

Happy Birthday to our Seniors!



BIRTHDAYS:

William Moore—Dec. 12—Bill will be 100 years old!!!

JANUARY:

12—Jerry Hoffert

27—Sonja Gottshall

COMING UP IN FEBRUARY:

02—Jeanene Hill

20—Ron Ludwig

22—Jerry Ludwig

27—Barbara Harding

Did we miss anyone? If you are a “Senior” Member over age 55 and wish to be included on the birthday list, please call the church office at 610-856-7242.

PARISH REGISTER:

BAPTISM:

12/04/16—Clayton Allan Neiffer, son of Shane and Jarrod Neiffer.

Do we have your **EMAIL ADDRESS**? If not, please send it to ddemarco@dejazzd.com with your name in the subject.

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DECEMBER 2016/JANUARY 2017

The Parish Digest

From the Pastor:

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.

(Philippians 2:1-5)

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot were to say, ‘Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body’, that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear were to say, ‘Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body’, that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.

(1 Corinthians 12:14-18)

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus Christ!

“V” is for a Vast Vibrant Viable Venture-some Vanguard

Or

What’s good for the goose is good for the congregation.

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A mailbox is located outside the church office for anyone who has written information for staff, chairpersons, preschool, or other leaders.

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Council Officers: (through December)

Chris Gerace, President Rex Miller, Vice President

Julia Bond, Secretary Dorothy Martin, Treasurer

Kay Good, Treasurer Special Funds

Lori Sifford, Financial Secretary

Other Council Members:

Joy O'Donnell

Sue Besecker

Ed Haag

Abby Moore (youth)

Karen Kercher



RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES:

HELP YOUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY:

Please bring in your used **ink cartridges** (any kind) and we will recycle them at Staples earning \$2 each for the church.

Cell phones, eyeglasses, and hearing aid batteries also continue to be collected for local ministries.

Paper Recycling Bins are located at the rear of Hoeffler Hall to accept your **newspaper, magazines, office paper, “junk” mail, and now phonebooks and cardboard (must be smashed flat)**. Please no plastic; take your paper out of the plastic bags before you throw it in the bin. Thanks for your help!

Please note, we no longer are collecting clothing for Steeple to People. We encourage you to continue to donate your good, used clothing to Steeple to People in Honey Brook or the Reusit Shop or Goodwill in Morgantown. Thank you!

OUR ONGOING FUNDRAISER:

REDNER'S RECEIPTS. We continue to collect Redner's receipts as an ongoing fundraiser. Marion would like to thank everyone who participates and remind you to always use your gas card when making a purchase at Redners. **Receipts without the gas card number printed on them are invalid and will not be accepted by the store.**

UPDATE ON CARDS: As most of you probably know, Redner's has changed their cards, so it is very important that you get your new one immediately, You will need to show them your old card to get the new one; or if you don't yet have one just ask for a card—it's free!

COMMUNITY NEWS:

BREAKFASTS: Geigertown Fire Company—First Sunday; Brecknock Fire Company—Second Sunday; Joanna Furnace—Third Saturday, 7-11 a.m.



MINISTRIES AVAILABLE TO OUR SENIORS, SHUT-INS, SICK, ETC.:

CD Ministry—CD's of the weekly services are being mailed out to all those senior, sick or and shut-in members who cannot attend church services.

Large Print Devotionals—these are the same as our small, daily devotionals but have larger print for those needing it.

Prayer Shawls—These are available for sick, hospitalized, shut-in or senior members who would like one. They are very comforting to those who have received them. Recipients do not need to be a member of Robeson so please take them for others who would like them.

Robeson Hammers—Helping members in need with minor repairs at home, mainly small projects that would make their homes safer or more comfortable.

Home Visits—Our visitation team now trained to bring Holy Communion is visiting a number of our seniors and shut-ins and would be more than happy to visit others if invited. It is our hope to visit with and bring Holy Communion to each shut-in and homebound member of Robeson up to 6 times a year. If you would like a visit, and have not yet been visited by a member of our team, please feel free to contact Pastor Michael or call the church office 610-856-7242.)

If you have a need or request for any of the above ministries, please call the church office and we will be happy to help you.

