

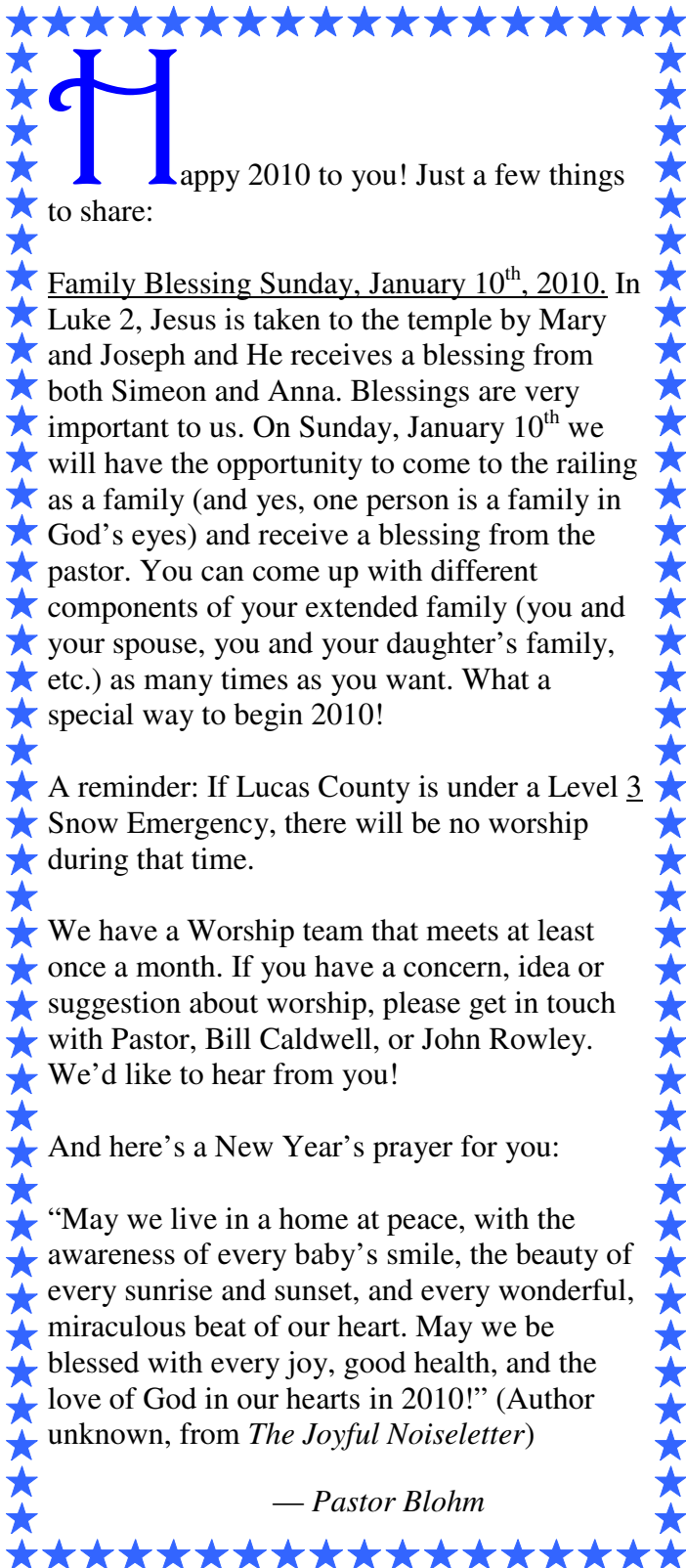


First St. John Journal



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Happy 2010 to you! Just a few things to share:

Family Blessing Sunday, January 10th, 2010. In Luke 2, Jesus is taken to the temple by Mary and Joseph and He receives a blessing from both Simeon and Anna. Blessings are very important to us. On Sunday, January 10th we will have the opportunity to come to the railing as a family (and yes, one person is a family in God's eyes) and receive a blessing from the pastor. You can come up with different components of your extended family (you and your spouse, you and your daughter's family, etc.) as many times as you want. What a special way to begin 2010!

A reminder: If Lucas County is under a Level 3 Snow Emergency, there will be no worship during that time.

