

The Lamplighter

DECEMBER 2011

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, AMITYVILLE, NY



ADVENT CHRISTMAS

ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

3:00 p.m.

*A free-will offering will be taken
for the food pantry at St. Martin's*

CHRISTMAS EVE, SATURDAY

4:45 p.m.: Special Music

*5:00 p.m.: Candlelight Service
with Eucharist*

CHRISTMAS DAY, SUNDAY

(One service)

10:00 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S DAY, SUNDAY

10:00 a.m.:

Christmas Lessons & Carols

JANUARY 8, SUNDAY

United Methodist Student Day

3:00 p.m.: Concert

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PASTOR LOUISE

Will the Light Go Out?

First there was the snow—a storm by some measure. Then Hanukah came to an end. A tradition of twelve years might not be continued.

I was pastoring at Community United Methodist in East Norwich in 2002. For twelve years there had been an Annual Menorah Lighting and Crèche Blessing at a site just north of Highway 25A on Route 106. A thorough whitening of the ground preempted the scheduled lighting and blessing. There was a six-day postponement.

The new date of Wednesday, December 11 dawned under a leaden sky. It rained and then rained more. Early evening two Community UMC members were stuck in the rain, ringing the door of the church trying to escape the soaking they were getting. They had arrived to prepare latkes for the event. We all agreed proceeding with the plans seemed crazy: it was nearly a week behind schedule. Who would stand outside in such uninviting weather—for a few words of blessing and remembrance—in front of a crèche and a menorah? Hanukah was over! The crèche was in place—with or without a blessing.

But we all fell to our duties to which we had agreed.

I arrived at the East Norwich Inn—a gracious space to gather before and after the Route 106 ceremonies would take place. In my wet plastic sack were nine candles (as a wise maiden I had more than the obligatory eight candles for Hanukah). The procedure was outlined by the matriarch of the event. We would brave the rain to light the menorah and say a prayer over the

crèche. Then we would return to the East Norwich Inn for refreshments. Having just walked from the church with water coming at me from all directions, I—and others—were re-thinking those directions. I was hatching another plan. “How about a living Menorah?” Then I added, “And, I have no problem (and neither does God, I think) with a long distance blessing of the crèche.”

There was a reluctance to declare the outside events a wash-out; although literally true. I understand: when you have a blueprint in your brain, it’s not too easily discarded. But after some politicking by several of us, we designed a new blueprint: stay in the lobby of the Inn, sing, bless, pray, sing some more. Then we could enjoy hot chocolate, and latkes, and the company of Jews, Christians, and any others who were present. Eight people stood in a row in front of the others. Each had a candle. As the eight candles were lighted in succession, we said again and again, “Don’t let the light go out” from a song by Peter Yarrow.

And the light won’t—as long as we are willing to brave rain, look beyond the snow, hurricanes, earthquakes, and floods and be grateful to an Inn that didn’t turn wet pilgrims away.



YOUTH ALLOW THEMSELVES TO BE LOCKED-IN

Eleven United Youth Methodist Youth (UMYF: grades 6-12) held a Lock-In at the church from Friday night until Saturday morning, November 18 and 19. A Thanksgiving feast was prepared by participants and enjoyed by all. After dinner the youth spent time with Pastor Louise going over the scripture passages and other readings for the Church Year Service on November 20. The youth surprised Robyn Hyland with tributes of gratitude and gifts to honor her amazing dedication to them.

Then the fun began in earnest! Armed with flashlights the youth “ended” their evening with a game of Manhunt.

Sleepy heads and pajamas showed up for Saturday morning breakfast—another feast. This time it was pancakes, sausage, bacon, and fruit. Pastor Louise happily showed up for each of the meals. After cleaning up the UMYF played a game of Catchphrase. Enjoying the fall air, the youth finished the Lock-In with a game of soccer on the great lawn.

Chaperones were Kim and Ed Ramirez and Robyn Hyland. One of the youth asked if they could have a Lock-In every month!Ω



COMMITMENT SUNDAY WAS NOVEMBER 13

Thank you to all who made a commitment for 2012.