The **Berks County Area Agency on Aging** is available to help you over the phone. Please call their office at 610-478-6500 and a staff member will be able to explain available services, answer questions and provide information on programs and community resources for you, family members or anyone you know who is 60 years of age and older. Please don't hesitate to give them a call.

LATE DECEMBER AND JANUARY SERVICES

CHRISTMAS CANTATA, The Christmas Cantata this year is called "The Promise of A King," written by Lloyd Larson and Joseph M. Martin. It will be performed by the choir during the 10:15 church service on Sunday, December 18th (no 7:45 a.m. service on this day.) Please come out and enjoy this beautiful music in preparation for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

6:00 p.m. Family Service (glow sticks will be used at this service)

8:00 p.m. Traditional Service with Special Music

10:30 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service



DEC. 25: CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

9:00 Service of Lessons & Carols
(one service only; no SCS)

JANUARY 1: Holy Communion; No SCS

9:00 a.m. One service only; No SCS – Hymn Sing!



CHRISTMAS/EPIPHANY PROGRAM

Sunday, January 8th at 10:15 a.m.
(7:45 a.m. – Traditional Holy Communion Service)

JANUARY 15—7:45 & 10:15 Worship; 9:00 SCS

JANUARY 22—7:45 & 10:15 Praise Service; 9:00 SCS

JANUARY 29—7:45 & 10:15 Youth Sunday; 9:00 SCS

PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS—You are invited to attend any or all of the programs:

December 19 – Pre-K & 4 day fours program

December 20 – 3 year olds

December 21 – 4 year olds

As the weather turns cold and winter soon approaches, it could be that perhaps you have begun to notice the migration of various bird species throughout our area. If not, I would encourage you to take some time this season to keep watch in the skies, for you just might catch an awesome example of the power of cooperation.

Specifically you will see it when the various species of geese come through our area winging their way to a warmer climate; working together to reach their long distance destinations. In truth, some of these geese will actually fly thousands of miles to get from their summer breeding grounds to their winter nesting sites (e.g. Canadian geese traveling from Canada to Mexico).

Now how are they able to get so much accomplished? Part of the secret is in their flight pattern (shaped like an arrowhead, or a letter "V") and also in their group behavior.

By flying together in a large "V" pattern, each member of the flock is able with every wing flap to create an upward air current for the goose behind it. In this way, it is suggested that the whole flock gets 71 percent greater flying range than if each goose were to fly on its own.

Next there is the rotation of leadership, for when the lead goose gets tired, it changes places with one in the rear of the V-formation and another flies point. This gives an opportunity for each goose to regain its strength, and once again offer leadership to the flock.

Then there is the honking of the geese in the rear of the formation. For us it may sound like a lot of racket, but for the flock, it is a way that each goose (particularly those in the rear of the formation) can not only announce that all is well, but it also gives encouragement to those in the front to keep up their speed.

And finally, if it should occur that one of the geese gets sick or wounded, two others will fall out of formation and follow their companion down to ground in order to help and protect it, staying with the impaired bird until it's able to fly again. Geese are not afraid to support one another in their difficulties.

Men's Group



The men of Robeson Lutheran Church continue to meet for breakfast and fellowship on the second Saturday of each month at 7:30 a.m. here in our own Hoeffer Hall. This is a great opportunity to get to know your brothers in Christ and learn more about your faith through brief bible study and mutual conversation. Come and see how the men of Robeson live out their discipleship. The next Men's Breakfasts are scheduled for **January 14 at 7:30 a.m. in Hoeffer Hall.**

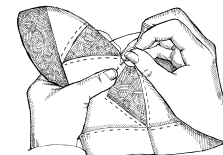
Robeson Robins Senior Group

The Robeson Robins will be meeting on January 17 at noon for lunch followed by a program by Pastor Tim Craven. Please bring a covered dish to share and plan to stay for the entertainment following lunch around 1:00 p.m. You won't want to miss this month's fun so please invite your friends and neighbors to this entertaining program, all are welcome!



