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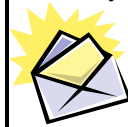
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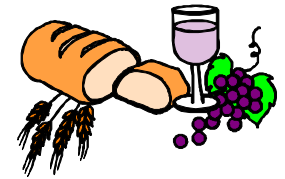
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PLEDGE ENVELOPES

2012 pledge envelopes are available on the table in the hallway across from the church office (outside of the Sanctuary). If you do not find a box with your name on it and would like envelopes, contact the church office (265-9700) or see Georgia Hubbard, and envelopes will be provided.



Winter Communion will be celebrated on January 8 at all three of our worship services. Join us!



ANNUAL REPORTS DUE

Presidents, secretaries and treasurers – your annual reports are due in the church office by **Monday, January 9.**

Articles may be submitted as a printed copy, via e-mail attachment, or on a computer disk.



ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the congregation will be held Sunday, January 29, at 11:45 in the Social Room. Bring a sandwich; soup, dessert and a beverage will be provided. Please plan to attend, as a quorum is required.



JANUARY

A FUTURE WITH HOPE



Here we are. A new start. What timing! We have just celebrated Advent, the beginning of the church year, and now it is the beginning of January, 2012, the beginning of the calendar year! I am moved in. My study is warm and inviting. Here is your invitation: *Please stop by!* I would love to meet you and spend some time getting to know you. I will be doing my best to visit those unable to come to church, and hopefully many others. Working with Pastor Larry has already begun, and I think we are a good match. His humor and kind heart are truly a gift. We will learn from each other and brainstorm together. And Georgia and Karen are patient and so good at what they do! I know that God will work in and among us.

A little about myself. I love the arts and that includes music, visual art, dance, theater, literature and film! I enjoy good food and conversation, so if you are interested in getting a coffee or sharing a meal, let's talk! I love the water, so driving home to Rochester along Lake Road is a gift to me every day. I like walking and biking and am learning how to run distances longer than a block. ☺ I have four grown, amazing children. Sheonaid lives in Colorado Springs, CO, and is a third grade teacher there. Reshae lives in Chicago, IL, and she works with mentally handicapped adults as an advocate and counselor. Aaron works as a developer and designer for a computer firm in Grand Rapids, MI. Aaron was married last February to Tamar, who is in medical school and hoping to do her residency at Rochester General in the OBGYN program. If that happens they will move here. We were all together for Christmas!

I am eager to serve at Webster Presbyterian Church as the Temporary Associate Supply Minister. Already you have been welcoming and friendly, and I look forward to gathering for worship together. Worship and the arts, and preaching are passions of mine. I also love pastoral care, initiating new beginnings, encouraging the gifts in people, and learning and teaching.

Our goal is to serve God and enjoy God forever *while* we worship and do ministry together – *while* we consider what God has in store for this congregation set in this location and community, *while* we continue to be busy in God's world reflecting God's love and grace.

We have an exciting journey ahead of us. But here's the thing. Sometimes we can get caught concentrating on the future and forget to consider the "now." We must remember that it is a journey. It can be so easy to look to the future and dream dreams about the way things can be. That is wonderful and exciting. But let's not forget that the journey itself is what is important. I have the tendency to keep my eye on the goal, forgetting that the road to get there, the

journey itself, *time right now*, is as significant as the ending. *How* will we move into the future? *How* will we consider the goals? *How well* will we listen to one another's voices with patience, even and especially if those voices differ from ours? *How open* will we be from day to day for the working and moving and shaping of God's Spirit among us?



On the other hand, sometimes we can get stuck in the "now," remembering the way things were, and don't have a new vision of the future or a willingness to venture there. Walter Brueggemann says that sometimes it is hard to see clearly from where we stand. We can get so caught up in the immediate that we lose sight of the whole picture. Here is his suggestion, and it is fully Biblical. Brueggemann says that in order to look to the future, we must turn around and look to the past. That is where we will find our perspective. That is how we can see where God has been working among us, and when, and what it was like. And, by the way, not just in our lives, but in the lives of others who have lived faithfully. That includes learning how God has worked and moved among God's people from the very beginning, so that means reading and studying God's Story in Scripture. When we remember what God has done, how patient and grace-filled and bold God is, and how much God loves us, that's when we find courage to step into the future. And let's be honest, it takes courage to move into the unknown.

