



# Pastor's Reflection

Happy Thanksgiving!! As Thanksgiving approaches we start thinking of pilgrims and turkeys, pumpkin pies and stuffing, harvest time and families. Corn stalk and pumpkins decorate our doorways and our tables. It paints a wonderful scene, full of color and savory fragrances which remind us of the agricultural roots of our country. Most of us however, are somewhat removed from the farm and growing our own food. How many of us go to the grocery store and purchase all that we need to create a picture perfect Thanksgiving? Very few of us actually harvest anything that we have grown. All I have harvested besides weeds from my gardens are a few tomatoes and a little rhubarb - which may or may not appear on my Thanksgiving

table. So what calls forth in us the praise and gratitude that we celebrate on Thanksgiving.

Can we give thanks for those who have grown our food, certainly. We can also give thanks for the grocer; the truck driver who has delivered the food to the grocery; the mechanic who has kept the truck running, the work each of us has or has retired from that has provided the income with which to purchase our meal; the builder who has built the shelter under which we can enjoy our meal; the manufacturers and those who work in the factories that make our clothes and our warm winter coats that keep us warm as we make our way to "grandma's house" to fill our tummies; the plumber and the electri-

cian who have allowed us water and light and heat; the automobile workers who have given us means to travel to be with our families; the poets and musicians who have given us the hymns and prayers that we love to sing and recite that express our feelings better than we can and for the "tools" we have that allow us to have all these good things, the wrench and the hammer, the knives, forks, and spoons, the ovens and refrigerators, even the computer and the cell phone - the list goes on and on.

There are so many people and "things" that God has provided each of us as we sit down to give thanks, too many to count. Let us remember all of them as we praise God for the gifts of God's bounty this Thanksgiving.



*"Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord all the earth.  
Sing to the Lord; praise God's name; proclaim God's salvation day after day.  
Declare God's glory among the nations, God's marvelous deeds among all peoples."  
Psalm 96:1-3*

*Have a Blessed Thanksgiving,*

*Pastor Susan*

# Staff Directory

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## Pastor

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## Secretary

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## Youth Leaders

Julie Hilt and Jen Kassuba



## Organist

Sandra Soderberg



## Choir Director

Cyndie Cole



## Worship Schedule

Worship: 10am  
Sunday School: 10:15am (during service)  
Coffee Hour: 11am (after worship)

## Church of the Month



## Prayers

During the month of November we are asked to pray for the First Congregational Church in Onekama. They have recently decided to make a transition from a fulltime to part time pastor due to financial constraints.

A loving heart is the truest wisdom. **Charles Dickens**

### Remember our Shut-ins

Blanche Montgomery  
Foster Weaver  
Dan Boxwell  
Frank Wilkinson  
Kay Huntoon



Cliff Black  
Jeff Killingbeck  
Ken Rudolph  
John Garcia  
Arlene Guthrie  
Larry Pratt  
Pat Noble

## Notes of Interest and Thanks

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**All Saints:** Please submit to the office any names you wish included for All Saints Day, next Sunday.

Salad Luncheon for October made \$563. A huge thank-you to all who helped!

The office will be closed Nov. 24 & 25, for the Thanksgiving Holiday.  
Newsletter Deadline:

Please have all newsletter information to the office by the 23rd of the month.

Dear Friends:

We thank you for purchasing a Peace Pole and joining with others in the worldwide Peace Pole Network. Knowing that peace begins in the hearts and minds of each individual, we trust that your Peace Pole will stand as a constant reminder of the necessity to wish for, work for and live in the spirit of world peace at all times.

We thank you for your dedication and

commitment. We hope that many others in the future will also participate by joining the Peace Pole Network and by remembering the peace message.

MAY PEACE PREVAIL ON EARTH.

