

Dovetales, a newsletter of Gladwyne Presbyterian Church,
1321 Beaumont Drive 19035 610-649-2235 www.gladwynepres.org
P. Todd Stavrakos, Pastor
February, 2009 edition



February

- 3 11 a.m. Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Deacons' meeting
- 4 7:30 p.m. Session
- 8 11 a.m. Worship with Rev. Bruce MacCullough
- 10 NO BIBLE STUDY
- 12 7:00 p.m. Women's Book Group
- 14 **HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY**
- 15 11 a.m. Worship with David Sanchez
- 16 **Presidents' Day - OFFICE CLOSED**
- 17 11 a.m. Bible Study
- 24 11 a.m. Bible Study
- 26 7:30 p.m. Men's Group
- 28 Food prep and serve @ Central Pres. Church



Feb. 6 through Feb. 15

Pastor Todd and his family will be away on vacation. Please call the church office with your needs or concerns and Margaret will direct you. Todd will be back in the office on February 16th.



Women's Book Group

Many thanks to Sandra for leading the book group in January. We had a record 16 people attend!

On February 12 at 7 PM we will discuss *The Shack* by William P Young.

Review

"The Shack" is a one of a kind invitation to journey to the very heart of God. Through my tears and cheers, I have been indeed transformed by the tender mercy with which William Paul Young opened the veil that too often separated me from God and from myself. With every page, the complicated do's and don't that distort a relationship into a religion were washed away as I understood Father, Son and Holy Spirit for the first time in my life. --Patrick M. Roddy, ABC News Emmy Award winning producer

Next reads:

1) **March 5** - note change of date!!!!

The Lace Reader, by Brunonia Barry

Pick up books from Sandra after 2/16. They are due back to the library 3/11 necessitating the earlier book group date.

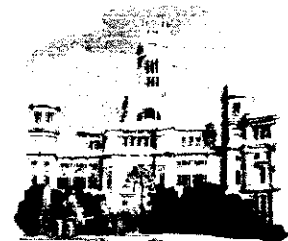
2) **April** - *Year of Wonder*, by Geraldine Brooks

3) **May** - *Belong to Me*, by Marisa de los Santos

4) **June** - *The Soloist*, by Steve Lopez

AWAY for a semester

Jenna McGowan is spending this semester in Spain. A long way from home, family and friends. Please try to send her an email at MagicKat88@msn.com. She is also on Skype as Jenna McGowan. She arrived safely and is already entrenched in her program. She will be living with a host family. Everyone is just speaking Spanish!!! She will be in classes until late June (taking all her classes in Spanish!!). What a wonderful opportunity.





February is for lovers

As I sat down to write this letter for Dovetales, I tried to think of what happens in February that might have something worthwhile to mention. Perhaps President's Day, that might work, I could time something into the inauguration? Nah. Been done. Ok, how about Black History month? Just did MLK, so covered that topic. Ground Hog day? Calling Punxsutawney Phil. Not that desperate. Anything else? No.

Ok guys, if you recall the other day of significance in February, then you know how much trouble I could be in. If you don't know, then let me remind you of Valentine's Day. FTD's phone number is 1-800-SEND FTD. Well now you can't claim no one reminded you of the day. Of course if you are a jaded person like myself, you have probably spent most of your life harboring grudges against Hallmark, thinking they came up with this holiday to cost us money. But let me just dispel that nasty little thought and inform you that you have another reason to not like church.

It seems like Valentine's Day is all our fault, that's right, the church began to officially celebrate St. Valentine's Day on February 14th in 498 AD or CE for Common Era. It would seem that the church was seeking a way to take some attention away from the fertility festivals that were common in Rome. Many of these festivals were held in the month of February, the greatest, Lupercalia, being celebrated on February 15th. During Lupercalia, the people through the festival in honor of Faunus, the Roman god of agriculture, with the desire to please Faunus so that the coming growing season would be bountiful.