We have a choice. We can respond in fear, which can paralyze us, or we can move ahead in trust and eager expectation, and embrace the journey. God has begun a work in us. Sometimes that work changes. Sometimes WE have to change. But if we truly strive to be faithful, then we are doing the work God has called us to do. I often think of Paul's words to the Philippians (1:3-11). And here is the good news: Paul says, "I am confident of this, that the One who began a good work among you will bring it to completion in the day of Jesus Christ." In the long run, what we do is not about us. It is about the One who has called us. We aren't going to grow the church – God is. We aren't going to change people's hearts – God is. Our hearts, too, by the way. That journey may lead us in directions we never dreamed of, or in time we don't expect. God's time is not our time. All God calls us to do is to be faithful. That's the challenge in this New Year, in this new journey together. Do we trust God enough to be brave and bold? Do we love God enough to love each other the way Christ loves us? Even when none of this may be easy?



If the answer is yes, then we have an exciting journey ahead of us. God is at work. *And the One who calls us is faithful.* As people of God we have a future with hope. So, let's get busy!

Reverend Ellen

Prayer

O God of seeking, it seems I am always looking for the end instead of the way. I search for love instead of loving, for belief instead of believing, and I remain unmoved. But you are the Way, and the Way is all the heaven I need. I pray for your reassurance in this profession of my faith, that I might finally accept and rejoice in your living, life-giving, and eternal presence. Amen.

(from "Advent and Christmas with the Saints," Anthony F. Chiffolo, Compiler)

DEACONS' DOINGS

Angel Tree: The Deacons delivered 90 gift items to the Williamson Come-Unity Center. They were so appreciative and thankful because the Center, with our donations along with others, was able to provide gifts for 360 people this year. Thank you to all those who contributed to the Deacons' Angel Tree. Your generous support helped many people have a fun and joyful Christmas!



NEEDED: YOUR FEEDBACK



Your Session is considering changes to the Sunday morning worship schedule. Many of you know that the Session is extremely concerned by our shrinking membership, with a disproportionate low number in young families. For the last two or more years, many initiatives have taken place to change this trend, one of which was the introduction of The Gathering service.

The primary purpose of this service was to reach out to the community and provide a worship opportunity for younger families when small children could receive Christian Education and parents could worship in the same hour. Unfortunately, although a few members are enjoying this service, it appears not to draw new people into worship and the numbers continue declining. We recently surveyed our young families and discovered that most prefer Children's Christian Ed. at the same time as the later service.

After prayerful consideration, the Session is considering eliminating The Gathering service in late winter or early spring. At the same time, we are proposing moving the other two services closer together so as to improve the feeling of unity within the total congregation. The way the services are timed now, congregants who don't attend Adult Ed. don't have the opportunity to see, much less greet, one another. Therefore, we are considering changing the Sunday morning schedule by having the early service either stay at 8:00 or move to 8:30, with a half-hour coffee/fellowship time in between, and the second service starting at either 9:30 or 10:00. We will then work in the other morning activities with this schedule.

Although this is ultimately a Session decision, we would like to hear and understand the opinions of the congregation. We have scheduled three meetings to hear your feedback. The first meeting is planned for 10:00 a.m. on January 15th in the Social Room. The next two are scheduled for January 22nd, at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel and 11:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Following these meetings, we plan to discuss the findings during the annual congregational meeting on January 29th. Session will then consider the options/viability at our meeting on February 6th.



Webster Presbyterian Pre-School

OPEN HOUSE REMINDER

for

Interested Parents for Fall 2012

Thursday, January 19

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Parents only, please.

Formal registration begins January 23.

The children of church members receive a deadline preference until February 1.

Please call Registrar Laura Oliver (216-9455) or check the church website (www.websterpres.org) for further information.



FLOWER CITY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY



If we build, they will come. Well, not exactly. If we help build, some will have a home that they never dreamed they could have. That seems to be the way that Flower City Habitat for Humanity, started in 1984, operates. Since its founding, the organization has overseen the construction or rehabilitation of over 180 homes...dwellings that the owners originally only dreamed of having...all made possible by self help, a small staff, volunteer help and donations. In the past ten years, over 10% of the new houses constructed in Rochester have been Habitat houses!

You, as a member of WPC, have been one of the many donors to FCHH. For many years WPC has made a yearly contribution to the organization, and many WPC members have given countless hours of skilled and unskilled labor as well. On Sunday, January 8, Tiffany Paine, Associate Manager of Outside Constituent Groups of FCHH, will be talking at the 9:00 a.m. Mission Adult Ed. hour, telling of the many aspects of this wonderful organization. Aspects such as land acquisition, family selection, mortgage lending, property closings and family support...and these are just some of the things that Tiffany will be talking about.

Make plans to expand and upgrade your knowledge of this well known organization. You will be glad to have done it!