We have a Worship team that meets at least once a month. If you have a concern, idea or suggestion about worship, please get in touch with Pastor, Bill Caldwell, or John Rowley. We'd like to hear from you!

And here's a New Year's prayer for you:

"May we live in a home at peace, with the awareness of every baby's smile, the beauty of every sunrise and sunset, and every wonderful, miraculous beat of our heart. May we be blessed with every joy, good health, and the love of God in our hearts in 2010!" (Author unknown, from *The Joyful Noiseletter*)

— *Pastor Blohm*

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our congratulations to Kaylee Beavers for having her drawing selected for the ELCA Northwest Ohio Synod "Cherish Our Children" calendar. Kaylee is the featured artist for July, 2010.

We hope to have copies here soon so you can enjoy this endearing calendar.

Kaylee is six years old and the daughter of Sean and Sarah Beavers and granddaughter of Frank and Pam Beavers. Way to go, Kaylee!

FOR ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS (EVEN THOSE FINISHING THEIR TERMS)



There will be a casual dinner and a brief meeting at Bill and Cathy Caldwell's home on Sunday, January 17th at 6:00 pm for all current, incoming, and outgoing council members and their spouses. Bill and Cathy are at 659 Peregrine Dr., in Northwood, OH. Please RSVP to Bill and Cathy at 419-698-3285 or to the church office at 419-691-7222 by Monday, January 11th, or you can email them at billcathyc@buckeye-express.com

2009 AND 2010 CHURCH COUNCIL, WELCA, & ALTAR GUILD OFFICERS

If you've finished your term, please turn in your church keys and access cards (for the educational building) to the church office as soon as possible. **Please Note:** All access cards should be returned—these cannot be handed to new officers because the numbers on the back are tied to a specific person. All newly elected officers should soon be able to get keys and/or access cards from their chairmen, OR contact Toni in the church office.

MEMBER ADDRESS CHANGES

Rebecca Lewis
27768 Apache Blvd.
Walbridge, OH 43465

Mabel Simpson
80 S. Wheeling St. Apt. 402
Oregon, OH 43616

Jake and Barb Trombley
1647 Eleanor Ave.
Toledo, OH 43612

ELECTION RESULTS



Dear Congregational Members,

The church council appreciates your time and effort in attending and voting at the congregational meeting in December. The outcome of the meeting gave approval for the budget: 180 For, 3 Against. The question regarding the possibility of a Saturday service generated 57 "yes" answers. If anyone has additional questions or would like to further discuss the budget, please call Lisa Anderson at 419-693-1232.

Thank you to everyone who ran for council. Please welcome our new and incumbent council members:

President: Bill Caldwell

Property Management: Gary Henningsen, Dan Hugueley

Elders: Linda Erdmann, Bill Nelson, Jim Swanson, Mike Winslow

Finance Committee: Brenda Fussell, Jim Sommers

Board of Education: Melissa Lang

MEMBER UPDATES

Births

None.

Baptisms

11-22-09 *Aubrey Sweet*, born October 9, 2009 to Julie Sweet. Sponsors are Amy Sweet and Ray Bachmeyer

Marriages

12-19-09 Renewal of Vows for Sarah Straits Vanell and James Paul Mershon

Deaths

12-25-09 Elenore Taylor

12-26-09 Betty Lauman

Transfers to First St. John

None

Transfers from First St. John

Linda Sigurdson to St. Peter Lutheran in Martin, OH



BOARD OF MINISTRIES

It's been a long break, but we're ready to get back to work! Our first meeting of 2010 is on Wednesday, January 20th at 6:00 pm in the lounge.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
January 21st

ADDRESS CHANGES/CORRECTIONS

To keep information for office records current, please notify the office of any changes to your name, address, or phone: **Fax:** (419-691-7220) **Mail** this form to: 2471 Seaman St./ Toledo, OH 43605 or **Email:** firststjohn@sbcglobal.net

Name _____

Address _____

City, State Zip _____ Phone _____



ALTAR GUILD NEWS

Our new officers and members for 2010 are listed below:

Officers:

Laurie Witt	President
Emily Kruse	Vice President
June Might	Secretary
Jane Schuetz	Treasurer
Lynn Folk	Supply Chairman
Karyl Antoine	Flower Chairman

Members:

Brenda Fussell, Beth Hugueley, Sue Ann Rogers, Claudia Patchen, Raylene Draeger, and Joyce Yard

Thank you to our outgoing member Barb Uhler. We appreciate the work you did serving your church.

