

### I NEED . . .

The Rev. Dr. Bernie Zerkel lives with his wife Marjorie in Westminster, Maryland. Many years ago, Bernie was the area conference minister in the Shenandoah Association of the Central Atlantic Conference of the United Church of Christ. Back then, Bernie knew me as a farmer in the valley of Virginia who was trying to discern God's call in his life. Back then, Bernie was a very important part of my life. It seems whenever I reached a point in my life where I needed words of wisdom, he was always able to separate the issues, interject invaluable insight, and help me come to some conclusion or resolution. Over the years, as distance and time have separated us, I have come to cherish our friendship, and I feel my ministry has been blessed tenfold because of him.

The last time I visited with Bernie in his home we had a pleasant conversation, and as our time together came to an end, he asked me these questions: "What is it you need in order that your ministry might continue to grow? What are the things in your life that you need to address that may be hindering the growth of your ministry?"

In order to get at the heart of the question, he encouraged me to finish the sentence, "I need . . ." As I thought about this sentence then, and as I continue to think about it today, I have discovered/uncovered some of the things I need. For instance, I need to be more deliberate in my prayer life. I need to be more intentional in connecting with God as a person who has spiritual needs of his own. If I am to be your spiritual leader, I need to tend to my spiritual welfare as well as assisting you with yours.

I need to do a better job taking care of my physical health. I carry too much weight; I am a diabetic; I do not eat right, and so on and so on. If I want my ministry to have longevity, I need to take care of myself.



## January 2012 For Members and Friends of St. Paul's UCC Fleetwood

You get the general idea. As I have thought about these words, I have found it very beneficial in helping me to focus on the content, goals, and direction of my ministry.

As we enter into this New Year, I encourage you to consider the same question as it pertains to your life. What do you need to do in order that your life might have more meaning and purpose for the coming year? What do you need to do in order that you might be more complete and whole as a person? Perhaps your area of focus will be on relationships: a spouse, a child, a sibling, a parent, a friend or a neighbor. Perhaps you too have health problems that need to be addressed. Maybe you need to come to terms with your present place of employment. Whatever it might be, I encourage you to ask yourself "What is it that I need in order to become a more complete person in 2012?"

I hope one of your needs is this church community. I feel as though we have grown together as a community of faith. I hope you have found and continue to find the nurture of a loving Christian community here. If you are not connected, perhaps you need to reconnect yourself to this community of faith. If there is something that I can do as your pastor to help you reconnect, please let me know.

My prayer for you is for a safe, healthy and prosperous New Year.

