



Middletown Press

December 2009

Coming Events:

- Advent Workshop and supper on 11/29 at 4:30 – 6:30 PM
- Women's Advent Communion Breakfast on 12/5 at 9 AM in Martin Chapel
- Matt Miazga's band, "4th Man Furnace" playing a "Christmas Rocks! Concert" 12/9 at Widener Alumni Auditorium at 7 PM
- Cookie Walk on 12/12 in Martin Chapel beginning at 9:00 AM
- Children's Christmas Party on 12/12 at 11:00 – 12:30 PM
- PrimeTime Plus Christmas Party on 12/14 at noon.
- Pizza and Caroling on 12/16 at 6:00 – 7:30
- Christmas Pageant and Worship on 12/20 at 10:30 AM. Reception at 9:45 AM.
- Christmas Eve 12/24 6:00 PM family worship 8:30 Candlelight Service
- Christmas Day family service at 10 AM

4th Annual Cookie Walk



The 4th Annual Cookie Walk will be December 12 in the Chapel from 9:00 AM to noon or until the cookies are gone. We need bakers to make 10 dozen cookies or more to be delivered to the Chapel by 4:00 PM Friday, December 11. Profits go to help provide Children Ministries programs. All contributions are greatly appreciated.

May you have a blessed holiday.
Bob and Carol Curtis

Legacy Team Update

The Legacy Team is moving along! The Architect has started on the construction drawings and hopes to have them to the Mechanical Engineer the week of Nov 9th. We are also contacting the alarm company and groups who utilize the facility about the construction.

The offices temporarily will be relocated to the Education Wing. We will build temporary walls for this purpose and if anyone is interested in helping move the offices to the Education Wing please contact JoAnne Gallagher or any of the team members. As soon as we have a date for the

move there will be an announcement in the bulletin.

Please pray for us as we endeavor to do Gods will.

Advent Workshop

The Advent Workshop is for the whole family on Sunday, November 29 from 4:30–6:30 PM. You can make an Advent wreath and the children can decorate gingerbread stables.

This year November 29 marks the beginning of Advent. Advent is the time the church prepares for the coming of the Christ child. During the worship services a church family lights the Advent Wreath and you can carry on the tradition at home by making your own wreath at the Advent workshop. Please bring fresh greens in the morning to help make your special wreath.

Come make an Advent wreath and a gingerbread stable and enjoy a light dinner. The Advent Workshop is a tradition for many to start the Christmas season.

Christmas Worship Services

Christmas Eve

6:00 PM Family service with the Celebration Band

8:30 PM Traditional Service with chancel choir and brass ensemble

Christmas Day

10:00 AM Informal family service

Scriptures and Sermons

November 29 - 1st Sunday of Advent, Readings and Christmas Hymns with special music from a Brass Ensemble, *Be on Guard!* Luke 21:25-36.

December 6 - 2nd Sunday of Advent, celebration of the Lord's Supper, *A Mighty Savior*, Luke 1:68-79.

December 13 - 3rd Sunday of Advent. The Chancel Choir gives the gift of a Cantata, *Good News and Bad News*, Luke 3:7-18.

December 20 - 4th Sunday of Advent. Our children lead us in worship with a Children's Christmas Pageant, *You Can't Cancel Christmas*

December 24 - Christmas Eve.

- 6:00 Family Service with the Praise Team, *The Candy Maker's Christmas*.
- 8:30 Candlelight Service with Instrument Ensemble, *The Zeal of the Lord*, Isaiah 9:2-7.

December 27 - 1st Sunday after Christmas, *Good News From North Haven*.

Communion Breakfast

What is the best Christmas gift you've ever received? Was it one that you asked for? Perhaps one that was a complete surprise? Something that you didn't even know you wanted until you saw it? Centuries ago people were waiting for a different kind of a gift and the wait had been so long. It was the ultimate Christmas gift that would say to each and every person: You matter!