A meeting was held on November 27 and a call list was made to follow-up on those who received commitment cards and did not respond. We will be contacting these people in the next few weeks.

From the **TREASURER**

STEVE BRICE

As the end of the year approaches, we can clearly visualize our financial position and project into the new year.

It seems silly that when the yearly budget is drawn up, it isn't balanced, but instead has a deficit of roughly \$ 20,000. We have no choice as we are operating at a “bare bones”. We just pray a lot that miscellaneous other monies above the pledges will arrive. However, then we have unexpected expenses such as we encountered this year; a partial ceiling collapse in Binkley Hall and the need for a new roof, a new boiler for the Church Attic, seven trees removed near the carriage house, ceiling collapse in the kitchen of the carriage house, and the updating of the décor of the parsonage. This required removing some 50-plus year old wallpaper and repairing the dried out plaster walls behind, installing ceiling fans, painting the upstairs, finishing the interior of the porch, etc.

A special thanks is being expressed to all those whose contributions reached \$2840 – almost half of the total cost of \$6000. Also, thanks for the help in painting and other home improvement jobs by Bob Silz, George Wrage, Julia Beckmann, Fred Fehleisen, Robyn Hyland, Steve Brice, Linda Thompson, Pat Dougherty, Eric Maxson, Jeff & Bill Young, Cori Kaiser, DeSean Campbell, & Douglas Allen. As this is being typed, it now appears that there will be another large expense upcoming -- one of the four-year old boilers has a serious problem.

The good news is that the donations from the congregation are significantly better than 2010 and on par with what they were in 2009. From what you read above, you have likely guessed that expenses were quite high, but our prayers were answered as other monies have defrayed most of the additional expenses. As for 2012, we have to maintain a good financial position so as to be pro active with repairs versus only being reactive. Thus, remember that the Church is where one not only receives weekly spiritual inspiration, but is the place to which we all turn in times of need!!!



Worship Committee

BY LINDA THOMPSON, CHAIR

VISION STATEMENT:

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the people of First United Methodist Church of Amityville, NY will

- Witness to Jesus Christ in the world.
- Follow Jesus' teachings through acts of compassion, justice, worship and devotion.

December is here and we are celebrating Advent, the beginning of the church year. It is not about shopping or decorating; it is a time to prepare ourselves to welcome a special guest into our lives, Jesus.

Our All Saints Sunday service on November 6 was well attended. Many family members participated by lighting candles in remembrance of loved ones who passed away since All Saints Sunday 2010.

The Church Year Service—a culmination of the church seasons—was led by the youth. Their enthusiasm and dedication were obvious to all in the congregation. Thanks to the youth and Pastor Louise for the time spent in preparation for this time of worship.

The annual Charge Conference was held on November 17th at First Church. The conference was chaired by our District Superintendent, The Rev. Adrienne Brewington. New leaders of the church were elected and a subsequent discussion was held in reference to the "Call to Action" process we are currently working on.

Our Thanksgiving cluster service was held at Grace United Methodist Church in Lindenhurst. There were congregations from Amityville Simpson/ Bethpage United Methodist Churches and their pastor The Rev. Alicia Fils-Aimé Wentler; Community United Methodist Church in Massapequa with The Reverend Jeff Wells; First United Methodist Church with The Rev. Dr. Louise Stowe-Johns (or as we know her Pastor Louise); Grace United Methodist Church, Lindenhurst and The Rev. Lee D. Gangaware; and Seaford United Methodist Church with

The Rev. Edwin Jones. Those in attendance contributed food items for the Grace Church food pantry. The offering will be sent to help upstate churches which suffered during hurricane Irene.

November 27 was the First Sunday in Advent: time to beautify our church in preparation for the coming of our Lord. The service helped explain the significance of the items used during this season: Bells, Altar candles, the Advent Wreath, the Poinsettia and of course the Crèche. Members of the congregation hung wreaths, placed roping and other items throughout the church. This was followed by a bread and soup fellowship.

