

An Exciting New Year Ahead!

I do a lot of driving in a year—in fact, I average around 44,000 miles in my truck each year! That's a lot of driving. On the road we see many road signs: "Stop," "One Way," "Slippery When Wet," "Bridge Freezes Before Road," and many more. Recently, as we were celebrating the arrival of the New Year, I didn't see a road sign that I should have seen. The sign simply read, "No Winter Maintenance." I never imagined how critical overlooking one little sign could be in my driving experience! Suffice it to say that I will now look more carefully for these signs during the winter! One oversight made for an extremely eventful two hour experience my son, James, and I will never forget!

What "road signs" do people see when they visit or see our church? Are our signs visible to them? What do our signs say?

Some churches have signs that say "Welcome," while others have subtle signs that say, "Welcome if you are one of us" or "Welcome to our Christian Country Club."

Obviously these are not literal signs that churches put out in front of their buildings or on the street corners, but people see them nevertheless!

How we present and talk about our church is critical. Do we suggest an openness in the church or is it more of an insiders group? Are we welcoming and go out of our way to greet visitors, or do we merely tolerate them while they are here? Do we talk to them with friendly conversation and invite them to sit with us, or do we begrudgingly stammer to ourselves that they are sitting in my seat?

Some churches frankly do much better in this area than others. I believe that Stroudsburg United Methodist Church is quite successful in

greeting visitors and newcomers to the church.

However, before we start patting ourselves on the back, I also believe that we can always learn more and better ways to greet visitors and make them feel welcome here.

This is not just reserved to how we make people feel in Sunday morning worship, but also in every aspect of our church ministry. Every small group, every Sunday class, every team, and each and every group in the church has the ability to be welcoming or not.

So, with another new and exciting year ahead of us, what are our church signs showing?

I hope that what people see when they come to SUMC are signs that say "Welcome," "Glad You are Here," and "Come be Part of Our Christian Family!"

I am very glad to report that we even do winter maintenance here at SUMC, thanks to Matt Parton and Matt Transue!

2010 was a very good year in many ways here in our church. Worship attendance was up 15 worshippers per Sunday, giving was up around 18%, we saw many new visitors, and received 24 new members into the church!

This new year looks bright and hopeful! We just need to keep minding our signs!



Bob Shank

Daily Lectionary Scripture References

January 2011

January 1
John 1

January 12
John 12

January 23
Psalm 2

January 2
John 2

January 13
John 13

January 24
Psalm 3

January 3
John 3

January 14
John 14

January 25
Psalm 4

January 4
John 4

January 15
John 15

January 26
Psalm 5

January 5
John 5

January 16
John 16

January 27
Psalm 6

January 6
John 6

January 17
John 17

January 28
Psalm 7

January 7
John 7

January 18
John 18

January 29
Psalm 8

January 8
John 8

January 19
John 19

January 30
Psalm 9

January 9
John 9

January 20
John 20

January 31
Psalm 10

January 10
John 10

January 21
John 21

January 11
John 11

January 22
Psalm 1



TO SERVE YOU IN JANUARY

GREETERS 8:30

(All Month)

Carole & Joseph Vuchak

11:00

2 BJ Bachman
9 Sue and Ron Gouger
16 Joanne Reed
23 Roy Pipher
30 Vivian Cobbs

USHERS 8:30

Bruce Miller
Joseph Vuchak
Brad Hildabrant
Walter Roeckendorf

11:00

Betty Michelin
Kelly Edinger
Vivian Cobbs
Joni Singer
Glenn Singer

ALTAR GUILD

Betty Michelin and Joni Singer

COUNTERS

Lynn Seip and Lorraine Cruse

SOUP KITCHEN

2 Judy Cherepko & friends
9 Christ Hamilton Lutheran Church
Confirmation Class
Alicia & Joe DeLong
16 Cub Pack 90
Linda Scardigno
23 Stroudsburg Sr. High Honor Society
Cecilia Yost
30 ESU/UCM Students
Melissa Tyler



OUR CHURCH STAFF:

Ministers	Everyone
Pastors	Bob Shank & Ted Good
Pastor Emeritus	Tom Anderman
Church Secretary	Jackie Herrero
Choir Director	Dave Lantz
Organist	Marti Lantz
Youth Director	Kim Miller
Handbell Director	Lynn Seip
Custodian	Matt Transue
Custodian	Matt Parton

