



The Courier

March
2009

*Our Vision: This is the place
where you will experience Christ.*

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Join Us For Lenten Activities



Maundy Thursday

April 9th

Dinner - 6:00 PM

Drama - 7:00 PM

Good Friday

April 10th

12:00-3:00 Vigil

Easter Services-April 12th

6:30 AM - Sunrise Service (outside)

8:00 & 11:00 AM - Traditional Service

9:30 AM - Praise Service



**Come one, Come all
to the Presbyterian
Women's homemade
spaghetti &
meatball dinner!**

Friday, March 20th

5:00 pm—8:00 pm

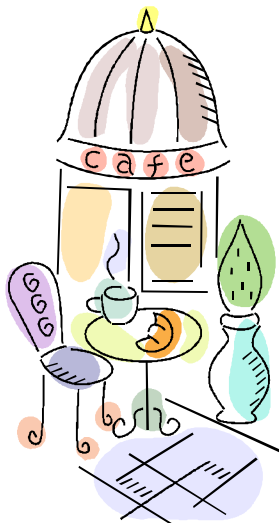
Dine in or take out

Come join us and bring your friends on Friday, March 20th for our spaghetti dinner with homemade meatballs and sauce. Tickets will be on sale March 1st through Sunday, March 15th. **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED**, so get your tickets after church on Sunday, or call the church office at 481-3233.

Mystery Dinner

Theater:

March 13 & 14th. Tickets \$25 each. Proceeds to go into the CLPC operating budget. Five course French Cuisine dinner and Mystery-Theater; 6:00-8:00 PM in Fellowship Hall which will become the "Café Flambé". Tickets are on sale until Monday, March 9th



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Jeni Nance

Church Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00-3:00 pm



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

March 2009

2nd	9:30 am	Project Linus Blanket Work Day
	1:00 pm	Executive Board Meeting (<i>Library</i>)
6th		World Day of Prayer
8th		Celebrate The Gifts of Women Sunday 8 & 11:00 am Services to be led by the Women of our Congregation
10th	9:30 am	Martha Circle
	12:30 pm	Esther Circle (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)
	7:00 pm	Eve Circle



Safe Haven Christian School has a new Director

Please welcome Julia Neal as the new director of Safe Haven. Julia is a long time teacher at the school. She has her bachelor's degree, is a licensed teacher and licensed director. She is currently working on her master's degree at Hodges University and is nearing completion of the program.

Julia is dedicated to this great mission of the church and community and needs our support to bring Safe Haven Christian School through these very difficult times. Please join with us in congratulating Julia on her promotion and pray for her continued success at Safe Haven.



Higher Education

Each month in this column I try to address issues that are important to each of us. This month, please allow me to share with you some thoughts about pastors and particularly, your pastor.

Nearly 500 years ago the Protestant reformers were trying to understand some of the problems in the church and how to best solve them. John Calvin, one of the key founders of the Presbyterian Church, came to many conclusions but one was, the ministers need to be well educated, not so that they could make more money or take advantage of their position, but so that they could lead better and be certain to always share the Word of God, not that of men. Hence, the Presbyterian Church has placed a high value on education.



As a result, Presbyterian ministers, unlike some other faith traditions, have a rigorous course of study to be ordained. As an example, they must have a Bachelor's degree and at LEAST 3 years of graduate education (as an example, to earn my Master of Divinity degree at Pittsburgh, I needed 111 credits to graduate...a Medical Doctor is required to have 120). They must be somewhat fluent in reading and translating Hebrew and Greek. They must pass 5 written ordination examinations, one that is kind of like a "Trivial Pursuit" of the Bible called, The Bible Content Examination. They are then examined by a preparation committee and then the entire body of the Presbytery (my ordination examination had about 450 people in attendance, all being able to ask questions). Also, they are ordained ONLY if a church extends them a call!

