

the presbyterian epistle

january 11



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from the pastor's desk

I am so glad the New Year has arrived. The past year brought so many blessings, but it also brought a lot of challenges and I am ready for a fresh start!

As this is my New Year's letter - I have a couple of resolutions to share:

- first resolution - I think I would like to actually look good in a bathing suit by the time the youth swim parties come around next summer so I will make that a goal for myself.
- second resolution - have a wonderful time working with our new staff person – we have started interviewing candidates and our goal is to have someone on board by the New Year.
- third resolution – continue to develop friendships within the congregation – I am so excited about getting to know our new members and learning more about my existing friends, what wonderful blessings you are!

Finally, I want to say “thank you”. Kelsey and I have been nurtured and blessed in so many ways in the past year – God truly knew what was best for all of us when I answered the call to serve at this church. Thank you for your love and support, your service to our church, and your friendship! Thank you also for the generous Christmas gift in found in my office.

2011 is going to be a great year for all of us – I can feel it!

Grace and Peace!
Kelly



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our vision

reach seekers,
grow disciples,
send servants



seekers

people who are looking for a relationship with Jesus Christ

disciples

people who are learning to be more Christ-like

servants

people who are caring for the world around them in the name of Jesus Christ

sanctuaryflowers

Members are welcome to share special times (birthdays, anniversaries, other special days) with the congregation by providing flowers for Sunday services. They will be yours to take home and enjoy after the service! The cost need not be more than \$25 and is paid to the church with a note "Pulpit flowers" in the memo on the check. Please let Ida Hassler know the details and date, and special colors or types. E-mail: ihassler@swbell.net Phone: 972-231-3017



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our mission is to:

Glorify God through worship and prayer,
Bring people to Jesus and into fellowship with His family,
Develop disciples to Christ-like maturity, and equip them for their ministry in the church and life mission in the world.



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Rev. Kelly Yeager-Chadwick, Pastor

Adam Sablich, Music Director

Gloria Purjet, Secretary

Susie Severin, Preschool Director

Dan Cavanaugh, Receiving Treasurer

Eric Smith, Newsletter Editor

Ministers, Every Member



Joyful Beginnings Preschool

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finance committee help

Your Session Finance Committee is seeking a volunteer with fundamental accounting skills. We are in need of someone to reconcile our accounts and generate the necessary financial reports. The volunteer will be responsible for closing the books on a monthly basis, balancing the checkbook, and generating the Income/Expense and Balance Sheet reports. Almost all of the activity is conducted using the PowerChurch software package. If you're interested in serving your church in this capacity, please contact Cary Reams via email at Cary.Reams@gmail.com. Thank you.

congregational meeting

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 9, 2011 immediately after the worship service in the Sanctuary to elect new elders. On Sunday, January 16 the newly elected officers will be ordained and installed

christian education

The CE committee would like to thank everyone that one way or another helped in the nursery this past year. Your time is greatly appreciated, by the Nursery attendant and the children who's lives you have touched. We encourage all of you to keep supporting this important mission for our Church.

We wish you a great New Year with the Blessings of our Lord and Christ.

men's fellowship breakfast

Men of the Church!! Join us on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6:30am at Allen Café for fellowship, conversation and networking. You order and pay for yourself and come and go as you need. Join us!

Who: All men of the church
When: January 4th and 18th at 6:30am
Where: Allen Café, 302 E. Main Street

If you have any questions, please call Rick Zinsmeister at 972-396-8728.