December 1st is World Aids Day. Let us take time to remember and pray for those who suffer from this terrible disease throughout the world.

We are looking forward to the Ecumenical Advent Lessons and Carols service to be hosted by First Church on December 11th at 3:00 p.m. There will be participation from many churches in town. In addition to our congregation, these churches will take part in the service: Simpson UMC, St. Martin's Roman Catholic, St. Mary's Anglican, and St. Paul's Lutheran.

The Christmas Eve service will be Saturday at 5:00 p.m. with musical selections beginning at 4:45 p.m. We will have Communion. And, yes, there will be a worship service on Sunday, December 25th at 10 a.m. We hope to see you there. There will be no refreshments following church; this will allow those in attendance to return home with their families to continue their celebration of the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ANNUAL CHURCH COUNCIL RETREAT

Sunday, January 22, 2012
11:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

All members of the Church Council
are urged to attend.

Others may attend also.

STATUS QUO OR GROW?

The following article appeared in *The Vision*, October 2011 issue of the newsletter for the New York Annual Conference.

At the last session of the NYAC at Hofstra University, Bishop Park emphasized that, “It is of utmost importance for each and every one of us to make reaching younger people with the good news of Christ our number one objective.” He pointed out that ... being disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world can’t tolerate status quo!

“Six Reasons Young Christians Leave Church” Excerpted from the Barna Group which does church research. More details can be accessed at www.barna.org.

Many parents and church leaders don’t understand how effectively to cultivate durable faith in the lives of young people. A five-year project headed by Barna Group president, David Kinnaman, explores the opportunities and challenges of faith development among teens and young adults within a rapidly shifting culture. The study of young adults focused on those who were regular Christian churchgoers during their teen years and explored their reasons for disconnection from church life after age 15. The research uncovered six significant themes exploring why nearly three out of every five young Christians (59 percent) disconnect either permanently or for an extended period of time.

REASON #1 – Churches seem overprotective. A few of the defining characteristics of today’s teens and young adults are their unprecedented access to ideas and worldviews as well as their prodigious consumption of popular culture. As Christians, they want their faith in Christ to connect to the world they live in. However, much of their experience of Christianity feels stifling, fear-based and risk averse. One quarter of 18- to 29-year-olds said, “Christians demonize everything outside of the church” (23 percent indicated this “completely” or “mostly” describes their experience). Other perceptions in this category include “church’s

ignoring the problems of the real world” (22 percent) and “my church is too concerned that movies, music, and video games are harmful” (18 percent).

REASON #2 – Teens and twentysomethings’ experience of Christianity is shallow. One-third said “church is boring” (31 percent). One quarter of these young adults said that “faith is not relevant to my career or interests” (24 percent) or that “the Bible is not taught clearly or often enough” (23 percent). Sadly, one fifth of these young adults who attended a church as a teenager said that, “God seems missing from my experience of church” (20 percent).

REASON #3 – Churches come across as antagonistic to science. The most common of the perceptions is that “Christians are too confident they know all the answers” (35 percent). Three out of ten young adult with a Christian background feel that “churches are out of step with the scientific world we live in” (29 percent). Another one quarter embrace the perception that “Christianity is anti-science” (25 percent). And nearly the same proportion (23 percent) said they have “been turned off by the creation-versus evolution debate.” Many science-minded young Christians are struggling to find ways of staying faithful to their beliefs and to their professional calling in science related industries.

