

From the Pastor

The computer file where I store these articles is labeled "Visitor From the Pastor," and it, too, is very soon to be retired. What will never be retired is the gratitude and affection I have for you, friends. Those—and my prayers for you—will abide as long as I do.

I listened to my mother saying farewell to her German relatives years ago. What she said was "Auf wiedersehen," "Until the next time we see each other." But there is a perfectly good English word for times such as these, a word that we use all the time, but often forget the depth of its meaning. Frederick Buechner captured that meaning in his book *Whistling in the Dark*:

A woman with a scarf over her head hoists her six year old up onto the first step of the school bus. "Goodbye," she says.

A father on the phone with his freshman son has just finished bawling him out for his poor grades. There is mostly silence at the other end of the line. "Well, goodbye," the father says.

When the girl at the airport hears the announcement that her plane is starting to board, she turns to the boy who is seeing her off. "I guess this is goodbye," she says.

The noise of the traffic almost drowns out the sound of the word, but the shape of it lingers on the old man's lips. He tries to look vigorous and resourceful as he holds out his hand to the other old man. "Goodbye." This time they say it so nearly in unison that it makes them both smile.

It was a long while ago that the words "God be with you" disappeared into the word "goodbye," but every now and again some trace of them still glimmers through.

My dear friends: Goodbye.

Bruce A. Steinway, Pastor

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, Sept. 13th

9:30 am Holy Communion

6:00 pm Retirement **Dinner**

7:00 pm Evening Prayer

*Service of Thanksgiving
Farewell and Godspeed to
Pr. Bruce & Renie Steinway*

Sunday Sept. 6th

9:30 Holy Communion
with Rite of Confirmation

IMMANUEL

September 11-13, 2015

Signed, Sealed, Delivered

Bingo Night - Friday, Sept. 25th

Doors open at 6:30, first game starts at 7:00pm. Bring a non-perishable item for the food bank and a small gift for the prize table (\$1-3). There will be regular and picture Bingo.

Silent Auction

Oct. 4th: Deadline for offerings

Oct. 11th: Bidding begins

Winners announced at New Member Luncheon

Tastefully Simple Party

Thursday, Oct. 8th 6:30 pm

German Dinner

Saturday, October 24th

New Member Luncheon

Sunday, November 1st

Immanuel's Blessings!

Cookies Cause We Care will be sending cookies to students going away to college at the end of September. If you know someone, give MaryAnn Robins their name and address or email it to the office.

*Many thanks to the RMC for all the work being done around Small World Nursery and in the office
& to MaryAnn and Ken Robinson for hanging the new curtains.*

The Food Bank Corner

Canned Meats: Tuna, Chicken, etc.
Don't forget your garden produce...

Spooner House Meal
Tuesday, September 22nd
Thank you Karen & Russ Errickson
For this month's meal.
Kitchen helpers are not needed.

New baby? Let Karin Schidat know so a rose can be placed on the font in their honor. 203.888.5946

Prayers: Deb Steckert (203.888.1218)

Helena Rotzal	Earl & family	Norbert Lorenzen	Florence Ross
Family & friends of	Ruth Edgren	Sue Lorenzen	Joyce Sauer
Joan Austin	Margaret Figoras	Richard LoRicco Sr.	Debby Simko
Ava	Barbara Fisher	Wilma Luft	Patty Seres
Evelyn & Howard	Sarah Fradkin	Florence Masiak	Margo Steckert
Belinsky	Dorothy Fritz	Adeline Mazza	Dorothy Stockman
Evelyn Brobst	Millie Grele	Richard Miesel	Ed Stockman, Jr.
Faye Brown	Gladys Harrison	Greg Miller	Fred Stockman
Carline	Dale Hoffman	Mirabella Modina	Alexa Terrell
Gerald Cassin, Sr.	Helen Hull	Tacia Neumann	Joan Testa
Andrea Clark	Jenny	Donna O	Lillian Thompson
Milt Cochran	Ernie Isberg	Jim O'Connell	Jim Tompkins
Chrissy Daust	Greg Kashuba	Chuck O'Neil	Tracy
Dave	Kim	Jakelynn Orfiss	Joseph Virag
Victor Diaz	Hilda Lange	Florence Pawlak	Dee & Jim Voccola
Friends & family of	Roy Lingdell	Dorothy Prillip	Carolyn & John Ward
Robert A. Dow	Donna LiPuma	Alaina, Amanda & Chloe Richards	Sgt. Patrick Wagner Sylvia Wismar

