

Crossroads

The Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church of Green Bay

April 2011

Where God's Dream is Alive

Augusta Jeffery Award Presented to Loni McCormick

Loni McCormick was the recipient of the Augusta Jeffery Memorial Award for 2011. The presentation was made on Sunday March 13 during the morning worship service. This award is given for exemplary dedication in service to our congregation, and Loni is the personification of dedicated servanthood! Loni has been a member of First Presbyterian Church since September 23, 1990, and has a contagiously enthusiastic positive energy for all aspects of church life. She is most noted for her many years as a youth leader but her other specific roles include: 6th-12th grade Sunday School teacher; confirmation mentor; coordinator of youth Sunday worship services; Bible study group leader; CE committee member and chairperson;

chaperone of 6 Trienniums; 3 (or was it 4?) terms as elder; clerk of session; mission and social concerns committee member; fellowship committee member; P & A Committee member; Choir and Notes on High member; served the Presbytery on the Resource and Program Coordinating Team; helps with Pres Folks; and plays on the church softball team. To quote from the nomination forms: "Loni is a tireless advocate for the youth of our church. She provides spiritual guidance, energy, passion and care to the youth through the Unga Bunga Tribe, mentoring, and our Christian Education program. The youth of our church look up to Loni like no other person. She has made an

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Loni McCormick during fellowship after the award presentation in worship.



Our Music is Uplifting—You Hold the Key

The Organ Campaign Committee has been working diligently the past several weeks with the following results:

- The contract with the organ builder has been approved by Session and is in the process of being signed.
- Initial work on the organ should begin this month.
- Financing for our loan has been approved.

All members will be receiving a campaign brochure and commitment form in the mail in the next couple of

weeks.

Please prayerfully consider your initial gift and your pledge for this important part of our worship experience in our church.

Committee members are Bruce Deadman, Lisa DeLeeuw, Ross Early, Kirke Ryder, Tom Schoffelman and Dennis Siewert.



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A Note from Pastor Randy



April will be an exciting month in the life of our church. Here are some reasons why.

We will launch our church organ capital campaign. With your gifts, our Wangerin Organ will be rebuilt and enhanced. This fine instrument will serve our mission for generations to come!

Palm Sunday, April 17, is “Bring a Friend to Church” Sunday. The children will open worship with a skit and we will all be in a festive mood as we wave palm branches. This inspiring worship time provides a wonderful opportunity to invite a neighbor or acquaintance to visit us.

On **Maundy Thursday, April 21**, we will gather in Banner Hall for a Simple Supper with Communion at **6:00 p.m.** We will then re-group for a worship

service in the sanctuary at **7:00 p.m.** Our worship will offer us a special time to meditate upon the work of the Savior.

On **Good Friday, April 22**, the sanctuary will be open from **7:30 a.m.** to **1:00 p.m.** for those who would like to come and meditate. You are also invited to a noon worship service at Trinity Lutheran Church on Broadway.

April 24 begins with an **Easter** breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Worship follows at 10:00 a.m. at which we will celebrate the resurrection of Christ!

I hope you will join us and participate fully in the life of your congregation. As we are learning from Bonhoeffer, God is building community here centered on Jesus Christ. Let us be a part of what God is doing and experience the joys and blessings of life in community.

Peace to you,
Pastor Randy



Augusta Jeffery Award

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made an impact on each and every one of them. She is a hero to them. But Loni doesn’t stop there; she runs the Tuesday Bible study and brings that same passion and energy to the older members of our church as well. She is just a joy and shares that joy with all. When you ask Loni what drives her to continue to lead the youth of this church, her response relates to all she gets back from the youth. She says she will keep doing it until her feelings of excitement before each youth group meeting stop...and she doesn’t see that happening anytime soon. That excitement and her passionate attitude set an outstanding example for our youth as well as every member of our

congregation.” Loni’s true gift is in opening her heart to God and to her church family. She teaches by example that there isn’t anything we cannot overcome in our lives, and we can make good things even better. All we need is faith, love and hope.

Other nominees for the Augusta Jeffrey Memorial Award this year included Stephanie Fahringer, Elliot Rood and Bill Klass. Congratulations to all the nominees! We thank God for all of you and your service to our church!



Mission Statement

To fulfill God’s plan

To know, love, and **serve** God
To **welcome**, spiritually **enrich**,
and love one another.

