

1. **Home Communion.** Following the Advent communion service (November 27), I served home communion to 16 persons on my pastor care list (11 visits). I am currently serving home communion to several persons not visited after this previous service. I was assisted by Elders Bob Ridle, Linda Lickliter, and Jerry Fry.
2. **Annual Reports – Reminder.** Please have your annual reports to the Church Office by this Sunday, January 10. Reports sent as emails or email attachments are most helpful.
3. **Bible Study.** Bible Study will resume on Tuesday, January 19, with a study of the minor prophets Joel and Zechariah. This study will run until March 30.
4. **Staunton pulpit exchange.** The annual Staunton Presbyterian pulpit exchange will take place March 21 this year. This is the fifth Sunday in Lent, the Sunday before Palm Sunday. I will be preaching at Bethany Presbyterian. Joe Brandon from Olivet will be preaching at Second. Here is the full exchange list:
 - Bethany - Dan Williams
 - First - Bob von Oeyen
 - Second - Joe Brandon
 - Third - John Peterson
 - Covenant - Jack Wilkers
 - Olivet - Rick Dietrich

In a somewhat related matter, Presbyterian Women will be conducting the service on Sunday, March 7.

5. **Lent-Easter schedule.** The Christmas-New Year's holiday has just ended – in fact, January 6 is Epiphany, which brings the season of Christmas to a close – but it is not too soon to turn attention to Lent and Easter. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 17. Here are the highlights:
 - February 21 – First Sunday in Lent; the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
 - March 7 – PW Sunday; the Rev. Olivia Haney will be PW's guest speaker
 - March 21 – Staunton Presbyterian Pulpit Exchange (see #4, above)
 - March 28 – Palm Sunday: Downtown Churches Palm Sunday Parade (10:25 a.m.); Palm Sunday Luncheon (noon).
 - April 1 – Maundy Thursday Communion Service (7:30 p.m.) – no fooling!
 - April 2 – Good Friday Service of Shadows (7:30 p.m.)
 - April 4 – Easter Sunday / The Resurrection of the Lord

If you are counting, there are 353 shopping days remaining until Christmas 2010, which is on a Saturday this year.