If you are 55 or over and able to attend Tuesday meetings/trips once a month please consider joining the group. Lots of effort goes into planning events and the Robins would love to have more people participate. Please call Billie at 610-401-8496 if you would like more information about the Robeson Robins.

QUILT TILL YOU WILT every first Saturday of the month from 9-2. If you like to "quilt" which includes cutting, sewing, and knotting, (no experience necessary) then maybe Quilt Till You Wilt is for you. More sewers, quilters, knotters are needed. If you would like to try this art, please feel free to join the group on the first Saturday or call Cindy Stewart for more information (610-856-7041).



QUILTING GROUP

THIS AND THAT AT ROBESON LUTHERAN:



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!! We have posted volunteer sheets on the bulletin board in the new foyer. If you are willing to help during any of the worship services please sign up on this board. There are lists for acolytes, lectors, ushers, greeters, sound technicians, worship assistants, and communion servers. We appreciate and need our volunteers!

ALTAR GUILD: Altar care volunteers are still needed for 2017. If you are willing to serve on altar care for a month with at least one other volunteer please call Marion Kachel (610-856-1683) or the church office.

REMINDERS:

Committee reports are due in the church office on the first Thursday of the month for the council meeting which will be held on the 2nd Thursday.

All Property concerns and requests should be brought to the attention of Dale Creed or the church office. Please do not take concerns directly to the Property Committee. Thanks for your help with this.

PARISH DIGEST DEADLINE: Articles for the February newsletter are due in the office by January 15.

ALTAR FLOWERS and BULLETIN SPONSORS: Please check with Linell in the church office for any openings. Reminder: Altar flowers cost is \$33 and bulletins are \$25.

IMPORTANT:

- Any group or individual sponsoring special projects, collections, etc. please contact Bill Haney (Social Ministry) for coordination purposes and Debbie at the church office for advertising these events and projects.
- Any committee or group that has events etc. to advertise in the area papers should please copy to Linell at lmrm52@aol.com.

Some wisdom that we can learn from the Geese:

1. **Geese readily work together for the benefit of all.**
2. **Geese are not afraid to share the responsibility of leadership.**
3. **Geese celebrate and encourage one another. Geese support one another in difficult times.**

In so many ways, I have experienced life here at Robeson to be like that of a healthy flock of geese flying in formation:

1. Working together we have accomplished many great projects over the past year and we continue to grow our fellowship with the presence of visitors, guests, and new members.
2. Leadership continues to be shared by various volunteers on church committees, church council, and among the staff.
3. We seek to recognize and uplift successful events and ministries and we continue to create opportunities to say thank-you to volunteers and to encourage future volunteers.

We stand by one another in times of illness and grief with words of comfort and acts of kindness.

And so my friends, as we pass through the holiday season and enter into the new year 2017, it is my prayer that we here at Robeson will continue to “follow the wisdom of the geese.” Let us celebrate the good work we have done this past year; growing in our fellowship together and also in our outreach and generosity to the area community. Likewise, may we continue the Lord’s work into the new year, seeking new and greater opportunities to serve our congregation, our community, and above all, our Lord, in whose name we gather.

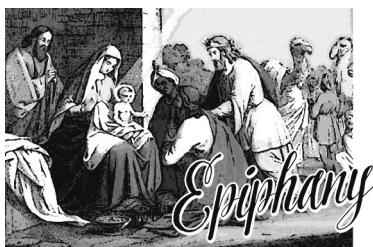
Your brother in Christ,
PASTOR MICHAEL

Plan to attend this year's CHRISTMAS CANTATA!

The Christmas Cantata this year is called **“The Promise of A King,”** written by Lloyd Larson and Joseph M. Martin. It will be performed by the choir during the 10:15 church service on Sunday, December 18th (one service only on this day.)

Old testament prophets foretold of the promised Messiah who would be sent by God to earth. Those awaiting the fulfillment of that prophecy believed this promised one would come with power and might to conquer and assume a kingly throne. God's plan though was that the promised king would take the form of a baby and change the world not with might, but by the power of love.

As the Christmas promise is fulfilled again in the hearts of those who hear its ageless message through these words and music, we pray that it will renew your hope for a bright future of God's making. “Joy to the World! The Lord has come. Let earth receive her King!”



