

REV. LYNNE D. TROUT



Next hoagie sale will be Saturday January 15th, 2011. Orders must be in by Tuesday January 11th at 5pm.

January Dates to Remember

- 1/04 - 7:00 p.m. Deacons
- 1/05 - 6:30 p.m. Building and Grounds; 7:15 p.m. Finance
- 1/09 - 6:00-8:30 p.m. Ecumenical Youth Experience, 1st Presby. Delanco
- 1/10 - 7:00 p.m Session
- 1/11 - 5:00 p.m. Hoagie deadline
- 1/15 - 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Hoagie pick-up
- 1/18 - 7:00 p.m. Presbytery meeting, Salem
- 1/20 - 7:00 p.m. Prayer shawl ministry; Ecumenical Prayer Service, St. Peter's, Riverside
- 1/23 - 6:00-8:30 p.m. Ecumenical Youth Experience, Zion Lutheran, Riverside
- 1/25 - 7:00 p.m. Bible Study

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Celebrating 138 years of God's Love



Before we sit down to give thanks for our blessings, we are reminded of the needs of the more than 50 million Americans, including 17 million children who are food insecure, meaning they lack consistent access to nutritious food. These new figures show one in four children may be without the adequate nutrition they need for proper development.

This holiday season, as I reflect and give thanks, I am mindful of many in our world who are struggling. Yet I am uplifted by the young people across the country who are willing to make a difference.

The Souper Bowl of Caring team is diverse and reach is broad. Your role in Souper Bowl of Caring may be that of ambassador, donor, organizer or cheerleader.

No matter what part you play in this movement of caring, I am grateful for your partnership.

As you celebrate the holidays with your friends and loved ones, I hope you will join me in praying for people who are hungry and in need. As we pray, let us rededicate ourselves to working together in the new year to bring about positive change for our neighbors in need.

Send \$1 dollar a week until the Super Bowl. It will help our youth, help the youth of our nation & their families. If you can't make it to Services to donate, Send your donation to the church and mark it Attn: SouperBowl.

January Birthdays

1/01 - Hilda Broskey	1/10 - Jane Olley	1/28 - George Brookover
1/01 - Pastor Wanda Sevey	1/14 - Julianna Olley	1/28 - Lindsey Sickler
1/01 - William Yeats	1/20 - Nicole Olenick-Polukord	
1/03 - Taylor King	1/22 - Cheryl Bracy	
1/04 - Suzanne Stillwaggon	1/26 - Harry Jenkins	

Hoagie Sale

Orders must be in by Jan. 11h for your delicious hoagies from the crew here at The First Presbyterian Church of Delanco

Call
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To Order

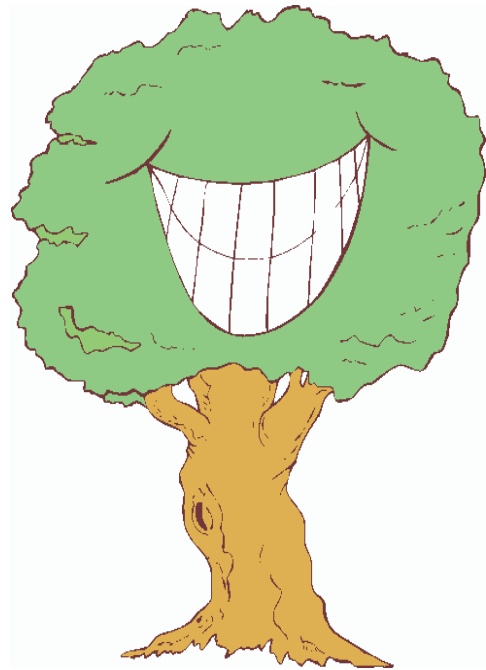
Hoagie pickup will be Saturday Jan. 15th Between 11am & 12:30pm

Code Blue

The Tri-Town Ministerium is collecting used blankets for the Code Blue Shelter in Zion Lutheran Church in Riverside. There is a box in the annex if you care to give. See Rick Trout if you want more information concerning donating prepared meals or staying over night at Zion Lutheran when there is a Code Blue night.

New Year's Resolution! I will remember to save my yogurt containers for the church. I'm not big on resolutions for the new year but this is a good one. A big thanks and congratulations goes out to all who have helped to fill up the basket with empty and **clean** yogurt containers. As a church and community, we have found new uses for 2,305 clean 6 and 32 oz. containers. Visit Terracycle's website www.terracycle.net. All money received goes in current. There is a marked box for the yogurt containers inside the church door on Union Ave. or drop them off at 410 Richards Ave. Delanco.

Rick Trout
Yogurt Team Coordinator(YTC)

**Counter's Schedule for December**

Jan 2 George and Joyce Brookover and Rick Trout

Jan 9 Carol Esposito, Dave Convery and Jane Olley

Jan 16 Gerri Diehem, Linda Ballenger and Sue Mullen

Jan 23 Debbie Brown, Jackie Nixon and Vera Taylor

Jan 30 George and Joyce Brookover and Rick Trout

Counters: It is the counter's responsibility to find a substitute if unavailable to fulfill your scheduled Sunday.

