

# Happy Birthday to our Seniors!

FEBRUARY:

02—Jeanene Hill  
16—Eva March  
20—Ron Ludwig  
22—Jerry Ludwig  
27—Barbara Harding



MARCH:

Russell McVaugh—March 3  
Louise Styer—March 13  
Bud Bowman—March 18  
Art Gordon—March 19  
Joe Smith—March 19  
Lois Beam—March 20  
Mim Spence—March 30

Did we miss anyone? If you are a “Senior” Member over age 55 and wish to be included on the birthday list, please call the church office at 610-856-7242.

**PARISH REGISTER:**

Funeral:

January 15, 2015—Marie Verville, 90. Funeral was held on 1/22/15 with burial in Caernarvon Cemetery.

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Check out the special Lenten letters enclosed with this mailing.  
Lent begins Feb. 18—Ash Wednesday.



# The Parish Digest



### From the Pastor:

23 For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, 24 and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' 25 In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

(1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

“Every morning during meditation, I prepare myself for the whole day's struggle. Holy Communion assures me that I will win the victory; and so it is. I fear the day when I do not receive Holy Communion. This bread of the Strong gives me all the strength I need to carry on my mission and the courage to do whatever the Lord asks of me. The courage and strength that are in me are not of me, but of Him who lives in me - it is the Eucharist.”

- St. Faustina (Polish Nun 1905-1938, canonized in April of 2000)

Holy Communion –  
Rationale and Practical Application Part I  
(Why do we do what we do when we do what  
we do?)

It is known by a variety of names: Holy Com-  
munion, The Lord's Supper, (continued page 4)

A mailbox is located outside the church office for anyone who has written information for staff, chairpersons, preschool, or other leaders.

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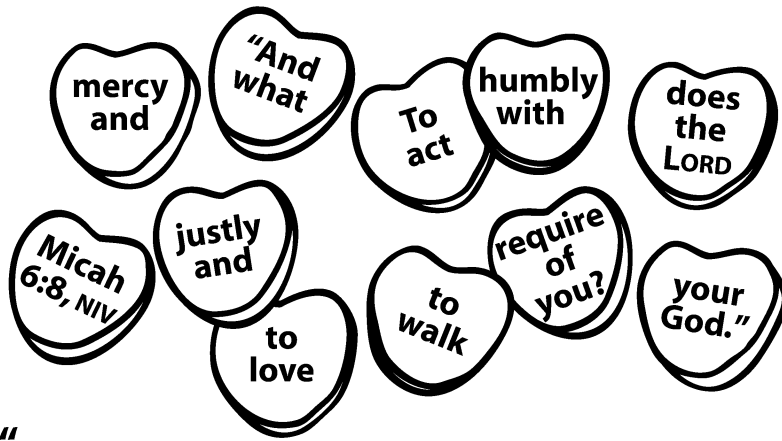
Julia Bond



## Conversation hearts

The world encourages people to look out for themselves and seek success, but in Micah 6:8, God tells us to live differently.

*Directions: Put the conversation hearts in the correct order by writing the words on the lines below. Hint: Capitalization and quotation marks are included.*



“ \_\_\_\_\_ ? \_\_\_\_\_ ”

\_\_\_\_\_ 6:8 , \_\_\_\_\_

Answer: “And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” Micah 6:8, NIV

Synod news

## FEBRUARY SERVICES

FEBRUARY 1: 7:45 & 10:15 Holy Communion; 9:00 SCS  
**SOUPER BOWL AND SCOUT SUNDAY:**



Our Plowshares Youth, Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts will be holding soup kettles to collect money for the hungry in our community following the worship service on this day. They will also hold a soup lunch

fundraiser following the 10:15 service. You will receive soup, bread, dessert and a drink for \$7. All proceeds will go to the local food banks. Please plan to attend.



FEBRUARY 7: 5:30 **Holy Communion Service**

FEBRUARY 8—7:45 & 10:15 **Holy Communion**; 9:00 SCS  
**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held on Sunday, February 8 following the 10:15 a.m. service. Please plan to attend. Annual reports will be ready for pick-up by Sunday, February 1st in preparation for the meeting. Thank you!

FEBRUARY 15—7:45 & 10:15 **Transfiguration Sunday**; Holy Communion; 9:00 SCS

FEBRUARY 22— 7:45 & 10:15 **Praise Service** with Laudate Praise Team; 9:00 SCS; Joyful Noise Offering for the Morgantown and St. Benedict Food Banks.



