



Greeters for February: Feb. 1 & 8 -Jeanne Begley and Janet Braley; Feb. 15 & 22 Donna Nash and Jolene Millay

Counters for February: Feb. 1, Bob Curran, Carol Perry; Feb.8, Claire Forbes, Heidi Leinonen; Feb. 15, Janet Braley, Jeanne Begley; Feb. 22, Linda Papineau, Ardelle Gile

Birthday and Anniversaries for February: Feb. 1, Linda Pease; Feb. 2, Nicki Wilson; Feb. 3. Gardner Dyer, Betheo Davis; Feb. 4, Dana Dow, Holly Smeltzer; Feb. 29, Betty Gersh
Anniversary: February 22, Donna & Ron Nash

Readers: Feb. 1, Ardelle Gile; 8, Jean Lawrence; 15, Claire Forbes; 22, Joni Gatcombe

Report from Finance Chair Ron Dolloff – The year closed with a balance of \$11,406.10 in cash of which \$4,683.52 is in restricted funds.

Report from SPRC Chair Heidi Leinonen – The committee will meet on Wednesday, February 11, at 4:30 P.M. in the Vestry. Please note: new time and date. We will now meet on the second Wednesday of the month and one hour earlier than previously.

Communion Offering for December - \$315 for Discretionary Fund

Prayer Chain & Memory Books Reports from Lillian Dolloff - We can always use new members of the Prayer Chain. Please contact Lillian Dolloff (832-5870) or Pastor Jen Curran (458-4404) if you would like to become a member. The Memory Books have a lot of pictures of the 2014 Christmas season. The Memory Books are at the front of the church, and are ready for anyone to look at. If you have pictures you would like included, please give them to Lillian Dolloff.

Dare to Care Report from Jeanne Begley - We have some people who get together each week and pray for prayer concerns and others who write cards to our church members and friends. If you want to become a member of this group or you want to find our more information about Dare to Care, you may contact Jeanne Begley at 832-5892.

Report from Nurture Chair Claire Forbes



A monthly newsletter to keep the congregation up to date on events such as those coming up for Lent and Easter will be created each month.

Pastor Jen will lead a Lenten Bible Study "Christ on Trial." The studies will begin on Thursday, Feb. 19th at 6:00 P.M. and Friday, Feb. 20th at 3:00 P.M. in the vestry for six weeks.

Ash Wednesday is February 18th. We will hold the service at the Broad Bay Congregational Church at 7:00 PM. Ron Dolloff will be the organist, and Pastors Jen Curran and Nancy Duncan will lead the service. News of Easter events will appear in the March newsletter.

Janet's Jottings: In the past several weeks, we have journeyed through the church seasons of Advent and Christmastide. We have celebrated God's gift of Love to mankind, coming in the form of a baby, born in a manger. We have rejoiced with the shepherds and Wise Men as they sought and found this long promised gift to their people; the great gift of love for the world. During these seasons, we hear much about people everywhere showing love to family, friends and even strangers as they celebrate the Christmas season. The question is, how long do these feelings and acts continue as we pass into a new year and our "busyness"? Or are these just words and acts for the short term, soon to be forgotten.

Now, in a few short weeks we begin another journey; the Lenten journey. Somehow, it seems that there is a lot less made of this season and I wonder why that is. Is it because of the lack of carols everywhere we go or because the malls and department stores are no longer aglow with lights and baubles and the "big man" is no longer present?

The Lenten journey certainly is a journey of Love! The Christ Child came to live among us and to show us how to love others. And then, He was willing to show his wondrous love for us by dying on a cross so that we can live with Him eternally.

No carols, no gifts, no shopping frenzies - but certainly an unfathomable gift of Love that we celebrate in this coming Lenten season. Doesn't it seem that at this time we should also reach out to others in love and share this great gift with them? Hopefully, during these weeks of Lent we will remember that this is a time to ponder this gift that was given to us by the risen Christ, knowing that He, in turn, left us with the commandment to love one another. God, help us to show your love to others not only during the special seasons but every day as we journey with you in this life.

Blessings, Janet Braley, Co-Lay Leader

FROM THE PASTOR

A Lenten Service Series



During Lent, our church will share a worship series and bible study entitled Christ on Trial. Each week will feature a different guest who will be cross examined by a “prosecutor” seeking to clarify Jesus’ guilt or innocence.

Christ most certainly WAS on trial. Two thousand years have come and gone since Caiaphas and Pilate passed judgment on Jesus in Jerusalem. And though the verdict passed down at that trial was a miscarriage of justice, the result fulfilled God’s purpose: to save the world by the gift of God’s son.

Christ most certainly IS on trial. His presence in the world, his radical teachings all demand a reaction. Every human heart must wrestle with questions like: Who is this Christ? Is he who he claims to be? If so, what does he mean for me and my living? Christ demands a reply. Daily, Christ is on trial.

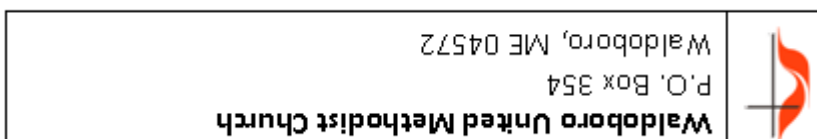
As he is again this Lent. Scriptural evidence will be analyzed each service, and eye witnesses will share their encounters with Jesus:

- We will hear **a lawyer’s** opening statements as to who this Jesus is, and who will be on the witness stand in the coming weeks.
- **Matthew** will speak of Jesus’ scandalous association with the seedier side of society.
- **A former cripple** is, herself, evidence of Jesus’ loose interpretation of Sabbath law.
- “Jesus, Disturber Of The Peace!” Is it true? Prominent Jewish leader **Nicodemus** weighs in.
- Evidence that Jesus is a self-elected “judge and Jury” is offered by **a woman caught in adultery.**

Christ On Trial examines evidence that demands a verdict: Who is Jesus...for you?

Blessings on this Lenten Season and beyond,

Pastor Jen



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun	Feb 1	10:00 A.M.	Worship-All Saint's Day
Wed	Feb 4	4:30 P.M.	Nurture Meeting-Vestry
Thur	Feb 5	1:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.	Food Pantry
Sun	Feb 8	10:00 A.M.	Worship
Wed	Feb 11	4:30 P.M.	SPRC Meeting-Vestry
Sat	Feb 14	10:00 A.M.	Administrative Council Meeting-Vestry
Sun	Feb 15	10:00 A.M.	Worship-Transfiguration Sunday/Introduction to Lenten Series
Wed	Feb 18	7:00 P.M.	Ash Wednesday Service at Broad Bay Church
Thur	Feb 19	Noon	Community Luncheon
Thur	Feb 19	1:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.	Food Pantry
Thur	Feb 19	6:00 P.M.	Lenten Bible Study
Fri	Feb 20	3:00 P.M.	Lenten Bible Study
Sun	Feb 22	10:00 P.M.	Worship-First Sunday in Lent
Thur	Feb 26	6:00 P.M.	Lenten Bible Study
Fri	Feb 27	3:00 P.M.	Lenten Bible Study