



**From Pastor David Franks**

## Turn, Turn, Turn

We have barely finished the observance of Advent and Christmas and made it through the afterglow of Epiphany and already the season of Lent, beginning Feb. 17 with Ash Wednesday, is upon us. The major theme of Lent is repentance but in order to have a better Lent it is good to have a better understanding of what true repentance entails.

Repentance is not about weeping and wailing and bemoaning our sins and errors, nor really about sacrifice in the sense of 'giving up' chocolate or whatever; it is not about groveling before God or clothing ourselves in sackcloth and covering our head with ashes. When we really think about it, little of that does anyone, ourselves included, any good. The key concept in repentance is turning, turning away from that which does not give true life and joy toward that which does. For some the choice can be fairly clear – an alcoholic, for example, eventually, hopefully, sees clearly that he or she must turn away from alcohol toward sobriety and engagement with a community. When they turn toward sobriety and community they find real life.

But all of us, if we are honest with ourselves, can identify areas in our lives where it would be helpful and life enhancing for us to turn away from something which does not really bless us and turn toward something that does. Turn away from overeating and toward moderation, turn away from inactivity toward regular exercise, turn away from the television and turn toward listening and conversation with our family and loved ones, turn away from serving only our own interests and turn toward service to God's world in all its diversity.

We are used to thinking of 'giving up' something for Lent, but that is only part of the complete action – we turn away from something but turn toward something else. At Clifton we will have several events during Lent, from special worship events to small group studies, which will be opportunities to turn away from the routine of your life and turn toward something different, something that will bless you in a new way and be like a cool spring to a thirsty traveler. Isaiah's call is the call of Lent, a call to our souls to turn and live, to come to God's healing and restoring waters:

Come, all you who are thirsty,  
come to the waters;  
and you who have no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without cost.  
Why spend money on what is not bread,  
and your labor on what does not satisfy?  
Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,  
and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.

# ***Worship Notes***

## **First Communion Class...**

You might have a youngster who is ready to take their First Communion. We plan to have a class in the not too distant future so please contact Pastor if you are interested. We at Clifton have no firm rule about the necessary age to take communion but we leave it to a decision made by the pastor, the youth and their family

## ***Church Council News***



### ***Contributing Editor ~ Mary Hall***

#### Highlights from the Jan. 19 Council meeting

- Annual Congregational meeting will be Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> please mark your calendars, we will review last year's expenditures, we will hear from the committee chairs, review and vote on the 2010 proposed budget, vote on new council members, and discuss open items. Please plan on attending your input is very valuable
- Property update; Teresa has been working hard on repainting and replacing some of the windows in the basement. If you have time to assist her, please let her know.
- We will be reaching out for volunteers to commit in helping with specific events such as the "Hanging of the Greens", taking responsibility for the banners, preparing the sanctuary for Advent, etc. these events take planning and preparation and we need additional members to commit to these

events. Please speak with Pastor about your wiliness to help.

- We will be sending a congregational contribution to the Haiti Earthquake relief fund. This money will be taken from the mission endowment fund; the individual contributions will also be matched by the Thrivent for Lutherans organization. We can still accept your contributions, please mail them or place them in the offering.
- We served a hardy dinner to over 100 people at the Salem Mission on New Year's Eve. Thanks to all who volunteered. Our next time to serve Salem Mission is in April.
- The Endowment committee would like to thank everyone for their generous commitment for 2010.

## ***From the President's Desk***



***Jim Koehn***

Be a Doer of the Word in 2010

As we enter the New Year, each of us carries "baggage" with us; worries, hardships, illness, financial concerns. While these burdens weigh heavy upon many of us, we have much to be thankful for as well, especially when viewed in light of the horror and tragedy of the recent earthquake in Haiti. As a congregation, we also have so many things to be thankful for. God has truly blessed CLC and I count myself very lucky to be a part of this wonderful Christian community.