FLOWER REMINDER



Don't forget to remember and honor your loved ones with flowers for the altar. Each Sunday you have the opportunity to place flowers on the altar. Find the red flower book in back of the church under the big bulletin board and sign up for the Sunday you want. Flower sheets for Every Sunday in 2010 are in the book. Flower vases are \$15 each.

ELDERS FOR JANUARY

	<u>7:45 am</u>	<u>10:15 am</u>
3rd	Bernie Erdmann Linda Erdmann	Eric Johnson Linda Kusian
10th	Mike Winslow Gene Schacht	Darold Henninger Jim Swanson
17th	Dick Haar Joanne Henningsen	Lynn Folk Bill Nelson
24th	Eric Johnson Linda Kusian	Bernie Erdmann Linda Erdmann
31st	Darold Henninger Jim Swanson	Mike Winslow Gene Schacht

MILITARY SERVICE NOTES

Here are the names and addresses of members, family, & friends of First St. John who serve in the military. You can send cards or packages, and remember to pray for them, too!

Cpl Thomas L. Bolander, Jr.
(we do not have an address for him, but please pray as he is doing dangerous duty)

SPC Doherty, Steven D.
Co. D 132nd BSB
Camp Bucca
APO AE 09375-0500

SSGT Kevin Fouty
(we do not have a current address)

SGT Nick Grady
2711B Chow Circle
Kailua, HI 96734

Chief Petty Officer Cynthia Henderson
521 Pine Forest Trail
Orange Park, FL 32073

Chief Petty Officer Marc Le Duc
3105 Tullibee Circle P-1
Silverdale, WA 98315

Officer Candidate Pavley, Michael
(we do not have a current address)

Matthew Phillips
1 ERHG / Red Horse
APO AE 09355

Captain Lindsey Rowland
(we do not have a current address)

Grant Rowland
BP 493 Kaolack
Senegal, W. Africa

GMSA SWANSON CHRISTOPHER
1474 GILBERT ST.
CEP 162
PCD TRUXTON DDG103
NORFOLK, VA 23511 (*capitalize all letters*)

DARTBALL DIARY

November 30, 2009—St. John’s #1 vs. St. John’s #2: In the third inning of the first game we got off to a 1-0 lead on a triple by Chet and a double by Bernie. In the 4th inning we increased our lead to 2-0 on a triple by Darold and a double by Ted. In the 6th, Dick homered for Team #2, making it 2-1. In the 7th, Bernie and Frank doubled to make it 3-1 for Team #1. In the 8th, Darold tripled and Tom E. and Tom G. doubled to make it 5-1 for Team #1. Dick homered again for Team #2 to make it a final score of 5-2 in favor of Team #1.

In the second game, 3rd inning, Dutch homered for a 1-0 lead for Team #2. We tied it 1-1 on a homer by Frank. In Team #2’s half of the 4th, Lloyd homered for a 2-1 lead. In our half of the 4th, Ted and Tom G. doubled to make it 2-2. In the 5th, Jim homered to make it 3-2 for Team #2. In the 6th, Dick and Lloyd doubled to make it 4-2. In our half of the 6th, Darold doubled and Tom G. homered to tie it 4-4. In the 7th, Bill homered for Team #2 for a 5-4 lead. In the 8th, Frank singled, and Eric, Darold, and Tom E. doubled to win it 7-5 for Team #1.

In the third game, Team #2 jumped to a 2-0 lead in the 2nd inning on a double by Bill, Dutch was safe on an error, and a triple by Jim. In the 3rd, Dick and Lloyd homered for a 4-0 lead. In the 7th, Ted homered for a 4-1 score for Team #1. In the 8th, Bob homered to make the final score 5-1 in favor of Team #2. Our records are now 8-7 for both teams.

December 7, 2009 — St. John #1 at St. Lucas: In the first game, first inning, Frank singled, Darold doubled, and Tom E. and Tom G. both homered to give us a 4-0 lead. In the 7th, Frank homered to make it 5-0, which turned out to be the final score.

