

# Presbyterian Profiles

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**8:45 am Worship**  
**9:45 am Church School**  
**11:00 am Worship**

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## Resettled Family from Mideast Acclimates to Winter Snow

The recent heavy snow conditions and terribly cold temperatures have given a resettled family from Amman, Jordan and Baghdad a quick taste of Michigan weather.

Ali Alhaidari, 30, said he has seen only two or three days of snow in his entire life and had a short comment about the several feet of snow he has walked in since moving to Holland: "It's OK."

Ali, his wife Ruaa, 20, and four-month-old son Mawqar are being helped in their resettlement by members of First Presbyterian Church. Church families have provided household items, personal care products, food, housing and transportation and are seeking employment for Ali.

Ali says he still has a mother and father, one brother and three sisters living in Jordan who are seeking immigration to the United States, while Ruaa has family still living in Baghdad.

Holding a degree in construction, Ali has been a building sub-contractor specializing in stone and concrete work and has knowledge of welding. His father also is in the building trades and his 26-year-old brother works for his father.

Ali's older sister is married and his two younger sisters – one 20 and the other 22 – are university students studying economics.

Ruaa had been a student in Baghdad, studying to become a teacher in the primary grades.

Since 2000, Ali says his family has tried to leave Jordan and has appealed through the United Nations for relocation assistance. Bethany Christian Services, through its PARA refugee assistance program, made arrangements for Ali, Ruaa and the baby to relocate to Michigan.

Ali says the rest of his family is in the process of leaving Jordan, possibly for Michigan.

Linda Pynnonen, chair of the Outreach council helping Ali and Ruaa resettle, says Ali is a Shiite Muslim and may have sought protection from threatened conscription problems from the rival Sunni Muslims while living in Iraq, and that he fled Baghdad in 2000.

Linda says Ali and Ruaa are familiar with American fast food restaurants since several operate in Jordan, including KFC. When asked which American restaurant they would like to try after moving to Holland -- Linda suspected they might like a local restaurant to taste more home-like cooking -- Ali and Ruaa both said KFC.

Ali and Ruaa are living in a duplex at 2420 Plymouth Rock off James Street, between U.S. 31 and Beeline Road. Committee chairpersons are David Morrow, Gayle Shumaker and Kristen Morrison, assisted by several congregational members.

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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Rev. Linda Knieriemen, Pastor and Head of Staff



### Christmas Postscript

A Preacher at Advent has a challenge: turn to the familiar Gospel of Luke, with shepherds, angels, the canticles of Mary, Zechariah, and Simeon... or to the mystical Gospel John, in which Jesus comes as the Word, the Light, the Life with no mention of Mary, Joseph, angels, visitors, or location of the birth... or to the Gospel of Matthew as we did this year. Of all the Gospel writers, this author comes across as the most confident, insistent and we might even say desperate, to make known to his readers who Jesus is: the son of David, the king of the Jews, Savior and Messiah. His first two chapters, often referred to as the Infancy Narratives, affirm that Jesus is king in a different way; not a king like Herod who wants to destroy him, or like the star-led magi from the East, but one who is altogether different, and worthy of honor, praise, loyalty, awe and love.

Matthew doesn't allow us to be serenaded by the angels, or charmed by the shepherds, to become indignant about the no-vacancy sign at Bethlehem's Inn, or even to rest at the manger while our eyes meet those of the Christ child. Matthew calls us to go deeper, faster; moving with haste into the inner sanctum where we meet a no-frills Jesus, already threatening the world with the potential of his powerful, world-changing message.

For some of us Matthew disappoints. He asks us to grasp the marvel of God-With-Us without poetry or theater sets, or a colorful cast. We find ourselves grateful for the Advent and Christmas Carols to move our hearts and souls in a way Matthew's gospel can't.

But it's January! Epiphany, this year on the 6<sup>th</sup>, marks beginning of "Ordinary Time" lasting until Ash Wednesday and Lent. In Ordinary, or Common Time, as it's sometimes called, we'll be turning to the Epistles, focusing primarily on Paul and his teachings for the early church. Paul is a controversial, often misunderstood figure. I promise, trying to understand Paul and how his telling of the Christian message will be anything but ordinary!

I look forward to moving into this new year with you, being surprised, and challenged and comforted by our God who has loved us enough to enter into this world and live among us as one of us. However the story is told.