REASON #4 – Young Christians’ church experiences related to sexuality are often simplistic, judgmental. Young Christians’ church experiences related to sexuality are often simplistic, judgmental. With unfettered access to digital pornography and immersed in a culture that values hyper-sexuality over wholeness, teen and 20-something Christians are struggling with how to live meaningful lives in terms of sex and sexuality. One of the significant tensions for many young believers is how to live up to the church’s expectations of chastity and sexual purity in this culture, especially as the age of first marriage is now commonly delayed to the late twenties. Research indicates that most young Christians are as sexually active as their non-Christian peers, even though they are more conservative in their attitudes about sexuality. One-sixth

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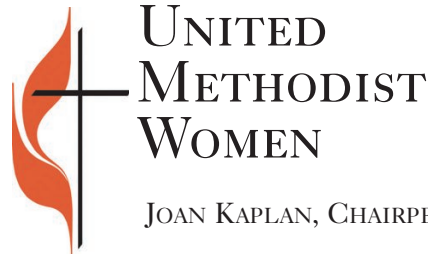
of young Christians (17 percent) said “they have made mistakes and feel judged in church because of them.” The issue of sexuality is particularly salient among 18- to 29-year-old Catholics, among whom two out of five (40 percent) said the church’s “teachings on sexuality and birth control are out of date.”

REASON #5 – They wrestle with the exclusive nature of Christianity. Younger Americans have been shaped by a culture that esteems open-mindedness, tolerance and acceptance. Today’s youth and young adults also are the most eclectic generation in American history in terms of race, ethnicity, sexuality, religion, technological tools and sources of authority. Most young adults want to find areas of common ground with each other, sometimes even if that means glossing over real differences. Three out of 10 young Christians (29 percent) said “churches are afraid of the beliefs of other faiths” and an identical proportion felt they are forced to choose between my faith and my friends.’ One-fifth of young adults with a Christian background said “church is like a country club, only for insiders” (22 percent).

REASON #6 – The church feels unfriendly to those who doubt. Young adults with Christian experience say the church is not a place that allows them to express doubts. They do not feel safe admitting that sometimes Christianity does not make sense. In addition, many feel that the church’s response to doubt is trivial. Some of the perceptions include not being able to ask my most pressing life questions in church” (36 percent) and having significant intellectual doubts about my faith” (23 percent).

The findings of the research are included in a new book by Kinnaman titled, *You Lost Me: Why Young Christians are Leaving Church and Rethinking Church*.

How will our congregation be involved with the urgent and critical agenda presented by the Call to Action Project—to reorganize our priorities for greater effectiveness?



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

JOAN KAPLAN, CHAIRPERSON

United Methodist women met November 29th. We are sending donations to many worthy groups. \$1,000 each was sent to Long Island Council of Churches and to the Inn. They help with providing food for the many Long Islanders who are hungry. \$500 was sent to Hope for Youth as well as for Smiletrain. Red Bird Mission, Heifer and LIAAC each was sent \$250.00 as well as a check was sent to a member of our congregation.

The Guide Dog Foundation received \$100.00 and the Methodist Hospital \$150.00. I will be purchasing \$300.00 worth of gifts for the Coalition Against Child Abuse and Neglect, for toy drive FUMC is participating in this year. All this money is available from the Church Attic and we are so happy to be able to help with our profits.



**“Because they didn’t have e-mail then,
That’s why God sent an angel to
proclaim the baby’s birth.”**

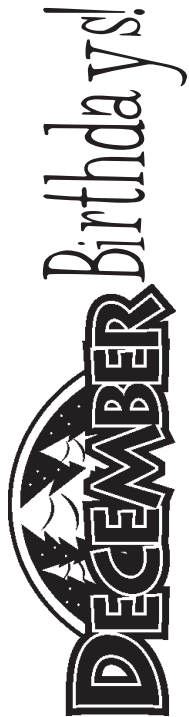


Church Membership

“PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE, AND WITNESS”

By Your Prayers

EDNA KRACKE (BROKEN LEG)
 LUKE MAZZILLI
 MARTINEZ FAMILY



- 2 AMY LAROSA
- WES REINHARDT
- 7 ROBERT DEQUILLFELDT
- 9 LIANNE FISHER
- REBECCA SHIRES
- 13 DAVE ALLEN
- 14 RICHARD BUDDE
- 15 DORIS KLEMENS
- JEANNE PRIOLA
- 18 AARON REICHBACH
- 22 CYBIL MILLER
- 24 IRENE SCUDLO
- 28 LOIS MILLER
- GEORGE NESTER
- 31 CAROL KETCHAM
- AVA THOMSON