In the second game, 5th inning, Ted and Joe doubled for a 1-0 lead. In their half of the 5th, they homered to tie it 1-1. In the 7th, Ted homered for a 2-1 lead. In the 8th, they homered twice and doubled once to win it 4-2.

In the third game, 1st inning, Tom E. homered to give us a 1-0 lead. In their half of the 1st, they homered to tie it 1-1. In their half of the 2nd, they homered for a 2-1 lead. In the 4th, Tom E. homered to tie it 2-2. In the 6th, Darold and Tom E. doubled

to give us a 3-2 lead. In the 8th, Darold tripled and Ted singled for a 4-2 lead. In their half of the 8th, they doubled twice to make it 4-3. In the 9th, Bernie homered for a 5-3 lead and the ball game. Our record is now 10-8.

Our next game is at Trinity on December 21st.

Standings as of November 30, 2009

	W	L	GBL
1st St. Mark	10	5	*
1st St. John #1	8	7	2
1st St. John #2	8	7	2
Good Shepherd	8	7	2
Messiah	8	7	2
Trinity	8	7	2
St. Lucas	5	10	5
St. Mark	5	10	5

JOIN US FOR EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Come join Pastor Blohm and a group of conscientious classmates when our Bible study resumes after the holidays on Tuesday, January 5th at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome!

OR, JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY DURING LUNCH

Pastor Blohm also leads a Bible study at noon on Thursdays in the lounge. Bring your lunch; coffee and water are provided. Our next meeting is Thursday, January 7th.

FEED YOUR NEIGHBOR

At this time of year, requests for food are increasing. You can help! Please consider donating canned goods and non-perishable food items. For the month of January, we will concentrate on baby formula, baby cereal, and snacks. Please, no glass jars. Place your donations in the bins in the Narthex (under the main bulletin board) or the lounge (near the double doors). Please, no glass containers. Thanks!



MEMORIALS

ELEVATOR FUND

In memory of Lois Carter by Bonnie Varga.

MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Jim Ackerman by Jerry & Elinor Ehram.

In memory of Etta Rideout by Georgia Huebner.

QUILTING TIME!



The Quilting Group meets each Monday at 9:30 a.m. in the lounge. Most of the help needed involves tying layers of a quilt together (all you need to know is how to tie a knot). Bring a sack lunch. They meet each Monday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. beginning January 4th and ending March 29th. If there is bad weather, they follow Oregon Schools for cancellations.

Most of the quilts made will be donated to Lutheran World Relief and local charities. If you would like to sew quilting blocks at home, please call Ginny Nissen at 419-698-2822. Thank you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL / CATECHISM NEWS

We WILL have Sunday School on January 3rd. RENEW Youth Ministry will meet at Café Marie for breakfast at 9AM.

Also, catechism classes will resume on Monday, January 4th. See you there!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED / MEETING

Parents and other volunteers are needed to help with the RENEW Student Youth Ministry. We need adults who care and want to help the ministry grow in God by being a part of a fundraiser, missions, and/or a mentoring team! Come to our meeting on Monday, January 11th at 6:30 pm in the lounge to see how you can help.

COMPANIONSHIP SUNDAY

Join us January 17th to pray for and support the ELCA's companionship with the Dodoma Diocese of Tanzania and the Slovak Lutheran Church in Serbia. This relationship exists to strengthen one another for life and mission within the body of Christ, opening our eyes to the global challenge Christ offers us and deepening our commitment and discipleship both as individuals and a community of faith.

MEMBER ASSISTANCE FUND DONATIONS NEEDED

The Member Assistance Fund is nearly broke. The church uses this fund to help our members in times of need. There are two ways to help us help others. First, use your Gordon Food Service Fun Funds card every time you shop at Gordon's. Using this card accumulates up to a 10% rebate for our church, which is paid to First St. John every 3 months. You can sign up at Gordon's or go to the lounge to pick up an application for the program. The second way you can help is simply to send a donation to the church with "Member Assistance Fund" written on the memo line. Thank you for any help you can give.

AN INVITATION



Everyone is invited to attend a brunch in celebration of the 80th birthday of Elaine Ackerman and Eileen Young on Sunday, January 3rd in the lounge following the 10:15 service. Their families would love to have you celebrate with them.

