

Thank You So Very Much, JoEllen!

by Pastor Rick Breusch

As most of you know by now, JoEllen Landman has stepped down as our church's newsletter editor after twelve years of faithful and inspiring ministry. We recognized JoEllen in our January 22nd worship service and presented her with a token of our appreciation. We thought it would be appropriate to share with you some words of remembrance and thanksgiving from JoEllen herself. God bless you, sister, and thanks so very much for your ministry!

— Pastor Rick Breusch



JoEllen Landman

I was on the newsletter staff for twelve years – ever since late 1999 when Pastor Swanson handed over his pen to a newly formed newsletter committee. Yet, I have not been editor that long. I don't recall when I assumed leadership but it was some years ago. I am the only original member of the committee who stayed on board all these years. Others on the newsletter committee were Richard Smith, Chuck Walters, Kevin DiCola, Nancy Schlatter, Amy Lotts, Dawn Thompson, Kim Finley and Jimmy Scales. And, of course, there's our dear Marty Moore! She was the one who made the newsletter such a quality polished product. I just helped supply the fodder. The church staff has consistently supported the newsletter and supplied articles and photos without having to be nagged (too much). That made my job so much easier. THANK YOU!

Looking back tonight through twelve years of accumulated newsletters, I am so glad we profiled some of our dear older members who are no longer with us – Keith and Janet Henton, Curt and Clara Franklin, Larry Huston, Russ Lahut, Bob Shaw, Tony DiFrancisco, Lacy Worley, Arthur Dolash, Abbott Putnam, Glenn West, Max Taylor and Shirley Coffey. We also introduced our readers to new members of the church staff: Pastor John Doyel, Mike Martin, Betty Rocke, Jared Trumbo, John Montgomery, Linda Stocker, Glenn Perry, Pam Glazier, Aimee Worley, Sarah Chang, Blythe Ann Cooper, and Pastor Rick. Other newsletter emphases included mission updates, ministry news, Christian education happenings, community outreach, baptism/faith stories and new members.

My favorite newsletter was the November 2003 issue that was devoted entirely to honoring our KRBC veterans. Many of our vets shared their service stories and photos. I was very moved by their stories. Some of them told me months later how much that newsletter meant to them. A soldier is a soldier for life. I also looked forward each June to highlighting our high school and college graduates and reporting their hopes and plans for the future. Kari, Jared, and Aimee helped make each June issue happen. They were the ones who supplied the graduates' stories and photos. The newsletter started printing in color 2009 which really brought a lot of church ministries to life for our readers.

I have hopes that the Fellowship News will continue on in some format. It is more than a vehicle of information and communication for our church family. It also serves to chronicle and journal our evolving church life, members, and many ministries. I see the newsletter as a constant in the ever changing life of the church. If my house caught on fire, my twelve year accumulated newsletter file is one of the first things I would grab to save! Thank you all for allowing me to serve as your church newsletter editor all these years. It has been an amateur writer's dream come true!

JoEllen Landman

We seek to **Glorify God** by building a family of believers passionate about Him where people are **Loved** the way they are, **Urged** to become more like Christ, and **Equipped** to share Christ in word and deed.



Prayer-A Curious Activity, Part 2

by Glenn Myres



As I wrote in January, there are many things I do not understand about prayer. Recent studies of prayer lead me back to the basics – back to Jesus’s teaching about prayer in the Sermon on the Mount – where Jesus said in Matthew 6:9-13:

⁹ “This, then, is how you should pray:

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

¹⁰ your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us today our daily bread.

¹² And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Previously, we saw that 40% of the lines of this prayer (the first two lines) are focused on God, His kingdom and what He wants. I have recently been challenged to spend 40% of my prayer time praising Him, praying about His kingdom growth and health, and trying to get in touch with what God wants. But wait; Jesus’s prayer goes on. “Give us this day our daily bread.” In Biblical times, laborers were paid on a daily basis (See Matt 20:8). In today’s world, many people live paycheck to paycheck. In Jesus’s day, paycheck to paycheck meant day by day, as workers were paid on a daily basis. If a worker didn’t get paid for the day, he might not feed his family that night. Jesus said, “Give us today our daily bread” – not tomorrow’s or next week’s or next month’s or next year’s bread! Oh, how often we worry about tomorrow. It has been said, “90% of what we worry about never happens”. Yet we worry, worry, worry, while Jesus says, “Chill out. Just ask God for enough bread for today.” Can you imagine what would happen to Xanax sales if we really prayed like Jesus prescribed?