By Your Service

REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE

Dec. 4: Christian Education
 Dec. 11: Cookie Walk
 Dec. 18: Outreach

COMMUNION STEWARDS

Dec. 4: Judy Hartten, Jan deQuillfeldt, Christobelle Maynard

LECTORS

8 a.m.
 Month of December - Kate Peterson
10 am:
 Dec. 4: Mike Korba
 Dec. 11: Missy Kennedy
 Dec. 18: Gene La Poma
 Dec. 24: Charlene Jourdan
 Dec. 25: Linda Thompson

OFFERING COUNTERS

Dec. 4: Jeanne Otis & Charlene Jourdan
 Dec. 11: Jasmine Allen & Kate Peterson
 Dec. 18: Barbara & Gene La Poma
 Dec. 25: Linda Thompson & Joan Stern

USHERS

Dec. 4: Dana, Danielle & Horace Bassaragh
 Dec. 11: Wes Reinhardt, Jan deQuillfeldt, Christobelle Maynard
 Dec. 18: Barbara Simpson, Douglas Allen, Linda Cohen
 Dec. 24: Tracie Harper, Didi Reyes, Jordan Reyes & Nick Roloson
 Dec. 25: Judy Hartten, Mike & Natalie Koba

JUNIOR USHERS

Dec. 4: Juliana Warta & Vincent Erdody
 Dec. 11: Rachel Korba & Aaron Reichbach
 Dec. 18: Janessa Reyes & Aiden Dubyn

GREETERS

Dec. 4: Judy Hartten
 Dec. 11: Valerie Miller
 Dec. 18: Carol Ketcham
 Dec. 24: Judy & Bob Silz
 Dec. 25: Korba Family

By Your Presence

Date	8 am	10 am	Sunday School	Total
Nov. 6	14	74	14	102
Nov. 13	10	76	18	107
Nov. 20	11	81	16	108
Nov. 27	15	59	15	89



Sunday, December 11 @ 3 pm
Hosted by FUMC

The Amityville Ecumenical Churches will present a Service of Advent Lessons & Carols.

Free Will Offering to benefit St. Martin of Tours Outreach Program and Food Pantry.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Sunday, December 18
10:00 am Service

Dress rehearsal • Sat., Dec. 17 at 8:30 am

This is for children and youth from the 2nd through the 8th grades.

Sign-up Sheet on Narthex Table.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Special music presented by our Handbell Choirs from 4:45 - 5:00 pm.

Candlelight Service with Communion
Saturday, December 24 • 5:00 pm

Christmas **LESSONS & CAROLS**

January 1, 2012 - 10 am

Hosted by FUMC



Sunday, January 8th • 3:00 pm

at First United Methodist Church

Featuring Austin Gallagher, guitar

Free will offering to benefit Habitat for Humanity and FUMC Handbell program

Refreshments will be served in Ireland Hall following concert



Cookie Walk

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11
FOLLOWING THE 10 AM SERVICE.

Fundraiser for UMYF

Cookies will be \$6.00/lb.

Homemade cookie donations are needed.
Sign-up sheet on the narthex table.

CONTRIBUTORS FOR PARSONAGE RENOVATION

Thanks to those whose generosity made renovation of the parsonage a reality. Several gifts were made anonymously. If you made a contribution and it is not listed, please let the church office know; we apologize for any omission.

