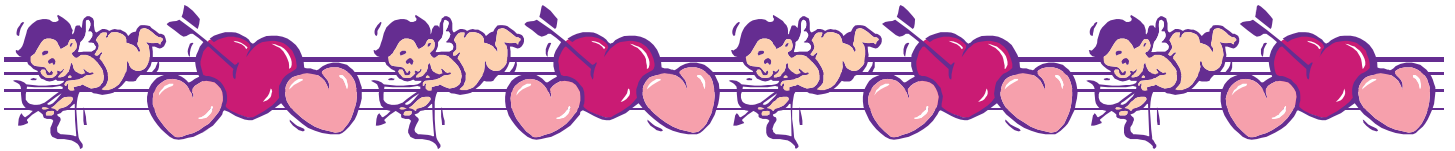




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Pastor's Message

FEBRUARY 2011

Dear Faith Community,

Can you believe it, February is here! February is the month of *Groundhog Day* and *Valentine's Day*. These two celebrations are well known by most of us. On Groundhog Day, if the groundhog sees his or her shadow we will have six more weeks of winter. I'm not sure, but I think that is the way it works. Of course, we all know very well Valentine's Day is when we give our sweetie flowers and chocolate and romance is in the air.

But there is another celebration in the church year that is not as well known as these two. It is called the *Presentation of Jesus at the Temple*. It also is on February 2, the same day as our famous Groundhog Day. Other traditional names for the *Presentation of our Lord* are *Candlemas*, the *Feast of the Purification of the Virgin*, and the *Meeting of the Lord*.

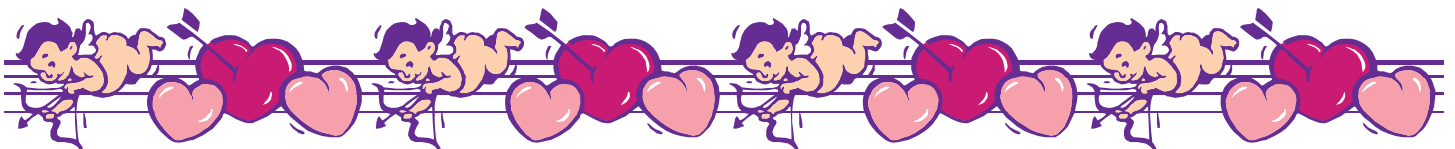
What is the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple? I'm glad you asked. In the *Mosaic Law* a mother birthing a male-child, in this case Mary, is considered unclean for seven days and is to remain thirty-three days in the blood of her purification. So, seven plus thirty-three equals forty, so after forty days the mother was to take her child along with a lamb and a young pigeon or turtle dove to the Temple in Jerusalem, so she

could be cleansed and the child could be redeemed. If the mother could not afford a lamb she could take two pigeons or two turtle doves. *The Feast of the Presentation* is among the most ancient feasts of the Christian Church.

Originally the feast was a minor celebration, but in 542 AD the feast was established throughout the Eastern Empire. The year before, in 541, a terrible plague broke out in Constantinople that killed thousands. On the *Feast of the Presentation of the Lord*, great processions were arranged, along with a solemn prayer service, to ask for deliverance from the evils and death of the plague, and the plague ceased. After this the feast was elevated to a more solemn celebration.

The time to celebrate the *Feast of the Presentation* depends on the date of Christmas, from the passage of the Gospel of Luke (Lk. 2:22-40) describing the event in the life of Jesus, the celebration of the Presentation of the Lord follows 40 days after Jesus' birth. The blessing of candles on this day recalls Simeon's reference to the infant Jesus as the "light for revelation to the Gentiles" (Lk. 2:32). Simeon was promised he would see the "Messiah" before he died, so to fulfill this promise Mary and Joseph brought

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Jesus to the Temple and were welcomed by Simeon and Anna, a widow. Simeon and Anna embodied Israel in their patient expectations of a Messiah. They acknowledged the infant Jesus as the long awaited Messiah and Jesus was seen as the *Redeemer* for all humanity.

So, on February 2 this year when you see all the news coverage of Punxsutawney Phil, and whether he or she sees their shadow, think of the *Feast of the Presentation of our Lord* and the forgiveness of all our sins.

Sincerely,
Pastor Kaufman



Thank you for the prayers, cards and especially hugs over the loss of our son Todd. This gesture of Christian love was very comforting and appreciated.

God Bless,
Donna and Harold Creswell

Dear Members and Staff of Faith,

Jacques was close to being a charter member of Faith and I joined when we married in 1983. It has been a very spiritual and enjoyable part of our lives and will be missed very much.