God's Blessings,  
Pastor Pat

### Our Worship Together

**January 1:** Installation of 2012 Consistory at both services and Holy Communion.

**January 8:** Epiphany Sunday

**January 15:** New Members Sunday, both services.

**January 22:** Gospel lesson, Mark 1:14-20

**January 29:** Gospel lesson, Mark 1:21-28



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1/1	Craig Olinger	1/17	Taylor Smith
1/3	James Barnett	1/18	John Leibelsperger
1/3	Carol Levan	1/18	Tyler Wolf
1/3	Allyson Stern	1/18	Jessica Wolf
1/3	Elizabeth Schoellkopf	1/18	Luke Voyer
1/3	Ashley Beidler	1/19	Janice Kintz
1/3	Ashley Knarr	1/19	Bruce Rader
1/3	Matthew Williams	1/19	Gregory Wink
1/3	Chase Miller	1/19	April Dancy
1/4	Melissa Schuler	1/20	Henry Peters
1/4	Hannah Hetrick	1/20	Pamela Miller
1/4	Casey Krueger	1/20	Kathi Fry
1/5	Doris Hollenbach	1/20	Todd C. Jones
1/5	John Stutzman	1/21	Laurabeth Werner
1/5	Samuel Barth	1/22	Richard Brokhoff
1/5	Sherry Kibler	1/22	Alex Hoffmaster
1/6	Nicole Baer	1/22	Mary Schock
1/6	Jenna Sassaman	1/22	Wolfgang Schwan
1/6	Abigail Stella	1/22	Alec Miller
1/6	Jaelin Valick	1/23	Rodney Beard
1/7	Elaine Miller	1/23	Judy Raudenbush
1/7	Ryan Carey	1/23	Rebecca Hauser
1/8	Margaret Fetherolf	1/24	Brenda Kuzmann
1/8	Noreen Mayer	1/24	Randy Geisinger
1/8	Todd Koch	1/24	Stacy Laucks
1/8	Alison Zettlemoyer	1/24	James Schoellkopf
1/8	Connor Reardon	1/24	Kyle Brightbill
1/8	Ryleigh Soumas	1/25	Thomas Heinly
1/10	Kerrie Ott	1/25	Kristina Smith
1/10	Christi Baer	1/25	Joseph Daniels
1/11	Jeanette Gorey	1/26	Joanne Sholedice
1/12	Guinevere Harter	1/26	Melissa Ruemmler
1/12	Cassandra Harter	1/27	Kim Fella
1/12	Sydney Plucker	1/27	Scott Hauser
1/12	Dylan Reardon	1/27	Deborah Mayenick
1/13	Ayrton Laucks	1/27	Stacy Maurek
1/14	Glenn Schaffer	1/27	Jenna Landis
1/14	Maegan Robison	1/28	Pearl Noll
1/15	Lisa Weidemoyer	1/29	Dorene Leibelsperger
1/15	Kenneth Weidner	1/29	Sandra Stump
1/15	Jill Hoffmaster	1/29	Elaine Bleiler
1/16	Linda Yoder	1/29	Penny Vojtasek
1/16	Michael Woerner	1/29	Lonnie Stufflet Jr.
1/16	Christopher Zettlemoyer	1/29	Matthew Harner
1/16	Joshua Wentzel	1/29	Jennifer Skipper
1/17	Amy Kepner	1/29	Samuel Ruemmler
1/17	David Batz	1/30	Helen Kerr
1/17	Jared Treichler	1/30	Steve Miller
1/17	Joshua Weidner	1/30	Eileen Koller Gilmore
		1/31	Joyce Beck
		1/31	Debbie Barnett
		1/31	Samantha Baer
		1/31	Ross Mckently
		1/31	Madison Armstrong

**If your birthday is not listed or is incorrect,  
please call the church office at 610-944-0406 so it  
can be recorded for future birthday lists.**



**January 1**

8:55 a.m. – Rob Stilwell, Ken McDowell, Lorraine Bingaman, Jessica Keck, Janice Lenhart, Marcia Moll, Jim Goldman, David Bingaman

10:25 a.m. – Pat Sausser, Tom Hoch, Mike Richards, Malcolm Dreibelbis, Mary Ann Hayes, Dwight Bigg, Christopher Vojtasek, Bonnie Weida