The women of Middletown Presbyterian Church are invited to attend an Advent Breakfast with Communion as a part of our preparing for the holidays. We will gather in Martin Chapel, on **December 5** at 9:00 to 11:00 AM. Tickets are \$7 per person.

Our speaker will be **Susan Ward** who will present, *The Ultimate Christmas Gift: You Matter*. A native of Kansas City, Missouri, Susan, has lived on the east coast for more than a decade. Susan began her speaking career early in life as a high school and collegiate debater. Susan has a doctorate in communication studies and is a college professor. She began the ministry, Defiant Joy Ministries several years ago to act as a stable reference point that continually directs people toward the cross and

to proclaim that God has called each one of us to live life with a joy that defies, not denies, any undesirable circumstance we find ourselves in on a daily basis.

Please let the church office know by December 3 if you are planning to attend.

Children's Christmas Party

A Christmas party for all children, whether they are in the pageant or not, will be held **December 12** from 11 AM until 12:30 PM. Lunch and a birthday cake for Jesus will be provided. . Adults and youth who can assist with the Christmas Pageant in any way are welcome to join the fun.



PrimeTimePlus

This month at noon on **December 14** we will have our Christmas Party with entertainment by the Riddle Village Women's chorus followed by a sing-a-long of favorite Christmas music. Join us in Martin Chapel to sing in the season!

Dinner & Caroling on Wed, Dec 16

Bring your cookies to share and voice to sing carols to our homebound members. After a pizza supper, our children, youth and adults will head out in groups to sing to those of our church family unable to leave their homes.



Everyone is invited to join us at 6:00 PM for pizza. We will return to the church by 7:30 PM.

Make A Child Happy this Christmas

Presbyterian Children's Village is looking for gifts for their children. They must be new and some suggestions include: clothing (large sizes), art supplies, board games, handheld games, dolls (all races), photo albums, legos and puzzles. Drop off the gifts in the Narthex in unwrapped boxes by December 13. If you'd rather donate gift cards or money for the elves to go shopping just give it to Tim or Misti Love in an envelope marked for the Village. If you would like to wrap be at the church on December 15 at 8:30 AM.

Christmas Pageant

You Can't Cancel Christmas is our Christmas Pageant to be presented on Sunday, **December 20** during the 11:00 worship service. Through their participation, we believe that children will discover their performance is a gift to God and to the congregation. If your child is not already signed up contact Chriss Benson or JoAnne Gallagher as soon as possible.

Sunday practices are from 9:30 AM to 10:00 AM. This will enable the children to have Sunday School, followed by practice for 30 minutes. Practices are scheduled for Sundays November 15, 22, December 6 and 13. Saturday practice will be from 9 until 11 AM, December 12 and 19. Attendance at pageant practice is very important. Please make every effort to have your child at practice.

Session Notes

The Session met on Tuesday, November 17.

- The reading of our 2008 Session minutes by Presbytery took place and they were approved without exceptions. Also, Presbytery read our register and approved with exceptions.
- Examination of new member Sam Devonshire took place. Sam will be welcomed November 22.
- Session approved communion to be served on November 18 at Lima estates, December 5 at the Advent Breakfast and December 16 at Granite Farms in addition to our regularly scheduled communion Sunday December 6 MPC.
- On November 29 The Mansfield Brass will perform during our service and we will have selected readings by our session members.
- Pastor John has resigned from the Committee on Ministry for the Philadelphia Presbytery. He will serve the Presbytery in another area.
- Pastor John's housing allowance for 2010 was approved for \$10,300.00. Youth director Matt Miazga's salary was approved at \$1,800.00 per month.
- Session approved the removal of members previously placed on the inactive list and

who have had no contact with MPC. The membership team will also be sending out letters to others we have not seen and heard from in some time. This letter is to determine their intent and to update our membership records.

