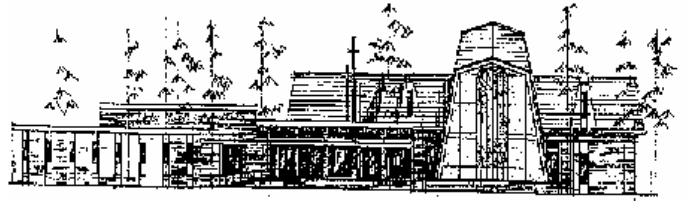


# The Encounter



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## *The Betwixt and Between Group*

is planning a spring outing. We will be traveling to Raleigh to attend "Jesus Christ Superstar" on Saturday, March 3, 2007 at 2:00 pm.

**HOWEVER RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY  
JANUARY 2, 2007.**

This play will be performed by the NC Theatre Group. Tickets are \$37.50 each. There are 20 tickets available and reservations are needed ASAP. Call Sherri Hiler at 799-7336 to reserve your seat or for more details.

## **IMPORTANT CHURCH MEETINGS TO ATTEND**

Saturday, Jan. 6, 4:30 p.m. & Sun, Jan. 7, 9:45 a.m. – **Budget Forums** – Open discussion and Q&A on the detailed 2007 draft budget (note: there will be no adult or high school Sunday School).

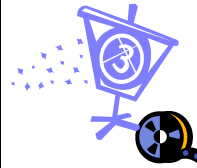
Sunday, Jan. 28, 12:15 p.m. – Reconvene the congregational meeting of Dec 3, which is in recess, to vote on the final 2007 budget.

**We're  
Back!!**

Youth Groups begin again on Sunday,  
Jan. 7, 2007

Let's make this a good start for the New  
Year!

The more friends we have during our  
gathering the more fun we have and the better  
we get to know one another.



**Movie Night in gym**  
Friday, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

Showing: **Ice Age 2 the Meltdown**

As usual, bring a comfy chair, and your favorite  
snack. Drinks and popcorn will be provided.

## **Saints Alive Members**

For January we will meet at the Golden Choral on New Centre Drive for lunch at 11:30 am. We have a room reserved and you will go through the buffet line for your meal.

Mark your calendar now to continue Saints Alive fellowship on **Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:30.** Any questions contact Nancy Magruder at 791-4582, ext 212.

**Teacher Appreciation Breakfast  
will be February 25, 2007 at 9:45 am in  
The McSwain Center**

If you would like to donate food for the breakfast and/or substitute in the classroom so the teachers may attend, please contact Tammi Gates.

## **Our annual Sweetheart Game show**

will be on **Sunday, Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>** after the 11 o'clock service. We **need 4 couples** willing to participate in this fun and often time's hilarious event. If you think you like to **volunteer** (you do receive a prize for your efforts) to **share** some of your past with us. Please call me at 791-6057.  
Nancy Magruder .



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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As you read this article, we will be in the midst of the twelve days of Christmas. They are more than a song, you know! During the twelve days, you might have some fun with the idea of giving or serving each day. Some folks, I know, always delay their Christmas party until the midst of the twelve days as a way of reminding themselves and their guests that it's about celebrating Jesus' birth and not about following the wider culture's lead. What a countercultural statement over and against all those early December and New Year's Eve drunken bashes!

After the end of the twelve days on January 5, it's time for us to remember the coming of the wise men on Saturday, January 6, at 6 p.m. In the western church, we call that day the Feast of the Epiphany (from the Greek word "epiphania," meaning appearing or manifestation). The wise men, probably Persian astrologers, have followed the star to find the toddler Jesus and his parents (you can read the story in Matthew 2). On Epiphany we celebrate that God has appeared to us in the flesh and blood of Jesus. The wise men, having some God experience through nature, now receive firsthand the enfleshed Gospel. In response, they fall before the child in adoration, an anticipation of the reception of the Good News of Jesus Christ by the nations of the world.