Next Jesus focuses on forgiveness – our being forgiven by God, and our forgiving others. Jesus ties our being forgiven to our forgiving others. Does this mean I need to forgive the obnoxious guy that just cut me off in traffic, the relative to whom I loaned money but she never paid me back, or worse yet that person who deeply hurt me somewhere along life’s road? Our forgiveness of others hinges on our understanding of God’s gracious and generous forgiveness of us. The proof that you and I are forgiven and have accepted God’s forgiveness is that we forgive. The person who has known God’s forgiveness must forgive others. Further, Jesus wisely knew that when we fail to forgive, our hearts are rotting away. It has been said, “Failing to forgive is like drinking rat poison and then waiting for the rat to die.”

“And lead us not into temptation...” This statement is somewhat challenging. Does God lead us into temptation? Allow us to be tempted (as Jesus was)? Adam Clark, a well-known commentator, suggests the Greek means “Don’t lead us into sore trials”, a trial that would feel like we are being pierced through with a spear. Abbott and Abbott says, “Suffer us not to be exposed to heavy trials or afflictions or to strong temptations to sin,” while Barnes says it may mean, “Do not afflict

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Lenten & Easter Message Series

by Pastor Rick Breusch

It’s OK to have questions and doubts. God has given us the ability to question, analyze and discern. The Bible encourages us to “... always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.” (1 Peter 3:15 NIV) As we enter yet another Lenten and Easter season, I want to explore with you again the questions and doubts many Christians and non-Christians continue to struggle with about our faith. My hope and prayer is that as we bring our honest questions before God, His Holy Spirit will strengthen our faith in all that it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

Why Should I Believe?



A Fresh Look At Old Doubts

February 26	“... That Only One Religion Is True?”
March 4	“... In A God Who Allows Suffering?”
March 11	“... When The Church Has Messed Up?”
March 18	“... In A God Who Sends People To Hell?”
March 25	“... When Science Has Disproved Christianity?”
April 1	“... In The Bible’s Authority?”
April 8	“... In A Savior Who Died and Rose Again?”



Yes, you can share the Love – the Love of Jesus – as you read with a 1st grader. We have the privilege of being welcomed into Valley Forge Elementary School and the opportunity to invest in 39 Northland area children by reading with them once a week.

Imagine this.....a first grader who struggles with reading learns to love reading because you spent time one-on-one reading with him or her; a first grader who rarely gets one-on-one attention at home is encouraged and grows in confidence because you spent time once a week with him or her. Only God knows all the ways that He will use your investment of an hour a week in the life of a 1st grader!

Reading begins on Thursday 2/23 from 12:50pm – 2:00pm at Valley Forge Elementary School. Sign up to be a reading buddy via this email, on the care form, or add your name to the poster in the lobby.

If you aren’t able to be a reading buddy, you’re in luck; you can still be involved. **You can pray for one of the 1st graders.** Pray anytime, but pray regularly. Go to the poster in the lobby, choose a child’s name, and write your name in the “I will pray” column indicating that you will pray for that child.

Join us as we seek to Glorify God by loving on 1st graders in the Northland community!



2011 Women's Retreat at Camp Mowana

Women's Connection Annual Retreat Camp Mowana

March 16-17, 2012

Facing Loneliness

John 16:32b "...Yet I am not alone,
for my Father is with me."

Most of us don't want to talk about loneliness. We are afraid it might make us look weak, needy, vulnerable, or otherwise broken. But the truth is, most of us will find ourselves (or someone close to us) feeling lonely at some point in our lives. It's a normal emotional reaction to a variety of situations that come our way -- and God has given us beautiful ways to face this struggle. This year we'll learn how, together.