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**THE
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Youth Group News

Tri-Town EYE (Ecumenical Youth Experience) Event

Who: Youth in Grades 7th through 9th

When: Jan 9th 6:00pm to 8:30pm

Where: Delanco Presbyterian Church

Focus: Agape Feast 2011

Chick-Fil-A Food, Games, Contemporary Worship and Music with Discussion and learn about local mission opportunities.

RSVP please to Eyeministries@yahoo.com or call (856) 381-9853

There will also be another youth group activity this month. Ask Rick if you need further details.

1/23 - 6:00-8:30 p.m. Ecumenical Youth Experience, Zion Lutheran, Riverside

Pastor's Nook

In Matthew 2:1, we read, “wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews?’” The wise men, also called magi and astrologers, are searching for the child who is destined to be the king of the Jews. Today we know Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, is the child the wise men sought. We know Him, and we worship Him. We read about Him, study Him, and learn more about Him every day. As we read, study, and learn, we also praise, honor, and worship Him. Even though we know Jesus, we still search to learn more about Him.

We also search for ways to share the gospel with others. We look for opportunities to witness of God’s unconditional love for all of us. But society puts so many roadblocks in our way. We can all think of things which prevent us from witnessing to others. Despite these obstacles, we continue to try because we all want to share God’s gospel with those around us.

As we enter the new year of 2011, we all feel the pinch of decreasing membership through aging and death. Our challenge is to find creative ways to witness, both within our own faith community and the community-at-large. This is something every member can do, not just the Pastor or the Elders or the Deacons. Everyone. Tell your friends and neighbors about our church. Brag about the things our church does such as worship, Sunday School (adult and children), Bible study, prayer shawl ministry, hoagie sales, etc. If you have an idea, share it with an Elder, Deacon, or Pastor. Let us work together and search together to build up our church and to support its worship of Jesus Christ and other activities.

May we, like the wise men, worship and adore our Lord and Savior, as we bring Him our spiritual gifts; and may Jesus Christ guide us in seeking ways to witness this Good News to others throughout the year ahead.

Pastor Lynne

Very Important News

Due to Changes in the Postal Service the Witness may be too costly & time consuming for us to continue to mail. We are asking you to consider receiving your newsletters electronically via email or downloading it from our website . Those of you who do not have access to a computer can pick up a copy at church during the week or on any given Sunday. If you wish to receive the Witness electronically send us an email to outreach@delancopc.org with the subject line reading Witness.

Monetary Musing from the Finance/Stewardship Committee

2 Corinthians 5:17 “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, be in a new creation, the old has gone, the new has come.”. (NRV)

A new year is here. Spring training baseball opens in a month and a half. Can you tell I like baseball! Every club, whether they were first or last in their division last year, have great expectations. The Finance committee has great expectations too. We would like to see more church members take part in paying their per capita commitment for 2011.

Last year out of 86 members we had 50 pay. The pledge per member is 38.88. The amount did not go up this year. We would like to offer a suggestion if the total amount in one payment is too large for you. Break up the \$38.88 into manageable increments. Our treasurer/secretary will be able to track each payment you send. We, as a church, are responsible for every member’s per capita whether each member pays it or not. Thank you to all members who made their per capita commitment for the 2010. We need your support for per capita this year.

My daughter and son-in-law’s baseball team is the Washington Nationals. They have great expectations too. They know they won’t be as “Worthless” (as in Jason) this year.

Here we go “by the numbers” for November’s income/expense:

Income: \$5,897.98

Expenses: \$6,128.03

“God loves it when the giver delights in the giving.” Corinthians 9:6 The Message

Rick Trout, Finance/Stewardship Committee

Christmas Pageant Cast & Synopsis

Christmas with an Old Grouch

Henry - Bill Trimble
 Kevin (Grouch’s Grandson) - Dylan Crabtree
 Emily Grouch’s Granddaughter - Julianna Olley
 Sam the Snowman - Nicholas Stillwaggon
 Rachel - Anna Convery
 Pastor - Kaitlyn Trimble
 Sarah (wife of Grouch) - Carol Esposito
 Very Cute Young Girl - Alexi

The grouch is having prechristmas anxiety with all the bills & commercialization associated with the Chirstmas season. His Grand children try to get him to settle down and play a game of monopoly with them. The word “Monopoly” just reminds him of the “selling” of Christmas & it continues his funk. His grandchildren ask him to come with them & Sam to the Christmas Walk around town. He refuses and stays home.

The Pastor shows up with news that a family including children has been displaced due to a fire the previous week. The Pastor asks for Henry to help in fixing up the house before Christmas, since Henry is an accomplished carpenter. Henrys spirits are lifted with the thought of helping others and celebrating the true spirit of Christmas. He agrees & suggests going on The Christmas Walk on the Square to help pick up some supplies and help to rebuild the home.

Henry & his friends not only rebuild the home but the spirits of the family and the community by helping others instead of helping themselves.