I want to thank everyone who called, sent cards and donated and volunteered help in providing the delicious luncheon at Jacques' funeral service.

Thanks also for the delicious fruit basket for "shut-ins" during the holidays. Did you know you can freeze grapes? I'm rationing and still enjoying them.

I will miss you all.

Love,
Phyl



Feb. 5 —	Lois May
Feb. 7 —	Karen Diller Harold Garno
Feb. 8 —	Ryan McIntire
Feb. 16 —	Tim Cole Jeanette Utter Courtney McIntire
Feb. 21 —	Roger Reese
Feb. 24 —	Inez Reichard
Feb. 28 —	Susie Telljohann



Please remember the following people in your prayers this month:

The family of Jacques Rietzke
Donna and Harold Creswell
Mike Burchett (Roger and Cathy Hammack's brother-in-law)
Nancy Barrios
Richard Walle
John and Inez Reichard
Douglas Farnsworth (Ruth's son)
Eleanor Huss
Elva Goudy
Helen Shearon

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*In
Loving
Memory*

Richard V. Walle
6/12/1938 - 12/30/2010

On December 30, 2010, Richard Vern Walle, son of Alf H. Walle Jr. and Adeline Eldridge Walle, passed away after a brief illness at his home accompanied by his wife, Judy and Brother, Alf. Dick is best known in fly fishing circles as a premier tier of Soft Hackle Flies; traveling the country giving seminars on his art. A common site on trout streams from Michigan, to Montana, to Alaska, and beyond, Dick used his love of fishing to help women rebuild their lives via his (and his wife Judy's) Reeling and Healing program that provided a respite for victims of breast cancer as they used the challenges of the fishing stream to re-establish their confidence. A loyal member of the Rockwell Springs Trout Club, the North Branch Boys Federation of Fly Fishers, the Great Lakes Council of the Federation of Fly Fishers, and the Anglers of the Au Sable, Dick loved fishing the Au

Sable River (of Michigan) and owned a cabin there.

Professionally, Dick referred to himself as a "Safety Guy" because he spent his life helping companies and employees practice methods that protected workers and the environment. His wife, annoyed by this bland description, insisted he was a certified safety professional and a member of the American Society of Safety Engineers. In any event, many workplaces ceased to be death traps because of Dick's efforts and advice.

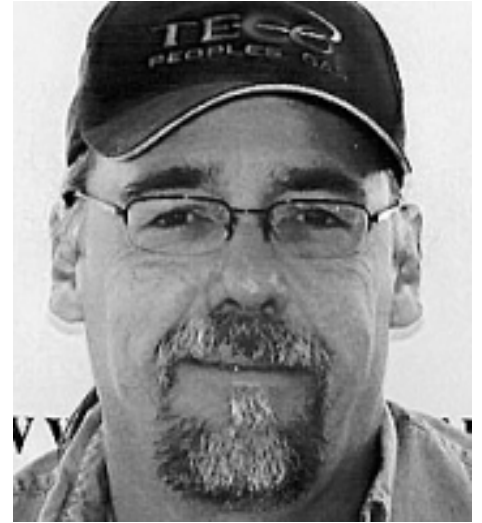
A veteran of the United States Army, Dick graduated from Tennessee Wesleyan College in Athens, Tennessee in 1960 and earned a MA from Kent State University in 1962. Settling in Toledo, he has lived here for the last 35.

Dick is survived by Judy, his wife of 28 years; his brother, Alf (Judith) of Fairbanks, Alaska; his children, Vern Walle (Robin) of Atlanta, Beth Whitworth (Dan) of Atlanta, Cathleen Imbody (Gene) of Athens, Ohio, Carolyn O'Dell (Patrick) of Clarksville, Tennessee; grandchildren, Chloe, Devin, Casey, and Macklin; nephew Ben, and niece Sarah. Mourning in-laws include Michael Cole, Terrence (Julie) Cole, Timothy Cole (Anita) and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests a donation to the Hospice Center of Northwest Ohio that provided untiring support during Dick's last illness, or the Victory Center that provides services to cancer patients. Services took place at Faith Community Church of Christ (Maumee, Ohio.) including visitation from 2:00 to 5:00 PM Sunday, January 2, 2011 and

a memorial service on Monday January 3, 2011 at 2:00 PM.

Published in Toledo Blade on January 2, 2011.



Todd Alan Creswell
1958-2011

Todd A. Creswell, Port Richey, FL, died unexpectedly on January 11, 2011. Todd was born on September 21, 1958, in Toledo, Ohio, to Harold and Donna Creswell.

