

# The Bellringer

*The Newsletter of The Wyckoff Reformed Church*

## Lenten Study / Discipleship Opportunities Abound

### Journey to the Cross

During the season of Lent, Rev. Dave will lead "The Road to Christ's Coronation," a five-week course, which will examine the last weeks of Jesus' life as described in the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. What will emerge is a vivid encounter with a King who lived solely to serve rather than to be served—who welcomed outcasts as family, who touched the "unclean," who performed miracles that made astonishing spiritual declarations, and who raised the dead—all the while challenging and confounding the religious authorities of His day. And finally, five days after Jesus entered Jerusalem, the center of religious and political power at

the time, His "coronation" - crucifixion on a cross, took place.

Beginning on March 4 at 10:00 am, this course will meet on five consecutive Thursday mornings in the education building's Conference Room. There will be a nominal material's charge. Please register for the Lenten course by calling the church office at 201-891-1782.

### Lenten Luncheons begin February 24

The theme for the 2010 Lenten Luncheons, offered by the pastoral staff, will be five formational concepts of Reformed Church doctrine, which are: Total Depravity (Rev. Jim), Unconditional Election (Rev. Dave), Limited Atonement (Rev. Jim), Irresistible

Grace (Rev. Dave) and the Perseverance of Saints (Rev. Billy).

You are invited to bring a bag lunch to Heneveld Hall at noon each Wednesday; coffee and cookies will be provided.

### Ladies Aid Meeting and Tricky Tray Feb. 24 after Lenten Luncheon

This month's meeting will feature our annual Tricky Tray Auction, which will convene at 1:00 p.m., *immediately following the Lenten Luncheon*. Please bring any new or gently-used items you no longer use. Baked goods always draw lots of bids. All proceeds go to the Reformed Church Home. Please remember your donation for the Food Pantry.

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WRC Members to Honor Three at 2010 Synod Lay Recognition Dinner

Church members who serve with a glad heart honor our Lord and are a great witness of His love to others.

The Synod of the Mid-Atlantics has a tradition of helping you honor God's servants in your congregation at our bi-annual Lay Recognition Dinner. The 2010 Lay Recognition Dinner will be held on Friday, April 9 at The Imperia in Somerset, NJ. This year's theme is "Serve the Lord with Gladness" (Psalm 100:2).

In keeping with this year's theme, the Synod is looking to honor those who

devote themselves to God's service with a glad heart and cheerful manner. This year, the WRC Consistory has voted to honor Dic and Jessie Ver Hage and Brian Clark.

Dic spends much of his time working with the Northside Food Pantry. Each week, he is ordering, packing, or delivering food to the hungry in our area. Most Sundays he can be found in the bass section of the church choir, and every other

week, arrives (early) to assist with the preparations necessary to mailing the newsletter. As an Elder of the Great Consistory, he frequently brings communion to shut-ins, and serves as Clerk of the Elders once each month.

Jessie Ver Hage began volunteering at WRC by stuffing mailings and newsletters. She enjoyed the camaraderie so much, that she agreed to serve as one of two

Prayer concerns and celebrations

Please remember in your prayers:

Joyce Chapman, Ruth Todd, Audrey Van Ostenbridge, Norma Holland, John Brain, Sr., Cherry Marshall and Elsie Golden.

We express our Christian sympathy

to Sue, Dan and Val DeRose on the death of their husband and father, Daniel DeRose, Sr., who passed away earlier this week. His funeral service will be at

10:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 20.

We express our Christian sympathy

to Sue and Frank Castellvi and family. Sue's mother, Dorothy Ellingham, passed away earlier this month.

We rejoice with Ariana and Steve Den Bleyker

on the birth of their daughter, Addison Renee. Addison joins big brother, Zach.

We rejoice with Jan and Alan Pohlman

on the birth of a granddaughter, Allison Rose Helpingstine, who joins big brothers Will and Alex.

We offer our congratulations to

Mia Brady, who was named to the President's List (no grade below A-) at Elon University for the fall '09 semester.



## Synod Lay Recognition Dinner, *continued*

Financial Secretaries, entering contributions into the database, printing statements, and answering questions from members.

Jessie works for others in the community by packing food at the food pantry, and distributing prepared food to a walk-in facility. She can be seen working at both of the rummage sales hosted by the Ladies Aid Society each year. She has participated in Friendship Ministries, a local, community program for developmentally challenged adults for a number of years.