- Nominating Team gave an update on the current slate of officers and they requested recommendations for people to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee.
- Session received the Church Mission Study 2009 for their first reading.
- A review of all current leases will be performed in 2010.
- Our next stated meeting of session will be December 15 at 7:30, proceeded with prayer time at 7:00.

Financial Commitment for 2010

We understand the uncertainties of our current economy may make projecting your future income difficult. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge for 2010 if you have not done so. They will help us develop a realistic budget for 2010.

Giving envelopes for 2010 will be in the back of the sanctuary in December. Please pick up yours as we do not mail them out unless there is a specific request.

If you are picking up envelopes for another member please notify the office as to whose envelopes you are taking.



Opportunities to Serve

- December 10 through the 17 -- Packing Food Boxes & Sorting Toys from 9:30AM to 11:30AM & 1PM to 3PM each day at CityTeam.
- December 10 & December 16 -- Sorting Toys from 6PM to 8PM at CityTeam
- December 19 -- Deliver Meals with Turkeys and/or Toys- meet at 8:30AM at MPC and then arrive at CityTeam by 9AM with our vehicles.

The Adventures of Michael Washington Continues

Dear Friends,

It was a week and a half before Christmas and I was in a hurry. I had to be at the church in 20 minutes, but I wanted to stop by The Orange Tree and purchase some special gifts for Mollie's stocking before the stock got so low that there would be nothing left. I found a parking spot around the corner on Barrett Avenue and walked briskly to my destination where I was greeted by the wonderful aroma that marked the shop and always prepared me for a unique shopping experience where I would find something new and different and uniquely perfect for whomever I was shopping.

Amber Peterson greeted me from her customary stool behind the antique walnut counter where she was wrapping a gift for Laura Hildebrand. I asked Laura if she was ready for Christmas to which she responded with sarcastic laughter and then I exclaimed to Amber, "I love the smell of this place! Do you have any special new items?" She teased, "Now Mike, I don't want to ruin your fun. You're going to have to look around and discover that for yourself." And that is just what I began to do.

Amber and Ty Peterson had arrived in Wilman Valley twenty years ago. Ty had completed a Ph.D. at Cal Poly in engineering and had been recruited by a large eastern chemical company. Amber, who had never been east of the Rocky Mountains couldn't understand why he just didn't take a job with a company in California, but Ty was a bit of an adventurer and off they went with their Plymouth Volare station wagon packed to overflowing. Amber has adapted very well, but she still can't shake her California roots. When her wealthy great aunt died, Amber inherited a sock of money. After tithing from her inheritance and giving some additional money to seed the beginning of a Stephen ministry at our church, she fulfilled a lifelong dream by purchasing an old rundown Victorian house on the Wilman Pike in the center of town. In a period of three months, the place was transformed into The Orange Tree, a combination gift shop, tea room and antique furniture store with a limited selection of Christian books which added a perfect touch.

The tea room in the back was Amber's little tribute to her home state and included a live orange tree, carefully tended, which fascinated the children who had never seen such a thing. There was always the aroma of fresh baked scone and everything was self-service....you poured your own hot drink or punch, warmed your scone in the toaster oven or microwave and paid whatever you thought it was worth by placing your contribution in the antique money box. Only in Wilman Valley! I was kicking myself for not allowing more time because I love to sit and talk with folks in that special little room. I found a bonanza of gifts as I walked throughout the house. For Mollie's printer's drawer, I selected a miniature black pot filled with holly and a tiny Flexible Flyer sled with a little, velvet ribbon attached to it. The sled was probably more for me than for her, but she would love it anyway. Then I picked out a wood cutout of the Wilman Valley Lutheran Church where our friend, Al Schmidt, was pastor. Amber carried a full line of all the commercial brand cutouts, but she and Ty had also created some that featured Wilman Valley landmarks. Mollie had begun collecting them and we had them scattered over doorways and in bookcases throughout our home, each one arousing special memories for all of us. From the bookshelves behind Amber's counter, I selected a gift copy of Robert Munger's *My Heart, Christ's Home*, one of my favorites. I had given one to each of the boys when they were younger and now it was Elisha's turn to get one in her stocking. Amber boxed each of the items, begging me to let her wrap them, but I was in too much of a hurry and trotted off with a tasty scone in my mouth and a garbled, "Merry Christmas."

