

# THE ACORN

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## *Our Winter Wonderland*



Photo by Christiane Majeski



## FROM THE EDITOR

I would like to introduce Jan Wendt as a new member of *THE ACORN* Editorial Staff. I am very excited that Jan has joined the staff. I know she will bring a new perspective to this newsletter making it possible to bring you a wider variety of subjects and information. Please share your likes, dislikes, and requests with her as well as the rest of the Editorial Staff as we move into the new year.

I am also putting out a call for “resident writers” to contribute to *THE ACORN* with humorous short stories, tales of your travels, and anything you might be willing to share with the rest of us. (Look inside to find another gem from Ellen Briery!) If you say you can’t write, the Editorial Staff will be glad to assist.

One of the big events this month is Winterfest, held January 29 from 1 to 3 PM in the Auditorium and Card Room. Over the last year, Sherwood Oaks has welcomed many new residents. Winterfest is designed to show residents, new and old, the many committees and activities that residents here are encouraged to participate in. These activities are great ways to make new friends, continue to be active, have fun, and often benefit our community. See you there.

Barbara Dixon

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Submissions for the February *ACORN* must be sent to the Editor, or Mike Rose if poetry, no later than **January 15, 2019**.



## RAYMONDE AND HERMAN STIPPELMANS

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Interviewed by Ruth Becker

When you see a beige YorkiePoo in the Center, say "Hello" to Cubby. You might also say hello to the person at the other end of the leash: Raymonde or Herman Stippelmans. Cubby is 13 years old; she has been a family member about a year. Let's hear it for animal rescue!

The Stippelmans moved to Sherwood Oaks in October. One of their daughters found Sherwood Oaks, and with the help of Phyllis Franks, they found unit 332, which suits Cubby and parents just fine.

Herman and Raymonde had lived in Moon Township for about twenty years and in Ambridge before that. However, they were born and grew up in Limburg, Belgium. (Do *Google* Limburger cheese.) With their baby daughter, they moved to Sewickley in 1958.

They came at the suggestion of Raymonde's sister who had married an American GI. Their knowledge of the English language was basically "yes" and "no." They caught on quickly and soon spoke English at home. (They still communicate in Flemish with nieces and nephews via email and telephone.)

When Herman was 13, he began working in his sister's bakery in Limburg. Raymonde's "Sewickley sister" suggested that he apply for work in a bakery in Ambridge, which was looking for experienced bakers. After seven years, he bought the business and changed its name: Herman's Bakery.

Herman did most of the baking; Raymonde iced pastries and checked at the front counter. Their Belgian recipe file did NOT include nut rolls. This being Western PA, they found a good recipe and began baking nut rolls as well as breads, pies, cakes, and cookies.

In the meantime, they had two more children. All three married and have children. Most of the family live in Western PA. Sadly, in March 2018, after a 2 ½ year bout with cancer, their son died. The family is grateful for the care Hillman Cancer Center provided.

Since Herman and Raymonde sold the bakery twenty years ago, there is no longer a professional baker in the family. Among the children, in-laws, and grandchildren there are teachers, bankers, an engineer, a child psychologist, and a child still in college.

When Herman and Raymonde left the Ambridge home with its large vegetable garden which he so lovingly tended ... and the 20' by 40' swimming pool they installed in the yard ... one of their daughters bought the house; thus, it remains in the family. The garden in Moon was not as large. We all know that downsizing is a way of life.

Now that their evenings of ballroom dancing and line dancing are over, Herman and Raymonde are slowly getting into the swing of Sherwood Oaks. Take your time. We welcome you, Cubby, Herman, and Raymonde, one step at a time.



**MAURICE (DICK) THOMAS**  
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Interviewed by Mike Rose



Photo by Mike Mills

Dick Thomas was a young traveler. He was born in Seattle, Washington. At age 6, after he finished second grade; his parents moved to New York City where he attended the Horace Mann School. His family then moved to Minnesota, and then on to Pittsburgh when Dick was 14 years old and in ninth grade.