But does education end there? Absolutely not! That is why pastors are given a minimum of 2 weeks of study leave a year and are REQUIRED to use them wisely. In my case, I used the bulk of my study time over the last 7 years to work on continuing my education and earning a Doctor of Ministry degree. Unlike a Ph.D., the D.Min (as it is known) is a degree about the church a pastor currently serves. So, for nearly the last 4 years, my study has been only about the work of the Lord at Cypress Lake, under the guidance of incredibly talented professors. This past month, that came to an end as I completed my thesis and have been approved to graduate, meaning that I will add "Dr." to my name as of May 16.

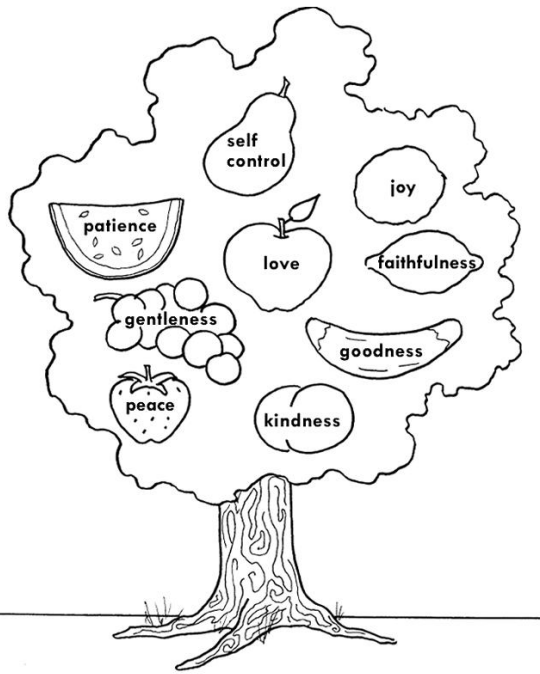
But as this was coming to an end, someone asked me, "So when are you going to leave?" I was a bit taken back by the comment and they went on to say, unfortunately correctly, "Well, most ministers get the doctorate and then leave, are you about to leave?" As I explained, first of all, Amy and I love our church family and have no desire to move anywhere. Furthermore, ALL of my doctoral work of the last years has been to serve CLPC better. This is where God has called me, and I want to serve to the best of my ability.

A church is very much like a family, there are good days and challenging days, there are times we celebrate together, and there are times when we have conflict, there are times when we are THRILLED with one another and there are times when we may even get on one another's nerves, but we are first and foremost, a family loving and serving God.

So let me be clear, I must first and always answer to God and will do or go wherever He calls me. That being said, I (we) love CLPC and the church family and have only one desire, to serve better today than I did yesterday, and to help all of us grow in love and service of our Lord. But oh, one favor...please do pray for your Pastor, your Associate Pastor, your Session, for everyone that leads our church, that together we may serve the Lord well.

Have a GREAT March!

Pastor Clint



They are nine gifts given to us by God that help us become better people. Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control. During the past few weeks the Cypress Lake Presbyterian Family has exhibited these fruits over and over to the Safe Haven Family during our transition. We would like to let you all know that we greatly appreciate all of your Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control.

God Bless you all,

Julia Neal, Director
Safe Haven Christian School

God + Education = Success

A Tale of Two Pastors

No, this isn't a story about Paris or London in the late 1700's, but the tale about two incredibly gifted ministers who happen to call Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church (CLPC) their home. First, we need to understand that once a Christian is ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament they lose their membership in the local church. Yep, they are no longer members of a church and in fact, never can become a member. Why? Because their membership is moved from the local church to the Presbytery. As an example, Pastor Clint is not a member of our church but a member of Peace River Presbytery.

This is fine as long as you are a pastor or associate pastor. But let's say that someone becomes a chaplain or retires as a minister or is serving in some other capacity. Technically, they have no church home. *Enter in, Parish Associate!* A Parish Associate is a minister and member of the local Presbytery who has said that they would like to call a particular church their church home as a Parish Associate. They must first be invited by the Senior Pastor, they must be approved by the Session and then they must be approved by the Presbytery. They can be paid, or unpaid. Further, they cannot become pastor of the church and should the Senior Pastor leave, their position is immediately ended.

