

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY

February 1	Philip H. Carns
February 4	Phyllis Kay
February 5	Tyler Osborne
February 6	Tom Simpson, Colin Willard Railey
February 9	F.G. Greg Delleney
February 12	Chasity R. Cunningham, Tally Johnson
February 13	Sims Lynn, Kirk Cannon, Kyle Cannon, Meredith Lee Pope
February 14	Bep McElwee
February 15	Henry Denruyter
February 16	Maxie Stroud, Elizabeth Lombardo
February 17	J.B. McDowell, Jo Lewis
February 18	Lois Hall, Lee Burton, Joseph Kirkwood Clayton
February 19	Kevin Crocker, Janice D. Fuller
February 20	Martha Lu Wylie Shifflett, Riley Ann Simpson
February 21	Troy Lalli
February 23	Dwight L. Pearson, Jan Mauney, Chris Orr
February 26	Robert (Bob) Lunger, Owen Douglas Shifflett

FOOD PANTRY PURITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FEBRUARY 2 - 6, 2008

Members of our congregation have the responsibility of serving at the Food Pantry on February 2-6, 2008. Those volunteering to serve: Bob Lunger, Isabelle Young, Bill Keels, Alice Addison, & Jerry Stringfellow. May thanks be extended to those who serve in this area for the work and ministry of the Chester ARP Church.

CHESTER ARP CHURCH FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH FOOD PANTRY DRIVE

Each member of the congregation is encouraged to support the efforts of supplying food to the Food Pantry at Purity Presbyterian Church and the Turning Point Ministries to help those who are less fortunate. Please bring staples, canned meats, canned vegetables, peanut butter, jelly, grits, dried beans, etc anything that can be given to families in need of food. A receptacle will be in the rear of the Sanctuary for you to deposit your food. Thanks for participating in this ministry.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY COOKIE SWAP

The Women's Ministry will participate in the annual cookie swap on February 7, 2009 @ 10:00am. Please take part in this wonderful ministry for our college and technical school students. Contact Jenell White for more details.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK Rev. Davis

Our primary theme for 2009 is Prayer. Why prayer, you may ask. Prayer is the primary vehicle through which we experience our relationship with God and tap into the rich well of his mighty power and grace. The vastness of its possibilities are incomparable because the hand of God is moved by the prayers of his people. E.M. Bounds writes,

"How vast are the possibilities of prayer! How wide is its reach! What great things are accomplished by this divinely appointed means of grace! It lays its hand on Almighty God and moves him to do what he would not otherwise do if prayer was not offered...Prayer reaches everything, takes in all things great and small which are promised by God to the children of men."

What a great privilege and blessing it is to pray — to know that Almighty God has promised to hear our prayers and heal our land! Because this is such an essential aspect to the Christian life, in 2009, we will engage in biblical studies of prayer and learn to pray with one another for one another by developing prayer groups, sharing our concerns with each other, and focusing our prayers on individuals who do not know the saving grace of Jesus Christ. May God be with us as we endeavor to grow closer to his heart and more like his son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Christ,
Clint

MID-WEEK ACTIVITIES

Breakfast/Bible Study, Children's choir, mid-week meal, children & youth groups, mid-week Bible Study, adult choir rehearsals. Consider being part of the excitement on Wednesday's.....

Mid-Week Meal/Activities - JANUARY 28, 2009

Join us on Wednesday, January 28th for the mid-week meal prepared by Dorothy Melton & Queens. Team # 3 will assist with tea and serving, and clean up: Jenell White, Frances Gaston, John & Martha Taylor, Penn Colvin, Lois Hall, Brenda Mason, Freda Lombardo, Becky Delleney, & Wayne Raines. Mid-Week children/youth & adult activities will follow the meal. Join us for this exciting time in the life and fellowship of the church.

"Stitches of Love" Ministry

Wednesday's ~ 10:00am – 12:00pm - Contact: Jan Mauney

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER GROUP

The men of the Church meet on Friday mornings at 7:00am for Bible Study and prayer. All men of the Church are encouraged to participate in this ministry.

YOUTH NEWS - BRAD SHILLINGLAW COAT DRIVE - January 31st

Youth and Parents: All of our youth will participate in a "Coat Drive" to help less fortunate children in Chester County receive free coats for the winter. This will take place on January 31st. at City Hall, from 10:00am - 4:00pm. Call Rebekah Kerr or Brad for information concerning this outreach project.

COMMUNICANT'S CLASS

Parents of youth in 4th - 8th grade will have the opportunity to register your child for a Communicant's Class for 2009. All youth interested in joining the church are encouraged to sign up for this class.

