



The Readington Reformed Church Newsletter



2011

FROM THE PASTOR

"When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien..."

(Deuteronomy 26: 4-5a). So taught Moses, in helping the people understand how to thank God for the abundant mercies God had showered upon them, the Chosen People. They had been wandering Arameans, with only the promise of a place, a place that they did indeed receive four hundred years after Abraham and Sarah first set out from Haran.

Some of us have had experience with becoming wandering Arameans ourselves, between Hurricane Irene and the October Nor'easter of 2011. Floodwaters encroached on homes, and overwhelmed others. Power lines, phone lines, and cable connections were all disrupted. Hurricane Irene displaced folks in this congregation for weeks; some are still displaced. The October storm knocked out power in this area for significant chunks of time as well; many of us were without power for days; a few in this congregation for more than a week. With the cold nights and the lack of power for heat, water and light, many of us were displaced. We knew we would be able to come back to our homes eventually, and yet, for that space of time, we were temporarily homeless. We had to worry about where we would sleep, what we would eat, what would happen to our pets, what we would do during the day, and who would tend to the children and those needing care. Being a wandering Aramean is not an easy thing; one of the benefits, however, is the reminder that comes from the situation: we are not as much in control as we might sometimes want to be.

During this season of Advent I am reminded of another family that was temporarily homeless, a family on a journey imposed by circumstances beyond their control. They had to worry about where they would sleep, what they would eat, how they would tend to their animals, and where the very pregnant young wife would give birth. They were not in control of their situation at all; in fact, they would flee to Egypt themselves within a year or so, because of the threat their young Son seemed to present to the established order.

It is easy to lose track of the very real fear and danger, and the uncertainty, that Joseph and Mary wrestled with on their journey to Bethlehem, as Jesus waited to be born. Yet they were able to draw on their faith to get them through not only this journey to be counted in the Roman census, but on the longer journey as well: the path to Egypt and back to Nazareth and the Galilee, back and forth to Jerusalem, and that final trip to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover, on the journey to the cross, the grave, and the resurrection. They were able to help the Son entrusted to them by the Lord God on His journey to adulthood. That is what we all try to do: prepare our children for their journey to adulthood, remembering that whether we are rooted here or as rootless as Abraham and Sarah were, we too are wandering Arameans. Our path does not lead to Canaan, however; ultimately our path leads us to Jesus.

In the midst of this holiday season, may we take that path often, as we celebrate the Reason for the Season! Merry Christmas!

Pastor Cathy

CHURCH ACTIVITIES UPDATES

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Our weekly scripture readings are based on a three year cycle for reading scripture. The following passages are for the month of December:

December 4

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
Ruth 1

December 11

Psalm 126
1 Samuel 16:1-13

December 18

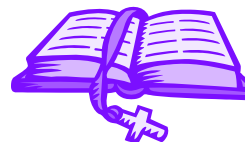
Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26
Isaiah 11:1-9

December 24 - Christmas Eve

Psalm 97
Isaiah 62:6-12
Titus 3:4-7
Luke 2:1-20

December 25

Psalm 98
Isaiah 52:7-10
John 1:1-14



INTRODUCING . . .

Please welcome New Brunswick Theology School student pastor Leah Ennis. Leah will be working with Pastor Cathy and the congregation, learning about designing and writing worship, tying Christian Education/Sunday School lessons into worship, assisting in leading worship, making pastoral visits, and studying the sacraments in-depth. As one way to get to know her better, please allow me to encourage you to invite her to lunch following worship on Sundays. She will be with us until the end of the Spring 2012 semester, which is completed in early May.

Leah is 23 years old and was raised in Albany, New York. She is the youngest daughter of two RCA ministers and the granddaughter of another. Leah is now in her second year of seminary studying for the M. Div. degree at New Brunswick Theological Seminary. She graduated from Hope College, in May 2010, with a major in Creative Writing and minor in Ministry with a social witness emphasis. Leah has plans of being ordained as a minister in the Reformed Church in America. She feels called, at the current time, to pastoral ministry.