Dick received his bachelor's degree in liberal arts from Transylvania College, in Lexington, Kentucky, and then attended graduate school at the University of Pittsburgh, where he earned a master's degree in education.

Upon graduating, Dick taught for six years and became principal of an elementary school in Geneva, Ohio. He moved back to Pittsburgh in 1962, did his internship in 1963 and became principal of an elementary school in Mt. Lebanon.

Dick has four children, two daughters and two sons. One daughter lives in Valencia and has three children. His second daughter lives in Maryland and has three children. His oldest son (now deceased) had two children. The youngest son lives in Pittsburgh where he works in the computer field.

Dick's hobbies include woodworking, drawing, and painting. In woodworking, he specializes in making jewelry and pieces of art. Once settled in, he plans to join the woodworking group and taking part in the Sherwood Oaks art activities. He also enjoys traveling, especially in the northeast. His favorite destinations are Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine.

Dick is also very active in his church and advises fellow congregants on the importance of religion in their daily lives and on issues thereto.

We welcome Dick to Sherwood Oaks and wish him comfort and happiness in the years ahead.

## **CHRISTMAS TREES**

If you haven't spotted them, there's still time to see the White House Ornaments on the Sherwood Center Lobby Christmas tree. Ruth Stirling has generously shared them with us for a second year. They are issued annually by the White House Historical Association, and are especially beautiful as well as being very appropriate during the Christmas season.

Gussie Dimmick

## **WHAT'S NEW WITH SORA? (Sherwood Oaks Residents Association)**

**NOTE: Minutes are always available for review on the SORA bulletin board in the mailroom and in the SORA binder in the library.**

Summary of reports and actions for the December 4, 2018 board meeting:

### **Treasurers' Reports:**

The current balance of the Memorial/Special Projects Fund is \$80,348. The Employee Appreciation Fund has a balance of \$167,122; checks will be distributed on Dec 13. The SORA bank balance is \$32,065.58.

### **Liaison Reports:**

#### Landscape:

The campus has been prepared for winter. Tree pruning will begin in mid-December.

#### Maintenance:

Problem drainage sites on campus are being addressed. New Dining Room ceiling tiles have arrived and will be installed.

#### Sherwood Gifts:

Granny's Attic is to be notified if pets have been on donated furniture. Jewelry is still needed.

#### Health Affairs:

Those over 80 are encouraged to be tested for anemia by taking a blood test. CPR classes taught outside SO are listed in the mail room.

#### Security and Transportation:

Directional arrows will be repainted on the Center parking lot. Employees are trained to assist with fire safety procedures in the Center.

#### Programs:

The Pitt Pendulums, the University of Pittsburgh's oldest A Cappella group, will perform on January 24 at 7:15 PM. Winterfest will be January 29, 1 to 3 PM.

#### Trips and Tours:

March 3 – Phantom of the Opera - \$70.00 at the Benedum.

#### Dining:

New Dining Room linen has been ordered. The Box'd Chef option will return in January.

#### Painting Gallery:

A new show of residents' artwork has been hung.

#### Bake Sale:

Profit was \$1100.

#### Library:

The Gift Fund balance is \$608. The Memorial Fund balance is \$21,455.

### **President's Report:**

Forms for financial reimbursement were distributed, to be signed only by committee chairs. Residents are discouraged from using the printer in the Computer Room for photocopying; it is more cost efficient to make copies at the front desk.

### **Administration Report:**

Spa repair will occur in December. Lower level carpet has been replaced and lighting updated.

#### Discussion Time:

President Betty Eichler led a discussion on qualities and skills needed for Board membership.

Visitors: Nine were in attendance.

**The next SORA Board meeting is Tuesday, January 8, 2019, at 1:30 PM.**

Jean Henderson, Secretary



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**New Residents:**

Gerry Dudley introduced six new residents: Maurice (Dick) Thomas, Barbara (Bobbie) Harley, Janice Pociernicki, Lou Zegarelli, and Herman and Raymonde Stippelmans.

