



The Word

The Hungarian Reformed Church of Carteret

Moving Forward by Kathy Irvin

Once again some people will begin the countdown, 10, 9, 8... until they reach number 1 when the beautiful sparkling ball drops in Times Square and they all can say Happy New Year. Some will wonder where the time went. Others will sleep away the old year and wake up to a new one like they always do. Many will be in Church praying for God to bless them, their family, friends, and even their enemies.

However one chooses to celebrate the New Year, we should pray daily for God to bless what we do in it and forget "the list" -- you know, those resolutions that we have all made in some point and time. Haven't we failed to get them all done, forgotten them or perhaps even misplaced them? Yes, we often just dismiss them anyway entirely.

It is true that man has a plan, but God orders our steps. I did

away with my list long ago, except that I try to work on the Scripture verse that says, 'I must decrease so that He will increase in my life' (John 3:30).

We can only reflect on some things we feel were done right to bless others and there we can find satisfaction in knowing that the Lord is pleased. There are many personal goals that all of us did not fulfill, so it is best to thank God for the positives and not dwell on the negative. We must understand that the Bible tells us to press on towards the mark of the high calling in Christ Jesus. We are in a race and we can't go back and retrieve any time lost from the previous year.

I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:14 King James Version)

Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one received the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. (1 Corinthians 9:24 King James Version)

We are constantly to be moving forward, growing and doing all we can to get the message of God's love to others. We must make sure that we are living a life that reflects Christ's nature to attract others to Him.

So there is no list of do's and don'ts for me. Plain and simply put, I want to live my life one day at a time, asking the Lord what He requires. I will take each day and say, 'Lord, what is on your agenda for me today?' If I can find out His plans on a daily basis then I won't be disappointed at the end of the year.

Anniversary Celebration

On October 27. of 2013 we had the opportunity to remember our past as Hungarian Reformed Christians in Carteret. During an afternoon worship service we celebrated our 110th anniversary. The combined Hungarian and Eng-

lish service was attended by many from New Jersey, New York and from California. The celebration continued in the local Holiday Inn, where we had a delicious buffet style diner. This was a great occasion for our new members to

meet with some of our long time members. The fellowship ended this special day with the feeling of God's presence among us, which may bless our church with at least another century of proud service of our Lord.

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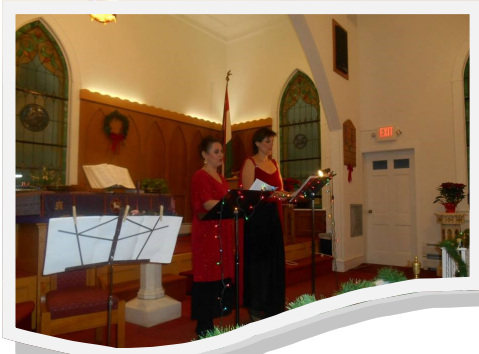
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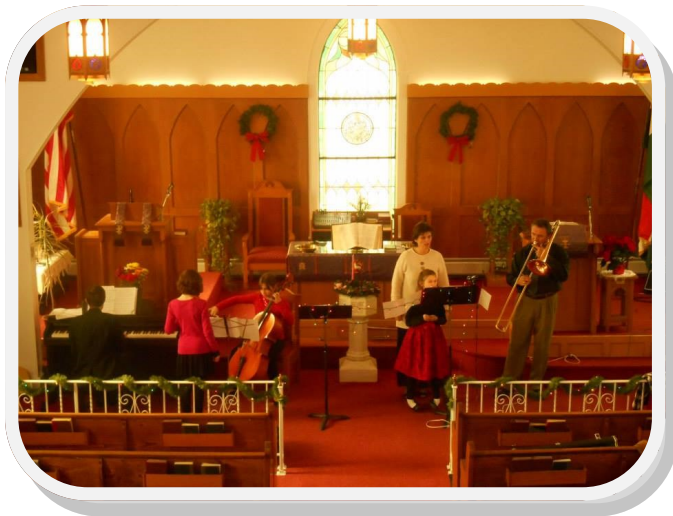
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Advent / Opera Concert

We kicked off the Holiday Season in 2013 with a joyful musical event in our beloved sanctuary. On the first Sunday of Advent the returning opera singers , Emma Toth-Kronberg and Ildiko Rozs visited our sanctuary with guest musicians, Martin Néron, **Tamás Bán, Edina Bán and Nóra Bán**. **Their visit warmed up the hearts of those who participated in this cultural event. Their repertoire included** several opera favorites and some well known Christmas tunes as well as some Hungarian , German, and French Christmas songs.