Happy New Year!

## THE CHURCH FAMILY

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### Presbyterian Family in our hearts and prayers

**Freedom Village Inn**, 145 Columbia Ave.,  
Suite 1, Holland 49423

Birdella Clark      Jeannette Gage  
Trudy Stewart      Mary Lambert  
Mary Ann Frieling   Bill (Robbie) Robertson

**Oakcrest Manor**, 11909 James St.  
Broadwalk, Holland 49424

Shirley Judd

**Resthaven**, 49 E. 32nd St., Room 127,  
Holland 49423

Frances Martin

**Heritage Health Care**, 320 Central Ave.,  
Zeeland 49464

Joyce Scholten

**Lakeside Vista**, 340 W. 40th St., Holland  
49423

Mary Noe Bldg. 4  
Gloria Hoekenga #324

**Warm Friend**, 5 East 8th St, Holland 49423

Ev Frobom #524

**Homebound**, 829 Apple Blossom Lane,  
Holland 49423

James Arndt

**NEW MEMBER CLASS** will be January 14  
at 6:00 pm. If you are interested, please  
contact Linda Knieriemen or Matt Webber.

### Thank You

Ron Ortlin from Heartland Nursing Home just raved about how wonderful our gift giving is and especially since they are personalized with requests from the residents themselves. He has other facilities call him asking what he does for his residents and they are all very impressed with the idea of working with a church to help make every resident feel special. He told of one resident that received a doll this year and was almost in tears because it is the first doll she ever had. She was very poor when she was a child and her family could never afford one.

We received a large poinsettia from one of the residents as a thank you for all we do.

### Youth News

After a very busy month of December, the youth groups look to get back into the routine of weekly meetings and Sunday school. A new calendar is available online and will be available in a hard copy under the Christian Education bulletin board. If you get the chance, let these amazing young men and women know how much you appreciate all that they do for the congregation and this community. We are truly blessed to have such an impressive bunch of Middle School and High School youth. We adore all that they do, and look forward to new and exciting ways to further the ministry of First Presbyterian Church while growing as a group and in faith. Thank you for all of your support and Happy New Year!

## BIRTHDAYS & MEET AND MINGLE SCHEDULE

### January Birthdays

1-2	Paul Anderson
1-3	Ken Roberts
1-3	Shirley Benko
1-4	Barbara Smith
1-4	Jennifer Richardson
1-5	Mitchell Rhein
1-7	Jordan Clark
1-8	Lori Van Tubbergen
1-8	Jean Williams
1-9	Robert Bristol
1-9	Beth Magennis
1-9	Audrey Bauer
1-9	Trent Perkins
1-14	Anne Stolz
1-14	Cameron Wallar
1-14	Jane Olney
1-15	Joan Smart
1-15	Morgan George
1-15	Sarah Elenbaas
1-15	Kaylin Hoezee
1-18	Stan Styne
1-20	Violet Altena
1-21	Rich Lichti
1-22	Peter Zessin
1-23	Roger Plagenhoef
1-23	Noah Chambers
1-27	Fran Rosensteel
1-27	Jaysen Hoezee
1-27	Joseph Zessin
1-28	Jan Petersen
1-28	Mary Harrington
1-28	Merritt Kramer
1-29	Kami Beilhartz
1-30	Jim Rea
1-30	Lauren Converse
1-31	Graham Markes
1-31	Shirley Effken



### Meet and Mingle Schedule for Jan. & Feb.

Without those of you who volunteer there would not be a Meet and Mingle Café. Thank you for volunteering for January and February.

If any persons in the congregation would like to volunteer for the Meet and Mingle, please call Rusty at 396-7667. If the machine picks up—please leave your name and number and a time to call you back.

Again, we can't thank you enough for volunteering from 8:45-10:45 and 10:45-12:45.

