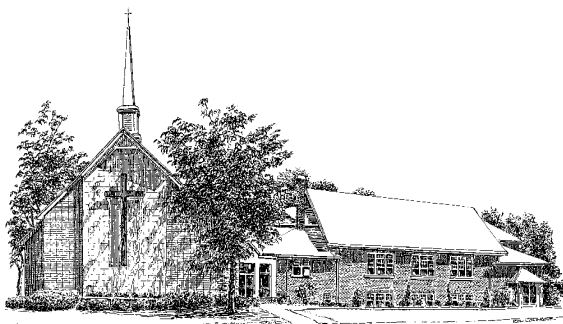


# First Presbyterian Church of West Seneca

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## The CELEBRATE December 2009/January 2010

*"We humbly yet boldly step into the future, following  
in the footsteps of Jesus on our journey of faith."*

### December Highlights

**December 4<sup>th</sup> ~ 7pm**

["There's a Song in the Air"](#) Christmas concert

**December 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> ~ 12pm**

Young at Heart luncheons

**December 7<sup>th</sup> ~ 7pm**

Common Meeting Night

**December 20<sup>th</sup> ~ 4pm**

Blue Christmas Service

**December 24<sup>th</sup>**

Cookies & Cocoa Fellowship ~ **6:30pm**

Christmas Eve Service ~ **7:00pm**

### January Highlights

**January 4<sup>th</sup> ~ 7pm**

Common Meeting Night

**January 13<sup>th</sup> ~ 12pm**

Young at Heart Luncheon

## PASTOR'S PLACE

Christmas is coming  
The goose is getting fat  
Please to put a penny  
In the old man's hat  
If you haven't got a penny  
A halfpenny will do  
If you haven't got a halfpenny then  
GOD BLESS YOU

The hustle and bustle of the holiday season is already in full swing! There is much to get done in the remaining four weeks of the year. It is hard to believe that in a short amount of time we will be saying hello to 2010. But as we prepare for the celebration of the coming of the Christ Child I hope that you will sit down and relax! That you will allow yourself some space and time for contemplation or mediation or just some good old sleep. Have you ever seen that person at the mall Christmas shopping that you know is just about to lose it! You want to go to them and see how you can help! Well - don't allow yourself to be the one who needs the help. Be patient, kind, smile at people and take your time. I know that may sound like pie in the sky to some of us – but we have to try. Christmas is about God sending to the world himself in his son Jesus. The greatest gift from God was the gift of self. Let us be giving of ourselves as well. So do what you can without going crazy! Spend time with family, friends and most of all God.

I know that for some of us the holidays will be difficult at times because of the loss of loved ones. You are invited to the Blue Christmas/ longest night service on Sunday, December 20 at 4:00p.m. for those who have suffered loss – whether it is of family, friends, job or illness. We will be sharing the service with St Johns here at First Presbyterian. Please invite those you know who might benefit from this service.

Have a wonderful holiday season. Praise God in all things. Happy New Year.

Peace,  
Bronwen

## FOLLOW THE LECTIONARY

December 2009

<i>December 6<sup>th</sup></i>	Malachi 3:1-4 Luke 1:68-79 Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6	<i>December 20<sup>th</sup></i>	Micah 5:2-5a Luke 1:47-55 or Psalm 80:1-7 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)
<i>December 13<sup>th</sup></i>	Zephaniah 3:14-20 Isaiah 12:2-6 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18	<i>December 27<sup>th</sup></i>	1 Samuel 2:18:20, 26 Psalm 148 Colossians 3:12-17 Luke 2:41-52

January 2010

<i>January 3<sup>d</sup></i>	Jeremiah 31:7-14 Psalm 147:12-20 Ephesians 1:3-14 John 1:(1-9) 10-18	<i>January 17<sup>th</sup></i>	Isaiah 62:1-5 Psalm 36:5-10 I Corinthians 12:1-11 John 2:1-11
<i>January 10<sup>th</sup></i>	Isaiah 43:1-7 Psalm 29 Acts 8:14-17 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	<i>January 24<sup>th</sup></i>	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6 8-10 Psalm 19 I Corinthians 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21
		<i>January 31<sup>st</sup></i>	Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Luke 4:21-30

## WORSHIP & MUSIC



For those who may not quite feel up to the normal Christmas celebrations or those who have suffered a loss this year, we will be having a “Blue Christmas” service. This is a joint service with St. John’s Lutheran Church. The service will be held here on Sunday Dec 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:00. This service will be a time of remembrance and healing. All are welcome.