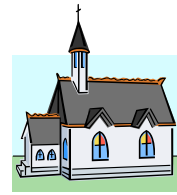


This school year, Fall 2011 - Spring 2012, Leah's responsibilities include: being Vice President of SSI (Student Society of Inquiry), which acts the seminary's student government and serving on the Curriculum Committee as the student representative for this school year as well.

Leah's interests include: synchronized swimming, photography, laughing, watching movies, working for the cause of social justice in the church and in the community, and spending time with her boyfriend, family, and friends.



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, December 11th immediately following the worship service. We will elect deacons and elders and review the budget for the year 2012. Please mark your calendars to join us for this very important date, and plan to stay for a luncheon immediately following the meeting.



We will once again have two services this year, one at 7:00 p.m. and the other at 11:00 p.m. Both services will have candlelight and they both celebrate Christ's birth. The 7:00 p.m. service will have musical offerings from the Choirs, organ and bells. The 11:00 p.m. service will be a communion service and have more traditional music. You are welcome to attend either or both!

COMMITTEE & ORGANIZATION NEWS

CONSISTORY CORNER

Consistory discussed the following items at the Nov 8th Consistory meeting:

- Recommendation from Women's Ministries to have a shed installed for collection of clothing was approved. B&G input on an appropriate location for the shed is being solicited. Vendor will then approach the township to obtain necessary permits.
- Discussed the Oct 8th steeple restoration meeting with two potential contractors. Awaiting hard copy of structural engineers report on the steeple.
- Devotion based on Psalm 111 and Deuteronomy 14 discussed how do we use the resources we have to live, to share and to give to others.
- Two larger donations were received for Tower and Roof Fund
- The Congregational Meeting scheduled for Nov. 20 will be postponed till December to allow the Nominating Committee to identify the 2012 Consistory slate and to have Finance complete the 2012 budget.
- A plaque is developed for RRC recipients of the Classis Lay Recognition celebration.
- A church wide email distribution list will be developed and maintained by the church secretary.
- A special offering will be taken on the 1st Sunday of Dec to assist flooded churches
- The learning plan for seminary student Leah Ennis was approved. A coffee hour will be held to introduce Leah to the congregation.
- Finishing touches to the new photo church directory are being completed. LifeTouch should be ready to issue the directory in 2nd Quarter 2012. Thanks to Gia Sodbinow, Antonette Bellettiere and Joanna Robbins for their efforts.

FINANCE

2011 GIVING STATEMENTS

The year-end is close and the last day for weekly offerings to be entered on Year 2011 Contribution Statements for a tax deduction is December 31, 2011. Please make every effort to get your offering in early and please note that December 25th is the last Sunday of the year. If you have any questions please speak with Wendi Kalley, Finance Chair.



DEACONS

DEACON OF THE MONTH

We all have experienced a time when we are in need of a little assistance. The Deacons would like to assist you when these times occur. We have designated a Deacon of the month so that it may be easier for you to contact them with your needs. For the month of December, please contact our church office and leave a message for Imre Vitez. He will then handle getting the provided care that is required.

Help for Callum

Callum Benderoth is an 18-month-old boy who is the youngest of four children who lives in Branchburg. The Deacons have already made a donation on behalf of the congregation, however, we wanted to give individuals the opportunity to assist as well. He has been diagnosed with a rare disorder called Thoracic Insufficiency Syndrome (TIS). Callum will need to undergo an initial surgery to implant a titanium "rib". After the initial surgery, Callum will need to have additional surgeries every 4 to 6 months and will have as many as 36 surgeries by the time he is 16 years old at which time his spine will be fused. On top of this Callum has also been diagnosed with having a rare blood disorder called autoimmune neutropenia. This makes his 36 surgeries for TIS that much more complicated because the risk of post surgery infection can be very high. If anyone is interested in making a donation, they may be sent directly to the fund established in his name: Callum Benderoff Fund, PO Box 7042, Green Brook, NJ 08812.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS FOR STARFISH

For many years our church has graciously supported this Starfish program and we ask for a bit of extra support as they put together food baskets for Christmas. Please keep this in mind as you shop for food during the holiday season. Volunteers are needed to help set up, separate, and sort food and deliver baskets on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, December 13, 14 and 15, respectively. All activities are held in the Community Hall at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Whitehouse Station. Look details on when volunteers are needed on the bulletin board outside the church office. Should you know of someone in need of a basket, please speak with Imre Vitez, Deacon Chair, no later than Friday, December 9th.