**January 8**

8:55 a.m. – Ro Wolf, Samantha Wolf, Ann Heinly, Joel Schaeffer

10:25 a.m. – Rob Stilwell, Ken McDowell, Lorraine Bingaman, Jessica Keck

**January 15**

8:55 a.m. – Janice Lenhart, Marcia Moll, Jim Goldman, David Bingaman

10:25 a.m. – Mary Ann Hayes, Dwight Bigg, Christopher Vojtasek

**January 22**

8:55 a.m. – Pat Sausser, Tom Hoch, Mike Richards, Malcolm Dreibelbis

10:25 a.m. – Ro Wolf, Samantha Wolf, Ann Heinly, Joel Schaeffer

**January 29**

8:55 a.m. - Janice Lenhart, Marcia Moll, Jim Goldman, David Bingaman

10:25 a.m. Rob Stilwell, Ken McDowell, Lorraine Bingaman, Jessica Keck



**January 1 – NO COFFEE TIME**

**January 8 – Ruemmler Family**

**January 15 – Siegfried Family**

**January 22 – OPEN**

**January 29 - OPEN**

**January 1**

8:55 a.m. – Melissa Ruemmler

10:25 a.m. – David Bingaman

**January 8**

8:55 a.m. – Linda Bullock

10:25 a.m. – John Creswell

**January 15**

8:55 a.m. – David Balmer

10:25 a.m. – David Balmer

**January 22**

8:55 a.m. – Sandra Eberly

10:25 a.m. – Sue Kline

**January 29**

8:55 a.m. – Cheryl Weiser

10:25 a.m. – Jim Goldman



**January 1**

8:55 a.m. – Ben Faust & Chad DeLay

10:25 a.m. – Sarah Rothenberger & Keith Brokoff

**January 8**

8:55 a.m. – Hannah Hetrick & Shawn DeLay

10:25 a.m. – Keith Brokoff & Sarah Rothenberger

**January 15**

8:55 a.m. – Alexandra Watkins & Alyson Keller

10:25 a.m. – Alex Plucker & Hannah Sell

**January 22**

7:00 p.m. – Katie Gorey & Haley Krueger

10:30 p.m. – Jenna Miller & Morgan Weidenmoyer

**January 29**

8:55 a.m. – David Pierce & Max Pavlick

10:25 a.m. – Maxwell Ruemmler & Gillian Agnew



## Seniors' Spotlight

In place of the usual Senior Spotlight article, you will find an article written by Dale Hollenbach. This is one of the pieces that he wrote to share with the St. Paul's writers' group. The other members were so impressed with his topic that we all felt it should be shared with the congregation. When we go about our normal routine of living and try to live Christian lives, we may not realize that we are making a difference or creating an impression on those around us. In Dale's article, we find out how one of our long-time members who just recently ended his earthly journey was indeed a Christian mentor to Dale and possibly others here at St. Paul's.

*The St. Paul's writer's group has been meeting regularly for almost two years. If you are interested in joining them, talk to Dale Hollenbach, Dori Hoch, Karen Hix or Mary Ann Hayes. We would love to have more writers join us!*

“The Unofficial Mentor”  
by Dale Hollenbach

When is someone an unofficial mentor?  
As everyone knows, a mentor is someone with experience and common sense who guides another person in learning something new or in making a better life for that inexperienced person. A person may volunteer to be a mentor or may be designated to be one.

How many of you have known someone who had not volunteered, nor was he designated as a mentor, but who was really a mentor in all aspects of his life, possibly without knowing it?

This person I am thinking of as an “unofficial mentor” came into my view over fifty years ago...

Every weekday in the late 1940's, I saw a Ford station wagon with four or five men in it traveling on Route 662 towards Fleetwood in the late afternoon. I learned from my parents that these men worked at the Kutztown Foundry and were headed home from work. I knew the names of two of the men since they were customers at my father's auto repair shop. I also always saw one of the men in St. Paul's Church and Sunday school at the St. Paul's Chapel on North Franklin Street. My father told me that this man had a very important job as a tool and die and pattern maker at the foundry and that this position required a great deal of knowledge and skill.

After high school and while in college, I was asked to teach some lessons to the Men's Bible Class, which was an impressive body, meeting on the second

floor of the chapel annex. Each Sunday for years I had seen these men troop from the rear of the church to their Sunday school meeting room. Now I was one of them and they seemed and in fact were a lot older, in their 40's, 50's, 60's and older – very old.

When I got up to teach the lesson, there sat the one man I had seen for years going home from work, and also in church and Sunday school. I had never spoken to him, but now he was here listening to me.

He never seemed as old as the other men. He was short of stature and did not speak very much. He never missed a day of Sunday school or church.

So the years passed. My Sunday school days came to an end, but not his days of regular attendance. He had built a home east of Fleetwood and developed an impressive wood shop, where he spent his after-work hours. To him, this woodworking was leisure time well spent.

Then in the 1990's when I returned to Sunday school, there was that man, also in the same class, The Joyful Willing Workers Bible Class. Here again, I was tapped to teach, but every Sunday before the class began, I sat next to this fellow and we conversed about the town and conditions in general. We didn't have age in common, but what we had in common was being “Dutchified.” Maybe we didn't solve the world's problems, but those fifteen minutes before class were truly enjoyable.

He never said much about his woodworking, but the products of his shop – the wooden eggs, the grandfather's clocks, and the repairs to people's furniture – showed him to be a meticulous master craftsman. I often saw him and his wife taking walks on Sunday afternoons along the Fleetwood Lyons Road. Another feature of this man was his knowledge of church suppers in Berks County. He could have provided a rating service to such affairs. He often related the menu at each and every such event. He also related how the food was served and what time you should arrive in order to avoid long lines.

When our Sunday school class served the meals at Opportunity House, I rode with him. His older Mercury station wagon came in handy to haul the large containers of food. I also learned that he kept this older station wagon because it was large enough to haul the lumber for his shop.