The Consistory encourages everyone to join and support Dic, Jessie and Brian by attending the dinner. In years past, a carpool will leave from the church parking lot and we have had enough guests to make up three or four tables. The cost of the dinner is \$45 per person. **Reservations and payments are due in the church office by Monday, March 15.** Checks should be made payable to the *Synod of the Mid-Atlantics*.

## WRC to Receive Habitat Award

“The Wyckoff Reformed Church has been chosen as the recipient of Paterson Habitat for Humanity’s *Dr. John Rosengren Award*, given in recognition of the tireless efforts, dedication and enthusiasm of your church and its members in promoting Habitat’s work over the past 25 years and particularly in recent times, the extraordinary efforts of the Annual Wyckoff Walk.”

This paragraph is from a recent letter to Rev. Jim O’Connell from Barbara Dunn, executive director of Paterson Habitat for Humanity. Her letter goes on to say that this award will be presented to our church at a dinner beginning at 6:00 p.m. on March 18 at the Brownstone in Paterson. Members of the congregation are encouraged to attend and support the work of both the Paterson Habitat and the members of our church who have worked, and walked, for the last ten years to give our neighbors affordable housing. Tickets are \$60 each. Checks should be made payable to Paterson Habitat and reservations will need to be into the church office by Monday, March 8.



**The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual WRC Habitat Walk has been scheduled for Saturday, April 17.** The walkers will leave the church parking lot at approximately 8:30 a.m. If you would like to sign up, please contact Norma Leonhard, 201-891-1359.

In this anniversary year, the committee is asking anyone who has ever walked to tell us just how many years you’ve got “under your belt.” One year, every year or anything in between, please contact Kristi Austin, 973-454-8906 and tell her how many years you’ve participated.

***Please see page 6 if you would like to contribute to an ad journal.***

## Christian Employment Support Network Needs Your Support

The CESN group includes church members and friends of the church who are looking for employment opportunities and need your support. Brief summaries of their needs are listed below.

**"Executive** with a broad skill set across all aspects of international business leadership, finance and operations. Seeking a leadership or general management position in any industry. I have a B.A. in Accounting and M.B.A. in Management." Tom Zitelli - [tomzitelli@yahoo.com](mailto:tomzitelli@yahoo.com)

**"Communications and public relations professional**, will help you create and execute your consumer and employee communications strategies. Keen expertise in speaking to ethnic and international audiences." Erenay Jackson - [erenaylouise@aol.com](mailto:erenaylouise@aol.com)

**"Seasoned Human Resources leader** in multiple industries seeking full time work in a small or medium sized company. Start up, compliance, and people solutions experience."

**"Seasoned Project Coordinator & Customer Service Rep** is seeking a

part-time position in a small or medium sized company. Experience spans a range of industries." [kriether@gmail.com](mailto:kriether@gmail.com)

" Person seeking work as an **Assembly Mechanic**. Has tools and precision instruments." [g.melignano@verizon.net](mailto:g.melignano@verizon.net)

If you can help, please contact the person listed above or Karen [Riether@kriether@gmail.com](mailto:Riether@kriether@gmail.com) to make connections. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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### Free Walk-In Health Program for Wyckoff Residents

Open to all adults residing in Wyckoff every Thursday, except the 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Cedar Hill Christian Reformed Church, 525 Cedar Hill Avenue.

Residents can receive blood pressure monitoring, cardiac, osteoporosis, and diabetes risk factor identification, diet and weight consultation, medical consultations and initial health referrals from a registered nurse.

Questions, please contact Denise Romano at 201-891-7000, ext. 304 during business hours.

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## **"Odd Sundays for Out of Sync Disciples"**

Will meet from 10:30—12:00 in the Memorial Room. Join us on any of the following Sundays you are available. Our study and discussion through March will be on the subject of prayer. On February 21, we will study Praying the Psalms. Questions may be addressed to Phyllis at 201-891-0808 or by email [oconnfam@verizon.net](mailto:oconnfam@verizon.net).

