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ELDER PROFILE

JOHN DENZER



There is a two letter word that can indicate a lot about one's commitment to a cause, a group, an organization. If one uses it in reference to the group's activities, its achievements or failures, one can surmise that he or she is probably in it for the long haul. It's a word that demonstrates the strongest of ties. It represents a conscious decision on the part of the individual to invest wholeheartedly in what would be best for the particular institution. If you ask John Denzer about First Presbyterian Church, you'll hear him use this word a lot.

The word is "we."

John Denzer's involvement in First Presbyterian began when he was, well, born. His parents, Bob and Sue Denzer, had settled here in Mount Vernon after his father returned from the Korean War and secured a job working for the YMCA. As a family, they attended First Presbyterian throughout John's entire childhood. He was baptized in the church and has fond memories of church activities from the earliest stages of his life. His involvement with the church youth group was of particular significance to him. "We had a really strong youth group. It was incredible. We had a Wednesday night youth club with Bible study, youth choir, youth bell choir; we had a meal together. We also met on Sunday nights for Senior High and Junior High fellowship." He also remembers youth mission trips every summer. In the church, John's graduating class had 16 people, three of whom still attend First Presbyterian: John, Melanie Bolender, and Marty Trese.

John was very much involved in the church as a child and teenager, but after he went to college, his church involvement ended for a period. John went to the College of Wooster and majored in Geology. After graduating, he took a job with a gas exploration company in Houston, Texas. He joined a local church while living in Texas, but he didn't attend with any kind of regularity. In early 80's, John made an occupational switch to restaurant management. The restaurant Fuddrucker's was becoming a chain, opening new franchises, and John joined the team, training people in Austin, Texas. During one of the six-week training programs, John met Deborah, who had come down from her franchise in Indiana to be trained. Shortly after meeting, John and Deborah fell in love and decided to marry. John left the parent company and moved to Indiana where he and Deborah managed a number of restaurants together. Though they were living in Indiana, John and Deborah chose to have their wedding at First Presbyterian Church. After their wedding, they remained in Indiana for awhile, but the restaurant business eventually moved them from Indianapolis to Columbus to Chicago.

While in Chicago they became pregnant and determined that they did not want to start their family in the big city. John and Deborah, now in her last trimester, decided to move to Mount Vernon. Initially they lived with John's parents. The transition back to Mount Vernon was a relief to John.

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**Forward in Faithfulness:
 Celebrating 200
 years of witness
 for the Lord
 Jesus Christ**

Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witness, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

Sundays	Sr. High Fellowship	6-8:00 pm
Thursdays	Jr. High Fellowship	7-8:15 pm
Jan. 29-31st	Sr. High Ski Retreat	
Jan. 31st	No Sr. High Fellowship	
Feb. 7th	Parent Meeting	9:45 am
Feb. 13th	Valentine Dinner Fundraiser	5-7:30 pm



\$20 will get you quite a date:

(Cost is \$10 per person)

A Delicious 3 course meal created by Tim & Mary Beth Franks (courtesy of Lannings), quality fellowship, and of course music & dancing led by our very own,

The Presbyterones!



“Getting Our Glow On”

Roughly three years ago, our Senior High group decided on the phrase, “Get Your Glow On” to describe our youth group. This was based on 2 Corinthians 3:18 where Paul explains that as followers of Jesus Christ, we are reflecting the glory of God as we are being transformed into the likeness of his son, Jesus, who is the exact representation of the glory of God. Pretty cool huh?

Now, fast forward three years...

God is bringing us full circle in our understanding of our mission as seen in the youth group. As our students are becoming more and more involved in the ministries of this church (by the way, I love it that our session and pastor see fit to entrust the ministry to teens!), God is guiding us into a study of servant leadership. Jonathan recently challenged a couple of our students (as well as myself) to read the book, “Improving Your Serve” by Charles Swindoll. The premise of this book is that being transformed into the image of Christ, is about being transformed into the image of a servant.