YOUTH NEWS



CALENDAR

| Date | Church School | Praise Ringers | Youth Fellowship * |
|-------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1/1 | None | None | Happy New Year! |
| 1/8 | 9:00 | 3:00 | Church De-decorating & Christmas Tree Burning |
| 1/15 – 1/17 | 9:00 | None | Youth Winter Retreat: “The Nerve to Serve” Camp Asbury, Perry, NY |
| 1/22 | 9:00 | None | Polarwave 1:00 – 5:30 p.m. |
| 1/29 | 9:00 | 3:00 | Backwards Night |

* 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted

Happy New Year WPC!

It’s a New Year and time to gear up for the second half of our Youth Fellowship year!

Our first fellowship meeting for January will be on Sunday the 8th; and we will de-decorate the church and even get to enjoy a Christmas tree burning with some hot chocolate to go along with it! Next up is one of our favorite events, the annual Winter Retreat at Camp Asbury. Our theme is “The Nerve to Serve,” and it will run from Saturday morning the 14th to Monday morning the 16th. The cost is \$50 per youth and the sign up deadline is Sunday, January 8th, so get your Winter Retreat permission slips from the youth bulletin board or from the church website under Youth – Forms. On the 22nd, we will be going back to Polar Wave in Batavia and enjoying a fun afternoon of tubing. The waivers for Polar Wave are also on the bulletin board and on the church website. Sunday the 29th will be “Backwards Night”! We will be playing a bunch of backwards games and having lots of Nuf!

We are excited for this upcoming month as we begin our second half of our Fellowship year and the New Year. Pray for the youth as they continue to work hard in school and all of their extra activities. This past month we talked about Advent and how the hope that the people of Israel had for a savior is similar to the hope that we have. It is not quite the same though,

because we know that Jesus already came and died for our sins, but our hope lies in his promise that he will return someday and we will join him in the resurrection! We hope to see you this month and encourage you to bring a friend to join us for more times of awesome fun, fellowship, service, and worship.

The next Youth Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, January 24th at 7 p.m.



Grace and Peace for the New Year,
Dan Landin, Youth Director

SESSION NOTES



In the December Session meeting, the following items were discussed:

- A report was made by the newly formed Futuring Committee concerning its charter and activities. The committee is working together with the Initiatives Committee to make recommendations for our church’s future. Members include: Matt Clark, Diane Cole, Kerrie Giesen, Dan Marsh, Linda Riek and Emily Taylor;
- A report was made by the All-Church Nominating Committee that all but one office has been filled for the upcoming year. They praised God for the willingness of new officers to serve the church;
- Approval of the Mission Committee’s request to allocate money from the Discretionary Fund to support:
 - Disciples of Christ to help equip their computer lab with chairs;
 - Kirkhaven for small gifts for residents without family;
 - a local woman with a connection to Presbyterian Women’s Association who has an urgent need for furniture and household items;
 - The People’s Ministry to help with their ongoing program; and
 - RAIHN to help house and nurture homeless people.

In addition, excess funds resulting from budgeted salary for an Associate Pastor in 2011 will be used to prepay some mission items and to support Trustee projects;

- Approval of a call for a meeting of the congregation to elect officers for 2012, to be held in the Social Room at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 8;
- A Session Retreat to be held on Saturday, February 18, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The approved minutes of all Session meetings are available in the church office.

WPC University 101

Date: Starts Sunday, January 8th

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Instructor: Pastor Larry De Vuyst

Top 5 reasons to attend:

- *It's free and there is no homework!*
- *Enhance your worship experience!*
- *Learn to express your faith in a few words!*
- *Learn more about the Bible!*
- *It is guaranteed to enhance your relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!*



This is for EVERYONE!

For more information, contact Pastor Larry
(265-9700) or Connie Rice (787-4301)



PWC (Presbyterian Women of the Church)

JANUARY CIRCLE MEETINGS

Alpha – Wednesday, January 4, 10:00 a.m., in Room 1.
Program: Program Planning for 2012.

Ruth – Tuesday, January 10, 11:00 a.m., in the Memorial Room. Program:
Plan Future Programs and Lunch.

Naomi – Wednesday, January 11, 6:30 p.m., at the home of
Kelly Lang, 26 Georgetown Lane, Fairport. Program:
Supper, Secret Pal Revealing and 2012 Planning.



King – Thursday, January 12, 9:30 a.m., at the home of Mary Crockett, 147
Curtice Park. Program: TBD.

Rachel – Monday, January 30, 7:00 p.m., in the Memorial Room. Program:
Bell Ringing with Jackie Anderson.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Women's Bible Study will start the New Year with a New Testament study, beginning on January 10th at 9:30 with praise in the Chapel, followed by study and sharing in Room 9/10. All women of the church are welcome to join in. Bring your Bible and a mug!



PRESBYTERIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP



Happy New Year from PMF! We hope and pray that your Christmas was merry and full of cheer.

PMF would like to thank all who donated to help provide food baskets for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Thanks to you we provided 10 baskets at Thanksgiving and 4 baskets at Christmas.

We had 25 hearty carollers take part in our annual Pastor's Breakfast and carolling at the Maplewood Nursing Home. Great job, guys!



The PMF Steering Committee meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in Room 1. All men of WPC are welcome to join us.

Ongoing:

- Tuesdays, 6:15 – 7:15 a.m.: Coffee and Book Study
- Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 a.m.: Breakfast and Bible Study

Upcoming Events:

- Friday, January 27, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.: Family Pizza and Movie Night (movie to be announced)
- Saturday, March 17, 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.: Men's Fundraising Breakfast (speaker to be announced)

Blessings to all,
The PMF Steering Committee

SHARING OUR RICHES

At this writing, pledging for 2012 is almost completed. We extend a grateful "thank you" to those who pledged to the maintenance of our church and to our missions for next year. That's the good news. However, the not so good news is that after basically flat giving for the last three years, overall pledging for 2012 has decreased about \$17,000 from 2011's giving and is \$29,000 less than our preliminary 2012 budget required. As you might expect, this will have a significant negative impact on our mission giving, long-term capital plans and projected salary increases for staff. Therefore, Stewardship & Finance must make difficult reductions in order to present a balanced budget to Session in January. The detailed results will be discussed with the congregation at the Annual Meeting on January 29.



ADULT EDUCATION

| Date | Chapel 9:00 A.M. | Social Room 10:00 A.M. | Sanctuary 11:45 A.M. |
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| 1/1 | NEW YEAR'S DAY – NO CLASSES | | |
| 1/8 | Mission: Habitat for Humanity T. Paine | | |
| 1/15 | Peacemaking: Review of <i>Have a Little Faith</i> W. Brucker | Congregational Feedback Meeting | |
| 1/22 | Congregational Feedback Meeting | | Congregational Feedback Meeting |
| 1/29 | ANNUAL MEETING – NO MORNING CLASSES | | |
| | WPC University 101: Room 9/10 Meets January 8, 15, 22 and 29 at 7:00 P.M. Led by Pastor Larry De Vuyst | | |

Learning for a Lifetime

Mission: Habitat for Humanity – At 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel on Sunday, January 8, Tiffany Paine, Associate Manager of Outside Constituent Groups of Flower City Habitat for Humanity, will be talking about the many aspects of this wonderful organization. For more details, see the article on page 5.

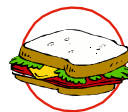


Have a Little Faith – The Peacemaking Committee features a discussion of the book *Have a Little Faith* by Mitch Albom. Join in the discussion on January 15 at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel. See the Peacemaking article on page 15 for more information.

Congregational Feedback Meetings – Session seeks feedback from the congregation as it considers changes to the Sunday morning worship schedule (see the article on page 4 for details). Three meetings have been scheduled: January 15 at 10:00 a.m. in the Social Room, January 22 at 9:00 a.m. in the Chapel and January 22 at 11:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

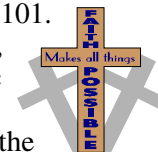


Sandwich School will resume on February 5 with an offering titled *Islam and Christianity*. Islam has been very much in the news, but there is a lot of confusion about what it stands for. In this course we will look at Muslims' beliefs, how they are practiced and how they compare with Christianity. This six-week course will be taught by Bob Rice and Connie Rice. Our thanks to Scott and Stephanie Oelkers for organizing the food.



Webster Presbyterian Church University is Coming!

Join us on Sunday evening, January 8, 2012 from 7:00 to 8:30, as I will be offering the first of six classes of WPC University 101. During our time together, we will wrestle with the question, "What do we believe"? We will explore what a systematic theology is and why it is important to construct one for ourselves. We will think about the Bible, creeds, what the components of Reformed Worship are and why they are important, the Book of Order, and what is required of a church member. Bring your questions and your Bibles, and come prepared to learn and share together.



In the future, we will be offering 201: exploring the components of a healthy spiritual life; 301: discovering our individual spiritual gifts and how to employ them within the community of faith; and finally, 401: focusing on mission and outreach to the community and the world. These class offerings will be repeated on a rotating basis so that everyone in our congregation might participate and, hopefully, graduate after completing all four courses. We will assume no prior study, so do not feel intimidated by the content, for we will learn and grow together. Hope to see many of you on the 8th!