The Lord be with you! Greetings from Iowa to all of our friends in Allen. The snow is falling and the temperatures have dropped here. We're already up to about 20" of snow and the lows are in the negatives. All we can say is...brrrrrr! However, it's warm inside and the Advent season is a special time in Seminary. Unbelievably, I'm halfway through with my Seminary education! Finals week is over and the last few papers have been turned in and last exams have been taken. This has been a very busy semester, but also a very enjoyable one. I've completed the first semester of Hebrew and Christian Doctrine, with the second semester of both scheduled for this spring. I also took a class on the Presbyterian Confessions and a class on Luke. I'm wondering if anyone (I'm looking at you, Senior High Sunday School class) had a chance to look at the dishonest manager parable in Luke 16 over the last month. I'd love to hear from you if you had a chance to consider its different meanings. It's certainly a tricky passage, but I think it's fun to look at a passage where even the 'experts' disagree on its meaning. Anyway, send me an email if you have any thoughts on it and we'll talk (Lshellab@gmail.com).

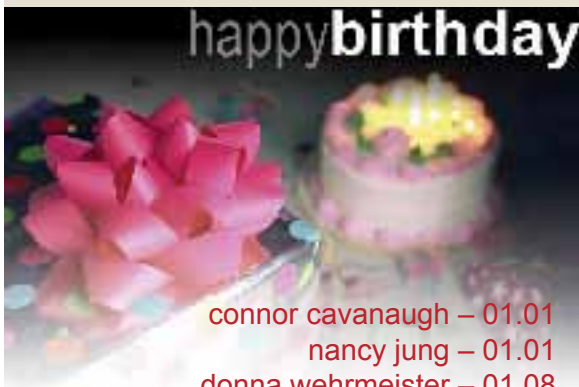
Becky and the boys continue to do well. The boys are looking forward to the beginning of the 8th grade basketball season in January and Becky is wrapping up her job as the interim youth director at our local church here in Dubuque. The new Youth Minister will start on February 1, so this is an exciting time for that church and their youth. It has been interesting to watch the process of calling a new minister since I'll be on the other side of the process in just over a year. It has been great to watch God at work, providing the right pastor for their needs.

Speaking of the right people, I owe a debt of gratitude to Rev. Scott Hookey, my liaison with the Grace Presbytery CPM committee since May 2009. Scott is rotating off of the committee this year. He has been a blessing to my life and has been a huge help to Becky and me. If you ever happen across him at a Presbytery meeting or other event, please help to express my gratitude to him! Scott is the Pastor at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Longview. My new liaison will be Rev. Laura Fitzgibbon, who is rotating onto the committee.

I usually try to put something profound in these letters to you, but I think my brain is tired this month. Must be the final papers that I just wrapped up. So, I'll conclude by wishing you the very best this holiday season. We miss everyone and are looking forward to our next opportunity to come home sometime over the summer, if not sooner. Continue to do God's work and find ways to live out your life as a Christian disciple! May the peace of Christ go with you in all that you do.

Loren, Lshellab@gmail.com

the twelve days of christmas



- connor cavanaugh – 01.01
- nancy jung – 01.01
- donna wehrmeister – 01.08
- mike mcchesney – 01.09
- sarah shafer – 01.09
- timothy grigg – 01.10
- bill leise – 01.10
- scott salerno – 01.10
- sherrod bibb – 01.11
- jason mclaughlin – 01.12
- randy deshane – 01.13
- darin mcintier – 01.14
- kristen ardoin – 01.19
- ishmael boye – 01.24
- nancy deshane – 01.26
- grace mclaughlin – 01.28
- lenore etherington – 01.30

From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember.

- The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.
- Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments.
- Three French hens stood for faith, hope, and love.
- The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.
- The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament.
- The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.
- Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit -- Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.
- The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.
- Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit -- Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control.
- The ten lords a-leaping were the ten commandments.
- The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples.
- The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.



youth activities

- Sunday, January 9th: JR High 5pm-6pm
SR High 6:30pm-7:30pm
- Sunday, January 16th: JR High 5pm-6pm
SR High 6:30pm-7:30pm
- Sunday, January 23rd: JR High 5pm-6pm
SR High 6:30pm-7:30pm
- Sunday, January 30th: JR High 5pm-6pm
SR High 6:30pm-7:30pm



