

The Lamplighter

JANUARY 2013

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, AMITYVILLE, NY



ON CHRISTMAS EVE

*the
luminaria:
a lighted
welcome*

Photo by Bob Silz

DECEMBER 30: JOYOUS DAY FOR TWO BAPTISMS:

Georgia Michel Kennedy (white dress)

Alexander Wesley Johns (far right being held by his parents)



Photo by Fred Fehleisen



PASTOR LOUISE

Mid-November several hurricane relief teams slept in our church or parsonage. Eight of those people were from Newtown United Methodist Church, Sandy Hook, Connecticut. That included their pastor, the Rev. Mel Kawakami. Before December 14, their community was barely known to most people in this country. On December 14 with the deadly shooting of twenty-eight people (including the shooter's mother and his suicide) it became a real place! Those who volunteered to help people on Long Island suddenly needed help—of a much different kind. I pray for the family members of the victims and others who have been traumatized. With our hosting the relief team, there is a face to the tragedy.

A crisis of this magnitude reveals our fault lines and the best of humanity. The easiest issue to identify is that of guns: who can/should have them, their lethality, and what laws are needed. Flippant responses such as “guns don't kill people; people kill people” are intended to shut down any meaningful conversation about a lethal issue.

In a letter to President Obama written after the Connecticut school shooting, the Rev. Bill Medford of the United Methodist General Board of Church and Society, asks our president to do two things:

“1. Make gun ownership a more responsible process with universal background checks no matter where the gun is purchased.

“2. Reinstate a vigorous ban on assault weapons.”

As reasonable as that is to me, there are plenty of people who will disagree.

Inevitably some will say that gun violence is a political issue not an issue for the church. But the Methodist Church, under the leadership of John Wesley, has been involved in social issues since its earliest formation. Among other concerns were the slave trade, education, childcare, the poor, and incarceration. Wesley was instrumental in the opening of a free public dispensary, because of his writings on medicine. There is no way to separate us into body or spirit. Our worship of God is impacted by our physical being. If we believe we should love God and neighbor, then the circumstances of my “neighbor's” life are part of my faith.

In our 2008 *Book of Discipline*, Social Principles, it states: “The church should continually exert a strong ethical influence upon the state, supporting policies and programs deemed to be just and opposing policies and programs that are unjust.” The words “just” and “unjust” are key to our witness as Christians. But under the guise of allegiance to the cross of Christ, many terrible, and unjust things have been done.

Along with debates over guns has been the issue of mental health. People continue to be stigmatized because of mental illness. Since the mid-50s there has been a trend to use less restrictive methods for persons with mental illnesses. This has been because more effective medication and treatment have become available. It is also because of the criminal abuses within “mental institutions” that were exposed. But deinstitutionalization of the mentally ill has had the usual unintended consequences. One is fewer resources available and the lack of follow-up possible for persons needing ongoing supervision.

The pattern of mass shootings appears to have a strong connection with a mental issue of some kind. People don't “snap” from a well state to becoming a mass murderer. There is almost always a littering of the perpetrator's life with episodes of mental instability that either goes unnoticed or unaddressed. What I have not been hearing about is the alarming connection between suicides and guns, 50% of which are by firearms. The mental issue of depression is often a factor. The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention reports these disturbing realities:

- In 2010 over 38,000 people in the United States died by suicide.
- Although most gun owners reportedly keep a firearm in their home for “protection” or “self defense,” 83 percent of gun-related deaths in these homes are the result of a suicide, often by someone other than the gun owner.
- Death by firearms is the fastest growing method of suicide.
- Firearms are used in more suicides than homicides.

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The National Institute of Justice reports the number of homicides in 2005 by handguns and other types of guns to be 11,346. That is about 2/3 of the total number of homicides, approximately 16,700.

If we can't have civil discourse in our churches, synagogues, and mosques about guns and their availability and about our country's commitment to treat mental illness then I have to state that we are not the believers we say we are.

There is an article on page 10 by one of our members, Eric Maxson, titled "Many More?" It is his response to gun violence in our country. It is strong and well reasoned. Although you may not agree with every thing he states, I urge you to read it. Then can you have a civil conversation with someone else who does not agree with you or the article?



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.

We were preparing to celebrate the arrival of God's greatest gift when our Faith was put to the ultimate test. Twenty little angels and six educators are spending Christmas with Jesus this year! As I heard in a sermon right after "Sandy" we need to dig deep to find our Faith and know God is with us every step of the way even through this difficult to understand time. Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone in Newtown, Connecticut.

