



Happy Anniversary!

Anniversaries and Birthdays

January

1/02/71.....Bill and Teresa Smith
1/02.....Mervyn Fisher
1/06/95.....J.D. Walter
1/13/.....Jim Skillen
1/26/75.....Amy (Slaughter) Skillen
1/28/26.....Myrtle Squier
1/29/10.....Eleanor Doughty
1/30/01.....Gage McAdams

February

2/03/.....Mary Lou Knepper
2/04/85.....Casey McIntosh
2/06/.....Carol Hoepfner
2/15/51.....Vicki Kyle
2/26/21.....Evelyn Volker
2/27/.....Lois Martin
2/27/.....Jack Mehaffey



Rev. Rachel's Ruminations

²I will study the way that is blameless. When shall I attain it? I will walk with integrity of heart within my house; - Psalm 101:2

I cannot believe that a whole year has come and gone again. It is truly amazing to think about the wonderful things that have happened this year. The biggest, for me, being that I am no longer Rev. Lancey, but am now Rev. Danner. I'm still getting used to the new name. Turns out, I can sign it everywhere but on a check with only a little thought.

Tim and I are still figuring out some of the smaller details of married life; like making room for clothes in closets and all that. But, there is one detail that we absolutely agree on... making time for God. Together we have decided to spend time reading the bible. We read it out loud to one another and talk about what it means and how we understand it. We discuss what it says for us both as individuals and as a couple.

So far, this has been a wonderful experience, but we're still in Genesis. I know there will be some much more complicated work to come. ☺ It will be interesting to see how we each understand different passages. I cannot wait to see what kind of discussions emerge from this time together.

So, why am I telling you this? Because I think this is something we can all do. Find a partner, corner your spouse, borrow a neighbor, phone a friend, who sit down with one another person and read the bible to one another. Start wherever you want. Ask each other the hard questions. Never assume that one person has the

right answer but that maybe together a larger part of God's picture can be revealed. Together we can move closer to God's truth.

I think this would be a wonderful way to start the new year. As we begin our lives once more, starting fresh with a whole new year full of possibilities, I challenge you to do so focused on God. After all, I would dare say there is no better way to begin any new year than to be able to refocus on the one who calls us to live lives full of love and grace.

Now, one last piece to the challenge was that I asked you to find another person with whom you can read the bible. There are two reasons for this. One, we are called to live in community. We are taught that we are part of the body of Christ. We are not meant to be on this journey alone. The second reason is because no one person is able to understand all the bible has to offer on his or her own. We need each other, we need to be able to listen to one another in order to begin to understand the deeper sense of God's grace and God's call that is found in the pages of the bible.

When we begin to think we know everything already, when we begin to see the world only from our own perspective, we then find ourselves just as blind as the Pharisees. We need to see the world from someone else's point of view in order to remind us that there is so much to the world than we even know. It also helps to remind us that God is bigger than we can even imagine. After all, God created each and every one of us to be unique and special in our own ways.

So, as we begin this new year, let us do so with hearts and minds open once again to God's teaching and God's lessons for us. Let us open our bibles in community and seek God's Word for our lives. Let us start anew with God and with one another that we might grow more faithful in our journey through this world.

Let me know how it goes. And, if you need someone with whom you can partner up, let me know, I would be happy to help.

Blessings,

Rev. Rachel

To Tarkio Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for the wonderful Christmas gift. I continue to be blessed by serving this congregation and this community. I hope each and every one of you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I cannot wait to see where God leads us in 2012! :)

Blessings,
Rev. Rachel

Notes from Your Session December, 2011

Plans are in the works for a new fellowship group at Tarkio Presbyterian for younger members of the community. More information will be forthcoming. Several members of the congregation enjoyed the church Christmas party on December 10th. Some "wonderful" gifts were exchanged (anyone need a bread warmer?)

and the words to familiar Christmas songs seemed less familiar that expected. Rev. Rachel and Tim will be hosting the annual New Year's Eve Party at their home at 8:00 p.m. on December 31st.

Eighty-two meals were served at the November Food, Fun and Fellowship lunch, and 101 were served in December! Potato soup and cake will be on the menu for the January 7th lunch. Our church donated 37 shoeboxes to Operation Shoebox this fall, compared to 25 last year. Five children from two families were adopted by our church this Christmas, with gifts of clothing and toys.

Presbyterian Women donated \$500 to the food pantry. They are planning to bring Backpack Buddies from Second Harvest to the Tarkio Schools. The backpacks are bags of food given to needy children every Friday to be consumed over the week-end. It takes \$70 per child per semester, raised from civic organizations, churches and individuals.

The Session voted to withhold General Assembly and Synod per capita for 2011 in objection to Amendment 10-A. Presbytery per capita has been paid. The church also donated \$500 to the food pantry from the general fund. The Annual Congregational Meeting has been set for January 29th in the Fellowship Hall, following worship and a covered dish dinner.

submitted by Susan Slaughter, clerk of session

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### **2011 Group and Financial Reports**

Please turn in your reports to Vicki Kyle  
by January 10, 2012 for the Annual Report.

