

# February 2010

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*You are invited to a  
reception to honor  
**Jacob Simon**  
Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>  
following worship.*

*Jacob has enlisted to  
serve our country in the*

*United States Marine Corps and leaves for basic  
training  
on February 15<sup>th</sup>.*

*Come, enjoy light snacks, and share your hugs and  
best wishes with Jacob.*

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## **Heifer Project International**

Donations to Heifer Project accepted  
through Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>.

At press time you have  
given \$200 - enough to send a sheep, some  
rabbits & a flock of fowl. Thank Ewe!



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**2¢-A-MEAL POUR-IN  
FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>**

## **A HEART FOR MISSION**

February is the month for love. BPC has always had a ‘heart’ for people in crisis. You faithfully share - and exhibit - God’s love through your generous giving whenever a need is presented. The Mission Committee is promoting several areas of ministry and hopes you will participate.



## ***“Souper Bowl of Caring” Lunch***

**Sunday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>**

Bring a soup, salad, or dessert to share; bread, beverages & tableware provided.  
**Special Offering:** bring 1 can of food or \$1.<sup>00</sup> Canned goods go to Bridgewater Food Pantry; Monetary gifts will go to HARTS – the Harrisonburg And Rockingham Thermal Shelter



## ***Haiti Earthquake Relief ~ on-going ~***

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has been on the scene in Haiti since the beginning of this crisis. BPC is collecting money to send to PDA *and* items for Health Kits to send through Church World Service.

*Details for Mission giving on pages 2, 3 & 4*

## MEMBER CARE

Meets @ 6:30 on Tuesday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>

### A Note of Sympathy:

We extend our sympathy to Woody Atkins on the death of his sister, Mildred Payne.

### Member Updates:

- ~ **Howard Shull** is now living at Bridgewater Home.  
Visits are encouraged and welcome!
- ~ Keep **Eleanor and Lowell Holmes** in your prayers. Eleanor is still recovering at Bridgewater Home. She's on the first floor.
- ~ **June White** no longer uses email. You'll just have to call her with news!
- ~ **Meg Oldman & Ben Gardner** are engaged! Meg is the daughter of Debbie Oldman-Brown and the late Rev. John Oldman III. Ben is the son of Bill Gardner and the late Carol Gardner. Both Meg and Ben are members of BPC. Congratulations!
- ~ **Matt Gardner & Emily Klopff** will be married on July 3<sup>rd</sup> in Woodstock, Illinois. Matt is a football coach at Sacred Heart University in Fairview Connecticut and is working on his Masters Degree. He and Emily met when they were both interns with the Colorado Crush in Denver. Matt is a member of BPC and the son of Bill Gardner and the late Carol Gardner. Congratulations Matt & Emily!
- ~ **Katie McElroy's** piano composition, "Mid-Summer Thunderstorm" (which she played at church during Advent) won first place in the Middle School Division in the Contemporary Music Festival at James Madison University. She won \$50 and will hear her piece performed in concert at JMU Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>. Katie is a piano student of Lacey Johnson.

### ~ TLC List for February 2010

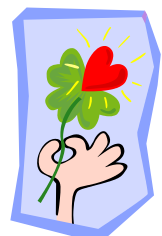
You are encouraged to show a little "Tender Loving Care" this these folks:

Feb. 7 - **Joe Price** is scheduled to have surgery on both knees on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

Feb. 14 - You pick your **Valentine!**

Feb. 21 - **L'Cie Ramsey** (more on L'Cie on the next page!)

Feb. 28 - **David & Judy Rees** recently received the 2009 Farm Family Stewardship Award from the Chamber of Commerce, in recognition of their sustainable, eco-friendly turkey operation!



*A Heart full of Love always has something to Give*

## **FEATURE! – “Our Faithful Friends”**

*The Member Care Committee is gathering information about our shut-ins to re-introduce these special people to the congregation. Their lives provide us a unique legacy and a faith journey that continues to be a blessing. It is good for us to be reminded and informed of the goodness of their lives.*

*Our first “faithful friends” are:*

### **L’Cie Ramsey**

TLC Person of the Week for Feb. 21, 2010

L’Cie Ramsay was born in New Jersey and moved to Bridgewater about twenty five years ago when she became a resident of the Bridgewater Retirement Community.

Always active in the church, she spent a number of years in an ecumenical organization known as Church Women United where she did frequent public speaking on behalf of that group on a national level.