It so happened that St. Valentine died in February, or so it was believed, and according to the lore, Valentine was a priest who defied the Roman Emperor Claudius II who ruled during the 3rd Century. Evidently Claudius believed that single men made far better warriors than married men and decided to outlaw marriage for young men. Valentine defied this decree, seeing the injustice in it, and continued to marry young lovers. For this Valentine was placed in jail and sentenced to death. While in jail, Valentine reportedly fell in love with jailer's daughter and sent her the first "Valentine" card signed "from your Valentine."

While the first Valentine card is nice, the importance of the story, and of perhaps Valentine's Day itself, rests in the sacredness of human love, a love that is a gift from God. St. Valentine understood this love and chose to cherish it and nurture it, so much so that he was willing to risk death. He understood that love is a gift from God and no human being can take it away from another. Con't.....

Perhaps it is appropriate that Ash Wednesday falls in February this year. Ash Wednesday begins Lent, the period in which we prepare for Easter. Perhaps our preparation this year will be to reflect on the love that God holds for us, a love that is so immense that it was and is willing to conquer all things, as Paul testifies "nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ." The love between two people is a reflection of that love, and should be cherished for its sacred origin.

Let us in the body of Christ cherish this love and support and nourish it wherever it grows.

Happy Valentine's Day.

Todd

Todd

Lent Programming



Lent was long considered the optimum time for preparing newcomers to the faith in Jesus Christ. The forty days of Lent paralleled the time of not Israel's time in the wilderness but also Jesus temptations. Since baptism only occurred once a year in the early church, newcomers to faith underwent vigorous study and reflection leading up to their baptism on Easter. Since that time, Lent has become a time of preparation for the body of Christ; often marked by rituals or sacrifices; practices meant to follow in the spirit of Christ's sufferings. Today we mark Lent with the Ash Wednesday service which will be held on February 25th at 7:30 pm.

Presently the Deacons and Worship team are planning further activities for Lent and Holy Week and more information will be forthcoming.



Christianity 101: Evangelism

I cannot think of a dirtier word in the Body of Christ than evangelism. Its mere mention will cause even the heartiest of souls to quiver. I have always wondered were it all went wrong for my friend evangelism whose name only means "good news." How can a word that means good news become a four letter curse word, uttered with contempt? The word evangelist appears only three times in the New Testament and each time it has a very positive meaning, even being defined as one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit in Ephesians 4:11. Somehow, somehow it must have taken on a new meaning.

The problem arose with the creation of a new term, evangelical. Of course even this name began with only the best of intentions as it described those reformers of the 14th and 15th centuries who wanted the church to leave behind its superstitious practices and return to its biblical roots. Many of the reformers, Luther, Calvin and Zwingli, proudly wore the badge of being an evangelical, one who was concerned about the proclamation of the Good News and insured that the Good News was freed from practices not found in scripture. Again, it would seem that even into the Middle Ages and in the beginning of the Enlightenment, the word evangelism was positive.

It is then during the post-Enlightenment period that word begins to get muddied a bit. The secularist movement, that truly began with the Enlightenment as well as the modern era, caused great concern among many in the church. They were offended by many of the teachings the modern world, whether it be science, philosophy or its challenges to traditional society. As a result, the fundamentalist movement began, which was really a challenge to secular culture. At its heart, fundamentalism is a countercultural movement, it is more a social movement than a religious one.

While some fundamentalists are evangelical, not all evangelicals are fundamentalists. Evangelicals are found in all denominations as well as on both sides of the theological spectrum. To lump evangelicals and fundamentalists together is wrong, the overriding doctrines of fundamentalism; literal interpretation of scripture, dispensationalist and premillennialism, are not shared by evangelicals whose core principals are authority and sufficiency of scripture, the unique redemption offered through the death of Christ, the need for personal conversion and the necessity and urgency of evangelism.

When one thinks about it, the role of the evangelist has not really changed throughout time. It has always been someone concerned with the proclamation of

the Good News as it is attested to in scripture. Evangelicalism has always been a friend of technology and the world, seeing the wonderful potential within humanity. It would seem that my friend might not be so bad after all. When you think about it, whenever we proclaim the truth of Christ, as proclaimed by scripture, whenever we seek to allow others to find that inner light that burns inside of them, whenever we proclaim the love of God to another, we are evangelists. Not too bad, huh?

