

PASTOR'S PLACE

Dear Friends:

Happy New Year from your Pastor and her family! I hope that all of you had a joyous Christmas celebration and that you have entered the year 2006 healthy, safe, and sound!

This New Year brings about some changes for our church, particularly regarding *the Celebrate*. This single issue for January is the final single issue that you will be receiving. And it represents the last time that *the Celebrate* will be sent via the U.S. Post Office (with one or two minor exceptions!).

The next issue will cover February and March and will be available by email or by picking up a copy when you come into the church. The Pastor and the Deacons will see to it that our friends at home get a copy of the newsletter. These changes will not only help us save money. They represent a bold "step into the future" for this congregation.

As I look out over the horizon of 2006 and ponder some of the changes that I would like to see occur here, there is one that jumps right to the head of the list. I would really like to see this congregation begin to dream dreams and capture a vision for the future through the process of Natural Church Development (NCD). I would love to see this church be one of the churches selected for the next round of NCD in this Presbytery. As one of the coaches, I am convinced that this process of improving the quality of a church is worth the time and the effort. By discovering our "minimum factor," and by that I mean which one of the eight quality characteristics turns out to be the "lowest stave on the bucket," and by working on this area, this church will improve the quality of its ministry and mission and that will eventually lead to numerical growth.

I realize that much of what I just wrote probably sounds like a foreign language to many of you. But I have been talking about it! The Joint Boards viewed a power point presentation on NCD. I have preached on it from time to time. Booklets have been made available to the congregation. Some people have approached me and have indicated some interest in being a part of this.

As Pastor, I am dedicated to talking about Natural Church Development more and more in this New Year. I am dedicated to educating the congregation. But if we really want to be a part of the next round, I need to have two or three people step up to the plate and tell me that they are willing to help me take the lead in this. At least two or three other people need to tell me that they want to learn as much about this process as I already have learned about it. And I need to have this happen SOON! The next round is tentatively set to get going by the end of Lent!

Patience has never been my strong suit, but in this case I am willing to be patient with the congregation. If not this year, then next year. I will continue to pray that the Holy Spirit move within some of you as it has moved in me and that we will soon be taking bold steps into the future together. I don't think that we can afford to be satisfied with the status quo in this church. How many of you agree with me? How many of you are willing to learn and work with me, along with two of the NCD coaches? I'm waiting to hear in this brand, New Year! Be on the lookout for NCD learning opportunities!

God Bless!

Pastor Deb

FOLLOW THE LECTIONARY

<i>January 1st</i>	Isaiah 61:10-62:3 Psalm 148 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:22-40	<i>January 22nd</i>	Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Psalm 62:5-12 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20
<i>January 8th</i>	Genesis 1:1-5 Psalm 29 Acts 19:1-7 Mark 1:4-11	<i>January 29th</i>	Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 111 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Mark 1:21-28
<i>January 15th</i>	1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20) Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 John 1:43-51		

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Sunday January 1st New Years Day Communion
 Sunday January 8th Baptism of the Lord
 Sunday January 29th Communion & Annual Meeting

Here we are at another new year; I hope you all had a Merry Christmas. Due to our young people going off to college, I am looking for a few more people to become layreaders. Anyone interested please see me after church on Sunday or call me at 668-1609. Thank You

Edie Fischer
 Chair

YOUNG AT HEART

Would you believe we are into a new year and we hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas? Because New Years falls on Sunday and people also celebrate it on Monday we are going to have only one luncheon in January. We will meet on the third (3rd) Wednesday of January, which will be the 18th. We will be hosting the Community of Churches on the 11th of January as well as a Presbytery meeting on the 24th of January. So you see we will be quite busy in January. We will continue with 2 luncheons in February. We know you all enjoy the lunches but by only having one in January we won't have to be in the kitchen four weeks in a row. So be sure to mark January 18th on your calendar.

