

## Christ-like humility

“The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.” Matthew 23:11-12

The Gospel lesson for All Saints Sunday (Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>) brings before us Jesus’ words of advice to the crowds and his disciples regarding the testimony of humility that we, Christians, need to share with the world. Like in our days, in Jesus’ days there were “religious people” [scribes and Pharisees] talking about humility but not living up to their words. Their practices, or lack of them, was clearly a bad testimony to the needy crowds. Their practices, instead of bringing people to a loving and caring God to experience peace and joy, were burdening and deterring them. Their practices, instead of providing guidance to the disoriented crowds, were driving them away from God. Why? Because their practice did not match their talk. It did not matter how much they want to be consider as “good religious people” or as a models of humility to be followed, their practices were pointing and driving the crowds in very different direction. They talk about humility but their practices were far from been examples to be followed.

The question we need to ask is, does our practice match our talk? Jesus chides the scribes and Pharisees for their showy practices. In a way they wanted to be good models of observant Jews. *See how well we observe all the ritual rules and regulations of our religion!* In their misguided zeal for religion, they sought respect and honor for themselves rather than for God and for his word. They made the practice of their faith a burden rather than a joy for the people they were supposed to serve. Respect for God and his ways inclines us to Godly humility and simplicity of heart. The word *disciple* means one who listens in order to learn. Jesus shows us the way to the Father -- the way of peace, joy, righteousness, holiness, and true happiness. He showed us the way by lowering himself as a servant for our sake. He humbled himself, even to death on a cross, that we might be raised up and exalted at the Father's right hand in heaven (Phil. 2:1-11). What is true Christ-like humility? Humility is true self-knowledge -- regarding oneself as God see each of us. The humble do not trust in themselves, but trust in God and in the power of his love and saving grace. True humility is a servant-like quality that enables one to place his or her life at the service of God and others. Do you know the joy of Christ-like humility and simplicity of heart?

May God grace assist us to live a Christ-like life of humility so much so that the needy, disoriented and disheartened crowds may follow Jesus to find the peace and joy that God always gives.

Amen.

**LECTIONARY FOR NOVEMBER**

**November 2**

Joshua 3:7-17; Psalm 107:1-7,33-37  
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12

**November 9**

Joshua 24:1-3a,14-25; Psalm 78:1-7  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

**November 16**

Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

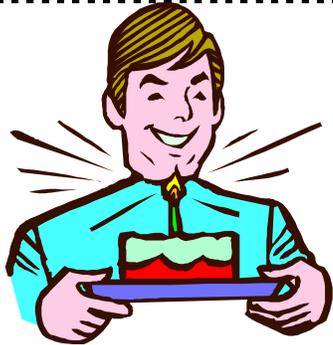
**November 23**

Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24; Psalm 100  
Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

**November 30**

Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7,17-19  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

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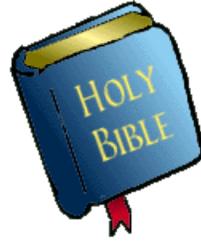


**HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY TO:**

- Kathryn Gmitter* 2
- Vera Horsch* 4
- Ricky Hanns* 4
- Randy Horsch* 7
- Roni Hanns* 7
- Suzanne Lashley* 9
- Aimee Gmitter Roberts* 12
- Cheryl Colletti* 19
- Zachary Moore* 19
- Pauline Agumba* 24
- Kathryn Martinson* 27
- Robert Moore* 28

.....and many, many more!

**BIBLE STUDY STARTS**



**WHEN? TUESDAY, NOV. 18**

**WHERE? YOUTH ROOM IN THE EDUCATION BUILDING**

**TIME? 10:30 TO 11:30 A.M.**

Rev. Ramos will be starting the Advent Bible Study sessions this month. They have always been well attended and we are asking those that usually attend, and any that have not attended, to join him on November 18<sup>th</sup>. The sessions will run four to six weeks and it is a wonderful way to prepare for the approaching Christmas season. Looking forward to seeing you!



