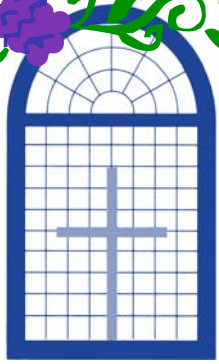


December 2011 & January 2012



The Grapevine

*Newsletter of the
Orchard Park Presbyterian Church*

**Shop “Around the World”
this Holiday Season at the
7th Annual International Artisan Fair!**



Make your holiday shopping more meaningful by purchasing unique gifts at the International Artisan Fair on **December 3 & 4**. Pictured above are shoppers and volunteers at last year's Fair admiring hand crafted items and fairly traded goods from near and far. Turn to Page 9 for more information.



Pastorally Speaking

THE COMMUNITY'S RESPONSE TO VIOLENCE

The Family Justice Center exists to provide comfort and direction to victims of domestic violence. Statistically, one in four women and one in nine men experience domestic violence at some point in their lives. This can occur in many forms: physical, verbal, economic, social. There may be bodily harm, threats of physical injury, isolation from family and friends, denial of financial support, threats to take away one's children.

The Family Justice Center (FJC) provides a safe place where victims may discuss their situation and be directed to sources of support and counsel—legal, medical, financial, housing, protection from perpetrators, and spiritual—all in one place, thus saving the individual the trauma of seeking help in a multitude of locations. The FJC does not provide shelter, but directs persons to agencies that provide a safe environment for victims and their children.

The Southtowns FJC satellite was opened in February 2011 at 4383 South Buffalo Street, next door to Orchard Park Presbyterian Church. Since opening, some 65 individuals have found their way to this location to receive help and support from a team of trained specialists in a comfortable, safe environment. Many are persons who would not

otherwise have ventured into downtown Buffalo. Doors are open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Persons may come without appointment.

Since occasionally a perpetrator may attempt to stalk a victim, security measures are in place at both the downtown and the Southtowns locations. A person seeking entrance to the Center must be buzzed in upon establishing his or her identity. The only persons permitted to accompany a client into the Center are children 16 or under. All other persons accompanying a client (friends, family) must go elsewhere, off OPPC grounds, while the client is being assisted.

A safe line is available during hours of operation for information. 662-0259 is the Southtowns Family Center number to call if you or someone you know is facing difficulties and may need the resources of the FJC. An answering service will pick up calls during other times. The downtown FJC is located at 237 Main St., Buffalo, 14th floor. Free parking is available at adjacent lots. Hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The safe line number is 558-7233.

Encourage anyone you know who may be experiencing domestic violence in any form to call for help at one of these numbers.

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“COMPASSION leads to CHANGING LIVES” Stewardship 2012 Update

Our deepest thanks to those who have already responded to our 2012 Stewardship Campaign, “Changing Lives.” The generosity shown by so many members and friends of our congregation makes possible the life changing ministry that happens within the walls of OPPC, in our community, and around the world. THANK YOU!

If you received a pledge card in the mail but have not yet returned it, we would ask you do so as soon as possible as we look to finalize our budget for the coming year. If you did not receive a pledge card but would like to make a financial commitment to the work of OPPC in 2012, please call the church office and request one today. Note that you can now give online by going to our website, oppchurch.org.

Thanks to all who support the ministry of OPPC, and in doing so, stand as a witness to the love and justice of Jesus Christ. The faithfulness and generosity of the people of God is truly inspiring.

*Rev. Young and Tom Grogan
for the Stewardship Ministry Team*

Renewing our Baptism



On **Sunday, January 15**, during our morning worship services, OPPC will celebrate the baptism of Jesus with a service of renewal of our baptismal vows. Our Book of Common Worship provides a beautiful liturgy for reaffirming the promises of our baptism, and will be an opportunity for all of us to hear again God’s promises made at our baptism. For older children and adults who have never been baptized, this is a wonderful opportunity to receive the sacrament and join the faith community as a baptized member. If you or someone in your family would like to be baptized, please be in touch with Rev. Young or Rev. Foster.



Our program to house homeless families.