When I arrived at the church, the parking lot was full of kids and parents who had arrived for our weekly Break For Kids. Kathy Zimmerman, who was also our church custodian, was the leader for this program and I was part of her team. Break was for kids in kindergarten through fifth grade. We met once a week from four to five-thirty for a special time, just for them....not to mention a welcome break for their moms! We would have various games, a music time, a short devotional and conclude with some of the most creative craft projects I had ever seen. I was responsible for games for the older

kids, the most competitive of which was floor hockey which we played in the parking lot in good weather and in Fellowship Hall in the cold months. We had a gang of junior and senior high kids who helped as leaders each week and they received valuable training as they led devotional times, developed relationships and provided supervision. The little kids looked up to them and it was encouraging to see them develop their gifts through this simple ministry.

Today was a special Break day because we were going on a field trip to George Kirk's tree farm to pick out and cut down the Christmas tree for the church sanctuary. The tree would be decorated on Saturday, just before the Fourth Sunday of Advent and the annual Christmas Nativity Pageant. Kathy assigned the kids to various cars which were all lined up behind Rich Schultz's flat bed truck. The Schultz family, for several generations, had a monopoly on the trash collection operation in Wilman Valley. Since this was a township service, no one could figure out why the Schultz family always ran it, but that was the way it was....they were probably the only ones who wanted to do it....and, of course, every one of the male members of the family was called "Schultzie" and everyone hauled trash. They were Lutherans, but Rich had married Kim Trotter, so he had become a Presbyterian....and we always had a truck to haul our tree! Kathy was sure to fill my car with the older kids because they always had the special job of going off with me to pick out a tree for the Washington family.

George Kirk's Christmas Tree Farm was usually open only on the weekends, but he made a special exception for our Break group each year and, when we arrived, we could smell that he had hot chocolate boiling in kettles with fresh Christmas cookies on the side. He promised the kids that, after they cut down the tree, this would be their reward. It was an unusually warm December and this day was no exception, but the kids still looked forward to this special treat. While Kathy and the other leaders took the kids over to the large tree part of the farm, I wandered off with my gang of older kids to pick out a seven footer for the Washington family. We used to do this as a family, but, over time, the thrill was gone for Molli and the kids. They wanted a fresh cut tree, but they didn't want to

walk all over the Kirk farm looking for a perfect tree. They would say, "We trust you, Dad. Pick out a good one and we'll decorate it." So I found a way to get help from my little Break buddies and they were very serious about their work. We were all over that farm for about a half hour until we finally settled on the perfect tree. Each kid took a turn with the tree saw and then we loaded it on one of George's little wagons and the kids pulled it back to the barn where it was run through the binding machine and loaded next to the 14 foot tree on Schultzie's truck.

The kids were at the height of Christmas anticipation as we returned to the church. All of them had parts in the annual pageant that would take place at 4:00 on Sunday afternoon and the excitement of picking out the tree for the church and helping to chop it down was making them aware of how close the big day was. As they were picked up by their parents, we told them to get their sleep so they would be ready to go for the big show on Sunday.

The Annual Christmas Nativity Pageant was a big deal at Wilman Valley Presbyterian Church. The script hadn't changed for years and there were adults in the congregation who had once played the part of the little angels, the Wise Men, the shepherds or a host of barnyard animals....and, they still remembered their lines! Millie Stoltz had been helping with the pageant for as long as anyone could remember. She let a couple of the young parents direct the overall pageant and design the stage layout, but the angels were under her direction. The angel parts were always filled by the youngest children and they were famous for their starched white wings. All of our kids were once angels and I knew that Millie demanded each year that the mothers prepare the wings at home and dress the angels at home. The older kids could put their costumes on at the church. The stores in town knew that they better stock extra cans of spray starch each December. I don't know how these wings worked (I stayed out of it), but Millie gave typed instructions to each mother and the starch made those babies stand straight up like they were growing right out of the kids' backs.