There's a wonderful song sung by Dan Peeks who became popular with the group *America* in the 1970's (am I dating myself?). It's entitled "**Doer of the Word**" and it has some great lyrics:

"When the storms of life are arising, and the rain it pours;  
the winds of the north and south are colliding,  
right outside your door.  
You can turn to the ways of the world and build  
your house on sand.

Or you can turn yourself to the way of the word and build your house upon a rock, assured that it will stand.

Just Be a Doer..... of the Word of the Lord”

There are new opportunities for each of us to exemplify our faith and let the love of the Lord shine through us. We can all be “Doers” by using our time, talents and treasures in creative “new” ways. Expand the way in which you serve the Lord at church; witness the Lord when you are out and about; study the word at home or as a small group; enjoy the fellowship of family and friends.

Thank you all for being a part of my life. I wish you all God’s Blessings for 2010. ~ Jim

## ***From the Property Chair***

***Contributing Editor ~ Teresa Collins***

The good news is that the days are getting longer! Bring on the vitamin D! The dark and quiet of winter that forced me indoors had me toiling away at K-hall. A plan is evolving in hopes of getting the whole hall repainted ceiling to floor. The adult leaders from Scout Troop 79 and Pack 79 have been solicited to assist with this task. As the date is narrowed, all will be welcome to assist in this effort. Meanwhile, I've been anticipating the delivery and installation of the two windows that were ordered in November. The remainder of the windows are getting a complete makeover. I've been scraping, washing priming and painting the windows in an effort to restore them until their replacement arrives in the coming years. Meanwhile, the window dressings will be upgraded to a sturdy insulated drape to help retain heat, minimize drafts and limit glare. A huge thanks goes out to my mother and her friend Katherine (Kitty) Phelps for the incredible work they've done with the drapery project, as well as Kitty's neighbor Margaret Withum who also lent a hand. Bit by bit, I get to seek out and complete these property related tasks. It gives me so much satisfaction to see the finished project. You may consider this as the council seeks new members. See the skill set within yourself and apply it the best you can towards a council position that you may fill.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TWO NEW DOCTORS Part II**



***Contributing Editor: Mike Wade***

As many of you know by now, two young members of our congregation have recently obtained significant academic honors. In November we featured Bill Hall (son of Bill and Mary Hall) who earned his M.D. at Loyola University. This month we are featuring Amy (Franks) Sevilla, daughter of Pastor Dave and Lynda Franks, who recently received a PhD from Yale University.

Children of a minister's family frequently experience several physical moves during their childhood, to the various locations where their minister parent is called. When you add another dimension of military service (Pastor Dave was a United States Air Force Chaplain for 20 years), the logistics can become very complex. As a result Amy's academic chronology reads somewhat like a Rick Steves' travelogue.

Amy was born in Iowa in 1973, where Pastor Dave and Lynda were living, while Pastor was serving as a seminary intern at the Mental Health Institute in Independence, Iowa. The family lived in Dubuque, Iowa for Pastor's final year in the seminary in 1974.

In June 1974 Pastor received his first ministry call to Nauvoo, Illinois. Amy was one year old when the family moved to Nauvoo and they remained there for 4 years. Nauvoo, Illinois is a small town on the banks of the Mississippi River with some very interesting, historical links to the origins of the Church of Jesus Christ, Latter-Day Saints (the Mormons).

Pastor joined the United State Air Force in 1978 and was assigned as a Chaplain at the MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Florida. Lynda obtained a

teaching position at the St John's Greek Orthodox Church Day School and Amy began her education at St John's.

In 1982 Pastor was re-assigned to Kirtland Air Force Base in New Mexico, and the family lived on the base. While in New Mexico, Lynda earned her MBA and Amy entered grade school. The family remained in New Mexico for 5 years until Pastor was re-assigned – this time to the Okinawa military base in Japan. The family lived off-base for a year and then moved into living quarters on the base. Amy attended school on the base and it was here that she developed her love for the Japanese culture and language.