INTERGENERATIONAL CHRISTMAS FROM MATTHEW AND LUKE Sunday, January 8, 2017

As has been our practice for the past few years the Sunday close-

est to Epiphany will be the day for our annual Christmas program. There will be scripture readings and pantomime of the narration. Also, Christmas hymns and carols will be sung to accompany each portion of the story of our Lord's birth. The program will be during the sermon portion of the 10:15 service, which will be held in the sanctuary. There will be communion at this service. All ages are welcome to be part of this presentation. Should you wish to participate please see Tyler Werner or Sue Creed before December 18th.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Income for November:	\$ 18,276.27
Other Income:	\$ 957.13(in/out)
Checks issued for November:	\$ 27,927.64
Checking balance brought forth:	\$ 399.16
Transfer from Special Funds	\$10,000.00
Transfer to Special Funds	\$ 500.00
Checking balance as of 11/30/16	\$ 1,204.89

Unpaid Bills: None

I/O \$67.00

Respectfully submitted, Dorothy Martin, Treasurer

SPECIAL FUNDS REPORT:

Special funds received in November \$ 10.00

OUTFLOW:

Community Activity Funds \$ 248.00

Checking Account balance 11/30/16 \$15,750.58

-Kay Good, Treas. Spec. Funds



An important announcement about E-giving!

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE SIGNED UP FOR E-GIVING. We would like to remind those who are using E-giving to please go to the site and check your number of donations. Some members have noticed that their giving had stopped due to their number of donations having been reached. You now have the option to enter 999 to keep your giving going indefinitely until you choose to stop giving. E-giving is an ongoing service offered here at Robeson Lutheran. You can sign up on our church website at **www.robesonlutheranchurch.org** and look for the **“Donate Now” button.** Thank you for considering this giving opportunity.

Thank you for considering this giving opportunity that allows you to be good stewards of God's gifts even when you are unable to attend services.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL THRIVENT ACTION TEAM!

The final count on the Disaster Relief Buckets was seven! Thanks to the generosity of 42 people in our congregation, we completed over 5 buckets, and finished up the other two using the funds from the Thrivent Action Team Card. This surpassed our original goal of 3-4, actually doubling it!

Our buckets are now at New Windsor, Maryland, with the other buckets donated by many congregations in Berks County. They will then be at the Church World Service distribution center, waiting for deployment to a future disaster or flood. Thank you to everyone who helped with this project and to John Lauer who coordinated it!

BAD WEATHER INFORMATION

We have an agreement with WFMZ-TV (channel 69) and WGAL (channel 8) to publicize information about the Sunday schedule when the weather is not favorable. The list of changes and closings usually streams across the bottom of the screen. Please watch channel 69 or 8 if you have questions about our schedule when the weather is questionable. If roads in your area are hazardous please use your own judgment and do not risk your life trying to get to church. Thank you.



FROM YOUR HOUSE TO OUR CHURCH...

We have received some very nice Christmas cards from members and friends and will be placing them on the bulletin board in the foyer to share with you. Thank you to everyone

who took the time to send them and a very Merry Christmas to you all!



6:00 p.m. Family Service with Musical Homily

Youth Leader Tyler Werner will sing some Christmas tunes and play guitar, inviting the children in attendance to ring bells, play some drums, and more! The miracle of Jesus' birth and the gift of sharing music will be intertwined between songs

through discussion and prayer. Glowsticks and candy canes will also be given to all children in attendance!

8:00 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Service with Special Music

There will be numerous soloists, duets, and instrumental music during this service, promising to make everyone's Christmas a very special one.

10:30 p.m. Candlelight Service with Holy Communion

A quiet, traditional Christmas Eve service with the message by Pastor Michael.

CHRISTMAS DAY—Service of Lessons & Carols at 9:00 a.m. (one service only)

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Although the poinsettia order has been submitted, we are able to take last minute orders until December 18. Stop by the church office or call 610-856-7242 to order your plant.



MUSIC SCHEDULE FOR THE END OF DECEMBER:

Saturday, December 17—Choir practice at 12:00 noon

Choir Cantata on Sunday, December 18 at 10:15 a.m. Please meet in the sanctuary at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, December 22—Praise Team practice at 6:30 p.m.