We are blessed to have two incredibly gifted people as Parish Associate. **The Rev. Ben Keller** is Pastor Samantha's husband and he has recently become the Chaplain at Lee Memorial Hospital. He has many years of experience and is currently working on a doctoral degree in leadership. **The Rev. Helen Heffington** has been a friend of CLPC for years and has served as an Associate Pastor at First in Fort Myers, and more recently has also helped numerous local churches when they have been without a pastor. Pastor Helen also holds a Juris Doctorate, meaning that she is also an attorney, bringing lots of wisdom with her to the church. Both Pastor's Ben and Helen are serving in an unpaid capacity. What that means is, we gladly accept their help, but we do so only when they have the time and ability.

So the next time you see Pastor Ben or Pastor Helen, walk up and say, "Hi, our beloved Parish Associate! And oh yes, THANK YOU!"



Sand & Stone

Two friends were walking through the desert. During some point of the journey, they had an argument; and one friend slapped the other one in the face.

The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, wrote in the sand:

TODAY MY BEST FRIEND SLAPPED ME IN THE FACE.

They kept on walking, until they found an oasis, where they decided to take a bath. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning, but the friend saved him.

After he recovered, without saying a word, he wrote on a stone:

'Today my best friend saved my life'.

The friend who had slapped and saved his best friend asked him, 'after I hurt you, you wrote in the sand and now, you write on a stone, why?'

The friend replied 'when someone hurts us we should write it down in sand, where winds of forgiveness can erase it away.'

But, when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it.

Learn to write your hurts in the sand and to carve your benefits in stone

Take the time to live! Do not value the things you have in your life, but value who you have in your life!

Linus Blanket Project Make A Difference Day January 31, 2009



We had a very successful day with 60 ladies plus 2 men in attendance. Kelley Cowan, Child Life Specialist of Children's Hospital, Health Park gave us some up dates on the Linus Blanket Program.

She gave a child from Naples a blanket last year who had lost her Dad in the Iraq war. 100 blankets went to the Bobbie Newnan Day Care in Cape Coral after the shooting, and were given out to many of the children. In 2007 and 2008, there were 16,448 blankets made by the volunteers and turned in for further distribution.

We had C. Henderson from A.C.T. speak to us and they have handed out about 200 blankets. They have built a new building and can now handle more people, Moms, Dads, babies and children.

Kirk Girkie of the American Lung Association received larger camp blankets for the Paul Newman Boggie Creek Camp in Orlando. They take in sick kids from ages 7 thru 16 years. A blanket is put on each bed as they arrive and at the end of the week they get to take it home.

S. Jones from the police department told us that they give out a blanket to each child who has met with some kind of a mishap or concern.

Kelley has been at the Children's Hospital for 5 years. They have 140 beds, but that is not enough to house all the children. Last weekend 25 children had to be sent to All Children's Hospital in Tampa for treatment.

We need more ladies to help us with this project. Please come out on the first Monday of each month at Fellowship Hall, 9 A.M. to join with us. If anyone can donate NEW children, friendly material, thread, batting for quilts, please call Mat Wilson 489-3582 or Pat France 561-3085.




Anniversary Celebrations

8th John & Laverne Kosman
10th William & Juanda Galberach
12th Jake & Dee Hahn
15th Tyler & Jaime Hill
16th Robert & Marian Lewis
21st Tom & Sue Haslip
21st Joseph & Lee Meyers
22nd Kirk & Gayla Charles
24th Bill & Barbara Stewart
30th Bud & Ruth Hauger