Vision Statement

We extend a warm and friendly spiritual environment that encourages and empowers people to **worship and serve God**. We live and *change with contemporary issues* while *maintaining traditional values, ethics, and Presbyterian practices*.

We are guided and sustained by God as we follow a flexible strategic plan that addresses growth, simplifies and prioritizes our objectives, and facilitates a vibrant ministry.

Through our ministry we:

- ◆ **Serve, lead, and live** a lifestyle of Christian discipleship.
- ◆ **Engage** in local, national, and global mission & social concerns.
- ◆ **Offer** Christian education and fellowship opportunities where *all* feel a sense of belonging.
- ◆ **Provide** a sanctuary to rest, be restored, and be nourished during these busy and turbulent times.

We are a **community of faith** where *diversity* is celebrated, individual *spirituality* is strengthened, *cooperation* is the common good, and *understanding* and *love* of one another is paramount.

Newsletter Deadline!

The deadline is **April 25!** Please submit your articles to Jodie Harmsen -or place them in the newsletter mailbox in the workroom.

Contributors for this issue are, Stephanie Fahringer, Dennis Siewert, David Wilson, Pastor Randy, Leah Mott, Megan Jurrens, Tom Schoffelman, Peg Zenko, Vicki Class, Ann Argall, and Linda Cigler. Thank you!

Church Life

Christian Sympathy

Blossom Witt passed away on March 15. Lyndahl Funeral Home is in charge of the memorial service.

Congratulations!

To **Julie and Jesse Batal** who will be renewing their wedding vows on **April 16!**

Roberta Brand on becoming a Stephen Minister!

Thank You!

A **big** Thank You for all the beautiful cards, hugs, prayers and get well wishes sent to me.

I am sure it helped. I also appreciated all the messages of reassurance that it may not be as bad as you think. and the first chemo treatment went well.. Sincerely, Bobbie

Prayer Circle:

New Concerns:

Dennis Siewert, Gina Phillips, Marilyn Merrell, Ann Hannon, Bobbie De Laurelle and Barb Lasnoski.

Special Concerns:

Bill Burns, Bellevue Retirement Community; **Ralph Rasmussen**, Angel's Touch Assisted Living in DePere; **Alice Ackerboom**, Bornemann Nursing Home; **Dorothy Shell**, Marla Vista; **Louise Anderson**, Woodside Oaks; **Marie Renier**, Marla Vista; **Catherine Parkinson**, at home; **Peggy Wolfe**, Renaissance; **Eileen Warner**, Rebecca Haven Nursing Home; **Marguerite Schader Hall**, Bellevue Retirement Community and **Virginia Turner**, (Brian Hulse' mother) Columbus, Ohio.



Ongoing Concerns:

Olivia Roosa (granddaughter of Sue and Allan Russell) **Gerald Van Pay** (brother of Gary Van Pay), **Margo Escott** (Tom Escott's sister), **Barb Lasnoski**, at home, **Rose Marie Rhoads** (Linda Van Pay's sister), **Don Kisela's** parents, **Caroline Olsen** (grandmother of Teri Olsen), **Cheri Housel** (Ginny Amen's niece), **Scott Zernicke**, **Meredith Ingram**, **Barbara Batal**, **Heather Lasnoski**, **Richard Parkinson**, **Dayle Rosen**, **Scotty Herman** (Green Beret), (grandson of Elsie Herman), serving in Afghanistan.

Church Leadership Elders

Class of 2011

Nancy Siewert, Lisa Olson, Kirke Ryder and Phil Mikulsky

Class of 2012

John Early, Jay Rietz, Dawn Spang, and Tammy Escott

Class of 2013

Brian Hulse, Kay Davis, Brian Kage, and Hollister Jansen

Clerk of Session:

Tammy Escott

Deacons

Class of 2011

Carol Mickelson, Lynne Shoher, And Connie Early

Class of 2012

Ann Argall, Russ Christensen, Holly Gehri, and Sue Mikulsky

Class of 2013

Susan Rietz, Deb Shoher, Abby Jackson, and Amy Wittman

Staff

Pastor:

The Reverend Dr. Randy Argall

Director of Christian Education:

Megan Jurens

Administrative Assistant:

Leah Mott

Financial Secretary:

Linda Cigler

Music Ministries:

Allan Russell (Choir Director)
Don VerKuilen (Organist)
Jenny Solper (Pianist)
Mary Steeno (Children's Choir)

Custodian:

Mary Belanger

Bring a Neighbor, Friends and Family to Church



Invite a Neighbor

As part of our new outreach program, we at First Pres. would like to get to know all of our neighbors, and your friends and family. Please invite them to worship on **Palm Sunday, April 17**, so that others will get to know us!

