**January 2014**

JCPC Newsletter

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***Special Interest Articles:***

• Little Caesars Fundraiser on going to 17th at PS

• Wednesday Night Live to begin on ASH Wednesday, March 5

A little girl went to bed one night with her clothes on. When her mother came to tuck her in she expressed surprise. “What in the world are you doing honey?” she asked. “You’ve never done this before.” “It was what our teacher said,” replied the little girl. “What was that?” asked mom. “Our teacher said that things are changing so fast now that there isn’t any time to get ready for them. I thought if I kept my clothes on I would be ready.”

As we enter a new year time certainly seems to be moving faster than ever and the world around us is changing faster than we’re ready for and faster than we can keep up with. This is certainly true in regard to the church. Worship styles are changing. People’s values are changing. People do not see the importance of participating in the life of the church in large part because the church has become too focused on itself and not focused enough on loving and caring for others as Christ does.

In speaking of people who really love the way Jesus does, John Killinger tells the story of John and Larry. John was a paraplegic. He had toxoplasmosis as a teenager and as a result later in life was reduced to a distorted skeletal figure in a wheelchair who could only grunt. If someone said something John thought was funny, he would emit a loud hideous laugh usually a minute or two after the humor had passed.

Larry was a commercial artist who met John at a church supper. John’s parents were caring for him but the task was becoming more than they could manage both because of John’s increasing needs and their aging. Larry offered to help them by taking John for a few hours at a time. Then he began to take him for weekends. Eventually Larry quit his job and worked independently at home so that he could care for John full time.

When Killinger expressed his admiration to regarding the sacrifices he was making to care for John his response was, “it’s not a sacrifice. When I look at John I see Jesus and I can’t help loving him.” When we as individuals and as churches love others as Christ loves us, we will thrive.

In Christ’s Service, Rev. Harry Brown

*“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. 14You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. 16You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. 17I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another”.* (John 15:12-17).

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# From the Study Window

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Many of us have said it:  "I can't believe Christmas is here already!"  Well, yes, it has come and now gone.  In the music world at JCPC we enter a new year and a new season.  As we finish the time before Ash Wednesday (the day after Mardi Gras), we also look ahead to Holy Week and our annual Palm Sunday concert.

This year we are taking a departure from the classical school and presenting a cantata called "The Victor." by David Clydesdale.  He himself calls this a "film scorish" cantata, using all the dynamics of film score style music (including extra percussion).  It's a beautiful work, quoting a number of familiar songs and hymns of the season, ending with a powerful anthem, "I Am Determined!"  To compliment this cantata I have arranged two works for orchestra from the repertory of Richard Purvis, renowned composer and long time organist at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco.  Although he was a graduate of Curtis Institute, his love for the theatre organ propelled him into scoring familiar hymns in a theatre style -- rich in harmonies but at the same time profoundly spiritual.  What a combination.

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**Soli Deo Gloria**

## Young Adult Sunday School Class 9:15 am in the FH

## Music Notes By Wiliam Memmott



We are WILD about learning through PLAY at John Calvin Presbyterian Playschool. This month we are learning about winter and trying to stay warm!

A couple important Playschool dates to note:

January 6: School Resumes

January 6-17: Little Caesar’s Pizza and Dessert Fundraiser- orders will be delivered in time for your Super Bowl parties!

January 21-22: Parent/Teacher Conferences

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**“Thank you for your support and participation“.**

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It’s Pizza!Pizza! time! Time for you, your friends, and your family to stock up with Little Caesars Pizza Kits! Have them on hand for quick dinners, birthday parties or entertaining! They’re fun to make and delicious to eat! We need your support!

**How:** Collect payment at the time you take orders. Make checks payable to John Calvin Playschool**.** Please fill out the top porton of your order form with your name and your best contact phone number (cell phones preferred).

**When: January 6, 2014** Fundraiser start date.

**January 17, 014** Order form and payment due.

Be sure your order form is correctly tallied! Double check all rows and columns. Late orders will **NOT** be accepted.

**January 29, 2014** Pick Up of pizza kits- Truck is supposed to arrive at 8::00am.

**Where:** Pick up will be at: FELLOWSHIP HALL

Pick up your pizza kits as soon as possible (by 2:45 pm that day). Remember, if the products thaw they can be refrozen once.

## January Birthdays



6 Edye Trail

9 David Garland

9 Sharon Fortin

10 Jeffery Ferrnandez

11 Ed Magri

14 Eva Mace

15 Jeanette Spiess

16 Dennis Cali II

22 Robin Bone

23 Claire Russo

24 Sheryl Wise

24 Valerie Corcroan

26 Jon Oregan

27 Scott Crawford

29 Madison Prince



The Session Classes 2013- 2016 will meet Saturday to look at what works now and what is needed in the future. All Session members are encouraged to attend this annual retreat.

***THE ANNUAL***

***CONGREGATIONAL MEETING***

Sunday January 26

Immediately after 10:30 service.

## SESSION ANNUAL RETREAT Saturday January 18

“Cherish the moments of today , as they are the memories of tomorrow.”

## “Grace” -Robert Clyde Johnson

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This is the meaning of “grace.” It was in the cross that the grace of God appeared and was unveiled in history, as (God’s) purpose and our hope. “Grace” is another word for “love,’ except that it is carries the additional meaning that the love is totally *unmerited*, completely *unearned*, and absolutely *undeserved. It can be called “in spite-of” love, because it is offered and* given in spite of *the fact that its recipient in no way deserved to be loved with this kind of love. It is a love that gives everything and requires nothing—except that it is received. This is the nature of the love of God, the love of God is as Jesus established and unveiled his love in his life and death.*

“**These Days and Our Daily Bread**

are available in the narthex.”

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