Sincerely,

Dave, Kim and Doug

# Liturgists

# Acolytes

## November

- 6 Joel Sietsema
- 13 Katie Amar Fox
- 20 Julia Chwatun
- 27 Margaret Hellenberg



- Alaina Anderson/Eden Woodcox
- Meadow Kassuba/Erin Rigney
- Kierra Ball/Cienna Woodcox
- Amallia Kassuba/Alyson Cole

## December

- 4 Mary Fox
- 11 Sallie Anderson
- 18 Marilyn Kaczanowski
- 25 Brittany Hilt



- Gage Boughner/Ryan Anderson
- Emily Brazelton/Christine Cole
- Gavin Ball/Avery Ball
- Cienna Woodcox/Eden Woodcox

# Ushers & Greeters

# Coffee Hour Hosts

## November

- 6 Rod & Sallie Anderson (up)
- 13 Vicky Rigney and Mona Viviano
- 20 Roy Wolf and John Garcia
- 27 Pete Amar & Mary Fox

- Rod & Sallie Anderson and Meredith Anderson
- Vicky Rigney and Mona Viviano
- George & Carol Lienerth and Mary Sanders
- Pete Amar & Mary Fox and Todd and Jody Chwatun

## December

- 4 Vern & Maryetta House (pew)
- 11 John & Margaret Hellenberg
- 18 Roy Wolf and Al Davis
- 25 Joel & Joanie Sietsema

- Vern & Maryetta House and Louanne Spearman
- John & Margaret Hellenberg and Barb Myers
- Al Davis and Joanna Morse
- Joel and Joanie Sietsema and Bill & Sherri O'Neil



# Flowers for the Month

## November

Gloria House



## December

Christian Ed.

# Lectionary Readings

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## November

- 2 Communion, Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost  
Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25, Psalm 78:1-7 or Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16 or  
Amos 5:18-24, Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20 or Psalm 70, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 or Psalm  
70, 1Thessalonians 4:13-18, **Matthew 25:1-13**
- 9 Loose Change Food Pantry, Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost  
Judges 4:1-7, Psalm 123 or Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18, Psalm 90:1-8(9-11), 12  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, **Matthew 25:14-30**
- 16 Reading of the Covenant, Reign of Christ  
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 100 or Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 95:1-7a,  
Ephesians 1:15-23, **Matthew 25:31-46**
- 23 Loose Change Friendship Shelter, First Sunday of Advent  
**Isaiah 64:1-9**, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, **Mark 13:24-37**



## December

- 4 Communion, Second Sunday of Advent  
**Isaiah 40:1-11**, Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13, 2 Peter 3:8-15a, Mark 1:1-8
- 11 Loose Change Food Pantry, Third Sunday of Advent  
Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11, **Psalm 126**, or Luke 1:46b-55, 1Thessalonians 5:16-24, John 1:6-8, 19-28
- 18 Reading of the Covenant, Fourth Sunday of Advent  
2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16, Luke 1:47-55 or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26, Romans 16:25-27, **Luke 1:26-38**
- 25 Loose Change Christmas Day  
Isaiah 52:7-10, **Psalm 98**, Hebrews 1:1-4(5-12), John 1:1-4

# Council Notes

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Helen Crandall opened the Council Meeting with prayer. Minutes of the September meeting were approved. 11 members present. Committee Reports were presented:

## TRUSTEES:

Tom Otto presented a summary of the in-house audit prepared by Mary Sanders and Ilah Weaver

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Julie Hilt said there are now 6 youth; the Peace Pole will be dedicated shortly, after a Sunday service; plans are being made for the year with one outreach event monthly

## DIACONATE:

Margaret H reviewed the surveys; every committee will need to post their own "sign" near the parking lot to advertise events

## OUTREACH/MISSION:

Cathy O discussed the radio ads presently being aired on The Eagle

## MEMORIAL:

Tom-Donations have been made honoring Glenn Steiner and Mildred Manier

## MUSIC:

Cyndie-7 children now in Children's Choir

## STEWARDSHIP:

Vicky-Pledge campaign will conclude 10/23

## BUILDING & GROUNDS:

Paul-replace toilets/women's bathroom; repair toilet/men's bathroom; blow out irrigation system; install railing in church

NOMINATING: Slate of Officers ready for approval

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Helen-Tour of Gaylord w/ lunch at Sugar Bowl; went well; 12 attended  
□ Committees not reporting: Pastoral Relations (didn't meet this month); Personnel, Scholarship

## NEW BUSINESS

2012 Proposed Budget submitted by Tom Otto; discussed and approved

Audit Report discussed and ap-

proved

## Membership Drive/Plans:

o 11/20 Friendship Sunday with Extravagant Welcome

o Change can be stressful

o Often impressions are made first 4-8 minutes when visiting a church

o Recommend Lay Leader extend "routine" greeting

o Discuss advertisement cost

o Discuss need for new signage to identify office, kitchen, sanctuary, Sunday School rooms, etc.