LIFE SCREENING - February 9, 2009 ~ Barron Room

The Barron Room will be used by Life Screening on February 9, 2009 for screenings for people 40 years old and up. The vascular screenings are performed using Doppler color flow ultrasound systems and include the following: You must pre-register by calling 1-800- 407-4557

1. Carotid Artery Screening
2. Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm test
3. Ankle Brachial Index
4. Bone Density screening
5. Atrial Fibrillation
6. Complete Lipid panel

You must pre-register by calling 1-800-407-4557. These screenings are completely painless, non-invasive, and require ten minutes or less to complete. The cost for all four screenings is \$139.00.

FROM THE MAILBOX

Dear Church family,

Thank you for your love, support, food, and loving thoughts given to our family at Bill's death. Your actions helped make our day a little easier.

In Christ, Carolyn Carraway, Kim, Todd, & Tina

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all the cards, calls, visits, food, and thoughtful gestures that have been displayed during my time of illness. I am on the way to recovery and hopefully I will be out of the house soon. I am truly blessed to have a wonderful caring church family.

Love to all, Sarah Wynn

Dear Church family,

On behalf of my family and myself, I (we) wanted to thank all of you for the delicious lunch you provided us after our mother's funeral service. Our mother's illness and passing was difficult for us. Your thoughtfulness and kind support for the entire family is appreciated. We are truly blessed with wonderful friends and church family.

Warm regards, Martha Wylie Shifflett, Bobby, & Mike Wylie

Dear Church family,

Your loving support after Nancy's passing meant a great deal to our family. There are no words to express our heartfelt thanks for the sympathy you have extended toward us during this time of loss. Nancy always looked forward to coming to Wednesday night service so she could see and talk to everyone. She also loved the ladies in her Wylie Grier Circle. She enjoyed their companionship more than you will ever know. This church family meant so very much to her. Your presence and willingness to help with anything we needed was a great comfort. We will be forever grateful for the loving memories that you have shared with us and we will always treasure your thoughtfulness.

Love to all, Wayne Raines and family

Dear Church Family,

What an amazing church family. Thank you for all the prayers, cards, calls, visits, food, and many acts of kindnesses that you displayed during my surgery and time at home. I am truly blessed to be part of a caring and loving church family. I am back to work and again thank you for your prayers. Please continue to pray for me as I get stronger each day.

Love in Christ, Linda Tinker

CHESTER ARP CHURCH

February 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8:30am Session Meeting 9:45am Assembly/ Church School 10:40am Session Prayer 11:00am Worship 6:00-7:00pm Handbells	2 Pray for Missionaries	3	4 8:30am Breakfast/ Bible Study 5:30-6:00pm Children's Choir 6:00pm First Wednesday Covered Dish Supper 6:45pm Children/ Youth Groups 7:00pm Mid- Week Bible Study 7:30pm Adult Choir	5 DIAL - A - PRAYER 385-2222	6 7:00am Men's Bible Study & Prayer Group	7 Listen to 11:00AM Worship @ 90.3 FM or 91.7FM 10:00am WM Cookie Swap
8 9:00am WM Executive Board 9:45am Assembly/ Church School 10:40am Session Prayer 11:00am Worship 6:00-7:00pm Handbells	9 Life Screening	10 CIRCLES	11 8:30am Breakfast/ Bible Study 5:30-6:00pm Children's Choir 6:00pm Mid- Week Meal 6:45pm Children/ Youth Groups 7:00pm Mid- Week Bible Study 7:30pm Adult Choir	12	13 7:00am Men's Bible Study & Prayer Group	14 Listen to 11:00AM Worship @ 90.3 FM or 91.7FM
15 9:45am Assembly/ Church School 10:40am Session Prayer 11:00am Worship 12:15pm Diaconate Meeting 6:00-7:00pm Handbells	16	17	18 8:30am Breakfast/ Bible Study 5:30-6:00pm Children's Choir 6:00pm Mid- Week Meal 6:45pm Children/ Youth Groups 7:00pm Mid- Week Bible Study 7:30pm Adult Choir	19 Pray for Church Extension	20 7:00am Men's Bible Study & Prayer Group	21 Listen to 11:00AM Worship @ 90.3 FM or 91.7FM
22 9:45am Assembly/ Church School 10:40am Session Prayer 11:00am Worship 6:00-7:00pm Handbells Opening Assembly February 1 February 8 February 15 February 22	23 Pray for World Peace	24	25 8:30am Breakfast/ Bible Study 5:30-6:00pm Children's Choir 6:00pm Mid- Week Meal 6:45pm Children/ Youth Groups 7:00pm Mid- Week Bible Study 7:30pm Adult Choir	26	27 7:00am Men's Bible Study & Prayer Group	28 Listen to 11:00AM Worship @ 90.3 FM or 91.7FM
Brian Gibbons Beverly Stone Webbie Keels Marc Stone	Ushers Tom Simpson (1), Jim Fuller (2), Terry Tinker (3), Phil Stephenson (4), Bruce Truesdale					