

# CHURCH MATTERS

February

2010



## MORRISVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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## February Birthdays

Bethany Haskins 2/1

Wendy Ellenwood 2/2

Ashley Kent 2/2

Barbara Manley 2/3

Nathan Miller 2/8

Dan Akers 2/9

C J Suarez 2/11

Christine Covington 2/12

Louis Olney 2/13

Kaden Virkaitis 2/17

Louisa Bartlett 2/18

Ginger Berkey 2/18

Marcia Vair 2/18

Michael DeGroat 2/25

Connie Shepard 2/28

Jason Zbock 2/28

Malinda Virkaitis 2/29

## Anniversaries

Nan & Bill Schurer 2/17

## Calendar of Events

2/1 – Christian Education – 6pm

Deacons – 7pm

2/2 – Outreach and Evangelism – 5:30pm – Jackie Groves'

2/8 – Finance – 4pm

Worship – 6:30pm

Property – 7pm

2/10 – Lunch Bunch – 12:30pm

2/15 – President's Day

Personnel – 6pm

Session – 7pm

2/16 – Faith Circle – 12pm

2/18 – Hope Circle – 7:30pm

2/24 – Lunch Bunch – 12:30pm

Book discussion – 1pm

WIC – 8am – 3pm

2/27 – Food Sense – 8:30 – 10am

## d In Our Prayerse

Ruth Matthias, Steve and Grace Trush, Carol Andrews, Alex Brown, Christine Braun, The Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse, Andrew Sykes, Michael Griffin, The Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse, Paul and Audra Mockovak, Shawn Ginney, Pat Spandifino, Toni Maddison, Brittney Spalding, Lexi Speight, Nathan Davis, Audrey Goodwill and her family, Friends and Family of Joan Helmer, Fred and Gail Banks, The Hobart Family, Jan Zimmerman's brother, Elder Roberta Richardson and her father, Rev and Mrs. Dennis Doerr, Victoria King, Rev. Janet Newman and her husband

## A SPIRITUAL ENCOUNTER WITH LENT

Education is not just for children. As an adult, I find that I am always learning anew and learning new things. Actually, learning is an adventure for me. I know that I would become quite discontent if opportunities did not exist for me to better myself and those around me with the improving of my mind and heart. I find that I am somewhat like a cat in this regard, even the things that I think I know are made new to me again when I engage with others who are seeking as well.

Having just celebrated Christmas and New Year, we are catapulting toward the season of Lent. I would like to invite each of you to participate with me in a seven week study for the Lenten Season.

Perhaps the best way to describe this “study” is that it is a process of reflection and discovery using art, scripture, and prayer.

*Word for Lent* is an Adult Study that provides a lectionary-based seven session spiritual encounter that engages the heart and opens the mind, combining the Gospel’s witness with reflections on a stunning and intricate stained glass masterpiece.

Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, is the beginning of Lent. Everyone who is interested could meet in the church library that evening at 6:00 p.m. for our first session. Thereafter, we would meet on Sunday Mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the church library to continue our explorations. For those who cannot make it on Sunday at 9:00 a.m., I will also offer the experience on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. We will complete the seven week session on Palm Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> -- just in time for Easter, April 4, 2010.

Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend!

May many blessings find you in this special season of reflection!

Pastor Saunda

**As you can see we are in desperate need of people to volunteer to serve. Please sign up on the sign up sheet in the Narthex or call the Church Office at 684-3314.**

### **Communion Servers – Feb 7**

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### **Soup Provides – Feb 7**

1 – Irene Akers  
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### **Liturgists**

Feb 7 – Barb Manley  
Feb 14 – Tom Lemery  
Feb 21  
Feb 28 – Irene Akers

### **Ushers**

Feb 7

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Feb 14

1 – Irene Akers  
2

Feb 21

1 – Tom Lemery  
2

Feb 28

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**“One Small Step”** – the Sunday School is collecting new or gently used socks, any size, to be given to the school nurses at Morrisville-Eaton and Stockbridge Valley. We will be collecting them through February 7<sup>th</sup>. The “Box for the Socks” will be in the Narthex. Thank you for your support of this project.

**Clothes Basket Update:** Due to the seasonal changeover in March, the following dates ALL items will be FREE – Feb 20<sup>th</sup>, Feb 24<sup>th</sup>, Feb 27<sup>th</sup> and Mar 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please help us by filling lots of bags. Additionally, volunteers are needed March 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> to assist with the changeover. Contact Karen or Claudia to let them know when you will be available.