Information on new members will be published in the upcoming newsletter

Agenda for Annual Meeting - Approved

Adjournment with Lord's Prayer

**Next Meeting to be announced; Mission/Outreach Comm. will facilitate**

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## Invite a Friend Sunday

For those who filled out the recent survey, thank you. The results show an overwhelming number of you believe what seems to be fairly obvious: we need to increase membership. On November 20<sup>th</sup> Missions/Outreach Committee is asking everyone to BRING A FRIEND to church. The UCC website regarding membership states that newcomers will make the decision whether they will return in the first 4-8 minutes. Long before the service begins, before they hear the hymn selection and even before the Pastor's

sermon. First impressions are lasting impressions. We all have been in a situation of being the 'new' person, the stranger. It's important to welcome the new person or new couple seated in the pew around us (without "pouncing" on them of course!).

It will be important also to get their name(s) so follow-up can be done. We will be reintroducing the pew registration forms. These will not only record new comers and guest, but also will give us an indication of those missing. Our coffee hour will be an opportunity

for us to show-off to our guests and friends just who we are and what we do in our community and why we do it. The volunteer groups you listed on your surveys and are posted on the walls of Fellowship Hall will be a big part of this celebration. Finally one last point the UCC Power of Invitation brings to light: What if Everyone Came? Think about it. What if on Sunday everyone *were* to show-up? We will be looking forward to meeting your friend on or even before November 20<sup>th</sup>.

# Trustee's Minutes

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## I. Open Meeting

Tom called the meeting to order at 8:35am

Trustees in Attendance: Tom Otto, Helen Crandall, Jason Woodcox, Joel Sietsema, Paul Kaczanowski, John Hellenberg, Todd Chwatun, Vicky Rigney, and Pastor Susan Webeler. The Trustees present constitute a quorum.

## II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Paul made a motion to approve the minutes as presented for the September 20, 2011 meeting, support by Helen, all in favor. THE MOTION CARRIED.

## III. Treasurer's Report

Tom presented the bills to be paid, financial reports, and bank statements from September 2011. After discussion, Todd made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and approve the payment of the bills as presented, support by Vicky, all in favor. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Tom said that he will be changing the bank account as approved last month to eliminate the monthly fees.

## IV. Old Business

a. **Sabbatical Update** - Tom has submitted the Comstock Grant as discussed at last month's meeting. No decisions have been made yet by

the grantors.

b. **Restroom Issues** - After some discussion, it was decided that the toilets in the women's restroom will be replaced with funds from Women's Fellowship. The men's room toilets will be repaired and then evaluated again later.

c. **2012 Budget** - Tom presented the DRAFT 2012 Budget and indicated that the expenses were roughly the same, other than some re-categorization. He also reminded the Trustees that the income is faith based.

The Trustees thanked Tom for his continued hard work. Todd made a motion to recommend the budget as presented for approval at the annual meeting, support was given by John, and all were in favor. THE MOTION CARRIED.

d. **Stewardship Campaign** - Helen reminded the group that

pledges for 2012 are due on October 23, 2011, but of course they will be accepted any time.