On Sunday morning, January 7, we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord. The sudden movement from adoring the child to witnessing His adult baptism is always jarring, a reminder that the gospels are not meant to be biographies of the great man, Jesus. Celebrating His Baptism, we remember that the Lord Jesus has transformed baptism from a Jewish cleansing ritual to the beginning of a new way of life, a life of humble service. Christian Baptism is not inaugurated until after His death, resurrection, ascension, and the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday. But then Holy Baptism is, thereafter, having one's sinful self buried with Jesus and then rising to share in God's eternal life and love as one in whom the Lord God intends to dwell.

The implications of Holy Baptism begin to become clear in the season following the Feast of Epiphany. Contrary to some wicked and mistaken notions rampant in the Church today, our reception of the Good News of Jesus Christ and our Baptism do

not mean the freedom to live as others tell us we can now live. Martin Luther has made clear for us, in the first of his 95 theses, that Our Lord calls us in Holy Baptism to daily repentance, the daily drowning of the old sinner in us, the daily renouncing of the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises. Now Christ Jesus lives in me whenever I surrender myself to His good and gracious will and to the purifying work of the Holy Spirit. The Epiphany life of the Church is the manifesting of God's Son in our flesh by the working of the Holy Spirit.

It is for no small reason that the Gospel lessons of the Epiphany season reiterate the call to discipleship. Every day the Lord Jesus comes to us when we listen prayerfully to His Word. He says: "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." The Epiphany life of the Church is, then, about lifestyle evangelism. Living with Christ and manifesting His life in us, we declare the Good News of Jesus Christ in our words and deeds. That Epiphany life is well lived when we self-consciously and graciously invite others to adore the King of Creation with us in worship and study. That Epiphany life is well lived when we manifest, show forth, the Lord Jesus to the least of these His brothers and sisters in acts of charity (God's love in action).

One of my favorite Eucharistic prayers is only in the large green altar book. It comes from the second century A.D. and is considered to be among the oldest prayers of the Church at Holy Communion. There the elder, Hippolytus, reminds the Church that Christ Jesus has by His life, death, and resurrection "crushed hell underfoot." When we invite those we know to the services of God's house and serve others as little Christs, Christ crushes hell underfoot again through us. The old enemy's malicious design to subvert the mission of Christ's Church and the "holying" work of the Holy Spirit gets undone whenever Christ Himself takes hold of our flesh and blood and reclaims, in and through us, creation for His gracious heavenly Father.

So...this Epiphany, let us gladly come to adore Christ Jesus, that He may through Word and Sacrament fill us with His real presence and go with us to manifest Himself as victorious Lord of all, crushing again hell underfoot!

I love you,  
Pastor Sam Zumwalt

## Two Important Questions

*by John Antonelli*

I like to read the gospels in December since they remind me of the true meaning of Christmas. Recently on a business trip, I had the luxury of a comfortable hotel room and some peaceful, quiet time. I was reading Mark and thinking about what Crossways has taught me – that we should read the bible from the perspective of “What is God saying to me now?” And so I had to pause in Chapter 8. Jesus and his disciples were on the road when suddenly Jesus asked them: “Who do people say I am?” and then, “What about you, who do you say I am? “

These are very important questions that Jesus asks us. I think it is striking that he asks the first question first – almost as if he expects a different answer to each question. I’ve been pondering these questions a lot lately. As a church leader and a Christian, I need to consider them very seriously – who do we (our families, our friends, our co-workers, our congregation, our city, our country) say that Jesus is? And then the more personal – well, what about me? Who do I say that he is?

My bible has very nice cross-references, so I was quickly able to find the accounts of this story in Luke and Matthew. The Luke account is almost identical to Mark’s, but the Matthew account has an addition. After Simon answers, “You are the Christ,” Jesus says, “You are Peter and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not overcome it.”

Any church named after St. Matthew should take his gospel seriously. As soon as we reveal to Jesus what we confess to be his true identity, then he reveals to us our own identity and purpose.