It will be a wonderful service with children singing, palms waving, Pastor Randy's message, and warm fellowship to follow!

Finance

2011 - Ministry Budget

February 28, 2011 – Status

Budgeted Giving To Date	\$ 34,967.66
Received Amount	\$ 31,114.20
Special Gifts	\$ 0.00
Budgeted Expenses To Date	\$ 47,726.50
Actual Expenses To Date	\$ 42,263.59
Other Income Budgeted	\$ 19,025.00
Received to Date	\$ 6,033.90
Endowment Budgeted	\$ 35,686.00
Amount Used To Date	\$ 1,500.00
Bequest income Budgeted	\$ 6,000.00
Amount Used to Date:	\$ 6,000.00

2011 Ministry Budget Expenses

\$286,359.00

2011 Ministry Budget Income

\$270,517.00

2011 Ministry Budget Special Note:

Approved Budget has a deficit of \$15,842.00

Special Giving Opportunities

2011 Capital Budget for Special Projects \$10,332.00.

• Carpet Cleaning	\$ 132.00
• Sidewalk Repairs	\$ 500.00
• Landscaping	\$ 3,500.00
• Ski Trip	\$ 700.00
• Personnel & Administration	\$ 8,500.00

Five Ways a Charitable Gift Can Help You

- 1 Gift Annuities usually offer better rates of return compared to Certificates of Deposit.
- 2 Part of each payment paid into the annuity is tax-free. The tax savings can be considered as return on principal, which continues through you, estimated life expectancy.
- 3 When the Gift Annuity is established it becomes a tax deduction for that year. Tax savings make the return on invested funds even greater.
- 4 The recipient of the Gift Annuity will receive regular and timely payments.
- 5 Gift Annuities can offer personal satisfaction to individuals knowing that they will give financial support to those organizations that are important to them.

For more information consult your Financial Advisor regarding Gift Annuities.

Word Play

PRESBYTERIAN rearranged is BEST IN PRAYER

ASTRONOMER rearranged is MOON STARER

THE EYES rearranged is THEY SEE

DORMITORY rearranged is DIRTY ROOM

SLOT MACHINES rearranged is CASH LOST IN ME

SNOOZE ALARMS rearranged is ALAS! NO MORE Z'S

A DECIMAL POINT rearranged is I'M A DOT IN PLACE

ELEVEN PLUS TWO rearranged is TWELVE PLUS ONE



Ministry Cash Flow February, 2011

Beginning Balance	\$9,629.38
Receipts from Offering	\$14,528.78
Receipts from Perpetual 5%	\$1,500.00
Expenses	(\$19,778.76)
Payroll tax and transfer timing differences	\$1,007.00
Ending Balance	\$4,872.40

Highlights from Finance

A special gift was received in early March from an *Anonymous Donor*. The gift was \$10,000 for the 2011 Ministry Budget. This is the fourth year that such a gift has been received. We are extremely grateful and celebrate the generosity of the giver.



A request from the Worship Committee was received for the purchase of Banner Standards. The request was granted with funding from unrestricted Memorial Funds. As usual, the Finance Committee continues to work monitor the current Ministry Budget and review all investments and expenditures.

One Great Hour of Sharing



Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has sent \$100,000 from the One Great Hour of Sharing offering to Japan to help with the relief after their 8.9 magnitude earthquake. Individuals many contribute on the secure PC(USA) website www.pcusa.org or through their local congregation. Please designate your gift to account DR000117-Japan Earthquake and Tsunami.

Christian Education/Special Interest Groups

Pres Folk

We had a very interesting time at our March meeting. Our speaker was Mohamed R. Zakarya. Mohamed is a pre-med student at UWGB and a spiritual leader of the Muslim community in Green Bay. He shared his life story, an overview of the teachings of Islam, and answered many of our questions.

