

# THE ACORN

SHERWOOD OAKS NEWSLETTER

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Photo by Joe Asin

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

Lt. Col. John McCrae, MD - 1915

# **A PATRIOTIC SALUTE TO SHERWOOD OAKS' VETERANS**

Tuesday, November 11, 2014

1:15 PM in the Auditorium

Master of Ceremonies: Phil Stebler

Video: *I Fought for You*

Presentation of Colors:

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 879

Junior ROTC of Seneca Valley High School

Invocation and Benediction:

Stew Lawrence, Retired Chaplain, US Army

Music:

Butler Symphony Brass Quartet

Vocalists: Seneca Valley High School Choir Members

Speaker:

Mark Bondi, President and CEO of Sherwood Oaks

Patriotic Sing-a-long: Nancy Baker, Accompanist

Recognition of Veterans:

Service songs and presentation of wreaths in memory of and in honor of all who have served and are serving.

Tolling of bells and the reading of names of those who have left us

Jane Lavender, Bells

"Reflections of Admiral Nimitz" Russ Rycheck, Reader

*There will be display tables for Veterans' memorabilia.*

*Cookies and punch will be served afterwards.*

## TED AND MARY JANE OSIAL

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by Harriet Burress



At a family gathering, Ted and Mary Jane's children approached them and said, "We have found a wonderful place for you to live - Sherwood Oaks." They accepted this recommendation and moved here from Baltimore in March. "We are now convinced that we made the correct decision and are happy to be here," Ted said.

Ted was born in Sieldce, Poland, a suburb of Warsaw. His family emigrated to Toledo, Ohio, when he was just one year old. He graduated from Toledo public schools as well as from the University of Toledo. His university education was interrupted when he enlisted in the US Navy during his sophomore year. After graduating from the Electronic Technician School at the Naval Research Labs in DC as a Radio Technician 2nd class, he was assigned to the commissioning crew of the USS Oahu. He spent almost two years in the Pacific. His ship participated in the invasion of the Philippines. "I was discharged in 1946 as a Chief Petty Officer (CPO) of which I was very proud."

He returned to the University of Toledo, received a degree in Electrical Engineering in 1948 and was immediately hired by Westinghouse.

Mary Jane was born in Toledo and attended the same grade and high school as Ted. She was only 16 when he left for the Navy. When he returned to Toledo, he was amazed at how she had matured into such a pretty young lady! He began chasing her, a few months later, she caught him and they've been married for 67 years!

All four of their children - Dr. Thaddeus A Jr., (UPMC); Richard, (Annapolis), James, (San Francisco); and Mary Jo, (Oakmont, Pa.) - were born in Pittsburgh during the 20 years Ted worked at the Research Labs in Churchill Boro. During this time, Ted received his MS degree in Mathematics from the University of Pittsburgh. He was transferred to Baltimore to the Defense Center where he worked until he retired from Westinghouse in 1986. About that time Mary Jane retired from her job as head cashier at Montgomery Ward. She volunteered at the Sisters of the Poor in Baltimore and enjoyed taking their ceramics class. "I also participated in knitting prayer shawls at my church."

We are fortunate to have the Osials as new neighbors and friends. Welcome!

*Welcome*

## **BERNARD AND SHIRLEY RAYMOND**

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*Interviewed by J.U. & Marianne Davis*

It is a natural that the Raymonds are living here! Shirley Raymond knew Sherwood Oaks before the first soil had been turned. She taught exercise classes for the North Hills YWCA located then on McKnight Road, next to the Sherwood Oaks office. Just a few years later, she supervised exercise classes at Sherwood Oaks for the Y and before Bill Burtner was hired.

Bernie went to Perry High School and left for Boot Camp days after graduation. There he excelled in the “swim to cargo net—and climb drill.” He was so good they had him demonstrate and instruct others—it was easy for him—as the son of a painter, he’d been climbing all his life. His first duty station was the old Floyd Bennett Field in Brooklyn where the Navy was fitting B-17s with radar for submarine hunting.