The years passed and he got older, and after his wife passed away, his health declined. When visiting him at Manor Care, I read articles in Pennsylvania German to him and he seemed to enjoy this. My words to him each time I left were “Machts Gut.” The day of his funeral, these same words were going out from my mind to him.

This man was David Moyer, who was really a mentor to the people around him. He was a teacher of patience, knowledge, craftsmanship, and family values with a great love of God. So, you may be a mentor whether you know it or not.



## **Mission News**

### **Helping Hands**

Joanne Knoll will be the Helping Hands Coordinator for the month of January. If you or a family member are in need of a "Helping Hand" please call Joanne at 610-944-8513 or the church office at 610-944-0406.

### **Fleetwood Food Pantry**

About 118 family units were served at the December 1st distribution. It was Fleetwood Bible Church's turn. The Spirit Club from Fleetwood High School came to volunteer, so there was plenty of help. The cookie making items that were collected in November in Oksana Ostrich's shopping cart were well received. Thanks to all who contributed and/or volunteered at the pantry. An extra distribution was held on December 22nd. Families received a turkey, potatoes, and all the needed fixings for a delicious Christmas dinner. The next regular distribution will be held on Thursday, Jan. 5th from 3:30-6:00 pm.

### **New Beginning's Mission House**

Our guest family continues to enjoy a warm inviting home which was made even more beautiful with a decorated Christmas tree adorning the living room during the advent season. Melody and Rodney are continuing to make progress towards their financial goals. Aalayah and Cassidy are busy with school and other community activities such as Girl Scouts and yoga at the Fleetwood Library. Both Rodney and Melody truly appreciate the opportunities and support in so many ways that New Beginnings has opened for them. Thanks be to God for this new mission experience for this family, our congregation, and our community.

## **Christmas Angel Gifts**

A HUGE thank you goes to all of our members and to families from out St. Paul's School who so generously purchased gifts for our Christmas Angel mission effort. 100 gifts were delivered to Friend, Inc. in Kutztown and about 150 gifts were given to the Reading Nurse Partnership. These gifts truly make a difference to brighten Christmas for so many children.

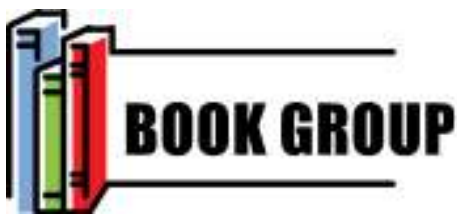
### **Hands of Hope 2012**

#### **Heads to Cosby, Tennessee, April 15-21st**

Plans are being made for our annual adult mission trip. The mission committee has picked the week of April 15th to the 21st to donate a week's work with the Sunset Gap Community Center, in Cosby, Tennessee. This is a Methodist organization that helps folks in the Smokey Mountain region and is the same place where our youth mission team went for their mission trip last July. This organization lets the group choose which project they will be working on so that the team can match their skills with the work that needs to be undertaken. A flyer with more specific information about the trip will be available in January. If you are interesting in joining this year's mission team, please talk to Leona Wright (610-562-7492) who will be coordinating this trip. While the work usually involves repairing and fixing a home, we need many hands working together to complete the needed renovations. If you are open to a new mission experience, we would love to have you be a part of this year's team.

### **Parish Visitors**

The Parish Visitor ministry continues to be a blessing to many of our shut in members. There will be a meeting for all Parish Visitors on Tuesday, Jan. 10th at 7 pm in the conference room to update and energize our visiting team as we prepare for a new year of ministry. Please let either or Sharon Dreibelbis or Dori Hoch know whether you will be able to attend this meeting.



## Book Group –January, 2012

On Tuesday, January 31, we will meet and discuss *Shanghai Girls* by Lisa See at 7 p.m. in the church lounge.

### Synopsis of *Shanghai Girls* by Lisa See

For readers of the phenomenal bestsellers *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* and *Peony in Love*--a stunning new novel from Lisa See about two sisters who leave Shanghai to find new lives in 1930s Los Angeles. May and Pearl, two sisters living in Shanghai in the mid-1930s, are beautiful, sophisticated, and well-educated, but their family is on the verge of bankruptcy. Hoping to improve their social standing, May and Pearl's parents arrange for their daughters to marry "Gold Mountain men" who have come from Los Angeles to find brides. But when the sisters leave China and arrive at Angel's Island (the Ellis Island of the West)--where they are detained, interrogated, and humiliated for months--they feel the harsh reality of leaving home. And when May discovers she's pregnant the situation becomes even more desperate. The sisters make a pact that no one can ever know. A novel about two sisters, two cultures, and the struggle to find a new life in America while bound to the old, *Shanghai Girls* is a fresh, fascinating adventure from beloved and bestselling author Lisa See.