Meanwhile Betsy Segelken, a Kenyon student who has been serving in our youth ministry, was asked to lead a lesson on a Sunday night. As she asked me what to teach about, I said, “Pray about it.” Betsy prayed about it, and decided to lead a discussion on servant leadership. She used an excerpt from one of Martin Luther King Jr’s speeches regarding humility and love in the role of a servant leader. What do you know, Betsy used the same text which Swindoll uses as the foundation of his book:

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve” —Mark 10:45

The student’s response of enthusiasm to Betsy’s lesson was yet another affirmation that this is where God is guiding our youth in this season. It wasn’t me, but a student who pointed out that to be a servant is to “Get your glow on.” As Doug replied, “Hey, we haven’t made a shirt recently, maybe it’s about time we do that again.” I smiled and whispered in reply, “Thank you Father.” He is in process of molding us into the image of Jesus Christ who is the fullness of the glory of God. As a result, we are able to reflect this glory; we are “getting our glow on.”

Kyle Peters, Director of Youth & Family Ministries



Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these the kingdom of heaven belongs." Matthew 19:14

Infant & Toddler News – Sunday 8:30am to Noon.

The infant room painting party on December 13 was a great success. Please stop in and check out all the child and parent handprints that now decorate the walls.

Great things continue in the world of infants and toddlers at First Presbyterian Church. Are you interested in helping with upcoming events or would you like to share thoughts and/or ideas? Please don't hesitate to contact Deacon for Infants and Early Parenthood, Elizabeth Napier enapier@mvnu.edu.

Sunday School – Grades K-5 – Sunday 9:45am to 10:45am:

Thank you to the volunteers who helped with children's Sunday school in December including: Deb Paxton, Gregg Gebhardt, Amanda Gebhardt, Missy Kaufman, Bonnie Stone, Beth Ruth, Marsha Bibart and George Stone.

Assistant classroom teachers are needed for January – March. If interested in helping please contact George Stone, 397-8619

Sunday school lessons are scheduled as follows:

January 3 – "You Get What You Ask For" 1 Samuel 8-10; 1 Samuel 13:1-14. Saul did not make a good king because he did not obey God.

January 10 – "Cutting Corners" 1 Samuel 24. By refusing to harm Saul, God's anointed king, David shows his recognition that God is in charge.

January 17 – "A Penalty, A Party, and a Promise" 2 Samuel 6 & 7. God blesses those who truly love him.

January 24 – **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL.** PLEASE ATTEND THE FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

January 31 – "Family Feud" 2 Samuel 15:1-12; 2 Samuel 16 & 18. God protected David from Absalom's rebellion.

February 7 – "This Will Tear You Up" 1 Kings 11:26-12:24. Because God's people and their leaders stopped serving God alone, their kingdom was divided.

February 14 – "Baal, Are You Busy" 1 Kings 18:16-39. Elijah shows God's people that God alone delivers.

February 21 – "Psst!" 1 Kings:19. We are never alone.

February 28 – "Highway to Heaven" 2 Kings 2:1-18. God gives us the ability to do his work.

Christmas Eve Worship – Children's Drama

The Christmas Eve children's drama went very well. Missy Kaufman and Deb Curran served as co-directors with assistance from Marsha Bibart, Gregg Gebhardt, Amanda Gebhardt, Bonnie Stone, Amy Camillo, Ike Gibler, John Bibart, Marilyn Nagy, George Stone, Scott McKenzie, Bruce Stedman, and Trent Kaufman. Children participating included Corrine Eutsey, Jacob Camillo, Anthony Camillo, Anna Paxton, Julia Paxton, Lydia McKenzie, Logan Kaufman, Brady Kaufman, Molly Gebhardt, Cassidy Gebhardt, Ethan McDonald, Jacquelin Hathaway, Rachel Ruth and Anastasia Bergeson.

