

GREETINGS

Winter here in Florida is not the dark, grey time we knew up north. Days are growing longer, sunshine is enjoyable and a walk outdoors is rejuvenating. Spring is a time of renewal, rebirth.

As the earth slowly comes alive again in new growth, we experience a time of meditation and reflection on our life, we call it the season of Lent. Our season of Lent means quiet, a time for looking inward, tending our spiritual life. Our church uses this season as a time of prayer, fasting and offerings. It is a time to revisit the disciplines that guide and direct our life. It is a time to revisit the center of our faith, Jesus Christ, and be guided by his life and ministry among us.

We practice the disciplines of prayer, talking with God, to refocus our life. We look to our source of physical nourishment as well, care for our bodies, care for our world. Who wouldn't benefit from fewer calories in our diet?

We have been richly blessed in our land. We have been entrusted with much. Our hearts overflow with thanksgiving to God for all that we are and have received. Our gratitude brings us to share with others, in our church, in our community, around the world. The outpouring to the ravaged nation of Haiti is our best proof of that. Our thanksgiving is to share.

Ash Wednesday (**February 17, 7pm**) worship begins our Lenten journey. Come join our journey. Walk with Jesus for these 40 days. Walk together with Jesus through the trials of Good Friday and the Cross to the joy and celebration of Easter.

Pastor Stacy

COUNCIL MEETING RECAP FOR DECEMBER

Dec 8, 2009

Annual reports are due on Dec 15th—may be submitted electronically. Census Bureau is asking for space to conduct testing and training for workers during January and February. Simplex Grinnell found deficiencies in sprinkler system at cost of approx. \$602. \$4,500 more needed for insurance payment in Dec. Presentation from Stewardship committee shows we always have a big push but not enough follow through. Committee was commended on their work for the financial well-being of our church.

TREASURER'S REPORT

December 2009

	MONTHLY	YEAR TO DATE
INCOME	\$45,597.53	\$350,114
EXPENSE	\$17315.07	\$316,559
NET	\$28282.46	\$ 33,555

WITHIN THE FOLD

BAPTISMS

Alyssa Dawn Dahlke	01/31/10
Rachel Lynn Dahlke	01/31/10

NEW MEMBERS

Jaye Dahlke	01/31/10
Henry Hendel	01/31/10
Dennis Pogue	01/31/10

ALTAR GUILD

Julie Yennerell and Sheila Rogers

GREETERS

02/07 Joyce Lindig & Joan Ruchti
02/14 Joyce Lindig & Edythe Hewitt
02/21 Bob & Doris Bollenbach
02/28 Bob & Doris Bollenbach

USHERS

02/07 Ralph McDonald, Charles Richardson,
Marguerite Kull, Janice Crum

02/14 Ralph McDonald, Charles Richardson,
Marguerite Kull, Frances Vandivier

02/21 Ralph McDonald, Doug Patterson,
Marguerite Kull, Janice Crum

02/28 Ralph McDonald, Charles Richardson,
Marguerite Kull, Frances Vandivier

ACOLYTES

02/07 Nolan Jerriey & Zachary Welch

02/14 Emma & Abby Sokhanvari

02/21 Natalie Peters & Samuel Ballenger

02/28 Lea & Katie Harvey

READERS

02/07 Lynn Beck

02/14 Lynn Beck

02/21 Linda Patterson

02/28 Linda Patterson

DRIVERS SCHEDULE

02/07 Will Rogers

02/14 Tom Hansen

02/21 Damon Shelor

02/28 Richard Peters

LAWN MOWING AND TRIMMING

The lawn will be mowed about every 10 days through the Spring. We will need folks to come and bring weed-eaters to do trimming, etc. Call the office when you are able to help—369-6177.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday *and God's Blessing to:*

Gary DeVore 02/01

Mickie Shaw 02/05

Vicki Hawkins 02/06

Rosemary Hensley	02/08
Anthony Hoss	02/08
John Hoss	02/08
Michele Smith	02/10
Diane Shelor	02/11
Nicholas Hoss	02/11
Charles Emery	02/12
Artelle Gordon	02/13
Ellen Motter	02/13
Laura Barney	02/13
James (J. J.) Brooks	02/14
Doris Brown	02/15
Ed Welk	02/16
Michael Shaw	02/17
Daniel Bawor	02/17
Jonathon Poidevin	02/20
Verling Krissinger	02/23
Lindsay Rogers	02/23
Denise DiFelice	02/25
James Fait	02/27
John Duff	02/29

Happy Anniversary *and* God's Blessing to:

Charles & Ruth Richardson	02/26
William & Diane Bernatz	02/08
John & Brenda Short	02/14
Lawrence & Frances Vandivier	02/17
Edwin & Betty Kelley	02/23

The Lord bless you and keep you.....Num. 6:24