DEACONS GIVING TREE

What is the Giving Tree? The Giving Tree is a way in which our church can reach out into the community and provide Christmas gifts to those less fortunate.

Please look on the Christmas tree located in Fellowship Hall for tags with wishes. After taking a tag from the tree, write your name on the sign-up sheet (on the Consistory bulletin board) next to the number corresponding with the one on your tag. Gifts must be brought to the RRC office no later than December 11th. Please do not wrap gifts but *return your original gift tag with the gifts* so we know who you purchased them for. This is a wonderful way in which we can share God's love with others in need. If you have any questions, please speak with Carol Gauer (908) 369-4814 or email her at cgmstainless@aol.com



MISSIONS

THE DECEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH is shared between two local programs in need of support: **Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) and Starfish.**

IHN works with the local religious community to provide assistance to homeless families. Participating churches become "temporary homes" where the families are treated as guests of the congregation, in a spirit of warmth and hospitality. The network also employs a director, who in conjunction with social service agencies, helps the families as they seek housing, employment and other resources. Our congregation has hosted families for over 12 years!

Starfish was formed with the idea that citizens should help their neighbors, as earlier generations did. Churches of all denominations support Starfish by collecting food and raising money for those less fortunate in Readington Township. Starfish runs a food pantry, offers vouchers for gas and other necessities, and provides emergency assistance with utility and medical bills. Our Deacons, with our congregation, support Starfish throughout the year with special food collections.

Please be generous in your support for these two missions, as they work to make a big difference in our local community.

RRCWM

Our November meeting was fun and a fundraiser. We hosted a Lia Sophia Jewelry party. All had fun spending money and shopping for Christmas and admiring all the lovely pieces. Thank you to all who attended and helped our mission fund.

Next on the list is our Annual Christmas party. Always a fun evening - Monday, December 5th at 7:00 p.m. Come when you can. We have the best of party foods - appetizers and desserts and everyone (women that is) is welcome. Please bring a wrapped grab bag gift (\$15 value) and your favorite appetizer, we will supply desserts and beverage. The grab bag gift game always creates a lot of laughter. Start the Holiday season with friends, fun and food.





Poinsettias will again be gracing the sanctuary. We welcome donations which can be placed in memory or loved ones or in honor of family or friends. Send wording for bulletin insert and donations to Judy Iselin at 899 Old York Rd, Branchburg, NJ 08876 or email to Jdiselin@comcast.net or see me at church. Flowers will beautify the church on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Plants can be picked up or taken to shut-ins on Christmas day or will be delivered on Monday December 26th.

Judy Iselin- Secretary

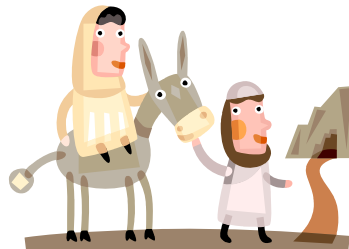


RRCWM Christmas Party December 5th 7pm until...

**Bring \$15 wrapped grab bag gift
*and your favorite Appetizer to share***

Dessert and Beverage served
All women invited . . . bring a friend!

RSVP on sign-up sheet on BB in Fellowship Hall



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

Christmas Family Sunday, December 4, 2011

The Jesse Tree

This year's theme for the Advent season is *The Jesse Tree*. The Jesse Tree is an advent calendar of sorts that has symbols which represents Jesus' Family Tree. Each week the children will add these symbols to the tree in the sanctuary. They will be taking a "kit" home so they can add ornaments and read the Jesse Tree Devotional with their family. Lunch will be served immediately following church. As we did last year we will be having a Chili Cook off. Watch for more details on what you can bring to share! We need any Middle School or High School Members who could help us.