A BIG THANK YOU to the congregation, preschool and community for your donations to Trucks for Maddox, the local food drive, and the 8 families on our Angel Tree including 18 children whose Christmas will be a little brighter because of you. Your generosity in providing gifts, stockings and gift cards was truly amazing! Thanks to Susan Rhode and Bill and Janet Haney for your excellent work in coordinating these projects!



YOUTH EVENTS:

Senior Youth Gift Exchange: Saturday, December 24th @ 7:15pm (immediately following the Family & Youth Service)

End of the Year Youth Committee Dinner at Olive Garden on Friday, December 30 at 5 p.m. –7:30 p.m. Youth and parents are invited to join the committee for dinner but please RSVP to Tyler at twern9@gmail.com by 12/18.



ROBESON FAMILY AND FRIENDS GAME NIGHT: Our next game night will be held on Friday, January 13 from 6-8 p.m. These evenings of fun and games have been enjoyed by those who have been coming and new people are always appreciated! Everyone

is welcome however, an adult must accompany children under age 12. Bring your family, bring a guest, bring a snack to share, bring your favorite game to play, or just bring yourself!

LEAVING A LEGACY THAT GOES BEYOND DEATH

When we recall the names of the faithful who have died, our minds are often filled with precious memories. In our thoughts we are reminded that we are their legacy, that is to say, much of what we have – in both material and non-material things – has been handed down to us from them. But what will we hand down to those who follow? How will we be remembered by those who come after us? Will we leave more than an empty spot in a pew?

As you plan for the distribution of your assets at your death, please consider a charitable bequest to Robeson Lutheran Church. This is one way your faith can be transferred to the next generation. This, and other types of planned gifts, can undergird our congregation's ministry in perpetuity, providing resources that will allow future generations of Christians to worship, serve others, and continue the vital ministries of this church.

If you have questions about planned giving, you can talk to your personal financial advisor or speak to our congregational Thrivent representative John Lauer at his Morgantown office (610)-286-5986.



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THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS: Our thanks to those members/friends of the congregation who have designated Robeson Lutheran Church as the charity of choice for their Thrivent Choice Dollars. If you have received a letter from Thrivent indicating that you are eligible for this plan, please consider our congregation as you help direct Thrivent Financial's charitable funds. The contributions to Robeson Lutheran for the month of November totaled \$150.00. Thanks to John Lauer and Linell McCormick for making this possible.

FUNDRAISER RESULTS:

SOUP SALE IN APRIL: \$1,150.00

REDNERS TAPES TOTAL FOR 2016: \$806.38

CHICKEN BBQ \$1295.00

BAZAAR \$4150.85

BOSCOVS FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS \$635.00

MISSIONARY BOXES: \$251.00

Total funds raised for General fund: \$6,363.21

Congratulations to the BAZAAR RAFFLE Winners 2016:

#1 – Kitchen Basket	Mary Ann Trout
#2 - Picnic Basket	Becky Burkhart
#3 – Game	Lisa Anderson
#4 – Thrivent Tea	Sally Keefer
#5 – Coffee	D. McGowan
#6 – Christmas	Steve Smith
#7 – Wine	Michele Smith
#8 – Bird Feeder/House	Joan Forrey
#9 – Italian Basket	Nancy Morton
#10 – Movie	Sue Anderson
#11 – Stuffed Toy	Ann Stroll
#12 – Longeberger Basket	Sue Lovell
#13 – Wine	Amy Hatfield
#14 – Godiva	Peg Creamer
#15 – Candle	Sue Kloppe
#16 – Doggie Basket	Marion Kachel

Our Outreach committee is very hard working and dedicated to our church. We appreciate all the support you have given us, we could not do it without your support. Our committee consists of Judy Mountz, Diane Morlock, Carol Rousch, Janet Haney, Barbara Strough, Claire Sniegowski and Marion Kachel.

(A very special Thank you to Marion and Judy, committee chairs, and to all the members of the Outreach Committee for their hard work and dedicated service to Robeson Lutheran!)