Children's Moment/Our Chapel Church – during 11:00am Sunday Worship

Thank you to Alex Carroll, Bert McDonald, Claudia McDonald, Molly Hyman, Marsha Bibart and Kim Reitsma for leading this ministry in December.

Children's Ministries at First Presbyterian Church exists so children learn that "Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so..." The Children's Ministries Team is responsible for infants through 5th grade children. For information or to volunteer, please contact George Stone, Elder for Children's Ministries, 397-8619 or email georgestone1@embarqmail.com

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Here he had the support of his parents and the benefit of all things familiar. But with Deborah approaching her due date, John's father gently urged him to find some gainful employment. "I remember sitting outside on my parents' deck one sunny afternoon, reading the paper, and my dad came out and said, 'Don't you think you ought to start looking for a job? Your wife is expecting any day.'" So John took a job with Tombstone Pizza. His first day of work was the day his father brought Deborah home from the hospital with his daughter, Quinn. His work at Tombstone led to work with Kraft Foods in Columbus, and eventually he was able to secure the job he'd been hoping for at Cooper-Bessemer, now Rolls Royce. He's now been working for them for 22 years. John works in marketing as a bid leader.

Shortly after Quinn's birth, John and Deborah moved their new and growing family into a home just across from the church on North Gay Street. Even then, with the church just outside their door, and with his mother's loving nudges, John did not attend or participate with any kind of regularity. "It's all very strange now that I look back on it. I hammer it into my girls today, 'You need to find a guy who knows the Lord and has a love for the Lord.' but during that period, we just didn't discuss religion. We didn't see it as part of who we were, so we didn't go to church." But once Caroline was born and Quinn started getting older, John began to reconsider his walk with the Lord and his responsibilities to his young family. "I just felt that I needed to do something about it, so I came back to the church." And Deborah came with him. She was baptized at First Presbyterian Church, as were Quinn and Caroline. Shortly after they began attending church as a family, John got involved in Promise Keepers, a Christian organization for men that focuses on discipleship and accountability. "There was a big group of men from our church getting involved in Promise Keepers, and I jumped right in." John marks his involvement with these men as being extremely instrumental in getting him plugged back into the church. John committed to regular Bible study, and while much of it was making sense for the first time, he found that, having grown up in the church, he already had a good base of Biblical knowledge. "Going through some of my stuff at my parents' house, I pulled out all these Bible studies I'd done in youth group, and I thought, 'Wow, I really did all this, and so much if it is still in my head.'"

A few years after returning to the church, John was asked to join the session. While on the session he became involved in the worship committee and was able to help with the church's transition to two services. When his girls were younger, he taught Sunday School. John has also served on and/or chaired the nominating committee, the personnel committee, and the search committee. He jokes about the number of committees at the church, but is quick to stress their value and importance. "You know, we say the mission statement every Sunday. In these committees we try to use that statement in all of our decisions...; we even had a committee to come up with that statement. [with a smile] I was on that one too." He emphasizes the significance of the nominating committee, "As our leaders go, so goes the church. We've got to make sure we're discerning God's will as to who we would choose to serve. It's very important that we all pray, that we're listening to God and finding those people to help lead the church."

John has also enjoyed involvement in small group studies. He remembers fondly a small group from his first few years here. He and Deborah were in a small group with 4 or 5 other couples. They would go through books of the Bible together and also get together for special dinner parties. This past fall, John joined the men's life group that meets in Mike Eaton's "man cave." Whether they're going through a Rob Bell series or studying a book of the Bible, John notes the importance of Bible study and good fellowship, "You want to grow in understanding and relationship together; that's a lot of it."

Currently John's own personal Bible study has led him to reflect on two areas in particular. "God is teaching me to be patient. I've gotta be more patient. And the other message I'm getting, really loud and clear, is to be more accepting of everybody. God's working on me in that way. And I think some of that is coming from my girls. They remind me that Jesus loves everyone. So I've gotta take a step back and think about it. I'm trying." As John works through these areas, he is quick to note all the patience and acceptance that has been offered to him throughout his life from his family, from the church, and most significantly, from God.

