

BUFFALO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE NEW TIMES

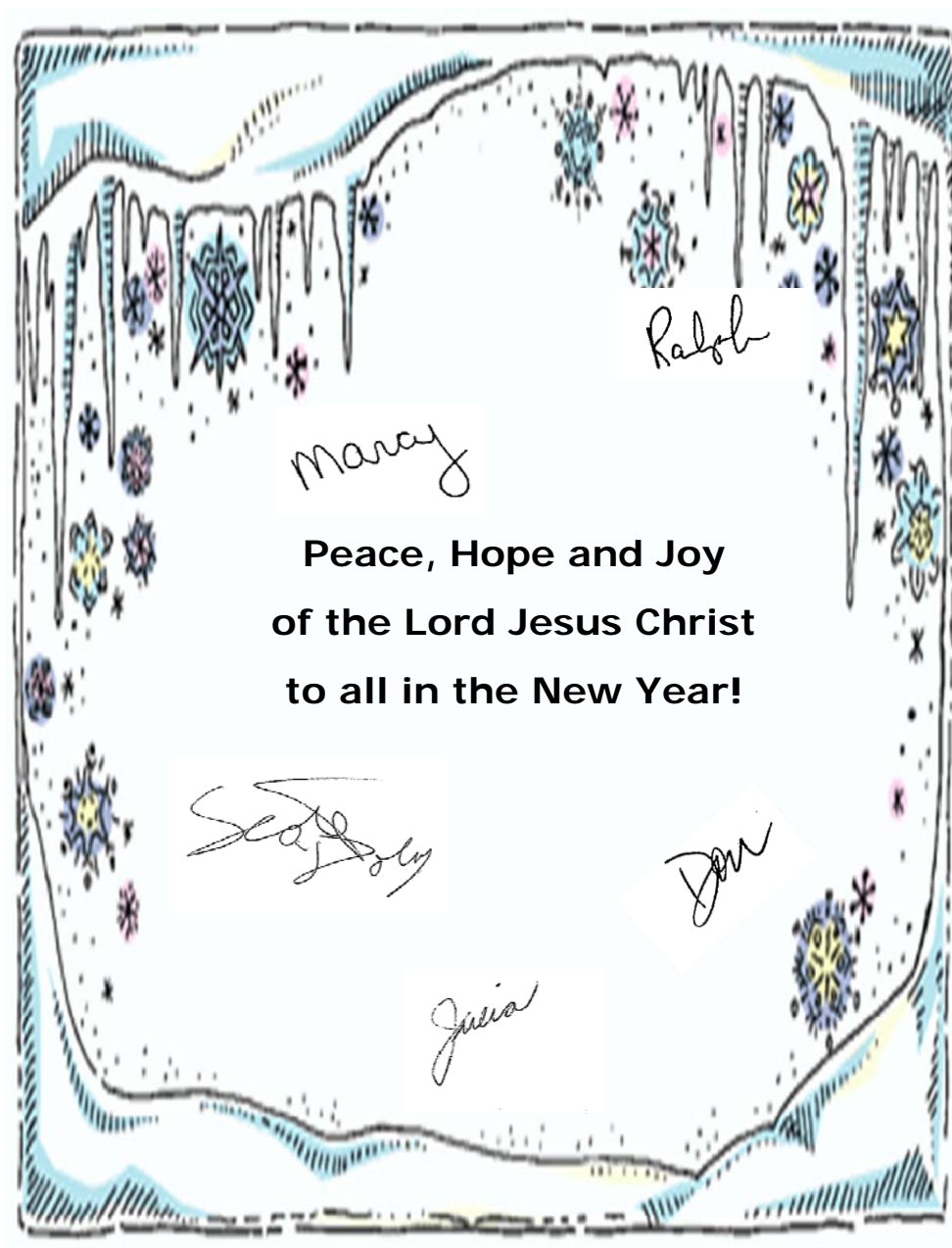
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BUT IF WE HOPE FOR WHAT WE DO NOT YET HAVE, WE WAIT FOR IT PATIENTLY.
ROMANS 8:25

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES JANUARY 4TH
- HELP UNDECORATED THE CHURCH JANUARY 7TH AT 6:00 P.M.
- HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Birthdays

January 3rd Pat Jenson

January 4th Matt Taylor

January 6th Heather Olsen

January 9th Joe Steiskal

Kristen Steiskal

Dylan Wellnitz

Lori Johansen

January 13th Don Olsen

January 16th Liz Klaassen

January 17th Gordon Burkland

January 18th Rick Anderson

January 29th Jaclyn Schermer

Anniversaries

Jan 11th Henry & Gertrude Kieft



PNC UPDATE

As 2009 begins we have many opportunities for prayer. Please pray for our congregation as we face new challenges. Pray, also, for our new elders and deacons as they accept the challenges of church leadership.