Az idei ünnepi szezont egy igazán örömteli zenés rendezvénnel indítottuk el. Advent első vasárnapján visszatérő operaénekes vendégek jöttek el újra templomunkba. Rozs Ildikót és Tóth-Kronberg Emmát idén elkíséreték Carteretre: Martin Néron, Bán Tamás, Bán Edina és Bán Nóra. A művészek feljethetetlen adventi léggkört teremtettek. Repertoárjukban volt számos jól ismert opera kedvenc és néhány jól ismert karácsonyi dal is különböző nyelveken.



Pictures:

Ildiko Rozs and Emma Toth-Kronberg performing(top).

Rehearsal in the church before the concert (middle-left).

Right before the concert , the artists in the manse (middle-right).

At the end of the concert from left to right: Martin Néron, Hanna, Nóra Bán, Emma Tóth-Kronberg, Ildikó Rozs, Edina Bán, Tamás Bán. (right-bottom)



Annual Congregational Meeting— Éves Közgyűlés

On the cold and snowy December 15. of 2013 we gathered in our beloved church to celebrate the third Sunday of Advent and also to hold our Annual Congregational Meeting. As we officially concluded the calendar year of 2012, we also installed two new church council members, Elizabeth

Yockavitch and Grita Braasch. The ladies took the open positions of Tibor Varga and Istvan Gergely as they stepped down from their council seats. May God bless the presence and work of Grita and Elizabeth in our consistency and also the services of all of our church officers.

Picture left to right:

Ms. Elizabeth Yockavitch, Mr. Richard Liptak, Mr. Joe Timari, Mrs. & Mr. Leonard Sendelsky, Rev. Tamas Devecseri, Mr. Robert George, Mr. Alexander George and Mr. John Liptak



A hideg és havas 2013

-as december 15.-i reggelen boldogan gyűltünk össze templomunkban. Advent harmadik vasárnapján nem csak az adventi gyertya és advent üzenete melengette szívünket, de az alkalom is, hogy megtarthattuk éves közgyűlésünket.

Hivatalosan sikerült a 2012-es naptári évet lezárni és két új presbitert is beiktatni, Elizabeth Yockavitchot és Grita Braascht. A hölgyek két leköszönő presbiter, Varga Tibor és Gergely István helyét vették át a presbitériumban. A mi

Urunk,

Istenünk áldását kérjük életükre és munkájukra a gyülekezetben.

Fotó:

Ms. Elizabeth Yockavitch, Mr. Richard Liptak, Mr. Joe Timari, Mrs. & Mr. Leonard Sendelsky, Rev. Tamas Devecseri, Mr. Robert George, Mr. Alexander George and Mr. John Liptak




Holiday Donations:

- \$175 Christmas Donation by Mr. Frank Nagy
- \$50 Christmas donation by Mr. Jason Milak & family
- \$35 Christmas donation by Ms. Elizabeth Yockavitch
- \$25 Christmas donation by Ms. Elizabeth Wolfe
- \$200 Christmas donation by Mr. & Mrs. Johnson
- \$50 Christmas donation by Rev. Tamas, Katalin & Arnold
- \$200 donation in memory of the Furjesz and Faccipont families by Mr. Richard Gibbons and Ms. Helen Gibbons
- \$500 donation in memory of Benjamin Sokolowski by Ms. Jennie Sokolowski

“I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly” John 10:10

In Loving Memory
Ben Sokolowski
May 29, 1916 - October 28, 2013



BENJAMIN SOKOLOWSKI age 97, longtime resident of Matawan, New Jersey, passed away October 28, 2013 in Las Vegas, Nevada. He was born May 29, 1916 in Perth Amboy, New Jersey. Ben proudly served his country in the U.S. Army, during WW II, as an Armorer and Marksman for Co. "C" 51st Armored Infantry. A longtime employee of Chevron, Ben retired after 46 years of service as a Shift Supervisor.