Jack Valdez needs help from wife, Lori, to pin the favor (their daughter does it herself) on that Gertrude & NancyJane Baldwin made for the guests at the luncheon on Dedication Sunday

## BITS AND PIECES

MaryJane Koslosky, who has been visiting a friend in Maryland, returned for 5 days to get some work done and to also be here for the dedication of the Organ. It was good to see her, even for a short time, but she returned to Maryland and expects to be back sometime in November.

Just in time for Organ Dedication Sunday, Rev. Ramos was able to pick up a plaque that was ordered to put on the new organ. It reads "In Honor Of Robert J. Bauer And In Loving Memory Of Mrs. Dorothy Bauer Fedor". It will always be there as we continue to use the organ for the glory of God and enrichment of God's worship and service. The Organ Committee committed themselves to research and to assess our options and recommended the organ that we dedicated on Sunday. They consisted of: Mrs. Carolyn Franz, Mrs. Gertrude Baldwin, Mrs. Kathryn Gmitter, Mrs. Isobel Livingston and Mr. Mark Miller who served as consultant. We thank them all for a job well done!

We wish Pamela Humphries good luck as she waits for her name to come up on the waiting list for an apartment in one of the Linden Senior Citizen buildings. We know how happy Carolyn Franz and Charles Ettel are living there and they will certainly be happy to welcome another United Methodist resident.

It was wonderful to see Janet Modrak Pavlinic and her husband, Stan, accompanied by her mother, Irene Modrak, at the Organ Dedication concert. They were always such an important part of our church and it seemed like old times having them here with us. It was also great to see Walter Baldwin, Jr. who had to drive a couple hours to be with us for the concert. He used to live

in Lakewood but he and Sue now live in Mullica Hill and that is an hour and a half south of Lakewood. It was worth the drive, Walter, and we were really happy to see you.

You never quite leave our church even though you might move away. People we hear occasionally from on our Web Page or personally are: Rusty Lyles, Rev. Roger Swanson, Rev. Rob Long, Rev. Frederick Boyle, Karen Brinkmann, Jayne Cocco, Faith Halterman, Rev. Betty Horne, Betty Jensen, Rev. David LeDuc, Dick MacAlpine, Tim Strand, Steve Zahorbenski, Bob & Todd Schickel, George & Florence Fedeles, Rev. Dan Bottorff, Gail Martin and others. Hearing their names brings back lot of memories for them and us!

Doris Henel will be having a 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party for about 60 people at Triestina Ristorante, on Centennial Avenue in Cranford, on October 18, 2014. Many of her family and old friends will be attending. By the time you receive this Messenger, the party will be over but we will tell you about it in the next Messenger.

Bill Martin's new address and information – 221 Brighton Blvd. Portland, Maine 04102 207-415-9548  
email – [williamwmartindc@gmail.com](mailto:williamwmartindc@gmail.com)  
He is looking for a chiropractor to associate with in the area. In the meantime, he is working in another field and is doing well.

Bill Martin, Sr. is quite fragile but still living independently in Bayville, N. J. with the help of his great niece, Dianne. His sons get to visit with him often. His spirits are good even though his mobility has lessened.

PLEASE READ THE PAGE ABOUT OUR CHURCH FAIR. HELP IS NEEDED!  
CALL LORRAINE CARHART, 925-4865.

# CHURCH-WIDE HOLIDAY FAIR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2014

10:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

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## **IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!**

*Here we go again!! It's Fair Time and we are asking for your help. Please join us in setting up the Fair on the dates listed below and, if at all possible, help us the day of the Fair.*

**Bake Table – All profit, so try and bake something  
New Table – Last year this table was FULL! Can we do it  
again? Donations of new items are needed!**

**White Elephant items are a big draw – Please bring them to Aldersgate Hall Stage**

*In November, you will receive a telephone call asking what you can donate for the Fair. We need new items, Christmas items, white elephant odds and ends, help waiting on tables and also in the kitchen. We are especially asking for **HOMEMADE BAKED GOODS** because there is always a great demand for this. And, of course, we can always use money to help cover expenses in the kitchen.*