## V. New Business

a. **Peace Pole Installation** - The youth group has identified an area in the back yard where they would like the peace pole to be installed. There will be a ceremony scheduled after installation.

b. **Winterize Church & Sprinklers** - Tom stated that the sprinkler system needs to be blown out for the winter. This year the work will be performed in house. There was also discussion about a siding repair and some missing shingles that need to be repaired. Joel volunteered to call a repair person.

c. **Thermostats** - There was a lengthy discussion about programming and locking the thermostats for the winter. During the discussion, the Trustees were informed that Cyndie had already done this job. Thank you Cyndie!

d. **Membership Campaign** - The Missions & Outreach Committee will be making a major effort to increase church membership during the upcoming year. There will be a "Bring a Friend" Sunday on November 20, 2011 to kick off this campaign. There was also a consensus that a pamphlet should be developed that outlines



*Do one thing every day that scares you.*

## Trustee's Continued

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the basic characteristics of the church.

Radio ads were approved to run during October and Tom asked the Trustees if they should continue to run. Todd made a motion to approve another \$180 to keep the commercials on the air through November and Vicky seconded the motion. All were in favor and THE MOTION CARRIED.

**e. Buildings and Grounds** - There was a mention again that it might be a good idea to install railings at the front of the church to aid in walking up the steps. There was also a conversation about the church's signage and how it could be improved.

**f. Audit Report** - Tom presented the audit report done by Mary Sanders and Ilah Weaver. The report was very thorough and had some suggestions intended to improve current financial practices. The Trustees decided to implement the following solutions:

i. The actual income and amount needed shown in the bulletin each week will be removed. Instead, the report showing income and bills paid will be published in the newsletter each month.

ii. The current procedure for signing checks will continue. Dan Smith's office writes the checks, and the Treasurer signs them. If a special check needs to be written,

there will be two signatures on it.

iii. In order to have two people count the offerings every Sunday, John suggested that there be a Trustee and a Deacon scheduled to count together. Everyone agreed and decided that the duos will be scheduled for a month at a time and there will be a training session to get this started.

### VI. Adjourn

At 11:47am, with no more business to come before the Trustees, the meeting was adjourned and Pastor Susan led the group in The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Todd Chwatun

## Diaconate Meeting

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Meeting opened with a prayer.

Minutes were accepted for Sept. with one change: Pastor san - should be Pastor Susan.

Salad luncheon results were: \$486.

Surveys were looked over by the committee and results will be passed on to Council.

Nov. 20th is Friendship Sunday. Bring a friend to church.

Advent: Nov. 27th will be hanging of the greens

Dec. 24th will be Christmas Eve Service.

Dec. 25th will be church service as usual.

Community dinner will be on Oct. 28th. Salad will be made by Diaconate.

Margaret and Louanne to make the salad. Cliff is donating the

grapes.

Workshop to be held Nov. 4 and 5th. called Healthy Congregations. It is presented by Rev. Tom Webster. Nov. 4th at 7:00 - 8:30p.m. Nov. 5th 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.. Pot Luck lunch is planned for Sat.

Pastor Susan updated us on shut-ins.

Next meeting - Nov. 17th.

## Women's Fellowship

Those present were Evelyn Pratt, Dorothy Heath, Vicky Rigney, Pastor Susan and Mona Viviano

Mona led the worship. We are studying the Beatitudes. The second one is "Blessed are those who mourn". Those who mourn in grief or personal shame will be blessed

Minutes were read and approved as corrected

Evelyn reported \$2857.26 in our checking  
Dorothy made a motion that the Fellowship buy Bibles ahead so Pastor Susan has them for children who are being

baptized, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vicky and passed

The men are checking into the church toilets, as Fellowship is willing to pay for improvements

Vicky would like the Fellowship to sponsor a program on Healthy Congrega-

*The actions of men are the best  
interpreters of their thoughts. --*

*John Locke*

tions, which would be lead by Thom Webster who is our interim conference minister. Watch for more info coming later on a Sat—maybe Nov 6<sup>th</sup>

Jan's Concert will be Nov 6<sup>th</sup>

Women will meet at the church Oct 13<sup>th</sup> at 11am for our walking tour and lunch at the Sugar Bowl

Nov 12–18 is Homeless Awareness Week and there will be a sleep out on court house lawn on Nov 11<sup>th</sup>

