



# In Touch



THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, FLANDERS, NJ 07836

## Consider Yourself - Part of the Family!

UPC recently received several new families into our church family: Kim Tweed, Jeff and Denise Bouvier, Steve McLaughlin and Joe and Aimee Genuardi . Here is a brief bio of each:

### Kim Tweed

My name is Kim Tweed and I live in Eagle Rock Village with my daughter Paige. I am employed with AT&T and have worked there for 21 years. My daughter Paige is an eighth grader at Mt. Olive Middle School. She enjoys music and spending time with her friends. We have lived in Mt. Olive for many years with a brief move to PA. We moved back because we love Mt. Olive.

### Jeff and Denise Bouvier

Hi! We are Jeff and Denise and have two children, Christopher, age 14 and Kayla, age 9. Jeff works as a Director of Records Management for ImClone Systems and Denise is a Kindergarten Enrichment Teacher at a local Christian pre-school. Chris is a freshman at Roxbury High School and Kayla is a 4<sup>th</sup> Grade 'senior' at Jefferson Elementary.

We have lived in Roxbury for over 10 years with the first five years in Succasunna and currently in Flanders. Over the course of the years, our family has been very involved in our community. As parents, we have taken on the roles of Assistant Cubmaster, Girl Scout Leader, PTA Chairperson, Soccer Coach, and most recently, Marching Band Road Cres member and "Band Mom". We enjoy being involved in our children's activities and helping others along the way. Chris is a member of a band that has performed at numerous charity events and Kayla has just bridged to a Junior Girl Scout and shares her kind heart with everyone she meets! Great grades, awesome attitudes, we could not be more proud of our kids!

We are a very active family, that's for sure. Between Chris' marching band calendar and Kayla's travel soccer schedule this fall, we sure have kept on our toes, but we always do our best to stay connected. We really enjoy each other's company (even took a two week road trip this summer to Florida and had a blast!) We love going to the beach, boardwalk amusement parks and camping in the summer and just recently ventured into a family snowboard adventure together! We love to have fun!

We are so happy and blessed that we have found our way to UPC! The kids have met great new friends in youth group and we grown-ups also met a wonderful group of people and we all feel so welcome! Thank you for extending your open arms, friendship and fellowship to our family!

## Steve McLaughlin

Steve already has a long association with UPC. He has already been involved in the church through his wife Millicent and their six children: Connor, Jillian, Lindsey and twins Stephanie and Brandon.

Steve was born and raised in Ohio, where he was a member of the Liberty Presbyterian Church in Powell, Ohio, in high school and college. Steve graduated from MIT in 1988 with a Computer Science and Engineering degree. Since graduation from college, Steve has been involved in many software and media product companies. Some of his time was spent in southern Florida, where he met a southern 'belle' who would become his wife. Steve is currently Chief Financial Officer for the largest franchise operator of Hair Club for Men centers. Steve also has a large financial stake in Radio Spirit, a distributor of old-time radio programs, which is owned by Media Bay, Inc, for whom he once worked. About himself, Steve says,

"I am a big fan of Ohio State football and basketball. I like to play basketball and do various activities with my family. I enjoy keeping up with the latest technology and programming for the web, PC's, iPhones, and other platforms. Our family loves taking vacations together. Some of our favorite destinations are Disney World, Hershey Park, the Jersey Shore, and Siesta Key, Florida. I have been attending United Presbyterian Church, Flanders for almost as long as we have lived in New Jersey. Millicent is a member of the church and all six of our kids were baptized in the church. I'm happy to finally be joining!"

Bio of Joe and Aimee Genuardi and their family was not available at press time. They have come to UPC through our Fun N Friends Nursery School. We'll catch them in the next issue of the In Touch!

## HOLIDAY BAKE SALE UPDATE

The recent bake sale was a great success!. Thanks to the following folks who provided baked goods and to those other folks who also brought goodies but I failed to include their names here (sorry!!)....Kim Tweed, LaRue Berry, Bev Brouhard, Sharon Bucci, Lisa Ciccio, Kathy Coogen, Judy Kish, Vivian Lord, Barbara Menagh, BettyAnn Nagle, Debbie Nagy, Pat Steege and Lois Steward. Thanks too to everyone that supported the sale by buying our treats. The sale raised \$252.50 profit towards our soup kitchen mission project. Thanks again to everyone!! Suzan Preston, Elder and Barb Gunn.



## Need Help: Call our ASP TEAM



Need help with home or yard clean-up projects? Our ASP Team can lend assistance in return for a donation of any amount. Your donation will be used to defray the cost of our upcoming summer mission trip to Appalachia. Please speak with any ASP member or contact John Monaghan 973-927-3794 or [jkmonaghan@hotmail.com](mailto:jkmonaghan@hotmail.com). Thank you!

## Young Worship Leaders

The Young Worship Leaders will resume rehearsals on Sunday, February 6th at 9 am. All youth are welcome. We will be working on materials for upcoming worship services, and exploring ideas for Good Friday and Easter.



## THE DEADLINE FOR THE March 2011 *IN TOUCH* is February 23

Please submit any information you want included in the November 2003 **In Touch** to the church office or by e-mail ([UPCintouch@aol.com](mailto:UPCintouch@aol.com)) on or before that date. All are welcome to contribute.



I spent my earliest years in Richmond, KY, where my family moved in 1955 upon my dad's completion of doctoral studies in music at Eastman School of Music and taking a teaching position at what was then Eastern Kentucky State College (for many years now it has been Eastern Kentucky University).

I was born that same year and lived in Richmond until we moved to Illinois at the end of my seventh grade year.

