



## Be it resolved...

I don't know about you but I gave up New Year's Resolutions because: by January 5th I was already wavering and by January 10th - I had all ready cried Uncle and moved on to other things. So, I just don't bother anymore.

However this year I was intrigued by one of my favorite authors, Jim Wallis—editor of *Sojourners* magazine. Jim offered 5 Spiritual Resolutions for 2014. He has tirelessly worked for justice and peace issues representing Christian values and directions in Washington D.C. *[This past few months he was involved in a hunger strike to bring attention to the plight of the poor, especially focusing on bringing about a new immigration policy from that frozen institution.]*

I was struck by these 5 resolutions:

1. Return to the Gospel—Jim speaks of his association with Gordon Cosby, founder and pastor of Church of the Saviour [Washington DC], who's last sermon from his death bed spoke of Jesus' "clear and frightening statement that the last shall be first and the first shall be last." In that sermon he suggested that what is success in our culture is exactly the opposite of what Jesus calls us to do in his name. Jim adds "Success for Christians is always returning to the gospel that turns the world upside down.
2. Find the courage to preach the Gospel—Will Campbell was a southern preacher and writer who took the gospel very simply. He would often be confronted by northern liberals in the way he pastored his white rural neighbors; he followed a gospel of grace. He was known to finish his brief sermons to big, rich churches to sell their buildings and give to the poor!
3. Never forget the hope of the Gospel—Nelson Mandela spent 27 years in prison which formed him theologically, spiritually and politically. He called himself a simple human being, no one special. He would talk at times about the very dark times in his life but he would not give in to despair. His learnings and teachings are for justice and peace, reconciliation and wholeness. His favored quote is, "Hope is believing, inspite of the evidence and then watching the evidence change."
4. Remember that gratitude is the best response to the Gospel—Talk to someone who is a cancer survivor. They have a different perspective on gratitude. It goes far beyond the medical expertise that brought them back to health. Even better talk to someone who is living with a terminal disease that has come to acceptance of their limitations. It can be a humbling experience. Once you have faced loss and accepted what that may or may not be, you are set free to truly live life in its fullest. Gratitude for the Now lets you appreciate it, feel it, cherish it and love it.
5. Smile and laugh more often—Many of us parents have a child that makes us jump for joy! This is most prevalent when children are very young. Their firsts are most memorable and enjoyable. Maybe that's why there is longing for children to be around us, at least for a little while. Their laughter is indeed infectious! Norman Cousins taught a generation the value of laughter and of joy. Jim says he has a sign in his office, "Don't Postpone Joy."

While I'm still not a strong proponent of New Year's Resolutions, Jim has given me

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something to chew on this year. I hope to incorporate these 5 lessons into my life. I'm sure I will have my ups and downs—but this year I do want to practice this perspective. I want the Gospel to be a true Good News in life. I want to turn to the Gospel; to discover courage to preach the Gospel; to find hope in the Gospel; to give gratitude in response to the Gospel and absolutely to **smile and laugh more often** [especially because of the Gospel]. Join me? Hope so!

**As always—I am in His Service,**

**Tom**

### **EVELYN ASHWORTH GRAVES**



was born the morning of December 29<sup>th</sup>. Her parents are Sean & Erin Graves; grandparents are Doug & Coy Tropp; great-grandparents are Jack & Louise Tropp. Evelyn was 6 lbs, 9 ozs and was 20.25 ins long. Congratulations to everyone!

### **The Kathryn-Inez Circle will meet January 13<sup>th</sup> at the church at 12 NOON.**

Please bring a sandwich and something to share. Also this time, you will need to bring your drinks. Start thinking about where we want to go during the summer.

**Kathryn-Inez**



**Circle**

See you there.



### **Worship Committee**

#### **Communion dates for the year 2014 are:**

- ◆ January 5—New Year & Installation
- ◆ March 9—1st Sunday in Lent
- ◆ TBD—Crossroads Cluster Lenten Service
- ◆ April 17—Maundy Thursday
- ◆ April 20—Easter Sunday
- ◆ June 8—Pentecost
- ◆ July 27—Summer Communion
- ◆ October 5—World Communion
- ◆ November 23—Reign of Christ

- The Building and Grounds committee have hired a contractor to repair the rental house kitchen and utility room flooring at a cost of \$1,376.00.
- The bell tower rope has been repaired.
- The Missions committee donated \$600 to Project Congo from the proceeds of the Thanksgiving dinner.
- “Soup” Sunday will be held January 12, in addition to a “Bread for the World” offering.
- The annual Valentine’s Day dessert social/auction will be held Feb. 9.
- Linda Yegerlehner was elected to fill the unexpired term as the Christian Education Director.
- To show our appreciation of their service in 2013, Christmas bonuses were approved for the minister, janitor, choir director and organist.



# ENON RELIEF NEEDS:

SEE: PAT MILLER

FOR MORE DETAILS

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NEARLY ABSENT AT EER! THERE ARE PLENTY OF GREEN BEANS AND CORN—THE OTHER ITEMS LISTED BELOW WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL, THANKS!