## December Council Summary

- This business and visioning meeting of the Congregational Council was held on December 14, 2006 beginning with devotions led by Pastor Sam and called to order by John Antonelli. A quorum necessary to conduct business was present.
- The first phase of the Annual Congregational meeting was conducted on December 3, 2006 at the conclusion of the 11:00am service. Council members elected for two year terms beginning January 1, 2007 are Brigitte Walters, Axel Erkes, Scott Holzberger and Joe Rumsey with Christine Deily elected to serve as youth representative to Council.
- The treasurer reported that income for the month of November totaled \$44,234. Expenditures for the same period totaled \$48,860 reflecting a **negative** result of **\$4,626**. November-to-date figures reflected a **negative** result of **\$7,932**.
- Council heard the Executive Team’s recommendation for staff salary adjustments for 2007. These details will be available at the upcoming budget forums after services on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of January.
- Other important upcoming dates are the installation of our new council members at services on January 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, the council retreat and January meeting to be held on January 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> and the remaining agenda for the Annual Congregational Meeting to be conducted after the conclusion of the 11:00am service on January 28<sup>th</sup>.
- A proposal to install diaper changing stations in the St. Matthew’s facility was heard. Details will be worked out with the donors and the property team.
- Inga Shelton has agreed to serve as the chair of a task force working for the design of a brick wall structure to separate the memorial garden from the general property with the goal of enhancing its purpose as a place of reverence and reflection.
- Thanks were conveyed to our outgoing council members, Jim Mees, Renate Gray, Jim Markworth and Inga Shelton remembering their contributions of dedication and wisdom to the endeavors of our council.
- The meeting adjourned with the praying of the Lord’s Prayer at 8:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter Gimbal, Recorder

## NEW MEMBER CLASS IN 2007

Mark your calendar now with the following dates:

**January 20<sup>th</sup>, 9-12** for those new to the Lutheran Church.

**February 17<sup>th</sup>, 9-12** for those that completed the 20<sup>th</sup> retreat and Lutherans that are transferring.

**February 18<sup>th</sup>**, New Disciples will be received during the 11:00 am service.

As you greet a visitor invite them to join these classes.

### ***THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD***

will be celebrated on Saturday, January 6 at 6:00 pm.  
Mark your calendar now to attend this special worship service.

### **WOMEN OF ELCA CIRCLES**

#### **AT ST. MATTHEW'S FOR JANUARY**

**Faith Circle** – Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am  
in the church Library

**Love Circle** – Tues day, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm  
in the church Library

**Peace Circle** - Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm  
in the church Library

**Praise Circle** – Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm  
Place: TBA



### **LOCK-IN 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> GRADERS**

**Friday Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> from 7pm-8:30am**  
**Sign-up sheet is on youth board...**



### **K-5<sup>th</sup> GRADES – ROLLER SKATING**

**Saturday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> from 10-12 noon**

**Cost: \$5 includes skates**

**Sign up is on youth board**  
**(let's me know interest)**



**I want your input!**

Join me on Sunday, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> at 4pm in McSwain to discuss your youth's needs for positive and productive spiritual growth at St. Matthew's. This is for parents of all age youth, but especially 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders.



**Just Wondering?**

***Interested in a bus trip to Busch Gardens?***

Approx. cost for 47 people is \$80 per person.  
Includes transportation and tickets.

We are looking at Sat. April 28<sup>th</sup>.

A signup interest sheet is on the youth board.

**Looking ahead! Mark these 2007 dates.**

Lutheridge- Lutherock information will be coming soon.  
Our date to go, *as a group*, for confirmation camp and regular camp is **June 17<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>**.

Mission trip for rising 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders is **July 8<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>**

Agape Day camp is a go this year. We will be joining with Water of Life here **August 5<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>**

Mission trip (local) for rising 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders (also present)

### **Dates for February**

Sat. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Set up for Sweetheart game show
Sun. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Sweetheart game show and Luncheon 12:30 pm
Fri. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	High School lock-in
Sun. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Basketball banquet in McSwain at 4pm

is Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>

## **V B S 2007**

**June 10-June 15**

If you can help with crafts, snacks, music, teaching, etc., please contact Denise Simon at 371-6601 or Tammi Gates at 796-9686.