Our April meeting will be on the **21st** in the **Fellowship Room** at **1:00 p.m.** Loni Mc Cormick will be our program leader which means we will have a fun and interesting time. Plan to come and invite a friend and join us. Our hostesses will be Ginny Amen and Ginny Nixon.

Holy Week Schedule



Sunday, April 17

Palm Sunday and Bring a Friend to Church! Children procession of palms and singing. Join us!

Thursday, April 21

Maundy Thursday –Simple Supper with Communion in Banner Hall from **6:00 –7:00 p.m.** Worship Service to follow in the Sanctuary at **7:00 p.m.**

Friday, April 22

Good Friday Meditation from 7:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 24

HE IS RISEN! Happy Easter.

Easter Breakfast from **8:30 – 9:45 a.m.** in **Banner Hall**. Cost is \$3.00 per person; children under 5 eat free. (Sign up is requested, but not necessary. Call church office at **437-8121** or use sheet on bulletin board in hallway.)

Easter Egg Hunt for children at **9:00 a.m.** (NO Sunday School)

Worship with lots of Hallelujahs! at **10:00 a.m.**

One Great Hour of Sharing fish banks to be collected.



Mark Your Calendars

April 15

Scholarship applications for summer presbytery camps are due **April 15**. Stop by the CE office or check out the presbytery website for your informational packet and scholarships! www.winnebago-presbytery.org

April 30

Don VerKuilen Concert – Zion Lutheran Church, **Wausau, 3:00 p.m.**

May 22

Last Day of Sunday School

June 12

Church Picnic and Graduate Recognition

July (TBA)

Cup'O Joy Picnic

July 24-29

Synod School – Buena Vista University, Storm Lake Iowa

VBS –To Be Announced

Men's Bible Study

During April we will continue in the Study of 'Life Together' by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Our group will continue each Saturday through April 23rd. We will meet in the Fellowship Room from **8:00 till 10:00 a.m.** We will be discussing chapters 3, 4 and 5 on subsequent Saturdays and a summary review on the 23rd.

All members and friends of the church are welcome to come and study with us.

Book Marks

Nancy Siewert will be having a book sale to benefit the library. Families will be able to donate their books to be sold, tentative pricing is .50 for a soft cover and \$1 for a hardcover. Dates will be the months of June, July and August. Look for more information to follow!



Preparation for Communion

On Saturday, **April 30th**, there will be a Preparation for Communion Class. All children who will be going into the 3rd grade, or those who have not participated in the in previous years, are encouraged to join **Megan Jurrens**, the Christian Education Director, at **9:00 a.m.** for fun and insightful activities to prepare for their First Communion on Sunday, **May 1**.

Please contact **Megan** at **437-8121** to sign up your child.



TAKE AND EAT DRINK

Bible Presentations

Bibles will be presented to the children who will be attending third grade next year. This special day will take place on **Sunday May 1** during worship. Join us after church for a special reception for both the Bible and First Communion recipients.

Special Stories	April Birthdays!
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The Gift of Life

Someone saved my life today.
 I don't know who they are or even know their name.
 I don't know if they are male or female or the color of their eyes or skin or hair.
 I don't know how they make their living or what they dream of doing when they go out to play.
 I don't know if they believe in God or just the kindness of strangers.
 I don't know what made them open that door and leave a part of themselves inside.
 I do know their priceless gift was the difference between life and death.
 My life. My death.
 Without their gift my husband would be without a wife, my son without a mother.
 People I love would mourn a sister, a daughter, a friend.
 Without their gift my dreams would have died unrealized, unshared, unexplored.
 But someone saved my life today with a sacrificial gift of blood.
 My family lives together whole.
 I live a life of dreams I now make real.
 Someone saved my life today.
 I don't know who or where or why.
 Whoever you are I would like to say Thank you.
 -Christie Mead Nielson

- Allan Russell
- Marti La Chapelle
- Devin Wellner
- Jennifer Bies
- Lorin Mott
- Chris McNitt
- Bruce Deadman
- Clayton Rockow
- Meghan Siewert
- Terri Olsen
- Blake Minor
- Vivian Wallace
- Madison DeMuth
- Molly Pettit
- Daniel Solper
- Jenny Kage
- Amy DeLaruelle
- Calvin Pettit
- Catherine Friederici.
- Natalie Westphal
- Carol Mickelson
- Lynne Freeman