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Relationships with people within the Body of Christ have proven crucial for John and his family time and again. He remembers a particular time about ten years ago. Quinn and Caroline were just about to enter their teenage years, and Deborah was very sick: “We about lost her.... Eventually the doctors said there was nothing more they could do.” John remembers the support that came from the church, “We had food every night, There was a group who actually came over and laid hands on my wife. We had a lot of prayer time.” And then, the disease, the sickness, just went away. “The doctors were totally puzzled by it. She was healed. It was a true healing... The Lord has done tremendous things for my family. Saved my wife, really.”

Considering the role First Presbyterian Church has played in John’s life, both communally and spiritually, it begins to make sense that he would use the word “we” when referencing the church in conversation. He has witnessed the life of our church since his infancy. He’s seen God work in the church and in his personal life through the church. And in turn, he’s taken on the church’s mission as his own. He gets excited when he thinks about the present state of our church. “We’re not just growing in numbers, we’re growing spiritually, and I feel we’re going to continue seeing this kind of growth.” And for John’s ongoing commitment to this growth, through his prayers, his time, and his gifts, we thank him.

Church Membership Information Update & Church Directory

In 1992, the church converted paper record keeping of information about members, regular attendees and visitors to an electronic computer software program called Power Church.

Power Church has served our record keeping needs very well. Like all data bases, it does require constant input to keep information current. Financial and contribution data is up to date, accurate and access restricted. Membership data needs to be continuously updated due to normal changes in address & phone, children who grow up, marital changes, deaths and new members.

Administrative Assistant, Holly Bredefeld, has primary responsibility for inputting data. In doing so, she has become aware of the need for thorough update of Membership information. With all her other responsibilities, she has been unable to undertake this project unassisted.

At the December 2009 Session meeting, Reverend Fettig announced appointment of Elder George Stone to lead a small team that will work with Holly Bredefeld to update the Membership information in Power Church.

In conjunction with the information update, Elders Mead Weil and Betty Hirsch have agreed to coordinate publication of the church directory, drawn entirely from the records and photos entered in our Power Church program. During February 2010, family photos will be taken at the church and member information will be corrected. The digital family photos will be entered in the Power Church data base and future directories will be published locally. Details will be published in weekly Church Bulletins and the Communicator.

We have publishing capability using our own computer and printer. A timely, accurate and low cost publication will be the result. Each family will receive a free copy of their photo and no sales presentation will be made.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY PLANNED!

As part of our plans to update our member’s information in our database, this is also an opportunity to create a more accurate church directory.

During the month of February, family pictures will be taken by Mead Weil and any new information can be updated at the same time.

Sign-up pages will be posted in the Fellowship Hall for all to choose an appointment time for pictures to be taken. All members and regular attendees are encouraged to participate.

You will receive a free photo of your choice and there will be NO sales presentation.

Please sign up for your February appointment soon!

Valentine's Dinner Dance

Sunday, February 13th

6:00 PM

Fellowship Hall

Please join us for:

- Dinner
- Dancing
- Fun
- Fellowship



Music provided by
our very own

PRESBYTONES

Cost: \$10 per person

All proceeds go to the
2010 Youth Mission
Trip

Which mission or minis'tree' is God calling



Find out at the

2010 Mission & Ministry Fair



Sunday, February 21st

following both church services

Fellowship Breakfasts for 2010

“They devoted themselves to the apostle’s teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer” Acts 2:42

The bi-monthly breakfasts started in January with “Cocoa and Coffee Cake” and Cindy and I thank the many volunteers who baked and helped in the prep, setup and cleanup. We appreciate the enthusiasm from the 114 plus, who attended. We had quite an array of delicious coffee cakes to choose from, platters of fresh fruit....and hot cups of cocoa (with marshmallows) brought to the tables.