MIRIAM CIRCLE JANUARY MEETING

Our January meeting will be held on the second Wednesday of the month, January 13th, at 9:30 am. Please make a note of this date change.

WELCA NEWS

Thanks to everyone who helped deliver poinsettias to our homebound members last month, as they really appreciate being remembered at Christmas. Also, the 2010 Rosters will be available soon in the lounge. Our next board meeting is Monday, January 18th at 6:30 pm in the lounge.

PRAYER CHAIN *(as of December 28, 2009)*

Crisis Prayer List: *This is for those who need prayers in urgent matters such as surgery, emergency care (ICU), etc. Names will be moved to "Chronic Prayer List" after the 1st month unless a prayer chain contact is notified of special circumstances.*

**Eileen Aysh
Family of Casey Erdmann
Joe Frobase
Don Higley
George "Skip" McCullough
Laura Nickel**

Chronic Prayer List: *This is for those who need prayers for ongoing serious situations such as cancer treatments, medical struggles, and recovery and/or personal situations. Names will be removed after 3 months unless a prayer chain contact is contacted about special/continuing circumstances:*

**Sandra Abramczyk
Family of Jim Ackerman
Larry Ansler
Jodi Avery Chiari
Don Cousino
Jackie Curtis
Ronald Curtis
John Deuble
Bayley Dycus
Family of Fran Ehram
Jerry Gears
Connie Koch
Gary Kusian
Veva Larson
Kathleen Lytle
Connor Miller
Sam Nunnelly
Dale Ray
Julia Rhoades
Janet Roberts
Kristen Rollman
Randy Smith
Dan South
Nikki Spino
Megan Spoerl
Douglas Viers
Candy Webster
Dorothy Zeadker**

Please check the above list and let any of the prayer chain contacts -listed below-know if there are individuals who could be moved off the list.

Prayer Chain Contacts

Lynn Folk (hpyhmker@sbcglobal.net)
Donna Koehn—693-5030; Ada Kreger—693-1549
Gloria Ross 836-7166

SPAGHETTI DINNER



RENEW Student Ministry will hold an All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner on Sat., Feb. 6th at 6:30 pm in the gym. Come and enjoy a nice candlelit dinner as a date with your spouse or significant other, or make it a girls' night! Slow down and be served by First St. John youth. The youth also will entertain you during our talent portion of the night. There will be a dessert auction at the conclusion of the dinner. More details coming!

Tickets are \$7 for individuals, \$12 per couple, \$3 for 3-12 years, and under 3 years old is free. Tickets will go on sale on January 10th. All proceeds will go to the RENEW Student Ministry, specifically helping with this summer's mini mission trips in Toledo and surrounding areas. If you have any questions, contact Mary by phone at 740-358-6060 or email her at mdarling05@yahoo.com

FUNDRAISER AT MAX & ERMA'S — HELP OUR YOUTH MINISTRY

Come support the Renew Student Ministry (7th – 12th grades) *anytime* on Wednesday, January 13th at the Max & Erma's on 7050 W. Central Ave. in Toledo. Order lunch, dinner, or carry out, and 20% of your sale goes to the Renew Student Ministry. ALL proceeds go toward renovating the youth room. IMPORTANT: In order to receive the 20%, you must have a flyer with you when you order. Flyers will be available in the back of the church beginning January 3rd. Everyone is invited to participate in the FUNraiser. If you need additional flyers for family or friends, contact Mary.

2010 OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2010 offering envelopes are in the lounge through the month of January. They are listed in alphabetical order. Envelopes are prepared for confirmed members of First St. John and friends (upon request). If a husband and wife share offering envelopes, only the husband's name will appear on the envelope box.

If you cannot find your offering envelopes or if there is a correction in your address or name, please call the church at 419-691-7222 as soon as possible.



RENEW January News / Schedule



Welcome, 2010. For some of you, 2009 was not all you wanted it to be, and some of you had a great year. 2010 is a new beginning and a chance to grow and listen to God more clearly. When I think of beginning, I think of the first book of the Bible, Genesis. Genesis is God's BIG introduction from nothingness. God speaks, creating a world that is beautiful and good because He is beautiful and good.