Birthday Wishes

1st Morris Bruns
Beth Anne Watson
Tracy Miles
4th Marian Lewis
Tori Masek
5th Bob Hoschner
7th John O'Connor
12th Jenifer Nance
14th Tim Baldwin
15th Donald Siemon
Dorothy Wilson
Christina Johnson
16th Emily Radcliffe
Leanne Logelin
17th Pat Hoffman
18th Cameron Peters
19th Charles Hayman
Byron J. Lovell
20th Donna Kerkesner
Robert Peters
21st Audrey Hayward
Savannah McAloose
Mary Burbach
22nd Robert Lewis
Charlotte Snead
23rd Gwen Williamson
24th Adam Sheets
25th Broyne Pollock
Ryder Albright
26th Audrey Coe
27th Margaret Novitske
28th Ann Young
29th Ginny Canning
30th Walt France
31st Gregory Giesecke

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Celebration Times 8 & 11 am Traditional 9:30 am Praise 9:30 am K4J Kids Service 11:00 am Sunday School 12:00 pm Puppet Team 12:00 pm Sr. Youth Group</p>	<p>2 9:00 am Habitat for Humanity 9:30 am Project Linus 12:00 pm Staff Mtg. 1:00 pm PW Board Mtg 6:00 pm Praise Team 6:30 pm Safe Haven Bd. Mtg. 6:30 pm Drama Rehearsal 6:30 pm Voices in Bronze</p> <p style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center;">Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8</p>	<p>3 6:30 pm Drama Rehearsal 7:00 pm Deacons Mtg. 7:00 pm Ministry Teams Mtg.</p> <p>4 9:00 am PIP 10:00 am Bible Study 10:30 am Children's Chapel 5:00 pm Rockin' Angels 6:15 pm Middle Sch. Youth 6:15 pm Pioneer Club 6:45 pm Gloria Choir 7:00 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>5 4:00 pm The Clappers 6:30 pm Drama Rehearsal</p> <p>6 10:30 am Safe Haven Cooking</p>	<p>7 10:00-3:00 Lithuanian School 1:00 - 4:00 Organist Practice</p> <p>8 2:00 pm KNOW 101 Class</p> <p>9 12:00 pm Staff Mtg. 6:00 pm Praise Team 6:30 pm Drama Rehearsal 6:30 pm Voices in Bronze</p> <p style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center;">Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8</p>	<p>10 7:00 am Men's Breakfast 9:30 am Martha's Circle 10:00 am Jack Hartman Concert 12:30 pm Esther Circle 6:30 pm Drama Rehearsal 7:00 pm Condo Assn Mtg. 7:00 pm Eye Circle 7:30 pm KNOW 101 Class</p> <p>11 9:00 am PIP 10:00 am Bible Study 10:30 am Children's Chapel 1:00 pm KNOW 101 Class 5:00 pm Rockin' Angels 6:15 pm Middle Sch. Youth 6:15 pm Pioneer Club 6:45 pm Gloria Choir 7:00 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>12 4:00 pm The Clappers 6:30 pm Drama Rehearsal</p> <p>13 10:30 am Safe Haven Cooking</p> <p>14 10:00-3:00 Lithuanian School 1:00 - 4:00 Organist Practice</p> <p style="background-color: #0000FF; color: white; text-align: center;">MYSTERY DINNER THEATRE-6:00-8:00</p>
<p>15 SHARE Registration 2:00 pm KNOW 101 Class</p>	<p>16 12:00 pm Staff Mtg. 6:00 pm Praise Team 6:30 pm Voices in Bronze</p> <p style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center;">Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8</p>	<p>17 7:00 pm Session</p> <p>18 9:00 am PIP 10:00 am Bible Study 10:30 am Children's Chapel 5:00 pm Rockin' Angels 6:15 pm Middle Sch. Youth 6:15 pm Pioneer Club 6:45 pm Gloria Choir 7:00 pm Boy Scouts</p>	<p>19 4:00 pm The Clappers</p> <p>20 10:30 am Safe Haven Cooking</p> <p style="background-color: #FF8C00; color: white; text-align: center;">Presbyterian Women's Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner-5:00 PM</p>	<p>21 10:00-3:00 Lithuanian School 1:00 - 4:00 Organist Practice</p> <p>22 2:00 pm KNOW 101 Class</p>	<p>23 12:00 pm Staff Mtg. 6:00 pm Praise Team 6:30 pm Voices in Bronze</p> <p style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center;">Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8</p>	<p>24 2:00 pm KNOW 101 Class</p> <p>25 9:00 am PIP 10:00 am Bible Study 10:30 am Children's Chapel 1:00 pm KNOW 101 Class 5:00 pm Rockin' Angels 6:15 pm Middle Sch. Youth 6:15 pm Pioneer Club 6:45 pm Gloria Choir 7:00 pm Boy Scouts</p>
<p>29 No Youth Group Five on the Fifth</p> <p style="background-color: #FFD700; text-align: center;">CEDARKIRK</p>	<p>30 12:00 pm Staff Mtg. 6:00 pm Praise Team 6:30 pm Voices in Bronze</p> <p style="background-color: #008000; color: white; text-align: center;">Food Pantry 11-1 & 6-8</p>	<p>31 7:30 pm KNOW 101 Class</p>	<p>26 4:00 pm The Clappers</p>	<p>27 7:00 am Real Estate Breakfast 10:30 am Safe Haven Cooking</p> <p style="background-color: #FFD700; text-align: center;">CEDARKIRK CAMP-MARCH 27-MARCH 29TH</p>	<p>28 SHARE Distribution 9:00 -11:00 am 10:00-3:00 Lithuanian School 1:00 - 4:00 Organist Practice 5:00 pm—4th Dinner/Movie</p>	<p>29 Daylight Saving Time Begins March 8th</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>

