

THE AMBASSADOR

January 2007

Dear Friends,

Karen and I thank you for the many gifts, cards and greetings we received during the Christmas season. Most of all we thank you for the love and friendship you have given to us during the Holy-days and throughout the year. You are truly special people, God's people, and we want you to know we have deep Christian love for you as well.

We are entering a tremendously exciting and important season in the life of our church called "70 Days of Purpose." It will inform our faith, strengthen our relationship with God, and cement even more tightly the bonds of unity, friendship and love we already have in such abundance in our congregation.

About 100 of our church have already signed up for the ten-week small groups which will discuss Kent Hunter's "Discover Your Windows." By the time you receive this I would suspect that all 11 small groups will be filled. If you were unable to find a place within a small group please read your book with someone else in the church and discuss it together. To borrow a phrase, I want 'noone left behind' as we move into God's preferred future!

As we enter this brand new year of 2007 'God's preferred future' for Waterville United Methodist Church has never seemed more thrilling! We enter with direction and purpose. We begin this new year with energy and plans for action. And most importantly we enter the new year with the presence of God in our midst to guide us, instruct us and love us. As an old Gershwin song said, "Who could ask for anything more?"

The coming years for this great church will test our willingness to seek and accept God guidance, instruction and love. May we, in the words of St. Augustine, "Change those things we can change, accept those things we cannot change, and have the wisdom to know the difference."

Happy New Year!

Pastor Jim

70 Days of Purpose

Beginning the week of January 7, 2007, our church will spend seventy days exploring a wonderful resource called, "Discover Your Windows," a book which will help us discern God's direction for us as individuals and our congregation as a whole. Small groups will meet ten times for one hour to discuss one chapter of the book at each meeting. The worship service at the end of the week will focus on that same chapter. It is your responsibility, if you have not done so already, to contact one of the hosts that are listed below to 'sign up.'

The books may be picked up at the church. Please one book per household. Even if you are not able to participate in one of the groups, please get a book and read it. The cost of each book is \$12.00, if you wish to reimburse the church. The host/hostess of each group will collect the money. Or you may send a check to the church with 'book' written on the memo line.

If you haven't already joined a group, call today before they are all filled up!

Paul & Julie Croy
15129 Five Point Rd.
Perrysburg, OH 43551
(419)878-8301

Sundays 6:45 p.m.
Starts January 7th
In Their Home

Dick & Sue George
7438 Royal Timbers
Waterville, OH 43566
(419)878-0080

Mondays at 7:00 p.m.
Starts January 8th
In Their Home

George & Margaret Hayes
392 S. River Rd.
Waterville, OH 43566
(419)878-2686

Weds. at 10:00 a.m.
Starts January 10th
In Their Home

Brian & Sandi Schultz
1104 Westridge Dr.
Waterville, OH 43566
(419)878-2212

Mondays at 6:30 p.m.
Starts January 8th
At Church (kid
friendly)

Eric Ramlow
837 Maple Lane
Waterville, OH 43566
(419)509-5844

Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.
Starts January 11th
In His Home

Steve & Barbara Crandall
6054 Cemetery Rd.
Whitehouse, OH 43571
(419)877-5033

Mondays at 7:00 p.m.
Starts January 8th
In Their Home

Doug & Cindy Box
10010 Heller Road
Waterville, OH 43566
(419)877-5031

Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.
Starts January 11th
In Their Home

Jason & April Born
412 N. Findlay
Haskins, OH 43525
(419)823-1703

Tuesdays at 6:45 p.m.
Starts January 9th
In Their Home (kid
friendly)

Gary & Rene Breymaier
3112 Quarry Rd.
Maumee, OH 43537
(419)861-0732

Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.
Starts January 11th
In Their Home

Glen & Yvonne Lammon
7367 Harbour Light Crt.
Maumee, OH 43537
(419)878-0019

Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.
Starts January 9th
In Their Home

Dave & Ann Nightingale
461 Canal Court
Waterville, OH 43566
(419)878-4326

Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.
Starts January 11th
In Their Home

Couples with Young Children



It is time for our second annual after-the-holidays party. The event will take place on Saturday, January 20th from 6:00-8:30 pm. Please bring your kids. The youth group has volunteered to watch them for \$5.00 a child. This year we will be making our own pizzas. Don't forget your white elephant gifts as well. We'll be sure to bring back some of the favorites. Watch for more details and a sign up sheet after the 1st of the year. If you have questions please call the Schultz family at 878-2212.



