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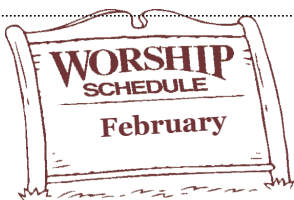
Orders must be in by February 16th for your delicious hoagies from the crew here at The First Presbyterian Church of Delanco

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To Order



9:00 am-Breakfast with Jesus

9:30 am-Church School

10:00 am-Choir Rehearsal

11:00 am-Worship Service

After worship (2nd Sunday)

Refreshment Time in Annex

2009 Memorial List

In Memory of Tom Austin

Given by Caroline Austin

In Memory of Michael Mourey

Given by Caroline Austin

In Memory of Lem Cabannis & Leatha Krusen

Given by Thelma Cabannis

In Memory of Bruce Clair

Given by Paul & Barbara Johnsen

In Memory of Jack Clark

Given by Jim & Dot McDougall

In Memory of Shirley Brown

Given by Gerrie Diehm

In Memory of

Carolyn Craythorn

Given By Kathryn Craythorn

Vera & Frank Taylor

Sharon & Lawrence Smith

James & Anita Morris

Beverly Gilbert Lang

Gerrie Diehm

Ruth Vitulle

Patricia Amtico

Doris & Joseph Mourey

Caroline Austin

Judy & Sonny Hammond

Florence Kempista

Ronald & Theresa Atzert

B Calvin Lang

Grace & Harry Craythorn

Joan Clark

Daniel Buczek

George & Joyce Brookover

Jim & Dot McDougall

Ash Wednesday February 17th, 2010

Communion— 8:30 am

Breakfast - 9:00 am

Evening—7 pm

Breakfast Tickets will be on sale before & after Services @ \$3.00 each

February's

Birthdays

It seems we made two errors in the Jan. birthday listing: We forgot to include:

Taylor King (Jan. 3) and were confused with Betty and Harry Jenkins. We apologize for the errors

Feb. 1 - Winifred Jerrell

Feb. 7 - Eric McCullough

Feb. 9 - Ronald Edmonds, Jr.

Feb. 15 - Debi Brown

Feb. 18 - Virginia Styles

"Just 19 Words"

**God our Father,
Walk through my house. And take away all my worries and illnesses; And please watch over and heal my family. In Jesus' name. Amen."**

News from around the Pews

In this fifth month of operation, the staff of the yogurt drive reminds you that yogurt containers are made of a plastic that cannot be recycled.

We are continuing to be good stewards of our environment, collect the money for our efforts and use that money to further the ministry of Jesus Christ.

Please clean out your containers before bringing them to the church. Thank you to all who have contributed so far. There is a marked box for these containers inside the church door on Union Ave. TerraCycle does not accept Breyers and Yoplait containers. All other containers are acceptable. If you would like more information on the company, you may find them at www.terracycle.net.

Updating the Church Directory

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES, DO WE HAVE YOURS? We are updating our church directory and would like your information. For birthdays we need only month / day for adults, but for children we would like to have the year also. For couple's wedding anniversaries we would like at least month / day and year if you would like to share it. You can email the information to the churchoffc@aol.com or leave a note with the necessary information in the suggestion box.

Youth Group News

The Pyg's will be meeting next on February 7th, 2010 from 6 to 7 PM

The Souper-rapidly ap-the money you way to helping thrive. The less beverage, of wings or pizza now, can mean the difference in someone's life later. Donate the money you save from excluding just one item each week starting now & leading up to The SuperBowl and you can change someone's life forever.



bowl of Caring is proaching and give goes a long others survive & money from one bag of chips, tray

Anyone wishing to send a card or letter to Margaret Gatti may do so using this address:

Margaret Gatti

Churchman Village

4949 Ogletown - Stanton Road

Room 111 W

Newark, Delaware 19713

Pastor Lynne's Mews

In advent we read Isaiah 60:1, "Arise, shine; for your light has come." Our light is come indeed. In John 1:5 we are told, "The Light shines in the darkness" and in John 1:9, "The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world." The One being described is Jesus Christ who is our Light. Christ shines His light full of God's love on each of us although we do not always remember to do our part.

God loves us so much that He sends His only Son to live among us here on earth. His birth is celebrated on Christmas. He lives with us physically for not too long. But what He teaches us is a lifetime of information. This is all found in our Bible. One of these important teachings is found in Matthew 5:14-16 and is part of the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus says to the people, "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

Christ is the light of the world; and we, as His people, are the light of the earth. In darkness, even the light of one match can make a big difference. As believers, we are a light by what we say and how we live. Our heavenly Father shines His love on all of us and wants us to reflect that light of His love on those around us. This is how we do our part, by reflecting God's love on those with whom we come in contact, whether we know them or not.