OUR CHURCH LEADERS:

Daniel's Dream Team

Chairperson, Boyd Butz alchemy@ptd.net

Worship

Chairpersons, Ralph Harrison, Pastor Bob Shank

Property & Building

Chairperson, Linda Seip seipl@esasd.net

Servant Resource Team

Chairperson, Beryl Hellgren
bykoh@verizon.net

Stewardship

Chairperson, Carole Everitt
carolev1@verizon.net

Missions

Chairperson, Alberta Weber



January 2011 Birthdays

5	Elizabeth Miller
8	DeAnn Harris
12	Stancy Hilbert
17	Vivian Cobbs
21	Lisa Fiedler
22	Carole Everitt
25	Marina Maroney
25	Marge Hilbert
25	Cathy Doane
26	Phil Shaffer
27	Alberta Weber

If you would like to receive a card on your special day, please call the church office - 421-6020.



Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your visits, lovely cards, thoughts and prayers during my convalescence from hip surgery. I am doing well and looking forward to a speedy recovery.

Wishing you a new year of good health and many blessings.

Warmly,

Joanne Reed



ATTENTION ALL YOUTH

Take a Chrysalis Flight or take a Journey

Girls flight: March 10-13, 2011

Boys flight: March 17-20, 2011

About Chrysalis:

Before it becomes a butterfly, a caterpillar goes through a growth stage during which it is called a "Chrysalis". On the surface it may not look like much is happening, but the delicate chrysalis process changes the fuzzy caterpillar into an awesome butterfly with wings of intricate designs and intense colors. The chrysalis process symbolizes how Christ can transform you into something beyond your dreams. It happens when you grow beyond yourself, opening your life to Jesus' power and love.

What happens on a Chrysalis Flight or Journey?

You'll spend three days with other people your age in worship, prayer, fellowship, creative expression, recreation, singing and discussion. You'll experience the love of God through prayers and the acts of service from a loving support community. Think of it as three days for you to discover or rediscover your spiritual self, to analyze and realize who you are in Christ.

How to get involved:

Chrysalis is open to young people of any Christian denomination. The ages include 15-18 (completed 9th grade) and young adults (The Journey) 19-24 and out of high school. We invite you to join in a flight or journey, an exciting three days of experiencing God's love in a fresh new way.

Cost:

There is no cost, not even spending money, there is nothing to purchase. Transportation, food and all accommodations are provided.

Application:

A simple, couple page application must be provided to JoAnn Calkins (570-402-1210) about February 1st. A more specific date will be provided later. Get your application in early!

References:

Chrysalis is the youth version of the adult "Walk to Emmaus". The official organization is The Upper Room.

Other adults in the congregation you may talk to are:

Kathy and Dave Cook, Diane and Cliff Rogell, Cathy Doane, Roz Evans, CJ Penwell or Jeff Weber.

Adult weekends occur in October. Applications may be obtained from JoAnn Calkins or any of the above persons.

Little Quilts

For many years Little Quilts has been held on the second Monday night of the month. During the last two years, participation has dropped; so beginning January 6, 2011, Little Quilts will be combined with My Brother's Keeper. This group meets on Thursday mornings at 10:00 am until 11:30 am in the downstairs dining room.

2010 Summary of Little Quilts

28 Total quilts made
16 to the hospital (2 extra large,
2 large, 6 medium & 6 small)
6 sold at the Holiday Boutique
On reserve for other organizations:
3 medium & 3 small

COME AND JOIN US!!

Eleanor Bentzoni



Thank you to my friends at SUMC for their thoughtfulness, cards and prayers during the illness and passing of my son in law, Ken.

My family and I appreciate your kindness.

Irene Goforth

STEWARDSHIP

Through the month of December, 2010 we continue to be ahead in giving over last year by 16.8%. Again, thank you to all who increased their giving allowing us to make full payment for our Conference Apportionment as well as being current on bills. We at SUMC are truly blessed in these economic times to have such a generous and committed congregation providing this kind of financial support.