Hosting January 13—20, 2012

Family Promise held a very successful hosting in October and will be hosting again from **Friday, January 13, until Friday, January 20**. Formerly known as the Interfaith Hospitality Network, Family Promise is the only program of its kind that keeps homeless families together. The

average age of a homeless person in Erie County is SEVEN YEARS OLD! Since 1996, OPPC, together with seven churches in our Southtowns community, have served nearly 100 families in crisis. Volunteering can be as simple as sitting at the “kitchen table” with one of the guests and having a cup of coffee, playing a board game with a teenager or reading to a small child while the parent sits nearby. Overnight host and hostesses are especially needed so guests can rest in the comfort of knowing they are in a safe place and that someone cares for their families. Please contact Joan Holl if you are interested in helping with this hands on mission that your children are welcome to attend with you.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
Mission Luncheon**

**Sunday, January 8
Fellowship Hall – 11:45 a.m.**

Join us in 2012 for the Presbyterian Women’s Mission Luncheon and renew friendships over a delicious meal of quiche, spinach salad, cupcakes and ice cream. Our speaker, Jim Grande, will give a talk on a locally based organization called Camp Blue Skies, which is an overnight camp for children ages 7-18. The camp provides counseling and support for those who have experienced the death of a loved one. It is held at Cradle Beach Camp in Angola, NY. The organization is run by the Life Transitions Center, an affiliate of Hospice Buffalo.

We encourage those attending the luncheon to help the work of Camp Blue Skies by giving a donation or bringing one of the following items:

- Gift cards to Wal-Mart, Jo-Ann Fabrics or Michael’s**
- Packages of Table Salt**
- Bottles of Bubbles**
- Journals of any size**
- FUN Pens or Mechanical Pencils**
- Medium Sized Gift Bags with Handles**

Please sign up by January 1 at the Welcome Center. We look forward to seeing you.

Recycle your old greeting cards!

Mission Workshop has an ongoing project of making greeting cards from used cards

(any holiday or occasion) that are donated to us. We cut out usable portion and attach them to new cardstock. The cards

are then put into our card rack near the Welcome Center, given to Caring Friends, and made available at the International Artisan Fair in December. Please help us by donating your old cards in the basket on the Welcome Center table.

Thank you!



OPPC
Presbyterian Women
Coordinating Team
will next meet on
Tuesday, January 3
9:30 a.m. in the Library

Friendship Circle
Wednesday, December 7
Christmas Luncheon
at 10:30 a.m. in the
Reception Room
Please bring a dish to share.



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**Wednesday, January 4**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**Irene Irving Room**



**Mission Workshop**  
**Wednesdays**  
**10:00 a.m. to Noon**  
**The Meeting Place**



**for the February Grapevine is**  
**Tuesday, January 17**

**Refugee Children’s Winter  
Reading Club**

**West Seneca Library**  
**Tuesdays**  
**January 10 thru February 22**  
**6:15-7:30 p.m.**  
Five tutors high school age  
or adult are needed.

Contact Kathleen Johnson at  
[kcjat124@yahoo.com](mailto:kcjat124@yahoo.com)

# DATELINE: DEACONS

## Youngest Deacon Proves Service Is Ageless



At the age of 18, OPPC Deacon Becca Kulp has already learned one of life’s most valuable lessons and is definitely putting it to very good use. Sometimes, she says, you just have to “put yourself out there” and get involved. And that’s exactly what the Orchard Park High School senior has done in the two years she’s been a member of our congregation.

As a “hit the ground running” type of person, she quickly became an active and contributive part of our church community. A member of the church’s Confirmation Class of 2011, she was one of the 15 youth-strong OPPC Workcamp Crew that travelled downstate this past June to contribute its time and talents to the community ministry of the Broome County Council of Churches.

Having so clearly demonstrated her willingness to serve, it came as no surprise when, upon completing the confirmation process this past Spring, Becca “volunteered” her interest in becoming involved with the work of OPPC’s Board of Deacons. The Board, of course, could not have been more pleased to have the energy and enthusiasm of someone with Becca’s gifts to draw upon and welcomed her to the one-year term she’s now serving.

Although many goals, including attending college and pursuing possible careers as a Spanish teacher, a translator or a writer still lay ahead for her, Becca Kulp — like the many exceptional young members OPPC is so fortunate to have — remains a vital and valuable ingredient in our church’s ability to change our community and the world for the better.



