



# The Blawenburg Beacon

## December, 2012

A newsletter for the members and friends

of *The Blawenburg Reformed Church*

### MEET YOUR CONSISTORY

BY BOB BRADSELL

*Let's imagine for a moment that we're...oh, I don't know...an old Dutch church in a changing community, and we're thinking about breaking out of the mold and ready to reach out in a new way. Would electing a Jew to Consistory be a sign that we're serious? Well, that's what we did last spring. You may not know Alan Taback in exactly that context, but among the gifts he brings to BRC is his Jewish heritage.*

Alan is serving the first year of a two-year term as Elder. And while that might have shocked his forebears, Jewish immigrants from Russia and Hungary, Alan himself doesn't look at it in those terms. "My parents, Lillian and Milton, were both Jewish," Alan says. "We were definitely a Jewish family...not particularly religious, but we celebrated the major holidays." He spent his earliest years in Newark, a city that, while self-ghetto-ized into ethnic regions, was a "healthy, thriving city".

Alan's dad and granddad ran a live chicken market in Newark. The store also sold turkeys, ducks, and eggs. "Stores like ours were fairly common at that time in the cities," Alan says. "My dad would come out to the Flemington area, and around here, actually, to re-stock from the local farmers." Alan worked in the store as a child, and attended public school. He had two brothers: Harold, three years younger; and Sandy (like the Hurricane), twelve years younger. Sandy passed away four years ago. Harold is married and lives in Brownstowne, Pennsylvania.

Alan was an active, outdoors kid, and into sports in a big way. "It's what drove me," he says. When he was 12, and in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, the family moved to the small, suburban town of Verona, not far from Newark. It's here that he attended junior high and high school, and it didn't take Alan long to find his way into sports...particularly basketball and baseball.

Verona was Alan's first experience outside the tight-knit Jewish community he'd known in Newark. Anti-Jewish sentiment was common in those days, and Alan's parents were a little worried about that. "They warned me that it might be tough," he says, "but I really didn't experience much of that." Alan's athleticism probably helped. "There was one guy, I remember, who rode me a little bit. One day in gym class, the coach just put boxing gloves on the two of us and let us go at it. He didn't bother me much after that." In 1950s suburbia, teachers could problem-solve that way.

"I loved baseball and basketball," Alan says, "and I wanted to go on to college mostly so I could continue to play those sports." Nearby Upsala College, a Swedish-Lutheran school, allowed him to do just that. "I played varsity baseball all four years." Alan was the pitcher. He continued to play in so-called *summer leagues*, with many former and semi-pro players, until he was 50. "I also played some college basketball," Alan says, "but I wasn't quite as good there."

Upsala College closed its doors back in the 90s, but it had given Alan more than just an opportunity to hone his pitching skills. He was an English major, and graduated with a teaching degree. As a school with religious roots, it introduced Alan to chapel, and to some religious course work. And it brought him face to face with a young science major named Louise. They were married in 1962, two years after graduating.



Alan took a teaching job right out of college... “mostly so I could coach.” He moved around in New Jersey for a few years, teaching – and coaching – in Wanaque, Allentown and other districts. “I coached basketball and baseball, even a little girls’ soccer for a while,” Alan says, “but eventually it was mostly basketball.” Alan was learning the education business; and learning about himself. “I didn’t necessarily like the bureaucracy of the public schools,” Alan says, “but I was finding my way as a *‘team builder’*.”

Through some contacts he’d developed, Alan got a job as Athletic Director at the Solebury School in New Hope, PA. “It was a very progressive, creative place,” Alan says. It gave him a chance to develop his coaching and education skills further, and it introduced him to the world of art and painting. “I’d been interested in art in a very unfocused way,” he says, “but at Solebury, I started paying attention to the actual skills involved in painting.”

In 1967, Louise gave birth to daughter

Jennifer. Alan continued at Solebury for a few more years, but when presented with an opportunity to become Athletic Director at Princeton Day School, he took it. “I was at PDS for twenty years,” Alan says, “and Jenny went through the program there.” Jennifer eventually went on to the NYU film school and now works in Los Angeles in the film business. She’s an ‘A-D’ – an assistant director – currently working on the television series *Pretty Little Liars*, a teen hit. She’s also worked on several feature films. Dad and mom are very proud. In fact, every November 21<sup>st</sup>, Jennifer’s birthday, they call her at precisely 5:27pm...the time she was born.