We will be having a little party at church on Wednesday, January 17th at 7:00 p.m. to celebrate the success of last year's Fools and watch the DVD. **All are welcome!** We couldn't have done it without the support of so many people. We will also be discussing our new show slated for April 20, 21, and 22. This year we will present the comedy, Heaven Can Wait and donate our proceeds to a new charity. If you have any interest in being involved as an actor, please attend this party or contact Brian Schultz at 878-2212. This cast is a little larger, so if you are remotely interested, I'll find a place for you. Trust me, you'll have fun and I'm certain God will smile upon our efforts.

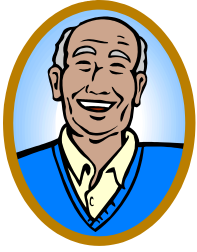
University of Toledo Basketball Night

We received the following letter from the University of Toledo, if you are interested, please call the church office. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board.



The Toledo Rockets Athletic Department would like to invite you and your congregation to the Rocket Basketball Community Church Night on Saturday, January 13th as the Rockets host Western Michigan at 7:00 pm in Savage Hall. This year's Community Church Night will feature the halftime performance of the Jabali Acrobats, guests of Late Night with David Letterman, ESPN and President Clinton.

Community Church Night applies to all member of your congregation. Tickets are on a first come, first served basis while supplies last. Ticket locations will be in reserved sections, where your group can watch the Rockets in action. The Rockets would like to offer you \$2 youth tickets (age 18 and under) and \$3 adult tickets when your congregation orders at least 10 Community Church Night tickets.



CHILDREN OF AGING PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP

CAPS will be having a brain storming session at our January meeting. We will decide as a group what topics we want to have presented this spring.

All are welcome and new ideas are appreciated.

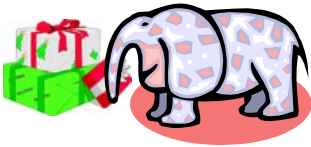
See you at 7pm on the 17th in the Fellowship hall,

Nancy Stafford



Women's Ministry News

The women of the church are invited to begin the new year in fellowship with one another. We will meet at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 31st at the new Chowders' & Moor Restaurant. They are located at Rt. 24 and South St. in Waterville (the former General's Chop House). Please bring a "white elephant" gift for a fun and entertaining exchange. A "white elephant" gift is something you no longer want but is still functional - not broken. Please do not go out and buy something new!



The Lord has blessed us with the new direction of our Women's Ministry and we seek His guidance for 2007.

Ladies, it's time to get those creative juices flowing again. Let's get scrapbooking and crafting! We will meet on Mondays, January 8 and 22 at 1:00 p.m. and on Sundays, the 14th and 28th at 6:30 p.m. Bring whatever you want to work on or just join us for some fellowship and snacks. We'll share ideas and fun.

The Lunch Bunch plans for January are a trip to Perrysburg. We will meet at Peppercorns at 12:45 p.m. on Wednesday, January 17th. All ladies are invited to join us as we enjoy delicious food and great fellowship. If you need a ride, please call Tehya Collinworth at 419/878-8616.

STATISTICS

DATE	ATTENDANCE	GENERAL FUND	CHILDREN	SUNDAY SCHOOL
December 3	164	\$4,359.00		28
December 10	203	5,722.61		38
December 17	240	11,372.93		no classes
December 24	177	6,003.00		no classes

Christmas offering - to date - \$1,448.00



HAPPY NEW YEAR!