**Friends of Night People**  
*Continuing to Fulfill the Need*

**Wednesday, December 21 & January 18**

This holiday season the demand on soup kitchens around the county is expected to be very high. We have been serving nearly 250 folks on our appointed Wednesday and we need to be sure we provide enough food for those who need a nutritious meal. In addition to food donations we need servers who can provide a warm smile and caring heart. November’s sign up was terrific — Thank you! Please sign up at the Welcome Center and contact Carol Schuster if you have any questions or would like your group or family to serve.

## Panera Bread’s Operation Dough-nation

will complete its FIFTH year in the Orchard Park Community with OPPC on the ground floor of not only picking up on our appointed Tuesdays but as ambassadors of the program to the area churches so that every evening the day’s end food goes to a soup kitchen or food pantry. Now that’s a lasting legacy for al of us! Thank you to the dedicated core of volunteers who participate in this ministry. The 2012 calendar is now available at the Welcome Center for anyone interested in picking up the day’s end goodies at 8:55 p.m. on Tuesdays and delivering them to Friends of Night People on Wednesdays between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. For more information contact Linda Babcock at [lindab@oppchurch.org](mailto:lindab@oppchurch.org)



## Monthly lunch and program for the seniors in our community.

Save these dates:  
Thursdays, **March 15, April 19, and May 17.**  
**Please note: the 2012 luncheon and programs will begin at 11:30 a.m.**

December 2011 &amp; January 2012

## Musical Offerings for Advent

**Handel's "Messiah"**  
Community Advent Chorale, Soloists,  
and Chamber Orchestra

**Friday, December 2, 2011 – 7:30 p.m.**  
**Admission: \$10 (per person)**

**Freudig Singers**  
**"Christmas Pie"**

**Sunday, December 4, 2011 – 7 p.m.**  
**Tickets available at the door**

**Vocalis**

**Friday, December 9, 2011 – 8 p.m.**  
**Tickets available at the door -**  
**\$15 Adult • \$10 Students with ID**

**A Service of Lessons and Carols**  
**Sunday, December 11, 2011 – 5 p.m.**

The Clergy and Choirs of: Nativity of Our Lord R.C.  
Church • Orchard Park Presbyterian Church  
Orchard Park United Methodist Church •  
St. John's Lutheran Church • St. Mark's Episcopal Church

**Advent Spiral**

**Saturday, December 17, 2011**  
**5:15 p.m.** soup, salad and bread meal  
**6 p.m.** Advent Spiral Walk  
Music by Doug Yeomans & Greg White

## Church School & Youth collaborate with the OPPC Presbyterian Women on a Winter Mission Project!

On **January 8** the PW are having a mission luncheon with a guest speaker from Life Transitions Center. Jim Grandy will speak about Camp Blue Skies which is a counseling and support overnight camp for children and youth who have experienced the death of a loved one. We will collect items to be used for a sand art activity the campers complete as well as some items for the bags the children ages 8-18 to take home with them. Youth will be making blessing pillows for them as well. We will have a collection box outside of the CE Office on January 8, 15 and 22. Most of these items can be found at the Dollar Store!



**Packages of Table Salt**  
**Buckets of Sidewalk Chalk**

**Bottles of Bubbles**  
**Journals of any size**  
**FUN Pens and/or**

**Mechanical Pencils**  
**Medium Sized Gift Bags**  
**with Handles**



## Fellowship Breakfast ~ Saturday, January 21 ~ 8:30 a.m.

Frank Clement, who serves as vice-president of the Orchard Park Historical Society, will be our guest speaker at the next Fellowship Breakfast to be held at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 21, in the Reception Room. Frank has a very interesting and absorbing hobby. He has been an avid brick collector for over 35 years. He maintains the Clement Brick Museum on Milestrip Road, which contains between 6,000 – 7,000 bricks. Another 12,000 line his driveway.

Frank told us to be sure to have a sturdy table to hold some of the artifacts he has collected. These may include his oldest brick that dates from 200 AD found at a former Roman Legion post on the Danube River. Other very special bricks include a favorite Chief Tecumseh brick and some very valuable ones depicting Mark Twain and Abraham Lincoln. The Mark Twain brick is the only known Mark Twain fireplace brick. He also has bricks from Father Baker's, the Pan American Exposition and buildings created by Frank Lloyd Wright.