ASH WEDNESDAY

**LENT** begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18 with Holy Communion and Distribution of Ashes at 3:00 & 7:00 p.m. Check the special Lenten letters containing specific information about our weekly services and more!

- 4 The Eucharist, The Sacrament of the Altar, Mass, Holy Sacrifice, Divine Liturgy, Holy Offering, Memorial of the Lord's Passion and Resurrection.

Synod news

It is practiced in numerous ways: Intinction (dipping), By Table (kneeling at the altar), Continuous, Common Cup (drinking from the chalice), In the Pew (seated), By Station (going to various locations in the building), Individually or Corporately.

Diverse elements can be used: White or Whole-Wheat Wafers, Pita Bread, Homemade Bread, Wine, Grape Juice, Stuff that is Non-alcoholic and/or Gluten-Free.

Yet even knowing all this, perhaps the information we are most in need of is an answer to the question: Why we do it? Why do we practice this thing called Holy Communion and seek to make such a big deal out of it?

The most basic answer to this question is because Jesus calls us to do so. The words and actions of Jesus during his "Last Supper" with the disciples become the reason and the framework for our practice of Holy Communion.

This is the reason we always speak the Words of Institution (institute – to establish, organize, set in motion) before we partake of Holy Communion, so that we are reminded of why we partake of God's Holy Meal.

*"On the night in which he was betrayed, our LORD Jesus took bread, gave thanks, blessed and broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."*

*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."*

We therefore seek to honor Jesus' command to "do this in remembrance of me," whenever we share together in the

Thank you from our Angel Tree recipients:

God Shows His Love through the warmth and kindness of special people like you. Thank you and God Bless.

Thank you so much for helping to make this Christmas full of smiles. Your kindness and generosity will always be remembered and treasured! God Bless.

Sincerely,  
Your Christmas Family

The holidays are special because we have people like you in our lives. Thank you to an amazing group of people who have gone out of their way to make sure my children have a very Merry Christmas. I am grateful for all you have done. I do believe my children will be very happy on Christmas morning. God bless and Merry Christmas to you all! I pray you will have a good and happy new year! Thank you.  
The Chopa Family.

Merry Christmas to all— miss seeing everyone, but have many new friends. Thank you for all the cards and newletters - keep it coming. May all of you have a healthy, happy and Blessed New Year! God Bless. -Mim Spence

**Merry Christmas from the Jacobsons!** (our missionaries)

A wondrous and Blessed Christmas to all our dear family and friends! Linda and I are writing this from Minnesota. It is a blessing to gather with our children and extended family this Christmas, our first without my mother who died in April. Our work in health care ministries continues to be very blessed. More and more we are focusing on training and education. This year we started both a School of Nursing and a Surgical Residency to expand our ongoing training of assistant Medical Officers, interns, and medical students. The care of children needing rehabilitative surgery is growing rapidly, with over 500 surgical operations. How heartwarming it is to see our motto "I have turned your mourning into dance" go from mere words to changed lives of so many children. This is just one part of the Jacobson's ministry. (To read more about their lives in Tanzania, see the Jacobson's entire Christmas letter on the church bulletin boards.)

sacred meal.

Now that we looked at the why, I invite you to stay tuned for part 2 in next month's digest as we look at the question, "What is Holy Communion?"

May God bless you my friends!

Your brother in Christ,  
**PASTOR MICHAEL**

WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY CHURCH NIGHT

February 4, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

ORGANIC EATING

The evening will begin with  
an Organic Dinner with salad at 6:00 p.m.  
(Everyone is invited to bring a dessert please)



Beginning at 6:30 p.m. Erica Lavdanski, of B&H Organic Produce, Morgantown, will clarify the word organic and through a power point presentation will discuss organic farming and eating. Learn why it is important to eat local organic foods and how to make them more palatable. Erica is passionate about teaching healthy eating and living practices and has found it is actually more fun and exciting than the standard Western diet. Plan to be present for this meal, presentation and discussion.

As always, a free-will offering will be taken to help defray costs of meals and programs for this and future events. Please join us and bring your friends!

## FROM OUR MINISTER OF MUSIC:

I want to thank everyone who helped with the Christmas Cantata this year on Christmas Eve. Everyone pulled together and I hope the congregation enjoyed this year's cantata, "God Is With Us".

