM. In January you will be making a Valentines for Veterans

January 30th-Bake Cookies for Fellowship Hour 1:00-3:00 PM

Trustees:

- Looking at the following items for year: new organ speakers, new library carpeting, entry awning, window treatments, molding around sanctuary wiring, new hallway desk and chair, parking lot resurfacing, manse roof replacement, Senior High Sunday school room remodeling.
- Discussed purchasing a portable electronic keyboard for use in the rehearsal room and for the church

picnic outdoor service. Cost is expected to be around \$500.

- Exterior lighting on corner of education wing has been replaced with dusk to dawn light and low wattage florescent bulbs.

Session:

- Approved the 2010 budget