

**MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

# GRACE NOTE JAN. 2010

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## **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING SOUP DRIVE JANUARY 3 – FEBRUARY 7**

On Sunday February 7th, 140 million Americans will tune in to the Super Bowl football game. There will be parties with abundant food, friendship and fellowship. At the same time, across the country, many people will be worrying about staying warm, finding shelter and a warm meal. Please join us in demonstrating God's love by donating to the Souper Bowl of Caring.

Beginning Sunday January 3rd and continuing through February 7th, the Social Ministry Committee will be collecting all kinds of soup- canned or boxed, for New Covenant Lutheran Church's Hunger Center located in East Cleveland. During this time period, we will be joining churches across the country to collect soup for those who are hungry and hurting. In 2009, over 13,000 groups participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring generating over \$10 million in donations. Please support Messiah's effort to "love our neighbors" by donating a can or box of soup. The Social Ministry Committee will host a special soup coffee hour on January 17th, to highlight our soup drive. All soup donations will be delivered to New Covenant Lutheran Church on February 8th.

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

2	Heather Englander
4	Jill Levine
6	Beth Kaplan
7	Ryan Brown
7	Mary Lou Cline
9	Melissa Howe
11	Cheri Centa
12	Lois Basch
12	Erin Butler
14	Keith Janzen
15	Kevin Halberg
15	Margaret Maurer
16	Kelly O'Connell
17	Karen Bower
17	Richard Csumitta
17	Shirley Drotleff
18	Sara Pernsteiner
19	Jimmy Rozewski
21	Renee Kovalcheck
21	Bette Schmidt
21	Dorothy Schneider
24	Lisa Broerman
24	Butch Farkas
24	Emily Halemba
25	Joseph Strom
26	Sean Perry
27	Kathy Strom
31	Lynne Jennings



**PLEASE PRAY** for Craig Cline, Clay Lindeman, John Basch, Phyllis and Lawson Anderson, Lisa Perry, Carol and Nils Pearson, Barbara Budzinski, Adam, Alma and Fred Fanto, Jack Ferree, Murawski Family, Jeremy, Margurite Gardner, Gladys Elliott, Ann Marie Grossman, Robert Kalvesmaki, Linn Chan, J. D. Sidley, Eunice Hassink, Carol Grodell and family, Paul and Neesa Fielitz, Heather Nicholas, Taylor Nuss.

**FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN BECOMING PART OF THE MESSIAH FAMILY**, Pastor Fox will conduct a new member class on Saturday, January 16, from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.



**CARD CRAFTERS** will meet at the home of Carla Wollens on Tuesday, January 12, at 6:30 p.m.

**LOOKING FOR FRIENDLY FACES!** We are looking for members to serve as "Welcomers" on Sundays at Messiah. Welcomers will be stationed at the rear entrance to greet and assist people as they enter church. If you are interested please contact the church office.

*THE FLOWER CALENDAR FOR 2010 is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. Sign the chart on the date you wish to donate flowers for the chancel. Please fill in the yellow form found in the box attached to the bottom of the flower chart with information needed. Call Dorothy Schneider (216382-8657) with questions.*



**LITERARY LADIES OF MESSIAH** will meet on Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. in the church library. Our book for January is *The Chosen* by Chaim Potok.

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**January 8, 2009**

**ATTENTION ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS:** Please submit your reports for the year 2009 activities as well as future goals to the office by January 20<sup>th</sup> so that the Annual Report can be completed.

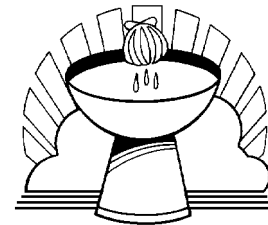
**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Kari Jennings** on her graduation this December from the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science, receiving her bachelors degree in Mortuary Science. Prior to attending CCMS Kari earned an Associates in Science degree from Ohio University. We want to wish her well in her future endeavors.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Stephen and Lyn Trier** on the birth of **Stephanie Ann Trier** at Hillcrest hospital on November 30<sup>th</sup>. She weighed 9 lb. 10 oz.

**MARRIAGE....**We also offer congratulations to **Halle Nied and Patrick Troutman**, who were joined in Holy Matrimony by Pastor Fox on December 5<sup>th</sup> at Messiah.

**HOLY BAPTISM....**On December 6<sup>th</sup> **Harper Louise Pace**, born April 1, 2009, was received into the Body of Christ by Holy Baptism. She is the daughter of **Tim and Angela Pace**. Her sponsors are **Cris Gregg and Linda Reed**.



**THE MEN'S BREAKFAST IN JANUARY** will be held on Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at noon at Milano's Restaurant, located at Cuyahoga County Airport on Richmond Road.

**FAITH CIRCLE** will meet on Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:00 noon. Please bring a sack lunch. Dessert will be provided by hostess Shirly Wozniak. Pastor Fox will lead a study of the History of Christianity.

My heartfelt thanks to the members of Messiah who have been such a comfort and help to me since Karl went into the hospital on October 19<sup>th</sup>. I appreciated so much the drivers who took care of me for 15 days of rides, the delicious food made by loving hands, the various acts of kindness and helpfulness by others who volunteered their services during this stressful time. Karyn and I treasure your beautiful cards and are grateful for the many calls and e-mails of encouragement. Thanks also to those who contributed to the memorial fund in Karl's honor. I will never forget the faithfulness and ministry of Pastor Fox to Karl and me during our time of need. Truly, Messiah is a family to us. Please continue to pray for Karyn and me.

In Christian Love and Gratitude, Bette Schmidt