



JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2011



A Word From Our Pastor



Have you made your resolutions for the New Year? And have you already broken some of them? The custom of making such resolutions goes back well before the beginning of the Christian era, back to the time of the Babylonians. For all of us, there are times in which we wish for a clean slate and, perhaps, a new start. As the old year ends, do we not become somewhat nostalgic as we look back over the passing year and see where we might have done better, where we have certain regrets. A new year certainly offers a time to resolve that it will be better this year.

Of course, I would love to see you resolve to be more faithful participants in the life of your church. I would love to see you bring friends, family and visitors with you. I would love to see more youth making noise in our halls, even in our worship. I would love to see Metairie Ridge make solid steps into its future. Even if age and circumstances deter active participation, there is a spirit and an energy which is strengthening where there is love for this place and the ministry it offers to all.

This will not be accomplished by strength of will alone. But with God's presence among us, this and even more await us. So let's begin the journey of this new year with a continuing prayer:

O God, our Father, help us not to live a life which is never any further on. Help us to learn from experience and not to make the same mistakes over and over again. Help us not to go on allowing the same temptations to conquer us, and the same faults to spoil life for ourselves and for others. Help us always to look upwards and always to move onwards, that each year our life may become more nearly what you wish it to be.

Throughout this year that lies ahead, give us diligence in looking for your presence in our lives. Give us discipline in living that we may be more reliable. Give us the strength that, when we have chosen the right course, nothing may deflect us from it. Give us loyalty in friendship that we may never fail nor be untrue to those who trust us. Give us fidelity in love that we may never bring sorrow or heartbreak to those who love us.

Grant that all through this year we may live in the presence and walk in the footsteps of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

MEMBERS & FRIENDS IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS



Pat Benton 231 Forest Loop, Mandeville, LA 70471 - (985) 792-5258

Georgette Broderick 444 Orion Ave., Metairie, LA 70005 - 835-2865

Bessie Buras 1805 Neyrey Dr., Metairie, LA 70001 - 834-6384

Jean Favaloro

Margaret Favor 899-8474 Poydras Home, 5354 Magazine St. Rm.2 N.O., LA 70115

Kathryn Hanners (June Miestchovich's Mother) recovering at Chateau De Notre Dame

Nursing Center (866-2741) 2832 Burdette St., New Orleans, LA 70125 Room 328

Buddy Laker (Bonnie's husband) recovering from surgery

Era Heim (Esta Bolint's friend) hospitalized and in coma now

Mickey Landwehr 104 N. Gatehouse Dr. Apt. J, Metairie, LA 70001 - 837-3435

Henrietta Langtry 835-4190 1013 Elmeer Ave, Metairie, LA 70005

Eve LeGuenec 6400 Ithaca, Met., LA 70003 (887-1525)

The Manson Family for their loss of Ken Manson on Wednesday, Nov. 24th

Richard & Frances McCabe 835-7709; 3808 Derbigny, Metairie, LA 70001

Marjorie McSherry 837-0303 - 1105 E. William David Pkwy., Metairie, LA 70005

Mabel Monguillot 486-0509 - 55 Allard Blvd., New Orleans, LA 70119

Dixie Myers 833-2241, 3209 39th St., Metairie, LA 70001

Johnny Ng - 77 Lisa Ave., Kenner, LA 70065

Muriel Palmgren (Frieda & Muriel's Mother)

Judy Plaisted 738-5890 - 7608 Richard St., Metairie, LA 70003

Frances Pohlig 835-5319 - 1422 Sylvia Ave., Metairie, LA 70005

Jackie Ruiz 833-7183 - 1405 N. Turnbull Dr, Metairie, LA 70001

Bertha Scharfenstein 1603 Brockenbraugh St. Met., 70005 - recovering from surgery

Mr. & Mrs. Schwab (Pattie Stanley's Parents)

The Shelton Family for their loss of Gladys Shelton on Dec. 27th

The Stanley Family for their loss of Yvonne Stanley on Monday Dec. 13th

Luella Tickle 3823 Bauvais St., Metairie, LA 70001 - 833-7854

Fred & Audry Tyrrell (Kathe Posin's Father & Mother)



BIRTHDAYS

January



Ginger Williams, 6th
 Charlotte Matthew, 7th
 Jackie Schneider, 13th
 Andrew Boudreaux, 16th

Alana Breaux, 16th
 Shelly Helmers, 20th

Scott Benton, 21st

John Posin, 22nd

Bill Tickle, 24th

Brett Kathmann, 25th

Iris Mire, 25th

Craig Boudreaux, 28th

Jessica Kathmann, 28th

Henrietta Langtry, 28th

Lester Williams, 31st



February

Everett Stanley, 3rd

Jim Murray, 11th

Muriel Palmgren, 15th

Chloe Breaux, 15th

Paul Spencer, 17th

Linda Condit, 17th

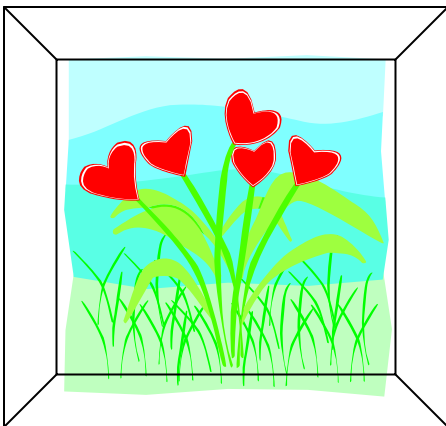
Pam Bush, 19th

Dot Mayer, 19th

Katherine Matthew-Parker, 23rd

Joyce Oliveri, 25th

Do we have your birthday and/or anniversary?
 If not, please let us know.