Faithfully in Christ,

Pastor Larry

PRAYER

Join us in prayer Saturday mornings in Room 1 (the Prayer Room) at 9:00 for the following topics:

- January 7:** *Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14*
- January 14:** *1 Samuel 3:1-20*
- January 21:** *Mark 1:14-20*
- January 28:** *Deuteronomy 18:15-20*



A prayer group also meets Sunday mornings at 10:15 in the Conference Room to pray for the 10:30 worship service. All are welcome!

SUITCASES PACKED WITH HOPE!

Hello, Church Family!

Thank you to everyone who has donated used suitcases and items to fill the suitcases with!



As you may remember, I am working on this project to earn my Silver Award for Girl Scouts. The main thrust of my project is to provide foster care children through Catholic Family Services and homeless families cared for through RAIHN suitcases for their belongings, along with some personal items in the cases just for the children.

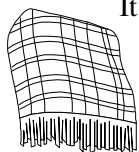
January is my major month for collecting suitcases and gently used items, as I will be distributing these over my February break. I am asking for donations of **gently used** items such as suitcases/duffle bags, personal toiletries, small sports equipment, small comfort items (stuffed animals, fleecy blankets, etc.), small toys, children's Bibles, books, purses, wallets, school supplies, or any item you think a child or teen would like or need. There is a donation box in the church office, or you can call me at home (787-9192) to pick up any donations you have.

On January 22, I will have a table where you can write a quick inspiring thought on a 4 x 6 card that will be packed in each suitcase. My goal is to have 12 inspirational cards in every suitcase. We want to let the recipient of the suitcase know they are important and cared about!

I greatly appreciate your support of my service project. Have a Happy New Year!

Emily Rose Algase

BLANKET PLUS SUNDAY



It's a new name for what we have been calling Blanket Sunday for years. Yes, blankets are still needed, but the over 8,000 congregations who participate in this effort have recognized that more than blankets are needed. Now the thrust is also to provide tents, food, tools and seeds, among other necessities, to help because of natural disasters. WPC has been involved as long as most of us can remember, and WPC members have been generous contributors just as long.

This year WPC has designated January 22nd as Blanket + Sunday. There will be envelopes in the chair racks to help identify your contribution for this most worthy cause. Please plan to use them. It would be great if the envelope supply wasn't sufficient and the response great enough that some congregants were able to identify their contributions only by a note on their checks!

PEACEMAKING

The Peace and Justice Committee's emphasis this year has been on working toward inner peace. Our programs have suggested ways in which concern for others can lead to actions, no matter how small, which can help us along on the path to peace within ourselves. An important part of the quest for inner peace is books written by people who are at peace with themselves as they strive to bring peace and justice to others: *Welcoming Justice*, *The Faith Club*, *Made for Goodness*, etc. These books can be found in our Church Library housed in the Narthex. Did you know that some years ago, one of the Peacemaking projects was to bring the Library out into the Narthex and keep it up to date?



Have a Little Faith – At 9:00 a.m. on January 15, the committee will present a program for Adult Christian Education featuring a discussion of the book *Have a Little Faith* by Mitch Albom. Albom was asked by his rabbi, Albert Lewis, to do his eulogy. After his amazement at being asked, Albom embarked on an 8-year journey to know the Reb as a human being. What happens during those years is an engrossing story of friendship, faith and peace. Along the way, Albom encountered a very different man who was working to help the poor and disadvantaged. Henry Covington, a hard won Christian, had set up his ministry in a dilapidated Presbyterian Church in the Detroit area. In his notes, Mitch Albom writes: “while this is a book about faith, the author can make no claim to being a religion expert, nor is this a how-to guide for any particular belief. Rather, it is written in hopes that all faiths can find something universal in the story.” Do come join in the discussion.

We would welcome new members to our committee. If you are interested, please call Wilma Brucker (265-0146).

A thought for these days from Ella Wheeler Wilcox:

*So many gods; so many creeds;
So many ways that wind and wind;
While just the art of being kind
Is all the sad world needs.*

PEACEMAKING BOOK CLUB

The Peacemaking Book Club, described in December's *Pathway*, always welcomes new members. The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 11, at 2 p.m. at the home of Thelma Leonhard (25 Lincolnshire Road). To be discussed is *Have a Little Faith* by Mitch Albom.



For more information, contact Mary Lou Davison, 671-7212 or jedmld@frontiernet.net.

FROM OUR PRINT LIBRARY...



