

The Messenger of Arndt's Church

JANUARY, 2010

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Join us for our Annual Birthday Social on Sunday, January 24, 2010, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. This event celebrates everyone's birthday at the same time and includes games, refreshments and entertainment by The New Approach. Sponsored by our WOW women's group.

Come and celebrate your birthday!

The melody to the song "Happy Birthday to You" (also known as "The Birthday Song") was written in the early 1890's by an American woman by the name of Mildred Hill. Her sister Patti, who was a teacher, put the lyric "Good morning dear teacher, good morning to you" to fit the melody. The song grew in popularity over the years and was eventually sung in schools across the US. Some forty years later, it is believed that Patti came up with the words "Happy Birthday to You, Happy Birthday to You, Happy Birthday Dear <name>, Happy Birthday to You," and fit those words to her sister's melody. The entire song was then published in 1935. The song was popularized later in the 1930's when it was sung in the Broadway production of "As Thousands Cheer," and has since become the mega-classic hit of all time. One final interesting tidbit: The "Happy Birthday to You" song (lyrics and melody together) are still under copyright protection, so every time you hear it sung on TV or radio, for example, royalties are being paid to the publisher (Warner Chapel, in the US). All contents © 1999-2008 The Birthday CD Co.

JANUARY PRAYER CALENDAR

Each day you are asked to say a prayer for the member listed on that day. All of the members of our church family will be prayed for many times throughout the year. Members are listed alphabetically. If someone is missed, please contact the secretary in the church office.

- January 1 - Tabatha Gartner
- January 2 - Donald and Debbie Gebhardt
- January 3 - Donald and Dorothy Gebhardt
- January 4 - Marianne Gehris
- January 5 - Ruth Gehris
- January 6 - Duane and Mitzi Graner

January 7 - Duane S. Graner
January 8 - Helen Greenleaf
January 9 - Hope Greffe
January 10 - Robert, Janet and Scott Gruninger
January 11 - Mike and Becky Haffner, Aidan, Cathleen and Abby
January 12 - Janet Halpin
January 13 - Sandy Hayden
January 14 - Janet Heller
January 15 - Logie Heller
January 16 - Robert and Holly Hernandez, Melissa and Mallory
January 17 - Don and Janet Herr
January 18 - Julie Shellaway and Bryson Hicklin
January 19 - Geoff and Maureen Hillary
January 20 - Jim Hockman
January 21 - Ralph and Joanne Horton, Michael and Nick
January 22 - Ruth Horton
January 23 - Jon, Tammy and Abigail Hrichak
January 24 - Pastor Jean and Doug Huber
January 25 - Jim, Sally and Kyle Hutnik
January 26 - Arlene Jacoby
January 27 - Keith and Christine Johnsen
January 28 - Stephanie Johnsen
January 29 - Tammy and Donovan Joseph
January 30 - James and Crystal Keats
January 31 - Margaret Kelly

Community Outreach ministry

MEALS FOR RESIDENTS OF SAFE HARBOR. Arndt's provides the dinner on the fourth Thursday of each month. Our next meal will be Thursday, January 28th. Sign up for this ministry on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

Many thanks to those who participate in this monthly community ministry. The residents truly appreciate the meals.

MEALS ON WHEELS- Meals are delivered to the homes of Easton Seniors every second Wednesday of the month. We are always looking for new volunteers to help

deliver on our assigned day. Call the church office if you would like to help out with this rewarding ministry.

FOOD BANK DONATION REQUESTS FOR JANUARY

cereal
jelly (small jars)
canned soup

Other non-perishable food items are always welcome. Since many clients live in rooms and only have access to a microwave oven in the lobby of the building, they are limited as to what they can make. Easy, individual meals are helpful for these people.

Diapers and hygiene items are always needed and are appreciated. Also, large brown paper bags (like from the grocery store) are needed to pack the groceries for each client.

All items may be placed in the shopping cart in the coat room area.

Thank you to everyone who support
this ongoing community project.

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In the event of inclement weather on a Saturday or Sunday, please tune to B104 FM on your radio or to WFMZ Channel 69 on the television for information on cancellation of services.

2010 Congregational Council Representatives

Tom Walters, President, 2012
Scott Lewis, Vice President, 2012
Alecia Coates, 2012
Denice Adams, Secretary, 2010
Jim Bialker, 2010
Steve Bueker, 2010
Karen Beverly, 2011
Charlie Miller, 2011
Yvonne Osmun, 2011

**Interesting Items from
December Council**

- Council approved the church as a drop-off site for food for the food bank.
- Our insurance carrier has been changed effective December 1, 2009, to Brotherhood Mutual.

