

# Guest Speaker

## November 4th, 2012

### Rev. Dr. Eilene Theilig



Rev. Dr. Eilene Theilig is the Director of Lay and Continuing Education at Brite Divinity School. Eilene's professional career was centered around understanding the earth and solar



Artist concept of Galileo passing Io with Jupiter in the background.

system. With degrees in geology and research focused on planetary exploration, she was an intern during the Viking Mission to Mars and,

later, a National Research Council post-doctoral research association at the Jet propulsion Laboratory



Io, showing a volcanic plume.

(JPL). In 1989, she joined the Galileo Project flight team at JPL planning spacecraft activities for the journey to Jupiter and became the project manager for the final two and a half years of the mission.

After her call to ministry, in 2003 Eilene entered the Pacific School of Religion where she obtained a Master's of Divinity degree in May 2006. Her primary interest is in adult Christian education

which she exercises as the Director of Lay and Continuing Education at Brite. Because of her background in both science and theology, Eilene maintains an interest in the intersection of science and faith.

She is an ordained Disciples of Christ minister and joins us November 4, 2012 for worship and fellowship. She will give a presentation during the fellowship that embraces both God and Science. Bring a potluck and friends to this exciting day!



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# November 2012

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4 <i>Special Speaker Eilene Theilig</i>	5	6	7 <i>7:00 Choir</i>	8	9
11 8:30 AM Elders Breakfast <b>6:30 PM Book Club</b> <i>Called FPC Mtg.</i>	12 <i>6:30 PM Set Free Mtg.</i>	13	14 <i>6:30 MCC Board Mtg. 7:00 Choir</i>	15 <i>Bible Babes @ Noon</i>	16 <i>4-7 PM Young Adults</i>
18	19 <i>No School This week</i>	20 <i>No MDO 6:30 Mission &amp; Stewardship Mtg.</i>	21	 23 <i>Office Closed</i>	24
25	26	27	28 <i>7:00 Choir</i>	29	

## Young Adults

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! November 17<sup>th</sup> (4pm-7pm) we join together at the Activity Center! Drop the kids off at the Parish with a sack dinner (up to 5<sup>th</sup> grade) then relax! We will have a few hours of games, food, conversation and good times!



## Elder Breakfast

*Starting this month, I invite our Elders to breakfast at The Parish. This will be a time of prayer, learning and fellowship as the spiritual leaders of*

*the church. Our first Sunday is November 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. and Ana gives a brief talk on her learning at Pastor's Conference and quick instructions*

*for the dedication of yearly pledges for the service. What an exciting time in the life of the Parish it is when our Elders come together in prayer!*

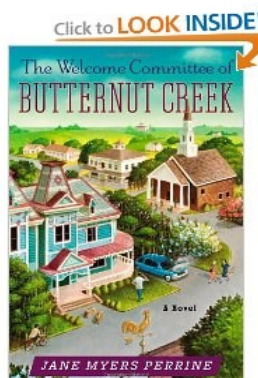


## Book Club

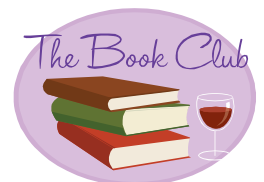
Book club meets monthly on the second Sunday of the month. We visit each month at 6:30 pm and we discuss a new book that makes us think and contemplate God, our relationship with God and one another.

Join us November 11th for

"Heaven Is For Real", a book about a 4 year old boy who died and went to Heaven. This is his journey and should spark some great conversation as all of our books did in previous months. December's book: "Welcome Committee of Butternut Creek".



November 11th



November 15th,  
at noon



### BIBLE BABES

Save THE DATE!

November 15th, at noon we meet for great laughs, times

of reflection, and girl time. A meal is provided, we have a quick study and

then everyone goes about their daily lives. Bring a friend!!!!



**Holy Humor—**  
Eight new choir robes are currently needed, due to the addition of several new members and the deterioration of some older ones.



Thank you to the mystery person who placed a vase of beautiful roses on my desk. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. You made my day!

Love and Prayers,

Ana

Presbyterians  
Presbyterians have called a Congregational Meeting for November the 11th. Meeting will be held immediately following worship.



One of our own is being honored!

### Congratulations Anne Dyer

A HUGE congratulations goes to Anne Dyer. The Presbyterian Church USA asked Anne to serve on the Committee on Ministry over the next 3 years. This is a great

honor as they acknowledged Anne as a "true Presbyterian through and through". Praise God for this honor and Anne for her dedication to the PC (USA)!



Can you help me?

## Committee Chairs and Service in

Over the next month, a group will contemplate who might have a specific gift for various ministries. It is our hope that

if God leads us to ask you to participate in a certain capacity, that you will answer with an enthusiastic YES! We are prayerful

about this responsibility and we pray you will answer the call like so many before you. We are called for service, offering our

# Set Free

**SET FREE** is still in its infancy and we have lots of planning yet to do! This ministry, as with all our church ministries, is open to EVERYONE!