During his years at PDS, Alan continued to nurture his new-found love of painting, and finally quit his teaching position to pursue his art on a more consistent basis. “I waited on tables, and now and then took a ‘straight job’ for a while to earn some money,” he says. “I helped open the restaurant at the Scanticon Hotel (now a Marriott) as a waiter.” He’d paint during the day and wait tables at night. “For a while, I worked at the YMCA in Princeton, first as senior program director, then for two years as executive director. It was a program-building job, and I liked it.”

In the early 90’s, an opportunity to kick his painting enterprise up a notch took Alan and Louise to the Greek island of Ios (pronounced ‘E-os’). “We had a patron from Princeton, and almost no overhead,” Alan says. “Eventually, we put together a gallery in the village of Ios, and the mayor gave us the space. It was a wonderful experience.” It was Alan’s first experience as a truly full-time artist, and he did pretty well. Louise served as business manager, and ran the gallery.

By 1994, Louise’s mother wasn’t doing well, and she had to come back. Alan took some time to close down the operation in Greece, then came back also. He signed on with PDS, doing part-time coaching work, while he thought about his next chapter in the world of painting. It would begin in 2001.

That year, Alan and Louise were off again...this time to Arizona, near the town of Sedona. They put together a gallery; Louise, again, managed it – even ‘rep-ing’ ten local artists. One benefit of this location: It put them much closer to Jenny, and they were able to spend more time with her.

Then, in 2006, life would change for Alan...and also Louise. Alan was in his gallery, at night, talking with Louise. “I felt something,” he says. He had what he describes as “a religious experience...I felt the presence of God...it was a moment, an instant...I was touched.”

The next day, a gentleman named Harry came into the gallery. He was wearing the Kairos Cross – the ‘rainbow’ cross we’ve all come to associate with Alan here at BRC. It’s a symbolic icon for those engaged in *prison ministries*. He left the cross, and a Bible, and said to Alan, “study the *sermon on the mount*.”

Two days later, a loaf of bread was left. Then every day for two weeks, another loaf of bread. Then an ex-Jesuit priest Alan had come to know came by the gallery and owned up to the bread. He said “I’m around...we can talk when you’re ready...you need to get in shape!” The man was 82 at the time, married to an ex-nun, and a passionate bike rider. He said to Alan, “come out and ride with me.” “He was in phenomenal shape; he could ride all day,” Alan says. “We talked... about a lot of things. One day we talked about prayer, and I told him I felt like I heard voices. He said ‘*there are voices out there; and there are echoes*’. That’s something that’s stayed with me.”

Alan says his bike-riding friend helped toughen him, mentally. “I was selfish...much too into myself. Nothing overt, nothing really evil, just *not very nice*.”

Alan and Louise sold the gallery and came back to New Jersey. They stayed for a while with old friends Nat and Valerie Harts-horne, here in Blawenburg, before buying their



current house. Alan had coached their daughter at PDS and they’d become good friends.

He’d never considered the Christian faith, specifically, but one day he walked into BRC. “I remember being greeted by Harold and Jean Skillman,” Alan says. “And I remember meeting Mait and Bernice...and old Tom Eversen.” He attended a Bible study, and connected with Pastor Rich Van Doren. He eventually attended regularly, and, says Alan, “here I am...since that day in Sedona, I’ve been led by God.” Alan’s been led to help with the Trenton Soup Kitchen, and to do some good work at a charter school in Trenton. And he’s been led to an increasing interest in the church. With Nancy Curtis, Alan is now enrolled in an RCA-certified program at New Brunswick Theological Seminary leading to a form of *lay ministry*...it may lead him to a youth ministry.

And now Alan is led to be an Elder in our church. Say hello to Alan, the *team builder*. Thank him for all he does. And if you want to put a smile on his face, offer to play a round of golf. You’ll find Alan on the west side of the sanctuary, in the center section, about five rows back from the front.

## Farewell to Many

The month of November was a difficult one. We said good-bye to Paula Peters, Roome Parmele, and Ray Hunt and helped our members say good-bye to their parents, Joe Kvarda's father and Barbara Antoniewicz's mother.

And Harold (Hal) Miller passed away peacefully in his sleep on November 28th. Ginny and Hal lived on Mountain View Road for many years and were very active at Blawenburg.



Dottie Dobrynski  
Barbara A's mother



Ray and Hope Hunt

See pages 11 and 12 for prayer requests from our RCA-sponsored missionaries, Al & Sue Schreuder, who are serving in Chiapas, Mexico. Blawenburg has been supporting Al & Sue for many decades.