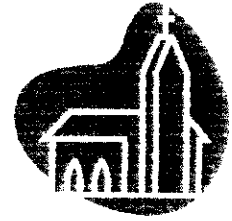
Tom



- Thanks to the +/- 20 folks who gathered Sunday to share fellowship with our two brothers from Zambia, the Reverends Maleka Kabandama and Victor Chilenje and Bill Reinhold from our Presbytery. We discovered many similarities and hopes for the future. There was generated some talk of an adult or adult youth mission trip with a side trip to see Mosi-oa-Tuny (the Smoke that Thunders), a waterfall known also as Victoria Falls. If this is something you might think about, let Sandy Drayer or Mark Fifer know. This could start with one step.
- The sermons (talks) from Heading God's Call Conference are available from this website.
The one by Chet Myers Tuesday evening is SUPER.
<http://www.peacegathering2009.org/>

Enjoy the others as well

Ann Guise



Update on Central Presbyterian and our Latino friends

I called Pastor Gadiel yesterday to catch up with life and how they are doing. He asked me to pass on some information, important upcoming dates, and request some support in some areas:

DATES:

1) Both the Latino Fellowship (LAF) and English-speaking congregations of Central will come together for their **annual congregational meeting (11amish) and Potluck Luncheon after the 10am service Sunday February 1**. Most of the nitty-gritty details are worked out or nearly so, but it isn't any easy year for them (they have about a \$30,000. difference between pledges and their proposed budget - that's with a part-time pastor). Likewise, they are in the middle of a transition giving the Latinos more representation/leadership/power in the church, which is a big deal. SO, Gadiel said if any of us could accompany them at this meeting/lunch, our presence to affirm all of their hard work would be greatly appreciated.

2) Next - **ALL are invited to the Sunday Feb 22, at the 4pm Latino Worship Service**, at which Gadiel and his wife Maria del Pilar will be celebrating their Silver Wedding Anniversary (25 years!). They would like Todd to give them a blessing/officiate (and me to translate); and everyone is welcome to the fiesta afterward (and maybe we could bring an additional goodie or two).

3) The **Latino Fellowship Commission** will meet bi-monthly this year, since an increasing number of Latino members are becoming Central Presby Elders, these separate meetings are less necessary. The next meeting is set for **Sunday evening, March 8, 7pm**. Can someone please commit to attending? I hope to attend, but will just be returning from our Spring Break week away with WCU students in Nicaragua, so may not have the energy for it.

4) As part of the increased sharing of leadership responsibilities between the Latinos and English-speaking congregations this year, 2 Central Presby. Commission are being formed. They will be composed of 2 Anglo and 2 Latino members from Central, and are seeking 2 "experts" in the respective areas from outside the church. **Gadiel would very much like some GPC members to be a part of these commissions. They are:**

A) the Property Commission - to study the best use of the building, and best ways to sustain it; figure out how to deal with short-term needs of the property; and develop a long-range plan for its use(s).

B) the Financial Commission - with a similar structure to the other commission, need 2 outside advisors.

On behalf of Gadiel, I am writing you all to ask that you seriously consider playing important roles on these commissions. We have a growing relationship of trust and exchange with our brothers and sisters at Central in many ways. Now they are reaching out to ask for us to really support them in a time of great need and change. The Presbytery would really appreciate it as well! Can we step up and extend a hand on a different level?

I'd be happy to continue this conversation with all and anyone involved.

Linda Stevenson, Elder



Anti Gun Violence Rally January 17

Gladwyne Church had a strong representation at the daylong anti- gun violence rally by various faith based communities. This is a commitment to pay attention. We counted 18 GPCers as participants in this call to action:

Mark Fifer, Sally Stevenson, Todd Stavrakos, Ann Guise, Bruce and Noreen MacCullough, Kathleen Troncelliti, Joe Troncelliti, Barbs Murray, Barbara Kanzinger, Joanne Markman, Ruth Williams, Barbara Holmes, Jack Holmes, Jana Mossey, Sue Althouse and Larry Cozzens,

The group wants to set some plans for the immediate future and begin to think and pray together about a longer-term strategy for a powerful faith-based gun violence prevention movement.