- Nicholas Johnson
- David Schmitt
- Dale Siewert
- Eric Osgood
- Gerald Christensen
- Jill De Laruelle
- Ann Kabacinski
- Corri Gossen
- David Wavrunek
- Victor Renard
- Arnold Freeman
- Pastor Randy Argall
- Porter Siewert
- Anna Plier
- Bill Turk
- Don Lundin
- Lynne Shoher
- Taylor Glass
- Jim Solper



**We all live under the same sky,
 But we don't all have the same horizon.**

-Konrad Adenauer

The Gift of Life

Recently a story was shared with the American Red Cross about the difference blood donation can make in the lives of patients. Christi Mead Nielson's life was touched by blood donors in 1998. At that time, she had two valves in her heart replaced. Over the years, Christi would have more than 50 pints of blood. Though Christi passed away in September 2010 at the age of 47, she was grateful that blood transfusions

helped her live, laugh, and love for all these years. After her death, Christi's husband, Kim, found a poem on her computer. She wrote the poem (above) in 2001.







Your gift can make a difference too! Please donate today under **Church Folk** at the Red Cross.

1-800-733-2765

www.redcrossblood.org



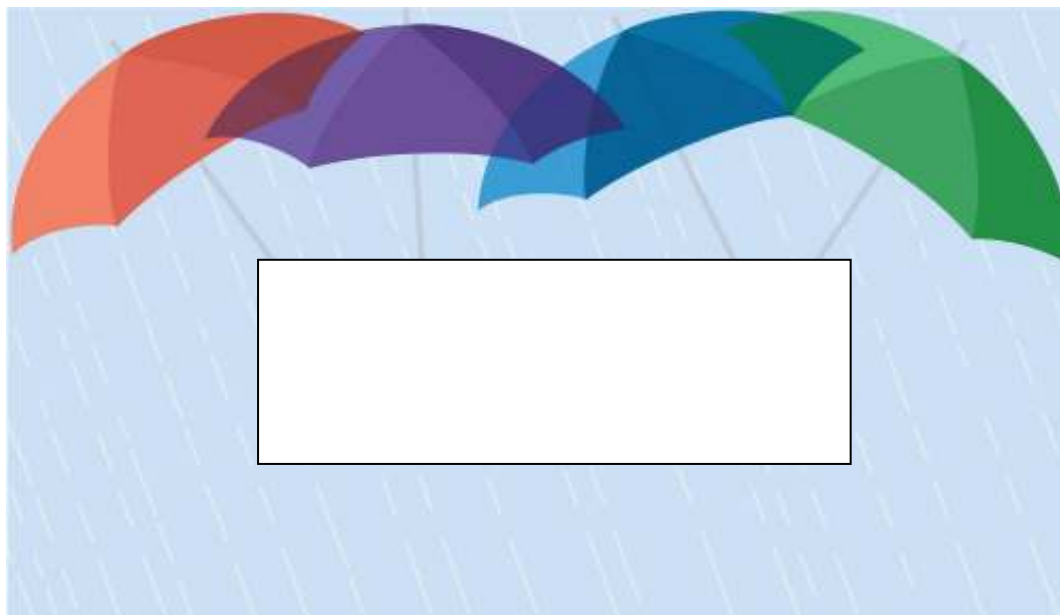
APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>3</p> <p>Children's Choir Adult Study 8:45 am</p> <p>Group Sunday School / Teacher Review Breakfast 9:00 –9:45 am</p> <p>Worship 10:00 am Communion</p> <p>Communion for the Homebound 1:15 – 4:00 pm</p> <p>Confirmation Class 6:30 pm</p>	<p>4 Buildings and Grounds 6:30 –8:00 pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Voting</p> <p>Personnel and Administration 9:00 am – 12:30 pm</p> <p>The Commoner's 12:15 – 2:00 pm</p> <p>Tatters 12:30 – 3:00 pm</p> <p>Early Headstart 3:00 – 8:00 pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Youth Group 6:15 – 7:45 pm</p> <p>Chancel Choir 7:00-8:00 pm</p> <p>Lectionary Study 7:00 – 8:00 pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Stephen Ministry 6:00 –7:00 pm Nativity Catholic Church</p> 	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 8:00 – 10:00 am</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Children's Choir Adult Study 8:45 am</p> <p>Sunday School 9:00 –9:45 am</p> <p>Worship 10:00 am</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Staff Meeting 11:30 am – 12:30 pm</p> <p>Evangelism 5:30 –6:30 pm</p> <p>Finance Committee 6:30 – 8:00 pm</p>	<p>12 Food Pantry 10 am – 12:00 pm</p> <p>The Commoner's 12:15 – 2:00 pm</p> <p>Tatters 12:30 – 3:00 pm</p> <p>Early Headstart 3:00 – 8:00 pm</p> <p>Seymour Park Mtg. 5:30 –6:30 pm</p> <p>Christian Education 6:30 – 8:00 pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Mission and Social Concerns 5:30 –7:00 pm</p> <p>Youth Group 6:15 – 7:45 pm</p> <p>Chancel Choir 7:00-8:00 pm</p> <p>Lectionary Study 7:00 –8:00 pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Esther Circle 1:00 –3:00 pm</p> <p>Worship Committee 7:00 – 9:00 pm</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>Summer Camp Scholarships Due.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 8:00 – 10:00 am</p>