Nicole Battista	Syril de Quillfeldt	Missy & Bruce Kennedy
Gene & Barbara La Poma	Pat & Peter Neidhart	Kate & James Peterson
Robert & Judy Silz	Linda Thompson	George Wrage
Mary Carbee	Gifford & Lurline Dixon	Paul & Carol Ketcham
Eric Maxson	Dale & John Noonan	Martha Peterson
Joan Stern	Dan & Nicole Tierno	Janet King
Linda & Jack Cohen	Robyn Hyland	Wes & Sally Powell
Kay McFerrin Moore	Jeanne & Arthur Otis	United Methodist Women
Cathy & Charles Taylor	David Waterman	



For Christmas we will have Poinsettias in the Sanctuary which you can purchase in loving memory of or in honor of a special person or persons in your life. Your gift not only remembers or honors a loved one, but it helps to beautify the church during the season and can bring cheer to the ill or house-bound church members. **COST FOR EACH PLANT: \$12** Please send this completed form

to the church office with your check made payable to First UMC, clearly marked "Poinsettias" or call the Church Office by December 18th!

Alternative Gift Giving - Instead of purchasing a poinsettia, or in addition to purchasing a poinsettia you may make a contribution of \$12 (or more) and designate it for an outreach project, such as UMCOR, Heifer program, Habitat for Humanity, Imagine No Malaria or another one of your choice.

The name of the person you are honoring or remembering will be listed in the Christmas Poinsettia & Alternative Giving Booklet.

YOUR NAME _____
(as you want it to appear in our booklet)

IN LOVING MEMORY OF (1) _____
(2) _____

IN HONOR OF (1) _____
(2) _____

Give the poinsettia(s) to a shut-in
 I will take the poinsettia(s) sometime after the Christmas Eve service
 I want my contribution to go to an outreach project (specify) _____

of Plants Ordered _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

WITNESSING FOR PEACE: “THOSE LEFT BEHIND”

Robert Silz, Chairperson
Church and Society Committee



On November 6 our church hosted an immigration reform activist, Jaqueline Garcia. She was accompanied by her interpreter, Tony Macias, who works for “Witness for Peace”.

The purpose for Jaqueline’s visit was twofold: to tell about her life’s experience as an immigrant in the U.S. from age 4-5 and to share her current work with families in Mexico who have been left behind by husbands and sons who have migrated to the U.S. She expressed hope that we might work together on solutions that meet the challenges brought about by migration across the U.S. Mexico border.

In 1976 her father migrated to the U.S. to earn enough money to make a better life for her family. He never returned. From this young age, she experienced what it was like not to have a father figure in her life, along with the realities of a disintegrating family. Her mother’s desperation for the welfare of her family steadily worsened. Not knowing where he was, she decided to seek him out. Jaqueline was left with her maternal grandparents and her brother.

Jaqueline then spoke of the great emotional costs of being left behind; the feeling of being alone in the world and not having the support of the male figure in the family.

As a result of her early family experience she decided to do mission work in various states in the Mexican Republic followed by her education to become a social psychologist. Her newly acquired skills allowed her to work with families whose mothers and children were left behind.

She lives and works in Veracruz helping women who have been alone for ten or fifteen years. It was pointed out that one of the main causes of the separation is the change in U.S. immigration laws that make the reunification of families too risky if not impossible.

We were then shown a “Witness for Peace” video, “Those Left Behind” that showed the impact of migration and the work done by Jesuit Service for Migrants (SJM) to strengthen individuals and communities affected by migration. SJM helps initiate self-support groups in each of the eight towns where they work. Every week, a group of ten to twenty women, and sometimes a few men, gather to discuss important

themes that relate to their well-being. With the guidance of SJM staff, the women and men address issues of interpersonal violence, self-esteem, and communication, all with the goal of creating stronger individuals and communities. As group members listen to each other, offer support, and rebuild trust, and community ties damaged by high rates of out-migration are slowly rebuilt.

The video brought out that migration increases hope for a dignified life for the families of migrants. Jaqueline’s work also provides those left behind with ideas optimal management of remittances they receive. She also counsels women on productive projects so that women have a source of employment for themselves.

Jaqueline said that as a civil society “we are demanding that our [Mexican] government no longer be corrupt. We are demanding that the government provides work for its own people.”

She gave her view of some of the factors that have created the need to migrate— majorly, the NAFTA agreement [1994] which was supposed to create better paying jobs for the poor, but eventually resulted in increased poverty.