**Treasurers' Reports**

Gary Brandenberger reported the current balance of the Memorial/Special Projects Fund is \$82,573. Three projects were approved this quarter: lake east side landscaping; Oak Grove window treatment; and a new Center Lobby holiday tree. The Employee Appreciation Fund has a balance of \$167,122. Checks will be distributed to about 346 employees at their Christmas Party. Ray Friedel reported the SORA bank balance is \$32,065.58. Jim Donnell reported the balances of the Sherwood Oaks Fund: Unrestricted, \$30,454; Trillium, \$2847; Scholarship, \$631,295; Special Projects, \$741,051; and Garden Bequest, \$5500. This fund is a supporting and charitable fund for Sherwood Oaks.

**PLCC Board:**

President Ron Gigler reported the next Board meeting is December 20. The succession plan for management and the annual review of policies will be agenda items.

**Report by President of UPMC Senior Communities:**

Mark Bondi (former CEO of Sherwood Oaks) reported. His position oversees 3000 residents in several facilities in 8 PA counties. Sherwood Oaks and Asbury Heights are the only two CCRCs.

**Recognition of Volunteers:**

SORA President, Betty Eichler, recognized volunteers for 2018 holiday activities: bake sale, public decorations and tree trimmings, Eggnog Party, Holiday Concert, and New Year's Eve Party.

**Administration Report:**

Annette McPeek. See her full report posted in the mailroom.

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**WINTERFEST**

Tuesday, January 29, 2019  
1:00 to 3:00 PM  
Auditorium and Card Room

Winterfest is a SORA sponsored event for all residents - new and not so new. The event will showcase the many committees and activities under the SORA umbrella. Sherwood Oaks is a resident-driven community, which means the residents determine the activities, entertainment, and special events to make our lives rewarding and fulfilling. There also are committees and activities that provide input to the Sherwood Oaks administration.

You will have an opportunity to meet with people you don't see every day who will be able to describe the various committees and activity opportunities. You can then decide which areas you believe best suit your skills and interests.

There may be short presentations, and there will be tables set up representing the many areas of interest. There will be munchies. Most of all you will meet some new friends and have a good time at this mid-winter event. **Don't miss it!**

Ron Ouellette

## THE NEW YEAR

What will the New Year bring for the residents and staff at Sherwood Oaks? From my perspective, resolutions are simple: 1. Continue excellent care and services for residents 2. Engage and care about the staff who make that happen. All goals and benchmarks used in the Sherwood Oaks Business Plan are derived from those two very important principals. These include resident satisfaction, quality, fiscal responsibility, employee engagement, and safety.

Looking ahead to some 2019 projects:

- Personal care renovation - plans are being reviewed by the Department of Health
- Lobby restroom upgrades
- Lakeside Apartment Building emergency generator ordered
- Dining services training video
- Dining room acoustical ceiling
- Independent Living disaster planning
- Laundry rooms to be upgraded – resident survey for input drafted
- Gatehouse replacement
- Community Center/Health Center roof

Later this month we will be asking for resident input for the FY 2020 operating and capital budgets that begin in July. Looking forward to a productive 2019!

Annette McPeck  
Executive Director/CFO



## CURIO CABINETS

Most people seem to find something interesting about cats, even if they've never owned one. Cats amaze us with their agility, make us laugh with their antics, and bemuse us with their mysterious ways. So, our next display will explore the world of cats.

Please pick up Holiday items on Tuesday, January 8 between 10 AM and 12 noon and 4:30 to 5:30 PM. Bring cat items on January 10 between 10 AM and 12 noon and 4:30 to 5:30 PM.

Gussie Dimmick



## DOG TRAINING FOR FUN

**Who:** Resident Dog Owners

**What:** Dog Training and Showing Off

**Where:** Cranberry Lake Fitness Area,  
the lower level of Oak Grove

**When:** January 10, 2019, at 9:30 AM.

**Why:** To train and show off your dog

We have been given permission to have dog training classes here at Sherwood Oaks. No dog is too old or too young to participate. Our first meeting, listed above, will be an organization meeting with humans only. Dogs will come to the next meeting and must be current on all immunizations. Perhaps a goal would be to have our own residence dog show.