While in High School in Okinawa, Amy participated in a Japanese studies competition for foreigners sponsored by the local Prefecture. She was required to write, memorize and deliver a speech in Japanese to a panel of Japanese judges. Given the complexities of the Japanese language this was quite a challenge, so much so that Amy is not sure that she would want to repeat the experience at that age.

In the Summer of 1989, on the recommendation of her High School Biology professor, she applied for, and was accepted, to participate in a project led by the world-renowned glaciologist Maynard Miller, to study the ice fields in Juneau, Alaska. The project brought together scientists and students from various disciplines – geology, glaciology, climatology, etc., to study the ecosystems of the ice fields. As a high schooler she could not qualify as an experienced researcher, of course – however she tells me that she got very good at digging the snow pits, which were used to collect ice samples.

In 1990 the family moved again – this time Pastor was assigned to the USAF base in Bittburg, Germany. Amy entered the American School on base as a Junior and graduated 2 years later. From Germany she applied to several of the top American universities in the U.S. Here again the process of college application was somewhat complicated by her location in Europe. Unlike other college applicants she was not able to do the physical “shopping around” for her choices, but ultimately she was accepted at Wellesley College without ever having seen the college beforehand (not too shabby

huh?). She graduated 4 years later with a B.A. degree in English and Japanese studies.

Following graduation Amy took up a position as an English teacher in Shizukuishi, a small farming town of about 20,000 people west of the capital city of Morioka in the Prefecture of Iwate, which is in the north of Honshu Island in Japan. She taught English at several elementary schools and the junior high school, as well as adult conversation classes at the local community center. She tells me that she made many meaningful friendships and learned a lot about the Japanese language and culture, but she admits to feeling a little isolated at times as the only American in the area, however, she would never trade the experience.

Upon returning to the U.S. she worked at Tuttle Publishing in Boston, which published a lot of books on Japan and literature in translation by Japanese authors. She really enjoyed working in publishing, but eventually left Tuttle when they began to publish New Age literature, which had nothing to do with Japan.

She entered the graduate program at Yale University in 1999, specializing in Asian Language and Literature. She returned to Japan in the summers of 2001, 2003 and 2005 and spent six months there in 2004 to do her dissertation research in Tokyo. She graduated from Yale with a Master's degree and finally a PhD in 2008.

Lately Amy has been doing a lot of literary translation. She is currently working on translating a short story by an Okinawan post-war writer about the Japanese occupation of Indonesia. The story will be part of an anthology of Okinawan literature. She is also trying to continue her academic research while working to turn part of her doctoral dissertation into scholarly articles. Her other interests include reading on her Kindle, making cupcakes, and hanging out with Jaypee and of course, Leo (who we assume is the principal consumer of the cupcakes!).

Amy married Jaypee in May, 2005. They currently live in Cambridge, Massachusetts and are the proud parents of 2 year old Leo. The family regularly makes the trip from Cambridge to attend Clifton services and to enable Leo to keep an eye on his grandparents (not to mention getting thoroughly

spoiled by them) We often tap into Amy's musical talent (she obviously inherited her Mom's musical genes) from time to time by asking her to be a "super-sub" on the bell choir - usually at the last moment, whenever we are short of resources at performance time.

We thank Amy for sharing her really interesting academic history with us. We congratulate her on earning her doctorate. We wish her continued success wherever her career takes her and many, many happy years of marriage and family life.

## FEBRUARY NEWS



### February Birthdays

Rude, Robin	February	3
Fields, Liesl	February	6
Nye, Alyssa	February	7
Julien, Ray	February	12
Calahan, Robin	February	16
Maio, Steve	February	19
Slepian, Jane Hufnagel	February	19
Koehn, Jim	February	21
Slattery, Margaret (Peg)	February	26
Russell, Marlys	February	27
Nye, Ashley	February	28

## Annual Congregational Meeting after worship, Sunday, Feb. 28, 2010

***Genesis from the new Book of Faith Series...*** An eight week learning, discussion and fellowship event co-led by Linda and Jim Koehn and Louise and Mike Wade beginning soon - contact them for more information [michaelrwade@comcast.net](mailto:michaelrwade@comcast.net) or [jakoehn@gmail.com](mailto:jakoehn@gmail.com)

The book of Genesis traces our origins from cosmic beginnings through stories preserved from pre-history. Each story provides us with a glimpse of God's intentions, how God acts, and who we are in relationship to God and the rest of creation.