I especially want to thank our instrumentalists, Chris Gerace on bass, Tyler Werner on drums, John Jarmoski guitar, & Maggie Lauer on keyboard.

Also,, the praise team, now called "laudate" is back again after having many years off. The team really works together in picking out music that everyone will like. We are still looking for more singers & also any instrumentalists that would like to join would be welcome.

Thanks to everyone who supports our music program.

I would like to thank Karen Kercher who has stepped up to start a Jr. Choir. She works with the children during the last 15 minutes of the Sunday school hour to teach them some catchy songs.

We have many musical talents in our congregation. It is especially difficult for the 6 people that are in the Sr. Choir. They need the support of having more people helping them out. We certainly don't want to do away with our choir because they do want to sing. We just need more voices. With more people, we could do more challenging music and have a good solid sound. Please consider helping out. We have a short rehearsal right after the late church service. No weekly evening rehearsals.

Thanks for the support everyone gives me here at Robeson. I appreciate you're welcoming me back as minister of music.

Sing from your heart & worship the Lord.  
Louise Wilson  
Minister of Music.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
St. Benedict Council N. 14654  
2200 Chestnut Hill Rd.  
Mohnton PA 19540

January 11, 2015

Dear Pastor Ware,  
Attached please find a donation in the amount of \$50 in order to show our appreciation for the use of your facilities in support of Knight of Columbus Free Throw program for area youth on November 23, 2014.  
May God be with you and we pray for the success of all of your Youth Mission activities!

Very Respectfully,  
Eugene Raser, Jr.  
Grand Knight

Berks Women in Crisis  
255 Chestnut St.  
Reading PA 19602

Dear Rev. Ware and Friends,  
It is rewarding to acknowledge your donation to Berks Women in Crisis! Your generous cash contribution from your Joyful Noise offering helps make a difference in the lives of people who are victimized by domestic violence and sexual assault.

Your donation comes at a critical time, as we have expanded our capacity to provide safe housing and supportive services to all victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. We continue to feel the impact of state and federal budget cuts while serving the increased number who seek our help. Your gift is essential to allow us to continue this work.

Thank you for your continued support and remember, together, we can foster a safer, more peaceful society.

Sincerely,  
Berks Women in Crisis  
Mary Kay Bernosky,  
Executive Director

## 18 FROM OUR MAILBOX: Many Thanks!

December 29, 2014

Dear Robeson Lutheran Church:

Our deepest appreciation and gratitude for your support and participation during our Annual Trucks For Maddox Non-Profit Organization's 2014 Holiday Toy Truck Drive for the Philadelphia area.

Your participation led this organization to an even larger opportunity this year in providing and to bringing a smile to disadvantaged children this holiday season. Thanks to a joint effort, we were able to collect 722 toy trucks that were distributed to various Philadelphia area based charities. Charities that we supported were as follows:

The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Safe Place Center for Child Protection & Health and Karabots Pediatric Center, Lisa Deiner Domestic Violence Foundation, Laurel House, Inter-Faith Housing Alliance, Cradles to Crayons, Mattie N. Dixon Community Cupboard, Montgomery County Office of Children and Youth, The Children's Home in Reading, Keystone Fellowship, John Wister Elementary Day School, Martha Washington Elementary After School Program, North Penn Boys and Girls Club-Ambler and Lansdale, Pennridge FISH.

We look forward to your support in 2015 and thank you for your willingness to support the efforts of Trucks For Maddox and in making a huge difference in the Philadelphia area communities this holiday season.

Sincerely,

*Jason Derkosh*

Jason Derkosh  
President, Trustee

Trucks For Maddox Charitable Trust  
jason@trucksformaddox.org

Sincerely,

*Teena Derkosh*

Teena Derkosh  
Philadelphia Representative  
teena@trucksformaddox.org

Dear Sue,

Merry Christmas and a big Thank You! You made my Christmas stopping in Health South with the carolers from church. The three carols we sang were lovely. I would have enjoyed a longer visit but my therapy was ready to begin. Thank you for the shoe box gift with good fruit, hot cocoa mix, candy, crackers, Santa for trimming, and a story about Santa Klaus. I am so anxious to make the hot cocoa mix when I get home. Thank you to all the carolers, they made my day. It was so pleasant singing with them. I was a sunny, warm day as we all celebrated the birth of Christ. We wish all a blessed season and a happy and healthy 20015. God bless all of you. -Janice Rouston

## PlowShares Service Project Group God's work, Our Hands



Can you guess what the theme for the PlowShares activity is for the month of February? Of course, LOVE! Join us on Thursday, 2/12 at 6pm when we will spread some love by making a simple craft and cards to give to

seniors and shut ins. A message of caring and love can lift the spirit. There will also be a sign up for a visit to Zerbe Nursing Home for a visit on February 19 at 6:00 p.m. to play some games and chat with residents.