RSVP to Ann Ferguson 269

## WHY DID YOU DO THAT?

Have you ever questioned the intelligence of those people who require warning labels on merchandise in order to prevent self-annihilation?

**“Danger:** do not put plastic bag over the baby’s head.”

**“Danger:** do not immerse an electrical appliance in water.”

I used to be very critical of the consumers who needed these warnings. I have since decided to be more kind and forgiving.

This change in my attitude came about after I put the telephone in the microwave. Yes, indeed, that is what I did. Before you jump to very normal conclusions, let me assure you that I did not do this on purpose.

I have some packets that, when heated, can be applied to my arthritic joints, bringing temporary relief from pain. One evening while waiting for one to heat, I held a second packet in my left hand, ready to slide it into the microwave as I removed the first one. My goal was to sit in the living room surrounded by heat. I added the telephone to my collection so that I wouldn’t need to get up from the couch and be interrupted. The bell rang on the microwave letting me know that the first pack was heated. I removed it with my right hand and thrust the contents of my left hand into the oven. Soon I heard “pft, pft.” Brilliant soul that I am, I knew that microwave packs do not say “pft.” There was my telephone, quite black and hot, riding around in the oven, surrounded by the other pack.

Of course, the telephone was dead, and I deservedly felt like a fool, but I knew it would make a good story. People would realize that it had to have been an accident. Wouldn’t they? To test the waters, I told a few “close friends” and was shocked by their response. “Why did you do that?”

I suggest that a new caution label be added to all telephones for those of us who need extra help.

**“Caution:** if, while your microwave is running, you hear ‘pft, pft’, buy a new telephone.”

Ellen Brierly

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## FOCUS ON THE WORLD *CHRONICLE: PROJECT HUNGER*

More than 325,000 people in southwestern Pennsylvania have tremendous anxiety about providing enough food for themselves and their household. This constant worry is real and forces families to make tough choices: paying for transportation to school or work, buying food, or seeking needed health care.

A documentary entitled *Chronicle: Project Hunger* will be shown in the auditorium on Thursday, January 17, at 7:15 PM, sponsored by Focus on the World. The program, created by WTAE, focuses on what food insecurity really looks like and the volunteers and advocates who strive to connect wholesome food with those who need it. We invite you to join us.

Agnes Peebles

## CATCH OF THE DAY



Photo by Julie Eden

In one of my many other lives, I spent a lot of time on a farm in Glendale, KY with my “significant other,” Bill. One year, as we got ready for a long summer camping trip, we had to capture our three-guinea fowl and chickens (one rooster and five hens) and take them to their temporary home on the nearby farm of an Amish friend. (In case you are not familiar with guinea fowl, they are a ground-nesting bird resembling the partridge. Ours were about the size of the chickens, and we had clipped their wings, so they could not fly.)

After getting up early and being fortified with oatmeal and cocoa, the morning’s task loomed large. To get us started, Bill backed up the small pickup to the chicken yard and opened the tailgate. We brought out the large wooden box and board which would serve as a cage and lid to prevent the guinea fowl and chickens from escaping once caught. Then we (or should I say I — with encouragement and direction from Bill) went after the guinea fowl first.

Wearing heavy-duty work gloves and armed with a big stick (actually a tree branch) I herded one victim at a time toward the waiting box in one corner of the yard. After cavorting and

prancing — we did move well together — I was ready to pounce and had to take hold of each body firmly from the back so that the chance of getting nibbled was diminished. The guinea fowl would actually stop and look at me from time to time during our dancing together. After not too many attempts, I was able to grab each one of the squirming-birds and get them into the box. They sensed something ominous was happening and delighted at leading me through as many jitterbug and tango steps as they could contrive before giving in. I even earned compliments from the sideline. Yeah, easy for Bill to be a cheerleader, all he had to do was control the lid of the box.