**RESERVE THE DAY!**

**SPEND TIME WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY!**

**BRING YOU FAMILY & FRIENDS!**

**FUN FOR EVERYONE**

**BRING THE CHILDREN!**

**LUNCH AND SNACKS ALL DAY**

**We are asking help on the following days:**

**Thursday – November 20 - 7:30 p.m. to move the tables in Aldersgate Hall in place  
and the tables in the gym for White Elephant**

**(We need young men – and older ones, too – and women)**

**Friday – November 21 – 9:30 a.m. to cover and set the tables for items to sell and for  
eating snacks or lunch.**

*We have a limited number of tables available for \$25.00 for outsiders, and \$20.00 for church members. You may keep any money you make during the day. No duplication of tables already committed to.*

**ANY QUESTIONS? CALL LORRAINE CARHART - 925-4865**

**LOUISE BEYER – 862=8 686**

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**PLEASE FILL OUT THIS SLIP AND PUT IN THE OFFERING PLATE SUNDAY OR MAIL TO THE  
CHURCH, MARK IT: ATTENTION: CHURCH FAIR**

**I CAN HELP NOV. 20 \_\_\_\_\_ I CAN HELP NOV. 21 \_\_\_\_\_ I CAN HELP NOV. 22 \_\_\_\_\_**

**I WILL BAKE FOR THE BAKE TABLE \_\_\_\_\_ I CAN DONATE MONEY FOR KITCHEN \_\_\_\_\_**

**I CAN GIVE NEW ITEMS \_\_\_\_\_ I CAN GIVE WHITE ELEPHANT OR CHRISTMAS ITEMS \_\_\_\_\_**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Telephone Number*

## WHAT A WONDERFUL DAY!!!

On Sunday, September 21, 2014, we dedicated our new sanctuary organ. After our 10:30 a.m. worship service we gathered together in Aldersgate Hall for a luncheon prepared beautifully by Sharon Lutz and her daughter Gretchen. Following that we joined members and friends in the sanctuary to enjoy a musical concert presented by Mark Miller. Mark was instrumental in helping our committee chose the best organ for our church – and he did well! Every minute of the day was beautiful and it was great to see so many people we had not seen in a long time.

It was a day we will long remember with joy, happiness and appreciation to the Robert Bauer family for their generosity to our church. Over the next month you will hear of further improvements to our church property, thanks also to them!

How do we thank so many people who made this such a great celebration? On Friday evening, Lorraine and Bob Carhart, with the help of Jackie Lee, Jackie Lyn and Jasmine Valdez, hung the new sheer curtains they purchased for Aldersgate Hall and what a difference they made! Soon you will see the floors in the Hall done over.

Louise Beyer made the piano cake for the special occasion (and it was delicious). Lourdes Kozar took so many great pictures. To Gertrude Baldwin, and her committee; Carolyn Franz, Lorraine & Bob Carhart, Kathryn Gmitter, Mildred Ebert, MaryLou (Forster), Pam Humphries, Ida Peralta, Doris Henel, Kathy Curtin, who planned the great day, plus the following:

Valdez family for the lovely flowers  
Joe and Carl Stamer setting up for the luncheon  
Steven Zahorbenski planting chrysanthemums  
and hanging door wreaths  
NancyJane Baldwin for transportation  
Carolyn Franz for giving out bulletins  
Pam, Ida (and son Paul) & MaryLou for  
cleaning the sanctuary in the absence  
of our sexton  
Irene Modrak who ended up, after the concert,  
helping do the dishes in the kitchen  
And to Rev. Ramos who put together lovely  
services and really nice bulletins for them.

And to anyone we left out, we thank you and appreciate all the wonderful help. We thank, again, the Robert Bauer family for the generous financial aid that made this possible. I told them it seems like a dream come true!



We listen to Mark Miller presenting a lovely Organ concert. Rev. Ramos left the pulpit to sit in the first row with the congregation so he could fully enjoy the music.



Louise Beyer made the beautiful piano cake and Ruth Schulte admires it!