The Stewardship Committee is excited to share some thoughts on a tremendously successful Stewardship Sunday. To recap, everyone in the congregation received a red or green paper cut-out apple in their bulletin. Members were encouraged to write their personal gift(s) of stewardship on the apple and bring it forward and place it on the apple tree during the offering. Let us tell you that the committee was truly overwhelmed by your participation. There were over 100 unique responses, with multiples of many of those. For example, Prayer Shawl Ministry was a response that 13 folks wrote on their apples. It was also heart-warming to see some "less able" folks make their way to the apple tree. Here's a random sampling of some of the responses, taken directly from the apples, as they relate to how you manage God's time, talents, and treasures:

Time – A good deed a day, help when called upon, transportation, clean up after storms  
Talents – carpenter, pipefitting, dramatic arts, love, history, dishwashing  
Treasures – donate to less fortunate, loan reduction, giving money, a few responses with specific weekly/monthly amounts

Of course many folks indicated their participation in various committees, forms of leadership, music and choir as well as the wide variety of ministries that take place in our church. Member participation at St. Paul's is certainly much broader than Sunday mornings from 8:55 to 11:25am. The committee is grateful to each and every one of you for your gifts and your willingness to participate in Stewardship Sunday. Our hope is that it was meaningful and insightful to you, as it surely was to us. We would like to say thank you to Robert Knoll for crafting the apple tree, now there's a talent!

### Save Your Baskets



### Baskets for Women In Crisis

As the Christmas

Season is upon us and we are blessed with so many gifts from loved ones and friends. Please remember, if some of those gifts are fruit or snacks baskets, the baskets can be recycled through

the Women's Guild. These baskets are the ideal size for the gift baskets the Women's Guild use for Women in Crisis for Mother's Day. The baskets should be ROUND and NO HANDLES. You can drop them off at the Church or give them to Sandi Stern. You will be hearing more about this project closer to Mother's Day. I'm looking for someone to co-chair this project with me. Sandi Stern



### Notes from Oksana

Oksana could not believe all the activity and excitement she felt part of during the month of December. Life on the savanna tends to be a bit slower but she enjoyed the hustle and bustle of St. Paul's at Christmastime. She especially liked seeing the cans of soup and stew that filled the grocery cart in December. She is confident that January's collection will be as bountiful. In January we would like to fill the cart with boxes and bags of cereal that will be distributed at the food pantry on February 2, 2012. Any type of cold or hot cereal will be appreciated because we know our food pantry clients include folks of all ages with all types of favorite tastes. Oksana has her favorite grains too but she promised to keep her beak out of the boxes since she knows the cereals are needed at the food pantry. Oksana wants you to know that she is enjoying her stay at St. Paul's and wishes you a **HAPPY AND HEALTHY 2012!**



### Monte Carlo Whist Card Night

#### A Night of Fun

If you marked your calendar for a night of fun you will have to change the date. It will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2012.

We will be playing a game of cards called Monte Carlo Whist. This game is very simple. You do not have to know much about playing cards to join in the fun.

We will start the evening at 6:30 p.m. The hospitality committee will supply drinks (coffee, tea, soda). We are asking you to bring a snack food to share at intermission.

Don't miss this evening of fun or you will be sorry. Come out of the cold and into the warmth for an enjoyable evening with your fellow church members.

Any questions, call Jeanette Burkert at 610-944-7232.



### Report on 2011 Christmas Bazaar

The Women's Guild wishes to thank everyone who helped to make the bazaar such a success. The congregation REALLY came thru with baked goods and cookies. We were thrilled with the response from all of you. Thank You!

All of the donations, from food for the kitchen to toys, books, Wh. Elephant, and Secret Santa gifts, were wonderful and abundant. Thank You!