The Women's Connection is preparing for its 9th annual winter retreat. We will again enjoy the beautiful accommodations at Camp Mowana retreat center in Mansfield, Ohio. The weekend cost is \$65 for Friday and Saturday or \$45 for Saturday only. Full or partial scholarships are available. Contact Diane Baugher at (614) 246-6051 if you have any questions.



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or try us." Regardless of the exact meaning, it is obvious that God can protect us from some of life's grueling challenges, and we need to ask Him for that protection. And where in Jesus's model prayer does our request for a new boat, a larger house, a new car, a huge 401-K, and other earthly pleasures go? I'll leave you to look for that part -- as you pray for your needs for today.



Easter Schedule

Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 31, 1-2 p.m.
Volunteers needed—contact Beth Ash

Palm Sunday, April 1

Seder Dinner and Event, Thursday,
April 5, 6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 8



Entry Way Project at \$155,228

Recent gifts have moved us over the original goal for the new air lock and drive-through. Plywood sheeting is being put on the over-hang structure. To comply with code requirements, the church has permission to forgo a sprinkling system in the over-hang if a sidewalk is installed from the courtyard lobby door to the fence gate. This incurred an additional unexpected expense.

Sympathy to:

Amelia Hurst on the death of her grandmother **Opal Hurst**, January 26.

Former members—Tom Hinkle on the death of **Teresa Hinkle**, January 25.

Pastor Glenn Perry on the death of his sister, **Noelle Rowlett**, January 23.

Vicky Fravel on the death of her father, **Lloyd Wenrick**, January 24.

Amanda Truax on the death of her father, **Bill Truax**, January 15.

Maude Boggs on the death of her husband, **Gordon Boggs**, January 14.

Dolores Suckow on the death of her sister-in-law, **Maryann Walker**, January 12.

Bob Arnold on the death of his mother, **Cleo Arnold** in January.



Joe and Edna Millard, Ruth Schmicker and Helen Levi thanks the Branches class for thinking of them by making the holiday baskets. Helen really appreciated the visit she had with Linda Campbell who delivered her basket.

SuperSub Sunday Thankyou!

Women's Connection

The Women's Connection thanks everyone who bought a sub. You helped us raise \$577 for Kim Brown's ministry, *Hope for Hilltribes*, in Thailand. Another sale is in the future. Thank you!



Jeff and Miranda Campbell on the birth of their daughter, **Hadley Noel**, January 3, 2012.



Claire, Colon and newborn Hadley Noel



Christian Braden

William and Cathy Easterlin on the birth of their son, **Christian Braden**, December 28, 2011.



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Weekly Events

March 2012

Sunday— 9:00a Sunday School

10:15a Worship Prelude

10:30a Worship

5:30p Women’s Group/Lounge

Monday— 12:00p Columbus Grp/Chapel

6:30p Bowling

7:00p Westerville Group

Tuesday— 8:00a Work Team

9:15a BSF Leaders

5:00p After School Club

7:00p Rope Holders

7:30p Worthington Group

8:00p Young Life/210

Wednesday— 6:00p Worship Team

6:00p Fellowship Dinner

6:30p Clubs, Sewing, Computer

6:30p Men’s Group

6:30p Women’s Group/Lounge

7:00p Choir

Thursday— 9:00a Bible Stdy Fellowship

4:30p Tutoring/FH

6:00p Manney Group

7:00p Connect Group

Friday— 6:00a Northland Prayer/Chapel

9:30a MDO

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4 Communion	5	6 7:00p Out#d/Lounge	7	8 12:45p BSF Seminar	9 6:00p Remick Group	10
11	12	13 12:00p Prime Timers 7:00p Long Range Planning	14	15	16 7:00p Youth Trade-up Scavenger Hunt	17
18	19	20 7:00p Out#d/Lounge	21	22	23 6:00p Remick Group	24 8:00a Men's Breakfast/FH
25 6:00p Prayer Gathering/ Chapel	26	27 9:15a No BSF Leaders 7:00p Ministry Council	28	29 9:00a No BSF	30	31 1:00p Egg Hunt

Women's Retreat at Camp Mowana