**ONE ROOM SUNDAY SCHOOL TO BEGIN**

AT ROBESON LUTHERAN

January 15, 2017

Our Sunday School attendance has been on the low side for the first half of the year and so we are going to change formats and try an inter-age format. Kindergarten through 6th grade will be combined for the Sunday School hour. It is our hope that the older children will help the younger to gain an understanding of the lessons through their comments and questions. There will be a lesson, crafts, games and perhaps music from time to time. If anyone has a preschooler and would like to help establish a class for 3's and 4's please contact Sue Creed and possible future directions can be discussed. It is the baptismal promise of parents to provide Christian educational opportunities for their children. To quote Pastor Michael – "There is no greater gift to give your child, than the gift of faith".

MANDATED REPORTER WORKSHOP

At Robeson Lutheran

Saturday, January 21, 2017

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS, VBS STAFF, others who work/volunteer with children are required by the state of PA to have a Department of Education training on **mandated reporter training**. In order to make this training easily accessible, Robeson Lutheran Church will host a morning session on Saturday, January 21 from 9:00 – noon for anyone wishing to secure a certificate of completion for this workshop. The people who will lead the training are from the Pennsylvania Family Support Alliance, which is recognized as a training group by the state of Pennsylvania. There is no charge for this session. However, registration is necessary so that we do not have too large of a group. To register please contact Sue Creed (screed@dejazzd.com) at Robeson Lutheran Church by January 7. Any questions please call the church office 610-856-7242.



THE SENIOR YOUTH GROUP is holding the following fundraisers to help cover their costs to attend the 2018 national youth event in Houston, Texas. Contact Tyler at twern9@gmail.com to support fundraisers or with any questions.

- **Sandwich Tickets:** The youth have restocked sandwich tickets and are ready for new and old customers to purchase some to be used for the delicious hoagies at Weaver's Orchard. Cost is \$5 and they never expire! See Tyler Werner or stop by the church office during the Week to purchase tickets.
- **Sheetz coupon books**, \$10 each. These are good for 3 years. They are available from Tyler. They make nice gifts for graduates, dance teachers, music teachers, traveling friends, etc. Please check out the books and support the youth. Coupons for a fancy coffee and an M-T-O sandwich pay for the book; the rest of the coupons provide the bonus.
- **Giant gift cards**—Do you do your grocery shopping at Giant or would you like to start doing so? If your answer to this question is yes then this is the fundraiser for you! The youth group is selling Giant gift cards that you can use to buy your groceries (or give as gifts to others) and they will receive 5%. If only 10 members purchased \$100 worth of gift cards each week, we would receive \$50 a week or \$2,500 each year—free and clear profit! There is no extra money from your pocket. Please sign up with Tyler or call the church office to purchase cards. Thanks to those who purchased cards and already raised \$150 for the youth group. Contact Tyler at twern9@gmail.com for more information. Thank you!



THANK YOU to everyone who donated, baked, cooked, volunteered or attended this year's bazaar. A special thank you to the Outreach Committee who organized the event and made up the raffle baskets, set-up,

staffed and packed up the white elephant room and the baked goods table; A big thanks too to the committees that donated the raffle items, Karen Kercher and the kitchen crew, Bill Haney—set-up man and his helpers, Chris Gerace and Mike Barbieri—parking, Carol Gerace, Jen Powell and the youth—babysitting and Children's shopping. The event raised over \$4,000 and it wouldn't have happened without everyone's help! Thank you!!!

The Outreach Committee would also like to thank everyone who purchased chicken bbq tickets and baked for our Chicken Barbecue in September. We sold out so next year we will be ordering more dinners. It was a great success as always.

The Boscov's Friends Helping Friends was also a success. We sold less tickets this year, with so many organizations selling them, but we sold \$535.00 and each year Boscov's has a drawing among all the organizations selling tickets, and this year we were drawn and received another \$100.00.

Keep saving those Redner's tapes. This a win win situation for both the church and saving money on your gas purchases. We have boxes for you to drop the receipts or mail them to the church. Remember you must use your rewards card for this program to work.

Following on page 12 are the amounts of money the Outreach committee earned this year. All the money goes to the church's general fund to help with expenses.