The Children's Christmas - Sunday, December 18th

Every year the Christian Education Program puts on a service on the 4th Sunday of Advent which includes readings/skits by the children and music. The children do not typically sing at the Christmas Eve Service because it is rather overwhelming to our youngsters, so a few years ago we started this service. This year the children once again will be active participants in this service. We will give every attempt to practice during Sunday School however we may need to have an additional practice. We ask that all families bring a baked good to share for coffee hour on December 18th. More details will follow in the coming weeks.

Caroling - Sunday, December 11th, 2011

Caroling in the Van Pelt Subdivision - 4:15 pm

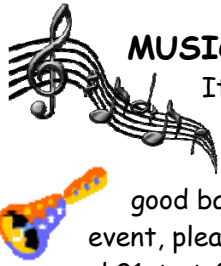
Members and Friends of Readington Reformed Church



We will be sharing the joy of Christmas with our neighbors in the Van Pelt subdivision and invite you to participate. On Sunday, December 11th we will meet in front of 2 Van Pelt Drive (on the corner of Readington Road and Van Pelt) at 4:15 pm, get song sheets, and start caroling in the neighborhood. During our caroling stops we will be accepting donations of **new unwrapped toys** for local charities (IHN/Starfish) serving families in need, or **food donations or gift cards for groceries**. There are 100 families participating in Starfish presently. Remember to bring donations to the food box located next to the office.

At 5:30 pm we will return to the Readington Reformed Church for warmth and fellowship. Soup and hot chocolate will be served.

Remember to dress warmly, wear comfortable shoes or boots, and join us for **caroling on Sunday December 11th, 2011**



MUSIC NOTES

It's that most musical time of the year! For the Christmas Eve service, the Chancel Choir will be singing two songs (one of which will be together with the Readington Ringers) and YOU are invited to join us. We are looking for more voices to create a good balance between the choir and bells. If you would like to come sing with us for this event, please ask Hilary Orlando for the music. Christmas rehearsals will be on December 14th and 21st at 6:30pm in the church sanctuary with both choirs present. We hope you can join us!

Children's Chronicle: The children have been working with Jessica Iselin in preparation for their Children's Christmas Sunday (December 18th) when they will present music and drama in the worship service. The last time they shared their music with us in worship, it was an exciting and uplifting experience for the congregation and you could also see the children's joy in presenting their music to all. It is thrilling to watch them throughout the season and witness the growth in their personality and musicality!



Ringers' Report: There was a lot of shifting around in the ranks of the Readington Ringers this fall. Some of the ringers had to leave for the season, but we received a delightful blessing as we welcomed Joanna Robbins as the newest ringer! We have been testing out new skills in rehearsals and had the chance to use them soon after: The Halloween snowstorm cancelled the first service the bells were to ring in, so they moved the ringing to the next Sunday. They were a few people short due to schedule conflicts, so Hilary rang with them and the whole piece was done without a conductor. Bravo and well done!

As the holidays surround us, may you also be surrounded by the ones you love, and be filled with the joy of Christ as we remember the night He was welcomed to our world.

Respectfully submitted,
Hilary Orlando

WORSHIP

HYMN SING



The Christmas Hymn Sing is back, by popular demand! We will be framing our worship service on SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 around Christmas hymns that we may not have gotten to this year. If you have hymns you would like to suggest, please put together a list and either drop it in Pastor Cathy's mailbox or e-mail her (pastorcathy@readingtonreformed.org) with those suggestions! We will incorporate as many as we can, either on New Year's Day or for Epiphany (January 8). Thanks for your help in making sure we sing the hymns YOU would like to sing!

PS: If the hymns are not in Rejoice in the Lord or The Hymnbook, please give me the name of a source hymnal if you have one.

FFO

ALL COOKS AND TASTERS INVITED!



The Chili Cook-off is back again by popular demand. Anyone interested is invited to bring a crock pot of their favorite chili to share after Family Sunday this weekend, December 4th. If you can't bring chili, be sure to bring your appetite and join us for fellowship. Anyone interested in bringing their chili, please respond so that we can prepare for the voting!

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Sunday!