**Jan. 4** Captain: Larry and Kay Briggance  
8:45-10:45 Shirley Benko  
10:45-12:45 Roger and Bev Plagenhoef

**Jan. 11**  
8:45-10:45 Captain: Brad and Leah Wallar  
Nelson and Janice Zwaanstra  
10:45-12:45 Captain: Karen Bergstrom and  
Brett Roach  
Peggy Vanden Heuvel

**Jan. 18** Captain: Richard Rust  
8:45-10:45 Jan Van Faasen  
10:45-12:45 Doug and Margo Johnson

**Jan. 25**  
8:45-10:45 Captain: Kurt and Carleen Bauer  
Floyd and Clare Westendorp  
10:45-12:45 Captain: Bart Shumaker  
Tom and Sarah Glover

**Feb. 1** Captain: Vern and Linda Gebben  
8:45-10:45 Bob and Lorena Chambers  
10:45-12:45 Mike and Jen DeWaard

**Feb. 8** Captain: Steve and Terri Borgman  
8:45-10:45 Roger and Barb Scholten  
10:45-12:45 Bill and Elaine Evenson

**Feb. 15** Captain: Alan and Sherri Martens  
8:45-10:45 Bob and Krish Knittel  
10:45-12:45 Jan and Joann Petersen

**Feb. 22**  
8:45-10:45 Captain: Yvonne Rothwell  
Chris and Carol Polich  
10:45-12:45 Captain: Pat Smith  
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## COUNCIL OF MISSION AND OUTREACH

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### Book Clubs

**MEN'S BOOK CLUB** for January 12 is Oracle Bones by Peter Hessler at 5:30 pm.

**WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB** for January 25 is The Story of Edgar Sawtelle by David Wroblewski at 2:00 pm.

### Care Closet Served 1,027 Families Last Year

During the past year Care Closet, in partnership with First Reformed Church, served 1,027 families, an increase of 18.6% over last year.

On December 4, we welcomed the Ali Haideri family from Iraq to Holland. The first week they stayed at Value Place Motel and are now moved into a duplex. Many of you met Ali, Ruaa, and baby Mawqar recently at the second service. They are a delightful couple and welcome being included in your activities. Their English is quite good and is improving daily.

All of the nursing home cards except three were gone after the first Sunday. The youth group sorted the gifts that were delivered by Matt Webber and Jodi Stevens.

We thank the First Presbyterian Preschool for providing Christmas gifts to our two Community Housing Partnership families.

The hat and mitten tree is again filled. We will give you a final count in the new year.

In January, we will collect coats and boots. Please put them in the orange bin in the narthex, and we will deliver them to Community Action House.

In November, 46 blankets were given to Community Action House.

John and Nancy Kreple are organizing this year's Katrina trip, probably in early March. Please see them if you are interested.

--Linda Pynnonen

### Why We Collect Coats and Boots in January

If you have any coats or boots you aren't wearing or if you got new ones for Christmas, please consider donating them to our January Coat and Boot Drive. Many of you have asked why we wait until January when it is cold in November. We picked January because we collect blankets and nursing home gifts in November and December. Sometimes old coats and boots just won't last the winter, or kids grow out of coats and boots (or never had them), or new coats or boots were Christmas presents. With the state of the economy, there are many people who just can't afford to buy a coat, so they will be thrilled to have a warm coat in January. We know that we can count on snow in January, so the boots will be put to immediate use.

## The Church in Community

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### **Katrina Mission Trip Needs Volunteers**

Here's the very latest!

The date that has been scheduled with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance National Call Center is the week of March 15 to March 21. I have promised to bring 12 hearty souls to stay at Olive Tree in New Orleans (where we stayed last year) for a work project in the New Orleans area.

The Olive Tree site is a former Presbyterian church where a day-care center was operated. Volunteers will stay in the day-care center structure that has been converted into dormitory-style accommodations. The church structure now houses kitchen and dining facilities.

While there have been no hearty souls from First Presbyterian to commit to the trip yet, I have already had to reserve a time slot to assure work assignments.

I will meet with Matt Webber sometime after the new year to coordinate the details. Meanwhile, those interested in volunteering for the disaster relief assistance program may contact Jon Kreple at 399-2202.

On February 20, 2007, the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) advisory committee approved a \$1.7 million dollar proposal from the Presbytery of South Louisiana for the recovery work from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The plan encompasses New Orleans, the North Shore and the Lake Charles area and provides both a structure and staffing to support a major rebuilding initiative in the New Orleans area. The goal is to rebuild 350 homes each year. Funds from PDA will be provided to the presbytery each quarter on receipt of financial and narrative reports.

Approximately \$23 million was raised for the Hurricanes Katrina/Rita/Wilma response. \$4.5 million of that total was designated specifically to support pastors and church rebuilding. PDA has expended more than \$7 million for relief and recovery work throughout the affected areas. Original plans approved by the General Assembly Council supported a 7 year planned response. Given the complications and cost of this recovery response, this timeline may need to be revisited.