Thank you to Boy Scout Troop 46 for their donation of Christmas wreaths. They are beautiful and appreciated!



*The Blawenburg Reformed Church is a family of God's people united in Christ through the Holy Spirit. We commit our gifts to worship, hospitality, life-long learning, serving those in need, and proclaiming the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ.*

## **Worship**

*We gather as a community to celebrate God's presence among us!*

### **CHOIR**

Thanks to Katie Connolly, choir will be singing throughout Advent and Christmas Eve, and we look forward to hearing a few of our own instrumentalists, too! If you would like to sing or play bells on any given Sunday, join us now or come at least to the previous Thursday practice in Cook Hall at 4:30 PM. [Bells will overlap a little before or after.] We will be glad for the reinforcements!

ADVENT: Dec. 2 [Communion], 9, 16 and 23.

Community Christmas Celebration at Griggstown Reformed Church at 4:00 PM. Join with the area Reformed churches in this annual celebration and stay for soup and snacks following the service.

## **Gathering Around the Advent Wreath**

### **Readings for Advent and Christmas 2012 (Year C)**

By Dennis B. Wilcox, [www.RCA.org](http://www.RCA.org)



Advent is a time of waiting and preparation. With eagerness we wait to celebrate the coming of the Christ into our world. As a child, as a sovereign ruler, Christ comes: God's gift to faithful people. During Advent we prepare for this sacred celebration in ways both personal and corporate. One of the ways we prepare together is by lighting the candles of the Advent wreath, a symbol of eternal promise. As we light the candles each week, we focus on the light that shines in our dark world.

As we approach the celebration of Christ's birth, we will see the crescendo of light on the Advent wreath accompanied by a crescendo of musical offerings by our choir and a crescendo of decorations in our sanctuary. Come join our excited anticipation as we prepare together for this gift of light to the world!

### **CHRISTMAS EVE: FAMILY CANDLELIGHT SERVICE - 5 PM**

Join us for a family friendly, yet traditional service of lessons and carols to celebrate Jesus' birth. Although early, to accommodate young and old, it will be dark and we will have candles, real and battery. Let us rejoice together in the GREATEST GIFT OF ALL!

## Hospitality

*“...care for those in our congregation and the greater church community...”*

### Lunch for Locals Menus

December, 2012

Every Tuesday, from 11:30 to 1:00, we serve lunch in Cook Hall. Lunch is served buffet style and a free-will donation is accepted (anonymously). This lunch has become a great outreach to the community. We average 25 people but occasionally have 40. I can always use extra help either during the morning hours setting up the dining room or later for kitchen clean-up.

(Perk of helping—leftovers!)

*Lunches will always have salad, bread and beverages.*

December 4

Beef vegetable soup, pasta & meatballs, jello and pudding

December 11

Vegetarian gumbo soup, chicken fingers, cream puffs

December 18

Cream of mushroom soup, tuna melts, pumpkin mousse

December 25

No Lunch—Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!



### Men's Breakfast Club

The men will resume breakfast on  
January 31st at 7:30 AM.

Two lovely sisters, Fran Ficken and Jean Skillman, celebrating Fran's 95th birthday on November 28th.

## Life-Long Learning Team

*“We commit our gifts to ... life-long learning...”*



**Calling Kids of All Ages:** Dec. 9th will be our monthly Sunday School Mission Project. Jean Butcher will lead the group in baking holiday cookies to give to our seniors and shut-ins. If you know your children will join us on the 9th, please reply to the church office by phone or email. This would be helpful for Jean's preparation...but we want your children to join us in this fun holiday project regardless!

**The Mary and Martha Prayer/Study Group** will not meet in December. Everyone will be busy at Sinterklaas. Mark your calendars for January 12, 2013, at 7:45 a.m., in Cook Hall. Note the change in time. This ensures that they have their breakfast and start their discussion at 8. They will wrap up the discussion on Mennonite in a Little Black Dress (A Memoir of Going Home) by Rhoda Janzen and decide on the next book----possibly the sequel to ... Little Black Dress to see what happened to Rhoda after she left home.

**The Tuesday Morning Study Group** meets in Cook Hall lounge from 10 to 11:30. They are reading and discussing The Gospel for the World (Selected Studies in Romans) by David Bast. Over the next several weeks they will be talking about “Life in the Spirit”, “Words of Hope”, and “The Gift of Assurance”. Come and share your ideas and questions. Alan Taback and Barbara Pavlicek facilitate the discussion.