The next breakfast will take place March 28th, which is Palm Sunday. We welcome any ethnic breads or cakes you traditionally serve at Easterand would like to share with our church family. For instance, my family always had babka, a Ukrainian sweet bread served with the meal; when we were children, the meal also ended with a coconut-covered cake shaped like a lamb. If there is no particular ethnic-related dish you can recall, then what Easter bread or treat became a tradition in your family?

The following are some traditions from around the world: Hot Cross Buns (England), Kolich (Russia), Lithuanian Easter bread, Challah from Eastern Europe or Ricotta Pie (Italy). Some families decorate cakes or cupcakes. You may have recipes from neighbors or friends. Whatever you enjoyed as a family.....and would like to share with us would be a blessing to us all.

There will be a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall during the month of March. If you do not bake, help will also be needed to cut up fruit for fruit salad.

You can reach me at 397-2251 or penny.sajkowsky@gmail.com

Thank you for the gifts you share.

Penny Sajkowsky

MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST:

When: January 30th at 9a.m.

Where: Parlor

Who: Men of the congregation and any guest.

All are welcome!



A presentation of Dr. Tony Campolo, series on Living with Your Family, will be shown.

Boy Scout Sunday is February 7. This Sunday the Boy Scouts of America celebrates 100 years of serving America’s youth. First Presbyterian Church of Mount Vernon has used Boy Scout programs as part of children and youth ministries since 1937. A report on Scouting will be given at both worship services, with special participation at the 11:00 AM traditional service. There will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall following late worship where Scouting memorabilia will be on display.

Two new families, the Vanderhoofs and the Shullenbergers, have recently joined our church. This month we will introduce you to the Vanderhoofs, and next month you will learn about the Shullenbergers.

Eric and Amber Vanderhoof moved to Mount Vernon this past fall with their one-year-old daughter, Hannah. The Vanderhoofs moved from Columbus after Eric accepted a teaching position in the Science department at Mount Vernon High School. Both graduates of Denison University, Eric and Amber completed graduate work in education through Mount Vernon Nazarene University while living and working in Columbus. Before moving to Mount Vernon, Eric had been a chemist, and Amber had been a middle grades teacher.



They found First Presbyterian Church online and were happy that it was located so close to their home. Upon their first visit, they appreciated that communion was offered in the first service and that Sunday School was so easily available to anyone. Amber shared, "Even as visitors, we could just walk straight into Sunday school and experience fellowship with people talking about the Word." They were also relieved to find the nursery ready to receive Hannah and care for her while they worshiped. Within the second week of visiting, Eric and Amber were ready to pursue membership. Eric and Amber have been deeply involved in their former churches, helping and taking leadership positions in Bible Studies as well as assisting and teaching for an adult ESL program. In their short time with us, they've already jumped in by helping with outreach opportunities such as Harvest Hoedown and by getting involved in Life Groups and Bible studies. They currently attend John and Tonya Noonan's life group, and Amber has just finished the Beth Moore Bible study which took place at Georgene Risko's home. Citing neighborhood ministry as a key reason they selected their home, the Vanderhoofs were delighted to discover that our church had already targeted their area as a focus for outreach. Having only moved here a few months ago, the Vanderhoofs are still acclimating to life in Mount Vernon, but their commitment to Christ and the work of His church is already blessing our church body richly.

INTERCHURCH NEWS

Interchurch Social Services of Knox County is located in their new building at 306 West Gambier Street with branches in Centerburg, Danville, and Fredericktown. Interchurch is a Christian faith-based ministry, uniting community resources to meet the needs of those in crises. Various services are provided, including clothing assistance, pantry assistance, financial aid, medical assistance, Turn the Tide, Information and Referral. Volunteer opportunities are available for receptionist, pantry, resale shops, Fish driver, and special events, i.e. Turn the Tide. They are serving more and more new people each month. Here are some County wide YTD totals for September 2009 . number of households served--4232, number of individuals served--11,798, homeless--88, number of single parents--1221 and new clients--494. Thus far pantry assistance @\$40.00 per bag (estimate) is \$150,760.00 and families are eligible for assistance for food once every 30 days Clothing store vouchers issued YTD is 1334.