L’Cie has other talents that she has also willingly shared. When she was a small child of three or four, she was able to play the piano by ear and did so up until a few years ago. She is probably best known for her poetry, which she started writing as a high school student. In the 1950’s her verse was regularly read on the George Skinner television show and she was frequently asked to read that verse publicly throughout her life, including the eighteen years that she lived in the Village of the retirement community.

Barbara Lott is her only daughter. Barbara and her husband, George, live in Bridgewater.



### **Gladys Austin**

TLC Person of the Week for Jan. 24, 2010

Gladys Austin was born Gladys Madge Fitzgerald in 1913 in Augusta County where she resided the majority of her life. She was one of 8 children. In her early years, she worked in sewing factories in the Staunton area but later took cosmetology courses and operated several beauty salons in that area. She had one daughter, Connie (deceased) from a first marriage. After marrying her second husband, Noel Austin, she resided two years in Louisville, Kentucky where her husband was stationed in the Army. A daughter, Sonja, was born while in Kentucky. Prior to Noel's passing, they lived several years in the Carolinas but moved back to the Staunton area when their grandson was born.

After retirement, Gladys enjoyed traveling a great deal and was teased that she always kept a suitcase packed "just in case." She also enjoyed reading and rug hooking as a hobby and after she lost most of her sight, she was able to continue "reading" by listening to books on tape.

She is still a member of the Christ United Methodist Church in Staunton and participated in all church activities, serving on numerous committees and assisting with all the meals at the church, VBS, Sunday School, the Fall Bazaar, etc. Church was always a very important part of her life and she attended faithfully until she was unable.

In 1998, she moved in with her daughter, Sonja Bible, and son-in-law, Roger, where she remained until moving to Bridgewater Home in January, 2006. There she enjoys activities such as music programs, Vespers, Bible Study and special parties given by the Home.

# MISSION

Meets @ 6:30, Monday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>

## Souper Bowl of Caring – Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>

The first *Souper Bowl of Caring* was held in 1990 in 22 churches Columbia, South Carolina churches and quickly became a national awareness movement. In 2009 a new record of \$10.3 million in cash and food was reported. All of the \$60 million in cash & items collected over the past 20 years has gone to the charity of choice for each participating congregation.

The concept is simple – **bring \$1 or 1 can of food** on the day of the big game. This year, your food items will go to the *Bridgewater Inter-Church Food Pantry*. Monetary donations will support *HARTS - the Harrisonburg And Rockingham Thermal Shelter*.

HARTS started operating December 2007 to meet the needs of homeless persons in our community. Director Brooke Rodgers shared these statistics:

### ● Year 1, 2007–'08:

15 cots –  
15 weeks shelter –  
64 individual homeless guests –  
1,575 bed nights available,  
1007 used –  
672 volunteers



### ● Year 2, 2008–'09:

20 cots –  
19 weeks shelter –  
60 individual homeless guests –  
2,660 bed nights available,  
953 used,  
1,165 volunteers

### ● Year 3 Now:

20 cots –  
22 weeks shelter to be provided  
-- During the first 9 weeks of shelter  
Nov.16, 2009 thru Jan. 18, 2010 - 86  
individual homeless guests registered for  
shelter,  
-- 148 bed nights have been provided to  
guests at the overflow location, (we did  
not have enough room for them at our  
shelter)  
-- 1,260 bed nights available w/ 20 cots  
-- 1,386 nights available with 22 cots  
(25 is the limit of individuals that can  
stay overnight at the shelter as per the  
building inspector – this includes the  
Night Shelter Manager and 2 overnight  
volunteers)

The Social Model embraced in  
HARTS -- where homeless guests are  
invited into your faith home -- sends a  
message that you care about them, they  
are welcome and not put somewhere out  
of sight. Their lives are impacted in a  
positive way -- and so is the community.

## Haiti Earthquake Relief Efforts

As God's people, we are called to *stand in the "GAP"* - Give, Act, Pray

**GIVE.** The generous sharing of your financial blessings through the One Great Hour of Sharing offering and special designated giving provide resources needed to assist with immediate and long-term recovery needs. There are baskets in the narthex & fellowship hall. Put cash in the envelope provided and write your name on it. Checks should be made to Bridgewater Presbyterian Church with the memo HAITI. Credit card accepted by phone at 800-872-3283 and through the PCUSA website ([www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org)).