Recent communion service.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday 1 New Year's Day
2 9:30 am Church School for All Ages 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary) 11:30 am New Members Received 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship (FH)	3 7:00 pm Lydia Circle (Library)	4 6:30 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Allen Café) 9:15 am Food Pantry Volunteers (St. Jude's) 6:30 pm Fellowship Committee (McDonald's) 7:00 pm Outreach Committee (FH) 7:00 pm Property Committee (Narthex) 7:00 pm Troop 630 (FH)	5 9:30 am Mary Circle (Library) 6:30 pm Congregational Care (Narthex) 7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	6 6:00 pm Scarlett O'Hatter Dance Team (FH)	7	8
9 Baptism of the Lord 9:30 am Church School for All Ages 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary) 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship (FH) 12:00 pm Christian Education Committee (FH) 5:00 pm Jr. High Youth Meeting (Youth Rm) 6:30 pm Sr. High Youth Meeting (Youth Rm)	10 7:00 pm Lydia Circle (Library)	11 7:00 pm Troop 630 (FH) 7:30 pm Pack 359 Adult Planning Meeting (Youth Rm)	12 9:30 am Mary Circle (Library) 9:30 am Martha Circle 4:30 pm Girl Scouts (FH) 7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	13 6:00 pm Scarlett O'Hatter Dance Team (FH)	14	15
16 9:30 am Church School for All Ages 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship (FH) 5:00 pm Jr. High Youth Meeting (Youth Rm) 6:30 pm Sr. High Youth Meeting (Youth Rm) NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 7:00 pm Lydia Circle (Library) 7:00 pm Joyful Beginnings Board Meeting (FH)	18 6:30 am Men's Fellowship Breakfast (Allen Café) 7:00 pm Troop 630 (FH)	19 9:30 am Mary Circle (Library) 9:30 am Martha Circle 7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)	20 6:00 pm Allen Quilter's Guild (FH)	21	22
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MINISTRY	JANUARY 2	JANUARY 9	JANUARY 16	JANUARY 23	JANUARY 30
Greeting	Pastor Kelly	Merrie Cavanaugh	Erik Waldbauer	Ida Hassler	Randy McDaniel
Acolytes	Grant Owen-McNair	Meghan Dunn	Kelsey Chadwick	Ryan Pero	Grace McLaughlin
Liturgists	Brian Shafer	Dan Cavanaugh	Lynda Olson	Frank Salerno	Brian Shafer
Communion (Elders to Serve)	Bill Brown Randy DeShan Dianne Liese Darin McIntier Donna Wehrmeister				
Communion (Prepare Elements)	Janet McChesney				
Offering Counters	Ed Hassler Brian Shafer	Randy McDaniel			
Ushers	Steve Zinsmeister Allyson Zinsmeister Erik Waldbauer Joy Valderas	Eric Smith Bob Silco Dorothy Silco Frank Salerno	Brian Shafer Sarah Shafer Cary Reams Will Reams	Emie Pero Courtney Pero Adam McDaniel Maggie Osborne	Sam McCorcle Mick McCorcle Dennis de Wet Bill Liese
Time with Young Disciples	Pastor Kelly	Pastor Kelly	Pastor Kelly	Pastor Kelly	Pastor Kelly
Building Steward	Bob Black	Randy McDaniel			



meet the session

2010

Bob Black
Discipleship

Faith Engler
Youth

Tammy Fisher
Fellowship

Darin McIntier
Nominating
Presbytery Delegate

Steve Zinsmeister
Fellowship

Beverly Carson
Clerk of Session

2011

Ed Hassler
Property

Randy McDaniel
Christian Education

Cary Reams
Finance

Brian Shafer
Stewardship

2012

Nancy Bridges
Evangelism

Sylvia Brown
Personnel

Lisa Waldbauer
Outreach

Donna Wehrmeister
Worship

If you would like to be more involved in the life of the church, feel free to speak with one of these people and join a committee.