Shirley graduated from Altoona High School and earned a scholarship to study biology and chemistry at Westminster College. As a student she assisted in the physical education department. After graduation, she stayed to teach there. During summers and at night, she took graduate courses at Pitt and subsequently was named head of Westminster’s Women’s PE Department.

Meanwhile, Bernie had arrived at Westminster on the GI Bill. He and another football player were driving to an “away” football game; Shirley and a friend went along for an exciting adventure. This was the beginning of a long but “quiet” romance since faculty did not “date” students.

After marriage they moved to an apartment on the North Side. Shirley worked in a research lab for Koppers. Bernie went to work

in his father’s painting operation but later started his own painting company specializing in industrial painting (including tall, tall smokestacks).

With one child and a second on the way, they needed more space; so Bernie built their new home in just 11 months. They lived here 60+ years in this “neighborhood which reared the children.”

Summers were spent at the family cabin by Georgian Bay, Ontario, Canada. Bernie drove up most weekends. They all became accomplished “fisher-persons.” The Raymond family still loves the outdoors and nature. Bernie shoots skeet each week with his local club and enjoys bird watching and gardening.

When their sons entered college, Shirley volunteered at the North Hills YWCA, instituting their swimming program and leading exercise programs. She helped a group of young adult women organize a program called The Doers. Initially it was only for females but soon expanded to include males. The group provided social and organized activities like volleyball, bowling and softball. Bernie coached the softball. “There were many marriages that developed from that group!” quipped Shirley.

One son and his family live in Marshall Twp.; the other son and his family live near Chicago. Bernie and Shirley have four grandchildren, two young men and twin granddaughters.

The Raymonds already know many of our residents from Northmont Church, as well as from business connections. They look forward to joining in the active Sherwood Oaks life.

## WHAT'S NEW WITH SORA?

October SORA Board report:

**Treasurers' Reports:** It is time to contribute to the Employee Appreciation Fund. The first contribution, in the amount of \$700.00, has been received.

### **Liaison Reports**

Maintenance Committee: We are changing over to LED lights which can be dimmed to save energy.

Library: Plans are being made to change over to a computer system.

Focus on the World: Plans are being finalized for a visit to the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank on November 12. It will include a tour of the facility and some volunteer work time.

Continued Learning Committee: The committee plans to join with the Marketing Department to offer a "Great Decisions" course of eight classes in the spring. Topics concern World Affairs and are sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association. Each topic is presented by a leader or video and is followed by discussion. Classes will be open to the public.

Energy and Recycling Activity: The take-home soup container is considered trash; the lid can be cleaned and recycled; top and bottom of the 3-section food container can be recycled; they are microwave-safe.

Memorial/Special Projects Committee: The committee has two new members: Anne Williams and Sonja DeGray. A project from the Landscape Committee for \$4,100 to restore and beautify the east bank of Cranberry Lake was approved. It was approved by the SORA Board as well.

Dining Services Committee: Breadworks is our source for bread and rolls. Because they use no preservatives, the breads dry out quickly. We are not served leftover bread. Tyson Chicken will be replaced by a new vendor.

Security/Transportation Committee: Updates to security cameras have been completed and all parking lots now have cameras. Violation of the 15 mile per hour speed limit on campus continues to be a concern.

### **Management Report:**

Mark Bondi reported:

- our occupied and sold independent living units are at 94%.
- He reviewed drafts of two new policies. The first deals with room reservations for meetings and events and is being implemented now. The other is in regard to reservation of the Oak Lodge and additional guest rooms during the peak holiday periods. It will be implemented in November. The changed policy will be published in the resident handbook, which is available online at [www.sherwood-oaks.com/residents/resident-handbook](http://www.sherwood-oaks.com/residents/resident-handbook).

### **New Business**

New Resident Orientation will be held Tuesday, October 28, 3:30 to 5:00 PM.

Due to the high cost of a professional audit, the Board voted not to have an audit for the Operating Fund, Employee Appreciation Fund and the Memorial/Special Projects Fund. Because Sherwood Gifts account handles so much more money, it will continue to be professionally audited.