An initial organizing and planning session is planned on Sunday, February 8 from 2:00 – 4:30 PM at the Church of the Advocate at 1801 W. Diamond Street, Philadelphia.

Message from Therese Miller (Gathering Director of Heeding God's Call): *President Obama encouraged us to consider what we can achieve when imagination is joined to common purpose and necessity to courage. We have tasted the power of imagination and common purpose in the development of nine amazing programs of prayer, dialogue and expression on Saturday morning. We have experienced the powerful combination of necessity and courage in those who have opened dialogue with Mr. Colosimo, the gun shop owner at 9th and Spring Garden, those who have risked arrest to communicate the seriousness of our intentions, and those who took our message into the freezing streets. Let's get together to imagine what's next. Let's stay together to encourage and empower each other in this work of community peace building. We've got work to do!*

Please let Ann Guise (215-748-5454) know if you are planning to attend.

Ann Guise, Elder



The last two years, GPC has enjoyed a wonderful family retreat at Ocean Grove, NJ. It has been a wonderful time for fellowship, reflection and relaxation. This year we are heading to the hills as the retreat will be held at Kenbrook Retreat Center outside of Lebanon, PA. Nestled in the hills of Pennsylvania, Kenbrook offers many outdoor recreation facilities as well as hotel style accommodations. (This means all the rooms have their own bathroom, yeah!) The dates of the retreat are May 29-31. More info will follow.



Outreach Report

Many thanks to all who have been contributing to the Just One More food project. We need to keep working on this as it will be a hard winter for many folks. A special thanks for the Gateway School children and their families who so generously contributed in December.

The Alternative Gift Market was a great success, raising \$1800.00 for the many projects that are important to our members. New this year was the project for Los Guidos community sponsored by our youth, and the "buy a camel for a Kenyan library" project sponsored by the Book Group.

We also wish to acknowledge that many members of our congregation are very involved in reaching out to other organizations and community efforts on a personal level. One of these is the Presbyterian Children's Village. Volunteer opportunities are listed on the bulletin board in the community room.

We returned to Central Pres to help with their feeding program on January 24th and will continue there on the 4th Saturday of each month. Please let Pat know if you would like to sign up. Typically, few volunteer until the last minute (which gives Pat angina) and too many call at the last minute (which is always welcome). Please save Pat from angina and reserve your space early.

As Session worked on the new budget, discussion was strong about the outreach budget. In restructuring the way dollars are used, to maximize our impact by considering fewer organizations, we can give an amount that is really helpful. We are also committed to giving hands-on help to larger organizations that are more in need of our hands than our limited funds. We will continue to contribute in either fashion to local, regional and international groups. For instance, the \$700 sent to the Los Guidos church has had real impact.

As we try to rebalance our outreach budget, please be part of this discussion. Speak with Jana, Ann or Pat.

An opportunity to be on the receiving end of a meal with the homeless exists every Wednesday evening at 6PM at Broad Street Presby. We are glad to help provide meals at Central Pres, but to sit with and listen to folks there or at Broad Street is a different ministry. The book, *The Soloist*, by Steve Lopez is a Philadelphia Reads selection and the city is focusing on the homeless. Pat will be glad to accompany any who wish to attend.

Pat McCole, Elder



NEEDED beds and dressers

The Barnabas Fund was established decades ago for benevolent giving.

We have a request for beds and dressers for a family moving into a new home.

Three twin beds and one double bed are needed and three dressers. Please let Todd know if you can help. Checks for new mattresses can be made out to GPC with a notation

Barnabas Fund (mattresses).

FROM THE CHURCH LIFE COMMITTEE

Sunday refreshments

Team 6 is responsible for February's after Sunday services refreshments

Larry Cozzens, John Weisgerber, Linda Stevenson, Evan Gibson are the elder and deacon coordinators for February.

Members of the team are Laura and Larry Cozzens; Brian and Evan Gibson; Betty and Alfred Reeves; Sandra Stashik, John, Meagan and Brian Weisgerber; Linda and Sally Stevenson.