More than 18,000 volunteers have supported the Presbyterian recovery efforts in the gulf through work teams.

Jon Kreple

Financials reported for the month ending November 2008:  
119% of pledged receipts versus the budget were received  
129% of anticipated loose offerings versus the budget were received

Year to date:

Planned budget spending was \$409,628

Actual spending was \$380,866

The checking account balance is \$34,347.

Given the current state of the economy, we are truly blessed to have such steadfast financial support from our congregation.

Session approved the proposed 2009 budget on Monday, December 8. The budget totals \$425,364.50. Anticipated pledges and receipts total \$411,752.00. That leaves a deficit of \$13,612.50 to be paid out of reserves (which are currently valued at \$82,842.56). This will be the budget reviewed with the congregation at the annual meeting in January, 2009.

A significant amount of preparation work went into the budget process, and nearly all areas of the budget were trimmed to achieve the eventual approved budget. We are very happy to report that Session members left the meeting unified behind the budget.

-- Respectfully Submitted, Chris Polich

## Valentine's Day Swing Dance Feb. 14

Save the date and tell your honey you have plans for Valentine's Day.

Saturday, Feb. 14, 2009 there will be a swing dance at the church from 7-10 p.m. Can't swing dance? Free lessons will be provided. Don't have a partner? Doesn't matter; come anyway. And the dance is free. Please bring a dessert to share.

Men: you don't have to worry about Valentine's Day plans.

Ladies: He has no excuse not to bring you swing dancing on Valentine's Day.

-- Helen Teutsch

## Styrofoam Recycling To Start In January

This holiday season will bring with various toys, gifts, and electronics an ample supply of **styrofoam**. What do you do with it? If you believe it gets recycled when you place it in curb-side recycling bins you are wrong. It gets sorted out and placed in the trash which fills landfills. But there is a solution in Allegan county (Hamilton) where Styrofoam materials (not including packing peanuts) can be recycled. Starting in January we will join this program with recycling at First Presbyterian. In addition we'll start taking batteries and cell phones for recycling.

SO SAVE YOUR STYROFOAM! You'll hear more about this program in the coming weeks. And note that we can recycle only "clean" Styrofoam not covered by food particles. So stay tuned. More information to come.

A reminder that the Styrofoam recycling program does not include packing peanuts but Bryan McCranner says he uses the peanuts in his business and would be happy to take them for re-use. Contact him at 616-994-2327.

## STEWARDSHIP

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Stewardship is pleased to announce new and convenient options for giving towards your annual pledge or any other monetary gift to FPC Holland. EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer) allows you to have your desired amount automatically moved from your account and electronically deposited into our church's account, regardless of where you bank in the USA. EFT offers you enhanced convenience, efficiency, increased security and confidentiality (even beyond our exceptional standards), and the ability to give while away without mailing a check. You can do this for a one time gift or reoccurring gifts. Please contact your Stewardship Elder, Brett Bowen, for more information ([Brett@BrettBowen.com](mailto:Brett@BrettBowen.com)).

Giftng of Appreciated Investments (Stocks, Funds, IRA's, etc.) is another great way to accomplish your annual giving goals. There are great benefits to both the church and to you as the church receives your appreciated investments while you may have benefits at tax time. Please contact your Stewardship Elder, Brett Bowen, for more information ([Brett@BrettBowen.com](mailto:Brett@BrettBowen.com)).

**PER-CAPITA** -During the 2009 Stewardship Campaign, the Stewardship Council asked that, in addition to and separate from each member's pledge, members give financial support to the Per-Capita expense charged each church for each communicant member. Per-Capita giving supports the administrative costs of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly. The first envelope in the pledge envelope box is for this contribution and, if you use this envelope, it will help our church fulfill our Session-approved obligation to our denomination and to meet the 2009 budget that will be presented at the January Congregational meeting. The amount requested is not on the envelope but we have been informed that the Per-Capita amount for each communicant member of the Presbyterian Church (USA) for the year 2009 is \$23.08. Please make this contribution in January.

### Annual Meeting January 25 Important to Attend!

January 25, 2009 is an important day in the life of First Presbyterian Church in Holland. First, we will ordain and install our new elders and deacons during worship. Then, following the 11:00 a.m. service, we will have our annual congregational meeting.