The current Mt.Vernon pantry needs are canned fruits creamed soups, egg noodles, and Taxables (i.e. toothpaste soap, deodorant, toilet paper, laundry and dish detergents.

If you have any further questions about Interchurch, you can contact Joy Harris, Executive Director at 397-4825.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN 200th ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK CORRECTIONS

Here are the two corrections for recipes.

Page 28, Presbyterian Coffee Cake: Please add 1 cup buttermilk to the ingredient list and the statement about adding vinegar to sweet milk should read '2 tablespoons'

Page 29, Filled Sour Cream Coffee Cake: reduce the amount of flour to 2 cups and the confectioners' sugar to 3 tablespoons.

Add to the instructions: Combine pecans, brown sugar and cinnamon then fold into the batter. Pour half of the batter into a well greased Bundt pan. Spread the cream cheese mixture over the batter to within a half an inch of the edge. Top with remaining batter.

Please check the recipes which you submitted for the cookbook to make sure that there are no other corrections needed. If you find a mistake, please contact Ann Deister, 397-1597 or the church office.

DEACON'S CORNER**Deacon's Love-Feedback**

How gratifying it is to hear back from those who have been assisted by our family of deacons. The wonder of whether our mission and ministry is accomplishing what we want it to do, God willing.

Needs continue to arise and we are grateful to be able to take time to sit, listen, provide transportation, run errands, or do needed chores.

Winter time is especially limiting with weather and shut ins to find the gray days difficult to handle. We praise God that He is always showing us the path of compassion. May we continue to spread Jesus word in our community and the world!



Peace and Blessings,

Ellen

CHURCH CALENDAR JAN-FEB 2010

Standing calendar events

Sunday:

7:30 a.m. Worship Team Practice **8:30 a.m.** Early Worship Service with Communion

9:45 a.m. Church School for all ages

11 a.m. Traditional Worship Service with Communion served on the first Sunday of the month.

6-8 p.m. Sr. High Fellowship-Youth Room

Monday:

5:30 p.m. Hot Meals **7 p.m.** Cub Scouts

Tuesday:

Noon Men's Prayer Lunch-Kitchen **6 pm** Prayer Meeting **6:30** Girl Scouts **7 pm** Boy Scouts

1st Tuesday of Month 7 p.m. Finance Meeting-Chuck Waugh

2nd Tuesday of Month 7 pm Session Meeting

4th Tuesday at 7 pm Committee Meetings— Building & Grounds-Mead Weil

Missions Committee —Bruce Malek

Wednesday:

6 pm Hand Bell Practice **7 pm** Chancel Choir Practice **7 pm** Worship Team Practice

2nd Wed. of the month at 9:45 am —Women's Circle Meeting

Thursday:

9:30am Women's Bible Study —Parlor **11 am** Bridge Club-Parlor **Noon-AA** meeting —CE bldg.

6-8 pm Jr. High Fellowship-Youth Room

Saturday: Last Saturday of the month 9 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast-Parlor

Special Calendar Events:

Feb. 7th Scout Sunday

Feb. 13 (Sat.) at 6 p.m. Valentine's Dinner Dance

Feb. 21st (Sun) Ministry Fair

Feb. 28th (Sun.) at 9:45-Missionary Mike Mahon will speak during Sunday School

February 27th (Sat.) 9 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast

DEACONS CARE & COMPASSION

“...pray for each other so that you may be healed...” James 5:16

MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

At the Ohio Eastern Star Home

Maxine Peters
Edith Whitney (*Sally Martin's grandmother*)

At Country Club Retirement Center

Ruth Cleland
Irvin Wilbur

At the Inn at Hillenvale**At Home**

Dorothy Calkins
Helen Chrisman
Jean Fribley
Rebecca Grove
Ruth Grove
Treva Haltermon
Ellen Proper
Dorothy White

Grieving: The family of Mary Lou Lockard, who passed away on January 10th. (Mary Lou's Mother is Myra Philpott)

Family of Dr. John Fowler, who passed away on January 19th.