If you would like to become part of this worship planning team please do not hesitate to join us, we meet on the first Monday of each month at 7pm in Amanda's room. Next meeting is January 7th. New ideas are always welcome.

December 2nd we had our annual hanging of the greens and preparing the church for the coming sea-

son. Our lunch of soup and bread gave us the stamina to keep going until the church was ready to celebrate the season. Our thanks go out to all who assisted in this work including Ali and Devin.

On December 9th First Church hosted the Ecumenical Advent Lessons and Carols. It was well attended with participants from all churches in our ecumenical group in Amityville. A free will offering went to support St. Martin's food pantry.

Our Christmas Eve candlelight service was held at 5pm. It was a joyous service that put the right frame around our celebration of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

In view of the events of the past few months Pastor Louise and Robyn developed and presented a Blue Christmas service deigned to provide support and comfort to those who have suffered from the effects of "Sandy" as well as the trauma of events in Newtown, Connecticut. This was a meditative service accompanied by beautiful music to help provide relief from sorrow and help guide us to the Light of the arrival of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

By the time you read this several things will have transpired; the Christmas pageant on December 23rd, our beautiful Christmas Eve Candlelight service for family and friends; and our own Christmas Lessons and Carols on Student Sunday, December 30th.

There will be a handbell concert on January 6th; the proceeds will be used to benefit the disaster relief in our area and the handbell choir. A reception will follow; we can always use bakers to help provide goodies for our guests.

In Pastor Louise's report during our December meeting we read lectionary scriptures for the upcoming Sunday and discussed interpretations of these particular passages.

Have you noticed something new in the Sanctuary? Finally the Bibles are back in the pews with appropriate face plates. There are regular print and some large print which we will probably place in a central location to make them more accessible to members of the congregation requiring them. Thank you for your patience.

If we can make your spiritual journey better or more meaningful please let us know. We are open to suggestions, requests or both.

**NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2013 @ 7PM.,
AMANDA'S ROOM.**



HANDBELL CONCERT

Sunday, January 6th
3:00 pm

at First United Methodist Church

Free will offering to benefit
Disaster Relief and
FUMC Handbell program

Refreshments will be served in
Parlor following concert



UMYF Meeting

JANUARY 13

GRADES 6-12

11:45 am - lunch at church

12:30 - 2:30 pm - Bowling at Massapequa
Bowl (Merrick Rd.)

2:45 pm - return to church

Cost per person: \$5.00
(includes shoes and 2 hrs. bowling)

Bring a friend!
Need RSVP by January 11.

Spaghetti Dinner and TALENT SHOW

Sunday, January 27

5 pm Dinner

6 pm Talent Show

Sponsored by our Youth

Suggested Donation is:

\$5.00 each for 13 years old —Adult

\$3.00 each 3-12 year olds

under 3 years old, free

\$15.00 maximum for family.

Money raised will be put towards the registration fee
for youth attending L.I. East District Youth Retreat,
April 19, 20 & 21

*Please support our youth and attend this wonderful dinner
and talent show that they are working so hard on.*

Sign up Sheet to bring food and to come on Narthex table.

From the TREASURER

STEVE BRICE

THANK GOD FOR THE GIVING OF
A GREAT CONGREGATION!!

Our income from pledges last year was \$10,000 more than any year in the recent past, which left us with all expenses paid and money enough to go forth into the winter months -- including heating bills, etc. For 2013, there are \$13,000 more expenses of which we are already aware, so hopefully the increase in pledges will continue.

STEWARDSHIP

Carmen Bassaragh & Linda Cohen, Co-Chair

2012 was a financially difficult year for many due to the devastation of Hurricane/Super Storm Sandy, higher gas and food prices. With the financial situation in mind, we set our goal for the 2013 Pledge Campaign to be \$90,000.00. We considered this goal would be attainable since for 2012 we had a total of \$103,000.00 pledged. We fell \$2,500 short of our expectations. We are hoping that those that did not pledge yet, will make a commitment to FUMC for 2013. Another consideration is our members will step-up and put a little extra over what they pledged to help us cover the 2013 budget.

We did have 8 new families pledge for 2013 that had not previously pledged. This shows a definite affirming commitment to FUMC despite the challenges of 2012. Also, our members have been faithful in returning their weekly offering envelopes.