<p>17 PALM SUNDAY BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH SUNDAY</p> <p>Children's Choir & Adult Study 8:45 am</p> <p>Sunday School 9:00 – 9:45 am</p> <p>Worship 10:00 am</p> <p>Walker Baby Shower 1:30 –4:00 pm</p> <p>Bible Study "Finding Balance" 5:00 –7:00 pm</p> <p>Confirmation Class 6:30 – 8:00 pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Balanced Budget Task Force 6:30 –8:00 pm</p> 	<p>19</p> <p>Personnel and Administration with Staff 11:00 am –12:30 pm</p> <p>The Commoner's 12:15 – 2:00 pm</p> <p>Tatters 12:30 – 3:00 pm</p> <p>Early Headstart 3:00 – 8:00 pm</p> <p>Church Chix 6:00 – 8:00 pm at Lorelei</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Stewardship 5:15 pm – 7:00 pm</p> <p>Youth Group 6:15 – 7:45 pm</p> <p>Chancel Choir 7:00-8:00 pm</p> <p>Lectionary Study 7:00 –8:00 pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Pres Folk 1:00 – 3:00 pm</p> <p>Maundy Thursday Simple Supper with Communion 6:00 –7:00 pm</p> <p>Stephen Ministers 6:00 – 7:30 pm Nativity Catholic Church</p> <p>Maundy Thursday Worship Service 7:00 –7:30 pm</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Good Friday Meditation 7:30 am – 1:00 pm</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 8:00 – 10:00 am</p>
<p>24</p> <p>EASTER SUNDAY</p> <p>Easter Sunday Breakfast 8:30 - 9:45 am</p> <p>Children's Easter Egg Hunt 9:00 am</p> <p>Worship 10:00 am</p> 	<p>25</p> 	<p>26</p> <p>Food Pantry 10 am – 12:00 pm</p> <p>The Commoner's 12:15 – 2:00 pm</p> <p>Tatters 12:30 – 3:00 pm</p> <p>Early Headstart 3:00 – 8:00 pm</p> <p>Session 6:30 – 8:30 pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p>History and Preservation 9:30 – 11:00 am</p> <p>Youth Group 6:15 – 7:45 pm</p> <p>Chancel Choir 7:00-8:00 pm</p> <p>Lectionary Study 7:00 –8:00 pm</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Deacons 6:30 – 8:00 pm</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Preparation for Communion Class 9:00 am</p>

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Bible Interpretations from Children

Lot's Wife



The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, 'My Mommy looked back once while she was driving,' he announced triumphantly, 'and she turned into a telephone pole!'

Being Thankful

A Rabbi said to a precocious six-year-old boy, 'So your mother says your prayers for you each night? That's very commendable. What does she say?'

The little boy replied, 'Thank God he's in bed!'

Moses and the Red Sea

Nine-year-old Joey was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday School.

'Well, Mom, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his army build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he radioed headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved.'

'Now, Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?' his Mother asked.

'Well, no, Mom.. But, if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!'

Unanswered Prayer



The preacher's 5 year-old daughter noticed that her father always paused and bowed his head for a moment before starting his sermon. One day, she asked him why.

'Well, Honey,' he began, proud that his daughter was so observant of his messages. 'I'm asking the Lord to help me preach a good sermon.'

'How come He doesn't answer it?' she asked.