**Mark your new calendars now to volunteer your time and talent and to participate in this annual VBS week at St. Matthew's.**

# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

\*\* Denotes Youth Birthdays

- |    |                   |    |                    |    |                  |
|----|-------------------|----|--------------------|----|------------------|
| 1  | Trisha Watts      | 11 | Tony Hanson        | 24 | Wendy Ahrens     |
|    | Jaimee Miles **   |    | Patricia Sewell    | 25 | Peter Koder      |
|    | Alex Miles **     |    | Amy Morgan         |    | Jack Kuske       |
| 2  | Betty Lentz       |    | Ivy Jane Fischl ** |    | Marilyn Wilson   |
|    | Charles Schucker  | 12 | Bill Rose          | 27 | James Wells      |
| 3  | James Clemmons    |    | Robert Williams    |    | LeRoof Poythress |
|    | Jon Guthrie       |    | Alanna Turner **   |    | Brigitte Walters |
|    | Anna Haskins **   | 13 | Frank Howard       |    | Patricia Rose    |
|    | Harold Shelton    | 14 | Pastor Sam Zumwalt | 28 | Richard Brode    |
| 4  | Kathie Tucker     | 15 | Travis Johns **    | 30 | June Gilbert     |
| 5  | Elenor Davis      | 16 | Lucy Hieronymous   | 31 | Jane Bruce       |
|    | Kim Sabbagh       |    | Teresa Hall        |    | Jim Taylor       |
| 6  | Diane Rumsey      |    | Evan Watts, Jr.    |    | Loretta Brehm    |
|    | Amanda Clark      |    | Cearra Meyer **    |    |                  |
|    | Emily Anderson ** | 17 | Elaine Brown       |    |                  |
|    | Jenna Ricketts    |    | Ashley Perry       |    |                  |
| 7  | Samuel Dunaway ** | 19 | Betty Ann Gesser   |    |                  |
| 8  | Jack Kallenborn   |    | Clement Doniere    |    |                  |
|    | Judy Williams     |    | Robert Rabozzi     |    |                  |
|    | Stan Sherman      | 20 | Anna LeRoux        |    |                  |
| 9  | Mark Sewell **    | 21 | Jeff Zuege         |    |                  |
|    | Travis Howard **  | 22 | Freda Brewbaker    |    |                  |
|    | Lenore Howard **  | 23 | Ann Hanson         |    |                  |
|    | E.A. Shands       |    | Al Lerch, Jr.      |    |                  |
| 11 | W.G. Baldwin      |    | Sheila Whitmeyer   |    |                  |



# JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- |   |                                 |    |                              |
|---|---------------------------------|----|------------------------------|
| 2 | Herb and Lucy Bost              | 9  | Charles and Darlene Schucker |
| 3 | Lee and Iris Whiteside          | 22 | William and Audrey Shannon   |
|   | Trevor and Lisa Hornick         | 28 | Keith and Lynette Farmer     |
| 4 | Ken and Irene Shea              | 30 | Bob And Jean Wooley          |
| 6 | Alex and Cathy Aleksandravicius |    |                              |



