

The Messenger

FEBRUARY 2016



Incorporated in 1866 ~ Our 150th Year - Rev. Yoomi Yi, Pastor



United Methodist Church of Linden

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LECTIONARY FOR FEBRUARY

February 7

Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2; Luke 9:28-36

February 14

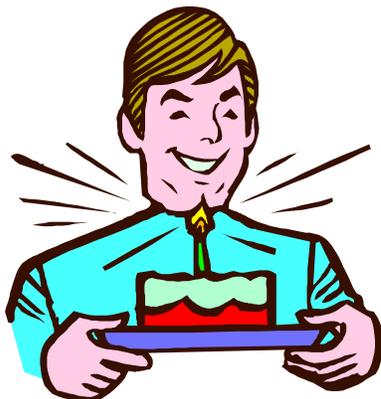
Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2. 9-16
Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13

February 21

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27
Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

February 28

Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8;
I Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9



HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY TO:

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| <i>Lisa Marcelino</i> | 2 |
| <i>Annelie Jeanne Jones</i> | 3 |
| <i>William Heinaman</i> | 5 |
| <i>Joanne Murphy</i> | 6 |
| <i>Thomas Henel</i> | 8 |
| <i>John Cammarata</i> | 13 |
| <i>Joseph Stamer</i> | 14 |
| <i>Alexander Mellor Henelsmith</i> | 18 |
| <i>Celina Faye Henelsmith</i> | 18 |
| <i>John Henel</i> | 19 |
| <i>Mark Halterman</i> | 20 |
| <i>Johnson Michael Tan</i> | 23 |
| <i>James Stamer</i> | 24 |
| <i>Susan Henel</i> | 25 |
| <i>Walter Baldwin, Jr.</i> | 27 |

.....and many, many more!



ONE HOLIDAY FOLLOWS ANOTHER

This year, Easter comes early and so we have to prepare for it sooner than usual.



PALM SUNDAY – March 20, 2016

EASTER SUNDAY – March 27, 2016

Each year, our sanctuary altar looks lovely with so many beautiful Easter lilies. We will be taking orders in memory or honor of a loved one. They will be listed in the church bulletin on Easter Sunday.

The cost will probably be the same as last year (\$7.50) We will let you know if there is a change. Please fill out the form below and put in a pew envelope, along with the money and put in the offering plate any Sunday. Mark the pew envelope “EASTER FLOWERS” or give to Doris Stamer or call her at 908-925-0469.

PLEASE ORDER # _____ EASTER LILY AS FOLLOWS:

_____ **In Memory of**

_____ **In Honor of**

_____ **Given by**

DON'T FORGET TO ENCLOSE THE \$7.50





THIS PICTURE WAS SENT FROM DICK MAC ALPINE WHO FOUND IT WITH HIS MOTHER'S PAPERS WHEN HE WAS SORTING THINGS OUT. It was the year 2000 and their two Irish friends in the front row were visiting and presenting some local concerts. One of the concerts was for the "Golden Girls" at the home of Norma Ma Alpine.

IN THE PICTURE:

BACK ROW – Jo Seidenwand, Betty Lamont, Doris Henel, Norma MacAlpine, Jeanne MacAlpine, Phyllis Reid

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



Although previously the United Methodist Women had announced that, because of uncertain weather, they would not meet in January or February but that decision has been changed. Since it is very difficult to know what the weather will be in advance, they have decided to schedule meetings for those months, and cancel any if the weather is not good.

So hope for the best and we look forward to seeing you in January and February.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM CHURCH MEMBERS

For the last few years, we have suggested that, instead of sending individual cards to members of our church, you send one to the church and we will post them on the bulletin board in the sanctuary at the entrance to the church. That way everyone will see them, read them, and know that their fellow members are thinking of them and wishing them a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We have listed those received and the notes enclosed in case you didn't see those posted.