Dear Friends,

In 1 Corinthians 12 the apostle Paul describes the church as a body. He talks about how the body has many different parts that have different functions. We have eyes that see, feet that help us to walk, and lungs that breathe. The people who make up the church are also like a body in that there are many different people who have different functions.

As your Associate Pastor I have a very special role in the life of Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church. First, I am an ordained minister of the Word and Sacrament. That means that along with Pastor Clint I am responsible to study, teach and preach the Word of God. I am responsible to administer Baptism and the Lord's Supper. I work with the elders to encourage the congregation to worship. I am a member of Session and can moderate Session should Pastor Clint be unable. I also do visits to homes and hospitals when needed. As a minister I am a member of Peace River Presbytery and serve on the Leadership and Congregational Development committee. Another way that I serve the Presbytery and CLPC is that I work closely with the Youth Cluster – this is a group of churches in our Presbytery that work together to plan quarterly events for our youth to gather and get to know each other.



My role at Cypress Lake Presbyterian Church also includes working with the Disciplemaking team. With them I work to create educational opportunities for all ages which include Sunday School, Pioneer Club, Youth ministry, and Vacation Bible School. This year we are doing an all church retreat as one of those educational opportunities. These are major pieces of the life of the church and it takes a lot of time, energy and volunteers to make these programs successful. I spend quite a bit of time ordering curriculum, finding volunteers and making sure that things are set up and ready to go for these ministries.

Just as I have a specific role in the church as your minister, you also have a specific role in the church. Jesus calls each one of us to serve according to our gifts.

God Bless,
Pastor Samantha

Do you have a couple hours a week to spare? Your church office could use your help! Our office volunteers answer phones, greet visitors, help with church mailings, make phone calls, and make photocopies.



They work one day a week for 3 hours.

No experience is necessary.

Training is available. We have the following openings and would love to have you join us! If you can help, please call Karen at 481-3233.

Thank you for giving your time.

Tuesdays 12:00-3:00 PM
Wednesdays 12:00-3:00 PM

5 on the 5th Special Fund

This Special Fund is one that property management uses to cover the cost of significant capital expenditures that will enhance our campus and is typically collected on those months that have five Sundays such as March 29th. This fiscal year, \$1,113 has been donated and the current balance is \$10,979. Now that the Special Funds have been restored (paid back from operations), we are completing projects that will deplete this fund and the \$10,000 that was budgeted for property updates, such as: 1) Repair the soffit on the sanctuary steeple to prevent water entry - \$7000 2) Refurbish room 10 in the CE building - \$2000 3) New sound board - \$3500 4) Purchase and relocate a new projection screen - \$1,000 5) Refurbish the CLPC sign - \$2,000. Please think of the 5 on the 5th account on Sunday March 29th... or any other time you are giving. Support Ministry Team -John Nance