Let's get a little deeper. God shows us many things in Genesis. He shows Himself, our story of beginning, how we were created, and why there is darkness. We are deeply loved, yet we are deeply broken. God reveals himself to us even after we fail and break our relationship. God doesn't immediately do this, but we know that His love is coming to set us free through his Son, Jesus.

Read Genesis this month and see how our story began. May God continue to run after your heart, and may you relinquish all your rights to Him, for He has your best interests at heart. May we look forward to growing together in our relationships with God at FSJ.

Proverbs 3:4-6: ⁴ Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. ⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

Blessings, Mary+

YOUTH: SIGN-UP TODAY to do a talent at our FUNraiser Spaghetti Dinner, February 6th! If you like to draw, sing, tell jokes, or do a monologue, let me know ASAP!

January 3 Meet at Café Marie's at 9AM

January 10 Family Blessing Sunday. Sunday School 9AM, RENEW Youth Group 7PM-8:30PM

January 11 Parents/ Volunteer Meeting at 6:30PM in the lounge. Come and take part in the Student Ministry. We need adults who care and want to help the Student Ministry grow in God by being a part of fundraiser, missions and or mentoring teams!

FUNDRAISER TEAM MEMBERS will help with upcoming fundraisers, i.e., Dessert Auction / Spaghetti Dinner, and develop future fundraisers based on upcoming events!

MISSION TEAM MEMBERS will help coordinate mission opportunities in Toledo and surrounding areas. Will help plan Mission Toledo- mini mission trips for the summer of 2010.

MENTORING TEAM MEMBERS will volunteer in relational ways; such as helping out with Sunday School during Sunday Night Youth Group.

January 13th ALL DAY FUNraiser at Max & Erma's, 7050 W Central Ave., Toledo, OH (419) 843-2434. ** Come support the Renew Student Ministry (7th-12th grades) anytime Wed., Jan. 13th to this Max & Erma's location. 20% of your lunch, dinner & / or carryout sale will go to the Renew Student Ministry. ALL PROCEEDS will help with the remodel of the youth room. In order to receive the 20% you must have a flyer present when you order. Flyers will be available to pick up in the back of the church starting January 3rd. Everyone is invited to participate in this FUNraiser. If you would like additional flyers for family and or friends, please contact Mary. **

January 17 Sunday School 9AM, No Youth Group

January 22 "HOW TO SAVE A LIFE" MOVIE RELEASED! Check out www.tosavealifemovie.com for more info. We are planning on going to see this movie. Additional details TBA! I saw this movie at a prescreening at the Youth Conference I went to last year for Youth Workers. It was AMAZING! They actually use the "To Save a Life" song by The Fray. We will most likely be going with some other youth groups. If you are an adult and would like to help with transportation, please let me know. Bring friends!

January 24 Sunday School 9AM, RENEW Youth Group 7-8:30PM

January 31 Sunday School 9AM, RENEW Youth Group 7-8:30PM

FIRST ST. JOHN COUNCIL MINUTES—DECEMBER 8, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Caldwell. The devotion was given by Mike Winslow. A quorum was not present at this meeting. There could not be any motions or votes.

Treasurer’s Report- Lisa gave the report. We need to raise about \$47,000 to finish even with our expenses for the year.

Board of Education Report-The Christmas program is this Sunday, December 13 during the late service. They are having a luncheon following the service. Desserts and cookies are needed for the luncheon. There have been about 25 people that have responded to attend the luncheon.

Elder Report-They have people to work for the Dayschool program on December 9, 10, 11, 15, 16. There is a wedding on the 19th that is covered as well.

Property Management- Work is continuing in the boiler room. It should be finished within the week.

Finance Committee-The budget and voting will take place during the announcements at the late service and at the end of the early service. Since the late service has the program for the children it will be easier to do the business of the church at the beginning.

Youth Report-Mary has the students going to Northwood High School to hear a speaker who is a Christian. All of the Christmas ornaments for the family gifts have been taken. Presents will be wrapped by the youth on December 20th.

Pastor Report-He will start the Evangelism Team in January. He is looking into using a Diagnostic Consultation Process to help our church. There is a request from the decorating team for a new tree. An announcement will be in the bulletin and envelopes in the pews for people to donate for a new tree. A suggestion was made to try to sell the old tree.

Old Business-The call committee has completed a full election sheet for Sunday’s election. There are enough to cover those whose terms are over.

