

# PARISH UPDATE

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## NEWS & NOTES

### November Birthdays

5 ..... Jeri Ruby  
 13 ..... Cindy Gilch  
 14 ..... Juliann Trischler  
 16 ..... Joshua Perry  
 20 ..... Walter Brown  
 22 ..... Jason Cischke  
 26 ..... Carol Bergstrom  
 26 ..... Scott Ross

### November Anniversaries

19..... James and Edie Wiggins

### Congratulations & Best Wishes:

To Jennifer (nee) Gilch and Nicholas Snyder on their marriage, on October 14, at Our Saviour

### Congratulations:

To Robert and Jo-Ann Stauffer on the birth of their first grand baby Cody James Pilzer, on October 7, weighing 8lbs 2ozs in Bend, Oregon.

### Operation Christmas Child

The Church of Our Saviour's ministry to children goes far beyond our own children. Participation in Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritan's Purse, is another way our members and friends have shown God's love to children around the world. Simply by filling a shoe box with appropriate toys anyone can bless a child this Christmas. Pick up a pamphlet at the back of the church. The boxes will be blessed next Sunday November 12, during the service. If you have questions see or, call Doris Neiger, 412-486-2498.

### Sunday School Thank You

The church and the Sunday school would like to thank Doris Neiger and the anonymous donors for the gift of new chairs for the Sunday school room given in memory of Warren Neiger.

### New Paint is well Received

The new paint in the sanctuary has been received with refreshing excitement. Although the blue had become dear to many, the decision by the vestry to freshen up the sanctuary with the "coastal plane" green has really hit the mark. Thanks to everyone who donated to the project. And stay tuned for the organization of the volunteers to complete the painting of the side walls.

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## Focus on Kids!

By Brenda Cischke and Joseph Martin

This year's All Saints Party was full of good music, costumed children and adults, games, and fantastic treats! We gave out prizes for the winners of our coloring contest, limbo, and "hot pumpkin" game. All of the children shared in the candy that exploded from our two pumpkin piñatas, and each one took home their own treat bag of goodies as well. One award not yet received though, goes out to Linda Ross and her family for making front page magazine worthy holiday treats-they were so creative! Thanks to everyone who helped with the planning and execution of such a delightful evening; the community really enjoyed themselves and appreciated our hospitality!

### Sunday School Program News

This year's Sunday school program is off to a great start! Our teachers are: Doris Neiger, Sara Perry, Linda Ross, Robin

Acquafondata, Barb Grundler, and Brenda Cischke. All of these women have a heart for children and are committed to sharing the gospel with our young believers. As a side note, I would also like to thank the men that have offered to assist us, and simply say that we will call upon you as needed. Thank you very much for your willingness to serve God and His children!!

This fall we decided to form two groups based upon ages. The younger group includes those from 3 years up to 6; the older, from 6 years up until about 11. If we begin to have regular attendance of more preteens we would then set up an additional group. Breaking up into groups allows our teachers to plan age appropriate lessons, activities, and crafts that will meet the needs and attention spans of each group more specifically; so far it has proven to be much more effective.

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## Calendar of Events

### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday ..... 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I  
 9:15 a.m. Adult Education  
 10:30 a.m. Family Service  
 Tuesday ..... 6:30 p.m. Intercessory Prayer Time  
 7:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study  
 Healing Service and Lunch the last Thursday  
 of the month at 12:00 noon  
 Brownies every other Tuesday 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
 Saturdays ..... 7:30 a.m. Men's Group the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

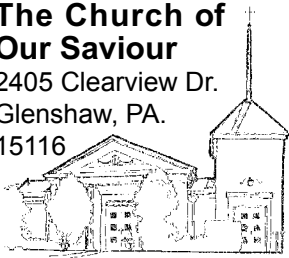
### SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

Friday/Sat, Nov, 3& 4 ..... Diocesan Convention  
 Saturday, Nov.11 ..... Alpha Retreat at Kearn's 9:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
 Sunday, Nov. 12 ..... Samaritan's Purse shoe box blessing  
 Monday, Nov 13 ..... Vestry meeting at 7:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday, Nov. 24 ..... Community Thanksgiving Service, 7 p.m.,  
 Bethlehem Lutheran Church  
 Thursday, Nov 23 ..... Thanksgiving Day  
 Sunday, Nov 26 ..... Patronal Feast and Baptism of Nathan Farabaugh  
 Thursday, Nov 30 ..... Healing Service and Lunch at 12 noon

Please pray for the all the parishioners and friends of Church of Our Saviour

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## Focus on Kids! (Continued)

In addition, we would like to update you-all about the first Sunday of each month's "children's service." The thoughts behind this are several-fold, but one of the primary ones is as follows. We would like to give our children the chance to be more active in our service. This would include having them help usher, read, and sing to name a few of their roles. We want them to feel connected and have a sense of ownership in this congregation, so they continue to want to come and worship here throughout their lives. The connection begins at a young age, please continue to pray over this idea and offer the teachers your feedback!