We would like to thank the Trustees for their hard work in updating the library area! A special thank you to Bob Rich for using his special talents to build us a new bookshelf. He matched the original shelves beautifully. We now have more space to add our donations, as well as the new books we purchase, to the collection. The shelves are less crowded, and it is easier to find a book. We hope to add a new reading light soon to enhance the seating area.

Stop by and peruse the collection. A few new titles will be available soon. Whether you enjoy nonfiction or fiction, there is a book waiting just for you to read during our long winter or to take along on your winter vacation.

The Small Group section has been moved to the end of the collection on the new shelf. These are items that lend themselves to group discussions. If you are looking for materials for your group, check our materials out.

TRUSTEES' CORNER

- Coffee stains in the Sanctuary and Chapel carpets are a major annoyance for the cleaning staff. Please use a lid if you bring coffee with you to worship services.
- Roof flashing repairs in several areas of the church were completed in the past month and will reduce leaks this winter.
- The snow removal contract is set for 2012. We were pleased with the work of our 2011 contractor and have signed with him again for the upcoming season.
- The Associate Pastor's office has been refurbished with new wall paint and new furniture.
- Eagle Scout Ryan Shaw was recognized in the December 7, 2011 edition of *The Webster Herald* for his significant work on the pathway between the church and Respitewood. This project was underwritten by both Webster Presbyterian Church and Heritage Christian Homes and was completed by Ryan and his team of Scouts and parents.
- Our electricity usage has continued to decline due to energy conservation projects undertaken by the Trustees over the past several years.
- The Library Committee will purchase a rug and floor lamp to complete the Narthex library.



PRESBYTERY NOTES

By Mary Lou Davison, Journal Clerk

CREATIVITY ABOUNDS IN PRESBYTERY

Much happened at the Presbytery meeting after Thanksgiving. I will cover some here, and more in my February column. We all know of the wonderful activities that make WPC an exciting place. Other GVP churches are also creative, as shown here.

Second Chance Grants

Some innovative ministries were awarded these grants, announced by the Congregational Development Committee:

- Albion youth designed/planted **Community Peace Gardens** on village property with produce helping the indigent.
- A **Natural Church Development** coach will work with Byron Session to implement result of 3rd survey.
- Modernizing resources, named **New Frontiers**, will aid Irondequoit's work with new, home-bound and potential members.
- LeRoy plans to renovate an empty room to accommodate their **Ready, Set, Sew-n-grow** ministry.
- By serving **Friday Night Pizza** from their new wood-fired brick oven, North Bergen will encourage the community to utilize their festive, comfortable pavilion.
- In partnership with other area churches, Scottsville will open a Comfort Care Home, **Patrick Place**.
- Through **Neighborhood L.O.V.E.**, Trinity Emmanuel will bridge social and cultural differences, utilizing a community network of parents to transform relationships between the church's adult members and community children.
- To aid its **Spread the Word** outreach to UR and RIT student, South is broadening its services re: American Sign Language.
- To continue the fellowship and worship interest experienced at PCUSA's Triennium, Twelve Corners, Geneseo, Chili and Pittsford are developing Presbytery-wide **Youth Worship Initiatives**.

A Postcard to Trader Joe's

Noting that the price per pound to workers picking tomatoes has not increased in over two decades, the Mission and Advocacy Committee provided written postcards to Trader Joe's, a new market coming to the Rochester area, and promised to pay the postage. The postcards asked that TJ's pay a fair price for produce.

Three Committees Collaborating Grants

These will be explained at the Resource Saturday, January 14, 2012.





LECTIONARY PASSAGES FOR JANUARY 2012

We invite all of you to read these lectionary passages ahead of time as one way of expanding your Biblical aptitude and also as a way of preparing for worship each week.

Sunday, January 1

Old Testament: *Isaiah 61:10 – 62:3*

Psalm: *Psalm 148*

New Testament: *Galatians 4:4-7*

Gospel: *Luke 2:22-40*

Sunday, January 8, Baptism of the Lord

Old Testament: *Genesis 1:1-5*

*Joel 1:16-18, 2:7-14 ***

Psalm: *Psalm 29*

New Testament: *Acts 19:1-7*

Gospel: *Mark 1:4-11*

Sunday, January 15

Old Testament: *I Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)*

*Jonah 1:2, 4:1-10 ***

Psalm: *Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18*

New Testament: *I Corinthians 6:12-20*

Gospel: *John 1:43-51*

Sunday, January 22

Old Testament: *Jonah 3:1-5, 10*

*Habakkuk 3:11-19 ***

Psalm: *Psalm 62:5-12*

New Testament: *I Corinthians 7:29-31*

Gospel: *Mark 1:14-20*

Sunday, January 29

Old Testament: *Deuteronomy 18:15-20*

*Haggai 1:1-15 ***

Psalm: *Psalm 111*

New Testament: *I Corinthians 8:1-13*

Gospel: *Mark 1:21-28*

** Indicates passage will be the primary text for that week's morning message.

Awaken! God's word to hear, a message we should revere.