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p align="center"><b>SUNDAY CHOIR SCHEDULE</b></p> <p><b>4:00 Little Luther Choir</b>  <b>4:00 Luther Choir</b>  <b>4:00 Instrumental Ensemble</b>  <b>4:45 Tone Chime Choir</b>  <b>5:00 Handbell Choir</b></p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>New Years Day  Holiday  Office Closed</p> <p>8:00 NA</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>9:00 Women's  Fitness</p> <p>10:00 Prayer Group</p> <p>7:00 Stephen  Ministry</p> <p>8:00 AA</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>8:00 Devotional Bkfst.  9:30 Spiritual Form.  4:15 Cadette #139  4:15 Junior #226  5:30 Cadette #354  6:00 CROSSWAYS  6:30 Cub Scouts #274  7:30 CONFIRMATION  Adult Choir.</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>9:00 Women's  Fitness</p> <p>10:00 CROSSWAYS</p> <p>3:30 Daisy Troop</p> <p>7:00 TOPS</p> <p>7:00 Boy Scouts</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p align="center"><b>6:30 MOVIE NIGHT</b></p> <p>8:00 NA</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p align="center"><b>4:30 Budget Forum</b></p> <p>6:00 Worship/Comm  8:00 AA  8:00 AL-ANON</p>
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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Laura Zumwalt	Harriet Zumwalt	Lillian Witter
Robin Hueskes	Ruth Luca	Fran Perry
The Wade Family	Dick Bramley	John Geiger
Bettie Bachemin	The Deily Family	Sara Wakild
Brenda Tyler	Jim Mees	Nell McArver
Esther Wilson	Dot Hankins	Mary Pierson
Kelsea Webster	Don Benson	Paul Murphy
Leon Wade, Sr.	Anne Bunting	Wally Schultz
Berta Rankin	Brady Parks	June Snelling
Marilyn Wilson	Landen Ryan	Military Families
Martha Bridges	Tom Brondy	James Ammons
Clement Doniere	Marla Fuller	Wayne Huffman
Harold Shelton, Jr.	Sarah Price and family	Jack Kallenborn
Tim and Sarah Walter		

### REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

with your prayers, cards and calls: Geneva Batson, Diane Koen, Emma Brunjes, Barbara Cook, Helen Hauns, Betty Lauver, Ruby Hubbard, Naomi Era, Effie/Jane McDougald.

**SYMPATHY** is extended *Hanne Flythe* in the death of her Cousin Bettina Schulze in Germany

**SYMPATHY** is extended to *Lynne and Lawrence Hughes, Peyton and Elizabeth* in the death of Lynne's mother, Vera N. Conrad.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

*SFC Robert Cottle*  
S-3 HHC TF 2-37 Armor  
1 BDE, 1 AD  
FOB Blue Diamond  
APO AE 09346

### EVANGELISM MINUTE

**Jesus...I accept You as Savior, acknowledge You as Lord, praise You as King, bow to You as Master, adore You as Prince of Peace, run to You as Comforter, call on You as Deliverer, rely on You as Confidante, trust You as Counselor, and walk with You as Friend. May this serve you in the New Year. Blessings!**

### EVANGELISM NEWS

As of January 1, 2007 the Evangelism team will have a new team leader - Debbie Gimbal. Please give her and the rest of the team your continued support. At the last team meeting we decided to change the method of recognizing new disciples. New things will be happening and Debbie will report to you as they are developed.

Thanks to Debbie for taking on this new task and to the Evangelism Team for all your support over the last three years. A big thank you, also, to the congregation for your generosity and support. *Helen Stansbury*

*Thank You!*

What a team! Special thanks for all of you who helped with the Congregational Luncheon. You are the best!

Happy New Year!

*Ruthann Getsinger*

A Cheerful Memory Moment and Thank you! For years, after my husband would finish his regular duties at the church on a Saturday night, he would always seem to end-up on the front row pew of the sanctuary to listen to the beautiful music coming from the choir loft upstairs being played by Bill as he practiced. Yes it would want his body and soul as he does love music. Not many solos could he sing, but can really do a good job of directing with his foot keeping time. We both enjoy the message of music. The wonderful concert presentation the choir and all instrument musicians gave to all of us on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> was outstanding. We are all blessed with the many talents of our own congregation as they gave so freely to our concert. As a member of the Adult Choir, I felt it a privilege to be included.

With God's Blessings and thanks to all  
*Arthur and Barbara Moore*

Thank you Frank and Renate Gray for your generous donation of Advent calendars for our Sunday School students ages 2 years old to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. They are always so excited to receive the calendars. Thank you for reminding them why we celebrate Advent and Christmas and for passing on the tradition from Renate's youth.