The Happy Cooks: Dick & Edie

JANUARY 2006

Sunday	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs	Fri.	Sat.
1 10am Worship w/ Communion 11am Fellowship <i>Happy New Year</i>	2	3 Faith Education Meeting 7pm	4	5	6	7
8 8:45am Morning Prayer 10am Worship Faith Education 11am Fellowship Confirmation Class	9	10 Special Presbytery Meeting @ Maryvale Presbyterian 1pm	11 West Seneca Community of Churches Meeting 11:30am	12	13	14
15 8:45am Morning Prayer 10am Worship Faith Education 11am Fellowship Confirmation Class	16 Monday Night Adult Forum & Discussion video series 7pm	17	18 Young at Heart Luncheon 12pm	19	20	21
22 8:45am Morning Prayer 10am Worship Faith Education 11am Fellowship Confirmation Class	23 Monday Night Adult Forum & Discussion video series 7pm	24 Presbytery Meeting @ First Presbyterian West Seneca Session Mtg. 7pm	25 Worship & Music Meeting 7pm	26	27	28
29 8:45am Morning Prayer 10am Worship w/ Communion Faith Education 11am Annual Meeting	30 Monday Night Adult Forum & Discussion video series 7pm					

BIRTHDAYS

January	2 nd	Amanda Bohin
		Heather Malyzka
	4 th	Ashley Bohin
		Russell Molnar
	9 th	Bruce Barrows
	11 th	Ellyn Reed
		Foster Young
	13 th	Pastor Deb
	14 th	Vincent Pagliaccio
		Chris Saeli



15 th	Marge Christmann
19 th	Justin Wurl
22 nd	Sam Corless
23 rd	Tom Wagner
24 th	Mary Gutowski
26 th	Thom George
27 th	Lill Kieffer
28 th	David Bohin

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Dear Pastor Deb,
 Just a note to thank you again for putting together such a wonderful service to honor my father. Your words were a great comfort to all of us, and especially my mom. And thanks also to the women of the church who put together that fine meal.
 Appreciatively, Jim Cotter

Dear Friends,
 My family and I are very grateful to all who helped to make the memorial service for my brother Ray so very special.
 Sincerely, Mary Cotter

Rev. Deb
 Thank you for the lovely service you held for Ray. It meant so much to me and to the family. They have been with me through all of Ray's illness. He was a wonderful husband and loving father.
 One prayer that I do have is that the day will come when they have a cure for Alzheimer's. I wish to thank the women's fellowship for their refreshments and their time so we could be with family and friends after the service.
 We would have liked to have been able to attend Sunday services but we all had early flights to return home.
 Thank you again,
 Sophia Cotter & Family

Dear Friends,

We here at Cornerstone Manor, staff – women – children, wish to thank you for your recent donation of two bags of miscellaneous items and your wonderful angel box contributions.

Your support of our residents means very much to all of us.

God bless you for your concern, kindness and compassion for the less fortunate in our community and for helping us to meet some of their needs. We will be looking forward to hearing from you again in the future.

Sincerely,

Lora Warkentin, R.N. DNS
Director, Cornerstone Manor

Pastor Deb

Thank you for baptizing our daughter. Your kindness is very much appreciated.

Love,

Dave, Barb & Alexis Danner

Dear Pastor Wright,

Thank you so much for opening up your church for us. We hope you have a great holiday.

Love,

Amy Iannuzzelli & Luke Stewart

PRAYER CONCERNS

Bill Baco (Sandy Pakenham) ♦ Andrew Derrick (BJ Rustic) ♦ Clara Cieslinski ♦ Dan & Judy Cravotta (Janice Jones) ♦ Steve Dalin (Karen Cieslinski Dalin) ♦ Pauline Deletti (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Jessica Grazen (The Fischers) ♦ James Groves (Nancy Lesakowski) ♦ Dorothy Gutowski (Ed Gutowski) ♦ Harold Hanna ♦ Esther Hiller (Sandy Pakenham) ♦ Melissa Howell (Sue Piersa) ♦ Ben Klinshaw, (Rita Hanna) ♦ Marguerite Kobel (Dennis Fiegl) ♦ Nancy Lesakowski ♦ David Mariea (Sue Maciejewski) ♦ Norman Orzechowski (Janice Jones) ♦ BJ Rustic ♦ Bill Seifert ♦ The Weez (Dennis Fiegl) ♦ Bob Wilcoxson (The Christmanns) ♦ Joan Wilczak (Tom Wilczak)
Carol & Tom Vaughan and their family as they mourn the death of Carol's mom Sally Brush

OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

Chris Kalinowski ☉ Matthew Jones ☉ Bill Cenkner Jr. ☉ Patrick Baskerville ☉ Sammy Russo ☉ Kimberly Trudeau ☉ Steve Odebralski ☉ Jason Zimmerman ☉ Don Hamann ☉ Andrew Zalikowski ☉ Jeremy Miller ☉ Nick Turvey ☉ Kristen Pelc ☉ Ben Schauss ☉ Josh Winkler ☉ John Pirinelli ☉ Kyle Ernst

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