The Silent (Chinese) Auction went very well this year. We really had some nice items donated. We received gift baskets and /or gift cards from local businesses. Thanks to Boyer's Market, Zimmermans Flower Shoppe, Fiories Pizzeria, Simmeria Cafe, McArldes Irish Pub and the 3 Three Minute CarWash. We also received gift baskets or gift items from many of the crafters and vendors who were showing at the bazaar. Donations were also received from B & W Rental, Quality Shoppe, and Jim Ott. Thank You!

So on to the report. The bazaar made approximately \$5300.00. We had a starting balance (?) in the bank so along with the bazaar money the Guild members approved \$5500.00 to be given to the Church to use "as needed". We received a very nice message from Nancy Boyer telling us how she used the money. If you want a breakdown, please contact Jan Snyder or Sandi Stern.

We hope we didn't miss saying "Thank You" to anyone because we truly appreciate all of the volunteers who helped out, all of the donations we received and anyone who did anything to help with the success of the bazaar.



Thank you to Sandi Stern and the Women's Guild from Betty Kurtz for the lovely gift bag filled with goodies. Thank you so much!  
Sincerely,  
Betty Kurtz



## NOTES from Consistory

### Consistory Notes for January 2012

In keeping with our recently begun tradition, the Consistory did not hold a regular business meeting during the month of December. Instead, the group gathered in the Amish farmhouse of Levi and Lydia Stoltzfus to share a family-style Christmas dinner. Quite a few spouses also participated in this time of spirit-filled fellowship.

On Sunday, January 1, 2012, at both services we will be expressing our gratitude to the deacons and elders whose terms of service have expired; they include elders Linda Schaeffer and Karen Shollenberger; deacons April Dancy, Marie Richdale, Jeffrey Schaeffer, and Donna Sell; and junior deacons Caitlyn Spangler and Becca Weida. We will also be installing and welcoming to the Consistory our newly elected members, including elders Ken McDowell and Patricia Sausser; deacons Malcolm Dreibelbis, Jim Goldman, Marcia Moll, and Chris Vojtacek; and junior deacons Jessica Keck and Samantha Wolf. We hope that all of you will attend and be a part of this important event in the lives of these individuals and of our church family.

In January we will be holding our annual retreat, which will include our regular monthly meeting. This year's retreat will take place on Saturday, January 14, 2012, from 9 a.m. to approximately 3:30 p.m. at the Church House in Collegeville. At this meeting we will elect officers for 2012, and their names will be published in the February issue of our newsletter.

As we begin another new year, it is our goal to make 2012 the very best year in the life of our St. Paul's family. Together, you and we can keep St. Paul's light shining brightly as we work together to serve our Lord and our Savior, Jesus Christ.

New Year's Blessings to all of you!  
Mary Ann Hayes



### Special Giving Envelopes for January

Initial Offering – January 2  
used to defray cost of printing envelopes  
Loan Reduction – January 1  
Fuel - January 8  
Building Maintenance Fund - January 15  
Mensch Mill - January 29

### The Building Maintenance Fund Is Alive And Well

Thanks to all who have contributed to the Building Maintenance Fund. The total in the fund as of December 2 was \$8,805.37. We were able to pay \$1,548 for replacement of the heating unit in the church office from this fund.



### Finance Update

#### November Financial Report:

Total Income Deposited	
Towards Budget as of 11/30/11	\$383,719.76
Budgeted Expenses as of 11/30/11	\$383,241.58
Total Budgeted Expenses for 2011	\$501,554.45

**Please pick up your 2012 giving envelopes on the tables in the social room. Thanks.**



**The deadline for articles and information to be included in the February Tower Tymes is January 15<sup>th</sup>.**

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## January News- Happy New Year!

December brought us celebrations for the birth of Jesus. We collected gifts for families in the local area in need of some extra love during the holidays. We realized that we are thankful and blessed to have presents under our own trees. The children were all excited to help others in need. Our parents and church members were very “generous”, thank you for sharing your gifts to less fortunate neighbors.

December brought us special visitors throughout the month. We had a certain man dressed in red visit on December 21<sup>st</sup>. We shared the wonderful Christmas story with the children. We had a fabulous loud and fun caroling session with the children, the parents and grandparents. Thank you Mrs. Jeanne Noll for her assistance with her beautiful musical talents. Thank you also to Mr. and Mrs. Wildermuth with the special help of the day.