ANNIVERSARIES

January



Anthony De Lucca &
 Muriel Palmgren,

Celebrating their 27th anniversary
 January 14th

Spencer & Bertha Scharfenstein,
 Celebrating their 68th anniversary
 January 15th

MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

January

Kathy Alexander (1-21-90) - 21 years

Rachel Benton (1-21-04) - 7 years

Bessie Buras (1-16-66) - 45 years

Henrietta Langtry (1-9-94) - 17 years

Richard & Frances McCabe (1-12-97)
 14 years

Jean Sandrock (1-10-60) - 52 years

Wilbur & Marjorie McSherry (1-31-54) - 57 years

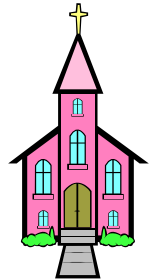
Dixie Myers (1-13-57) - 54 years

Pattie Stanley (1-12-97) - 14 years

Melissa van der Meulen (1-19-05) - 6 years

Dot Mayer (1-31-10) - 1 year

A.W. & Marian Steed (1-31-10) - 1 year



February

Virginia Wyckoff (2-7-54) - 57 years

Catherine Hackney (2-16-46) - 65 years

Mickey Landwehr (2-6-94) - 17 years

Joe Nesanovich (2-20-02) - 9 years

Rick Stanley (2-22-96) - 15 years

Larry & Janet Rigdon (2-5-84) - 27 years





January 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
						1 New Year's Day	
2 COMMUNION 8:30 Service Committee Mgt 9:30 Sunday School - All Ages! 10:30 Worship - Communion 11:35 Fellowship & Snacks	3 Child Development CLOSED	4	5 SESSION MEETING 6:30PM	6 Epiphany of the Lord Ginger Williams' Bday	7 Charlotte Matthew's Bday	8	
9 <i>Baptism of the Lord</i> 9:30 Sunday School - All Ages! 10:30 Worship 11:35 Fellowship & Snacks 11:40 Worship Comm Mgt	10	11 Crestmont Civic Assoc. Meeting 7:00 - 9:00pm Fellowship Hall	12	13 CG & N MEETING 6:00PM Jackie Schneider's Bday	14 Anthony DeLuca & Muriel Palmgren's 27th Anniversary	15 Spencer & Bertha Scharfenstein's 68th Anniversary	
16 9:30 Sunday School - All Ages! 10:30 Worship 11:35 Fellowship & Snacks Andrew Boudreaux's Bday Alana Breaux's Bday	17  Martin Luther King Jr. Day ALL CLOSED	18	19	20	21	22 John Posin's Bday	
23 9:30 Sunday School - All Ages! 10:30 Worship 11:35 Fellowship & Snacks	24 Bill Tickle's Bday	25 Iris Mire's Bday Brett Kathmann's Bday	26	27	28 Henrietta Langtry's Bday Jessica Kathmann's Bday Craig Boudreaux's Bday	29	
30 9:30 Sunday School - All Ages! 10:30 Worship 11:35 Fellowship & Snacks	31 Lester Williams' Bday	Happy New Year!					

February 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Session Meeting 6:30pm	3 Everett Stanley's Bday	4	5 Spruce Up Day 9am-4pm
6 COMMUNION Souper Bowl of Caring 8:30 Service Comm. Meeting 9:30 Sunday School - All Ages! 10:30 Worship - Communion 11:35 Fellowship & Snacks 11:40 Worship Comm Mgt	7	8	9	10	11 Jim Murray's Bday	12
13 9:30 Sunday School - All Ages! 10:30 Worship 11:35 Fellowship & Snacks	14  Valentine's Day	15 Murriel Palmgren's Bday Chloe Breaux's Bday	16	17 Paul Spencer's Bday Linda Condit's Bday	18	19 Pam Bush's Bday Dot Mayer's Bday
20 9:30 Sunday School - All Ages! 10:30 Worship 11:35 Fellowship & Snacks	21  President's Day <i>Deadline for March/April Ridge Reader</i>	22	23 Katherine Matthew-Parker's Bday	24	25 Joyce Oliveri's Bday	26
27 9:30 Sunday School - All Ages! 10:30 Worship 11:35 Fellowship & Snacks	28	Love Others As He Loves Us!				