To all our friends at church – Vera & Kathie Horsch
Pictures of our family – Pavlinic Family
Merry Christmas to my church family, Doris Henel
Blessings to all – Carolyn Franz
Our very best wishes – Tom & Caroline Long
Wishing you the best Holiday Season, Joyce Carhart
Love & Peace to all – MaryJane Koslosky
Merry Christmas & a Happy, Healthy New Year –
Faith & Dick Halterman

Merry Christmas to all – Marie Dziamba
Blessings – Irene Modrak
Merry Christmas - Doris Stamer
Love & Prayers – Kathryn Gmitter
May Christ birthday bring Joy, & Peace to the church. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year –
Beatrice Bradford & Family

To our friends at church – Love, Bob & Lorraine Carhart

It's a wonderful time of the year. It's also one of my blessings that the Linden Methodist Church continues as a source of good memories that evoke comfort and a smile on my face.

I appreciate December's edition of the "Messenger" revealing the church's exterior renovation. Our church building is beautiful!

Many thanks to Mrs. Henel for her commitment in continuing the publication of the "Messenger".

Rusty Lyles

Excerpts from Christmas Letters -

"My shout out this year goes to my church family. They have never given up hope on me and continue to love me. This being felt so deeply during my 50-year membership ceremony, Thank you all."

Love is the key to the Universe.

Janet Modrak Pavlinic

Wonderful "bits and pieces" about their 9 years in the Nutley UMC, their trips and vacations during the year, their wonderful family including their 23 month old twin girls of Beth and Mark in Virginia, and lovely pictures of all these events.

"Our lives are full and we find it hard to keep up with everyone. However, please know that this letter comes with best wishes and abundant love to each of you. May the babe we celebrate in this season continue to grace and bless all of our lives"

Dave, Karen, Scott & Billy LeDuc.

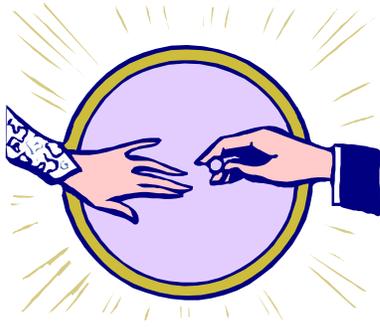
What kind of year has 2015 been for the Henel family? A good one, I think, with the marriage of our first grandchild, Matt Henel and Jaimie Van Salisbury, The youngest of our grandchildren (twins, Alec & Nina) graduating from college this Spring, Doris' continued involvement in church and community, and family and friends – much to be thankful for at age 91.

"Life goes on and I continue to move along with it, however long I have. I honestly believe that the more we are involved and use any skills the Lord gave us, the better off we are. We not only help others, but we help ourselves by keeping active and using our brain. I was 76 years old when I first was introduced to computers, and with the help of a few classes and my children, I accomplished what I set out to do. You can do it, too! Try it!! You'll like it!

Doris Henel



BITS AND PIECES



Carolyn Franz spent Christmas Day with her sister, Helene who is now living in one of the Senior Citizen Complex in Westfield. Although she misses living right in the center of Westfield where she had been for many years, she is enjoying the company of those living where she is now.

Kathryn Gmitter was happy to see her son Fred and his wife for a short visit from Florida. They spent a few days and she was glad they stopped because she does not like to travel a distance anymore.

Doris Henel, with a great deal of help from her son, Tom, who did most of the Christmas dinner (turkey and all) entertained about 10 members of their family the Saturday before Christmas day. That was a time that worked out for almost everyone since son, Bill was cooking Christmas dinner on Christmas Day for his wife's family this year. On Christmas Day Doris and Tom traveled to the home of Jeanne and Rob Moore and joined them, with their son, Andrew, for a lasagna dinner. And it was good!

We haven't received any of the pictures Lourdes Kozar took during the musical reception held during the holiday in our church. If you have them Lourdes, please see that I receive a copy of them so I can put them in the Messenger.

The United Methodist Women cancelled their meeting on the first Tuesday in January. It was 14 degrees – a little too cold for the women. We will try for the first Tuesday in February and hope the weather is better!

Jayne and Otts Schnellenberger left in early January for about 2 months in St. Augustine, Florida. That's a beautiful city with lots of interesting history and historical buildings. Enjoy the winter and be happy to get away from the cold weather in the north.

Elizabeth Hanns would like to thank the members of our church for the help they gave her during her serious health problems this winter. Everything she received helped her and son, Drew and they appreciate it very much. She is slowly feeling better and also appreciates her sister coming from California to help her. We hope she continues to improve and as that happens, we look forward to seeing her one Sunday in church.