The concept of teams for refreshments has worked well. We have had refreshments every Sunday with different folks providing interesting snacks. We will have a second round beginning in April.

Assignments for each team will be made in the March Dove Tales. Teams remember that the second Sunday of each month is Birthday Sunday. Thanks to Barbara Kanzinger for getting the cake. It is kept in refrigerator. Leftover cake maybe securely wrapped and left in refrigerator.

KITCHEN NOTES FOR REFRESHMENT TEAMS

Paper plates, cups, utensils are being transitioned from bottom cabinet when you first go in the kitchen to the closet in the community room labeled archives. If we are low on any disposable supplies, please let Margaret know. She does the ordering.

COFFEE

Sally Stevenson continues to start the coffee every Sunday. Coffee pot is to be emptied, rinsed, dried and reassembled on the coffee table. Water pot is to be emptied, dried and returned to coffee table in community room.

BEVERAGES

Refreshments teams can use powdered lemonade and water. (Find in cabinet over the sink. Glass pitchers are in the cabinets. Please use any juice but grape juice in refrigerator (Check the expiration dates).

REFRESHMENTS

Please do not leave opened items in the refrigerator. Please take all food opened home.

If you have any suggestions, please contact Ann Guise 215-748-5454



Intergenerational pairing.

We paired each member of the congregation with a youth. The purpose is to better get to know our youth and to hold them in prayer regularly. The idea is to speak with your paired youth on Sundays and to maybe call them. Other and more varied connections are welcomed.

We will make new pairings in April.

See the attached pairing sheet.

Intergenerational pairing: An adult with a youth *A way to build connections*

The Congregational Life Committee has paired each youth in the church with an adult. It is our hope that there will be stronger connections between the generations. We encourage you to make both phone and personal contacts, engage in activities, and be in prayer for each other. In April 2009 we will change connections. Have fun and enjoy!
* denotes elder or deacon

<u>Adult</u>	<u>Youth partner</u>	
SUE ALTHOUSE*	Libby Fifer	1
DENIS ANDRUCHOVICI	Evan Gibson	1
ILEANA ANDRUCHOVICI	Veronica Hall	1
JOYCE BAKER	Jack Holmes	1
LYNN BALLARD	Sarah Katz	1
LARRY COZZENS*	Carolyn Mack	1
BOBBIE DAY	Christopher Mack	1
SANDY DAY	Willa McGowan	1
WICKY DAYTON*	Douglass Pratt	1
SANDRA DRAYER	Ethan Markman	1
PETE DRAYER	Paul Pratt	1
BETH FEATHERMAN	Meagan Weisgerber	1
GINGER FIFER	Nicole Featherman	1
MARK FIFER	Robert Featherman	1
BARBARA FRAZIER	Karla Holmes	1
BRIAN GIBSON	Chase Markman	1
DONNA GUILLE	Sam Stavrakos	1
ANN GUISE*	Lydia Stavrakos	1
LIN HALL*	Natalie Pratt	1
RALPH HALL*	Stephanie Pratt	1
PAUL HOLLAND	Jack Kanzinger	1
HANK HOLMES	Joe Kanzinger	1
BARBARA HOLMES*	Marshall Zafiriou	1
BARBARA KANZINGER*	Camillo Romero-Stevenson	1
CHARLES LAMB DIN	Jason Loux	1
ADAM LOUX	Miguel Romero-Stevenson	1
NOREEN MAC CULLOUGH	Nicolas Zafiriou	1
BRUCE MACCULLOUGH	Bissie Loux	1

UPCOMING YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Message about Mission

I know it seems not that long ago that the youth of Gladwyne were preparing for the mission trip to Costa Rica but here it is again...the mission trip. This year we are going national and helping the Presbyterian Church in Clearlake, Texas. Clearlake Presbyterian works with the disaster relief workers of the PCUSA to help those in need from national disasters. The community that the youth are going to be helping is a group of people that had their homes destroyed or damaged by hurricane Ike. The youth are excited to continue their disaster relief from Mississippi and their construction work from Costa Rica. The PCUSA disaster relief is an organization that helps communities all around the nation re-build from national disasters. Through the work in Texas the youth hope to become closer to God by becoming closer to a community in need.