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## **Doris Wagner's Collectibles on Display at Waldwick Library Through Feb. 27**

The Mickey Mouse collectibles of Doris Wagner are on display at the Waldwick Public Library, where they will remain through Saturday, February 27. Among the many colorful Mickey and Minnie Mouse items on display are dolls, bears, toys, figurines, commemorative pins, a tote bag, basket, and blanket. Demonstrating how long the collector has been a fan of the famous mouse, the exhibit also features a 1933 black and white photograph of Wagner in a Minnie Mouse Halloween costume.

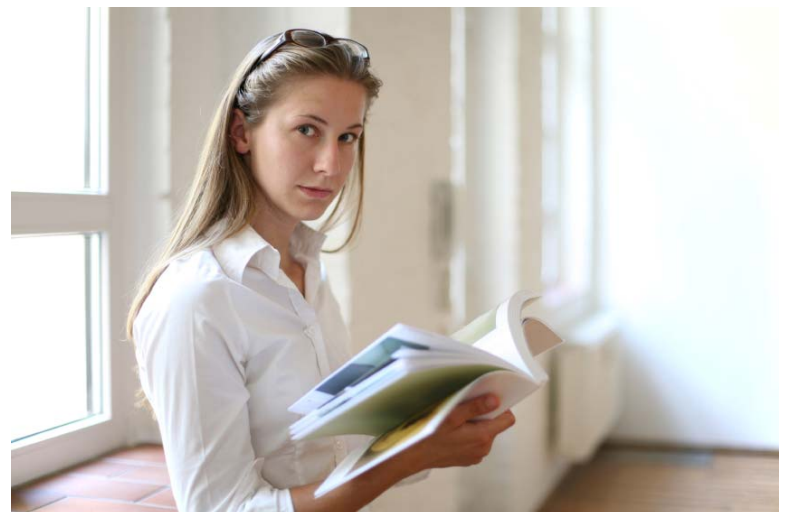
The library is located at 19 East Prospect Street. Hours are M-Th 10-9; F& Sat, 10-5.

## **Outreach Committee sponsors "Talents and Treasures" On Saturday, March 6**

The Outreach Committee believes there are many among us with hidden talents, so they are planning a different kind of event. We want you to share your treasures with the rest of us!

Do you enjoy photography, sculpting, painting or drawing? We want to see it! Do you build model planes, collect model trains, make candles, or collect door handles? We want to put your collection on display! Do you enjoy growing some type of exotic plant? Build doll houses? What is your passion?

The show will be held in Heneveld Hall on Saturday, March 6 beginning at 1:00 p.m. Exhibitors may begin setting up at 12 noon. This event will be open between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m.





Thank you for your continued support of Paterson Habitat and for joining us with a Full Color ad in our 5 1/2 x 8 1/2 **Annual Dinner Ad Journal** for the evening.

\$50 Friends Listing

\$500 Inside Front

\$150 1/2 Page

\$500 Inside Back

\$250 Full Page

\$650 Back Cover

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

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**ALL WORK MUST BE RECEIVED EITHER CAMERA READY OR  
IN HIGH RES 300 DPI PDF FORMAT.**

**Deadline** for payments and artwork: March 2, 2010  
**response/artwork/inquiries:**

Attn: Gina

Gina@patersonhabitat.org

Fax 973-595-0974 Tel 973-595-6868 x120

PO Box 2585, Paterson, NJ 07509

## **“The Dawn’s Early Light” by Paul Amerding**

Dear Friends:

In winter, “the dawn’s early light” comes late to Montana. This morning, the sun rose behind clouds sprinkling fresh snow on the evergreens and all else. Three of us in this household grabbed our coffee cups and dialed into a conference call – the first board meeting for Arabian Gulf Connection, Inc. Five others joined us stretching from Arizona to Berlin, Germany. In less than an hour, we dispensed with our agenda and adjourned. It all went very smoothly. I spent the next two hours reducing our conversations to a few pages of minutes. We’ll meet again in early July.

Between now and then, we launch the activities of Arabian Gulf Connection and Medical Compass. The latter will precede the former – we depart Thursday for Kenya where I will speak to physicians about hospital management. We’ve left some time open to do consulting if requested. We will continue to Bahrain on 1 March to spend the next seven weeks in the Arabian Gulf. I will conduct some

business on behalf of the Reformed Church in America and we will visit contacts in various Gulf countries who can assist us in the work of Arabian Gulf Connection. We expect to be back in Montana by the beginning of May.