**The Adult Sunday School** meets from 11:30 to 12:30 in Cook Hall lounge. On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dr. Sharman will introduce a new topic. Come, learn, and grow with each other.

**The Alpha Course** is coming early next year. Curious? Want to know more? Come to:

**Breakfast and Alpha  
Wednesday, December 12th  
7:30 AM--Cook Hall**

**All those interested in being part of the Alpha Planning Team, come to the meeting.  
It will be fun.**





# Blawenburg Village School

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Karen Hill, Director

We were very happy to finally re-open our doors on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Although our Schoolhouse sustained some damage, our staff, parents and students were very happy to be back in school! There was a lot to do to prepare for Thanksgiving and not much time. Everyone was busy making turkeys, necklaces, and clothing. Our Blossoms' class even mailed Thanksgiving cards to their parents. All classes had Thanksgiving parties and/or feasts, and were very grateful for electricity!

On Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, we participated in a preschool fair at the Princeton Library where we shared information with parents looking for preschools.

Many BVS families participated in Operation Christmas Child and we were happy to donate approximately 20 completed shoe boxes.

In December, all classes will learn the Advent Story in Children and Worship and will begin preparing for our Christmas Concert. The concert will be held in the church on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:30. Please feel free to join us as we journey to Bethlehem.

During the month of December, we will be offering an enrichment program for children ages 2-6. Sessions are available Monday-Friday 1:00-3:30 and Thursday morning from 9:00-12:00. This is a great way to have a few hours to yourself while your child is in a fun, safe environment with certified teachers. Cost is \$20.00 for an afternoon session and \$30.00 for the morning session. Enrollment is limited so please call (609-466-6600) to check availability. Please help us spread the word to Moms in the community who may need some time to shop during the busy holiday season.



Thanksgiving Feasts with the Sprouts (L) and the Buds (R)



## Missions

*We commit our gifts to ... serving those in need.*

**HEIFER INTERNATIONAL** will be our mission focus for Advent and Christmas. We will try once again to raise the \$5,000 for a Gift Ark [see below]. Heifer alleviates hunger, poverty and environmental degradation through gifts of livestock and training. These animals provide food, draft power, and also generate income for families. Since 1944, Heifer has helped more than 4.5 million families in 125 countries (including the U.S.) become self-reliant. Each family “passes on the gift” by giving one or more of its animal’s offspring to another family in need, and they also, and so on. It is the ‘gift that keeps on giving’!

In Cook Hall, you will see options for purchasing a gift of different animals: cows, sheep, llamas, water buffalo, goats, pigs, ducks, geese, chickens, rabbits, and honeybees. If you would like to do this in honor or memory of someone, there will be handsome gift cards for you to take and use for this purpose. It is the perfect gift! (If you can’t get to Cook Hall, you may leave a check in the basket on the back table of the sanctuary starting December 9th where there is a price list for the different animals. Please make checks payable to BRC, noting “Heifer” (and the animal) on the ‘memo’ line, and we will get the handsome honor/gift card to you to give to a loved one.

Whether we give enough for an ‘Ark’, changing the world two by two, or not, we can be assured that these are truly Christmas (or Birthday, etc.) **gifts that will “keep on giving”!** To learn more about Heifer, visit <http://www.heifer.org> or see *Sonya Hunt* or *Gracie Johnson*.



### Gift Ark: Changing the World Two By Two

The Heifer Gift Ark offers hope worldwide to families who are poor and hungry. You'll help families start on a journey to fulfill a seemingly impossible dream - to secure food and a source of dependable income. Each family who receives livestock will pass on one or more of the animal's offspring to other families who are in need in their community. Every gift will multiply for years to come. Imagine how your gift could change the world. Two cows bring milk and income to a Russian village. Two sheep help families in Arizona produce wool. Two camels help families in Tanzania earn income by transporting agricultural and industrial materials. Two oxen pull plows and carts in Uganda. Two water buffalo help Cambodian families increase rice production through animal draft power. And that's just the first five sets of animals ... your ark provides 15 pairs of animals to change lives. **What a wonderful way to bring joy to the world!**

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES

Thanks to those of you who were able to support our mission for Samaritan's Purse this year. Thanks to BVS and the generosity of the congregation, we were able to pack and deliver 49 shoeboxes full of gifts on the 20<sup>th</sup> of November. Samaritan's Purse includes a Christmas Gospel message in each shoebox in the language of the child to whom it is being delivered. Imagine the joy of those children this Christmas and how you are able to touch their hearts! Thank you.