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR SENDING OR TURNING IN YOUR "YES! 2011!" PLEDGE CARDS. WE ARE STILL ACCEPTING PLEDGES. ALSO, THE 2011 WEEKLY OFFERING BOOKS HAVE BEEN MAILED TO THOSE THAT WERE NOT ABLE TO PICK THEM UP. IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE IT IN THE MAIL YET, PLEASE CALL JULIE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE (504) 833-6357 THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR PLEDGE!

Advent Angels, don't forget to reveal yourself to whom you have been praying for on/after January 6th!



The Church Office, Child Development & Day Care Center will be CLOSED on Monday, January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday.

Church Spruce Up Day Saturday, Feb. 5th 9am-4pm

MEETINGS IN JANUARY & FEBRUARY:

- Service Committee - Sunday, January 2nd at 8:30am
- Stated Session - Wednesday, January 5th at 6:30pm
- Worship Committee - Sunday, January 9th at 11:40am
- Christian Growth & Nurture Committee - Thursday, January 13th at 6:00pm
- Stated Session - Wednesday, February 2nd at 6:30pm
- Service Committee - Sunday, February 6th at 8:30am
- Worship Committee - Sunday, February 6th at 11:40am



Mardi Gras Holidays:



Monday, March 7th - Child Development and Day Care Centers will be CLOSED.
Tuesday, March 8th - Church Office, Child Development & Day Care will be CLOSED.



Sundays here at MRPC

Bible School
All Ages at 9:30am

Worship Service at 10:30am

Fellowship at 11:35am

First Sunday of the Month is Communion



COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

From the Worship Committee

Thanks to all who participated in any way during the Christmas tide. It was a blessing to see your responses. It made the time of celebration special in that sense that we did it together. Worshipping together, making music, and serving as acolyte, greeter, liturgist, lighting candles, reading, preparing communion and fellowship, teaching and encouraging another. Don't let any one make you believe that nothing good is happening in MRPC! It's a blessing to be part of this loving and caring congregation. In that we may see the love of Christ.

What else happened? Eight teachers for the children volunteered to take lead in a Children's Service during the Worship Service: Karen Eigenbrod, Carol McNeal, Jan Allen, Meagen Norman, Marian Steed, June Miestchovich, Charlotte Matthew and Spencer Stanley. We are all called to pass on the heritage of faith. Deuteronomy 4:9 tells us: *"Be careful never to forget what you yourself have seen. Do not let these memories escape from your mind as long as you live! And be sure to pass them on to your children and grandchildren."* You can encourage teachers and the children to grow in faith by showing interest and keeping them in your prayers.

To find an appropriate time to return to the Sanctuary, we concluded that making a change in the liturgical order would benefit all of us. We started taking up the offering after the hymn of Christ. The offering is our response to God and His word. It will give you time to write a prayer request as a response to the message. Also the full congregation will be together to participate in Holy Communion and receive the benediction.

For January the committee has on the agenda to talk about the roll of music for our worship services. In February we will start preparing for the Season of Lent, rejoicing in the fact that Reverend Malsbary is allowed to stay on till the end of May to lead us during that season. Please be in prayer that God will show us what is wise. May we glorify God's name in all we do.

The ***Service Committee*** has been very busy the last several months!

Many different projects to fix and update the campus have been finished or are in the process. The Old Education building roof has been replaced and the Fellowship has a new roof since after Thanksgiving. Fellowship Hall is also possibly getting new windows and siding that will help to make it energy efficient. Fellowship Hall is "going green."

The Service Committee along with the Christian Growth & Nurture Committee had our Day Care Center painted on the inside over the Thanksgiving break. It looks very bright and fresh in our One & Two Year Old classrooms - even the director's office is bright and cheery.

Also, back in October the Library received a fresh coat of paint and the picture of our Pastor Emeritus, Rev. James C. Murray was added to our previous pastors' collage.

A big "thank you" to our committee for all the wonderful enhancements and much needed repairs!
And thank you to all the volunteers for your hard work!

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 Darlene Evans,
 Director, Child Development Center
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 Susan Acosta, Director Day Care Center
 (831-2887)
 James Tobias, Sexton



“Leading by following the light of Christ”

“As a family of faith, our purpose is to grow in relationship with God through worship, spiritual growth and mission. Inspired by Christ, we strive to lead with intelligence, energy and imagination in the church and community. In response to the grace given to us, we welcome all, as God made them and as we may find them, to be a part of our family.”

Rick Stanley, Clerk of Session
 Karen Eigenbrod, Treasurer

Class of 2010
 Peter Apostolos
 Rachel Benton
 Garland Rolling

Class of 2011
 Karen Eigenbrod
 Rick Stanley

Class of 2012
 Ineke Dolfsma-Troost
 Bill Olivier
 Frieda Palmgren

METAIRIE RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SCHOOLS



Child Development Center
 Darlene Evans, Director
 (504) 833-9463
 M - W- F 9am-2:30pm
 12 months (walking) - 4yrs.



Day Care Center
 Susan Acosta, Director
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 6 weeks - 2yrs.

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