Sunday finally arrived and the Sunday School teachers had their hands full as the children, looking ahead to the pageant later that afternoon, weren't about to focus on the lesson that had

been prepared. After the worship service, everyone was encouraged to arrive early so they could get a seat and we departed under cloudy skies. There had been a few pageants in the past when it had snowed. Millie had panicked, fearing that the angels' wings would collapse when wet, but the snow did little damage and the show went on....it was so warm this December, however, that we didn't even have to worry about a snowstorm, no matter how cloudy it was.

But we did have to worry about a rainstorm! It was Millie Stoltz's worst nightmare and it hit just as people were arriving for the pageant. A few of the Trustees greeted me with sheepish expressions on their faces because I had been encouraging them for several years to add a canopied walkway from the parking lot to the church building to protect people on days just like this. The rain was pouring and the wind was blowing. There would be no white Christmas this year. As the little angels ran from their cars, through puddles and driving rain, those starched wings wilted faster than impatiens in a heavy frost. But Millie was a trooper. She met those kids at the door, put her arms around them and assured them that folks would still know they were angels by the halos on their heads.

The pageant began in a packed sanctuary accented with the aroma of wet wool as we sang a Christmas hymn. Hank Heffernan, a retired pastor, who, along with his wife Darlene, was a special part of our church family, stood at the lectern and began to read the Christmas narrative from Luke, chapter 2. The children were packed onto the risers in the chancel, disguised in their various costumes....bleating sheep, mooing cows, six wise men (the number of boys in the fifth grade each year...it was rarely the traditional three), Joseph, Mary, a live baby Jesus (actually a 3 month old Rachel King) and, of course, the shepherds kneeling before a host of bedraggled angels on the top riser. Hank would read and then pause as the kids would utter a line or sing a song together.

And then it happened. Each year, one of the little angels was picked to recite a rather long line. It required a good memory and exceptional courage for a five year old. This year, little Cheryl Walters, with her curly hair, big eyes, precocious memory and slight speech impediment had been chosen. She took a step

out from the other angels, looked down at the shepherds and proclaimed, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all of you people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lawgiver. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

It was cute and that was supposed to be the end of it for the angel, but she suddenly found herself entranced by the incarnation. She looked at all of us and she said, "And that is what happened." Then she stepped down to the riser where the baby was lying and she looked down at little Rachel who was cooing (really!) in the manger and, with those big eyes bulging in awe, she said to us, "And this is what Christmas is all about. Mrs. Stoltz towed us and my Mommy and Daddy towed me before I went to bed last night. The baby Jesus is the greatest Christmas present of all. And don't you forget it!" She stood there and stared at us, almost as if she was reprimanding us, and then she looked down at the baby and gently blew a kiss, turned around, exposing her wilted wings, and returned to join the heavenly host.

Hank completed the narrative and then we all stood and joined the children in singing Silent Night, but it was really over when the angel had said her piece. No one will ever forget that moment when a five year old, with an air of heavenly authority and childlike awe, reminded us, rather sternly, of what Christmas is all about.

May you and your family enjoy the Gift this Christmas season.

(To be continued)

John

Thanks

A SUPER thanks and special blessing to all those in our church family who came out to share their time and energy at the Penncrest Craft Show! We had a great location to greet the folks who came to shop. Thanks to all who came and helped show the community who we are---- cheerful, positive and confident as we "Live in the Light" of God's love. We're so thankful for all of you!