Senior High Youth Schedule

All events begin right after the 11:00 worship service

- March 1 Greek Festival – you will need about \$20
- March 8 Youth Group
- March 15 Youth Cluster – Games, food and St. Patrick fun!
- March 22 Youth Group
- March 29 No Youth Group due to All Church Retreat

Youth Schedule



Middle School Youth Schedule

Middle School Youth Group meets Wednesday evenings 6:15 – 7:30p.m. All children, youth and their parents are invited to join us in the Fellowship hall to eat dinner at 5:45p.m.

- March 4 Ultimate Game Night
- March 11 Youth Group – “What is your picture of Jesus?” part 1
- March 15 Youth Cluster – Games, food and St. Patrick fun!
- March 18 Youth Group – “What is your picture of Jesus?” part 2
- March 25 Service Project Night

Pioneer Club Schedule

Pioneer Club meets on Wednesday evenings 6:15p.m. – 7:30p.m. All children, youth and their parents are invited to join us in the Fellowship hall to eat dinner at 5:45p.m.

CLPC Operating Funds

Fiscal Year to Date January 31, 2008

	<u>Church</u>	<u>Safe Haven</u>	<u>Total</u>
Income	\$325,340	\$84,602	\$409,942
Expense	313,238	95,745	408,983
Income (deficit)	12,102	(11,143)	959
Transfer Requests			
From Building Fund*	25,000		25,000
Net Surplus (deficit)	<u>\$ 37,102</u>	<u>\$(11,143)</u>	<u>\$ 25,959</u>

*\$62,000 transferred at the request of donors
 - \$37,000 used to pay back special funds

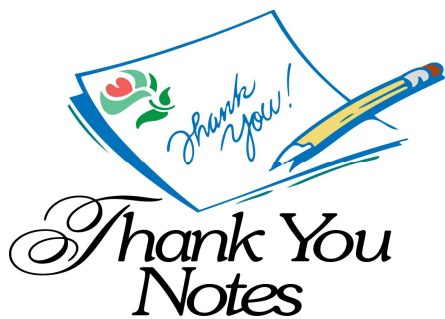
\$25,000 to operations

Note that our congregation has heeded the request of Session and increased their giving to operations during these difficult current economic times.

Tools & Blankets Sunday

To those of you who so very generously gave to the Tools & Blankets offering, the total donated was \$1,239. Thank you all so very for your generosity to this worthwhile mission of Church World Services.





Dear Clint,

Ruth and I want to thank you and the church for the flowers you send on Monday. It was very thoughtful of you and the church to think of Ruth. She appreciates them very much, and thanks again.

Ruth & Bud Hauger

To everyone at CLPC:

Thank you for supporting and caring for my Uncle Bill Witney. I know he treasured being a member of your community very much.

Brian L. Witney

Dear CLPC family,

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all your wonderful prayers. The food, cards, visits and calls were appreciated. Nan's prayer shawl kept me warm in spirit and body.

I was informed yesterday "no further treatment". Prayers do work! The flowers were great also.

May God bless you all.

Phyllis Ricketts

Our friends at CLPC,

Thank you for your prayers. Thank you too for the beautiful arrangement sent for her funeral in Columbus.

Love,
Jim & Gale Wray and the entire Wray Family

Dear Friends,

Thank you for all your kindness, visits and cards and flowers from the church and members.

Love,
Nancy Knoll

One of the responsibilities of the Board of Deacons is to have a representative to serve on the Nominating Committee, chaired by an Elder, to select candidates to fill vacancies. Deacons at CLPC work together as a team, assisting each other and offering suggestions as needed. We are encouraged to recruit members of the church to help with any and all of our ministries: Bereavement/Meals, Flowers, Homebound, Nominating, and Food Pantry. Throughout the year each of these ministries has been highlighted in more detail in the Courier. WE NEED YOU! The nominating committee is preparing to meet and begin their search. If you feel called to serve as a Deacon or have any questions about the Deacons please contact Jaime Hill, our deacon representative, or Jeni Nance (948-4937). We look forward to talking to you.