Some of the items on the agenda for the meeting include reports of the various councils to give everyone an understanding of the far-reaching ministries and activities of the church, electing representatives to the 2009 Nominating Committee, receiving the 2009 Budget, and approving the Terms of Call for our pastors.

We will also be asked to approve a by-laws change to modify the membership of the Board of Trustees to agree with a recent change in the state law governing non-profit organizations.

Finally, we will recognize and celebrate the lives of those church members who died in 2008.

2008 was a great year for our church and we hope that everyone will attend the meeting to celebrate our accomplishments and commit ourselves to doing even more in 2009.

Elders to be installed or ordained include Bob Knittel (Business Affairs), Mike DeWaard (Stewardship), Jan Goodwin (Hospitality), Tim Richardson (Christian Education), Jean Olney (Christian Education 1-year term), and Larry Lynn (Outreach 2-year term) and James Benko (at large youth).

Deacons to be installed or ordained include Marcia Lievense, Barb Stokes, Chris Urbaniak, Nancy West, Jean Williams.

--Bob Smart, Clerk of Session

## Church Music

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### Church Organist Craig Avery Improvises as He Plays

Much of what organist/pianist Craig Avery plays during the opening “quiet time” of morning worship comes from his head and heart. The themes and chords are improvised as he plays. “They have a pastoral feel, nothing too jazzy, but a calmness to deliver the mood before the service,” he explains.

Avery, 24, graduated December 6 from Grand Valley State University with a degree in jazz piano performance and intends to audition for an advanced degree at Michigan State University. Meanwhile he continues at First Presbyterian into May.

Craig’s musical talent blossomed from playing toy pianos and xylophones as a three-year-old living with his parents in San Diego where his father, David, served with the Navy. His mother, Marilou, noticed Craig had more than a casual interest in the instruments and at four he was taking piano lessons.

He continued the lessons until the 8<sup>th</sup> grade when the family moved to Scottville, Mich. after his father’s retirement from the Navy and Craig suspended the formal lessons but continued his interest in piano, jazz, choral music and stage productions.

After a couple years at West Shore Community College, Craig enrolled at GVSU where his piano lessons picked up and he returned to classical piano while continuing his jazz interests.

“My teacher at Grand Valley (Aviram Reichart) really pushed me; he was strict and forced me into pieces above my ability. It brought me to tears,” Craig explains. But the challenge gave him a base for the improvisations, composing and arranging he does today.

While trained as a classical pianist, jazz is a primary interest and he plays in several jazz and rock combos and bands, gives piano lessons, plays for GVSU-sponsored events, is an accompanist for the Varsity Men Choir and sings in choral groups. His goal is to teach in college. Between now and then Craig says working on stage productions or in jazz bands on cruise ships or casinos is possible.

While neither parent exhibited an exceptional musical talent, Craig says a younger brother has talents for art. Daniel, 22, is a student at the Art Institute in California and works with Sea World and the San Diego Zoo as a caricature artist.

While Craig is with First Presbyterian, listen for his original themes and melodies that help set the mood for worship.



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

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### Presbyterian Women Set Meetings, Kitchen Clean-Up

January Circle Meetings:

Hannah Circle will meet on Thursday, January 8, at 7:00 p.m. at Mary Harrington's, 14743 Anchor Ct. on the northside. Her phone number is 786-9734.

Miriam Circle will meet at the church on January 14 at 9:30 a.m. The leader will be Jean Williams.

A kitchen clean-up day is being scheduled for January 28 at 9:30 a.m. to clean, sort and tidy-up, followed by lunch at an area restaurant.

The kitchen is in need of the following items that perhaps you no longer need and that are taking up space in your kitchen:

Several "fancy" cake servers  
dishtowels

aprons

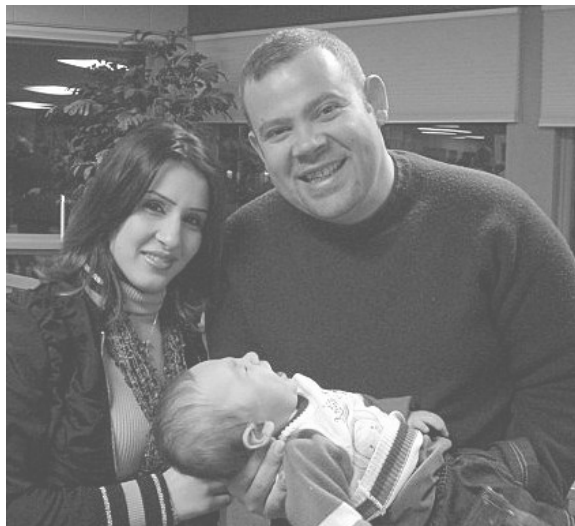
paper towel dispenser

small "fancy" bowls or nice small wicker baskets

Yes, we did have some of these items but somehow they disappear, just like at home!