Meeting closed with the Mespah

Submitted by Mona

## Mission's Outreach

*Those present were Jody Chwatun, Louanne Spearman, Cathy Otto, Mona Viviano, Pastor Susan Margaret Hellenberg, and Kay Boughner*

Meeting opened with prayer by Pastor Susan

Minutes were read and approved

Cathy sent a thank you note to the city for allowing us to sell at the Oktoberfest. There were many good comments about our desserts

We discussed the Teddy Bear program with Kay. At this time we will be providing bears to: hospital, EMS, and DHS, more groups maybe added as we check

with the different groups

The community will be having a Halloween Party Oct 28<sup>th</sup>; our church will be in charge of the meal and decorations. Cathy will need help

The Stewardship Committee received comments from parishioners that we need a membership drive and this is where Mission and Outreach comes in. We will be doing "Each bring one Sunday" on Nov 6. Our commit-

tee will be meeting Oct 13<sup>th</sup> at 3pm to go over our plans

Kay is to report to Christian Education Committee from Friendship Shelter

Church directory has been checked and corrected and need to be returned by Oct 17<sup>th</sup>

Margaret will check with McReynolds Hall about the birthday celebrations

Meeting closed

Submitted by Mona



*I can resist everything except temptation Oscar Wilde  
1854-1900*

## 5th Annual June Jans Concert

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“Rokko and the Hat Band” will be performing in Gaylord on Sunday, November 6 (5 PM) for the Fifth Annual June Jans Memorial Concert, to be held in the Parish Hall of Gaylord’s First Congregational Church (UCC) at 218 W. Second Street (corner of Old 27/Otsego Ave). The suggested donation is \$10 (no one turned away) and all proceeds go to charity.

This year’s concert will be the joyous reunion of Chicago’s most noted musical trio of the 1970’s.

In his recent book “The Chicago Music Scene 1960’s and 1970’s,” (part of the “Images of

### Christian Ed.

Present: Sallie Anderson, Cyndie Cole, Julie Hilt, Rev. Susan Webeler

Opened with Prayer

Two Christmas plays were reviewed. One will be chosen at the November meeting.

Please mark your calendars for these important dates for children and youth.

America” series) author Dean Milano writes “Alaric Rokko Jans and Annie Hat made the Bulls [nightclub] their home base and held the Sunday night slot during the 1970’s. With roots in the Chicago theater scene they were a favorite with actors and all who loved the inimitable vocal styling’s of Annie and the band’s eclectic brand of cabaret rock, featuring original songs by Jans and Elliott Delman.”

*Wired* magazine author Hugh Hart reminisces on his discovery of Rokko & the Hat:

“At the Bulls, I became entranced with Rokko and the Hat, an ele-

gant trio featuring Annie Hat, Django Reinhardt-channeling guitarist Elliott Delman, and the act’s wry pianist/ringmaster Alaric “Rokko” Jans [who] later composed the score for David Mamet’s *House of Games* movie and shared a 2008 Tony Award as a member of Chicago Shakespeare Theater.”

We think you will become entranced, too! Please join us for a delightful evening of music and fun as the virtuoso cabaret-rock trio “Rokko & the Hat Band” serves up an evening of music and fun, all for a worthy cause!

Christmas Craft Day and Christmas Play Practice: Saturday, December 17  
Christmas Play during Worship Service: Sunday, December 18

Details concerning the play and practice times will be available after our November meeting.

Youth Group under the direction of

Julie Hilt will meet the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. A big thank you to Mary Fox for her help with the Youth Group.

Next meeting: Thursday, November 3 at 6:00.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sallie Anderson

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## New Members:

We are pleased to have received 3 new members into our midst on Sunday, October 23.

**Brenda DeCarlo:** Brenda is a retired hairdresser and moved permanently to this area 4 years ago with her husband Tom. They sought this church out after searching for an open minded church that practiced tolerance for all. Her interests include riding motorcycles, spending time outdoors, feeding animals and reading.

