



WHO ARE YOU?

FROM THE PASTOR

Years ago, a British band asked the question, “Who are you? Who? Who?” Sometimes the question comes up when someone does something that is very out of character and they might be asked this question. Most recently, this question came to mind while standing at an information desk to a local hospital. I had asked for one of you and was told that you were not there. Knowing that you were there because I had just spoken to you within the hour, I began to play what I commonly call the “Who Are You,” game.

The rules to this game are quite simple. By federal mandate, hospitals are no longer allowed to give out any information that could in any way be considered a breach of confidentiality. They cannot even give you hints toward the information you are looking for. You must then ask questions (if the receptionist or volunteer will play) that will guide you toward the information you are seeking. Many times it goes like this: “Ok, if Mary Jones is not here, can you tell me how many female Jones’ you have listed?” If it’s a common name that numerous people share, you’re a dead duck; game over. If there are less than six or so, you then give them information. “I’m looking for a female names Jones who would be in a step down cardiac unit. She would be above sixty years of age and her husband’s name is Mac.” This will only work if “Mac” is actually the husband’s name. This fall I played this game and had neither the patient nor the spouse name

correct, even though this was the name used every Sunday in church.

There was once a time, in a land far, far away, where hospitals would call the local churches, tell you the patient was not only there, they would give you their room and phone number as well. Those days are gone. Clergy once had access to a patient print out that told you where everyone in the hospital was located. Individual units once held big erasable boards with patient last name, room number, and current place in the hospital, such as “X-Ray 10:40 AM.” Today those boards are mostly out of sight. Now, I could be overlooking the obvious, which is to say, maybe you don’t wish to be found. I don’t believe this to be the case. There are two hospitals in our catch area that have a hard enough time keeping track of patients they do have, even when I have their names correct. So here is my proposal. If your name is anything other than how I address you on any given day, let me know and I will put it on a secret list of confidential names. No one else need know but me, your insurance carrier and the hospital. Simply slip me a little piece of paper with the name you commonly use, place an equal mark behind your name, and then write your secret name. Something like: “Mike Jones= Wallace Jones-Abrams.” Hyphenated names are a real challenge when playing the “Who Are You?” game.

The ending lyrics to the old “Who are you” song simply states repeatedly, “I really want to know.” And so do I.

Shalom,
Pastor Brian

BIRTHDAYS

Jan. 2 – Becky Green
Jan. 7 – Bob Berry *
Jan. 8 – Sue Clements *
Jan. 26 – Linda Nigh *
Jan. 30 – Shirley Match
Jan. 31 – Holly Wells

(*) – Denotes Regular Attendees

ANNIVERSARIES

Jan. 18 – Jim & Ginny Browning *

WORSHIP LEADERS – JANUARY

Jan. 1 – Bill Dillon
Jan. 8 – Jim Browning
Jan. 15 – Praise Team
Jan. 22 – Mick Arthur
Jan. 29 – Don Smith

GREETERS – JANUARY

Dave & Vickie Wardlow

ACOLYTES AND USHERS – JANUARY

Sandy Angel and Debbie Hughes

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS – JANUARY

Rev. Brian Green

SPECIAL MUSIC – JANUARY

Jan. 1 – Communion Sunday
Jan. 8 –
Jan. 15 – Praise Sunday
Jan. 22 – Mick & Vicki Arthur
Jan. 29 –



CONTINUED PRAYER REQUESTS:

Holly Smith

Pat Linton

Otis Clark

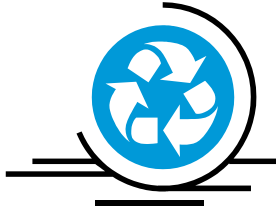
Bob Bock
Edith Browning

Sandy Jackson
Janie Harder

If any names should be removed please advise Don.

Editor's Note: Please try to be in your seat before Mick & Vickie start the Praise Music for our Sunday Service. I have heard some comments from some members about being respectful and being in a prayerful mood to start the Sunday Service. Thank you for your cooperation.

***HAPPY
NEW
YEAR
2012!***



UPCOMING ACTIVITES

*Jan. 7 – UMM Breakfast @ 8:00am
Jan. 10 – UMW MTG. @ 10:30PM
Jan. 28 – Church Planning mtg.
(Approx. 9am to 2pm)*

*It's that time again! Let's get those old recyclable cans in here by Saturday, January 14th. by 10:00am. **PLEASE**, try to have your cans at the church prior to this pick-up time or you can check with Butch & Debbie Hughes who have agreed to take the cans to the recycle facility.*

THANK YOU!

Rev. Richard Match and Mrs. Shirley Match would like to "thank" each and every one of you for sending them Christmas cards, greetings and messages during the holiday season. They are very grateful for your thoughtfulness and love.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Due to illness of some ladies there were only seven who gathered for the December Bible Study. Instead of having a gift exchange it had been decided to give a donation to the church.

The morning began by discussing the actions of the Inn Keeper. The fact that God went first to the people who would believe, the shepherds. Shepherds were considered to be uncultured people, losers, serimonial unclean, nobody's of their day, hated lacked manners but God favored them.

As custom we ended our study by reading the Christmas Story from Luke and Matthew after which a pot luck lunch was enjoyed by all.

Our next study will be Tuesday, Jan. 17th at 10:00am at the home of Sally Fields at which time we will be studying about God's Love. Have you ever wondered just how much God really loves you? If you can fall out of God's Love and why you deserve to be loved so much.

All ladies are invited to attend. In fact, we have one from Groveport UM, one from Washington Ave. and one from Walnut Hill.

Sally Fields

HOPE FOR A NEW YEAR!

Welcome to a new year! Let's hope that 2012 will a better year for many of us who have gone through pain, sickness, and heartache during 2011. Let's pray that our church family has a better year and that Pastor Brian has a better year in whatever endeavor that he pursues in 2012.

Bette and I wish everyone has a fruitful and blessed New Year.

Don & Bette

ON THE BRIGHTER SIDE

UP, UP, AND AWAY

Miss Dixie asked her Sunday School class to draw pictures of their favorite Bible stories. She was puzzled by Larry's pictures of four people on an airplane, so she asked which story he was illustrating. "Oh, it's Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus on their flight to Egypt. "But who's the fourth person, Larry?" "Oh, that's Pontius the Pilot."

