



# Steeplelight

First Presbyterian  
Church

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November 2008

## New Officers Elected

At the fall meeting of the Congregation, the following slate of officers were elected for terms beginning in January 2009:

### Elders (3 Year term)

Jeffrey Carruth  
Sandra Connolly  
Mark Rappel  
Sarah Ribbens  
John Winstead

### Deacons (3 Year term)

Jacqueline Adams  
Mark Addi  
Katherine Allen  
Stacey James  
Wendy Rappel  
(2 Year term)  
Angelika Clum  
(1 Year term)  
Ava Hunter

Corporate Officers  
President: Michael Baisley  
Vice-president: Vincent Caprio  
Secretary: Nancy Murray

### Trustees (3 Year term)

Don Brown  
John Harris  
Don Roberts  
James Thrasher

### Nursery School Board

Heather Martens  
Amy Baisley  
Jill Bebey  
Janice Feher  
Ava Hunter  
Nancy Winstead

**Congratulations to all!**

## Youth Group Activities

If you missed the Youth on Sunday, October 5, it's because they were at the first retreat of the year at Camp Hope in Litchfield. Twenty-one youth and adults joined for a time of

reflection and fellowship and "Resting with God." The next big event: the Apple pie lock-in on Nov. 8 with pie-making on Nov. 9. A trip to St. John the Divine is scheduled

for January 9 and a ski trip is in the planning stages. Plans are also underway for summer 2009 with trips planned for both Jr. and High School youth.

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### Special points of interest:

- New programs for November
- Updated calendar of activities
- New childcare hours on Sundays
- Coffee volunteers needed

## Memorial Garden

The first stage of the Memorial Garden, located between the sanctuary and the chapel, has been completed. The 52 niche columbarium wall is in place. It is comforting to families and spouses to make advance purchases. A niche is currently \$2,000 which includes the interment, bronze plaque and maintenance. Spouses will have upper and lower niches in a column with the name plaques on the same slate top. Services are held after interment which can take place about two weeks after the cremains are delivered to the church.



Rev. Duffy held a lovely service for the Crozier and Luckhardt families on Sunday, September 28.

Contact the church office or Pamela Huth at [pamhuth@optonline.net](mailto:pamhuth@optonline.net) for information or questions.

## Trustee Report

**Fall Clean-Up** Bill Feher and Jean Dodds have scheduled the Fall Clean-Up for Saturday, November 22. Save the date so that you can enjoy the fellowship of working together to make our church look great.

**Defibrillator** The defibrillator is mounted by the door to the Parlor and is ready for use. The Wakeman Boys and Girls Club are sharing their defibrillator and Morag Vance bought the defibrillator box. Parts that were on back-order for 6 months finally arrived.

**CPR Training** More people need to be trained in CPR. If you would like to be trained, please contact Nancy Murray, so she can enroll you in the next training class.

**Fuel Oil:** We should have enough fuel oil to get us through the coming heating season, thanks to Vince Caprio's daily monitoring of the oil prices.

**Brooks Hall Fans** Frank DiLorenzo, who is a new member *and* an electrician, worked with Russell Stewart to replace the damaged fans in the Brooks Hall ceiling, removing a safety hazard. The new fans have larger blades and should help to reduce the cost of heating Brooks Hall. Wakeman has banned the use of kick balls in Brooks Hall so the new fans should not be damaged.

**Painting** John Hoffman has repainted the sills of the Sanctuary windows and will continue with other window sills as long as weather permits. Earlier, he painted the exterior doors and doorways.

**Furniture** Ray Weber has refinished 28 pieces of furniture.

**Chapel** Don Brown and Bob Myers helped Russell replace the ceiling lights in the Chapel.



## DOUBLE CROSS

We all have our troubles  
 That we try to wear  
 With grace, often saying  
 "It's the cross that I bear"  
 But I'm having, of late  
 In these years they call golden  
 A persistent longing  
 For those days that were olden  
 When everything worked,  
 Including my ears  
 Whose function, at last count  
 Was distinctly impaired  
 And those discs, in my spine  
 Which decided to shrink  
 Have made it a challenge  
 To bend over a sink  
 Or to retrieve something  
 That lands on the floor  
 Where, I've decided, it can stay  
 evermore  
 And I have the odd feeling  
 There's someone out there  
 With no crosses at all  
 Because I've got their share!  
 By,  
 Elaine Hawie Chedister

## **Extended Childcare on Sundays**

Childcare is now available starting at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays for the convenience of those parents who would like to sing in the choir, attend the Adult Bible class or for teachers who need time to prepare for a Sunday School lesson. Karren Nash will be in the Yellow room in the CED wing starting at 8:50 a.m. each Sunday and will show a child-friendly video. Parents are encouraged to bring an additional activity if they wish. However, if you need care for a child under the age of 3, please notify the church office the week prior. This extended childcare opportunity is being offered on a trial basis and will be evaluated in December. *So please let us know if this is something of interest to you..*

## **Musings From the Stacks by the Church Mouse**

I hope that you have had an opportunity to stop in the Church Reading Room and see some of the new books on display. Fall is a perfect time to relax with a good book in cozy nook and reflect.

One of the books that I especially enjoyed was Lessons From A Sheep Dog by Phillip Keller. It is a tiny book filled with much wisdom and insight. Lass is a border collie who has been badly abused by her former owner. She is given one last chance to survive at Fairwinds. She learns to listen and obey her Master's voice and through love and discipline she becomes the magnificent creature she was meant to be. It is a simple parable with profound spiritual truths.

Presbyterian minister John Ortberg has written a book based on Matthew 14 titled If You Want to Walk On Water, You've Got To Get Out Of The Boat. Rev. Ortberg urges you to step out of your comfort zone and dare to trust the Lord. He says the experience may be terrifying but that it is thrilling beyond belief. He outlines ways in which we can focus on God and not on fear and continue in our Christian growth.

If you missed one of Dr. Duffy's sermons or would like to hear a favorite one again, you may hear it in the Reading Room or sign it out for home. Do stop in soon!

## Christmas Decorating Fund

Beginning Sunday, November 16, and every Sunday thereafter through December 21, the flower committee will be accepting donations for the Christmas Decorating Fund. Money collected will be used to purchase the poinsettias, candles, ribbons and other holiday decorations that are used in the Sanctuary and around the church during Advent and Christmas.

Special donation envelopes will be available in Brooks Hall on Sunday mornings and in the office all of the time.

Christmas donations are **not** memorials; however, a list of everyone who made a contribution will be included in the Christmas Eve and first Sunday after Christmas bulletins.

### WANTED:

#### Coffee Hour Volunteers

We need volunteers to host Coffee Hour for November and December.

The coffee will be made for you, all you need to bring is some finger food and milk for coffee! Please contact Jim McDowell (257-0567) if you can help and he will walk you through the process. If you're new to the church, hosting is a great way to meet people!

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