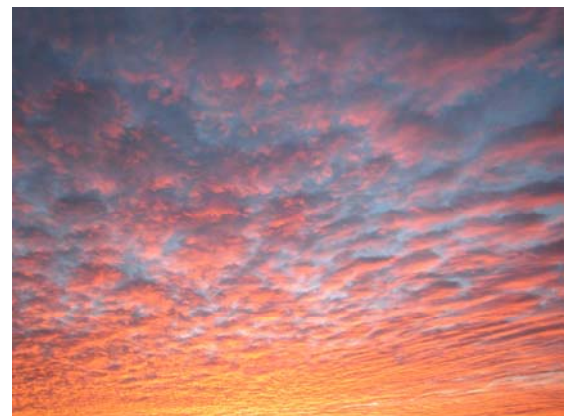
Our transition has been eventful – more so than we expected. A funeral and a wedding necessitated side-trips. We bought a car in Arizona – older than we had planned – a 2000 Toyota 4Runner. So far (about 3500 miles) it has served us well. We entered the USA via Phoenix, staying in Tempe AZ with daughter Charlotte’s family for Thanksgiving plus two weeks. In mid-December we drove north along the California-Oregon coast, visiting family and friends. Christmas through 5 January was spent with son John’s family in Vancouver WA. Our little granddaughters fill us with wonder and thanks.

A month-plus of winter weather is something we have not experienced for 32

years. Most days here I have taken my exercise cross-country skiing – great fun in a beautiful setting. We look forward to seeing the lilacs in May. June already has two conferences on the schedule, both in the Eastern Time zone. We’re contemplating a road trip, so we may have a chance to see some of you who receive these missives.

We appreciate your encouragement, prayers and support for the work we are doing. If you have not done so already, please look through our websites at <http://www.agconnecti.on.org> and <http://www.medicalcompass.org>.

Grace and peace,  
Paul





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**Bellringer deadlines are the first and third Sunday of each month.**  
  
**Next deadlines are February 7 & 21.**

## Upcoming Events at a Glance

- February 28** "One Great Hour of Sharing" collection received
- March 3, 10, 17, 24** – Lenten Lunch series at 12:00 noon
- March 4** "Road to Christ's Coronation" Bible study begins
- March 6** "Talents and Treasures" exhibition
- March 21** **Single Service, Youth Sunday, CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON**
- March 27** Communion Breakfast, beginning at 8:00 a.m.
- March 28** Palm Sunday

## March Birthdays and Anniversaries

Melba Sweetman	1	David Maiullo	17
Michael Rasovic	2	Michelle Marra	17
Chris Weiler	2	Eileen Black	18
Teresa Galletly	3	Don Gatlin	18
Rachel Jufer	4	Samantha Kofler	18
Billy Norden	6	Alexandra Levy	18
Travis Ramsey	6	Beth Moody	19
Brendan Chaleny	7	Karen Riether	19
Berta King	7	Ruth Perrotta	21
Que McDonald	7	Jason Sweetman	21
Lyla Stokes	7	Taylor Ramsey	23
Thomas Burke	8	Ella Turnamian	23
Dana Christie	8	Katherine Bennorth	24
Val DeRose	8	Dic Ver Hage	24
Amanda Kranich	8	Trudie Zegel	24
Christopher Rea	8	Cam Calder	25
Nicholas Rea	8	Lyda Dye	25
Allison Williams	8	John Gregory	25
Frank Stephen	9	Skylar Moody	25
Landon Haan	11	Allison Carosi	26
Caroline Platt	11	Dottie Morreale	26
Alan Mann	12	Doris Warmuth	26
Sophia Savino	12	Lloyd Young	27
Carol Stewart	12	John Campi	28
Alsa Tirgrath	12	John Wormald	28
Doug Wiley	12	Lowell Cook	29
Charlie Young	12	Christopher Joachim	29
David Japhet	13	John Schaus	29
Trish Corbett	14	Michael Walters	30
Nancy Mattera	14	Kevin Wiechmann	30
Glenn Buser	15	Diana Ammirati	31
C.J. Geering	15	Harold Mahmarian	31
Hugh Lappe	15		
Robert Van Brookhoven	15		
Lindsey Beaver	16		
Audrey Naumann	16		
Kevin Stokes	16		
		<b>Anniversaries</b>	
		Rick and Sue Denekamp	30