**Tom DeCarlo:** Tom is a retired Project engineer and moved to the Gaylord area

from Auburn Hills permanently 4 years ago with his wife Brenda. Both he and Brenda come from a Catholic background and choosing this church was a big step in their spiritual journeys. Tom enjoys fishing, motorcycle riding and camping. He has already helped out with the maintenance of our church by painting the Fellowship Hall exterior doors.

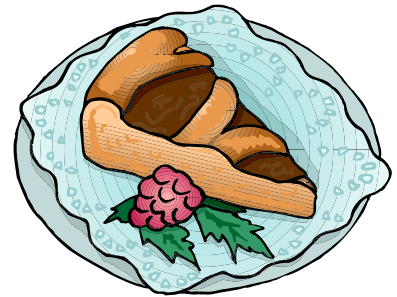
**Alan (Al) Davis:** Al describes his recent move to Gaylord as a “coming home” as he lived in Gaylord during his High

School years and spent time here throughout his childhood. His most recent church affiliation was the First Congregational Church of Harrison where he was an active member for many years. He retired from managing convenience stores most recently in Florida. Al’s interests include canoeing, kayaking, hunting and fishing.

Welcome to all of you we are so glad to have you as part of our family!

# Thanksgiving Pie Sale

Place your order today for homemade pies for your  
Thanksgiving Dinner



Place your order today for homemade pies for your Thanksgiving Dinner.

Pumpkin	\$10.00
Apple	\$10.00
Pecan	\$12.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Pick-up **Wednesday November 23** from 11am to 6pm

If these times do not fit your schedule please contact us (732-5726).

**Thank you for your order!**

Please let us know what you think of our pies.

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### Pie Sale Order Form

	Quantity	Amount
Apple	_____	\$ _____
Pumpkin	_____	\$ _____
Pecan	_____	\$ _____

Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please pay when you order.

Make checks payable to First Congregational Church

Church office hours: Mon, Wed, & Thurs 9-12

# Michigan Conference Annual Report

Two hundred twenty five people, including 9 youth delegates, other youth and 5 children attended the Annual Meeting of the Michigan Conference UCC this past weekend. We worshipped together, attended a couple of the 24 workshops that were available, learned about "restoring hope" and connecting with each other's stories from Rob Voyle, ate together, passed the budget, elected new and returning leadership for the Board of Directors and heard each other's passions and concerns about 5 resolutions. The youth painted the side of a building in Saginaw with the words: "Imagine in Saginaw... Peace, respect, love ...". Two associations held their annual business meetings. The First Congregational UCC of Saginaw hosted us with grace and extravagant welcome.

Mark your calendars for next year's Annual Meeting right now. **Diana Butler Bass**, author of *Christianity for the Rest of Us* and many other books, will be our keynote speaker on **October 5-6, 2012**. You won't want to miss it!

The most controversial resolution was the request to sell the Talahi property with the option of a lease back. This

resolution passed after much discussion of all of the options related to other resolutions. Although it is clear that some people are hurting very deeply about this decision, I believe that we do have a vision for moving ahead in a way that will meet many of the concerns and make a larger ministry to youth and young adults possible.

Another resolution passed recommending that Camp Talahi Retreat and Nature Center, Inc. be authorized to use the Talahi property as a camp.

The Department of Natural Resources is interested in purchasing the property, has set aside budget money to do so and has expressed that they are in favor of leasing back the property to such a group. It is the hope of the Camp Ta-



lahi Retreat and Nature Center consortium to have a camp up and running for the summer of 2012. The DNR is in favor of this. I am in favor of this. So, as the consortium does its work, camping for our children and youth may again be possible at Talahi. If you want to learn more about the consortium go to [www.talahifamily.com](http://www.talahifamily.com).

In the meantime, the Board of Directors will be looking into the best way to use Bows Lake and Talahi income to support youth and young adult ministries throughout the conference. My first priority is making sure that we make National Youth Gathering July 10-13, 2012 accessible to as many of our youth as possible. I also am hearing from young adults (20-30's) that they are finding energy for meeting together for a mission trip or some other event.

I believe that the Spirit of God is moving among us. Keep the conference in your prayers. The Board of Directors will be in retreat November 18-19, 2011 to gather what we have heard and listen for God's guidance in moving forward.