**Property Committee** – The Christian Education Committee and the Property Committee have been working to clean out the extra items in the Youth Room so that the youth can get it back in order. A new round (white) table has been purchased for Sunday School. It was paid for by donations. Session approved a motion to sell the Manse. This is the first of many steps that need to be taken to accomplish the motion. The people renting the Manse are aware of this step. The original lease is up on February 28, 2010. It will be renewed on a monthly basis. Please continue to remember to sign up through the Church Office for any events you are planning to have it placed on the calendar. This should be done as well in advance of the date as possible. Rev. Thomas will then approve the event and Ron will be made aware of the event. Thank you.

## Daily Lectionary Scripture References February 2010

### February 1

Morning: Psalm 62; 145  
Genesis 19:1-17 (18-23) 24-29  
Hebrews 11:1-12  
John 6:27-40  
Evening: Psalm 73; 9

### February 2

Morning: Psalm 12; 146  
Genesis 21:1-21  
Hebrews 11:13-22  
John 6:41-51  
Evening: Psalm 36; 7

### February 3

Morning: Psalm 96; 147:1-11  
Genesis 22:1-18  
Hebrews 11:23-31  
John 6:52-59  
Evening: Psalm 132;  
134

### February 4

Morning: Psalm 116; 147:12-20  
Genesis 23:1-20  
Hebrews 11:32—12:2  
John 6:60-71  
Evening: Psalm 26; 130

### February 5

Morning: Psalm 84; 148  
Genesis 24:1-27  
Hebrews 12:3-11  
John 7:1-13

Evening: Psalm 25; 40

### February 6

Morning: Psalm 63; 149  
Genesis 24:28-38. 49-51  
Hebrews 12:12-29  
John 7:14-36  
Evening: Psalm 125; 90

### February 7

Morning: Psalm 103; 150  
Genesis 24:50-67  
2 Timothy 2:14-21  
Mark 10:13-22  
Evening: Psalm 117; 139

### February 8

Morning: Psalm 5; 145  
Genesis 25:19-34  
Hebrews 13:1-16  
John 7:37-52  
Evening: Psalm 82; 29

### February 9

Morning: Psalm 42; 146  
Genesis 26:1-6, 12-33  
Hebrews 13:17-25  
John 7:53—8:11  
Evening: Psalm 102; 133

### February 10

Morning: Psalm 89:1-18; 147:1-11  
Genesis 27:1-29  
Romans 12:1-8  
John 8:12-20

Evening: Psalm 1; 33

### February 11

Morning: Psalm 97; 147:12-20  
Genesis 27:30-45  
Romans 12:9-21 John 8:21-32  
Evening: Psalm 16; 62

### February 12

Morning: Psalm 51; 148 Genesis  
27:46—28:4, 10-22  
Romans 13:1-14  
John 8:33-47  
Evening: Psalm 142; 65

### February 13

Morning: Psalm 104; 149  
Genesis 29:1-20  
Romans 14:1-23  
John 8:47-59  
Evening: Psalm 138; 98

### February 14

Transfiguration  
Morning: Psalm 103; 150  
Malachi 4:1-6  
2 Corinthians 3:7-18  
Luke 9:18-27  
Evening: Psalm 117; 139

### February 15

Morning: Psalm 5; 145  
Proverbs 27:1-6, 10-12  
Philippians 2:1-13  
John 18:15-18, 25-27