Our honored guests – Rick and Nancy, children of Virginia and Robert Bauer. Virginia sits between the children and Robert was home, not feeling well.

MORE PICTURES FROM ORGAN  
DEDICATION SUNDAY



Enjoying delicious food



Our chef, Sharon Lutz



Bob Carhart & Rev. Ramos



Lourdes Kozar, photographer, D. Henel  
Louise Forster, daughter MaryLou



Doris & Son, Tom Henel, Pres. Board of  
Trustees



Photographer Lourdes Kozar



MaryJane Koslosky, Mike Curtin, Kathy Curtin



Bob and Lorraine Carhart

## MORE NEWS ABOUT THE MARTIN FAMILY

### Jeffrey and family

Bette was extended another year as Peace Corps Director of the West Indies and still living in S. Lucia. Oldest daughter Devon is completing her senior year at the Grier School, Tyrone, Pa. Her sister, Tess, joined her this year as a freshman. Jeff having been relieved as House Daddy is running a triathlon. Trains heavily biking, running and swimming 3 miles several times a week. However, early next year he will return to D. C and seek employment. Email: [jeff.ii.martin@gmail.com](mailto:jeff.ii.martin@gmail.com)

### Glenn

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Bennington, Vermont 05201  
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email: [glennski7@yahoo.com](mailto:glennski7@yahoo.com)

Is a Food Service Manager for Sage Dining that caters to private boarding schools. Once a month he must prepare an entire meal based on a holiday or culture and teach students on its importance. Will send you a picture of him beside one of the 3 lambs they had slaughtered and roasted on a spit. Both the girls and Glenn's boarding schools have a large enrollment of Chinese students whose families send them to the States for their education and proficiencies in English.

### From Gail Martin Giuffrida

Washington – 202-543-0585  
Vero Beach – 772-778-1934  
Cell – 202-486-6883

Mike and I are getting older but still pretty active. In August we went on a small cruise ship throughout the Baltic visiting seven countries: Copenhagen, Berlin, Latvia, Helsinki, Estonia and a grand 3 days at the Hermitage in St. Petersburg, Russia. We most enjoy educational opportunities and two years ago went around the Black Sea

visiting Bulgaria, Romania, Yalta, Ukraine and Istanbul, Turkey. Troubles today would not allow this trip. Impressions of all are most interesting,  
Best wishes always, Gail

They might be getting older, but they sure don't seem to be slowing down! What wonderful adventures and experiences they are having. Wouldn't we all love to be doing that traveling!

Further information about Bill Martin Sr. and Dr. Bill Martin, who is still a member of our church, will be found on another page of this Messenger. Thanks, Gail, for sending such a great update.



Lori Valdez and Lourdes Kozar



Lourdes Kozar & Father 103 years old

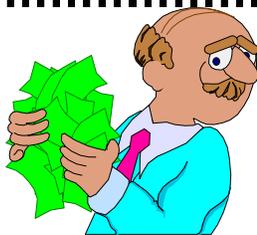
WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

On Anniversary Sunday, September 28, 2014, we were pleased to welcome into our church membership the following:

Demola and Leah Adeyinka  
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Teesha Prezeau  
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516-695-4866  
[Prettee@gmail.com](mailto:Prettee@gmail.com)

We are so happy they are here with us and we look forward to seeing them often. They will keep posted about events taking place in the church by receiving the church Messenger each month. Welcome!



STEWARDSHIP

Gertrude Baldwin and her committee have been working on the annual letter for the Stewardship program. Each year around this time they send a letter to all members of our church and enclose a pledge card for 2015. PLEASE FILL IT OUT AND PLAN TO MAIL IT OR BRING IT TO CHURCH BY NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> WHICH IS PLEDGE SUNDAY. ALL ARE INVITED TO THE COFFEE HOUR THAT FOLLOWS OUR SERVICE. Working together we can do anything! Let's make 2015 one of our successful years.

In November, you will also receive the boxes of offering envelopes for the year. The envelopes are all dated and you can put one in each week, monthly, or whatever way is convenient for you. We will be happy to receive it whatever way it comes!