Hope to see you and spread the word!

Reminder: Middle & High School youth in our congregation AND community are invited to participate!!! Adults interested in helping would be very much appreciated!

Our Cozy Collection of socks, gloves, hats, scarves was held during the month of January. If you have articles to contribute please bring them to the church asap so we can make sure they are delivered to those who need them during this cold weather.

Thanks to everyone who volunteered to make soup and desserts for the Souper Bowl Luncheon on February 1st. All proceeds go to feed our local hungry. Thanks to everyone who supports this cause!

### YOUTH NEWS:

The "ticket" HOAGIE SALE for Weaver Orchard's delicious sandwiches continues through the month of February. Due to uncertain weather conditions, the youth will not be selling Redner hoagies for a certain Sunday this month. Stop by the church office or see Mark Lauer to purchase a sandwich coupon to be used anytime for any kind of small sandwich at Weavers. Cost is \$5 and they never expire!

The Youth Team Meeting: March 5, 6:00 p.m.



- 8 WBMD 2015 YOUTH EVENT for grades 5-12 will be held on Friday, Feb. 6, 7 p.m. through Saturday, Feb. 7 following the 7 p.m. concert. Event will be held at Schwarzwald Lutheran Church, 250 Church Lane Road, Reading PA 19606. Cost is \$30 and includes lots of music, worship and Bible Study, games, food, and fellowship with new and old friends! Please see Mark for registration information; we would like our youth to experience this district-wide gathering and meet new friends!

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### Upcoming Fundraiser:

#### **Soup and baked goods sale:**

Sunday, March 15, 9 am to 2 pm.

The outreach committee will be having their soup and baked goods sale again this year. Last year we raised over \$700.00 and it was a huge success. The money goes to the general fund for current expenses. If you would like to help by making soup or baking, it would be greatly appreciated. Soups to make are bean, chili, chicken noodle, veg. Vegetarian, veg beef, and Turkey chowder (Barb Strough has a great recipe for this and she would share it with anyone that would like to make it). If we have enough soup, we would like to open it to the community, and advertise it as such. If you make soup, please let us know by March 1st what kind you would be making. We will provide the containers for the soup. We will also ask Thrivent for their generous donation of \$250.00 to cover cost of supplies. For those who would like to purchase some of our delicious soup, please place your order on the enclosed form or call Judy Mountz at 1-717-445-6130 or Marion Kachel at 610-856-1683. We will be taking preorders until March 8th.



#### RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES:

##### **HELP YOUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY:**

Please bring in your used **ink cartridges** (any kind) and we will recycle them at Staples earning \$2 each for the church.

**Cell phones, eyeglasses, good used clothing** also continue to be collected for local ministries.

**Paper Recycling Bins** are located at the rear of Hoeffler Hall to accept your **newspaper, magazines, office paper, "junk" mail**, etc. Please no phone books, "trash" or cardboard. And please no plastic; take your paper out of the plastic bags before you throw it in the bin. Thanks for your help!

#### **REDNER'S TAPES FUNDRAISER:**

We continue to collect Redner's receipts as an ongoing fundraiser and we are waiting for our next check. Thank you Marion Kachel for coordinating this effort and handling all the paperwork. Marion would like to thank everyone who participates and remind you to always use your gas card when making a purchase at Redners. **Receipts without the gas card number printed on them are invalid and will not be accepted by the store.** Please continue to save your Redner's receipts and bring them to the church at your convenience. Boxes are located in the narthex and foyer. Again we remind you to make sure you use your Redner's gas card when you make your purchase and then bring in your receipt—it's that easy! And you'll be helping your church.

(If you shop at Redners but don't have a gas card, just ask for one. It's free!)

Seniors and shut-ins: just send your receipts with any member of the visitation team or mail to the church office. Thank you!!!