Evening: Psalm 82; 29

### **February 16**

Morning: Psalm 42; 146

Proverbs 30:1-4, 24-33

Philippians 3:1-11

John 18:28-38

Evening: Psalm 102; 133

### **February 17**

Ash Wednesday

Morning: Psalm 5; 147:1-11

Amos 5:6-15

Hebrews 12:1-14

Luke 18:9-14

Evening: Psalm 27; 51

### **February 18**

Morning: Psalm 27; 147:12-20

Habakkuk 3:1-10 (11-15) 16-18

Philippians 3:12-21

John 17:1-8

Evening: Psalm 126; 102

### **February 19**

Morning: Psalm 22; 148

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Philippians 4:1-9

John 17:9-19

Evening: Psalm 105; 130

### **February 20**

Morning: Psalm 43; 149

Ezekiel 39:21-29

Philippians 4:10-20

John 17:20-26

Evening: Psalm 31; 143

### **February 21**

Morning: Psalm 84; 150

Daniel 9:3-10

Hebrews 2:10-18

John 12:44-50

Evening: Psalm 42; 32

### **February 22**

Morning: Psalm 119:73-80; 145

Genesis 37:1-11

1 Corinthians 1:1-19

Mark 1:1-13

Evening: Psalm 121; 6

### **February 23**

Morning: Psalm 34; 146

Genesis 37:12-24

1 Corinthians 1:20-31

Mark 1:14-28

Evening: Psalm 25; 91

### **February 24**

Morning: Psalm 5; 147:1-11

Genesis 37:25-36

1 Corinthians 2:1-13

Mark 1:29-45

Evening: Psalm 27; 51

### **February 25**

Morning: Psalm 27; 147:12-20

Genesis 39:1-23

1 Corinthians 2:14—3:15

Mark 2:1-12

Evening: Psalm 126; 102

### **February 26**

Morning: Psalm 22; 148

Genesis 40:1-23

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Mark 2:13-22

Evening: Psalm 105; 130

### **February 27**

Morning: Psalm 43; 149

Genesis 41:1-13

1 Corinthians 4:1-7

Mark 2:23—3:6

Evening: Psalm 31; 143

### **February 28**

Morning: Psalm 84; 150

Genesis 41:14-45

Romans 6:3-14

John 5:19-24

Evening: Psalm 42; 32

## **January 2010 News from Vanderkamp Center**

### **1. Mission Trip in your backyard?**

Is your congregation, youth group, Bible study class, or group of friends looking for a mission project? If you are seeking an economical trip that's close to home with flexible options, consider Vanderkamp this spring. Help is needed with all types of maintenance projects including spring cleanup, skilled and unskilled labor, construction, repair, and summer camp preparation. Contact the office today at [vkcenter@localnet.com](mailto:vkcenter@localnet.com) or 315.675.3651 to schedule your mission trip!

### **2. Alumni? We want you!**

Did you attend Vanderkamp any time from 1965 through 2009? Do you know someone (like a son, daughter, niece, nephew, grandchild, or church friend) who did? Did you ever work on the summer staff at Vanderkamp? Are you a past board member, confirmation camper, or annual retreat participant? If so, we are looking for you! We are putting together an Alumni database, and hope to include all who attended summer camp or were on summer staff any time over the past forty-four years. In particular we are looking for folks who participated in camp programs from 1965 through 2001. Records for those years are sketchy or nonexistent. We need names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses. If you (or someone you know) qualifies for this group, please contact Tink at [TinkatVanderkamp@aol.com](mailto:TinkatVanderkamp@aol.com). Thank you to those who have responded already!

### **3. Are you on Facebook?**

Join the Vanderkamp Facebook fan page at [www.facebook.com/VanderkampCenter](http://www.facebook.com/VanderkampCenter)! Find out about upcoming events, get in touch with camp friends, or offer your support to the site. We can't wait to see your smiling face!

### **4. Summer Camp Reunion '09**

What a joy it is to welcome the new year with a group of young people! Vanderkamp hosted the Summer Camp Reunion and New Year's Celebration for this very purpose. More than 30 campers and 14 staff came together for two nights to renew friendships, worship, pray, sing, sled, craft, play, and enjoy each other's company. Staff from as far

away as England, and as close as the Village of Cleveland joined the fun. The Summer 2009 Mega-Slide Show, featuring photos from the summer plus a few historical shots from as far back as 2002, was a **HUGE** success! The snow cooperated for awesome sledding and snow person building, plus the food service staff kept the hot cocoa brewing for our refreshment. Missed the fun? Mark your calendar and set your count-down clock for December 30, 2010 through January 1, 2011!

#### **5. Plan your 2010 camper recruitment event today!**

Planning for Summer 2010 is well underway. We will distribute schedules and begin camper registration and staff recruiting very soon. With this in mind, we would like to ask you to consider how we can help you tell others about the incredible experiences awaiting them at Vanderkamp. Staff and volunteers are ready to visit congregations and meet with parents and youth who are interested in a camp experience. We can attend church services, church school, VBS reunions event, game nights, family events – any event where parents and children/youth gather. Please contact Tom at 315.675.3651 or vkcenter@localnet.com as soon as possible to schedule a visit from a Vanderkamp representative.

#### **6. Vanderkamp prayer warriors**

We covet your prayers at this time for the following –

- a. Year-round staff: Tom, Andy, Richard, Wendy, Wendy, and Mara
- b. Planning for the Summer 2010 program – camper and staff recruitment, program development
- c. Ecumenical Camp Association Board – Linda, Jeff, Gary, Lori, Becki, Joe, Patrick, and Heather

Last year we asked you to pray for the group that was finishing work on a Master Plan for Vanderkamp. This plan has been completed and accepted by the Ecumenical Camp Association (the group that operates Vanderkamp Center). It will allow Vanderkamp to grow and flourish in the future. Would you pray with us during this upcoming year that God will pour out blessings on the board and Tom as they work to put the Master Plan to effective and immediate use? God is creating a new Vanderkamp – holy ground where spiritual growth, fellowship, connection to nature, and God's blessings can all be enjoyed.

Please pray for your ministry at Vanderkamp every day!