The chickens would not surrender as easily to their fate. Bill and I slid through the door of the large coop leaving the box outside. I tried to capture each of the five. Bill held the flashlight which helped some, but there were all sorts of shelves with nests they could escape to and hide in. One by one, with encouraging remarks again from the sidelines, I captured them until one hen remained. She hunkered down on the bottom level and kept scooting out of my reach. The “slick chick,” as I was calling her, finally met her match and I was successful in an attack. Job done.

The rest was easier. We loaded the cumbersome box in the truck and secured the top with some rocks. Then off we went to the Yoder farm. Once there, the men unloaded the box and placed it in the large chicken coop attached to the barn. Off came the top and out came the birds. Their journey, for now, was complete. I did not even want to contemplate how we’d ever catch them to bring them home at the end of the summer.

Julie Eden

## ICE CREAM LOVERS!

Everyone living here knows that Sherwood Oaks offers a plethora of ice cream flavors for dessert. But, if you're like me, your favorite flavor, or flavors, may not always be available. I have found a place just a half a mile from the gatehouse that seems to be one of the few local stores carrying a wide selection of Hershey's ice cream, the vendor of choice for ice cream here at Sherwood Oaks.

Some are sold in pints while others are sold in what I call "reduced" half gallons. So, here's my list of flavors available at Gordon's Mini Mart, 2620 Rochester Rd, a right turn onto Rochester Road then another right turn just passed the Turnpike overpass.

French Vanilla  
Chocolate  
Chocolate Cookie Dough  
Vanilla/Chocolate  
Chocolate Marshmallow  
Butter Pecan  
Cookies and Cream  
Black Cherry  
Raspberry  
Maple Walnut  
Strawberry Cheesecake  
Peanut Butter Cup  
Neapolitan  
Cappuccino Crunch  
Green Mint Chip  
Banana Pudding  
Moose Tracks  
Orange Sherbet  
Orange/Pineapple

Enjoy,  
Barbara Dixon

## DINNER AT THE INN

The Blue Heron stared down  
from its canvas perch above the mantle  
at the dining room below ....

At the young couple  
seated by the fire  
aglow with love and reflections of the  
flame,  
holding hands  
while staring into each other's eyes,  
as they talk about the future  
and think of wonders yet to come;

and the older couple  
at the table in the shadows  
holding tightly to knife and fork,  
while staring past each other  
as they eat in silence  
thinking of the past  
and all that might have been;

and the Blue Heron stares down ...  
and wonders.

Mike Rose

## CAPS FOR KIDS TOTAL

As you may know, each year the residents and staff make and/or donate caps to be handed out to local children in need. Scarves, blankets and mittens have also been collected and will be handed out as well.

The total number of caps collected for 2018 was 1,056. This includes 813 caps made by our residents and 243 donated by the staff at their annual holiday party that was held in early December.

Thank you all for your kindness and generosity.

Tabby Alford

# JANUARY MOVIE SCHEDULE



**January 5 - Crazy Rich Asians (2018)**  
**PG-13 2 hr**

## COMEDY ROMANCE

An American-born Chinese Economics professor travels to her boyfriend's hometown of Singapore, where she learns his family is wealthy, and he is the most eligible bachelor in Asia. (*IMDb*)

Rated PG-13 for some language and suggestive content.

**January 12 - Three Identical Strangers (2018)**  
**PG-13 1 hr 36 min**

## DOCUMENTARY

In 1980 New York, three young men who were all adopted meet each other and find out they were triplets separated at birth. Then they discover why. (*IMDb*)

Rated PG-13 for mature thematic material. No sex or nudity.

**January 19 - What They Had (2018)**  
**R 1 hr 41 min**

## DRAMA

A woman returns home at her brother's urging to deal with her ailing mother and her father's reluctance to let go of their life together. (*IMDb*)

Rated R for language and a brief sexual reference.

**January 26 - A Quiet Place (2018)**  
**PG-13 - 1 hr 30 min**

## DRAMA HORROR MYSTERY

In a post-apocalyptic world, a family is forced to live in silence while hiding from creatures with ultra-sensitive hearing. (*IMDb*)

Rated PG-13 for terror and some bloody images.