#### **COMMUNITY NEWS:**

**BREAKFASTS:** Geigertown Fire Company—First Sunday; Brecknock Fire Company—Second Sunday; St. Benedict R.C.Church—Third Sunday; Joanna Furnace—Third Saturday, 7-11 a.m.; Union Lodge in Birdsboro Third Sunday, 7:30-11.





### Visitation Team bringing communion to shut-ins

Members of our Visitation Team have now been trained to bring Holy Communion to our shut-ins. It is our hope to visit with and bring Holy Communion to each shut-in and homebound member of Robeson up to 6 times a year. If you would like a visit, and have not yet been visited by a member of our team, please feel free to contact Pastor Michael or call the church office 610-856-7242.)

VOLUNTEERS are NEEDED as DRIVERS to provide transportation to and from church for individuals who are currently unable to drive. This is especially important for the 5:30 Saturday evening communion service the first Saturday of each month. Please contact the church office at 610-856-7242 if you are willing to drive or if you would like a ride.

VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE MEALS: If you would be willing to make a meal or even to buy a meal for a family who is struggling due to health issues please call the church office (610-856-7242) or email Debbie at [ddemarco@dejazzd.com](mailto:ddemarco@dejazzd.com) and we will put you on the schedule. This can make such a big difference to someone who is sick and to their caregivers who are already doing so much.



A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who has been preparing meals for our shut-ins. You can't imagine how much this is appreciated by the entire family.



### SOUP ORDER FORM

(pick up **Sunday, March 15**, 9 a.m.—2 p.m.)  
\$7.00 per quart

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to order the following soup(s):

\_\_\_\_\_ Bean soup

\_\_\_\_\_ Chili

\_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Noodle

\_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian Vegetable

\_\_\_\_\_ Vegetable Beef

\_\_\_\_\_ Turkey Chowder

Total number of quarts ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$7 each)

Come prepared to purchase some delicious desserts as well. Your order is greatly appreciated! See you on the 15th of March!



**MARTIN LUTHER: The Man, The Myth, The Saint, The Sinner.** This adult Sunday School class began January 11, 2015 with an overview of the Christian Church to the time of Martin Luther. It is necessary to understand his complaints about the church administration to understand Luther's solutions. We next examine the political status of the Holy Roman Empire and the powerful principalities in what was Germany in the time of Luther. We are now beginning the biography of Martin Luther. Who is this complex man who began the religious revolution of the Reformation? As a Lutheran, do you want to know more about Luther and his impact on the church, on Germany, on history? We meet from 9– 10AM in the Old Parlor. Everyone is welcome. Linell McCormick leads the class discussion.

### Robeson Preschool



### IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!

#### 2015-2016 Preschool Registration

February 3 & 4, 9-12 —Current students  
 Week of February 9th—Church members; families of former students  
 Week of February 17th—open to the public



### MINISTRIES AVAILABLE TO OUR SENIORS, SHUT-INS, SICK, ETC.:

**CD Ministry**—CD's of the weekly services are being mailed out to all those senior, sick or and shut-in members who cannot attend church services.

**Large Print Devotionals**—these are the same as our small, daily devotionals but have larger print for those needing it.

**Prayer Shawls**—These are available for sick, hospitalized, shut-in or senior members who would like one. They are very comforting to those who have received them. Recipients do not need to be a member of Robeson so please take them for others who would like them.

**Robeson Hammers**—Helping members in need with minor repairs at home, mainly small projects that would make their homes more safe or comfortable.

**Home Visits**—Our visitation team is visiting a number of our seniors and would be more than happy to visit others if invited. If you would appreciate a visit please call the church office. If you have a need or request for any of the above ministries, please call the church office and we will be happy to help you.

The **Berks County Area Agency on Aging** is available to help you over the phone. Please call their office at 610-478-6500 and a staff member will be able to explain available services, answer questions and provide information on programs and community resources for you, family members or anyone you know who is 60 years of age and older. Please don't hesitate to give them a call.

## Men's Group



The men of Robeson Lutheran Church continue to meet for breakfast and fellowship on the second Saturday of each month at 7:30 a.m. here in our own Hoeffer Hall. This is a great opportunity to get to know your brothers in Christ and learn more about your faith through brief bible study and mutual conversation. Come and see how the men of Robeson live out their discipleship. The next

Men's Breakfast is scheduled for **February 14— at Hay Creek—we're giving the kitchen crew a break for Valentine's Day!**

## Robeson Robins Senior Group

The Robins will hold their regular meeting on Tuesday, February 17 beginning with lunch at noon. Please bring a covered dish to share for lunch. Following lunch the group will enjoy an afternoon of BINGO!