Upcoming events

March-Youth Gospel Choir Concert

April-Youth Silent Auction/Coffee House



30 Hour Famine

The 30 hour famine is coming up really soon. On the weekend of February 28th - March 1st the youth are going to be "starving for food". The 30-hour Famine is 30 hours that the youth spend fasting to raise money. The money donated goes to hungry children all over the world through World Vision. This is the 6th time that the youth of Gladwyne Presbyterian have participated in the 30-hour Famine. The kids complain about being hungry but in the end they feel good about what they have done for the other children of the world. Along with the Famine, the youth spend their Saturday (while fasting) moving and preparing food through Philabundance. This is not an easy task on an empty stomach. After the day of service the youth meet for the Tribe game. Each youth will receive a child from a different country that they have to portray. This child might have some diseases or difficulties due to hunger. The youth have to show those difficulties by blindfolding themselves, hopping on one leg, covering up in many layers, or putting in earplugs. Then the youth have to perform challenges while handicapped to fight for their lives by either winning nutrition or health cards. The winner of the game is the youth with the most cards. It is an interesting way to show the youth a day in the life of a starving child. If you would like to support one of the youth in the 30-hour Famine, please let Laura know as soon as possible, or approach a youth about it.





Scholarship Soley

Dear Friends of Scholarship Soley,

At this time I want to share with you the reasons for our decision – temporarily, I hope – to suspend the activities of our wonderful program.

First some background:

In 1987, at age 50, I travelled to Haiti for the first time and worked for 6 days in a medical clinic, located in that neighborhood called Cite Soley. This ‘activity’ was a kairos moment in my life – learning to be present AND non-verbal, setting aside my coping mechanism of ‘I’ll fix it for you’, just ‘being with.’ I returned in 1988 with my youngest son and met Anet Simon at Mother Theresa’s “Home for the Dying.” My long-term, long distance relationship [and caring] with and for her led to my return in 1995, when under very mysterious circumstances, we met once again as she lay dying, leading to my commitment to provide resources to educate her son, my godson, Moise.

Thirteen years later, thanks to the generosity of yourself, your friends, my family and, yes, even strangers, we’ve supported a generation of students [90-100]. In addition, under the leadership of my [Haitian] partner, Gertrude, we’ve trained more than 200 young women in sewing and in forming a sense of ‘community’ and mutual support.

A series of circumstances has, I believe, led us to this point... and decision. Personal reasons [my daughter’s 3 cancers; my knee surgery and very long recovery], financial [our current economy] as well as our inability to equal the wildly escalating cost of living in Haiti, a sense of an increasingly model of dependency, Gertrude’s vulnerability as some see her as a money-source – there have been far too many perceived kidnapping attempts against her - has influenced this decision.

But all is not ‘lost’; we are not giving up; the programs are not a failure. Ose Pauleus has himself applied and been accepted with a FULL scholarship to the University of Puerto Rico Masters program in Agricultural Sciences. Elizabeth Dorceus and Bebe will complete their secretarial courses in June. The sewing women of Veronika, having heard the news, are now motivated to continue their work together, to seek financial resources from a wider audience and to become self-supporting. Perhaps... this is part of their maturation process as independent entrepreneurs. I hope so – it has not been an easy decision to make, let alone act on.

Thank you for your past support. In time we hope to begin again.

God bless,

Sara Pilling, Founder of Scholarship Soley

“Dear Members of GPC,

It is not possible for me to merely tell you all that, for a time at least, the activities of Scholarship Soley must be suspended. In 1980, I came to GPC as a refugee, and found a community who ‘held me’ as I began the process of healing and in becoming who I am today. At that time we were being led by the principles of the Church of the Savior in Washington and were working our way together in the process of Inward-Outward Journey. Con’t.....