A story told of God's presence, to life surely there is relevance.

To our future it gives perspective, acknowledge and be receptive.

The truth we can behold; our spirit it will mold.

Roger Goodman

From his poem *Awaken Thy Soul*

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS



During December we prayed for: The Pilato Family, Dee Weiss, Joyce Leopold, The Potempa Family, Amy Crumley, Stephanie Oelkers' grandmother, Carter & Griffin Camp and Joan Baden.

PATHWAY DEADLINE!!

The deadline for the February *Pathway* is **Friday, January 20**. Articles can be brought to the church office or e-mailed to kotoole@websterpres.org and office@websterpres.org.



PEOPLE WITHOUT PARTNERS

The Singles Group will start the New Year with breakfast at The Atlantic at 8:30 a.m. on January 11, 2012. Newcomers and guests are always welcome!



CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

A HAPPY NEW YEAR The Church Office will be closed on Friday, December 30 in observance of New Year's Day, and on Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King Day. Just a reminder, during the holiday week (December 27-29) the office will be open from 9 a.m. to Noon.



FLOWERS

The 2012 Flower Chart is posted on the bulletin board in the upper Narthex opposite the Children's Christian Education office. Many dates are available for you to sign up to dedicate flowers on a Sunday.



BOOKS, FAITH & FRIENDSHIP

BFF's (or Books, Faith & Friendship), will meet on Fridays, January 6, 13, 20 and 27, from 10 – 11:30 a.m. in the Prayer Room (Room 1). See Melinda Gaudioso or Carol Cooper for more details.



GUARDIAN ANGELS

Thank you so much for caring about each other! On December 18th three tables were needed to accommodate all the gifts. You "angels" are special! Remember to write notes to each other, too, to get to know one another better.













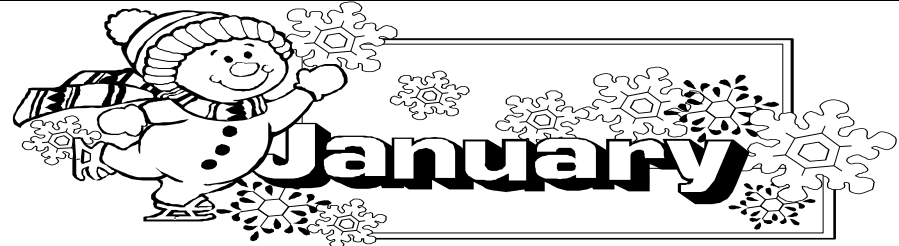


Adults: If you want to reveal your identity now, please feel free to do so. In May or June we'll party!

RESOURCE SATURDAY

On January 14th, the Presbytery Resource Center presents *TCC's Triple Play Grant* from 9:30-11:30 a.m. See the bulletin board in the Narthex for more information.