In this 8-session Bible study, study groups will explore early stories of faith and God's promise in the book of Genesis through these 8 topics and questions:

- Origins: Where do we come from?  
Genesis 1:1—2:25
- Mystery and Boundary: Can we live with God's terms?  
Genesis 3:1-24
- Troubled in Paradise: How does God deal with evil?  
Genesis 6:11-14; 7:1-5; 7:17—8:4; 9:8-17
- Hanging on a Promise: How long, O Lord?  
Genesis 11:31—12:4; 17:1-8; 18:1-15
- How could God ask such a thing?  
Genesis 21:1-8; 22:1-19; 25:19-26
- Does God love just anyone?  
Genesis 27:1-10, 15-17, 22-35; 32:22-32

## Briefly...

**Publicity Chair...** Thanks to Joyce Lofmark for stepping up to do publicity for the church. If you have church information that you'd like to go into the newspaper please contact her at [w.lofmark@comcast.net](mailto:w.lofmark@comcast.net) or you can contact me at [infoclc@verizon.net](mailto:infoclc@verizon.net) and I will get the information to her.

**Marblehead Food Pantry...** Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Marblehead Food Pantry. Your faithful support means so much to them! ~Sally

**Continue the Journey ...** Thanks to all who have pledged and thanks again to Louise and Mike for their inspired leadership. If you still have plans to pledge please contact Louise or Mike. [michaelrwade@comcast.net](mailto:michaelrwade@comcast.net).

Stewardship is about much more than \$. Time and talents are equally cherished and needed in the Gospel ministry we all share. We will have several leadership openings in the New Year and ask you to consider stepping forward to serve.

We need:

- Council Secretary
- Stewardship Chairs
- Delegates to the Synod Assembly in early June

Thanks to Joyce Lofmark for stepping forward to be our Publicity Chair!

If you are interested in learning more about these positions please contact me or any Council member.

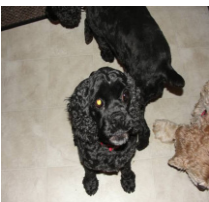


## Guess What?

### We're on Facebook now!

Check us out at [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com). Type in Clifton Lutheran Church in the search area and click onto our page. We're looking for suggestions to make our page more exciting, so if you have any ideas, or pictures, or anything you think might help, email them to me at [infoclc@verizon.net](mailto:infoclc@verizon.net).

### Jack, Annie, Napoli Update



**Annie all groomed and pretty...** I am pleased to say that Jack and Napoli have each found new homes. Annie is still awaiting hers, but continues to live happily in her foster home. Annie has a sweet and lovable disposition. She is a 7 year old Cocker Spaniel, bred by well-respected breeder and TV news anchor Randy Price, who is well known for breeding exceptional Cocker Spaniels. Annie is an absolutely amazing little dog.

Check out [www.lifslittlepaws.com](http://www.lifslittlepaws.com) for specific information on Annie or to learn about other rescues offered through the organization.



*Just a reminder...* Pastor

Franks may be most easily reached in the church office Monday through Friday, 10am to 3pm (with some exceptions) and by use of the answering machine. Saturday and Monday are usually his days off. Pastor may be reach by email at [dlfranks1@earthlink.net](mailto:dlfranks1@earthlink.net) or by phoning the office 781 631 4379 during his office hours.

Church secretary office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 9am to noon, and Thursdays 10am to 1pm. You can easily reach her by email at [infoclc@verizon.net](mailto:infoclc@verizon.net) or by phoning the office 781 631 4379.