*Thank you from the Mission Team*

**CWS KITS**—We were able to assemble four buckets for the Church World Service which Sonya delivered to Covenant House in Asbury Park along with 25 Hygiene Kits.

We are always collecting for hygiene kits, baby care kits, school kits and clean-up kits. Check the list in Cook Hall for items most needed. It was good to have items on hand to assemble needed kits for the Sandy Disaster.



**Food Bank**—Continue to donate to the local food bank. The box is at the bottom of the stairs in Fellowship Hall. The Montgomery Food Pantry gratefully accepts all non-expired, non-perishable food and non-food grocery and toiletry items. Items on their donation wish list for December include: canned tuna and canned chicken, meat stews, hearty soups, canned pineapple, canned pears, mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard, boxed cereal, laundry detergent, shampoo, dish soap, tissues, napkins, and paper towels. *Any items brought to church on Sunday will be dropped off on Monday.*



Dear Friends and Prayer partners,

We (Al & Sue Schreuder) are sending you the Prayer and Praise requests for the month of December.

1. Please pray for the John R. Kempers Seminary: students, faculty, and staff. Pray that the Lord will bless this seminary preparing pastors, lay leaders, music directors to serve a rapidly growing Chiapas Church.



Faculty and board at 22nd anniversary of Kempers Seminary



Crowd for anniversary celebration; students in front

2. Pray for the Women's Ministry, guided by Sue and new women's leaders. Pray for wisdom as they work with existing groups and respond to requests to start new women's societies.



New Chenalho women's society

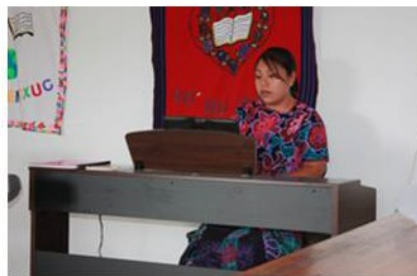


Ladies in leadership of the Tzotzil Women's Union

- 3: Pray for the 4 Bible Institutes in Chiapas: Ch'ol, Tzotzil, Tzeltal, and in Ocosingo: for the students, teachers, and support staff, that they can be best prepared to serve the growing Presbyterian church.



Two women students taking their final exam



Student demonstrating her musical skills

4. Pray for the Tzotzil Youth Ministry; for the 47 youth groups. Praise for the three new ones being formed in Los Chorros, José Castillo, and Jardin. Pray for the presbyterial youth union leaders, Al and the other 2 advisors, as well as the 5 areas and their youth leadership.



Getsemani youth group singing for other youth groups



Union youth leaders meet to plan next year's activities



- Pray for the new church plant in Paraíso (Paradise), being started by Manuel Gómez and the Rio Jordán Mission, that the Lord will bless their efforts. Pray for people willing to hear the Gospel message.



Street scene in Rio Jordan village



Manuel and Mariano discussing evangelism needs

- Pray for the Chiapas medical program, especially the paramedics, as they evaluate and re-design their training program. May the Lord give them wisdom and discernment. We praise the Lord for their dedication.
- Pray for the National Youth Retreat to be held in Tapachula, Chiapas on Dec.26-29. Youth from all over Mexico will gather together. Pray for safety in travel and a blessed retreat.
- Pray for the 2 Tzotzil translation projects, as materials are translated into the people's heart language. Pray for the translators and revision committee for the "Westminster Confession" and "We Who are Presbyterians."
- Pray for the Antioch Bible Institute (Tzotzil) and its many programs: training pastors, elders, deacons, musicians, Sunday School teachers, paramedics, and other special courses. Pray for the teachers and students.



Dedicated students doing their homework



Maria Lopez learning to work on the computer

- Praise the Lord for good visits to the youth in Los Chorros, José Castillo, and Jardín, and their desire to serve the Lord with total commitment.



Some girls who are youth group members



Some young people helping lead in worship

Please also be praying for the Achte'al prisoners: 22 men still in the Amate Prison and the 57 men who have been released. The men still in prison are appealing their sentences to the Mexican Supreme Court and we pray for a favorable decision and their release before year end. The state government has prohibited the released men from returning to live in their home villages, but the gov't is also very slow in helping to relocate men who spent 12-14 years in prison. They too need our prayers. Unfortunately, we are not allowed to take photos inside the prison.