January 2007 Birthday:

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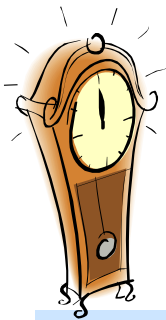
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- 12 Phyllis Henry
- 13 Karl Kirkman
- 13 Kim Marshall
- 13 Sandi Schultz
- 15 Chris Stafford
- 17 Tom Shoemaker
- 19 Nancy A. Stafford
- 19 Bernard Utz
- 25 Ann Nightingale
- 29 Verna Rose
- 30 Tedd Munn
- 31 Fritzie Schifferly
- 31 Jim Simpson



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- Malachi Lipinski
- Mikael Lipinski
- Samantha Banks
- Erin Morlock
- Joshua Shelton
- Elaine Jakubowski



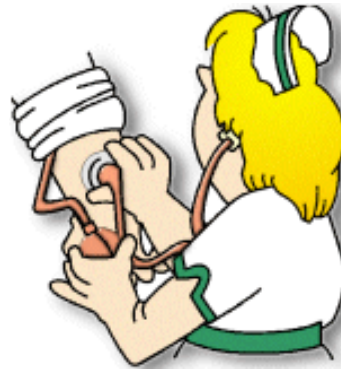
As we look into 2007 we ... see 12 months, 52 weeks, 365 days, 8,760 hours, 525,600 minutes, 31,536,000 seconds. And all is a gift from God. We have done nothing to deserve it, earn it, or purchased it.

There is no way to slow it down, turn it off, or adjust it. Time marches on. And you cannot bring back time. Once it is gone, it is gone. Yesterday is lost forever. If yesterday is lost, tomorrow is uncertain. We may look ahead at a full year's block of time, but we really have no guarantee that we will experience any of it.

Obviously, time is one of our most precious possessions. We can waste it. We can worry over it. We can spend it on ourselves. Or, as good stewards, we can invest it in the kingdom of God.

The new year is full of time. As the seconds tick away, will you be tossing time out the window, or will you make every minute count?-- A Year of Time by Steven B. Cloud, excerpt from *Pulpit Helps*, Vol. 14, # 2





Hospitalized in December

Lisa Ellison & Fiona
Kay Robertson

Births



Fiona Elyse Ellison was born to Jack & Lisa Ellison on December 16.

Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of *Norton Young* who passed away on December 21 in Florida. Norton, father of Squire Young, had been a member of Waterville United Methodist Church for many years. He and his wife, Ellen, had resided in Florida for the past few years. A memorial service in Waterville is planned for this summer. Condolences may be sent to Ellen at 420 Moore Park Lane, Merritt Island, FL 32952 and Squire at 8656 Noward Rd., Waterville.



We send condolences to the families of former members *Richard "Bert" Monroe*, who passed away on December 22 in Ann Arbor, and *Jeff Stevens*, on December 24 in Long Island.

Also, please remember Barb Page upon the death of her uncle, *Robert Weir*, who deceased on December 23.



Please add the following to our list of Care Centers. We inadvertently left Lucile off the list last month -

Lucile Young
Heartland of Waterville
8885 Browning Dr, Waterville
Room 218



Dear Friends,

As most of you know, 2006 has been a year of valleys and mountain tops for me and my family. We have been blessed to have my mother with us for one more year even though her cancer is taking its toll on her. Our biggest blessing was the birth of our first grandchild, Jack. But that too has its rough times with his surgery at 3 weeks old and again at 8 months. He is growing rapidly and doing great now.

Then when things seem to be on a relatively even keel, I manage to slip and crack my leg in 2 spots. Through all of this, we have been blessed to have such caring and thoughtful friends and we thank you for all your prayers, cards, meals, and understanding with my unpredictable hours at the church office. Thank you also for being so generous with your Christmas gifts. I am so very lucky to have such a wonderful "job." We are hoping for a much less eventful year in 2007!

In Christian Love, Penny



We want to thank the Prayer Chain and all the People at Waterville UM Church for your Prayers, Christmas Cards and E-Mail messages. They have meant a lot to us this year. We have fond memories of Waterville. The Good Lord has been there for us with His Love through His People.

Harry is now able to put weight on his leg. He is still using a walker for balance. We still have a ways to go, but at least he is back on his feet.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all and Thank you again for your Prayers.