*Betty Eichler*  
Recording Secretary



### **POINSETTIA SALE**

Poinsettias will be available to order again this year. Watch for more details from the Landscape Committee.

*Jeannette Lawrence*

### **SAVE THE DATE**

The “Colors of Christmas,” lovely carols and songs will be presented by the combined Sherwood Oaks Chorus and Hand Bell Choir in their concert on Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at 7:15 PM in the auditorium. Come join us as we celebrate the joy of the Christmas season.

*LaVonne McCandlish*

### **UPCOMING HOLIDAY PARTIES**

*Get your dress-ups out now...*

Eggnog Party

Friday, December 5

Employee Christmas Party

Thursday, December 11

Resident Christmas Party

Thursday, December 18

New Year’s Eve Party

Wednesday, December 31

Details in the December Acorn.

*Tabby Alford*

### **NOVEMBER PROGRAMS**

7:15 PM in the Auditorium

Thursday, November 6 - Patrick Scianella and Amy Ridlings, a husband and wife team from Farmington Hills, Michigan, will present their program *Double Play Flute and Tuba*.

Thursday, November 13 - *The Greater Cranberry Barbershop Chorus* will entertain us with their lively renditions of many of our favorite songs.

Come and enjoy both programs

*Helen Haberlein*

### **FOCUS ON THE WORLD**

*Border Children Program*

November 20 at 7:15 PM

in the Auditorium.

Do you remember news about a large number of unaccompanied children from Central America coming to the U.S.? Have you wondered why they would undertake such a dangerous journey? Have you wondered what is happening to them now?

Focus on the World is providing some answers in a program provided by the Holy Family Institute. The speaker will be Sister Linda Yankoski, CEO of the Institute. They have sponsored a few of these border children and have heard their stories first-hand. What the Institute is doing to help them adjust to their new life will be the subject.

*Ellie Castle*

**BATTLE OF THE SEXES BAKE SALE**  
**Wednesday, November 19, 2014**  
**8 AM to 12 NOON**  
**Card Room**

Because it was so well received last year, we will again feature a table of “man-made” goodies. So men, please show us what you’ve got! Ladies, rise to the challenge and show us you’ve still got it! Chef Mascarpone will be returning this year to hawk SO’s “man-made” wares. Representing the women of Sherwood Oaks will be celebrity candy maker, Fanny Farmer. Be on the lookout for Fanny Farmer and Chef Mascarpone around the campus as well as at the Bake Sale.

Please bring your offerings to the **Auditorium on Tuesday, November 18th, from 3:30 to 6:00 PM** so that we can set up and price items. Late contributions will be taken from 7:45 to 10:00 AM on Wednesday morning. And if you are a stranger to your kitchen, we will gratefully accept cash gifts at any time.

Early birds get first choice; so plan to shop early often with cash or check. Late birds will want to come between noon and 1 PM when all “goods” will be moved to the lobby and reduced 50%. Taste and see just how talented residents and staff are. Fill your cupboard or refrigerator with home-made goodies for the Thanksgiving holiday, either for home consumption or giving to the lucky hostess who has invited YOU to dinner! All proceeds benefit the SORA Activity Fund.

We look forward to seeing you!

*Linda Mamaux, Chair*  
The Bake Sale Committee

**A Wonderful New Gift in the  
Computer Room**



Meet the newest addition to the computer room—a “Telikin 18” computer. The computer and its handsome desk were donated by the family of Mrs. Mary Lou Thompson, a resident who died recently. Ms. Thompson was the mother of Lyn Marsh, Director of the Sherwood Oaks Bell Choir and Chorus.

The new unit is a member of the Apple/Mac family of computers. It is very user-friendly, with touch-screen capabilities, keyboard and mouse capabilities and large screen icons. Information sheets to help you get acquainted with the unit are kept in the desk drawer.

The Telikin is available for use by residents. You do not need a password, simply log in as “Resident.” Email sent to the generic “SORA” account can be viewed by clicking on the email button on the left side of the screen. Several other large-size icons are also available: news, weather, games, calendar and more. These icons can be activated either by touching the screen with your finger or by using the mouse which is on the pull-out tray of the desk.