## HELP WANTED

POSITIONS OPEN: Soprano· Alto· Tenor· Bass

PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS: Must be able to lift music folder and spirits of others and be able to see the director from a maximum distance of 10 feet. Must have a sense of humor.



BEGINNING WAGES: Free group singing lessons, increased personal and spiritual satisfaction, and joy in God's service.

BENEFITS: Social security with other choir members, plus guaranteed seating for all rehearsals and standing room for the performances.

EXPERIENCE: Applications being accepted from those who have sung, hummed, or whistled in the shower, bathtub, around the house or in the privacy of their own car.

ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES: Members who display unique and unusual ability may occasionally sing solos. (please check with the director first)

HOURS: We practice on Thursdays at 7p.m. until the director gets tired or 8:00 p.m., whichever comes first. There are occasional opportunities for overtime at the rate of thanks-and-a-half.

RETIREMENT: A plan that's out of this world. No particular age, but generally determined by the music folder getting too heavy, or the accompanists being unable to play the notes you are singing.

All inquiries and questions to Sue Maciejewski (choir director) 652-5190.

## YOUNG AT HEART

As I write this I realize Christmas is almost upon us. Where has the time gone? Thanksgiving is over and we are now preparing for Christmas. The young at heart lunches are doing great. We are averaging 30 people for our lunches. For December we will be meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 16<sup>th</sup>. For January we will only be meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>. So please mark these dates on your calendar so that you will be able to join us for good food and fellowship. Again the dates are as follows:

DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>

DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>

JANUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>

We look forward to seeing you all at our luncheons.

YOUR HAPPY COOKS: DICK AND EDIE

COLD WEATHER TREE

This year we have chosen the Kathleen Mary House to receive items from the cold weather tree. Kathleen Mary House provides temporary shelter for abused women and their children, mostly from the Southtowns. Yes, it is within fifteen minutes of our church. Often, they are brought to the home by the police and have nothing other than the clothes they are wearing.



The list is ready for our Christmas gifts and is on the table in the narthex. Please sign up and put your name by the item you are able to purchase. The list looks long, but the items requested are reasonable. There is a great need for pajamas, leggings (snow pants), boots, and underwear. Children's sizes should be no larger than a 10/12. They can also use women's clothing in all sizes, but especially the larger ones, (1x, 2x, etc.)

Everything must be under the tree at church by Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. You may leave the tags on, but please do not wrap the gifts.

Thank you so much for helping with this mission project.



Next year, our church will be celebrating our 100th anniversary. The membership and fellowship committee will be highlighting some of our longest church members every month starting in January. Along with other activities, we are also planning a catered dinner for sometime in June. Look for more news to come!

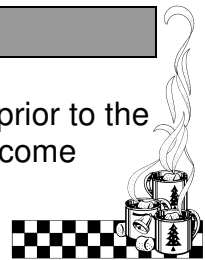
Membership and Fellowship Committee

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## CHRISTMAS EVE FELLOWSHIP

On December 24th at 6:30pm we will again be hosting fellowship time prior to the Christmas Eve service. Please join us for hot chocolate and tea as we come together to celebrate Christ's birthday.



DECMEBER 2009						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Young at Heart Lunch 12pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <a href="#">"There's a Song in the Air"</a> Musical Concert 7pm	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 10am Worship w/ Communion 11:15am Fellowship  <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>7</b> All Committee Night 7pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Odd jobs group 7pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 10am Worship 11:15am Fellowship 11:15am Session Meeting  <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Young at Heart Lunch 12pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 10am Worship 11:15am Fellowship 4pm Blue Christmas Service  <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</i>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Cookies & Cocoa 6:30pm Christmas Eve Worship Service 7pm	<b>25</b>  <i>Merry Christmas to all</i>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 10am Worship 11:15am Fellowship	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		

JANUARY 2010						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
					<b>1</b> <i>Happy New Year</i>	<b>2</b>
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This year the last day for the recording secretary to accept pledges and Per capita is December 27<sup>th</sup>. If you want credit for your tax returns please submit by this date. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. If you have any question as to what you have left to complete your pledge call me and I will be glad to assist you. Thank you

Edie Fischer  
Recording Secretary

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Here is a copy of the Sunday school schedule for the next 2 months. On December 20th the children will remain in Worship for a retelling of the Christmas story.

Please remember the Nursery is available for children 2 years old and younger. Please feel free to contact me anytime if you have any questions or concerns.