He is survived by his loving wife, Cindy; his parents and daughter, Janet (Tom) Pierce and stepson, Brandon. He also survived by his grandchildren, Andrew, Audrey, Dylan and Chloe; along with his brothers, Jeffery (Rose) Creswell, Michael Creswell, Cris (Geri) Creswell and sisters, Susan (John) Heintschel and Cathy (Douglas) Pawlicki.

A memorial service was held on January 16, 2011, at the First United Methodist Church, 5901 Indiana Avenue, New Port Richey, FL, 34652.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the church in his memory. Todd will be missed by all those that knew and loved him.

Published in Toledo Blade on January 20, 2011.



Jacques D. Rietzke

Dec. 12, 1924 - Jan. 17, 2011

Jacques was born to Otto and Olive Rietzke. Jacques passed away with his family at his side after a long illness.

Jacques served in the U.S. Army for 3 years in the Army Ordinance and 2 years in the South Pacific earning 3 campaign stars. He received a B.A. and M.A. in Sociology from the University of Toledo, completed graduate school at The University of Michigan and attended Post Graduate Studies at Rutgers University. He earned membership in Pi Gamma Mu and Alpha Kappa Delta Honor Societies, National Social Studies Society and National Sociological Honors Society respectively.

Jacques served many years in various Probationary Departments, including Marion County Juvenile Court in Indianapolis, Indiana, Eaton County Michigan Probate Court and served in many different capacities in Lucas County Adult Probation Department. He was a member of the founding committee for the Court Diagnostic and Treatment Center, serving as Treasurer on the Board of Directors. Jacques was also an Instructor at Bowling Green State University in the Sociology Department over a ten year span. The highlight for Jacques was teaching the history of organized crime. He was past president of Toledo Area Correctional Workers. He was also

named Outstanding Correctional Worker of 1978. He retired in 1979 due to health concerns.

Jacques was very active in the Masonic Organizations. He was past Master of Wood County Lodge 112, past High Priest of Crystal Chapter 154, past Illustrious Master of Bowling Green Council, past Commander of Toledo Commandery #7, he was a member of Hion Priory 18, past President of Wood County Scottish Rite Club, Past President of Downtown Toledo High 12 Club. He was an active member of The Zenobia Shrine, participating in the Dramatic Cast. He was also a Life Member of the DeMolay and a recipient of the DeMolay Legion Of Honor. Jacques was named Mason of the Year at the Bowling Green, Ohio Chapter in 1979.

He was well respected as an accomplished model ship builder for over 70 years, with many of his pieces exhibited throughout N.W. Ohio and S.E. Michigan.

Jacques was a long time member of Faith Community United Church of Christ. He served several terms on the Church Council as President, Vice-President and Treasurer.

Jacques was preceded in death by his first wife, Helen, who passed away in 1981. He is survived by his present wife, Phyllis; his children, Jacques D. Rietzke Jr. (Carol) of Lake Villa, Illinois, Suzanne Stroud (Jeffrey) of Ida, Michigan, Jacquelyn Knapik (Thomas) of Gainesville, Florida, Brian Rietzke (Candace) of Toledo, Ohio; 8 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Memorial Service was held Saturday, January 22, 2011, at Toledo Fort Industry Masonic Temple, 5025 Secor Road, To-

ledo, Ohio 43623 at 11am.

Those wishing to make an expression of sympathy in Jacques' name are asked to consider: The Ebeid Hospice Residence, 5340 Harroun Road. Sylvania Ohio 43560 or The American Diabetes Association.

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2011 Faith Council Members and Committees

President—Cathy Hammack

V. Pres.—Roger Reese

Treasurer—Mary Anderson

Secretary—Jo Ann Diefenthaler

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Roger Reese & Mel Barrios

Stewardship

Jo Ann Diefenthaler

Music & Worship

Mel Barrios

Christian Education/Fellowship

Debra Trail

Membership & Evangelism

Ann Stine

Leadership & Ushering

Charlene Reese

Finances

Mary Anderson

History & Memorials

Peg Knapp



Some of the council members in meeting in December.

2011 Annual Meeting at Faith Community

The 2011 annual Congregational meeting was held on Sunday, January 30, following the morning worship service and a potluck luncheon.

Following presentation of reports and approval of the printed reports from the various committees, new business was offered for discussion and action. Among the items addressed was that of changing Pastor Scott Kaufman's status from Interim Pastor to Permanent Pastor. After a brief discussion, the change was approved unanimously. The change does not change the work schedule or the rate of pay that Pastor Scott currently is under. It is a status change only and ends the need for a Pastor search committee and action at this time.