The Telikin is especially useful for seniors who have low vision and for those who may have difficulty using a mouse. We encourage you to try it! Help is available.

*Ed Alo*  
Computer Room



## CURIO CABINETS

“It’s heavenly” exceeded expectations! Dottie Stebler’s large painted angel and her angel made of wire starred in the show. In addition, the cast included a dog angel, a golfing angel, three gossiping angels and a number of musical angels. Indeed, there were angels of every size and color.

The Outer Space display was enhanced by Gussie Dimmick’s colorful pictures of the heavens which served as background on two shelves. Two five-year olds, Parker Budney and my grandson Elliot Sheldon, willingly added some of their space toys to the display. You can continue to enjoy “It’s Heavenly” until Tuesday, November 18.

On Thursday, November 20, residents are invited to fill both cabinets with Christmas and Hanukkah items in preparation for the holiday season.

Pick-up and drop-off times are 10 AM- noon and 4:30-5:30 PM.



Fran Borrebach



## SHERWOOD GIFTS

Have you noticed how fast 2014 has flown by? Hard to believe that the holiday season is almost upon us! Sherwood Gifts is getting ready! We extend a special welcome to all our new residents. Our all-volunteer-run shop is a great place to meet new friends and to take advantage of our services and bargains.

Check out the sundries and the sweet and savory snacks in the front of the store. It may save you a trip to Rite-Aid! Fruitcakes make great gifts and pecans are here in time for holiday baking. In addition to a display of general greeting cards, there is a large selection of boxed Christmas cards.

In the middle of the store, be sure to stop to admire the glittering fall and winter jewelry in the glass cases and the colorful, elegant scarves and shawls on the wall - all excellent gift choices, and, of course, ladies, a lovely way to enhance your own outfits for holiday parties!

Granny’s Attic is the department of Sherwood Oaks Gifts that accepts donations from generous residents and their families. Crystal, china, brass, silver, lamps, vases, paintings, assorted decorative items, etc.—all for you to view, and, perhaps purchase. Be sure to take a look at the scrapbook with pictures of furniture items too large to display in the shop. Arrangements can be made for you to see these pieces at your convenience.

Come on in and browse. We look forward to welcoming you to Sherwood Gifts!

Barbara Scruggs



## MEMORIAL/SPECIAL PROJECTS

Memorial/Special Projects, as its name suggests, has as its mission to disburse designated memorial gifts in accordance with the wishes of the donors, and to use undesignated memorial gifts to fund projects to improve the community and benefit residents. This article will address the second half of the mission.

In addition to undesignated memorial gifts, the Sherwood Gift Shop contributes its profits to this fund on a quarterly basis, amounting to approximately \$32,000 annually.

The committee is composed of those past presidents of SORA who wish to serve, a representative from the Gift Shop and two members-at-large. Proposals come to the committee by written application. Individuals, committees and Administration may request funding. Applicants are usually invited to attend a committee meeting to discuss their proposal and to answer questions prior to the committee's vote to approve or disapprove.

Examples of approved projects include:

1. Beautification of the East Bank of Cranberry Lake (soon to be implemented)
2. Repair of the pool table and purchase of cue sticks
3. Outdoor Games enhancements (Summer House area)
4. *Uniting for Wellness* program in the Fitness Center
5. Scale for wheelchair patients
6. Lake fountain lights
7. Conger Green Field gardens (Summer House location)
8. Clocks for Skilled Nursing patient rooms

The variety of projects exemplifies how well applicants think outside the box. Residents may work within the SORA committee/activity structure to identify projects, to prepare and submit proposals for consideration to the Memorial/Special Projects Committee at any time. All projects must be approved by Administration. Proposal forms are available at the reception desk. The Committee welcomes your participation.