Thank You.

**Thoughts for the New Year:**

***If God had a refrigerator,  
your picture would be on it.***

***If He had a wallet, your  
photo would be in it.***

***He sends you flowers every spring.  
He sends you a sunrise  
every morning.***

***Face it, He is crazy about you!  
God didn't promise  
days without pain,  
laughter without sorrow,  
sun without rain,  
but He did promise strength  
for the day,  
comfort for the tears,  
and light for the way.***

***Read this line very slowly  
and let it sink in...***

***IF GOD BRINGS YOU TO IT,  
HE WILL BRING YOU THROUGH IT.  
(From the 2009 Jan/Feb Prints of Peace)***

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY**

Saturday, January 7—Food, Fellowship, Friendship  
Lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Menu: Potato Soup,  
Hot Dogs, Chips, Cake

Sunday, January 29—Annual Congregational Meeting  
and Potluck Dinner following worship.

Saturday, February 4 —Food, Fellowship, Friendship  
Lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Menu: Chicken Noodle Soup, Hot Dogs, Chips, and  
Bar Cookies

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Dear Friends,  
Thank you for your cards and notes. I am glad to  
know that you remembered me. I appreciate the  
messages that let me know what is going on with you  
and your families. To those of you in Tarkio, thank  
you for telling me what is going on there.

My health stays the same. I can't stand alone or walk  
alone. The workers at Rowley do what they can to  
help me.

I'm sorry I can't write you. My handwriting is very  
shaky. I send you my wishes and my gratitude for  
your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,

Helen Knepper

## Our Church Members and Friends to Keep in Your Prayers

### January Prayer Family

DONNIE AND PAM MEEK  
AND FAMILY

Eleanor Doughty  
Bettie Lee  
Nancy Kyle  
Myrtle Squier  
Loretta Turnbull  
Family of Derek Meek  
Pat Meek  
Nancy Profit  
Cara Livengood  
Duane and Kay Rosenbohm  
Doug Summa  
Richard & Velma Reumann

### Nursing Home & Assisted Living Members & Friends

Marjorie Gorman, 3633 Park Center Blvd Apt. 309, St.  
Louis Park, MN 55416 Phone: 952-922-2147  
Helen Knepper, Rowley Memorial Masonic Home, 3000  
E. Willis Ave., P.O. Box 578, Perry, Iowa 50220-  
0578 - Phone: 515-465-5737  
Lois Martin, 470 Rainbow Dr., Rock Port, MO 64482  
Marnie Shaum, 1100 Elm, Tarkio, MO  
Evelyn Volker, 300 Cedar, Tarkio, MO  
Jack Nixon, 300 Cedar, Tarkio, MO

### February Prayer Family

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## Winter Recipe

### Mac-and-Cheese-Style Cauliflower

1 large head cauliflower (1 1/2 lb.),  
cut into medium florets (8 cups)  
2 Tbs. butter or margarine  
3 Tbs. all-purpose flour  
2 cups low-fat milk  
1 clove garlic, minced (1 tsp.)  
2 cups grated extra-sharp Cheddar cheese  
1/2 cup nutritional yeast (optional)  
1 pinch cayenne pepper  
2 egg yolks  
1 1/2 cups fresh breadcrumbs

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Bring large pot of salted water to a boil. Add cauliflower florets, and boil 5 to 7 minutes, or until just tender. Drain, reserving 1 cup cooking liquid, and set aside.
2. Melt butter in same pot over medium heat. Whisk in flour, and cook 1 minute, stirring constantly. Whisk in milk, garlic, and reserved cooking liquid, and cook 7 to 10 minutes, or until sauce is thickened, whisking constantly. Remove from heat, and stir in cheese, nutritional yeast, cayenne pepper, and egg yolks until cheese is melted. Fold in cauliflower.
3. Coat 13- x 9-inch baking dish with cooking spray. Spread cauliflower mixture in baking dish, and sprinkle with breadcrumbs. Spray breadcrumbs with cooking spray. Bake 30 minutes, or until casserole is hot and bubbly and breadcrumbs are crisp and brown. Serves 8

## Military Addresses

Cards, letters, and care packages would be welcome.

Ehren White: 1605 Monterey Road, Apt. D Colorado Springs, CO 80910

Bob Keeton—(Scott & Kristine Price's son in the Navy)

(USPS) SN Keeton, Robert D.  
Naval Submarine School  
P.O Box 700 #132  
Groton, CT 06349-5700

(UPS, FedEx, DHS)

SN Keeton, Robert D.  
Naval Submarine School  
Bdg 499, Rm 141 #132  
Groton, CT 06349-5700

Jake Worl-(Scott and Kristine Price's son-in-law in the Marine's.) PFC Worl, Jacob B., 1/4 C Co. T Plt.  
Unit 40265, FPO AP 96609-0265

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Thank you to the Tarkio Presbyterian Church Congregation for the Christmas gift certificate. Your thoughtfulness is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

Vicki Kyle