Bulletin Board

Hey Knitters

Summer's over, Fall and Winter are upon us. Cool weather reminds us that a warm shawl can be comfy and wrap you in prayer. Many people are in need of this ministry. We have lots of yarn and needles and can show you how to make these wonderful mantels of love. So, please consider joining us in this endeavor. If you know of someone who needs a shawl you can get. Contact Janet Gemsheim or Linda Fox with questions.

"Knit Night" has moved to the 2nd and 4th THURSDAY evenings (in the Library) and welcomes ALL kinds of handworkers---crochet, needlepoint, embroidery---anything that you're working on and would like to share . Need transportation? Give the office a call.

Support Our Youth!

Support Our Youth!!!! Please make sure to check out our pizza and cookie dough fundraiser with a middle or high schooler. Joe Corbi's pizza and cookie dough orders MUST be picked up on Wed. 12/9 at the church library from 11AM - 1 PM and 4-7 PM. They must be picked up on Wednesday because they are perishable and there is no room to store them at the church. Thank you for supporting the youth!!!

The "Tech" Committee needs YOU!!!

Whether you know anything about modern technology or not, we invite you to take a turn running the DVR recorder on Sunday AM. New and very simple directions are available (and posted) inside the cabinet in the balcony, and, if you are willing to give it a try, we will provide a guided lesson---be not afraid. PLEASE consider taking an occasional rotation in this ministry!

No Aid for Friends in December

The next cook-in for Aid for Friends will be January 10 at 2:00 PM in Fellowship Hall.

.Adventurous Wednesdays

Adventurous Wednesdays will not meet December 23 or 30. We'll resume on January 7.

Change for Christ

April and Bill Reeser were unable to take their books to Thailand. To help them start their lending library we are collecting spare change to help pay postage and shipping costs for books to be sent to April and Bill. Overseas rates are very high. Anything you can give is greatly appreciated. The collection container will be in the narthex. God bless you.

Turkey Bowl

Sunday, November 29 at 1:00 PM

Join us at the Indian Lane field as the adults challenge the youth in the fourth annual Thanksgiving football game

Cookie Walk

The 4th annual Cookie Walk will take place in Martin Chapel on Saturday, December 12 from 9:00 AM to noon or until the last cookie is sold.



People will walk around tables of homemade cookies and for \$10.00, fill a box with whatever kind of cookies they like. A gift table will offer fudge, jams, breads and other holiday goodies.

Come join the fun and tell your friends and neighbors to come and buy their holiday treats.

Adopting a Child

Anyone adopting a child for CityTeam should have received their family by now. If you have not, please contact Tim Love. All gifts must be dropped off properly marked by December 9 in the library.

2010 Flower Requests

You can make your requests to put flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or memory of loved ones for 2010. We allow only 2 arrangements per Sunday, so if there are too many requests for a particular Sunday, you may get a call to change to a different Sunday. The cost for flowers is \$30 per arrangement, and you can either take them home with you, or have them delivered to one of our members.

Joys and Concerns

God's people



Rylie Burke as she recovers from surgery.
Tracy, friend of Cindy Boyer. Please pray for strength and comfort as she deals with chemotherapy and pain from bone metastasis.
A church member with cancer.

Bill Kirk as he goes through rehabilitation from hip replacement surgery;

Bill Wheeler-Young for relief from back pain.

Kit Dimeler, Scott's mother as she recuperates.

Britton Fink Morin with complications in her 9th month of pregnancy.

Janet Gemsheim as she recovers from surgery for a broken wrist.

Linda Lomas recovering from a dislocated kneecap

January Means Souper Bowl

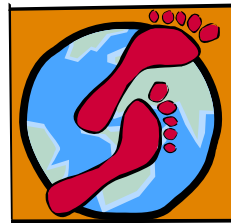
For Middletown Presbyterian Church every January is a time to bring in food to help stock local food closets—to reach out and help to care for those of our local community who are in need. So get ready to clip coupons, seek out the best prices and may the challenge be met. Last year we brought in almost 7,000 food items.