Many before me made that Pilgrimage to Haiti with Ministry of Money – Carol Dayton, Barbs Murray, Barbara Kanzinger, Jim Stevenson, Howard & Betsy Friend, Linda Stevenson and her youth group - to name a few . Finally, with the support of Jeff Singleton, in 1987 I stepped out and went – perhaps the most transformative experience of my life. And you all supported me, the newly founded Scholarship Soley in 1995, provided funding, interest, encouragement and commitment. What we’ve become could not, would not have happened without you all. Thank you.

With God’s grace, in time we’ll begin again. ”

Sara



February Birthdays

- 2 Peter Freed
- 8 Evan Gibson
- 19 Gregory Denicola
- 25 Brian Gibson
- 26 Joanne Markman
- 27 Ralph Hall



Calling all men – GPC and beyond.....

A group of five men from GPC felt the calling to start a Men's group and met January 22nd.

We are spiritual seekers that wish to share and nurture our journey in community together. We are committed to action as well as sharing our faith and will volunteer four times each year at Habitat for Humanity in Norristown. We hope that these events will provide an opportunity to make mentoring connections. We will also look for and support other opportunities to serve.

The group is open to all men who feel that they would like to enrich their spiritual lives. We actively invite other men of all ages, not just from GPC, to join. Our regular monthly meetings will be on Thursday evenings at the church, with the next on Feb 19th. The meetings will include discussion of a topic and a reverent time of sharing. We are targeting a Saturday in March for Habitat.

We are grateful to the Lord for guiding our time together.

Larry Cozzens, Elder





Hi everyone:

You may know that Terry and I sing with a quartet at Woodland Park Presbyterian Church in Seattle. Last year the church was having a fund raising campaign to put on a new roof and also do some much needed repairs to the sanctuary. The quartet decided to record a cd to help with that campaign. The cd is now available for sale. We are very proud of our blend and the choice of material that is on the cd. There are also several organ pieces and one improv piano piece along with the acapella quartet pieces. If you are interested in purchasing the cd, Margaret has some available for the cost of \$15. As it is a donation, I believe that it is tax deductible. Since we can't be with you, at least you can hear our voices until we return. Thanks for your support!

-Sara Hudson

This link leads to the site on WPPC's website that tells about the cd.

<http://www.ourseattle.com/woodlandpark/sub.php?id=1000A1046>

 *Thank You* 

The Central Presbyterian Church,
Norristown, Pennsylvania

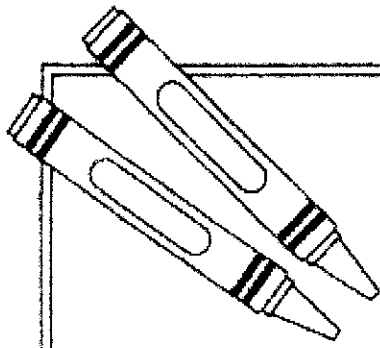
December 10, 2008

Dear to all friends from Gladwyne, who gave the food for our Mission In this Church:

Thank you very much. Some of that food was given to Hispanic families and some for Inter-faith. Thanks again, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2009!

Sincerely

Pastor Gadiel Gomez

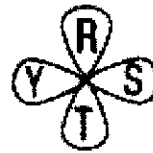
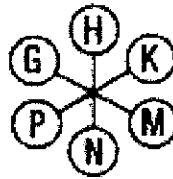
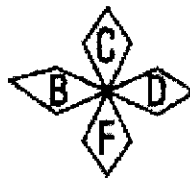












Just for **KIDS**

You Are Special!

Have you heard that no two snowflakes are the same? Each is different - unique - special ... just like each of God's children.









Here are some words from the Bible that talk about this. Use the code to find the missing letters.


















"_ _ e _ e a _ e _ i _ _ e _ e _ _
         

_ i _ _ _ o _ _ i _ _ , _ u _
          

_ e _ a _ e _ _ i _ i _ ." | Corinthians 12:4
      

"_ ou a _ e _ _ e _ o _ _ o _
       

_ i _ _ , a _ _ ea _ _
       

o _ e o _ _ ou i _ a _ a _ _
      

o _ i _ ." | Corinthians 12:27
 