Jeanne and Robert Moore are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Zachary Robert Moore and Kc Carlson who have been together 5 years. They love Kc and couldn't be more thrilled by the news! Zach planned and surprised her with a romantic weekend getaway to Chicago the week before Christmas. They took a train from Ann Arbor, Michigan (where they live) to Chicago and did a lot of fun things like visiting the Art Institute and Sky Deck (which clearly terrified Zach!) and eating at great restaurants! The highlight, by far, was in the evening while ice skating at Millennium Park. Zach got down on one knee and proposed to Kc...and she said YES! They are making plans for a wedding in July 2016.

MORE BITS AND PIECES

Congratulations to Alec Henelsmith, who will graduate from the Culinary Institute of America in Rye, New York on February 12, 2016. He has served meals to his parents, John Henel and Julie Smith and their family, on his visits home in the last few years, and also to his grandmother. Doris Henel, who is only 2 hours from his school and he has been able to spend some time with her. A celebration of the happy occasion will be held at the Henel home in Linden, on Saturday, February 13, 2016 with family and friends.

MaryJane Koslosky is hoping that the appointment with the dentist in Maryland where she has been spending lots of time, will be completed in her visit the week of January 10th. She will still be making some visits to Maryland because she spends time with a good friend who lives there and they always enjoy time together.

Steven Zahorbenski with be having a leaky valve operation on Friday, January 15th. Steven is the son of the late Alice Zahorbenski (a former member of our church and sister of Gertrude Baldwin) and his father, John Zahorbenski. Steven is very active in the New Brunswick UMC with his wife, Susan. We will be praying for you, Steven, and look forward to your being better than ever!

Andrew Moore, son of Jeanne (Henel) Moore and Robert Moore feels pretty lucky. After graduating from Penn State with a degree in Computer Science this past spring, he went on a first interview for a position in his field. He was hired and has been working for about 3 months and is very happy.

Vera Horsch has had many ups and downs healthwise and we know she would appreciate any calls from her church friends. Her number is 908-486-0976. She has not been able to attend church, and we certainly miss her.

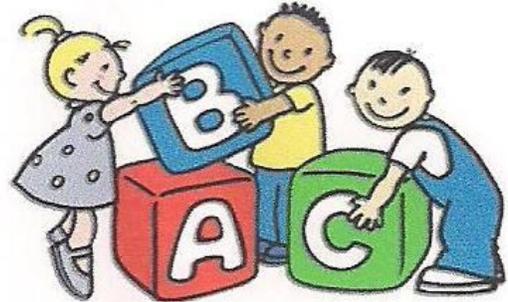
We heard that Debbie Loisselle and her family have moved to south Jersey from Linden. Please call me, Doris Henel, 908-486-5571, if you have her new address.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

The Church Council meeting that was scheduled for Wednesday, January 13th was cancelled because of bad winter weather. It will be held on Wednesday, January 20th instead. Let's hope for better weather!



BUILDING BLOCKS DAY CARE



IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR OUR BRAND-NEW BUILDING BLOCKS DAY CARE PROGRAM. AND TELL YOUR FRIENDS, TOO! WE HAVE EXCELLENT TEACHERS, ALL NEW EQUIPMENT AND PRE-SCHOOL TEACHING. COME AND VISIT US!



FAITH IN ACTION

The Faith in Action is continuing to meet very Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. Helia Molay invites everyone from our church to join them and also bring your friends. You are all welcome! They enjoy music, prayer, discussion, and refreshments. During the Thanksgiving holiday they had a dinner for all the families that are part of the Faith in Action program. Food was supplied by the members.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 7 – Bd. of Trustees BUILDING	2 11:30-United Meth. Women 7:30-Faith in Action BLOCKS	3 DAY	4 CARE	5 5:30-Champion Youth 7 AM TO 6 PM	6 7 th Day Adventist
7 9:00-Choir 10:00-Sunday Sch. 10:30-Ch.Worship 12:30-Saints of God	8 BUILDING	9 7:30-Faith in Action BLOCKS	10 10 AM – <u>CHURCH COUNCIL</u> DAY	11 CARE	12 5:30-Champion Youth 7 AM TO 6 PM	13 7 th Day Adventist
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