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2010 FLOWER AND BULLETIN CHARTS

The new flower and bulletin charts for 2010 are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. Sign your name on the chart on the week/weeks you would like to be a sponsor and complete a dedication form. Payment for flowers must be received two weeks in advance. Order forms are self-explanatory.

ARNDT'S PRESCHOOL

Thank you, thank you, Santa, for visiting our school and making our Christmas parties extra, extra special. Our Christmas spirit increased with you reading us a Christmas book and giving each one of us a gift. We liked the candy canes. We won't forget to put out cookies and milk for you and food for the reindeer.

Smiles,

Arndt's Preschool

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ONGOING CHURCH FUNDRAISING PROJECTS

- **Giant Gift Cards and Weis Market gift cards available in several denominations. Church earns 5%**
- **Park Avenue Gift Cards, available in several denominations. Church earns 10%**
- **Al's Cleaners, 1134 Northampton Street, Easton. Church earns a percentage for any member who takes their dry cleaning to Al's and mentions the church name.**
- **Dish Towels and Dish Cloths. Still some left, various colors. When stock is exhausted, this project will end.**
- **Aluminum knives, peelers, kitchen forks. Project will end when current stock is exhausted.**



Women Of the Word
[Second Monday of the Month]

W.O.W. meets again on January 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the church. We will be reading the book “Ninety Minutes in Heaven” at the meeting.

All women are invited to join with us for discussion topics and to participate in church projects and events.

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BOOK
CLUB

January

Book Club resumes meeting on Monday, January 26, 2010 at 7:00 pm in the lounge. This month the book club reads *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver. A summary and review of the book follows.

The Poisonwood Bible is a story told by the wife and four daughters of Nathan Price, a fierce, evangelical Baptist who takes his family and mission to the Belgian Congo in 1959. They carry with them everything they believe they will need from home, but soon find that all of it--from garden seeds to Scripture--is calamitously transformed on African soil. What follows is a suspenseful epic of one family's tragic undoing and remarkable reconstruction over the course of three decades in postcolonial Africa.

The novel is set against one of the most dramatic political chronicles of the twentieth century: the Congo's fight for independence from Belgium, the murder of its first elected prime minister, the CIA coup to install his replacement, and the insidious progress of a world economic order that robs the fledgling African nation of its autonomy. Against this backdrop, Orleana Price reconstructs the story of her evangelist husband's part in the Western assault on Africa, a tale indelibly darkened by her own losses and unanswerable questions about her own culpability. Also narrating the story, by turns, are her four daughters--the self-centered, teenaged Rachel; shrewd adolescent twins Leah and Adah; and Ruth May, a prescient five-year-old. These sharply observant girls, who arrive in the Congo with racial preconceptions forged in 1950s Georgia, will be marked in surprisingly different ways by their father's intractable mission, and by Africa itself. Ultimately each must strike her own separate path to salvation. Their passionately intertwined stories become a compelling exploration of moral risk and personal responsibility.

Dancing between the dark comedy of human failings and the breathtaking possibilities of human hope, *The Poisonwood Bible* possesses all that has distinguished Barbara Kingsolver's previous work, and extends this beloved writer's vision to an entirely new level. Taking its place alongside the classic works

of postcolonial literature, this ambitious novel establishes Kingsolver as one of the most thoughtful and daring of modern writers. Please join us for discussion of this book.

Arndt's
announcements

Please submit any special information you may want to share with the rest of the membership to the "Arndt's Announcements" page of The Messenger.

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Weddings

Troy R. Larsen and Melissa A. Obser
December 12, 2009

Funerals

Robert L. Layfield
Raised to Eternal Life: December 2, 2009
Service: December 5, 2009

Sandra P. Capone
Raised to Eternal Life: November 23, 2009
Service: November 27, 2009



Thank you to . . .

The Bogari Family, the Affa Family, the Skrzyniarz Family and the Chapman Family for lighting the luminaries during the Live Nativity and on Christmas Eve. **Thank you, also, to the Selmasska Family** for extinguishing the candles on Christmas Eve and placing them inside the church.

Karen Beverly and all the women of the church who worked on the beautiful Christmas wall hanging displayed in the sanctuary on Christmas Eve. What a beautiful addition to our Christmas décor.

Jean Ruschman, Kathy Mellwig, Janet Heller, Janet Herr and Ruthann Siegfried for providing us with delicious baked goods to sell at our annual Bake Sale for World Hunger. We were able to send \$137.15 to the synod World Hunger Appeal.

Nancy Walters and everyone who helped with this year's Live Nativity. This evening has become a "look forward to" event among our church members and the community.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Jan. 24 | Birthday Social
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 16 | Shrove Tuesday Service
7:00 p.m. |
| Feb. 17 | Ash Wednesday Service
7:00 p.m. |
| March 14 | Progressive Dinner |