Love to all, Harry and Bev Styers

Just a note to tell the ladies and men "Thanks" for my prayer quilt. It is simply gorgeous and my family and I appreciate you for keeping me in your thoughts and prayers. We are going to make a wall hanging with the quilt and proudly show it off. Once again "thank you." Love Ada Pierson



Many thanks to the young people for their Christmas visit and their "Taste of Christmas" package. Many blessings on the church for the exciting future plans. Marian Girkins, Browning Masonic Community

To the Congregation, Thank you for the generous Christmas gift. I appreciate the thoughtfulness. May our Lord bless you in the coming year. Sincerely, Addie Breymaier



Scripture and Prayer Calendar



SCRIPTURE	JANUARY		PRAYER
Genesis 1 & 2	Matthew 1	1	Mr. Henry Hanzl
Genesis 3 & 4	Matthew 2	2	Mr. Ron Hart
Genesis 5 & 6	Matthew 3	3	Mr. & Mrs. Donald Harter
Genesis 7 & 8	Matthew 4	4	Mr. & Mrs. George Hayes
Genesis 9 & 10	Matthew 5	5	The Shirley Heimrich Family
Genesis 11 & 12	Matthew 6	6	The John Henry Family
Genesis 13 & 14	Matthew 7	7	Mrs. Phyllis Henry
Genesis 15 & 16	Matthew 8	8	Mrs. Virginia Heyman
Genesis 17 & 18	Matthew 9	9	Mrs. Shirley Hiles
Genesis 19 & 20	Matthew 10	10	Mrs. Sharon Hill
Genesis 21 & 22	Matthew 11	11	Mr. & Mrs. Bob Hires, Sr.
Genesis 23 & 24	Matthew 12	12	The Robert Hires, Jr. Family
Genesis 25 & 26	Matthew 13	13	Mr. & Mrs. Ron Holland
Genesis 27 & 28	Matthew 14	14	Mr. & Mrs. Ron Hood
Genesis 29 & 30	Matthew 15	15	The Kevin Jakubowski Family
Genesis 31 & 32	Matthew 16	16	Mr. & Mrs. Thad Jones
Genesis 33 & 34	Matthew 17	17	The Eric Kahl Family
Genesis 35 & 36	Matthew 18	18	Mr. & Mrs. Tom Kahl
Genesis 37 & 38	Matthew 19	19	Mr. & Mrs. Roger King
Genesis 39 & 40	Matthew 20	20	The Chris Kirby Family
Genesis 41 & 42	Matthew 21	21	Mr. & Mrs. Karl Kirkman
Genesis 43 & 44	Matthew 22	22	The Thomas Kurtz Family
Genesis 45 & 46	Matthew 23	23	The Glen Lammon Family
Genesis 47 & 48	Matthew 24	24	Mr. & Mrs. David Landis
Genesis 49 & 50	Matthew 25	25	Mrs. Elaine Larimer
Exodus 1 & 2	Matthew 26	26	Mr. & Mrs. Bill LaRue
Exodus 3 & 4	Matthew 27	27	The Jan Launder Family
Exodus 5 & 6	Matthew 28	28	Mrs. Eva Leathers
Exodus 7 & 8	Mark 1	29	Ms. Linda Linn
Exodus 9 & 10	Mark 2	30	The Frank Lipinski Family
Exodus 11 & 12	Mark 3	31	Ms. Karen Longnecker



Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.-- James 5:16



Following each daily Scripture Reading are the names of the families and individuals for our daily prayer list. Please read your Bible and pray for these persons for the month of January. If you have a prayer request, please feel free to call the Prayer Chain: Mary Williams 419-878-5554 or e-mail gwilliams@tbbs.com; Diana Cox 419-823-3110 or diana_editor@yahoo.com



Wishing You a Very Happy New Year!

I Saw Jesus Last Week -

He was wearing jeans and an old shirt
He was up at the church building
He was alone and working hard
For just a minute he looked a little like one of our members....
But it was Jesus, I could tell by his smile

I Saw Jesus last Sunday -

He was teaching a Bible Class
He didn't talk real loud or use long words
But you could tell he believed what he said
For just a minute, he looked like my Sunday School teacher...
But it was Jesus, I could tell by his loving voice

I saw Jesus yesterday -

He was at the hospital visiting a friend who was sick
They prayed together quietly
For just a minute he looked like my Pastor
But I could tell it was Jesus by the tears in his eyes

I saw Jesus this morning -

He was in my kitchen making breakfast
And fixing me a special lunch
For just a minute he looked like my mom
But it was Jesus, I could feel the love from his heart

I saw Jesus everywhere -

Taking food to the sick
Welcoming others to his home
Being friendly to a newcomer and for just a minute
I think he is someone I know...
But it's always Jesus, I can tell by the way he serves

May someone see Jesus in you today!