### Kid's Corner is Working!

You may have noticed the newly assembled kid's play corner in the undercroft. This designated play area consisting of colorful rubber flooring, small wrestling mat (not for wrestling), green

padded partitioning against the corner walls, and table and chairs for coloring makes a perfect place for children to play and be supervised by their parents while parents participate in the coffee hour. The corner also keeps kids out of Sunday school rooms and from wandering near the back door. Many thanks to the Sunday School teachers for implementing this brilliant idea.

### Monthly Children's Service

Because of the increasing number of children and a desire at the church to make them feel welcome and important, every first Sunday of the month the 10:30 service will be geared more toward children. The liturgy will be slightly altered and shorter and the service will utilize the children wherever possible. This is obviously a delicate balance and may require a bit of a sacrifice for some. We encourage joyful participation as we embrace our children in the full life of the church.



## Annual Craft Sale Features Treasures from Africa

We are pleased once again to hold our annual African craft sale on the following two Sundays: November 19 and 26. Come and do your Christmas shopping and buy something for yourself as well. There is always a great variety of things to choose from for children as well as adults including carved wooden animals, crosses and other jewelry, handbags, musical instruments, Nativity items and Christmas ornaments, baskets, boxes, decorative masks, vases, batik cloths, etc. And always some new surprises are included in the box.



You can view their website for an idea of some of what they offer: [www.africanteamministries.org/scstore](http://www.africanteamministries.org/scstore).

African Team Ministries provides Anglican Dioceses all over Africa with training for laity, aid to refugees, support for orphans, clean water, medical care, and repairing churches. The proceeds from their craft sales help support these ministries. The real treasure of Africa is the people redeemed by Christ and changed through the ministry funded by the sale of these beautiful crafts.

## Pittsburgh Diocese Seeks New Oversight

At the printing of this newsletter, at the 2006 Diocesan Convention, the Diocese of Pittsburgh passed overwhelming Resolution 1 which calls for removing the diocese from Province III of the Episcopal Church and appeals to the Archbishop of Canterbury for Alternative Primatial Oversight and pastoral care. This decision maintains the unity of the diocese within the Worldwide Anglican communion while at the same time providing primatial oversight from another Anglican Primate besides the new Episcopal Presiding Bishop Katharine Schori. The decision complies with the canons of the church which protect dioceses from provinces with which they have a serious theological dispute.

Clergy and lay deputies voted overwhelmingly to approve Resolution I on November 3 at the City Center Marriott in Pittsburgh. The final vote was 97 aye, 14 nay, and 3 abstentions in the clergy order and 117 aye, 40 nay, and 7 abstentions in the lay order. In debate, the original resolution was replaced with a substitute. The resolution, as passed is below. The text of the original resolution is available here. The approved resolution reads as follows:

*RESOLVED, the 141st Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh confirms the actions of the Standing Committee taken on June 28, 2006, specifically (1) the withdrawal of consent for inclusion in the Third Province of the Episcopal Church (under Article VII of the Constitution of the Episcopal Church); and (2) the appeal to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Primate of the Anglican Communion, and the Panel of Reference for immediate alternative Primatial oversight and pastoral care.*

## Bishop Duncan on Future of Anglicanism

Bishop Duncan received a honorary doctorate degree last week from Nashotah House, an Episcopal seminary in Wisconsin that has been a bastion of Anglo-Catholic churchmanship in the US since 1842. Bishop Duncan spoke in his address on The Future of Anglicanism. His address is rather long and cannot be reported here with any integrity even in summation. It is well worth your time to read and can be found at: [www.pgh.angican.org/news/local/duncanhonorary102506](http://www.pgh.angican.org/news/local/duncanhonorary102506). If you do not have access to the web, contact the church office at 412-486-5171 and we will get you a copy.