We will have 5 weeks for collecting food in the narthex, beginning January 3 through 31. Join us in this fun and exciting effort to make a difference in eliminating hunger in our local community.

Youth Events

- Serve at the Women's Advent Breakfast at 8:30AM in Martin Chapel to earn credits for trips
- Matt Miazga's band, "4th Man Furnace" playing a "Christmas Rocks! Concert" 12/9 at Widener Alumni Auditorium meet at church at 6:30 PM
- Christmas Party on December 20

The Glory Runners!



Bill and April Reeser in Thailand!

We are trying to get a youth group up and going here in Hua Hin, Thailand. The Wimble boys, Bill and I have met and have many

ideas on how to reach the youth of Hua Hin.

Bill and I decided to buy a Ping Pong table to use under the carport (it is not like we have a car or anything). The table is actually in two pieces so we can use it as two tables for events at our house. Such as, this past Sunday the Asian Summit was being held in Hua Hin, and we were unable to have our church service at the Hilton as we usually do. Okay, so the question was where can we have church – we were only given one week's notice. Did someone say "How about the Reeser's house?" We decided we could probably fit the average number of people in our house for church. Then someone suggested we have lunch afterward. Our new ping pong table and the chairs that we bought for the church service worked wonderfully for the luncheon after church. There was lots of fellowship as people ate and got to know each other better after the service. What a blessing.

Please pray for:

- God's strength and wisdom in reaching the lost for Jesus Christ.
- God's help in learning the Thai language as we start up language classes again in November.
- Good health for the King of Thailand and for stability within the Thai government.
- Prayer for the growth of the Women's Bible Study and the Youth Group

Love and Blessings,
Bill & April

To see pictures of Thailand, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania, go on FaceBook at www.facebook.com and search for "Bill Reeser" and take a look at our photo albums.

To follow our adventures on a weekly basis go to: www.hisgloryrunners.blogspot.com

Our Address is:

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Nominations

The Nominating Committee is working on a slate of officers for the 2010 class of Elders and Deacons and auditors and a list of potential members of the Pastor Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee is seeking input from the Congregation regarding the composition of the Pastoral Nominating Committee. We are thoughtfully considering those of us who would be best suited for this team. If you have someone that you would like the committee to consider, please submit your nomination to the church office.

I would like to nominate a candidate for the Pastoral Nominating Committee:

Name of nominee to be considered: _____

Submitted by: _____

2009 POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

(Please Print)

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

Number of plants you wish to purchase: _____ @ \$7.50/each

Total cost \$ _____

DEDICATION TO BE IN THE BULLETIN SHOULD READ:

Dedicated in loving **memory** of: _____

OR

In **honor** of: _____

From: _____


DEADLINE FOR ORDERS: Wednesday, December 9, 2009

Flowers may be taken after the Christmas Service.



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6 Communion Sunday 9:00 AM Sunday School for all ages 9:30 AM Pageant Practice 10:00 AM Coffee Break & Fellowship 10:30 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM No Youth Group	7 3:25 PM Kidz Good News Club 8:00 PM NA Group	8 9:30 AM Quilting 9:30 AM Tuesday Exercise 7:30 PM Children's Ministry Team 7:30 PM Delco Cruiser's Car Club 7:30 PM Youth Ministry Team 8:00 PM NA Group	9 Deadline to order Poinsettia's 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 4:45 PM Adventure Club 6:00 PM Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM Matt's band at Widener 7:30 PM Adult Ministry Team 7:30 PM Upward Coaches	10 4:30 PM Trevose Group 7:00 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Practice 7:30 PM Knitting Night 8:00 PM NA Group	11 Poinsettias Delivery 9:30 AM Friday Exercise 7:30 PM Seeing Eye Puppy Club 7:30 PM Standish Small Group 8:00 PM NA Group	12 9:00 AM Annual Cookie Walk 9:00 AM Pageant Practice 11:00 AM Children's Christmas Party
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