



OUR MISSION:

KNOW CHRIST! GROW!

SPREAD HIS LOVE!



- Forrest Mapp 2/1
- Hal Ferguson 2/1
- Zachary Ross 2/8
- Katherine Hooper 2/12
- Eddie Mapp 2/12
- Anthony Helt 2/15
- Mackay Greenlaw-Scully 2/18
- Rebecca Schropshier 2/20
- Ruth Dell 'Orefice 2/21
- Al Harris 2/20
- Jesse Keenan 2/22
- Bonnie Wood 2/27

Do we have your birthday? Call the office to be included.



BAPTIZED IN JANUARY

- Isabella Sophia Babe 1/5/2014
- Miles William Beatty 1/12/2014



Souper Bowl Sundays

Remember during the months of January & February we will be collecting canned soup. Just bring in a can or two of soup and drop in the large Campbell's Soup Can in the front hallway. These will be collected and sent to Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry in Prospect Park.



FOOD CERTIFICATES – Every Sunday morning we have food certificates on sale by the front door. Use them for your weekly shopping. Acme and Giant. The office also has some for sale during the week. Remember that we make \$5.00 for every \$100.00 we sell. Everyone has to shop. Why not use certificates!

JOIN IN:

GOOD WORKS CIRCLE – TUESDAY,
FEBRUARY 11TH 12:00 NOON

HOPE CIRCLE – TUESDAY, FEBRUARY
25TH 7:30 PM SEE BARB SAPORETTI
FOR ADDRESS AND MORE INFO.

ADULT DINNER AT ST. MARK – FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 7TH 6:00PM – SEE SIGN-UP
IN FRONT HALLWAY.

SENIOR SOCIAL GROUP –AT HOLY
SPIRIT FEBRUARY 20TH 12:00 NOON

BIBLE STUDY – EVERY FRIDAY 12:00
NOON - FRONT MEETING ROOM



Thank you to everyone who donated Christmas presents to the Community Action Agency of Delaware County. Bill and I delivered an SUV full of presents to the agency on Friday, December 13th.

From the profits of our Pumpkin Patch, we took \$150 for Adopt a Soldier Campaign. Bill and I shopped with \$100 to buy snacks, candy and powder drinks and gave the remaining \$50 to help with the postage to send all the donations. We collected enough “goodies” from Holy Spirit for the soldiers to fill 300 bags. There is a thank you from them on the hall bulletin board and a sample of the note that was put inside each bag.

Also, there is a Thank You card from the Harrison Family hanging in the front hallway. Bill and I dropped off the donations that were collected. Patti cried when she received the donations.

I can't explain the feeling that Bill and I get every year when we take the Christmas presents to the CAADC. And this year we felt so much joy helping to send smiles to our soldiers and to help a very needy family.

I am blessed to know so many thoughtful, generous and compassionate people. Thank you all for your very generous donations and for all your help this past year.

Cyndi Kline

Would you like to attend the one day Women's Retreat at the Philadelphia Lutheran Seminary? The theme this year is **THE THREAD THAT BINDS: 150 YEARS OF WOMEN IN MINISTRY**. This is the 8th annual **Rest, Refreshment, and Renewal Women's Day on Saturday, April 12th 9:00am – 4:00pm**. \$45.00 registration includes refreshments and lunch. **All women are invited**. There will be panel discussions comprised of women from various faiths who are doing something distinctive and dynamic in their ministries. (Bishop Claire Burkat will be among them) discussion groups, craft project & worship.

SIMPLY GIVING – Why not take advantage of our electronic giving for weekly or monthly offering? It is fast, easy and you don't have to run around on Sunday morning looking for your envelope, writing a check or getting together your cash. Many people have found this to be a blessing, especially if you are away or bad weather keeps you away. Your offering still gets here! Call the office for more info or to enroll.

STATE OF THE CHURCH ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – FEBRUARY 23, 2014 AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE. As members of Holy Spirit you are encouraged to attend this important event. See what has been going on at Holy Spirit and what is in store for 2014! Take an interest! Lunch will be provided. See you all there!

THE CANCELLED CHECKS

Following the death of their father, the three sons gathered to begin the work of dividing the few possessions he had left them. The oldest brother wanted the watch. It wasn't an expensive watch, but he remembered its ticking when he sat on his Father's lap as a child. The middle son asked for his father's wedding ring. A simple band of gold that reminded him of a promise both his mother and dad had made long ago and so successfully kept.

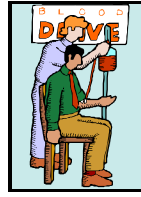
The youngest son, after some thought, decided that all he wanted was the box of cancelled checks. Without a doubt the older brothers questioned the wisdom of their younger sibling. The checks were worthless and probably belonged in the trash. "Why?" they asked, "did he want the box." He replied, "that box contains much of the story of Dad's life." Each check is a record of his hopes and dreams, values and priorities, purchases and expenses. Each check is an autobiography that bears his signature. Each small piece of paper tells a small story of how he spent his life.

Big ones for the mortgage, a sign of hope in tomorrow. With each check it brought him closer to his owning his dream. A car payment here and one for food there, they all talked about his life. Then there are his checks to the church. Those spoke volumes about how important God's love was in his life. Week after week his faithfulness was told one check after the other. Even when the balance in the account was nearing zero the amount was the same. It never faltered and never wavered and just like clockwork the checks were written. You know we don't write checks for anything small. They are reserved for our larger commitments. So it was with Dad.

I would invite you to examine your checkbook, review your priorities, examine your faith.

How deep is your commitment to Christ? His church? The answer may be in your cancelled checks.

The Stewardship Committee



BLOOD DRIVE – Monday, February 24th
in the Social Hall 2:00 – 7:00pm



ALTAR FLOWERS AND BULLETIN COVERS -

Every Sunday we see beautiful flowers behind the altar and beautiful covers on our bulletins. Where do they come from?? There are two vases of flowers almost every Sunday of the year. There is a dedication sign-up for you in the front hallway. About one month prior to the date you will be sent a dedication form. You may dedicate the flowers to anyone as a memory or honor. After the service the flowers are given to the ill, homebound, new members or visitors. If you would like the flowers for yourself, please let the usher know before the service. One vase is \$14.00.

Also the lovely bulletin covers are dedicated every Sunday in honor or memory. They cost \$7.00. A dedication form is next to the altar flower chart in the front hallway.

Your dedications are listed inside the front of the bulletin every Sunday.

TEXT MESSAGES FROM GOD



*Let's meet at my house Sunday before the game!
That "Love Thy Neighbor" thing ...I meant it.
C'mon over and bring the kids.
Do you have any idea where you're going?
We need to talk.*