You can get a preview of Mr. Clement's extensive collections, which also include manhole covers, chimney pots and water meter covers, on the Internet by referencing the Clement Brick Museum.

## Youth Update

Senior High Fellowship will be selling its hand decorated birdhouses as well as serving lunch at the **International Artisan Fair** in the Café.



**Homemade Soup  
Homemade Bread  
& a beverage  
\$5.00.**



Proceeds from lunch will help offset the cost of Workcamp 2012. Youth are needed for both the Café and the birdhouse booth on **Saturday, December 3, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.** Join Amanda Kielich, recently appointed to the Congo Leadership Initiative Board, in helping the youth in Kinshasa learn how to be leaders in their country through the Leadership Development Program with the proceeds of the birdhouses. Special thanks to Jim Wilson for his expert help with this project! Sunday help is also needed from 11:30 a.m. 'til the Fellowship Hall sparkles.

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**Youth Club** (grades 6-8) and **Senior Highs** will volunteer on Sunday, December 11, from 9:30 a.m. until all the food from the **Giving Tree Food Drive** is sorted and bagged for the families we are helping this Christmas. Youth Club please note that **Youth Bucks** are given for this event. :-)

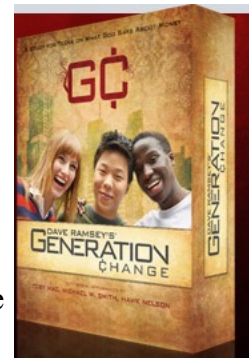


## Confirmation Class

Confirmation Class for ninth grade students will begin on **Sunday, January 8**. If you have a freshman youth and did not receive a mailing, please contact Linda Babcock for more information. The Gathering Dinner for interested youth, parents and covenant partners is **Sunday, January 8**, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. for dinner, introductions and worship.

## Generation Change

The Dave Ramsey "Generation Change" class has graduated five more youth from the program that teaches a way to be better stewards of God's money. "*Buying things you don't need with money you don't really like*" is one of the cornerstones of the course. Youth leave the course with a better understanding of how to make their money work for them by using an envelope system and paying for things with cash. It is never too late to begin a concrete savings plan which can lead to financial security.



Congratulations to newest Generation Change members: Mackenzie Anderson, Alina Clough, Amy Olejniczak, Angel Rhodes, Emma Rose Stepniak and Maura Young. Thank you to Joe Seebald for his time and energy to lead our OPPC youth towards a healthier financial future.

**Church School Choir will sing on  
Sunday, December 18  
and at the Christmas Eve 7:00 p.m. service.**



**Sunday, January 8  
Church School's Epiphany Celebration  
9:30-10:15 a.m.  
Fellowship Hall**

Hear the story of Epiphany, make a crown & scented orange and have a piece of Three Kings Cake! Everyone of any age is welcome to attend this intergenerational event.

***Please note: Information on Youth Activities for the winter and spring will be mailed to homes in late December.***

**Please Note:**

**There will be no Education Classes  
on the following Sundays:**

**November 27  
December 25  
January 1**

**Monthly Book Club**

**Tuesday, January 17 ~ 7 p.m.**

Conference Room ~ All are Welcome!

**No December meeting**

**On January 17, 2012, OPPC Book Club will discuss *City of Thieves* by David Benioff, a captivating novel about war, courage, survival, and a remarkable friendship that ripples across a lifetime.**



During the Nazis' winter siege of Leningrad, Lev Beniov is arrested for looting and thrown into the same cell as a handsome deserter named Kolya. Instead of being executed, Lev and Kolya are given a shot at saving their own lives by complying with an outrageous directive: secure a dozen eggs for a powerful Soviet colonel to use in his daughter's wedding cake. In a city cut off from all supplies and suffering unbelievable deprivation, Lev and Kolya embark on a hunt through Leningrad and behind enemy lines to find the impossible.

Insightful and funny, thrilling and terrifying, *City of Thieves* is a gripping, cinematic World War II adventure and an intimate coming-of-age story with an utterly contemporary feel for how boys become men. Please join fellow book lovers as we cozy up for a good discussion with a cup of hot coffee on a cold winter evening. All are welcome!