God's Peace, Dawn Corless

### Prek - K

#### **Unit 4 - God Wants Us to Obey**

December 6 - Daniel and His Friends Obey

December 13 - Daniel's Friends and the Fiery Furnace

December 20 - No Sunday School

December 27 - No Sunday School

#### **Unit 5 - Jesus Calls Helpers**

January 3 - Peter

January 10 - Levi

January 17 - Zacchaeus

January 24 - Paul

### 2nd - 6th Grade

#### **Unit 4 - God's in Charge - No Matter What**

December 6 - David Spares Saul

December 13 - David & Bathsheba

December 20 - No Sunday School

December 27 - No Sunday School

#### **Unit 5 - God Speaks to Us**

January 3 - The Torn Kingdom

January 10 - God Whispers

January 17 - The Stolen Vineyard

January 24 - Elisha, Elijah and the Chariot

There will be no Faith Education meeting in December. We will meet on January 4th at 7:00pm.



## In The Life of The Church

### **BIRTHS**

Rita D'Amico                      October 28, 2009                      Parents: Lenny & Michelle D'Amico

### **DEATHS**

Bruce Barrows                      November 18, 2009

## DECEMBER & JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

December	1 <sup>st</sup>	Richard Jones Tim Miller
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nancy Galley
	9 <sup>th</sup>	Barb Kissel John Lindak
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Barnhart Carol Vaughan
	12 <sup>th</sup>	Donna Cieslinski
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Betty Rasp
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Ethan Rowe Tom Wilczak
		James Wojcik
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Jason Perillo
	26 <sup>th</sup>	Deanna Pagliaccio
	31 <sup>st</sup>	Elizabeth Marrero

January	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Amanda Bohin
		Heather Malyszka
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Ashley Bohin Russell Molnar
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Ethan Reed
	14 <sup>th</sup>	Vincent Pagliaccio Chris Saeli
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Marge Christmann
	19 <sup>th</sup>	Justin Wurl
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sam Corless
	24 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Gutowski
	26 <sup>th</sup>	Thom George
	27 <sup>th</sup>	Lill Kieffer
	28 <sup>th</sup>	David Bohin

### PRAYER CONCERNS

#### Members of our congregation

Dawn Dulski ♦ Lill Kieffer ♦ Paul Rasp ♦ BJ Rustic ♦ Bill Seifert  
Linda Barrows and her family as they mourn the death of Bruce

#### Family & Friends of our congregation

Bill Baco (Sandy Pakenham) ♦ Claudette Bapst (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Caryn Brown (Leona Wojcik) ♦ Erna Burdick (Sue Piersa) ♦ Edward Cieslinski (Donna Cieslinski) ♦ Clara Cieslinski ♦ Kathy Miller Colmerauer (Jane Lankes) ♦ Dan & Judy Cravotta (Janice Jones) ♦ Pauline Deletti (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Linda Dories (Sandy Fiegl) ♦ Cathy Folaron (Cheryl Wilczak) ♦ James Groves (Nancy Lesakowski) ♦ Ed & Dorothy Gutowski (Ed Gutowski) ♦ Carolyn Halley (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Cecelia Henery (Dennis Fiegl) ♦ Garrett Kensy (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Jill Miller-Kisker (Jane Lankes) ♦ Dee Dee Labby (Cheryl Labby) ♦ Sibby Mielcarek (Marge Christmann) ♦ Aaron Miechurski (The Halligan's) ♦ Steve Milley (Leanne Wurl) ♦ Josh, Dave & Pam Miszko (Sue Piersa) ♦ Mary Orofino (Marilyn Mohr) ♦ Maureen Patti (Helen Somer) ♦ Elizabeth Shaffer (George Shaffer) ♦ Annalynn Surace (Sue Piersa) ♦ Conrad & Michelle Walczak (Diane Molnar) ♦ Patrick Weir (Sandy Pakenham)



Chris Kalinowski ⊛ Kimberly Trudeau ⊛ Russell Molnar ⊛ Pat McCullough ⊛ Zachery Goggins ⊛ Alison Lankes ⊛ Erik Brown ⊛ James Schmidt ⊛ Matthew Jones ⊛ David Ferg ⊛ Kyle Ernst

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Pam Miszko.....Custodian

<b>Elders</b>		
<b>Class of 2010</b>	<b>Class of 2011</b>	<b>Class of 2012</b>
Dawn Corless	Janice Jones	Sue Piersa
Debbie Goggins	Ron Partacz	Don Schmid
Erik Rowe	Dick Fischer	Tim Miller

<b>Deacons</b>		
<b>Class of 2010</b>	<b>Class of 2011</b>	<b>Class of 2012</b>
Dennis Fiegl	Marsha Barnhart	Cheryl Wilczak
Richard Jones	Shaun Wilson	