Thanks again for your generosity,  
Christian Education Team  
*Tammi Gates*, Chairperson

Dear Saints Alive Friends,

Thank you for your most gracious gifts. We enjoyed our part in continuing the tradition of Saints Alive.

Again we want to thank all of you that supported us and made our job easier.

We love you,  
*Carolyn, Ruthann, and Darlene*

## Those Serving in January 2007

### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

- 7 8:30 Terri Dearie, Linda Renzaglia, Nancy Wells,  
Florence Schorschinsky  
11:00 Sherry Bendahmane, Brian Grieshamer,  
Melissa Hollamon, Robert Rabozzi  
14 8:30 Sandra Humphrey, Wayne/Judy Huffman,  
William Ruefle  
11:00 Melinda Knoerzer, Nancy Miller,  
Richard/Carol Chinn  
21 8:30 Rita Knoll, Nancy Magruder, Bill/Bethel Paris  
11:00 Sandra Miles, Helen/Kelly Stansbury,  
Laura Zumwalt  
28 8:30 Renate Gray, Lisa Hornick, Jan Christine, Bill Fox  
11:00 Mike/Charlotte Thompson, Lynette Farmer,  
Ellen James

### USHERS

- 7 8:30 TBA  
11:00 Happy and Jake Wade, Stan Brunt  
14 8:30 TBA  
11:00 John Pollard, Tony Irenze, TBA  
21 8:30 TBA  
11:00 Happy Wade, Saville Riesz, Fred Getsinger  
28 8:30 TBA  
11:00 Rick Brode, Peter Gimbal, Keith Geiger

### GREETERS

- 6:00 Peter, Grace, Kathy Koder  
8:30 Ryan and Mary Allison, Charlotte Harris,  
Peter and Virginia Parisek  
11:00 Tom Flythe, Mary Horn, Mark and Gina Williams

**LECTORS** *Saturday Services:* (6) Cindy Cornett;  
(13) Becky Mahler; (20) Janet Tweedy; (27) Joanne Johnson

### Sunday Services

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| 8:30            | 11:00             |
| 7 Judy Benson   | Amy Tucker-Morgan |
| 14 Kathy Bink   | Ellen James       |
| 21 Terri Dearie | Steve Morgan      |
| 28 Marti Felter | Jodi Davis        |

### ALTAR FLOWERS

- 7 Tucker-Morgan; Roesch  
14 Doniere; Wade  
21 Piper, Hughes  
28 Marggraff; Brown

### NURSERY

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|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 8:30                     | 11:00           |
| 7 Samantha Gates         | TBA             |
| 14 Jill Cummings         | Matt Weaver     |
| 21 Jeanna Fulton         | TBA             |
| 28 Debbie/Carolyn Gimbal | Natalie Watkins |

### ACOLYTES (Serve all month)

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|----------------|-----------------|
| 8:30           | 11:00           |
| David Haskins  | Daniel Nevers   |
| Alex McKeithan | Tyler Antonelli |

- ALTAR GUILD** *Saturday: Laura Gray*  
7 Jodi Davis, Kristi Wade, Sonja Stroehl  
14 Margaret Ballantine, Nancy Fauser, Shirley Morrow  
21 Kathren Miller, Judi Funke, Robin Hueskes  
28 Kathie Tucker, Amy Tucker-Morgan, Arlene Robie