We have been meeting weekly since Thanksgiving. So far, we have read, discussed, reviewed, ranked and discussed some more about 80 Pastor Information Forms. These are essentially resumes that pastors looking for a church compile detailing their education, continuing education, work experience, characteristics that they desire in their next church, their accomplishments in their present call, a paragraph about their leadership style and finally another few paragraphs about what they con-

sider to be today's key theological issues.

These 80 PIFs include self referrals and matches from Presbytery in Louisville. As we review them, we are being mindful of how they match-up with what we stated that we desire in a pastor in our Church Information Form.

We are currently are in contact with 7 pastors through phone interviews and conversations with their references.

We are taking a break until early January when we will diligently resume our

search.

In all of our discussions we are seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit and ask that you would continue to pray for wisdom and discernment for all of the committee members as we continue this process.

If you have any questions, please feel free to talk with any member of the PNC.

SPRING CLASSES FOR THE ACADEMY FOR VITAL CHRISTIANITY

United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities, in partnership with the Minnesota Conferences of the United Church of Christ and the United Methodist Church, is pleased to announce the spring classes for the inaugural year of our ACADEMY FOR VITAL CHRISTIANITY. Students in the Academy for Vital Christianity will gain confidence in their ability to work in the

church, a deep and more vital faith, and the skills to enhance their congregational participation.

The six spring classes are **Bible 101, Essentials of Christian Education, Reading the Prophets in the 21st Century, Understanding the New Testament in Today's World, Stewardship: Grateful and Graceful Living,**

and **Transforming Conflict: Dealing with Difficult People in Your Congregation.** Classes begin February 2009. For more details or to register, go to www.unitedseminary.edu/CommunityPrograms/academy.asp or call 651.255.6138. Class fee is \$225.00. Discount rate of \$175.00 for early registration.

WAYS TO START OFF THE NEW YEAR

According to historians, the celebration of the New Year is the oldest holiday. Ancient Babylonians observed it in the spring about 4,000 years ago. In 153 B.C., the Roman Senate declared January 1 as New Year's Day.

The early church started to hold religious observances that coincided with pagan celebrations. Some denominations still mark Christ's circumcision on New Year's.

The tradition of making resolutions dates back to the Babylonians, who often promised to return borrowed farm equipment. Using a baby to symbolize rebirth and the new year dates back to the ancient Greeks and Egyptians.

Modern-day New Year's customs often focus on prosperity. In Spain, people eat 12 grapes at midnight, hoping to have 12 happy months to come. The Dutch eat

donuts because another year has come full circle.

One of the best ways to start off the New Year is by spending time in prayer. Look back on God's many blessings during the completed year and ask for his guidance in the one to come. Also consider starting the tradition of praying for people around the world on New Year's Day.

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The purpose of this church is to fully equip us to become disciples of Jesus Christ, obeying His commandments to love and worship God, love and care for our neighbors, and make new disciples in our community and the world.

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JANUARY ROTATIONS

January 2009

Newsletter submissions are due by Friday, January 16th for the February issue.

Julia Carlson,
Interim Pastor

Scott Dobovsky,
Youth Director

Marcy Bodin,
Office Manager

Holly Minke,
Newsletter Editor

Lay Leader

Jan 4 Mike Quady
Jan 11 Pat Olsen
Jan 18 Chuck Klaassen
Jan 25 Nancy Grittman

Greeters

Jan 4 Ron & Marquetta Shupe
Jan 11 Marv Sikkila
Jan 18 Walt & Kay Spike
Jan 25 Barb Stone

Resident Pick-up

Jan 4 Dick Jenson
Jan 11 Marlene Aldrich
Jan 18 Dick Jenson
Jan 25 Marlene Aldrich