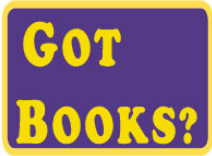


**Deadline for Newsletter Items..** Please give all newsletter Items to Barbara via phone 781-631-4379 or email at [infoclc@verizon.net](mailto:infoclc@verizon.net). The deadline for newsletter articles for the Month of March is **Tuesday, February 16.**



*Flower Reminder...*

Thank you to all who have sponsored flowers for the altar in memory or honor of a loved one. When you make your payment, please remember to write flowers in the memo section of your check and deposit it in the wooden box at the rear of the Narthex. Please do not put payment in the collection plate. The cost is \$20 for two vases. ~ Thank you.



Clifton Lutheran Church has a Got Books bin located conveniently in our parking lot. It is real simple to drive your car in, drop off your books and drive on out. Plus Got Books recycles all the books and either donates them or sells them at a discounted price at their used book store in Danvers at the Market Basket Plaza.

**SERVICES PROVIDED AND  
JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

**Oil Burner Tune-ups**



Pete Calahan is a Massachusetts licensed, NORA certified oil burner technician. A clean oil burner is an efficient oil burner and will save you money on maintenance and oil consumption. It will also emit fewer pollutants into the air. Pete will clean and tune up your oil burner for \$95.

He can be reached at [petcal60@yahoo.com](mailto:petcal60@yahoo.com) or 781 254 3388.

**Thrivent Financial for Lutherans..**

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is looking to expand their team of Financial Representatives to better serve their members and congregations. Please see the flyer posted on the bulletin board outlining job description. For more information or to apply, please contact Barb Giger at 1(800)816-7910, email: [barb.giger@thrivent.com](mailto:barb.giger@thrivent.com)



**Coffee Host  
Schedule**

**Updated – final and complete**

February 7		Pollard & Dovidio
February 14		Ernst & Nina Hall
February 21		Skinner, Slattery & Calahan
February 28		Fields & Dobson
March 7		Prouty & Lofmark
March 14		Wade & Mary Hall
March 21		Nye & Gally
March 28		Palm Sunday Brunch
April 4	<i>Easter</i>	Vesely & Pickell
April 11		Watzke & Koehn
April 18		Walker, Janavaris & Rude
April 25		Evans, Lloyd & Maio
May 2		Skinner, Slattery & Calahan
May 9		Watzke & Koehn
May 16		Ernst & Nina Hall
May 23		Nye & Gally
May 30		Fields & Dobson
June 6		Prouty & Lofmark
June 13		Wade & Mary Hall
June 20		<i>The CLC Choir</i>
June 27		Vesley & Pickell
July 4		Pollard & Dovidio
July 11		Walker, Janavaris & Rude
July 18		Evans, Lloyd & Maio
July 25		Nye & Gally
August 1		Skinner, Slattery & Calahan
August 8		Watzke & Koehn
August 15		Ernst & Nina Hall
August 22		Fields & Dobson
August 29		Prouty & Lofmark

## CLIFTON LUTHERAN CHURCH - February 2010

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <i>Boy Scouts Meeting 7pm KH</i>	2 <i>Choir Rehearsal 7-9pm Music Room</i>	4 <i>Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30-pm</i>  <i>AA 7-8pm KH</i>	5	6
7 Sunday School Confirmation 9am  Worship 10am Sanctuary	8 Pack 79 Meeting 8 pm	9 <i>Boy Scouts Meeting 7pm KH</i>	10 <i>Choir Rehearsal 7-9pm Music Room</i>	11 <i>Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30-pm</i>  <i>AA 7-8pm KH</i>	12	13
14 No Sunday School Confirmation 9am  <i>Worship 10am Sanctuary</i>	15	16 <i>Boy Scouts meeting 7 pm KH</i>	17 <i>Ash Wednesday Service 7:30 PM</i>	18 <i>Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm</i>  <i>AA 7-8pm KH</i>	19	20
21 Sunday School Confirmation 9am  <i>Worship 10am Sanctuary</i>	22	23 Boy Scouts Meeting 7pm KH	24 <i>Choir Rehearsal 7-9pm Music Room</i>	25 <i>Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm</i>  <i>AA 7-8pm KH</i>	26	27
28 Sunday School Confirmation 9am  <i>Worship 10am Sanctuary</i>  Annual Meeting 11am						