As Steve Brice mentioned in a previous article, our building's insurance went up a tremendous amount and really put a crunch in the overall budget.

On a happier note, some people have volunteered to share their time and talents during worship service by lecturing, greeting, ushering, counting money, etc. Additional hands always help. Speaking of additional hands, cleaning-up after fellowship on Sunday mornings is greatly appreciated. Everyone enjoys having a cup of coffee, tea or juice with a snack before heading home, but few people stay to clean-up and help in the kitchen. Won't you consider staying a few Sundays this year and lend your assistance? This is another example of "being a good steward".

Easter is early this year, which means that Ash Wednesday is just around the corner along with our Lenten Self-Denial cups. The committee will be meeting to discuss the recipients of this year's Lenten sacrifice. We usually divide the contributions in half and use one portion for something that benefits FUMC and the 2nd portion for a project outside of our community. Why not begin early and start saving your coins now to put in the cup?

We hope everyone has a healthy and safe year and look forward to seeing you in church.

LEADER TO LEADER

Each year the L.I. East District holds a "Leader-to-Leader" Workshop. Committee chairs and members are encouraged to attend this Saturday morning event. There are several informative topics to choose from and a short worship service. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet with other leaders of the churches in the L.I. East District. Watch Sunday bulletin inserts and emails for additional information.

Date: Saturday, February 2, 2013

Time: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Place: Westbury United Methodist Church.

ANNUAL CHURCH COUNCIL RETREAT

Since 2006 we have had an annual "retreat" for leaders in this congregation. This year is no exception. It is Saturday, January 12, from 8 am to 12 noon. It is not unusual for someone to attend a bit unwillingly and then to leave feeling good about what we have done. We will begin with a brief devotion—for all we do should be framed in prayer—and then we will move to making concrete plans for 2013.

Members of the Council are urged to attend. Others in the congregation are welcome also. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex.

Hint: For snacks during a break, attendees are invited to bring something to share.

notice from FEMA

We have received information from FEMA that some changes have been made in conditions and partial waivers for insurance companies. Please check with your insurance company to find out if you are now eligible for payment of losses that weren't previously covered.

CHURCH AND SOCIETY ISSUES FOR 2013

Submitted by Bob Silz, co-chair

When we study the Social Creed of our denomination, we see it is rich in ways to bring our faith into practice. The creed is similar to historic creeds such as the Apostles' Creed, which state what we believe.

United Methodist Social Creed

We believe in God, Creator of the world; and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of creation. We believe in the Holy Spirit, through whom we acknowledge God's gifts, and we repent of our sin in misusing these gifts to idolatrous ends.

We affirm the natural world as God's handiwork and dedicate ourselves to its preservation, enhancement, and faithful use by humankind.

We joyfully receive for ourselves and others the blessings of community, sexuality, marriage, and the family.

We commit ourselves to the rights of men, women, children, youth, young adults, the aging, and people with disabilities; to improvement of the quality of life; and to the rights and dignity of all persons.

We believe in the right and duty of persons to work for the glory of God and the good of themselves and others and in the protection of their welfare in so doing; in the rights to property as a trust from God, collective bargaining, and responsible consumption; and in the elimination of economic and social distress.

We dedicate ourselves to peace throughout the world, to the rule of justice and law among nations, and to individual freedom for all people of the world.

We believe in the present and final triumph of God's Word in human affairs and gladly accept our commission to manifest the life of the gospel in the world.

Words attributed to John Wesley, Founder of Methodism

“Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.”

In addition to the Social Creed of the UMC, there are social principles. Here are some of those principles:

The Natural World

As Christians and United Methodists we are obliged to consider what we can do both as individuals and as members the Body of Christ to bring about global peace “through acts of loving care and respect. Economic, political, social, and technological developments have increased our human numbers, and lengthened and enriched our lives. However, these developments have led to regional defoliation, dramatic extinction of species, massive human suffering, overpopulation, and misuse and overconsumption of natural and nonrenewable resources, particularly by industrialized societies. This continued course of action jeopardizes the natural heritage that God has entrusted to all generations. Therefore, let us recognize the responsibility of the church and its members to place a high priority on changes in economic, political, social, and technological lifestyles to support a more ecologically equitable and sustainable world leading to a higher quality of life for all of God's creation.”