He is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Jennie Sokolowski; daughters, Eleanor Barcelon and husband LeRoy, Lorraine Bills and husband Bruce, and Jennie Thomas; granddaughter, Susan Moody, and husband Chuck; great-grandchildren, Jayden and Justin Moody; and brother, Adam "Sonny" Sokolowski of Perth Amboy, New Jersey; and other loving relatives.

Fájó szívvel értesült gyülekezetünk a szomorú hírről, hogy Ben Sokolowskit az Úr magához szólította mennyei otthonába. Ben számára templomunk és hívő közösségünk sokat jelentett és életének 97 évében ezt mindig büszkén ki is nyilatkoztatta.

Ben és felesége Jennie jó ideje már Nevadában élt, de egyházunkat még a távolból is támogatták.

Kérjük a jó Istent, hogy vigasztalja meg Benjamin gyászoló szeretteit és különösen özvegyét, Jennie-t, aki továbbra is szeretett, fontos tagja gyülekezetünknek.

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God's Garden

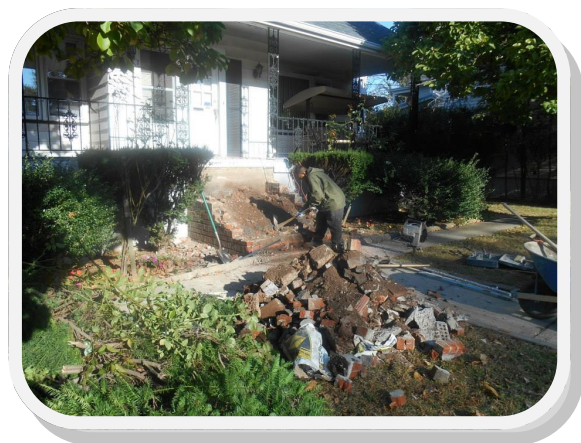
*God looked around his garden
And found an empty place,
He then looked down upon the earth
And saw your tired face.
He put his arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful
He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering
He knew you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb.
So he closed your weary eyelids
And whispered, 'Peace be Thine'.
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you didn't go alone,
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.*

Church Renovation

In the second half of October the much needed and wisely planned church renovations began in our church. The social hall and all the rooms in the basement area were freshly painted and new doors were installed. This followed the painting of our sanctuary and painting of our window frames. In addition the sidings of the manse

were power washed and painted. At the same time a new heating system was installed in the church. We replaced and fixed numerous shingles on the roof of the church. The manse received a new porch staircase also along with a new storm door. The members of our congregation put many hours in for volunteer work to

clean the social hall and the sanctuary after and between the different jobs. We hope that you will come and visit us and rejoice in the Lord with us for the blessings that our church received from God through these important renovations in 2013.



Templom Felújítás

A 2013-as év végén, októberben Isten áldásával elkezdődtek egyházunknál a felújítási munkálatok. Az alagsorban a gyülekezeti teremmel együtt minden helységet kifestettünk. Ugyanitt az ajtók és a kilincsek is kilettek cserélve. Magát a

templomot is sikerült kifestetnünk beleértve az ablakok újra mázolását is. A templom megrongálódott teteje is rendbe lett hozva.

A parókia főbejáratánál a téglalépcsőt is lekellett bontatnunk és egy új lépcsőt építettünk,

aminek a tetején kőlapot helyeztek el, hasonlóan mint a templom lépcsőin is vannak.

A parókia külső falának borítólapjait is lefestettük.

A munkálatok közben és után egyháztagjaink végezték a takarítást.

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