**ACT.** Stay informed and share information on the need with others. Consider making Gift of the Heart hygiene kits. (*see next column*) A shipment of hygiene kits is being prepared by Church World Service to send to Haiti. When widespread disasters occur, there is usually a need to replenish the supply to ensure a sufficient quantity for future disaster situations.

**PRAY.** Join with others in lifting up the people of Haiti and those seeking to provide aid in this critical time.

### A Hygiene kit contains the following:

- One 16 inch by 28 inch (roughly) Hand Towel
- One Washcloth
- One wide-tooth Comb
- One Nail Clipper  
(no metal files or emery boards, please)
- One Bar of Soap  
(bath size in its wrapper)
- One Toothbrush  
(in its original package)
- Six standard-size Band-Aids

Place these items in a one-gallon plastic storage bag with a zipper closure. No toothpaste, please; that will be added by CWS. A \$2.00 donation per bag for shipping costs is requested. The approximate cost of these items is \$10.00.

The Youth will assemble the kits - all you have to do is bring the necessary items and they can do the packaging. This will allow you to buy some things in bulk or larger quantities. Just be sure that the **soap and toothbrushes are individually wrapped.** (At press time, we had plenty of soap! We need more of the other items, please)



**PRESBYTERIAN  
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

**OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE**

## More Mission.....

### **Don't Throw It Away!**

**Recycle your printer cartridges HERE** to help a disabled person! BPC now has a box to collect your old printer/ink cartridges for ALL brands and types of printers. They will be given to VAIL – the Valley Associates for Independent Living. VAIL's mission is "promoting self-direction among people with disabilities and removing barriers to independence in the community." The collection box is in the Fellowship Hall. If you have questions, contact Alison McElroy



### **It's Two - Cent Time!**

Our 1<sup>st</sup> **2¢-a-Meal Offering** of 2010 will be received on Sunday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>. Remember that 25% of your coins feed the hungry here through the Bridgewater Inter-Church Food Pantry and 75% goes around the world through the efforts of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

### **Mission Updates:**

~ We had a great time providing dinner for the students of Presbyterian Campus Ministry on Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all who donated food. If you have questions about PCM contact Joe Crockett.

~ The Christmas Joy Offering totaled \$498. Thank You!



### **Cheryl Burke Returns to Nicaragua**

Cheryl Burke will be going back to Nicaragua from March 6-14 with a group of students from JMU. The projects currently being planned are building at least one house for a family, building a school, and helping with a water project. These projects will depend on the funds we are able to raise between now and the trip. The house will be similar to the one built last year. The school is for a community where the children are currently squatting in a tractor shed for school. The water project is for the area where we built latrines and worked on the bio-intensive farm. Currently the water that is coming up from the well has very high levels of arsenic due to the volcanoes. Until a system can be built, water is being trucked in weekly with every family getting 1-2 barrels of water. We will be teaching a lesson in each of the schools in the area. We also bring donations in our checked luggage to hand out while we're there. Cheryl asks that you keep her and The Nicaragua Project group in your prayers. If you would like to help, please talk to Cheryl.

# RESOURCE

Meeting TBA

## By the Numbers:

### The Church's Worship Attendance:

November 1	78	December 6	106	January 3	93
November 8	60	December 13	72	January 10	45
November 15	67	December 20	Snow	January 17	61
November 22	52	December 24	93	January 24	68
November 29	?	December 27	56	January 31	?

### The Church's Finances

(taken from the bank statements and passed on by the pastor as of Dec. 31, 2009):

- The Church's Checking Account: \$21,594.98
- The Church's Payroll Account: \$658.40
- The Church's Savings Account: \$61,312.98 \*



*\*This also includes the funds to repair/refurbish the bell tower and update several key building issues. The source of this is a portion of the Plecker gift (\$50,000.00 before any expenditures).*

### January, 2010 Offerings

(gathered and posted from bulletin back page by your pastor)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Target</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Over/under for the week</u>	<u>Cumulative</u>	<u>Over/under for the month</u>
Jan. 3	\$2,215.00	\$3,158.00	\$ 943.00 over	\$ 3,158.00	\$ 943.00 over
Jan. 10	\$2,215.00	\$1,222.00	\$ 993.00 under	\$ 4,380.00	\$ 50.00 under
Jan. 17	\$2,215.00	\$2,784.00	\$ 569.00 over	\$ 7,164.00	\$ 519.00 over
Jan. 24	\$2,215.00	\$3,422.00	\$1207.00 over	\$10,586.00	\$1,720.00 over

### 2009 Giving Statements

A summary of your 2009 donations to Bridgewater Presbyterian Church was mailed mid January. If you have any questions concerning your record of giving, please call Sally in the church office as soon as possible. Thank you.