Chancel Guild

March 2009 Schedule

6th Jackie Oestrich
Dorothy Troy

13th Doris Houston
Rebecca Potts

20th Gerry White
Hazel Robinson

27th Audrey Wilson
Irene Thiessen

If you can't work your day, swap with someone or call me. Thanks for your continued help.

Irene Thiessen, Chancel Guild Dir.

MINISTRY TEAMS

COMMITMENT TO WORSHIP

Chair - Brian Granstra
 Member - Irene Thiessen
 Member - Doris King
 Member - Kirk Charles
 Support Staff - Rachel Carrier

CHURCH & COMMUNITY

Chair - Harold Carrier
 Member - Nate Burley
 Member Jim Sharpe
 Support Staff - Chris Shields

DISCIPLEMAKING

Chair - Amanda Kraus
 Member - Cammie McQuilkin
 Member - Ken Kendall
 Support Staff - Samantha Keller

FAITH SHARING

Chair - Rob Coe
 Member - Tim Baldwin
 Member - Jim Wray
 Support Staff - Rachel Carrier

SUPPORT

Chair - John Nance
 Property - Walt France, Jim Wray
 Treasurer - Mike Scullion
 Disaster, Prep. & Response - John Nance
 Personnel - Julie McFadden, Jim Wray
 Bldg. Chair - Rich Meacham, Gordon Coffman
 Support Staff - Karen May



Elders

Irene Thiessen
 Jim Sharpe
 Doris King
 Tim Baldwin
 John Nance
 Rob Coe
 Harold Carrier
 Gordon Coffman
 Brian Granstra
 Amanda Kraus
 Julie McFadden
 Jim Wray
 Nate Burley
 Kirk Charles
 Ken Kendall
 Walt France
 Cammie McQuilkin

Deacons

Dee Cords
 Jaime Hill
 Jenifer Nance
 Hazel Robinson
 Cathy Young
 Barbara Pappalardo
 Michael Sneed
 Jackie Oestrich
 Anne Burley
 Daisy Graf
 Daniela Valmer

Tuesday
 March 10th



7:00 am in Fellowship Hall

Martha Circle



The Martha Circle will be meeting at the home of Audrey Wilson on March 10th. The Co-Host will be Ginny Canning. Please call Audrey at 433-3092 for directions.

SHARE 2009



LAST DAY TO ORDER

March 15th
 April 12th

PICK-UP DATE

March 28th
 April 25th

Last order date is approximately weeks before distribution day. Last orders are taken in Fellowship Hall on Sunday between 9-11 am.

Pick-Up Date is SHARE Distribution Day. Distribution Day is in Fellowship Hall on Saturdays between 9-11 am.

An Irish Blessing

May you have
 walls to keep out the wind,
 a roof to keep out the rain,
 warm drinks by the fire,
 laughter to cheer you,
 those you love near you,
 and all that your heart may desire,
 including the love of God within.

MOVE THE FENCE

In Europe during World War II, two soldiers attempted to provide a decent burial for their buddy. At a nearby village, they found a cemetery next to a church. When the friends asked for permission to bury their friend there, the pastor said that wasn't possible because the soldier belonged to another denomination.

Sensing their disappointment, the pastor agreed to bury the soldier in a grassy area beyond the cemetery. "It's just outside the fence," he said. The two friends accepted the offer and vowed to return.

A few weeks later, when they came back to the village, they couldn't locate the new grave. The pastor quickly calmed them down. "Everything's all right," he said. "After we buried your friend, I kept thinking about him. So I came out here, and I moved the fence."

Denominational divisions often keep us from interacting with other Christians. The next time you have the opportunity to fellowship with someone who's different from you, remember this story. Take a bold step and move the fence.