**February 21: *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life* by Karen Armstrong**

## Sunday Morning Education Classes for Advent

**9:30-10:15 a.m.**

**The Meeting Place  
& classrooms**

On **December 4, 11, and 18**, we will have intergenerational classes for children, youth and adults. Adults and older youth will watch Adam Hamilton's, *The Journey*, followed by discussion of the modern day look at the Holy Land that mirrors the journey of Mary and Joseph. The children and younger youth will be engaged in *The Journey* with hands on activities led by Gina Fulater.



## Thursday Morning Men's Study Group

**December 1 & 15, January 5 & 19**

6:30 a.m. in the Conference Room.

Contact Doug McMahon at [mill1276@aol.com](mailto:mill1276@aol.com) for further details.



## Monday Morning Women's Bible/Book Study

Noon-2 p.m. ~ The Library

Join us as we discuss

***A New Kind of Christian***

by Brian McLaren

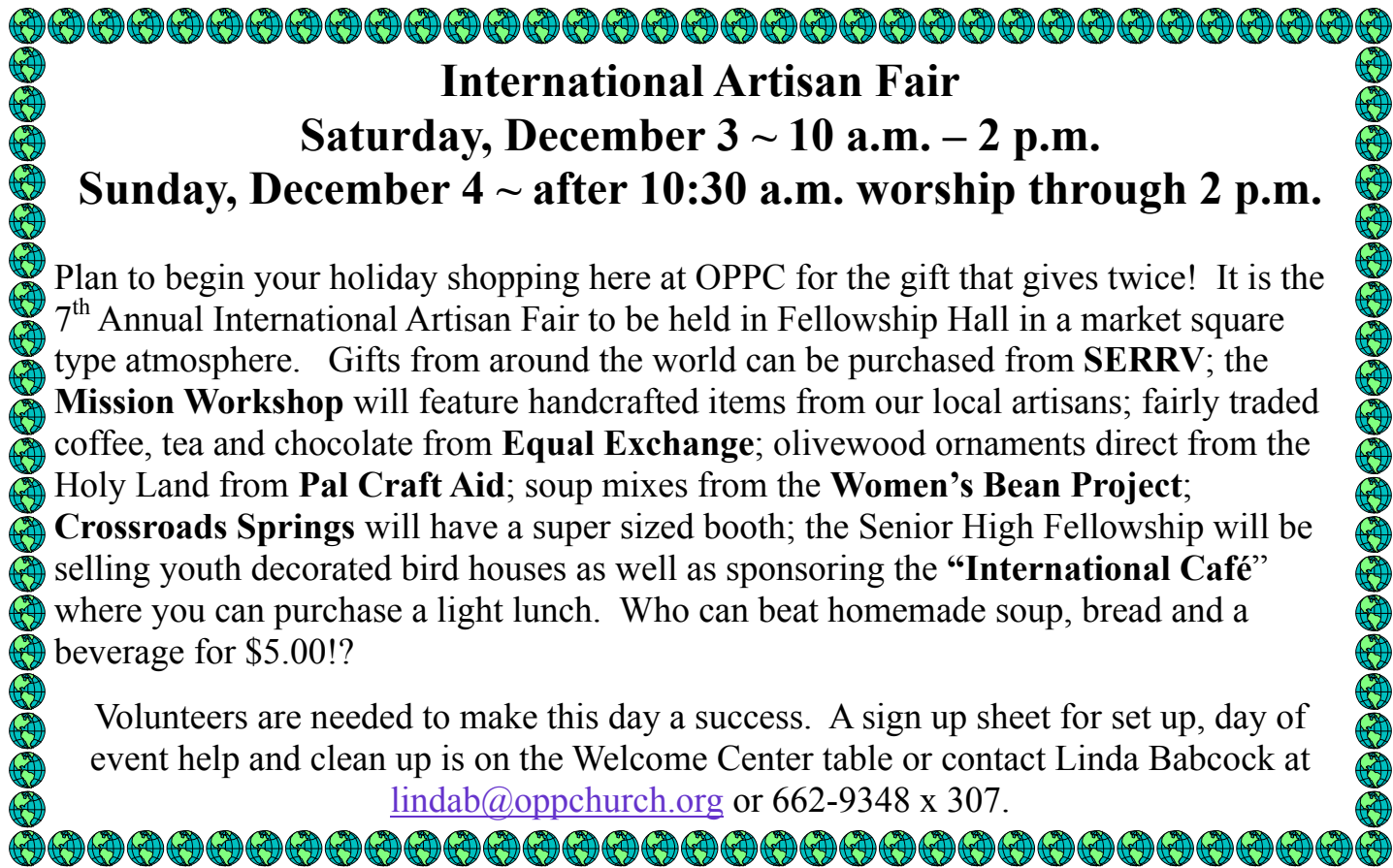
**Monday, November 28 ~ chapter 16**

**Monday, December 12 ~ Christmas Luncheon**

~ Lynne Young's Home ~ Noon

**January 9 & 23**

Contact Linda Babcock for more information.



## International Artisan Fair

**Saturday, December 3 ~ 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

**Sunday, December 4 ~ after 10:30 a.m. worship through 2 p.m.**

Plan to begin your holiday shopping here at OPPC for the gift that gives twice! It is the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual International Artisan Fair to be held in Fellowship Hall in a market square type atmosphere. Gifts from around the world can be purchased from **SERRV**; the **Mission Workshop** will feature handcrafted items from our local artisans; fairly traded coffee, tea and chocolate from **Equal Exchange**; olivewood ornaments direct from the Holy Land from **Pal Craft Aid**; soup mixes from the **Women’s Bean Project**; **Crossroads Springs** will have a super sized booth; the Senior High Fellowship will be selling youth decorated bird houses as well as sponsoring the “**International Café**” where you can purchase a light lunch. Who can beat homemade soup, bread and a beverage for \$5.00!?

Volunteers are needed to make this day a success. A sign up sheet for set up, day of event help and clean up is on the Welcome Center table or contact Linda Babcock at [lindab@oppchurch.org](mailto:lindab@oppchurch.org) or 662-9348 x 307.