As we prepare to enter the Lenten season, may each of us put our lamps on lampstands and continue to "let our light shine before others" so we may give glory to God our heavenly Father and encourage others to do the same. May our mutual love for God and each other brighten our world and help make it a more peaceful, loving place by reflecting God's love through our lives.

Pastor Lynne



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Why is per capita important?

Per capita brings Presbyterians together — literally!

Presbyterians are connected in many ways, including our [church government](#). We believe we discern best what God is calling us to do when we gather as governing bodies, “seek[ing] together to find and represent the will of Christ” (*Book of Order* G-4.0301). Per capita dollars pay for the costs of holding a [General Assembly](#) — including paying for the travel, room and board of commissioners and advisory delegates, several of whom would not be able to afford these expenses on their own.

Per capita makes it possible for Presbyterians to govern ourselves the way we do.

Presbyterians have a form of government built upon shared power and mutual accountability as we seek together to find and represent the will of Christ. By providing the primary means through which commissioners and advisory delegates can gather to do their work, per capita dollars help to undergird our governance system.

Our Constitution provides a moral and theological compass that builds community and calls us to Christian faithfulness in gratitude to God.

Per capita makes possible our effort for visible unity of the church of Jesus Christ.

The PC(USA), as with other faith traditions and denominations, is but a small part of the one church of Jesus Christ. We affirm that God’s call is for the church to be one.

Per capita makes it possible for us to maintain our historical awareness.

Our historical heritage helps us make informed decisions for the future. The Presbyterian Historical Society is our national archives and historical research center. It collects, preserves and shares the history of the American Presbyterian and Reformed tradition.

**This is an excerpt from
the Christmas Eve 2009
Sermon of Pastor
Lynne**

The Shepherds' Verse

I am a nameless shepherd
Here to tell you what hap-
pened.
Yes, shepherds can be poets
too.
Just ask our King David!

'Twas the night of no conse-
quence
when all through our flocks
nothing was a-stirring,
not even the rocks.

The sheep were all resting
on the quiet hillside.
We shepherds kept our
watch
against intruders who may
hide.

The stars were shining
brightly
in the heavens above.
We were very unaware
of God's holy love.

When what to our wonder-
ing
eyes should appear
but a white glowing form,

then more became clear.

What were these, we asked,
as one began to sing
"Glory to God in the high-
est,
Good news I now bring."

We suddenly stopped
watching
our sheep as they graze
and listened to the angel
singing God's praise.

The angel told us to not
be a-feared of the song
but to listen to the message
and to the glorious throng.

The angel of the Lord brings
good news of great joy
for all people, men and
women,
and all girls and all boys.

To you, on this night is
Born in Bethlehem, a son,
a Savior, our Messiah,
the Lord God is come!

There will be a sign,
the angel continued to say.
A child you will find.
In a manger he lays.

He is wrapped all in cloth
all the way down to His toes
with the animals around
Him,
their eyes all aglow.

The message now given,
the angel chorus sings
praise.
Then they were gone from
the sky
as our eyebrows we raise.

What have we just seen?
What have we heard?
Were they really angels,
Or is our vision kind of
blurred?

All of us shepherds
made a decision.
One would stay here
while we pursued the vi-
sion.

We quickly traveled down
the side of our hill
and walked into Bethlehem.
The night was so still.

We did what the angel
told us to do.
We walked through the
streets
to the stable subdued.

It was easy to find.
We followed the light.
This brightest star was on top
of the roof shining bright.

Inside we saw the mother
and the Baby so dear
along with the father,
and the animals quite near.

When we came in the door,
the mother looked and stared
as the father asked us
why we were there.

We told them of the angel
of the Lord and the chorus
and the message they gave
about the Baby born for us.

We shepherds told them
the entire glorious story.
The parents were amazed
as we gave them and the
Baby glory.

We did not stay long.
The stable was quite small,
especially with several ani-
mals,
two parents, and a Baby in a
stall.

The mother had a glow

about her
after giving birth.
She seemed to be quite
thoughtful
as she reclined on the earth.

We returned to our flocks
which seemed content to
graze,
as we glorified God
and sang all our praise.

This truly has been
a night to remember.

As we watched our sheep,
we were blessed by angel
numbers.

Their message of Glory to
God
in the highest
and peace on earth, to all
are the tidings gladdest.

Christ our Lord, our Mes-
siah
is born this night
in a stable marked by
a Star shining bright.

Our story is now told.
Our job is done.

I now return you to your
pastor
for a few words of her own.

Upcoming Happenings

In the coming editions of THE WITNESS, there will be financial column. Some of the information will have some people saying, "I knew that," and others "Really," and others not saying anything at all. So here it goes the first De-lanco-Jones News Bite. (Get it!?) Let's get this column on a roll.

Initial Offering Envelope-First, this donation pays for your box of envelopes. Each box costs the church \$2.85. The church pays the bill for each box of envelopes up front and then recoups the money as members of church make a donation towards their box.

That enough for now, I have to go count yogurt containers.

Rick Trout- Finance Committee