January is bringing in the snowflakes. We will have special visitors come to our school, such as a nurse, dental hygienist and policeman.

**Starting January 3, 2012 we will be accepting applications for current students and church members for school for the 2012-2013 school year. Please see Mrs. Nahrgang or call the school office for more information. Remember our classes fill quickly, so please register early. Starting February 1, 2012, we will be accepting applications from the outside, so please do not delay.**

**DON'T FORGET- HALF DAY/FULL DAY KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM, All Day Preschool AND BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE. PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE AT [www.stpaulsfleetwood.org](http://www.stpaulsfleetwood.org) and**

**click on school or see Mrs. Nahrgang for more information.**

We are having a wonderful exciting adventure this year, with all the children in the journey of the children's futures.

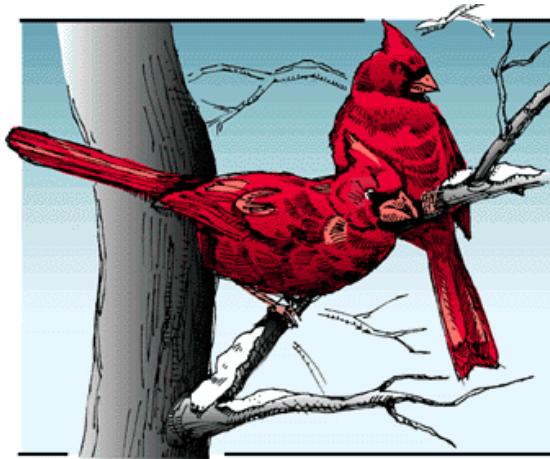
Respectfully,  
Mrs. Peggy Nahrgang, School Director



## Cross Cultural Trip to Haiti & the Dominican Republic

It's hard to believe, but in just a few short weeks, I will be departing for my seminary cross cultural experience. From January 5<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012, I will be visiting both sides of the island, experiencing the culture, touring areas that were hard-hit with natural disasters, and learning firsthand about the economic and sociopolitical issues that continue to touch the lives of those who call Haiti and the Dominican Republic home. I'm looking forward to new experiences as well as the opportunity to share what I've seen after I return. Part of the trip will involve visiting a Haitian orphanage. As you can imagine, I'm working on packing every inch of my luggage with clothing and supplies to donate when we reach our destination. Please keep me and my travel companions in your thoughts and prayers over the coming weeks as we prepare and ultimately depart on this part of our journey. Knowing that the love and care of this congregation will be with us means more than you can imagine.

God Bless,  
John



# JANUARY

<b>YOUTH MINISTRY</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Contact</b>
<b>Sunday 1.1</b>	<b>New Year's Day No Youth Tonight</b>		
<b>Thursday 1.5</b>	<b>Fleetwood Food Pantry</b>	<b>3.00 - 6.00</b>	<b>Fleetwood Food Pantry</b>
<b>Sunday 1.8</b>	<b>No Youth Tonight (John in Haiti)</b>		
<b>Sunday 1.15</b>	<b>No Youth Tonight (John in Haiti)</b>		
<b>Sunday 1.22</b>	<b>Youth Planning for Youth Sunday</b>	<b>6:30-8 p.m.</b>	<b>John</b>
<b>Sunday 12.18</b>	<b>Christmas Caroling &amp; Luminaries w/ Cookies &amp; Hot Chocolate social time to follow</b>	<b>4.00- 7.00</b>	<b>John</b>
<b>Sunday 1.29</b>	<b>Youth Fellowship</b>	<b>6:30-8 p.m.</b>	<b>John</b>



## January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Communion Installation of 2012 Consistory	<b>2</b> Prayer Shawl 7pm	<b>3</b>  Hospitality 7pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Food Pantry	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Grief 1pm Parish Visitors 7pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Consistory Retreat 9-4 Church House
<b>15</b> New Members Received Blanket Sunday	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  Worship Committee 7pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Christian Ed By Laws 7pm	<b>24</b> Grief 1pm  Christian Ed 7pm	<b>25</b> Property 6pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Game Night 6- 10pm
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Book Group 7pm				
	<b>Church</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Mon- Thurs</b>	<b>8-4</b>	<b>Fri 8-3</b>

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