Jason Lyle



## COLETTA McKENRY LIBRARY ACCESSIONS

### FICTION, INCLUDING LARGE TYPE, CD'S AND DVD'S

Ambush	Patterson, James	©2018	F PAT
As Bright as Heaven	Meissner, Susan	©2018	F MEI
As Time Goes By	Clark, Mary Higgins	©2016	F CLA LT
Britt-Marie Was Here	Backman, Fredrik	©2017	F BAC p.b.
The Colors of All the Cattle	McCall Smith, Alexander	©2018	F MCC
Dark Sacred Night	Connelly, Michael	©2018	F CON
The Fallen Man	Hillerman, Tony	©1996	F HIL CD
Gregory Peck Film Collection	Peck, Gregory	©2008	F PEC DVD's
Grey's Anatomy: The Complete Second Season		©2006	F GRE DVD
Kingdom of the Blind	Penny, Louise	©2018	F PEN
Like a Fish Out of Water	Thompson, Janice A.	©2017	F THO
Loot of All Evil	Penney, Elizabeth	©2018	F PEN
Mamma Mia: the movie		©2008	F MAM DVD
The Money Shot	Woods, Stuart	©2018	F WOO
Ordinary Grace	Krueger, William Kent	©2013	F KRU
Origin	Brown, Dan	©2017	F BRO
Past Tense: Jack Reacher novel	Child, Lee	©2018	F CHI
Planted Evidence	Holl, Kristi	©2018	F HOL
The Tattooist of Auschwitz	Morris, Heather	©2018	F MOR
Transcription	Atkinson, Kate	©2018	F ATK
We are Not Ourselves	Thomas, Matthew	©2014	F THO p.b.
The Winter Soldier	Mason, Daniel	©2018	F MAS

## NON-FICTION, INCLUDING BIOGRAPHIES

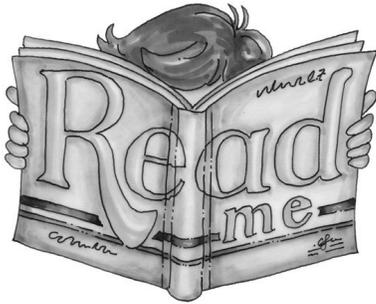
Almost Everything: Notes on Hope	Lamott, Anne	©2018	170.44 LAM
Al Franken, Giant of the Senate	Franken, Al	©2017	328.7 FRA
Barbara Bush: A Memoir	Bush, Barbara	©1994	B BUS
Born Trump: Inside America's First Family	Fox, Emily Jane	©2018	973.93 FOX
Civil War Curiosities	Garrison, Webb B.	©2005	973.7 GAR
Fantasyland: How America Went Haywire: a 500-year history	Andersen, Kurt	©2017	973.9 AND
A Fighting Chance	Warren, Elizabeth	©2014	328.7 WAR
Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom	Andersen, Kurt	©2017	973.9 AND
Freedom at Midnight	Lapierre, Dominique	©2005	954.03 LAP p.b.
Jane Austen's England	Adkins, Roy	©2013	942.07 ADK
The Line Becomes a River	Cantú, Francisco	©2018	363.28 CAN
Pittsburgh: The Story of a City, 1750-1865	Baldwin, Leland Dewitt	©1970	917.48 BAL
The Soloist	Lopez, Steve	©2008	781.1 LOP
The Timetables of History: a Horizontal Linkage of People and Events	Grun, Bernard	©1991	900 GRU Reference
Unhinged: An Insider's Account of the Trump White House	Newman, Omarosa Manigault	©2018	352.230 NEW
Walking with God Through Pain and Suffering	Keller, Timothy J.	©2013	253.5 KEL

### **THE LIBRARY LOWDOWN**

The library staff is planning to recognize Sherwood Oaks authors in the month of January. If you have authored a book and are willing to lend us a copy for a month, please bring it to the library by January 7. We are excited to see how many unknown authors we have in addition to those we know about. Look for the display after January 10.

As a courtesy to our avid readers, please check out only one "new" book at a time.

Barbara Christy



## SPOTLIGHT ON NEW BOOKS THE BOOK SELECTION COMMITTEE

These recently purchased books will be on the shelf for new books in our library. If a book you seek is not there, you can fill out a reserve slip.