The Stewardship Committee has been working on the 2011 budget for the church. With the recent receipt of our 2011 Conference Apportionment statement the budget should be completed at our next meeting (January 10) and be available for approval by the Dream Team at it's January 11 meeting. The good news with the Conference Apportionment is that it is \$3,313.94 less than 2010. Our budget for 2011 will show all expenses for the church (unified budget) with some income from the Property & Building Fund (Trustees) to help offset expenses that they historically covered. This should present a clearer picture of the true costs of our church's operation.

There are still some giving envelopes for 2011 that have not been picked up. They are now located in the back of the Sanctuary. Please check the boxes and see if there are any names that you might be able to help with delivery - perhaps a relative, a friend or a neighbor.

A reminder to all treasurers of committees of SUMC that the yearly audit process will begin the week of January 10 and that all financial records for 2010 should be in the church office by January 10.

End of year giving statements will be mailed by the middle of January. Please contact the church office, Fran Harrison or Carole Everitt if you do not receive a statement or have a question about your statement.

The Stewardship Committee continues to ask for your prayers for our church and this committee as we begin another year. Our best wishes to all for a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous 2011.

The Stewardship Committee: Carole Everitt, Paul Edinger, Fran Harrison, Dan Butz, Kirsten Lee, JoAnn Calkins



“EXPERIENCING GOD”

JoAnn Calkins will be leading this small group starting on January 16th at 12:30 PM in the Lounge. Cost is \$7.00. Please bring your own bagged lunch. To sign up, please contact the church office or JoAnn Calkins.

STEWARDSHIP CLASS

JoAnn Calkins will be leading this class on Stewardship every other Monday night at 7:00 PM in the Lounge. First class starts on January 17th. Cost is \$7.00. To sign up, please contact the church office or JoAnn Calkins.





Applications for the Chrysalis Flight will be available January 2nd & January 9th after Worship. Applications must be completed and submitted by January 15th. Please see JoAnn Calkins after Worship for an application or if you have any questions. For more information on the Chrysalis Flight, please see the page elsewhere in this month's Courier. Information is also posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Room and outside the conference room.

The Membership and Evangelism Team invites
everyone to a



Saturday, January 22nd at 6:00 pm

To help us plan:

please sign up at the back of the sanctuary and indicate
what type of dish you plan to bring:

a Salad or Bread/Rolls

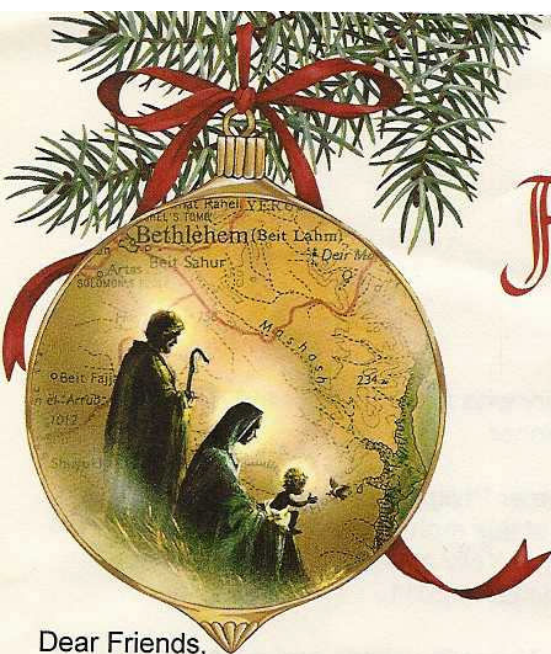
an Entrée

(meat, vegetable, casserole, or pasta/rice/potato)

or a Dessert

We will provide:

Beverages (punch and coffee) and paper plates, cups & plastic ware,
but if you would like to bring your own place setting you may.



FOR unto us a Child is BORN unto us a Son is GIVEN.

Christmas 2010

Dear Friends,

We watch the weather reports with some interest and this week the temperature in the Poconos was in the teens. The wind chill, with strong winds, fell below zero. However, we are in Philadelphia, NOT the Poconos, and it is a little warmer here.

In April, we traveled to Philadelphia and selected a lovely apartment at Simpson House, which is the oldest United Methodist retirement home in the country, and began planning to move there later in the year.