Movie Night/Bible Study at the Lelah's



Fellowship would like to make everyone aware of a casual opportunity for dinner, movie and Bible study. Susan and Larry Lelah would like to open up their home for a pot luck dinner with a movie and Bible study afterwards. Details are:

Date: Friday, December 16th
Dinner: Sign-up sheets will be provided to bring appetizer, main meal, dessert and beverages
Movie: "Fireproof" - this movie is about how God works in our lives to strengthen marriages and relationships. For info refer to the movie's web site:
<http://www.fireproofthemovie.com/>

After the movie there will be dessert and a small group bible study. Given space considerations, limit for sign-ups is 20 people. Singles and couples are invited. Hope to see you there.

For further information, please email sdl04@me.com or call (908) 534-4623.

COVENANT PLAYERS

On Sunday, February 5, 2011, we will be welcoming the Covenant Players! They will be helping to lead worship in celebration of Communion Sunday. As in previous years, we would like to offer a meal and housing to the members of the Covenant Players. If you can offer dinner and/or a bed or two on Saturday, February 4th, please contact the church office or Karen Weber (908) 284-2065. Church members who have provided this hospitality in previous years will be the first to say this is a truly rewarding way to offer your time & talent to the church. Thanks!



CHURCH FAMILY



THE DEADLINE for the January Newsletter will be Sunday, December 18th. Please be sure to leave your complete, written articles in the church office by this date.
Thank you!

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

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| 2 - Matthew Sodbinow | 16 - Lou Lewis |
| 3 - Sue Granski | 20 - Riley Engel |
| 4 - Janet Cole | 23 - Kinsey Engel |
| Kim Stryker | 26 - Stephen Harris |
| 5 - Sarah Cole | 29 - Kara Pantozzi |
| 6 - Shirley Spildooren | 30 - Robert Cole, III |
| Joanne Barnes | 31 - Alena Iselin |
| 7 - Christine Pieper Johnston | |
| 13 - Ken Harvey | |
| 14 - David Ciccotelli | |
| Ken Ciccotelli | |
| LaVerne Linskey | |
| Mira Pantozzi | |



If you have a birthday or anniversary that's not listed here, please call the church office at (908) 534-2077 to let us know your special date so we can add it to our list.

RRC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Below find the list of upcoming activities being held at the RRC. Please check and see which of the events appeal to you/your family's interest and sign up to attend. All are welcome!

- December 4 (Sunday): Family Sunday/Chili Cook-Off
- December 5 (Monday): RRCWM Christmas Party
- December 11 (Sunday): Christmas Caroling
- December 18 (Sunday): Children's Christmas Skit
- December 24 (Saturday): Christmas Eve
- January 8 (Sunday): Ordination & Installation of New Elders and Deacons

Looking ahead: Soup-er Bowl Sunday, Snow Tubing, Art Auction, Flower Sale

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Rockaway Church Holiday Market - Saturday, December 3 - from 9 AM to 4 PM

Stop by the Rockaway Reformed Church in Whitehouse Station on **Saturday, Dec. 3** from 9:00am to 4:00pm. See their Gift baskets, gift bags, holiday ornaments, jewelry, homemade candy and baked goods, gourmet foods, firewood, wreaths, kissing balls, grave covers, custom crafted birdhouses, hand-sewn pillows, cloth gifts, pet gifts. Silent auction for gift baskets which include gift certificates from local merchants, and eco friendly gifts. Also, live alpaca animals from Abenaki Farms of Stockton with wool scarf & mitten items. Lunch & Soup - take out. A portion of the proceeds benefit church outreach programs. Donations: \$2 Adults; \$1 Seniors; Children are free. For more info visit www.rockawaychurch.org or call (908) 534-4351.