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

WHEN? Sunday, November 23, 2014  
WHERE? Reformed Church  
TIME? 3:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to worship together as we celebrate Thanksgiving. It is a wonderful way to meet old friends from many churches in Linden. Please urge your pastor to also attend and show our support for the many worthwhile projects of the Interfaith Council.

The Interfaith Council will also support the Advent Bible sessions as they have done for many years and have always been very well attended. They will be held on Sunday afternoons at the United Methodist Church of Linden in Aldersgate Hall. Light refreshments will be served. All welcome!

THE CONFERENCE HAS CHANGED THE NAME OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL TO CHURCH COUNCIL SO WHEN YOU SEE THE NEW NAME, DON'T GET CONFUSED. ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON SHOULD ATTEND AND SUBMIT A REPORT ABOUT THEIR COMMITTEE PLANS. SEE THE CALENDAR AND ATTEND!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

*Kathryn Gmitter has invited the United Methodist Women to her home at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, for their Christmas meeting on December 2, 2014, Reserve the date. More information will be in the next Messenger.*

**NOVEMBER 2014**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>2</p> <p><b>DAY LIGHT SAVINGS ENDS</b></p> <p>9:30-Choir Rehearsal 10:30 Worship Ser.</p>	<p>3</p> <p><b>7 – TRUSTEES</b></p> <p>4:30-9:30-Fencing school</p>	<p>4</p> <p><b>12- UNITED METHODIST WOMEN</b> <b>Bring a sandwich</b></p> <p>4:30-9:30 Fencing School</p>	<p>5</p> <p><b>NO FENCING SCH.</b></p>	<p>6</p> <p>4:30-9:30-Fencing School</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5:30-8:30 Champion Youth</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9:30- 1:30 Fencing School</p> <hr/> <p>8</p> <p>9:30-1;30 Fencing School</p>
<p>9</p> <p>9:30 Choir Rehearsal 10:30 Worship Service</p>	<p>10</p> <p>4:30-9:30-Fencing School</p>	<p>11</p> <p>4:30 -9:30 Fencing Sch.</p>	<p>12</p> <p><b>10:30 –CHURCH COUNCIL</b></p> <p><b>NO FENCING SCH.</b></p>	<p>13</p> <p>4:30-9:30-Fencing School</p>	<p>14</p> <p>5:30-8:30 Champion Youth</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:30-1:30 – Fencing School in gym</p>
<p>16</p> <p>9:30 Choir Rehearsal 10:30 Worship Service</p>	<p>17</p> <p>4:30-9:30-Fencing School</p>	<p>18</p> <p>4:30-9:30-Fencing School</p> <p><b>10:30-11:30 – ADVENT BIBLE STUDY</b></p>	<p>19</p> <p><b>NO FENCING SCHOOL</b></p>	<p>20</p> <p>4:30-9:30 Fencing School <b>SET UP TABLES IN GYM 8 PM</b></p>	<p>21</p> <p><b>SET TABLES. FIX FOOD. PREPARE FOR FAIR 9:30AM</b></p>	<p>22</p> <p><b>CHURCH HOLIDAY FAIR 10 – 3 PM HELP NEEDED</b></p>
<p>23</p> <p>9:30-Choir Rehearsal 10:30-Worship Ser. <b>INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE</b> <b>ALL INVITED</b> Reformed Church 3:00 P.M.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>4:30-9:30 Fencing School</p>	<p>25</p> <p>4:30-9:30 Fencing School</p>	<p>26</p> <p><b>NO FENCING SCH.</b></p>	<p>27</p> <p><b><u>THANKSGIVING DAY</u></b></p> <p>4:30-9:30 Fencing School</p>	<p>28</p> <p><b>5:30-8:30 Champion Youth</b></p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:30-1:30 Fencing School</p>
<p>30</p> <p><b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b> <b>UNITED METH. STUDENT DAY</b> 9:30-Choir Rehearsal 10:30-Worship Ser.</p>						