There are also U.S. factories that were established in border areas that were supposed to generate a better living wage for the poor, but in reality benefited the wealthy corporate owners. The workers could typically make only about \$8 for a 10 hour day— hardly enough to sustain a family’s need for food and clothing, let alone enough money to send their children to school. Jaqueline emphasized the fact that most Mexicans don’t want to leave their families behind, but they must in view of the level of poverty that they face.

The level of desperation is so great that those who leave to cross the border are willing to risk their lives in the journey north and the prospect of committing a criminal act of crossing the border wall.

The immigration policies created by the Mexican and U.S. governments need to be revised so that violation of human rights is eliminated, and deaths caused by desert and river crossings would cease. Immigration reform would also put an end to human smuggling.

Additionally, immigration reform may stop the treatment of migrants as property when they are in the U.S. Immigration reform may serve to protect migrant workers from being paid less than minimum wage. This would be a step toward eradicating exploitation of labor both in the U.S. and abroad.

Our forum ended with discussion of what actions we might take to deal with the local problems concerning immigration on Long Island. One important proposal was to continue meetings to bring news of immigration injustice and to lobby for immigration reform that will promote social justice for all.

Special thanks to all who attended the meeting: Pastor Louise, Pastor Dick Johns, Linda Thompson, Missy Kennedy, Robyn Hyland, Nick Roloson, Foy and Shawn Clarke.



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Open Hearts Open Minds Open Doors

Every Sunday Schedule
 8 & 10 am Worship
 9 am Choir Rehearsal
 10 am Sunday School
 11:15 am Youth Choir

December 2011

Church Office Hours : Tues.-Fri. 9 am—1 pm

Support Group Meetings—basement
 AA Wednesday & Saturdays @ 8 pm
 NA Fridays @ 7:30 pm

IH Ireland Hall BH Binkley Hall
 AR Amanda's Room P Parlor

Note: Please check your Sunday insert for Handbell Rehearsals.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
HB Ens.: First Church Handbell Ensemble Adult HB: Adult Handbell Group T/C HB: Teen/College Handbell MS/HS HB: Middle/High School Handbell				1 5 pm Finance (P)	2 8 pm PeaceSmith's (IH)	3 9 am 1st Ens. HB
4 2nd Sunday in Advent 11:15 am Bell Choir Trip to Princeton	5 7 pm Cub Scouts (IH)	6 6:30 pm Parents with Young Children	7 7 pm Adult HB 7:45 pm 1st Ens. HB	8	9	10 9 am 1st Ens. HB
11 3rd Sunday in Advent Cookie Walk 3 pm Ecumenical Lessons & Carols	12 7:30 pm Worship Mtg.	13 6 pm Hope for Youth (IH) 6:30 pm Parents with Young	14 7 pm Adult HB 7:45 pm 1st Ens. HB	15	16	17 8:30—10 am Pageant Rehearsal 10 am 1st Ens. HB
18 4th Sunday in Advent 10 am Christmas Pageant	19 7 pm Cub Scouts (IH)	20 6:30 pm Parents with Young Children	21 7 pm Adult HB 7:45 pm 1st Ens. HB	22	23	24 9 am 1st Ens. HB 4:45 pm Special Music 5 pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service with Holy Communion
25 Christmas Day 10 am Service only No Sunday School	26	27 Office Closed	28 7 pm Adult HB 7:45 pm 1st Ens. HB	29	30	31

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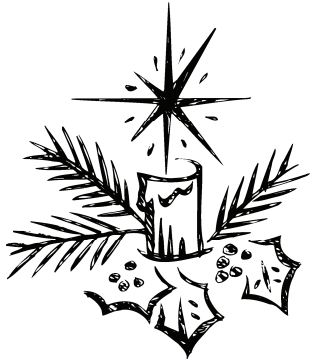
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Sunday School - 10 am

Return Service Requested

December
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Dated Church Material

Prepare the Way
Christ is Coming



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