So, what is **SET FREE**? I'm so glad you asked! **SET FREE** is a ministry for absolutely everyone. All of us have a hurt, hang-up or habit. Those hurts come from past abuse, lack of self-esteem, grief from various losses (job, family, divorce, death) and more. Further, our

hang-ups are those "buttons" people seem to push that cause us to become angry, controlling, or obsessed in various feelings. Then of course, our habits — overeating, gambling, alcohol and drug addictions — that list can go on and on too.

Can any of us say we do not fall into ANY of these categories? I don't think we can. **SET FREE** is a healing ministry that transforms lives. This is a ministry

that needs a lot of hands and feet, a ministry where the broken come to find wholeness, and a ministry where our imperfections make us just like everyone else!

Come to planning meetings, join us when we get started and find a place where everyone belongs! Our next planning meeting is November 12th at 6:30 pm here at the Parish!

"My Chains Are Gone... I've been SET FREE!"

If you can cook, talk, welcome, sing, lead, or any number of other things, WE NEED YOU! Come be **SET FREE!**

It is time to be THANKFUL!



# Thanksgiving Holiday **MDO XTREME**

**MDO XTREME** will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday November 20 & 22, 2012. We wish everyone a wonderful holiday filled with family, fun and thankfulness.



## HOLYWEEN WAS A SUCCESS!!!

We had a wonderful fellowship with so many people dressing up and using their wonderful imaginations! We had the Beatitudes, a Devil, Burning Bush, Fire and Brimstone, Peace/Joy/Love as fruits of the Spirit, Miriam, a healed leper and so many more....even Jonah showed up and Moses

parted the Red Sea for us! The kids had fun playing games and we even had a couple adults join in the fun!!! Thank you to all who participated, brought food, played games, and CLEANED UP!!!! Jacksboro parish is a wonderful place to be and build relationships....we are blessed!



Parting of the Red Sea

B Attitudes

# Youth

Over the next few weeks we will be looking at the word transformation. What does it mean? What does it look like: Why is it important for us? And lastly, are we willing to be transformed?

Last week we talked about Matthew 9:2-8 and Mark 2:1-2. Both scrip-

tures focus on a conversation between Jesus, paralyzed man, and the man's friends. This story helps us address some of the reasons why the thought of changing can paralyze us. Whether it's our anxiety about being alone, fears of the future, past regrets, or

doubts of our abilities. God has given us community, just as He did the paralyzed man, with his friends. God has also give us himself. Jesus said, "Be encouraged...Get up and walk!" That was a call from Jesus to the man and a call from Jesus to us. So, be encouraged and get up and walk!



Getting Ready for the Pumpkin Carving Contest



## Romans 12:1-2 (The Message)

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life— and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix

your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.



Oh, the joys of removing the seeds from a pumpkin!



"Transformation— to change the condition, character, or function of" Webster's New World Dictionary



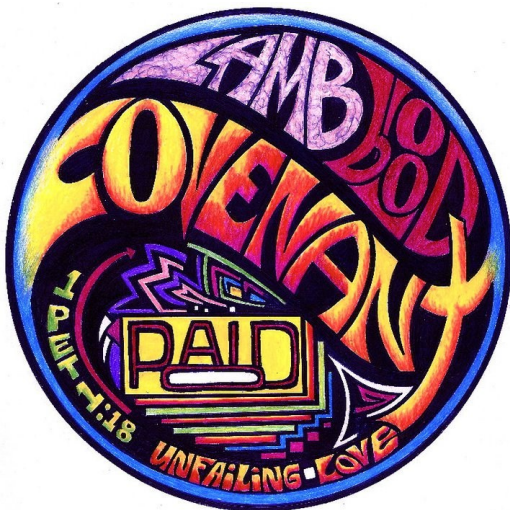
# Pastor's Prattling

*Dear Church,*

*As we come up on the end of the year, we look back and see wonderful ministries this congregation participated in and witnessed the differences in lives that happened because of those ministries.*

- ◆ This past year we continued our Mother's Day Out program and added a preschool component to MDO making it MDO Xtreme!
- ◆ We offered resources to many programs around town – Child Welfare Board, Concerned Citizens, Clothes Closet and More.
- ◆ The Parish also has an incredible youth ministry that our donations, time and talents go toward.
- ◆ As the Parish, we helped families in need with utilities, rent, food and other needs.
- ◆ Most recently, we started Backpack Buddies, a ministry that helps feed kids who are food insecure over the weekends.

*I could go on and on about all the good we do together as the Parish. I am honored to be part of the Parish and I am thankful for all your hard work, the time you give to the Parish and the financial resources you provide. All that we do could not be possible without you. Please prayerfully consider your pledge for 2013. Our ministries are as strong as we are together. Please, return your pledge forms by November 11th for our dedication service of our pledges. May God bless you so that you can continue blessing others.*



*My love and devotion,*

Pastor Ana