Happy Anniversaries

1	Lynn & Eric Meady	14	Victoria & Joseph Napomiceno
2	Carol & Ernest Isberg III	15	Evelyn & Howard Belinsky
4	Bonnie & Rick Kaeser	20	Lisa & Gregory Dorosh
6	Dorothy & James Voccola	22	Tari & John Lavorgna
10	Debra & Tom Solomon	27	Wendy & Dave Cegelka
11	Jacqueline & Walter Hupprich		Noel & Roger Pease
12	Jan & Randy Cormack	29	Lorraine & Victor Diaz
			Gretchen Grele & Gerald Cassin

Happy Birthdays

1	Jay Simpson
3	Donna Figoras Minalva Forbes
7	Kyle Austin Ken Robinson
8	Kristen Lovell
9	Al Meyer Janet Austin
10	Laura Austin
11	Alexa Terrell
12	Lauren Burton Robert Terrell
13	Russell Steckert Gretchen Grele Bruce Steinway Karen Ferrara
14	Ronald Drummer
16	Anthony Scinto
17	Susan Borchert
19	Lori Fassbender
21	Avery Marcinczyk Jainna Marcinczyk
23	David Ahearn
25	Colton Cummings
28	Abigail Haight Tessie Schreyer
30	Pat Parnoff

September Ministry

9:30a.m.	Ushers	Assisting Minister	Lector	Acolyte	Coffee Hour
6	<i>Kim & Lee Burton</i>	<i>Julie Cormack</i>	<i>Charlene Pederson</i>	<i>Sean Ruggerio</i>	<i>Kim Rioux & the Andes family</i>
13	<i>Vicki Napomiceno & sons</i>	<i>Hunter Cripps</i>	<i>Wendy Cegelka</i>	<i>Alexa Terrell</i>	<i>Paula Otis & the Mentgen family</i>
<i>Two Services Resume 8:15 and 10:30a.m.</i>					
20 8:15	<i>Erica & John Peter Ruggerio</i>	<i>Jeananne Urbanowicz</i>	<i>Sharon Trede</i>	<i>Maddie Ruggerio</i>	<i>The Burton family</i>
10:30	<i>Ellen & Charles O'Neil</i>	<i>Ellen Fritz</i>	<i>Charlie Rippel</i>	<i>Katelyn Mullen</i>	<i>Linda Laudano & Sharon Konnik</i>
27 8:15	<i>Janet Edgren & Dave Ahearn</i>	<i>Sharon Trede</i>	<i>Janet Edgren</i>	<i>Keri Ruggerio</i>	<i>Diane & Dale Peters</i>
10:30	<i>TBA</i>	<i>Julie Cormack</i>	<i>Karin Schidat</i>	<i>Jack Mullen</i>	<i>Charlotte Tottenham & Teri Mazza</i>
Altar Guild: <i>TBA</i>					

Congratulations & Blessings!

Katelyn Mullen

I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me. [Phillipians 4:13]

Andrew Joseph Napomiceno

*Let your light so shine before others, so that they may see your good works,
and give glory to your Father in heaven. [Mathew 5:16]*

Kerilyn Ruggerio

*Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.
[Isaiah 43:1]*

Madelyn Ruggerio

*Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone.
The Lord is near. [Phillipians 4:4-5]*

Sean Michael Skehan

*I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called,
with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love.
[Ephesians 4:1-2]*

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These young folks will be making their confirmation on September 6th
Be sure to stop by after service
for cake during fellowship hour to celebrate the occasion.

TEAM, Inc. is seeking volunteers to assist low-income families and individuals in filing their tax returns. No experience needed. All volunteers will receive free training to become certified tax preparers. To become a VITA volunteer or for more information, please call 203.736.5420 ext, 23 or email dstroman@teaminc.org

September 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>Sunday, Sept. 13th</u> 6:00 pm Dinner 7:00 pm Evening Prayer <i>Service of Thanksgiving Farewell and Godspeed to Pr. Bruce & Renie Steinway</i>		1	2 6:30p Membership & Outreach	3 7:00p Christian Ed	4	5
6 9:30a Holy Communion with Confirmation	7 Labor Day	8 9:30a RMC 6:30p Worship & Music 7:00p Finance	9 6:30 Scouts	10	11 Hammonasett →	12 →
13 → 9:30a Holy Communion with Baptism 6:00 pm Dinner 7:00 pm Prayer/Farewell	14	15 7:00p Congregation Council Mtg.	16 6:30p Scouts 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	17	18 7-9 Family Pack Meeting	19
20 8:15a Holy Communion 10:30a Holy Communion	21	22 2:30a Spooner House 7-8p Scouts	23 6:30 Scouts 7:00p Choir Rehearsal	24	25 <i>Family Bingo 7:00pm</i> Doors open at 6:30p	26
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Furnace Fund