Blessings for the Journey,  
Cheryl

(editor's Note: Cheryl Burke is our acting conference Minister.)

## Crop Walk

### CROP Walk

This year our church had 40 workers and walkers and raised \$1403. Thanks to all who worked, walked and donated. The total for the entire CROP Walk was 185 workers and walkers. The total raised was \$12,510 which is our best

year ever! Twenty-five percent of this amount will go to our local food pantry. Also, 279 food items were contributed to the pantry that day. Peace Lutheran won the Dusty Shoe Award with 56 walkers. We're looking forward to next





year when the Walk will be hosted by St. Andrew Episcopal

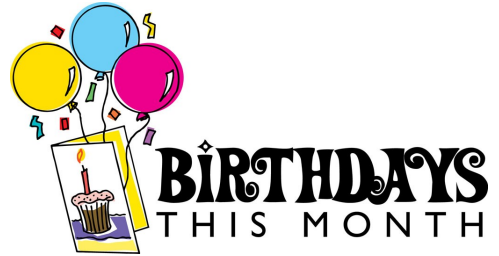
Church. Thanks again to all who helped feed the hungry in our community and in the world.



# Upcoming Events




## December

- 1 Women 's Fellowship/Missions Outreach/  
Christian Ed
- 8 Community Meal Steering Committee
- 17 Kids Craft Day 
- 18 Children's Program 
- 20 Family Christmas Potluck 
- 21 Trustees
- 22 Diaconate
- 24 Christmas Eve Service 
- 25 Christmas Day service of Lessons and Carols



- 4 Susan Roundy
- 8 Lorelei Woodcox
- 11 Brittany Hilt
- 19 Cienna Woodcox
- 20 Cleveann Wolf & Connie House
- 22 Mark Brazelton & Emily Pallarito
- 27 EJ Dodson
- 28 Dawn Detzler
- 30 Sarah Dylenski & Mona Viviano

## January

- 1 Service of Lessons and Carols 
- 1-7 Susan on Vacation 
- 5 Women's Fellowship
- 17 Family Potluck 
- 18 Trustee's Meeting
- 19 Diaconate Meeting




*Happy Anniversary!*

- 3 Chuck & Judy Falk
- 10 Paul & Marilyn Kaczanowski

# November 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			2 Breakfast BJ's 8am Choir Practice 7pm	3 Bible Study 10am Women's Fellowship 11:15am Christian Ed. 6pm *SOS 6-7:30	4 Chat/Susan 10-noon Community Meal 5-6:30pm Healthy Cong. 7-8:30	5 Healthy Cong. 8:30-3:30pm
6 Communion Worship 10am 	7 Brownies	8	9 Breakfast BJ's 8am Church & Ministry 10-noon Youth Choir 4-5 Choir Practice 7pm	10 Bible Study 10am C M Steering 1pm Girl Scouts 5:30pm	11 Chat/Susan 10-noon Food Pantry 12-2:15pm Community Meal 5-6:30pm	12 G. S. Training 10-noon AA 4-11pm
13 Loose Change Food Pantry Worship 10am	14 Brownies	15  Family Potluck 6pm	16 Breakfast BJ's 8am Trustee's Meet 8:30am Choir Practice 7pm	17 Bible Study 10am Diaconate 4pm *SOS 6-7:30	18 Chat/Susan 10-noon Community Meal 5-6:30pm	19 UNA 1-3
20 Reading of the Covenant Bring a Friend to Church Worship 10am Youth Choir Sings	21 Pie Prep Brownies	22 Pie Prep Girl Scout Training 6-9	23 Breakfast BJ's 8am Pie pick-up 11-6 Youth Choir 4-5 Choir Practice 7pm	24 Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot 9am  House Family	25 Office Closed Community Meal 5-6:30pm	26
27 Hanging of the Greens Worship 10am Loose Change: Friendship Housing Center	28 Brownies	29	30 Breakfast BJ's 8am Master Gardeners 5:30 Choir Practice 7pm		*SOS is a meditation group.	

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# November

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