

History of 2009

Secular and Ecumenical Context

The war continued in Iraq and Afghanistan with many disabilities and casualties of our service people. January 15th United Airlines had an emergency landing in the Hudson River shortly after takeoff from LaGuardia airport in NY city. The trouble was a flock of birds struck the plane. Due to the pilot's knowledge all the passengers and crew were saved.

Barack Obama became the 44th president of the USA.

A plane crashed during an ice storm near Buffalo, NY killing 50 people.

The Statue of Liberty's crown reopened to the public after eight years due to security reasons following the World Trade Center attack.

NASA successfully launched the Area I-X mission, the only rocket launch for its later cancelled Constellation program.

The Sep 12th, 9-12 Project organized multiple marches and demonstrations across the US to protest the government spending.

TEC all television broadcasts in US switched from analog NTSC to digital ATSC transmission.

Items of Interest

Rev David Rinas was the pastor, performing all his duties and guiding the church to help its growth. He taught two bible studies during the week for adults, made numerous visits to shut-ins and hospital patients.

Stewardship Committee

It was decided to collect Time and Talent sheets in September and hold the Cottage Meetings in peoples homes for pledging in November.

Property Committee

It did not have a chairman, but Jim Ray helped out in many ways as a council liaison. A tree that fell was removed, it had damaged the roof of the wing, repairs were made. The roof had to be repaired where birds had nested. Carpenter bees proved to be a problem, yearly fire inspection was done. There were a lot of maintenance jobs and upkeep is needed inside and out. More members are needed.

Worship and Music Committee

In January a hymn sing and ice cream social was held during the Sunday school hour. The sound system was discussed and improvements were made. A line was run into the nursery so the service could be heard. The organist resigned and a new ones were interviewed for the position. David Lussier was hired and proved to be a good replacement. Ed Jonson is in charge of training acolytes.

Altar Guild

They are a sub committee of Worship and Music. Regina Simms was coordinator. Responsibility is to prepare the altar area and the baptismal area for church services and care for all items involved in this. Also prepare luminaries for Christmas eve as well as celebration candles. They purchased a stole and baptismal napkins. Pauline Ray volunteered to be Wedding Coordinator.

Social Ministry Committee

The Food and Gift Fair was successful and raised \$13,247.39. Each member of this large committee selects a project to be in charge of, some of which are: Open Pantry, Lowell Transitional Living Center, World Hunger, Seaman's Mission, Habitat for Humanity, Bedford, MA., Orphan Ministry, and Lutheran Disaster Response. Twenty five quilts were sent in March for the Haiti earthquake victims. Twelve quilts were given to NH Antrim Girls Home. The balance of the quilts were sent in June to LWR, a total of fifty-one made. Prayer shawls and balaclavas continue to be made. Another Fair was planned for December.

Trinity Seniors

Pot luck luncheon with speaker Brian Sandy held at church. Nashoba Tech school held a roast beef luncheon, coffee and sweets with a program about past Easters at church, lunch at Concord Colonial Inn and a tour of the "Orchard House" Louisa May Alcott's home. Lunch and a program of Yoga by Sally Warren helped get us in shape. The fall bus trip was to tour Deerfield, MA and have lunch at Chandler's

restaurant and tour of Yankee Candle Shop. A Thanksgiving turkey dinner was served at Nashoba and at Christmas a pot luck with a program by Sally Warren. Homebound seniors are visited, phone calls made, cards sent and prayers given. Support for medical devices as needed. Alice Ekstrom serves as director

Christian Education

This committee suffered a blow due to the death of Art Norgaard, Chairman. He had been a faithful and active person for years. Kate Conran is acting chairperson. This committee covers the programs and material for Sunday school teaching, first communion, and confirmation students. They changed from Akaloo to Spark material. It takes many teachers and helpers to fill required spots. VBS was not held because of lack of interest. An adult class is held Sunday mornings. A women's bible study is held during the week. Gail Frace did the Milestone Ministries supplying books and bibles for children. Larisa Fagundes set up the cradle roll and got it organized. The Youth Committee is headed by Brandon Van Corbach. They held the Easter breakfast for the congregation.

Library Committee

Jan Kolba continues to be the librarian and does a wonderful job. Thirty five new books were purchased as well as some DVDs. Books were also donated through the Memorial Fund. The Library catalogue is now online on Members Connect.

Memorial Committee

Marcia Kalarities is Chairman. There was work done to repairing the Memorial Garden due to snow plowing and winter damage. Bulbs and plants were planted in the gardens. The art work in the lounge the picture of the Lord's supper was framed and hung. Pew cushions were purchased through donations. An Automated External Defibrillator was purchased for the church. A stole for Pastor was purchased. New letters purchased and maintenance for the church sign was done. The hearing devices available in the church are to be checked by the ushers to be in working order (batteries).

Evangelism Committee

Jay Kuo, chairman. Trying to promote a more welcoming church environment. Started to use attendance sheets in the pews for each service. Encouraging the use of wearing the name badges. Greeters are asked to acknowledge worshippers, make visitors feel welcome.

Fellowship Committee

Holds a Women's night out meeting once a month just for a social time. Also a women's weekend is held at Camp Calumet every fall. A Book Club is held monthly, headed by Helen Mallory. These are for all church members that are interested.

2009 TLC Statistical Data

Church membership - Winter months 173, Summer months 113

Membership - 891 Baptized members, 548 Confirmed Members

New Members -

Helen Johnson, Doug, & Satake Coul, Emma and Allison; and Leslie Young

Members transferred - Chalupa Family and the Schumacher Family. Alice Kirk, Marissa Kirk, Maria Hendrickson.

Members requested to be removed - David Byrne, Eric DaCuna, Ceara Haas, Lisa Haas, Rebecca Harris, Janet Krause, John Krause, Beverly Johnson, Bruce Johnson, Katheryn Johnson, Kevin Johnson, Gregg Stadlander, Mark Stemmler. Doreen DaCuna, Sean McNulty, Seth Adams, David Bolza, Deborah Bolza, John Crowley, Kim Crowley John Crowley, Jr., Kasey Crowley, Matthew Grove, Diane Grove, Alexander Grove, Steven Kalarities, Michael Karpawich, Mark Latronico, Thomas Latronico, Jack Lewnard, Catherine Fieber, Irene Lewnard, Joseph Lewnard, Peter Lewnard, Mark Magiera, Gregory O'Brien, Scott O'Brien, David Reali, Genesee Schaufus, Parker Schaufus, Cole Schaufus, Michael Zylich.

Baptisms - 14

Thomas James Slotter
Rachel Laurie Johnson
Kaley Angelica Monke
Heather Buckland
Jackson Buckland
Haley Louise Palmer
Abigail Rae Palmer

Sophie Behr Sanroma
Andrew David Sanroma
Kiersten Louise Fagundes
Emma Louise Gauthier
Jack Aiden Blaschke
Jonathan Resnick (adult)
Tessa Grace Resnick

Confirmations - 11

Eric Andrew Cajolet
Andrew Mark Estabrook
Rachel Catherine Estabrook
Lukas L. Hunker
Andre' Daniel Lacroix
David W. McSweeney

Ali Irina Nidzgorski
Michael A. Schmidt
Rebecca A. Schmidt
Kyle Conran Torres
Cameron John Zamagni

Funerals - 3

Mary E. Buote (member of All Saint's/graveside)
Larry Dee (non-member)
Arthur Norgaard

Marriages - 1

Amanda Lynn Spickler & Kyle Jude Young

Church Leadership

Pastor - The Rev David Rinas
Congregational President - Jim Ray

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