During our years in Kentucky, southern segregation was still widely practiced. There were no "Negro" kids in my school, nor any in my neighborhood I can recall. They all went to a school somewhere way across town. I don't recall having any contact with people of color, other than perhaps our occasional maid/cleaning lady, during those early years. I remember my dear mother pushing the envelope a time or two by actually sitting down at a table with "the help" and having a cup of coffee with her. You just didn't do that in those days.

To us middle class whites, African-Americans were "invisible"; they were the feared "other". I remember when we went to the movies that black kids had to go in a different entrance and had to sit up in the balcony. We always tried to secure a seat beneath the balcony, for fear of being spit upon or pelted with food.

These things were all part of growing up in the south in the 1960's.

I'm grateful we have come a long way from those days of southern segregation. Without the efforts of Dr. King and so many others, it is doubtful we would have an African-American in the White House today. Dr. King's dream of racial and economic justice is still a work in progress. Tensions between people of different faiths, even within the same faith remain; full civil rights for people of homosexual orientation remain elusive within our faith communities and cultures at large.

The recent repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" was a milestone for the armed forces. A day or so after that repeal, a clergy friend lamented that here our denomination still forces committed and gifted clergy to practice our own version of "don't ask, don't tell" in our ordination process. While it is not likely to pass by a large enough majority across our denomination to become "law", our Presbytery of Newton recently approved an amendment to the "Book of Order" removing specific references to sexuality in our ordination standards. We also approved an amendment that would greatly trim our bulky Form of Government and give local Presbyteries more authority and independence to determine their own practices, including their own standards for ordination, as they feel led.

When Jesus first appeared preaching in Galilee his message was simple: "The kingdom of God is among you; turn and believe in the good news". He offered that good news to all, without restriction (except perhaps among those who would restrict themselves).

It seems to me that Dr. King's dream of a colorblind and just society reflects something of Jesus' own expansive view of God's kingdom, as do the concluding lines of the Pledge of Allegiance, when we aspire to be "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice **for all**".

Sad to say, we are not there yet...

Rev. Rick



## YOUTH SUB SALE

Our youth group's annual super bowl sub sale will be held on Sunday, February 6, 2011. For those who have pre-ordered, don't forget to pick up your sub. For those wishing they had ordered, there will be extras for sale. Our youth group will be making these delicious subs to help support their retreats, mission work, and service projects.

**"Soup, Songs and Stories II"**

Sunday, March 13th, 5 - 7 pm

to benefit the

Maria Clark Van Mobilization Project

The entire UPC family, friends, and community are welcome for an evening of good food, fellowship, and entertainment. We would love to have you join us! If you are interested in sharing music, poetry, dance, etc., or if you are able to bring a pot of soup and/or a dessert, please look for a sign up in the church hallway or contact the church office (973) 584-8195; office@unitedpcf.com. To date, through the generosity of many, \$18,000 have been raised. We are over half way to the goal of \$35,000. Please help us get the rest of the way . . . spread the word! Admission to the evening is free. Donations in any amount are welcome.

**Congratulations!**

Congrats to the following MOHS youth from UPC for their academic performance the first marking period of the year:

**High Honor Roll:**

9<sup>th</sup> Grade: Samantha Halper  
Connor McLaughlin  
10<sup>th</sup> Grade: Michael LoCascio  
12<sup>th</sup> Grade: Samantha Keastead

**Honor Roll:**

10<sup>th</sup> Grade: Torri Brouhard  
Tiffany Ernst  
Kaitlyn Ertl  
Valerie Halper  
Dylan Keastead  
Thomas Silkowski  
11<sup>th</sup> Grade: Taylor Jordan  
Lauren Ropp  
Dan Schweighardt  
12<sup>th</sup> Grade: Alissa Hoffmann  
Brandon Johnson

We'd also like to hear about our youth from other schools. That information was not available at press time.

# Women's RETREAT 2011

**"Finding Balance"***led by Rev. Katie Sundermeier*

*Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>  
8am - 4 pm*

*United Presbyterian Church,  
Flanders*

*Cost: \$35*




*Includes breakfast, lunch,  
program, and materials*

*to reserve a spot, contact the  
church office at  
(973) 584-8195 or  
office@unitedpcf.com*

# FEVERURY 2011

UPC, FLANDERS

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

<p><b>ALL TIMES AND DATES ARE TENTATIVE. PLEASE CONSULT SUNDAY BULLETIN OR CALL CHURCH OFFICE FOR DETAILS.</b></p>						
<p><b>6 YOUTH SUB SALE</b> 10:00am Worship &amp; SS 11:30am Confirmation Class</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b> 7:30pm NewSong</p>	<p><b>9</b> 7:30pm Evening Bible Fellowship </p>	<p><b>10</b> 5:30pm Alleluia Choir 6:30pm Bell Choir 7:30pm Chancel</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b> 9:00 AM 2nd Saturday </p>
<p><b>13</b> 10:00am Worship &amp; SS 11:15am Congregational Annual Meeting 11:15am Confirmation Class</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b> 7:30pm NewSong</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b> 5:30pm Alleluia Choir 6:30pm Bell Choir 7:30pm Chancel</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p>
<p><b>20</b> 10:00am Worship &amp; SS</p>	<p><b>21</b> 7:30pm Session Meeting </p>	<p><b>22</b> 7:30pm NewSong</p>	<p><b>23</b> 7:30pm Worship on Wednesday <b>IN TOUCH DEADLINE</b></p>	<p><b>24</b> 10:00am Soup Kit. 5:30pm Alleluia Choir 6:30pm Bell Choir 7:30pm Chancel</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>
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