On May 11th, Stroudsburg United Methodist Church honored Tom (and Carol, too) for 60 years of ordained ministry at the morning worship service and at a luncheon that followed. As a part of that service, Tom baptized our third great grandchild, Emma Grace Toombs. The sermon, including memories of Tom through the years, was delivered by our eldest granddaughter, Lorelei. Most of the family was able to join us for this special event. Clarita spoke on behalf of her siblings at the re-retirement luncheon.

Tom derailed some of our plans when he spent eight weeks in the hospital during May and June. (Carol and Lynea think he just wanted to get out of packing this time around!) The doctors said he would need some rehab when he was released, so it was logical to select Simpson House for it. Tom moved to the Flanagan Health Center for rehab on June 30th and Carol moved into our apartment in the Old Main Building on July 1st. All four of our children were a great help and did most of the work involved in our move.

Tom spent as much time in the apartment as he could during July and August when he wasn't busy at rehab. Finally in late August, after eight weeks of rehab, Tom was able to join Carol in their apartment on a full time basis. Not everything fits into our three room apartment, so we are in the process of downsizing. One of the benefits of moving to Simpson House is getting to see more of Clarita and her family and Lynea since they are all much closer to us now. Occasionally, one or more of our children have taken advantage of our extra bed to stay overnight with us.

Tom still goes to dialysis 3 days a week, although he is now on a Monday, Wednesday, Friday schedule. He also takes advantage of the Simpson House van to travel the four miles rather dealing with the hassle of parking in Roxborough at the Davita center. Dialysis has been going well, for which we are all grateful.

In November, we celebrated our 60th wedding anniversary with a quiet dinner out. The family surprised us with a cake a week later at Thanksgiving dinner.

The family is continuing to grow all around us. This summer Philip and Kerri Corbett became engaged with plans for a 2011 wedding. The beginning of this month found Drew Beynon or knee in front of Alexandra and a large crowd. Stephen and Kelly announced that great-grandchild number four is on the way and arrival is expected in 2011.

We send our blessings to you and your family for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

With Love,

Carol and Tom Anderman

Our New Address:

Simpson House
2101 Belmont Avenue, M200
Philadelphia, PA 19131

Phone: 215-871-5235

JANUARY 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 8:30 AM Worship-Sanctuary 9:45 AM Sunday School-Downstairs 11:00 AM Worship-Sanctuary 3:00 PM Connection Service-Downstairs 4:00 PM Soup Kitchen-Dining Room 5:00 PM Family Promise Upstairs	27 Church office closed 5:00 PM Family Promise Upstairs 7:00 PM Missions Meeting-Lounge 7:00 PM Webelos II	28 5:00 PM Family Promise Upstairs 7:00 PM Small Group-Conference Room 7:00 PM Webelos II	29 11:30 AM Soup Kitchen 5:00 PM Family Promise Upstairs 6:00 PM Webelos I 6:00 PM Wolf Cubs 7:00 PM Bear Cubs 7:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal-Handbell Room 7:00 PM Tiger Cubs	30 10:00 AM My Brother's Keepers-Dining Room Downstairs 5:00 PM Family Promise Upstairs 7:00 PM Scouts 7:30 PM Choir	31 Church Office Closed 5:00 PM Family Promise Upstairs	1 Happy New Year! 5:00 PM Family Promise Upstairs
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A NIGHT OF MUSIC

VARIETY

at

**ST. Paul's Lutheran Church
of Smithfield**

Benefits St. Paul's New Building



*** BACH * BLUEGRASS *
* BROADWAY *
and * BEYOND ***

Friday, January 14, 2011

(Snow date, Friday, January 21, 2011)

**Light Buffet Reception
Fellowship Hall**

6:30 pm -- 7:30 pm

Night of Music

Church Sanctuary

7:45 pm

ADMISSION -

Adults - \$15.00

Children 10 and under - \$5.00

Nursery for children 5 and under

**Directions - Business 209 - One
mile south of Marshalls Creek on
Craig's Meadow Road, 1/8 mile
behind Country Kettle**



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January 2011

HAPPY NEW YEAR

The text "HAPPY NEW YEAR" is written in a bold, red, sans-serif font with a black outline. The letters are slightly slanted and have a 3D effect. Two yellow starburst graphics are placed around the text: one above the word "NEW" and one below the word "HAPPY".