*Madelin Clements, Chair*  
Memorial/Special Projects Committee

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**Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday,  
the next deadline is early:  
November 13.**

## LET US GIVE THANKS

### *Where Love Lives*

A Cape Cod cottage trim and neat,  
A lush green lawn, a shaded street,  
A picket fence where roses grow —  
That was our dream so long ago.  
A little house gray, white and red  
Was our first domicile instead.  
There were no trees to shade the grass,  
No rose-clad fence for us to pass.  
The next house that we bought was white  
With shutters black and shrubs in sight —  
Colonial with lots of shade  
That dogwood, oak and maples made.  
A house two stories built with bricks  
We next made ours with feelings mixed,  
With lawn and trees and cul-de-sac  
And patio with steps in back  
We wondered if from there we'd go  
To chalet-type or bungalow,  
Or would a high-rise condo be  
A place for us beside the sea?  
No crystal ball did we possess,  
Where fortune led we could but guess.  
What we did know was when we'd roam,  
If love lived there, then we'd be home.

### *Much later*

We sold our house, we headed north,  
To Sherwood Oaks we sallied forth.  
Now 202 is our abode,  
And Dover is our local code.  
Our dream of youth has not come 'round,  
  
But what a caring place we've found!  
No longer have we need to roam,  
For love lives here~we're safe at home.

*Polly Gibson*

*(Polly and Bill Gibson moved to Sherwood Oaks  
in 2004; Bill died in 2013 and Polly in 2014)*

## IN THIS THANKSGIVING MONTH, WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR...

—*the streets we live on*  
—*the community we live in*  
—*the caring support we receive*  
*...and love*  
—The streets...

The second floor of Sherwood Center is approximately the length of three city blocks (at least in the Pittsburgh neighborhood I know best). That is enough length and width for 40 rooms. The daily paper is delivered, hung on the rail near the door of each of those neighbors who orders it. But the "delivery boy" does not holler "PAYPAH". At one end of this street is a day room: a room for serving three meals a day to people; a TV; space for socializing... games, assembling jigsaw puzzles, playing Scrabble and other activities.

Off this room is a balcony with comfortable chairs and flower boxes filled with many different kinds of flowers. Staff and residents have been known to eat their lunch on this balcony, while hearing the fountain in Cranberry Lake splash and feeling the soft, gentle wind.

Meanwhile, the staff are being very pleasant (and very busy at the same time) passing out pills and taking care of the individual needs of forty elderly people.

The staff and residents are all very interesting and lively. Gertrude Stewart, tall and straight at this grand age, is 100 year old. Recently, Emily Grey marked 101 years.

Obviously, Personal Care Main Street is a very lively and interesting "street".

*Mary Frank*

—The community...

There are lots of reasons to be grateful for life at Sherwood Oaks. Not only is there life-care security, a staff that serves us with unstinting devotion, a dining room that hums with conversation and laughter, educational and entertainment opportunities that nurture our minds and spirits, there's much more.

Best of all for me are the residents. The life experiences of our friends and neighbors reflect a veritable treasure of fascinating personalities as well as a wide range of careers, compassionate faith and humanitarian service through a variety of organizations and institutions, to say nothing of numerous adventures in world travel. It makes for a palpable sense that we are bound by something more than just age and geographical proximity. We're really all together in community. For that, too, I'm profoundly thankful.

*Bill Paul*

—The Caring Support...

And now we're living (safely once more)  
On our near-by Skilled Nursing Floor,  
When we need greater care, special food,  
They are for-the-asking,  
and in joyful mood.

*Kim Good*

—And love...

I am enormously thankful for being a resident at Sherwood Oaks. It began almost as soon as we moved in when we were warmly greeted by friends and our new neighbors and welcomed by the excellent staff. That thankfulness deepened quickly when, fifteen months later, my wife, Babs, suddenly and unexpectedly died.

Those same friends and no longer "new" neighbors rallied to my support. Comforting words were spoken. Thoughtful things were done. Food was brought. I remembered my brother's comments after his wife died, four years previously, about how bad mealtimes were for him. He didn't like watching TV over dinner and he was very alone. I never ate dinner alone, unless I wanted to. Of course I missed Babs, but I was deeply thankful that I was at Sherwood Oaks and not living alone in my former home in the North Hills.