Anyhow, a sign-up sheet will be up on the bulletin board for the clean-up day.

Also, the nominating team of Evie Wise, Jean Williams and Liz Bristol is looking for new members to join the Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team for the year 2009-10. Please let us know whether you are interested in taking part in PWCT.  
-- Liz Bristol



Ali, Ruaa and Mawqar Alhaidari

## ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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“There are no ordinary moments.” These words penned by former world class gymnast, university coach, and college professor Dan Millman may not initially seem as insightful as they actually are. In his philosophical tone, Millman brings to the attention of each reader the fact that there is never nothing going on and that in fact each moment is extraordinary. There are moments of extraordinary bliss, moments of extraordinary sadness, moments of extraordinary excitement, and moments of extraordinary boredom. In each moment however, there is something happening.

This simple thought seeks to inspire every individual to live in each moment. How much of our lives are spent re-hashing events of our past -- wishing we could take back things that were said or that our voice had not been silenced by our own doubts? One can spend an eternity in the past, never moving beyond which has already happened. The other extreme may be just as consuming if we are always looking to the future. What lay ahead may overwhelm us to the point that we don't sleep, wondering what the next day's events will bring. Buddhist teacher, mystic, activist, and scholar Thich Nhat Hanh explains, “We are not capable of being alive in the present moment. We always postpone being alive to the future, we don't know exactly when. It is possible we will never be truly alive our entire lives.”

What both of these deep-thinking individuals are sharing is that we as humans should live in the moment that is called the present. That is also what Christ tells those who gathered to hear his teachings, that we are to live our lives in the present moment. “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?” (Matthew 6:25-26).

This is not to say that we as Christians must abandon all of our planning for future days and events; that would be irresponsible. What it does tell us is that if we spend our days worrying about what is to come and how it will come, we have lost moments of our lives that may end up being some of the most precious and cherished. Thich Nhat Hanh again states, “When we are mindful, touching deeply the present moment, we can see and listen deeply, and the fruits are always understanding, acceptance, love, and the desire to relieve suffering and bring joy.”

With 2008 now at a close and 2009 ahead, one cannot help but look back remembering or look forward wondering, but in the midst of it all, remember to live in that ever so brief moment called the present. Remember the words of Eleanor Roosevelt, “Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, and today is a gift; that is why they call it the present.”

Happy New Year to you all and may we all, having learned from our past, not neglecting what lay ahead, truly live in the present.

1 Dan Millman. *No Ordinary Moments A Peaceful Warrior's Guide to Daily Life*, ( new World Library, 1992).

2 To learn more about Dan Millman, check out [www.danmillman.com](http://www.danmillman.com) or the Universal Studios DVD *Peaceful Warrior*.

3 Thich Nhat Hanh, *Living Buddha, Living Christ*, (New York, Riverhead Books, 1995). p.17.

4 Thich Nhat Hanh, p.14.

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Stewardship	Brett Bowen
	Mike DeWaard
Worship	Mary Deenik
	Cary Schutmaat
Congregational Life	Sherry Martens
Hospitality	Jan Goodwin
Youth Elder	James Benko

### Deacons

Parish 1	Kristi Kiekintveld
Parish 2	Terri Borgman
Parish 3	Mary Harrington
Parish 4	Mark Van Oostenburg
Parish 5	Lynn Wildt
Parish 6	Bev Plagenhoef
Parish 7	Bob & Jeanne Weber
Parish 8	Nancy West
Parish 9	Karen Yonker
Parish 10	Barb Stokes
Parish 11	Jean Williams
Parish 12	Chris Urbaniak
Parish 13	Scott Jacobusse
Parish 14	Krista Anderson
Parish 15	Marcia Lievens