**The Line Becomes a River: Dispatches from the Border** by Francisco Cantu. Memoir. Written by a US Border Patrol agent, this is “a devastating narrative of the very real human effects of depersonalized policy” (*Kirkus Starred Review*).

**The Tattooist of Auschwitz** by Heather Morris. Fiction. In 1942, a young Slovakian Jew is sent to the infamous Nazi death camp where he is assigned to tattoo numbers on new arrivals. His true story is the source of this novel that concerns a romance that develops between him and an arriving young woman. “A powerful, gut-wrenching tale that is hard to shake off” (*Kirkus Review*).

**Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom** by David Blight. Biography. Born a slave in 1818, he escaped to freedom to engage in a struggle for justice. “This is a monumental book, a definitive biography, rich with the biblical cadences that filled Douglass’ life and imagination” (*The Guardian*).

**The Winter Soldier** by Daniel Mason. Fiction. A story of love, war, and medicine set during World War I that is “meticulously researched ... and crackles with excitement” (*NY Times*).

**The Colors of All the Cattle** by Alexander McCall Smith. Fiction. The 19<sup>th</sup> book in the No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency series. “Smith continues to bring joy to his readers through his insights into the human heart” (*Publishers Weekly Starred Review*).

**Long Road to Mercy (An Atlee Pine Thriller)** by David Baldacci. Fiction. The popular writer introduces his first ever female protagonist in this “top-notch thriller” (*The Real Book Spy*).

**Heads You Win** by Jeffrey Archer. Fiction. In the 1960s, after his father is assassinated by the KGB a young man and his mother escape to the West. The story of their subsequent lives reaches “a stunning conclusion that packs an emotional wallop.... A splendid novel” (*Booklist Online Starred Review*).

**Kingdom of the Blind** by Louise Penny. Fiction. This 14<sup>th</sup> novel featuring Chief Supt. Gamache is a follow-up to last year’s *Glass Houses*, which is in our library. “Insightful, well-plotted” (*Publishers Weekly*).

**The Crow Trap: A Vera Stanhope Mystery** by Ann Cleeves. Fiction. Recommended by a resident, this first book in a British mystery series that began in 1998 is now published in the USA for the first time. “Meticulously plotted” (*Kirkus Review*).

Tom Fararo

## CHAPEL NOTES

Leading Chapel Services during January will be the following: (All services at 2 PM in the Auditorium.)

January 6 - The Rev. Liddy Barlow,  
Christian Assoc. of Western PA

January 13 - The Rev. Tom Parkinson,  
Dutilh United Methodist Church  
This will be a Communion Service

January 20 - The Rev. Karen Slusser,  
St. Paul's United Methodist Church

January 27 - The Rev. Connie Frierson,  
Calvin Presbyterian Church

We have just assigned Pastors to our 2019 schedule. Thirty-seven Ministers will be serving in our chapel program. We are very fortunate to have their help. Be sure to thank them.

***“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you. I will help you. I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” Is 41:10***

Gary Brandenberger  
Chapel Committee



### *IN MEMORIAM*

*Memories are precious possessions that time can never destroy. For it is in happy remembrance that the heart finds its greatest joy.*

*Daniel Smyers  
November 25, 2018  
United States Navy*

*Jane Saleone  
November 26, 2018*

*Hassan Bazmi  
December 9, 2018*

## ACTIVITIES IN THE CHAPEL

Women's Bible Study  
First and third Monday of the month  
Promptly at 10:45 – 12 noon

Men's Bible Study  
Weekly, Wednesdays  
10:00 – 11:00 AM

Holy Communion, Episcopal Rite  
Second Monday of the month  
11:00 AM

Rosary – Led by Chester Ludwicki  
First, Second, and Third Fridays  
9:30 AM

Quaker Meeting for Worship  
Fourth Sunday  
10:30 – 11:30 AM

# *In the Meadow We Can Build a Snowman*

*words by Dick Smith*



Photos by Barbara Dixon