

## WHO ARE THE HEROES?

TOWN and COUNTRY HEROES—Fourth Quarter 2008

These outstanding ministries in small church work are remembered this quarter in our prayer calendar.

January 4—Rt Rev William J Gordon

January 13—Rt Rev Fred Goodwin

January 13—Rev L Maxwell Brown

January 29—Rev Charles N Lathrop

January 30—Rev Raymond Cunningham

February 13—Rev John Peacock

February 14—Rt Rev Goodrich Fenner

February 14—Rev A Rufus Morgan

February 15—Andrew Good Thunder

March 22—Most Rev Walter H Jones

Information about these heroes is available in earlier issues of CROSSROADS and on the RMN website at [www.ruralministriesnetwork.org](http://www.ruralministriesnetwork.org)

### Eco-Resources

**Green Living:** The E Magazine Handbook for Living Lightly on the Earth from the Penguin Group, by the editors of E/The Environmental Magazine, 320 pages, paperback, © 2008, \$17

[The Penguin Group] Experts suggest that 40 percent of American homes will buy organic, yet a large majority have only a limited knowledge of how to actually make informed, green choices.

Green Living, from the editors of E/The Environmental Magazine offers a thorough, step-by-step plan for every aspect of your life, from the

laundry room to the kitchen:

#### Environment

- Maintaining a healthy home
- Going organic and avoiding genetically modified food

- Finding a planet-friendly car
- Making socially responsible investments
- Using personal-care products free of damaging chemicals

With advice on everything from planet-friendly cosmetics to home-based renewable energy, and straight talk on hemp, hybrids and hair coloring, Green Living is the ideal reference for both the neophyte and the experienced environmentalist.

In Sioux Falls – 500 tons of trash is picked up every day. About 30% of that is paper. Each ton of paper, if recycled instead, would save 17 trees, 4,077 kilowatts of energy, 463 gallons of oil, and 6,953 gallons of water. Each ton of recycled steel, from coffee and soup cans, would save more than its weight in raw materials. That would be 2,500 pounds of iron ore, 1,400 pounds of coal, and 120 pounds of limestone.

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### PRAYER FOR HEROES

We bless you, merciful Lord, for all those who have served your Church in small congregations and places throughout the land, remembering especially on this day your servant(s) *name(s)*. Grant that, inspired by this ministry, our work, prayer, and witness may share your love with all who hunger and thirst for your coming; who live and reign with the Father and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

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the proceeds from the monthly dinners go toward supplies for “pantry cook days.”

Another third buys food for the local food pantry, and a third goes toward direct family assistance.

### Meeting a need

The reason for all this outreach is simple, Chubb said. “I have people who just refuse to let people go to bed hungry. There’s a need, and it’s something they can do. People like to cook, so it’s not even like work.”

The effort’s success hasn’t been lost on the parish. “It makes people realize you don’t have to be a megachurch to really make a difference in people’s lives,” Chubb said. “We don’t have a lot of people, but we can take this on.” Small churches, she said, often exhibit a “we-can’t-do-something” attitude.

“There’s none of that here,” she said. “They know they can do these things.”

The parish continues to expand its work. Members have volunteered to staff the food pantry so it can be open on Sunday afternoons as well as its usual two mornings a week. “With the increase in working families unable to make ends meet, we thought that would enable us to reach out to additional families that might need assistance,” O’Connor said.

All the extra cooking has become something more than outreach for St. Timothy’s, Chubb said. Now it’s a mission, but one that belongs to the people there.

“They do it,” she said. “I help cook when I can, but it’s really their ministry. I just get to be the cheerleader.”

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**FYI: new address to note**—printed though not designated as a new address in last issue’s prayer cycle:

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