Another item addressed was presented by Or-

ganist Rita Braker. She had been searching for a set of handbells in order to establish a handbell choir at Faith. The search had been for a set of used bells because the cost of a new set is in the \$5,000 range. Rita brought a different type of instrument, called choir chimes, to the meeting and demonstrated how they work, including engaging several members of the audience in a rendition of "Twinkle Twinkle, Little Star."

After discussion and demonstration, it was voted to allow \$1200 for Rita to purchase a set of choir chimes.

For more details about the meeting, a copy of the minutes will be in the office within a few weeks and anyone can come in and read the minutes.



Mel Barrios presented special music at the worship service preceding the annual meeting.



Food-laden tables offered a great variety of food for the potluck luncheon.



Tables set up for the luncheon in the sanctuary.



A dessert table with all kinds of treats.



Everyone enjoying lunch.



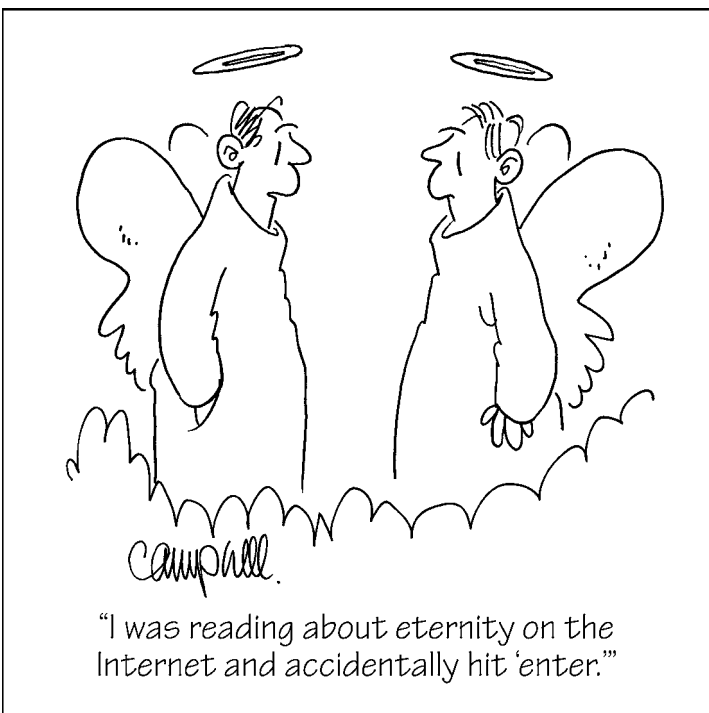
Tables cleared and ready for the meeting to begin.



Council members at the lead table.



Rita Braker shows the choir chimes purposed for purchase.



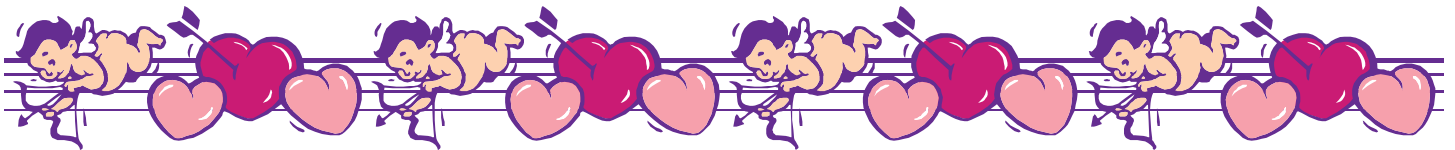


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News from the Family

Eleanor Huss is temporarily residing in a nursing facility in order to receive therapy. If you would like to send her a card, here is her temporary address:

Eleanor Huss


Riverview Nursing Home, #210
8180 W. St. Rt. 163
Oak Harbor, OH 43449-9602

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Congratulations: BCSN has picked Jeanette Utter as Teacher of the Month of January. This honor also makes her eligible to be named Teacher of the Year later. Jeanette teaches at Roger High School. Congratulations, Jeanette.

The Good Bunch will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 8, at Black Pearl Restaurant on Heatherdowns Blvd. at 11:45 a.m. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board or call hosts Mel and Nancy Barrios at 419-893-0500.

Hosts are needed for March and April. Please call Mel or Nancy and let them know when you are able to make the arrangements for an upcoming gathering of the Good Bunch. Thank you.



The worship leaders for February are:

Feb. 6	Peg Knapp
Feb. 13	Mel Barrios
Feb. 20	Gloria Parker
Feb. 27	Tom Parker
Mar. 6	Mary Anderson

Worship Leaders