Special Prayer Concerns

Darla Brown (*Niece of Sally Conway*)
Bill Curran (*car accident*)
Glenn DeBoard (*Liver cancer*)
John Ewalt
Lee Feasel
Jennifer Hatton (*Tyson's granddaughter*)
Debbie Krapf (*Paralyzed friend of Gary Hyman*)
Reverend and Mrs. Markle (*friends of Toby Lord*)
Hunter Lynlee Myers (*Moreland's granddaughter-cancer*)
Matt Palmer (*Lung cancer-friend of Sally Martin*)
Barbara Reitsma
Harriet and Richard Sells (*Toby Lord's brother & sister in law*)
Red Shaw (*cancer*)
Lindsay Smith (*Crones disease*)
Kirk Swartz (*cancer-Ketner's nephew*)
Chuck Waugh

In the Military

Adam J. Hinch-USMC-(*Son of Rebecca Hinch*)
Brian Short - USMC-Afghanistan (*son of John Short*)
Levi Thomas-USMC-Afghanistan (*son of Sally Martin*)
Mark O'Connor-Army-Afghanistan (*nephew of the Stone's*)
Eric Deister-Baghdad (*Gov't Contractor*) son of Ann Deister

**COMMUNION**

If you have an update to the Deacons Care & Compassion list please let the Church Office know as we would like to stay as up to date as possible. Also, If you are a shut in or know of a shut in who would enjoy having communion, please contact the office with your name, date, time and location as there are friends who are willing and anxious to come to you and share the sacraments. Thanks!



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The web site has the most up to date information about what is happening in the life of the church.

You can access the Interactive Church Calendar, Sermon Audio Archives and much more. The web site is constantly updated, so be sure to check it out!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

January 8

Kelli Highnam
Kimberly Reitsma

January 9

Melanie Bolender
Matthew Patterson

January 10

Tom Wilson

January 11

Nancy Edick

January 12

Jesse Hathaway
Jean Fribley

January 15

Clyde Kahrl

January 17

Nicholas David
Camillo

January 20

Michelle Hartman
Janet Maney
Andrew Smith
Carole Waugh

January 21

Roger Sherman

January 22

Eva McKenzie
Phyllis Shannon
Lindsay Smith

January 25

Linda Skeen

January 26

Zachary Merrilees
Deborah Paxton

January 27

Katie Merrilees
Ken Smith

January 29

Dann Goodson
Chuck Gregg

January 31

David Ketner

February 1

Gretchen Stultz

February 2

Nancy Smith

February 3

John Neighbarger
Martha Warden

February 4

John Ewalt

February 5

George Edick
Chris Hendricksen

February 8

Dick Conrad
Wesley Reitsma

February 9

Treva Haltermon

February 10

Candy Fox
Jane Plentovich

February 11

Sage Bevington
Clayton McDougall

February 12

Virginia Leonard

February 14

Stu Poland

February 15

David Barber
Clay Eutsey
Robert Meldrum

February 16

Anne Meldrum
Mary Van Voorhis
Gerald Walker

February 19

John Donnelly
Charles Reitsma

February 21

Mike Abell
Mead Weil

February 22

Sam Bridgers

February 25

Carole Conway
Joyce Webb

February 27

Debra Carhart

February 28

Amy Hendricksen
Paul Napier

February 29

Elizabeth Wiley