## REMEMBER IN PRAYERS

Kenneth Adler	Sandy Vesely's uncle hospitalized after a bad fall
Audrey Bannan	Barb Janavaris' aunt who has many health issues
Nancy Carlson	Friend of Karin Ernst suffering from leukemia
Sharon Carlson	Bill & Pat Finch's daughter-in-law's sister with brain tumor
Nathalie Dearborn	At JRC in Swampscott
Kathleen Finch	Daughter-in-law of Bill & Pat Finch who has pneumonia
Tom Ford	Friend of Tonya Nye battling lung cancer
Josephine Gosselin	Christine Gally's grandmother in nursing home/health issues
Angie Herman	Sandy Maio's cousin – pray for peace and comfort during a life threatening illness
Teddy Haughton	At Lynn Union Hospital
Audrey Hufnagel	Member at home
Ray Julien	MS and Parkinson's – at home
John Kazes	Family friend of the Nye's battling cancer
Virginia Lathrop	Barbara Janavaris' aunt suffering from issues with leg strength due to weakness after a stroke
Joan Little	Friend of Teddy Haughton who is recovering from throat surgery
Frances McCool	Aunt of Barbara Janavaris who is suffering from breast cancer
Robert Paulmann	Sande Vesely's cousin who is battling Sarcoma – a rare form of cancer
Laudis Pena	Edwin's grandmother who is fighting breast cancer
Maureen Perreault	Robin Calahan's friend continuing treatment after surgery
Linda Watzke	Recovering from major cardiovascular surgery



**Remember with prayers, calls, cards or visits those hospitalized  
homebound or recovering from surgery:**

**Audrey Hufnagel (at home), Teddy Haughton (now at Lynn Union Hospital), Nat  
Dearborn (now at JRC in Swampscott), Barbara Johnson (at Twin Oaks Nursing Home,  
Danvers) and Ray Julien.**

**If you need addresses see your directory or email**

**[info@verizon.net](mailto:info@verizon.net)**

**We want to strengthen our ministry to our members who are ill, confined or unable to  
drive.**

**If you might be interested in serving as coordinator of the Member Support Team  
please let me know**

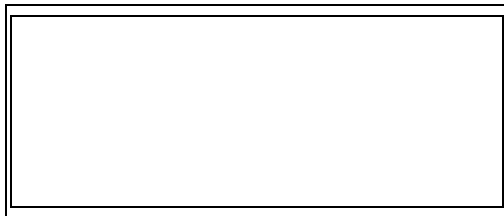
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# FEBRUARY 2010



Clifton Lutheran Church is a welcoming, multi-community congregation of people, gathered by God and nurtured in worship by Word and Sacrament, in order that each of us has the opportunity to grow in faith amidst the chances and changes of this life, belong and be valued, and serve among the hopes and hurts of our world

## February Worship Ministers

	<b>Feb 7</b>	<b>Feb 14</b>	<b>Feb 17 Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>Feb 21</b>	<b>Feb 28</b>
Assistant Minister	Daniel Collins	Ali Janavaris	Susan Angrisano	Daniel Collins	Joanne Evans
Communion Assistant	Pat Duly	Jim Rude	Bill Finch	Mary Hall	Barb Janavaris
Ushers	David Wilson Edwin Baez	Teresa Collins Daniel Collins	Ken Anderson Steve Duly	Robin Calahan Robin Rude	Chris Prouty Nathan Koplien Fox Prouty
Altar Guild	Sande Vesely	Susan Angrisano	Louise Wade	Mary Hall	Pat Duly
Greeters	Louise Wade	Rude Family		Pat Duly	Prouty Family
Acolyte	Rachael Slepian Kristina Koplien	Sam Pickell Jake Pickell	Fox Prouty	Drew Gally	Melinda Wilson