In His Hands, Al and Sue Schreuder



## Proclaiming

*We commit our gifts to ... proclaiming the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ.*

### **SINTERKLAAS IS HERE! Saturday, December 8 from 9-2**



Sinterklaas was most famous for his protection of young women and children and is remembered for his habit of secret giving and caring for the poor. In that vein, in addition to our kickoff for our Heifer campaign, each booth this year is supporting a charity or mission of their choice. We will have signs and donation boxes at each booth indicating their special charity. 100% of the donations and 20% of the booth's profit will go to that cause - an additional reason to encourage your friends and neighbors to join us while having fun in the holiday spirit.

The **CRAFT TABLE's** choice of charity is Samaritan's Purse. They minister to disaster victims here and around the world---and they are at the Jersey Shore!! Our new craft this year is zippered purses to help ladies organize their larger purses. They make perfect stocking stuffers, too. Buy a purse and support Samaritan's Purse.

Calling all **SOUP MAKERS** - We will again be selling frozen soups at Sinterklaas on Dec. 8th. Soup has proven to be a very popular item at past Sinterklaas events, and we want to keep this tradition going. Thanks so much for your hard work in making soups for Sinterklaas. We would like all soups delivered by Friday 10:00 AM, if possible, so we can prepare our booth. This year a portion of the income from the soup booth will go to Crawford House.

The **BAKE TABLE** will also be supporting Crawford House. We are looking for all kinds of baked goods. Bread and cookies sell very well. If you bag the cookies, please put six to a bag. People are also looking for cakes, pies, brownies, jellies and jams, stickie buns — whatever you enjoy making. Please label your products and include if they have **nuts**. Delivered all items by Friday afternoon, December 7, at 4:00 PM to the Bake Table in the downstairs in Cook Hall.

The bake table and soup booth could use the yellow shopping bags from Shop Rite or your favorite store. Just drop them off at the bake table and we will share.

Have items for the **TOY SHOP**? Nancy D'Alessandro and Olivia Vande Woude are collecting new and/or unused toys – re-gifted or from a treasure you find or buy for their children's gift table. Keep an eye out for special toys on sale that you can buy and donate for re-sale. This table will once again be raising money to feed hungry children.

Have a treasure to pass on? Peggy Querec is looking for treasures for the **WHITE ELEPHANT TABLE**. Holiday décor, ornaments and china are appreciated, as well as collectibles and new or gently used items appropriate for gift giving. Because of our limited space, this is the time and place for your 'treasures', not rummage. Boxes may be left anytime on the floor in the big closet in Cook Hall, clearly marked "White Elephant". We will be supporting Project Hospitality, a mission of the RCA on Staten Island, working with those devastated by "Sandy."

Like to serve and help in the **KITCHEN**? Ask Lisa White about her needs for coffee and/or **LUNCH** preparation and clean-up.

If you can still help us Saturday, even for a few hours, please call Gracie Johnson at 609-466-1862 or gtuckerbj@gmail.com

Tear out or print this page. Put it on your frig. Make someone's day!  
Wish them a happy birthday!



2 Barbara Antoniewicz	12 Sarah Johnson	25 Ruth Patterson
4 Helen Evans	Susan Weingart	28 Morgan Van Liew
8 Mait Van Nostrand	23 T.J. Van Liew	29 Emma Murphy
11 Art Brown	24 George Gurzo	31 Barbara Pavlicek

### Summary of Dates

(Please see complete information in body of newsletter.)

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December 1	9 AM	Hanging of the Greens (Sanctuary)
December 5	7 PM	Choir Rehearsal at Griggstown Reformed Church for Community Christmas Celebration
December 8	9 to 2	Sinterklaas (Cook Hall)
	3:30 PM	BVS Christmas Concert (Sanctuary)
December 9	4:00 PM	Community Christmas Celebration at Griggstown Reformed Church (followed by soup and snacks at 5:00 PM)
December 10	3:30, 6:30, 8:30 PM	Carols of Many Nations - Princeton Seminary Chapel
December 11	6:30 PM	Admin & Finance Team
December 12	7:30 AM	Alpha Breakfast Planning Meeting (Cook Hall)
December 13	7:30 PM	Consistory
December 24	5 PM	Candlelight Lessons & Carols Christmas Eve Service (Sanctuary)
December 31		Beacon Deadline to be published on January 4, 2013

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Sundays	10:00 AM	Worship with Dr. Sharman unless otherwise posted
	11:30 AM	Adult Sunday School - Cook Hall lounge
Tuesdays	10:00 AM	Bible Study - Cook Hall lounge
	11:30 to 1:00	Lunch for Locals

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### Plan-ahead Dates

Jan. 10, 2013	7:45 AM	Mary's and Martha's
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