Don't forget to make your reservation for Breakfast and the Twin Valley High School play on March 18.

Please call Billie at 610-401-8496 if you would like more information about the Robeson Robins.



**THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS:** Our thanks to those members/friends of the congregation who have designated Robeson Lutheran Church as the charity of choice for their Thrivent Choice Dollars. If you have received a letter from Thrivent indicating that you are eligible for this plan, please consider our congregation as you help direct Thrivent Financial's charitable funds. Contributions received in December total \$168.00, thanks to an anonymous contributor.

## LEAVING A LEGACY THAT GOES BEYOND DEATH

When we recall the names of the faithful who have died, our minds are often filled with precious memories. In our thoughts we are reminded that we are their legacy, that is to say, much of what we have – in both material and non-material things – has been handed down to us from them. But what will we hand down to those who follow? How will we be remembered by those who come after us? Will we leave more than an empty spot in a pew?

As you plan for the distribution of your assets at your death, please consider a charitable bequest to Robeson Lutheran Church. This is one way your faith can be transferred to the next generation. This, and other types of planned gifts, can undergird our congregation's ministry in perpetuity, providing resources that will allow future generations of Christians to worship, serve others, and continue the vital ministries of this church.

If you have questions about planned giving, you can talk to your personal financial advisor or speak to our congregational Thrivent representative John Lauer at his Morgantown office (610)-286-5986.



## THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE SIGNED UP FOR E-GIVING.

E-giving will be an ongoing service offered here at Robeson Lutheran. You may sign up at any time. If you would like more information please contact the church office. To sign up just visit our church website at **[www.robesonlutheranchurch.org](http://www.robesonlutheranchurch.org)** and look for the **"Donate Now" button.**

## TREASURER'S REPORT:

Income for December:	\$ 25,946.48
Other Income:	\$ 756.50 (in/out)
Checks issued for December:	\$ 26,509.12
Checking balance brought forth:	\$ 1,566.43
Checking balance as of 12/31/14	\$ 1,760.29
Unpaid Bills:	NONE

In/Out accounts: \$ 0.00

Respectfully submitted, Dorothy Martin, Treasurer

## SPECIAL FUNDS REPORT:

TOTAL ASSETS: 11/30/14	\$ 18,076.80
Special funds received in December	\$ 445.00
Heat fund contributions in December	\$ 560.00
Sanctuary Furnaces Fund	\$ 2,220.00

OUTFLOW:	
General Fund—heating	\$ 232.06

BALANCES:	
Checking Account balance 12/31/14	\$ 21,067.74

-Kay Good, Treas. Spec. Funds

## THIS AND THAT AT ROBESON LUTHERAN:

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!! We have posted volunteer sheets on the white board in the new foyer. If you are willing to help during any of the services please sign up on this board. There are lists for acolytes, lectors, ushers, greeters, sound technicians, nursery attendants, worship assistants, and communion servers. We appreciate and need our volunteers!

ALTAR GUILD: Altar care volunteers are still needed for 2015. If you are willing to serve on altar care for a month with at least one other volunteer please call Marion Kachel (610-856-1683) or the church office.

## REMINDERS:

Committee reports are due in the church office on the first Thursday of the month for the council meeting which will be held on the 2nd Thursday.

All Property concerns and requests should be brought to the attention of Dale Creed or the church office. Please do not take concerns directly to the Property Committee. Thanks for your help with this.

PARISH DIGEST DEADLINE: Articles for the next newsletter are due in the office by February 16 for the March Digest.

ALTAR FLOWERS and BULLETIN SPONSORS: Please check with Linell in the church office for any openings. Reminder: Altar flowers cost is \$33 and bulletins are \$25.

## IMPORTANT:

- Any group or individual sponsoring special projects, collections, etc. please contact Bill Haney (Social Ministry) for coordination purposes and especially Debbie at the church office for advertising these events and projects.
- Any committee or group that has events etc. to advertise in the area papers should please copy to Linell at [lmrm52@aol.com](mailto:lmrm52@aol.com).