# SESSION

**Meets @ 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>**

~ The next gathering of *Shenandoah Presbytery* is Saturday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> at Spring Hill Church in Staunton. Cheryl Burke will be our elder representative.



~ **Photos of 2009:** If you have photos of any BPC event in 2009, please contact Linda West. Linda and Elizabeth Engleking are moving to re-vamp our web site to include a "video yearbook" of 2009 using your pictures. Thanks!

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Youth @ 5:00 on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays

## Faith, Food, Fellowship.....

~ **Confirmation Class to begin** for all Middle to High School students, and any adults, who would like to participate. We will meet on Sunday mornings from 10:00-10:30 in Pastor Kerry's study. Contact Kerry for more details and a start date.

~ **Lunch Bunch** meets Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30. Lowell Holmes is leading Lesson #6. Call Sally the Tuesday before to order your lunch.

~ **Book Group** is reading "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society" by Mary A. Shaffer and Annie Barrows. Join them to discuss this book on Tuesday, Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 PM at the home of Janet Sonifrank.

Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m.

## **YOUTH INDOOR YARD SALE**

We need donor and shoppers so tell your family, friends and neighbors. If you have items to donate, bring them to the church anytime Feb. 14 – 19. Pick-up available for large items (call Dana by February 17<sup>th</sup>.)

All monies will go towards the participation fee for the high school retreat in March.



## Youth Events

What: **Movie & Game Night**

When: Sun. Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00

Where: Walker's

Dinner provided. Bring favorite group game.

They have *Cranium* & *Apples to Apples*.

What: **Christian Rock Concert**

When: Sat. Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m.

Where: John Paul Jones Arena

Cost \$10 at the door.

Call Dana or Elizabeth

if you are interested in going.

What: **Youth Lock-In**

When: Friday/Saturday, Feb. 19 & 20

Where: BPC; Lock-In begins at 6:00 p.m..

Bring games, snacks, movies, "bedding" & a Bible. Friends welcome, but they need a permission slip.

What: **"One"** (I Corinthians 12:12)

**Shen. Pres. Senior High Retreat**

When: March 5 – 7

Where: Massanetta Springs

Sponsored by SPYCE – See Dana if you want to attend.

## **A Note From Kerry**

The lectionary reading for February 21 includes this passage: Deuteronomy 26: 9 – 11: *And God brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.” You shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. And you, shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.*

Moses wrote down these instructions for all of Israel to prepare them for the time when they would, indeed, inhabit the Promised Land. These words of worship, of God’s generosity, of a community bound by the rules of Hospitality and Inclusion of all, gave hope to a people surrounded by desert sands, hot days, cold nights, uncertainty in travel and direction, and the reminder of their own mortality as each day passed.

Antiquity has left us many clues of what the peoples of ancient times may have lived like, may have been like, and maybe to what brought about their disappearance. The pyramids of Egypt. The Mayan temples. And so many more. Yes, there are people who still inhabit those places, but they are not the ones of the monuments; they are later residents, who came along, and cast aside what they found, and built new monuments. That may or may not survive.

I propose that we follow a different pathway into the future, if you will. The markers, the monuments, the heritage, that we follow, come to us not as stone buildings or great feats of engineering, but of words set to paper, that were sometimes lost in the winds of time and kept by word-of-mouth, only to re-surfacing in times of great suffering. We follow, quite correctly

named, the WORD. The WORD of the LORD. Passed down one generation at a time; passed down not in times of conquests or in the throws of capture, but in the normal, everyday way of living, no matter the current conditions. Words that span eternity, written from the rooftop of David’s palace to the pit where the prophet Jeremiah was thrown; from an out-of-the-way stable to very center of political might in Rome; from the day before the first day of creation to the day after the last day of re-creation; we follow the WORD of the LORD.

We are now in the second decade of this millennium, and I wonder what we will leave behind for others to find, and to follow? We know we cannot trust stone and mortar, nor timbers and nails, not even plastics and technology, to say who we were and why we were. No, what we leave behind will be in what we taught and lived, and in the memories we shared and made with those who are following in our footsteps, in our community, in our church.