**BUILDING** *Sat: Harry Comeskey*  
**SUNDAY: OPEN:** David Miller **CLOSE:** Bob Stansbury



**December 3<sup>d</sup> – December 17<sup>th</sup>**



### MEMORY OF JOHN LAUER

- Fifth Sunday Bob and Helen Stansbury  
Needham and Sylvia Hall  
Hank and Pam Gudrian Frank and Nancy Fauser  
Larry and Pat Mahl  
Charles and Norma  
Endowment  
Malmberg  
Aleda Marggraff Vivian Alexander  
Jim and Ruthe Markworth Donald Medlock  
John and Donna Hancock Paul and Lee Ann Wilson  
Robert and Rita McTigue Joan Stark  
Bruce and Pat Stark Bob and Anita Stark  
Ron and Trish Stark Dick and Sophie Williams  
Dale and Dorothy Blade Jim and Mabel Harshbarger  
Bloedorn Family John and Jo Kallenborn  
Florence Schorschinsky Mr. and Mrs. James Hagen  
Sharon Stone Roger and Beryl Milligan  
Mr. and Mrs. John Spencer Landfall Ladies Golf Assn.  
Robert and Deborah Lindner Samuel and Margaret Martin  
David Matthews Jack and Susan Homestead  
Bob and Judie Foley Douglas and Lois Malone  
Harry and Carol Comeskey Barbara Trocano  
Brenda Boyette James and Sandra Murphy  
James and Susan Melton John and Jane Perkinson  
Arlene Blecklin William and Frances McMillan  
George and Muriel Martin Russell and Judith Noll  
Donald and Sally Brauer Walter and Mary Schumacher

- Property Peter and Virginia Parisek  
Computer Fund Charles and Norma Malmberg  
Elmer Wild  
General Fund Stan and Jane Brunt

### MEMORY OF MERLE POYTHRESS

- Fifth Sunday Lynne Pressley  
Ruth Allen

### MEMORY OF PETER MCARVER

- General Fund Stan and Jane Brunt

### Memorials and Honorariums continued on back

#### TREASURER'S REPORT November 2006

Income for the month of November totaled \$44,234.  
Expenditures for the same period totaled \$48,860  
reflecting a negative result of \$4,626. November-to-  
date figures reflected a **negative** result of \$7,932.

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MEMORIALS AND HONORIAMS CONTINUED

**MEMORY OF BARBARA DEILY**

Undesignated	James and Joan Gadd
Joseph and Donna Corrocher	Richard Wagner
Edward and Karen Weaver	Mr. and Mrs. William Kiss Wendy Inman
Hymnals	Tami and Stefan Skweir
Debt Reduction	St. Matthew's LAFF
Youth	Brenda
Wagner Exchange Club of Catasauqua, PA	Dick and Sophie Williams
Family Assistance Fund	Dale and Dorothy Blade
Fifth Sunday	Larry and Pat
Mahl	
General Fund	Stan and Jane Brunt

**MEMORY OF LOUIS VON SCHORDORF**

Undesignated	Paul Von Schordorf
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**MEMORY OF LOUISE BOWERS**

Fifth Sunday	Hilda Buck
	Needham and Sylvia Hall
Undesignated	Frederick and Suzanne Harrell
	Robert and Donna Fritts, Fred Fritts
	Paul and Carolina Conrad
General Fund	Stan and Jane Brunt

**YOUTH PROJECTS**

Zan Bramley

**EMILY WADE FAMILY ASSISTANCE FUND**

Ronald and Judy Funke and the LAFF Group

**MEMORY OF GEORGE AND BARBARA NELSON**

Undesignated	Richard and Joan Nelson
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**MEMORY OF PATRICIA STALLINGS**

Computer Fund	James Stallings
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**MEMORY OF FLORENCE SCHORSCHINSKY'S BROTHER**

Fifth Sunday	Larry and Pat
Mahl	

**MEMORY OF FREDERICK WALTERS BELOVED SON**

Christian Ed	Bridgitte Walters
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**MEMORY OF EMILY WADE**

Sunday School	Bridgitte Walters
Emily Wade Memorial Fund	Harry and Carol
Comeskey	

**HONOR OF SARAH PRICE**

Emily Wade Family Asst. Fund	Lucy Hieronymus
	Cathy Aleksandravicius
Sunday School	Bridgitte Walters

**HONOR OF MY BELOVED GRAND KIDS: HALEY, AYDEN AND BRUCE SNYDER**

5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Jean Manley
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**HONOR OF ROBERT HOOKER ON HIS 80<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY**

Youth	Darlene and Charles Schucker
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**HONOR OF KIERAN AND DECLAN SCHWARTZ – GRANDCHILDREN**

Sunday School	Bridgitte Walters
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