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| All type Beans    | Peanut Butter |
| [Dry, Canned,     | Jelly         |
| Pork & Beans]     | Detergents    |
| Paper Products:   | Dish, Laundry |
| Paper Towels      | Crackers      |
| Toilet Tissue     | Instant Jello |
| Facial tissue     | Fruit Juices  |
| Feminine supplies | Boxed Chicken |
|                   | Helper        |

Knob Prairie, Congratulations on a job well done! Although beset by financial worries we have met our Mission Budget Goals. We contributed to each of the 5 by 5 funds as well as other UCC funds like Sara, CUE, Crossroads Cluster, and Church World Service Disaster Relief. In addition you supported Holy Joe's Café, Enon Emergency Relief, IHN, Bread for the World, Heifer International, and Project Congo. This is an impressive list and stands as a tribute to the people of Knob Prairie who "walk the walk" in this generous open-hearted out reach. You have changed the life of a woman in the Congo, put a roof over the head of a single mother, fed men, women, and children here and abroad. You have provided coffee for the deployed soldier, medical care to children in Third World countries, helped a struggling seminary student pay fees, made life a little easier for retired pastors and sent aid to areas of disaster. You have followed the teaching of Jesus and truly blessed the world you live



Missions Committee

# IHN

depends on the support from our community members, churches, businesses, health care providers and schools to

collaborate with us to end homelessness in our community. IHN is implementing a fundraiser to support the operations of our two emergency homeless shelters. We are asking you to partner with us, by filling a prescription bottle with quarters to end homelessness.

**Labeled prescription bottles are in the yellow basket on the Mission Table in the Great Room.**

See Linda Yegerlehner for more details The average prescription pill bottle can hold anywhere from \$8 to \$10 of quarters. If everyone contributes, we will make a significant impact in the lives of those less fortunate in our community.

Please consider continuing your participation in this project! We have been very successful already, congrats!

in! 2014 will be filled with many challenges. May you be blessed as you have blessed the lives of many others.

Carolyn Mouzon, Dale Cull, Linda Yegerlehner, Pat Miller, Linda Blosser, Doug Brown, Peggy Smith


## Heifer Project.



Thanks to all who contributed to the Heifer Project. Because of your generosity we collected \$360.00 and purchased 3 pigs!

Ben, Megan, Nick

# CHURCH CALENDAR



## January/February

JAN 1		Happy New Year! 2014
JAN 2	7:30 P	Choir Rehearsal
JAN 5	9:30 A	Sunday School
	10:30 A	Worship—Installation of Officers Holy Communion
JAN 6	4:00 P	Finance Committee
JAN 7	9:30 A	Bible Study
	7:00 P	Mission Committee
JAN 9	3:00 P	Sonshine Club—Enon
	7:30 P	Choir Rehearsal
JAN 12	9:30 A	Sunday School
	10:30 A	Worship—Bread for the World Mission Soup Luncheon
JAN 14	9:30 A	Bible Study
JAN 15	7:00 P	Friendship Class
JAN 16	3:00 P	Sonshine Club—Hustead
	7:30 P	Choir Rehearsal
JAN 19	9:30 A	Sunday School
	10:30 A	Worship
JAN 20		Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
JAN 21	8:00 A	Enon Clergy Breakfast
	9:30 A	Bible Study
	7:00 P	Official Board
JAN 23	3:00 P	Sonshine Club—Enon
	7:30 P	Choir Rehearsal
JAN 26	9:30 A	Sunday School
	10:30 A	Worship
JAN 28	7:00 P	Fellowship Committee
JAN 30	3:00 P	Sonshine Club—Hustead
	7:30 P	Choir Rehearsal
FEB 2		Groundhog Day!
	9:30 A	Sunday School
	10:30 A	Worship
FEB 4	9:30 A	Bible Study
	7:00 P	Mission Committee
FEB 6	3:00 P	Sonshine Club—Enon
	7:30 P	Choir Rehearsal
FEB 9	9:30 A	Sunday School
	10:30 A	Worship—Mission Dessert Auction
FEB 11	9:30 A	Bible Study
FEB 13	3:00 P	Sonshine Club—Hustead
	7:30 P	Choir Rehearsal
FEB 16	9:30 A	Sunday School
	10:30 A	Worship
FEB 17		Presidents' Day
FEB 18	8:00 A	Enon Clergy Breakfast
	9:30 A	Bible Study
	7:00 P	Official Board
FEB 19	7:00 P	Friendship Class

### 2014 Flower Chart

*is displayed in the narthex behind the sanctuary. There are many Sundays available for flowers to be placed on the altar through the end of the year. Your consideration would be deeply appreciated by the Worship Committee. Thank You.*

# JANUARY/*FEBRUARY* 2014 SCHEDULE

<b>Date</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Lay Reader</b>	<b>Flowers</b>
1/5	Elmer & Delores Beard, Debby Kunselman	Ginger Vanderpool	Josh Vanderpool	Ritschard-Sell
1/12	Gary & Joyce Davis	Judy Seiley	Marilyn Franck	open
1/19	Pat Miller and Jim Pugh	Julia Pugh	JoEllen Yirak	open
1/26	Colin Roach and Rita Young	Terry Roach	Elmer Beard	open
2/2	<i>Jack Tropp and Josh Vanderpool</i>	<i>Terri Legge</i>	<i>Debby Kunselman</i>	<i>open</i>
2/9	<i>Doreen White and Josh Vanderpool</i>	<i>Charlene Stevens</i>	<i>Debbie Duffy</i>	<i>Mid Shook</i>

If you are not available on the Sunday scheduled, please try to switch with someone else and let Debby and the office know.



## January 2014

- 1—Mildred Shook
- 14—Linda Blosser
- 18—Virginia Apple
- 21—Coy Tropp
- 22—Casey Apple
- 22—Brian Pugh
- 23—Gary Davis
- 26—Olivia Freeze
- 31—Gordon Wallace

## February 2014

- 1—John Maurer
- 2—Vicky Apple
- 4—Jack Tropp
- 7—Andra Gorby
- 9—Mike Maxson
- 12—Terry N. Mathews
- 14—Phil Seiley Jr.
- 15—Jan Denman
- 16—Tim Franck

***REMEMBER!!!***

**January 12, 2014**

**ANNUAL  
SOUP LUNCHEON**

Following the Worship Service  
In the Fellowship Hall

*Thank you for a year's support  
in mission*



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