New Business-A suggestion was brought up to form

a committee to put together a celebration for the church’s 150th year. A conversation was also started on increasing church attendance. It was suggested to poll the congregation to see if we held a Saturday service if more people would come. The thought was there may be people that could not make Sunday services based on their jobs.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Habegger, Recording Secretary

“CUTTING BACK WITH COUPONS”

What kind of grocery shopper are you? Do you already cut coupons out of the newspaper? There’s a way to save even more. Come to a workshop on Saturday, January 30th at 10:00 am and learn from First St. John’s Jessika Wilson how to save even more money on your food, paper products, and personal care items EVERY time you shop. There are even ways to get free products. Jessika will show us how. And, let’s face it— in today’s economy, couldn’t we all use a little more help saving money?

Jessika saves at least \$75 per week on her grocery bill for a family of five. She once paid only \$62 for a \$217 bill. Using not only newspaper coupons, but also special savings magazines and websites, you can save money on your grocery bills, too!

The program should last no longer than two hours. Handouts will be provided with lots of money-saving tips. Cost is only \$5.00 per person. If you plan to attend, please either RSVP to Jessika at 419-215-9054 OR fill out the slip below and return it to the church office by Monday, January 25th. Hope to see you there!

*Yes, I want to save more money on my grocery bill!
I (we) will attend the workshop on Jan. 30*

Name(s) _____

ANNUAL CONGREGATION MEETING MINUTES—DECEMBER 13, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Caldwell. He dispensed with the reading of the minutes from the last meeting. He then spoke about the question of having a Saturday night service. He explained that he wanted to know if the people would attend a Saturday night service. He turned over the meeting to the treasurer.

Lisa Anderson then gave her report on the budget. She gave an update on 2009 contributions compared to expenses. She mentioned a gap of about \$45,000 to meet the 2009 budget. She then spoke for the budget for 2010. They have recommended no increases in salaries across the board. Benefits for staff stay the same except for medical with an increase in disability. Budget for gas has come down due to a negotiation with the gas company and the reduction of gas cost. Repairs will be over in 2009 so the increase was put into the 2010 budget due to the parking lot for upkeep. Increase in office expense has gone up with a trade off on another line item. Youth ministries in the past has had a separate account and now they have been merged into the church account. Their activity can still be tracked. Church activity has increased because of pay to visiting minister and outreach to homebound. Additional taxes from land appropriated from the home. The insurance bill is up 25%. A meeting has been set with the agency in 2010. Total budget is \$327,000 for 2010. No questions were asked about the budget.

Bill then thanked the members of council who are leaving this year. He then directed people to look at the ballot to see that there are just enough people to fill the spots for council. He asked for nominations and had none. Then he directed people to fill out their ballot and for people to write any comments on their ballot.

The meeting was suspended till the late service.

At the late service, the meeting was opened by President Bill Caldwell. He again dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. He spoke about the idea of a Saturday night service and told people the council wants to know if anyone would attend. The church does not have the resources for this service but will work with the worship committee if there is interest in that.

Bill had the budget and ballot passed out to the congregation. He then introduced Lisa Anderson to speak about the budget. She spoke of the same things in the budget as first service. She then asked if there were any questions on the budget.

Olga Zimmerman thanked the council and finance people for their work.

Bill thanked the people going off council. He then directed the congregation to vote on the budget and for people coming onto the council. Bill spoke of focusing on membership and volunteerism in 2010 in our church. He then thanked the nominating committee for calling members to run for council.

He then adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Habegger

RENEW STUDENT MINISTRY NEWS

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Spaghetti Dinner We will have a dinner FUNraiser February, 6th at 6:30 PM in the GYM. Proceeds from this event will go to the RENEW Student Ministry, specifically helping with this summers mini mission trips in Toledo and surrounding areas.

Come and enjoy a nice candlelit dinner as a date with your spouse/ significant other or make it a girls' night out! Slow down and be served by First St. John Youth. Youth will also entertain you during our Talent portion of the night. Tickets will go on sale on January 10th. Prices are \$7 individual, \$12 per couple, \$3 for 3-12 year olds, and under 3 years is free.

There will also be a DESSERT AUCTION at the conclusion of the dinner. MORE details coming!