Then, much later, as I was taking one of my two daily walks, I was "accosted" by another resident, Mary Lou Tiernan, a lady whom I knew only slightly. She asked if I would be "open to meeting" a friend of hers. I thought to myself, one should always be "open" and I said "yes". The friend, who lived in the North Hills, wasn't "open", however, and it took some weeks before Mary Lou was able to talk her into a lunch for four. Not long after that I invited Mary Lou's friend to join me for a lunch, just the two of us. As they say, "the rest is history." Sally and I were married almost eight years ago on the 30<sup>th</sup> of December, 2006, and she moved in with me at 207 Norman Drive.

Now you know why I am so thankful to be at Sherwood Oaks!

*Jim Donnell*



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**VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE**

Tuesday, November 4, 2014

7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Our Sherwood Oaks voting precinct is Cranberry West 2. The voting location is in the Senior/Teen Room in the Municipal Building at 2525 Rochester Road. Watch the Bulletin Board for a bus schedule for transportation to the polls.

*Beni Downing*

**THE CONGESSIONAL COMMITTEE**

The committee meets...

Time definite...

Place precise...

Purpose not clear.

The chairman outlines the goals...

Each member speaks in turn...

A few addressing the subject...

But most addressing each other...

Minutes stretch to hours...

And are dutifully recorded...

The merry-go-'round goes 'round...

Sometimes up, sometimes down...

But always going 'round.

Suddenly, the calliope stops...

With no brass ring in sight...

The committee has AGREED!!!

On the time and place

Of the next meeting.

*Mike Rose*



## WORTH THE TIME

by Ed Vidt

These four books represent our current interest in World War I because the 100th anniversary (1914-2014) of that war is upon us.

### **The Care and Management of Lies**

Jacqueline Winespear

I cried! This book is one of the most poignant and also very well-written books I've ever read. It tells a story of Kezie and Tom. They are young farm folks in County Kent in Great Britain in 1914. Their marriage and early life together is not easy, but they know how to help each other and to manage their large farm well. After the war begins, their part in it, — the raising of crops and the tending to farm animals, all to feed those Englishmen not directly involved in the war, — is fine. But then Edmund Hawkes, Army Reserve Officer neighbor, is called up to service. Tom feels that he also needs to go to fight the Huns. Kezia is left to run the farm. And this story is now ready to begin. As Edmund and Tom go to the Western Front, you begin to share the true meaning of this fine book.

### **Enduring Courage**

John F. Ross

Eddie Rickenbacker, in all of his glory and despair, is followed through years of dirt road car racing in the early 1900s until WW I begins. Then the "Age of Speed" takes him up into the AIR. This book follows Eddie through the horrors of trying to fly really unreliable, feeble aircraft, to the glories and frights of dog-fights over Europe for the U.S. Army Air Force. As you probably know, Eddie becomes a hero, killing dozens of enemy; he returns to the U.S. covered in glory. The book then jumps to the time when Eddie is Mr. Rickenbacker, President of Eastern Airlines. The future contains much pain and misery due to plane crashes in Atlanta, and then in the Pacific when Mr. Rickenbacker, as a diplomat, participates in WW II. Perhaps the reader should stop with the end of the "covered in glory" part?

## **Catastrophe 1914: Europe Goes to War**

Max Hastings

The first five months of WW I, August to December 1914, is told in great detail. In history textbook style, the idiocy of European national leaders is explored. From Austria to Serbia to Russia to France to Germany to England to Belgium, the decision to kill people with guns, artillery and bombs proceeds apace. (It was impossible for me to read about how this all started without my also thinking about how we now drop 500 pound bombs on ISIS Muslims!) Anyway, the French and Germans start in August with horse-mounted officers, flags and brass bands leading the way to combat. That doesn't last very long in the face of Maxim machine guns and 75 MM artillery shells. Men are killed by the tens of thousands and in those five months, 20,000 horses also die. By December, all sides have full knowledge of the true malevolence of modern war, but they don't know how to stop it. For that, read the next review.