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
DECEMBER 2011						
				1 9:30-GS Team 10:00-BS 7:00-Writer's BS Cub Scout Com. 7:30-Mem/Student Loans Committee	2 9:30-Hunterdon County Quilters	3
4 9:30-Sunday School 10:00-WORSHIP 11:00-Coffee 3:00-Cub Scout Pack 1980	5 Day of Fasting, Prayer and Almsgiving 6:00-GS Troop 1270 7:00-BS Troop 1980 Committee 7:30-RRCWM	6 10:00-Quilters 7:30-Elders	7 9:00-MOM's 6:00-Chancel Choir 7:00-R. Ringers 7:30- NA/NARANON	8 9:30-GS Leaders 10:00-BS 7:00-Writer's BS	9	10 12:00-Tiger Den Meeting 2:00-Webelos Den Meeting
11 9:30-Sunday School 10:00-WORSHIP 11:00-Congregational Meeting 12:00-Luncheon 1:00-IHN Arrives 4:00-Carrolling	12 IHN 7:00-BS Troop 1980	13 IHN 10:00-Quilters 7:00-Deacons 7:30-CONSISTORY	14 IHN 9:00-MOM's 6:00-Combined Chancel Choir and R. Ringers 7:30- NA/NARANON	15 IHN 10:00-BS 7:00-Writer's BS	16 IHN	17 IHN
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25 CHRISTMAS DAY 9:30-NO Sunday School 10:00-WORSHIP 11:00-Coffee	26	27 10:00-Quilters	28 6:00-NOChancel Ch. 7:00-NO R. Ringers 7:30- NA/NARANON	29 10:00-NO BS 7:00-NO Writer's BS	30	31

CHURCH SERVICE SCHEDULE

HEAD USHER/ASSISTANT USHER SCHEDULE DECEMBER & JANUARY

Sunday, Dec.	4 th	Bob Lefever/Toni Rathborne (COMMUNION)
Sunday, Dec.	11 th	Marvin Fields/Laura Fields
Sunday, Dec.	18 th	Tom Barnes/Shirley Koller
Saturday, Dec.	24 th	Donald & Maryfern Beisswanger/David Terhune/Sarah VandeGiessen
Sunday, Dec.	25 th	David Cole/Karen Weber
Sunday, Jan.	1 st	Ken Iselin/Toni Rathborne (COMMUNION)
Sunday, Jan.	8 th	Imre Vitez/Judy Iselin
Sunday, Jan.	15 th	Marvin Fields/Laura Fields
Sunday, Jan.	22 nd	Bob Lefever/Shirley Koller
Sunday, Jan.	29 th	David Terhune/Karen Weber

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER & JANUARY

Sunday, Dec.	4 th	COMMUNION	Sunday, Jan.	1 st	COMMUNION
Sunday, Dec.	11 th	Leah Ennis	Sunday, Jan.	8 th	
Sunday, Dec.	18 th	Sunday School Skit	Sunday, Jan.	15 th	
Sunday, Dec.	25 th		Sunday, Jan.	22 nd	
			Sunday, Jan.	29 th	

CHILDREN'S SERMON SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER & JANUARY

Sunday, Dec.	4 th	Pastor Cathy	Sunday, Jan.	1 st	Pastor Cathy
Sunday, Dec.	11 th	Sandy Vitez	Sunday, Jan.	8 th	Laura Fields
Sunday, Dec.	18 th	Pastor Cathy	Sunday, Jan.	15 th	Pastor Cathy
Sunday, Dec.	25 th	Kim Cole	Sunday, Jan.	22 nd	Sandy Vitez
			Sunday, Jan.	29 th	Pastor Cathy

ACOLYTES FOR DECEMBER & JANUARY

Sunday, Dec.	4 th	COMMUNION	Sunday, Jan.	1 st	COMMUNION
Sunday, Dec.	11 th	Alex Rathborne	Sunday, Jan.	8 th	
Sunday, Dec.	18 th	Audrey Robbins	Sunday, Jan.	15 th	
Sunday, Dec.	25 th	Christmas Day	Sunday, Jan.	22 nd	
			Sunday, Jan.	29 th	

NURSERY SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER & JANUARY

Sunday, Dec.	4 th	High School	Sunday, Jan.	1 st	High School
Sunday, Dec.	11 th	Teen	Sunday, Jan.	8 th	Teen
Sunday, Dec.	18 th	Members	Sunday, Jan.	15 th	Members
Sunday, Dec.	25 th	As Needed	Sunday, Jan.	22 nd	As
			Sunday, Jan.	29 th	Needed