### ~ Giving Tree ~

Please demonstrate your Christmas-giving spirit by participating in this year’s Giving Tree which graces our Reception Room. This year our Giving Tree recipients will be families from within our current areas of ministry focus ~ Family Promise, Southtowns Family Center and PICS tutoring program. The process looks like this:



- You**
- Choose a tag**
- Then sign it out**
- Now purchase the gift.**
- Wrap the gift & Attach the tag**
- Return it to the church on /before Dec. 11.**
- Thank**
- You!**

If you have any questions, please contact  
Cindy Grogan.



### Caroling Fun

Members of the Sanctuary Choir invite anyone interesting in joining them, to go Christmas caroling to shut-ins in OP on **Wednesday, December 14, at 7:30 p.m.** Music will be provided. We will gather at the church and break up into groups to go out and spread Christmas Joy. We will then return to OPPC for hot chocolate and cookies. All are welcome!



**Christmas Eve poinsettias** to help us decorate the Sanctuary are once again offered. If you wish to order a plant in honor or memory of a loved one, please fill out an order envelope, available at the Welcome Center. Place the envelope in the offering or return it to the church office by **Sunday, December 11**. The cost per plant is \$8. Thank you.

**Church Un-Decorating  
Saturday, January 7 ~ 9 a.m.**

We will gather to take down and carefully store our Christmas decorations to keep them safe for next year. Refreshments will be served. Sign-up sheets are at the Welcome Center. Hope you can join us!



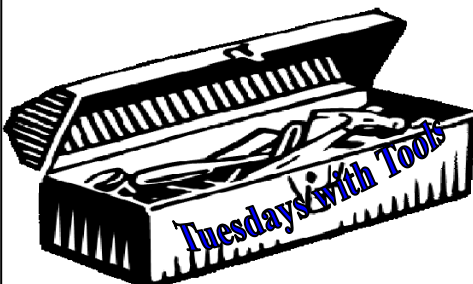
**International Women's  
Christmas Party**

Kathleen Johnson's Home  
124 Zittel in South Buffalo  
Saturday, December 17  
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Join missionary Kathleen Johnson and women from around the globe for some holiday fellowship. We are looking for someone to roast and carve the two turkeys we have for this event. It could be done ahead of time and frozen. Arrangements will be made to get the frozen bird to you to roast and then pick it up for the party. Please contact Linda Babcock if you are interested in attending the party to visit with the ladies and help with food, or roast a turkey.

**ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS**

If you are planning on going south for the winter months, please notify the church office of your departure date and new address. Thank you.



**Come join the "Tuesdays with Tools" Group**

Each Tuesday from 9 a.m. - noon we will be working on projects to fix, repair, plaster, or paint necessary projects. Not an expert with tools? We will teach you. Come, join the Tool Team. Please contact Jim Wilson, 662-9157, with questions.

**Fall Church Grounds  
Clean-up Thank you!**

The Property Ministry Team thanks all of the friends who spent their October 29 Saturday morning working on the church grounds. Well kept church grounds are one more way to glorify God.



**Property Update...Keeping us Warm...**

In October, our steam boiler, which heats the education wing, broke down beyond repair. The cost to replace this is \$49,200. It was necessary for us to secure a loan from our bank in order to fund this project. Look for more information this spring when we plan to run a special campaign to pay for the heating system and retire our current debt.



## Congratulations!

*Congratulations to Bill and Elaine Jackson as they will celebrate their 59th Anniversary on December 21, 2011! The Jacksons have been members of OPPC for 49 of those years! Blessings of joy!*

**Church office closed Monday & Tuesday  
December 26 & 27 for Christmas Holidays**

**Monday, January 2  
for New Year's Day**



**January 16 in  
observance of  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**



**Blood Pressure Screenings**  
will be available at **11:45 a.m.**  
in the **Library on Sundays,**  
**December 11 with Cathi Kluckhohn &**  
**January 8 with Shari LeFauve**



**UNYTS Blood Drive**  
**Monday, January 23, 2—7 p.m.**  
**Fellowship Hall**

No appointment necessary—  
walk-ins welcome.



## Prayer Families of the Week



- Week of Dec. 4:** Jim & Meredith Wilson  
John & Nancy Wilson  
Steve & Penny Wilson  
The Kevin Wintringer Family
- Week of Dec. 11:** The Brian Wiser Family  
Bob & Nancy Witherspoon  
Martin Woelfel  
Norm & Ann Wohlabough
- Week of Dec. 18:** The Doug Wolf Family  
Greg Wollen  
The Gary Wolniewicz Family  
The Steve Woodward Family
- Week of Dec. 25:** Bob & Laurie Wozniak  
The Bill Wylie Family  
The Stepniak Yeomans Family  
Ben & Lynne Young
- Week of Jan. 1:** The Richard Young Family  
Erik & Pam Yuhnke  
The Alan Yuhnke Family  
Brian Zeitler
- Week of Jan. 8:** The Jennifer Zeitler Family  
Art & Jane Ziegler  
Dave & Barb Zielinski  
Jay & Sharon Zulinke
- Week of Jan. 15:** The John Anderson Family  
Joe & Sue Ball  
Eleanor Bastedo  
Ron & CeCe Black
- Week of Jan. 22:** Betty Brown  
Gary Crewson  
The Steve Desmond Family  
JoAnn Doerr
- Week of Jan. 29:** Allyn & Bonnie Foster  
Bob & Carol Goemmel  
John & Susan Halstead  
The Kevin House Family

**Please join in keeping these church family  
members in prayer during the week  
designated for them.**

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*compassionate service.*



## Advent 2011

This Advent season the worship services will focus on four elements of nature – earth, water, air and light. Each Sunday the Advent wreath candles will be lit and the reading and symbols on the Communion table will take shape around the theme for the week. Join us as Scripture, music and visuals will be woven together during this time of active waiting for the birth of Jesus Christ.



**First Sunday, November 27 ~ Earth ~ Sand**

**Second Sunday, December 4 ~ River ~ Water**



**Third Sunday, December 11 ~ Air ~ “Surprise”**

**Fourth Sunday, December 18 ~ Light ~ Lantern**  
**Church School Choir sings @ 10:30 a.m. Service**

**Christmas Eve 7:00 and 10:00 p.m.~ Candlelight and Communion**

**Christmas Day ~ One Service @ 10:30 a.m.**  
**(No childcare or Education Classes)**  
**Cookies & Coffee**

**New Year’s Day ~ One Service @ 10:30 a.m.**  
**Childcare provided ~ No Education Classes**