What legacy will we leave them after we are gone?

The answer is they will remember what we passed on to them, in word and in deed, by the way we lived our everyday lives, and the way we treated each other, and how we treated them. They will remember only what came to them “person to person.”

What will our legacy be? What will we leave behind?

Will they remember us?

It will be only in our telling of our story to those we encounter here in this place that will survive what time shall bring to this place.

So, shall we begin to talk to ‘them’ again?

*Pastor Kerry*

# COMMUNITY

## Eating Pancakes = Good Programs

The Annual Bridgewater Home Auxiliary Shrove Tuesday Pancake Lunch/Supper will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> at the Bridgewater Church of the Brethren. Lunch is served from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Supper is served from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Menu: Regular & Buckwheat pancakes, fruit salad, applesauce, chicken gravy, sausage gravy, plus yummy toppings and beverages. All proceeds benefit the residents of Bridgewater Home through the programs of the Auxiliary.

## Understanding Dementia

The Alzheimer's Association is conducting a free introductory presentation that will be both informative and interactive on Wednesday, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> at Shenandoah Presbytery.

- Learn the basics of Alzheimer's disease and how it affects a person and their families.
- Learn the 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's
- Learn basics of how to communicate with a person suffering from Alzheimer's
- Learn strategies for coping

Session #1 is from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Session #2 is from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Seating is limited so please reserve your seat by Friday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> and indicate which session you will be attending. RSVP to: Kenyon Sheffer, Trainer. Shenandoah Presbytery is located at 1111 North Main Street in Harrisonburg.

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# SPIRITUAL LIFE

**Meets @ 6:00 on Monday, Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>**

## Warm Yourself and Others – Get the Fire with Choir

The Choir rehearses every Wednesday from 6:45 - 8:00. Everyone, regardless of previous experience or ability, is welcome. The music for the holy Lent and Easter seasons create a foundation for our faith journey and are packed with emotion. Come, be a part of worship in this special way.

## Lectionary Readings for February, 2010

7: Isaiah 6: 1-13;	Psalm 138;	I Corinthians 15: 1-11;	Luke 5: 1-11
14: Exodus 34: 29-35;	Psalm 99;	II Corinthians 3: 12-4:2;	Luke 9: 28-43
21: Deuteronomy 26: 1-11;	Psalm 91: 1-16;	Romans 10:8-13;	Luke 4: 1-13
28: Genesis 15: 1-18;	Psalm 27;	Philippians 3:17-4:1;	Luke 13: 31-35

## **The History of Sanctuary Paraments**

Have you ever wondered why the cloth on the pulpit changes color?

The use of color in worship began in the ninth century. At first, the newest or most magnificent vestments and paraments were used on great festival days, irrespective of color, in much the same way we like to “dress up” at Easter or Christmas. In 1570 an accepted pattern of color was formally defined in the reformed missal under Pope Pious V. The church of the Reformation rejected the use of color in worship at the time. Where the Calvinist or puritan spirit prevailed, clergy wore plain black gowns.

Liturgical color came into renewed use in the Church of England in the mid-nineteenth century and spread to other Protestant churches. Today many churches use the traditional liturgical colors at specific times to help express the mood and meaning of the various seasons in the church year. It is natural to associate color with emotion and characteristics:

RED: blood, passion, fire - *Pentecost*;

PURPLE: dignity, majesty - *Advent & Lent*; WHITE: celebration, purity - *Communion*,  
*Christmas & Easter*;

GREEN: growth, renewal – ‘*Ordinary Time*’

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### ACOLUTES

- 7 Kyle Eichlin
- 14 Sarah Simon
- 21 Wesley Eichlin
- 28 Austin Walker

### USHERS

- 7 Dave McQuilkin & JC Enterline
- 14 Karen Leigh & Steve Humphreys
- 21 Emily Heatwole & Merrill Simon
- 28 Bev. Carver & Tommy Glendye

### NURSERY

- 7 Betsy & Tommy Glendye
- 14 JC & Carla Enterline
- 21 Elizabeth Engleking & Joe M.
- 28 volunteer?

### GREETERS

- 7 Harry & Kim Deavers
- 14 Tommy & Betsy Glendye
- 21 Jean Whetzel & Louise Newell
- 28 JC & Carla Enterline

### FLOWERS

To share flowers, sign the poster outside the church office, or call Sally at 828-2442.