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The Consistory

Elders

Marvin Fields	2013	534-8736
Vice President		
Wendi Kalley	2011	526-8358
Finance Chair & Treasurer		
Bob Lefever	2011	725-3708
IT Liaison		
Tom Barnes	2012	534-9884
Bob Cole	2013	534-5912
Clerk of Consistory		
Dave Cole	2013	874-8696
Memorial & Student Loan Liaison		
Endowment Committee Liaison		

Deacons

Imre Vitez	2011	534-1753
Deacon Chair		
Building & Grounds/Cemetery Liaison		
Toni Rathborne	2011	369-4070
FFO Chair & Liaison		
Carol Gauer	2012	369-4814
Spiritual Care Liaison		
Eric Stettner	2013	782-0038
Building & Grounds		
Sarah VandeGiessen	2013	752-2451

RRC Congregation

Great Consistory

Spiritual Care:
Karen Weber &
Sandy Vitez, Chairs

Christian Education:
Karen Weber &
Sandy Vitez, Chairs
Carol Gauer, Liaison
See Spiritual Care

Memorial & Student Loans:
Pat Chadwick, Chair
Dave Cole, Liaison

Endowment:
Dave Cole,
Liaison

Worship:
See Spiritual Care

Music:
See Spiritual Care

IHN:
Sue Lelah, Chair

Finance:
Wendi Kalley, Chair

Youth & Family Ministry:
See Spiritual Care

FFO:
Toni Rathborne,
Chair & Liaison

Building & Grounds:
Ken Iselin, Chair
Bob Lefever
Eric Stettner
Imre Vitez, Liaison

Cemetery:
Ken Iselin, Chair
Imre Vitez,
Liaison

IT:
Bob Lefever, Liaison

Pastoral Care:
Marvin Fields, Chair

Consistory Clerk:
Bob Cole

Women's Ministries:
Pat Ciccotelli, Chair

Elders:
Marvin Fields, Chair
Wendi Kalley
Bob Lefever
Tom Barnes
Bob Cole
Dave Cole

Deacons:
Carol Gauer
Toni Rathborne
Eric Stettner
Imre Vitez, Chair
Sarah VandeGiessen

Missions:
See Deacons

Treasurer:
Wendi Kalley

Consistory

Vice-President of Consistory: Marvin Fields

Pastor: Cathy Gumpert
Student Pastor: Leah Ennis

Music Director:
Hilary Orlando

Secretary:
Terry Digan

Custodians:
Stanly and Anna Gomez

SAVIOR ORNAMENT


This Christmas, celebrate Jesus' birthday by making this keepsake ornament.

What you need:

- Wooden clothespin with round end
- Black permanent marker
- White cloth or felt
- Small wooden star (available at craft stores)
- Yellow paint
- Paintbrush
- Gold glitter (optional)
- Glue gun (and an adult)
- Straw-colored raffia
- Palm-size wicker wreath (available at craft stores)
- Ribbon

What you do:

1. On the clothespin's round knob, draw two dots for eyes.
2. Wrap the white cloth around the clothespin, like a swaddled baby.
3. Paint the star yellow; add glitter, if desired.
4. With the glue gun and adult supervision, glue the raffia to the bottom inside of the wreath. Then glue the swaddled clothespin atop the raffia and glue the gold star atop the wreath.
5. Tie a ribbon around the top, near the star.
6. Hang the ornament on your Christmas tree or tie it on a gift.



PUZZLE

A PROMISED RULER

Prophets told of Jesus' birth hundreds of years before it happened. Never had a baby's arrival come with such a promise.

Directions: To read what one prophet (Micah 5:4, NIV) said about Jesus, complete the math problems below. Then fill in the words, using the math solutions as your guide.

$7+6$
Strength

$7+1$
Shepherd

$30-5$
the

$7+5$
ends

$30-25$
live

$21-10$
Will

$27-24$
reach

$10+7$
Flock

$40-20$
stand

$15+4$
security

$8+8$
his

$35-31$
Low

$17-3$
greatness

$10-5$
earth

$10+5$
Will

$5+1$
Will

"He _____ and _____ his _____

in the _____ of the _____ ... And they _____

_____, for then _____

_____ to the _____ of _____."

MICAH 5:4, NIV

Answers: "He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord ... And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth." Micah 5:4, NIV

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