### **The Long Shadow**

David Reynolds

This is, like "Catastrophe:1914," a history textbook style of a book. It contains so much information, and is so dense in the way that information is used to show "a picture of how future generations (we) see the First World War: brave, helpless soldiers; blundering, obstinate generals; nothing achieved" that a single reading isn't enough. This book must be read and reread. As a soldier recuperating in the hospital with his face half shot off tries to say "Shotvarfet" over and over, people who hear him finally realize his meaning — IT'S NOT WORTH IT. America is still trying to comprehend how and why and in what way politics, literature, security, economics, diplomacy and art are all changed by war. Perhaps if we can understand the huge futility of World War I by reading this book, it would help us to understand that we could stop senseless bomb dropping now?

## CHAPEL NOTES

### *IN MEMORIAM*

*Memories are precious possessions  
that time can never destroy. For  
it is in happy remembrance that  
the heart finds its greatest joy.*

*Mary Lou Thompson  
September 25, 2014*

*Marcia Dillon  
October 9, 2014*

*Virginia Edwards  
October 16, 2014*

*Lewis Hoover  
October 20, 2014*

*Richard Clark  
October 22, 2014*

November is the month in which we are especially encouraged to give thanks for the many blessings we receive each day. You are all invited to join in the services on Sunday afternoons at 2:00, as we express our gratitude in worship.

Leading the services this month will be the following ministers:

**Nov. 2** - The Rev. James Moran,  
Cranberry Community United  
Presbyterian Church

**Nov. 9** - The Rev. Kevin Gourley,  
Memorial Park Presbyterian Church

**Nov. 16** - The Rev. Heather Lubold,  
Berkeley Hills Lutheran Church

**Nov. 23** - The Rev. Daniell Corll,  
Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church

**Nov. 30** - The Rev. Scott Russell,  
St. Brendan's Episcopal Church

November is also the month in which the Chapel Committee issues invitations to pastors to lead services in the coming year. If your minister is not now participating and you would like us to extend an invitation to him or her, please give the name, address and phone number to Agnes Peebles, in-house mail box 324 by November 15.

*Agnes Peebles*

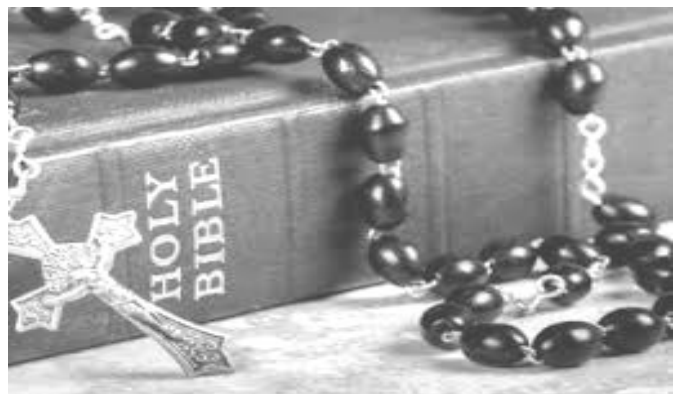
### **ACTIVITIES IN THE CHAPEL**

Women's Bible Study  
First and Third Mondays  
10:45-11:45 AM

Men's Bible Study  
Weekly, Wednesdays  
10:00-11:00 AM

Holy Communion, Episcopal Rite  
First Tuesday of the month  
11:00 AM

Quaker Meeting for Worship  
Fourth Sunday of the month  
10:30-11:30 AM



## NOVEMBER



Witches have flown and cleared the room,  
Taking with them all darkness and gloom  
We look forward to colorful fall.  
Enter Jack Frost with paint brush and all.

Some say he's imaginary this strange little fellow,  
With his bright palette of colors, red, gold and yellow  
Of course, Jack Frost can't paint trees and all.  
It's part of nature's change into fall.



If you're out walking, you'll feel in a week  
The air is cooler; it may sting your cheeks.  
God himself turns His garden of splendor  
Into a rich colorful feast for November.

What say you that God can do?  
On every mountain top's clear view,  
He shows His presence glorious hue.  
That's what I say God can do.

*Jean Wasniewski*



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