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>1</p> <p>9:30 Sanctuary Worship 11:00 Church of God by Faith</p>  | <p>2</p>  <p>7:00 BS Troop 262</p> | <p>3</p> <p>6:15 Men's Book Study 9:00 Preschool</p> <p>5:00 TOPS 6:00 Alleluia Bells 7:00 Adult Ed Committee 7:30 PMF Steering</p> | <p>4</p> <p>6:30 Breakfast/Bible Study 9:00 Preschool 10:00 Alpha Circle 4:30 Women's Bible Study 6:00 Gathering Rehearsal 6:30 Cub Den #8 7:15 Chancel Choir</p> | <p>5</p> <p>9:00 Preschool 9:15 Glory Bells</p> <p>6:30 GS Troop 868</p> | <p>6</p> <p>9:00 Preschool</p>  <p>10:00 BFF Study</p>  | <p>7</p> <p>9:00 Prayer Time</p>  |
| <p>8</p> <p>8:00 Chapel Worship 8:50 Gathering Worship 9:00 Christian Education 9:00 Futuring Committee 10:00 Congregational Meeting 10:30 Sanctuary Worship 11:00 Church of God by Faith</p> <p>3:00 Praise Ringers 4:00 Youth Fellowship 7:00 WPC University 101</p> | <p>9</p> <p>Annual Reports Due 9:00 Preschool 9:00 Afghan Assemblers</p> <p>7:00 Session 7:00 Cub Scout Comm. 7:00 BS Troop 262 7:30 Neighborhood Team 7:00 Youth Committee 7:00 Peace Committee</p> | <p>10</p> <p>6:15 Men's Book Study 9:00 Preschool 9:30 Women's Bible Study 11:00 Ruth Circle</p> <p>5:00 TOPS 6:00 Alleluia Bells 7:00 GS Leaders 7:15 Trustees Meeting</p> | <p>11</p> <p>6:30 Breakfast/Bible Study 8:30 People w/o Partners 8:30 WIC Program 9:00 Preschool 4:30 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Gathering Rehearsal 6:00 Souper Supper 6:30 Naomi Circle 6:30 GS Troop 807 7:00 Cub Den #4 7:15 Chancel Choir</p> | <p>12</p> <p>9:00 Preschool 9:15 Glory Bells 9:30 King Circle 11:00 Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00 Stewshp & Fin. 7:00 Officer Training</p> | <p>13</p> <p>9:00 Preschool 10:00 BFF Study</p>  | <p>14</p> <p>9:00 Prayer Time</p> <p>Youth Retreat - - - -</p>  |
| <p>15</p> <p>8:00 Chapel Worship 8:50 Gathering Worship 9:00 Christian Education 9:00 Futuring Committee 10:00 Congregational Feedback 10:30 Sanctuary Worship 11:00 Church of God by Faith</p> <p>7:00 WPC University 101</p> | <p>Church Office Closed 16</p> <p>9:00 Afghan Assemblers</p>  <p>7:00 Boy Scout Comm. 7:00 Governing Bodies</p> | <p>17</p> <p>6:15 Men's Book Study 9:00 Preschool 9:30 Women's Bible Study</p> <p>5:00 TOPS 6:00 Alleluia Bells 7:30 Deacons Meeting</p> | <p>18</p> <p>6:30 Breakfast/Bible Study 9:00 Preschool</p> <p>4:30 Women's Bible Study 5:30 Gathering Rehearsal 6:00 Souper Supper 6:30 Cub Den #8 7:15 Chancel Choir</p> | <p>19</p> <p>9:00 Preschool 9:00 Women's Club 9:15 Glory Bells 9:30 Membership</p> <p>6:00 Cub Pack 262 6:30 GS Troop 868 6:30 Cub Committee 7:00 Health Team</p> | <p>20</p> <p>Pathway Deadline 9:00 Preschool 10:00 BFF Study</p> <p>6:00 Pinewood Derby</p> | <p>21</p> <p>9:00 Prayer Time 9:30 Worship/Music</p>  |
| <p>22</p> <p>8:00 Chapel Worship 8:50 Gathering Worship 9:00 Christian Education 9:00 Congregational Feedback 9:00 Futuring Committee 10:30 Sanctuary Worship 11:00 Church of God by Faith 11:45 Congregational Feedback 3:00 Praise Ringers 4:00 Youth Fellowship 7:00 WPC University 101</p> | <p>23</p> <p>9:00 Preschool 9:00 Afghans</p> <p>6:45 Preschool Dads 7:00 BS Troop 262 7:00 Mission Committee 7:00 Officer Training</p> | <p>24</p> <p>6:15 Men's Book Study 9:00 Preschool 9:30 Women's Bible Study</p> <p>5:00 TOPS 6:00 Alleluia Bells 6:30 Youth Committee 6:45 Preschool Dads 7:00 Spiritual Nurture</p> | <p>25</p> <p>6:30 Breakfast/Bible Study 8:30 WIC Program 9:00 Preschool</p> <p>4:30 Women's Bible Study 6:00 Gathering Rehearsal 6:00 Souper Supper 6:45 Preschool Dads 7:15 Chancel Choir</p> | <p>26</p> <p>9:00 Preschool 9:15 Glory Bells</p>  <p>6:45 Preschool Dads</p> | <p>27</p> <p>10:00 BFF Study</p> <p>6:00 Pizza & Movie</p>  | <p>28</p> <p>9:00 Prayer Time</p>  |
| <p>29</p> <p>8:00 Chapel Worship 8:50 Gathering Worship 9:00 Christian Education 9:00 Futuring Committee 10:30 Sanctuary Worship 11:00 Church of God by Faith 11:45 Annual Meeting 1:00 Youth Fellowship 7:00 WPC University</p> | <p>30</p> <p>9:00 Preschool 9:00 Afghans</p> <p>7:00 BS Troop 262 7:00 Rachel Circle</p> | <p>31</p> <p>6:15 Men's Book Study 9:00 Preschool 9:30 Women's Bible Study</p> <p>5:00 TOPS 6:00 Alleluia Bells</p> |  | | | |