The Nurturing Community

We believe we have a responsibility to innovate, sponsor, and evaluate new forms of community that will encourage development of the fullest potential in individuals. Primary for us is the gospel understanding that all persons are important—because they are human beings created by God and loved through and by Jesus Christ and not because they have merited significance. We therefore support social climates in which human communities are maintained and strengthened for the sake of all persons and their growth. We also encourage all individuals to be sensitive to others by using appropriate language when referring to all persons. Language of a derogatory nature (with regard to race, nationality, ethnic background, gender, sexuality, and physical differences) does not reflect value for one another and contradicts the gospel of Jesus Christ.”

The recent tragic losses due to hurricane Sandy and the senseless shooting at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut are clear messages that we need to be the hands and feet of Christ in a broken world.

In 2013 we pray for God to lead us in our discernment!



Church Membership

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

By Your Prayers

SANDY DE QUILLFELDT (BROADLAWN MANOR)

DONALD AUPERIN (BROADLAWN MANOR)

WES REINHARDT (CONSOLATION NURSING HOME)

Let perpetual light shine upon you.

WILLIAM SHAVE

JULY, 14, 1918-DECEMBER 11, 2012

SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER BETTY

PREDECEASED BY HIS WIFE BETTY ON MARCH 11, 2011

MEMORIAL SERVICE

PETER GAROFOLO

JANUARY 4, 1927 - NOVEMBER 26, 2012

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 2013

1:30 PM @ FUMC

FELLOWSHIP TO FOLLOW IN PARLOR

By Your Presence

Date	8 am	10 am	Sunday School	Total
Dec. 2	14	68	9	96
Dec. 9	14	55	6	85
Dec. 9	Ecumenical Lessons & Carols			190
Dec. 16	18	50	24	92
Dec. 17	Blue Christmas			24
Dec. 23	12	93	14	119
	Christmas Pageant			
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve			169
Dec. 30		65		65

By Your Service

ACOLYTES

Juliana Warta & Emily Korba

REFRESHMENT SCHEDULE

Jan. 6: Membership, Nurture & Evangelism

Jan. 13: Worship

Jan. 20: Stewardship

Jan. 27: Administrative Council

COMMUNION STEWARDS

Charlene Jourdan, Martha Peterson, Valerie Miller

LECTORS

8 a.m. Linda Thompson

10 am:

Jan. 6: Margaret Wolter

Jan. 13: Natalie Korba

Jan. 20: Eric Maxson

Jan. 27: Jordan Reyes

USHERS

Jan. 6: Jasmine Allen, Tracie Harper, Horace Bassaragh

Jan. 13: Dorothy Hyman, Linda Cohen, Doug Allen

Jan. 20: Sherri & Dwayne Warta, Christobelle Maynard

Jan. 27: Natalie & Mike Korba, Margo Martinez

JUNIOR USHERS

Jan. 6: Emily Korba & Aaron Reichbach

Jan. 13: Jalen Le Bour & Dana Sukhram

Jan. 20: Juliana Warta & Vincent Erdody

Jan. 27: Jack Dubyn & Zachary Korba

GREETERS

Jan. 6: Judy Hartten

Jan. 13: Judy & Bob Silz

Jan. 20: Dorothy Hyman

Jan. 27: Erdody Family

Christmas Altar Poinsettias

In Loving Memory of

- ♥ **Husband and father, Raymond Rodrigues**
*Presented by Alexandra Rodrigues & son
Raymond*
- ♥ **My husband, Arthur Peterson**
Presented with Love, Martha Peterson
- ♥ **José M. Martinez, Sr.**
Love and miss you, Margo Martinez & family
- ♥ **Marion & William Reinhardt
(Margo's parents)**
*Presented with love from Margo Martinez
& family*
- ♥ **Ana & Manuel Martinez (José's parents)**
*Presented with love from Margo Martinez
& family*
- ♥ **My beloved husband, Ronald Thomson, Jr.
& his father, Ronald Thomson, Sr.**
Love, Jan Thomson & Family
- ♥ **My mother, Audrey Tarasenko,**
Love, Jan Thomson & Family
- ♥ **Family & Friends**
Presented by Janet Powell King
- ♥ **Her parents, Barbara & William Mc Collough**
Presented by Sally & Wes Powell
- ♥ **His parents, Jean S. & C. Wesley Powell**
Presented by Sally & Wes Powell
- ♥ **Doris B. Powell**
Presented by Sally & Wes Powell
- ♥ **His brother, Richard G. Powell**
Presented by Sally & Wes Powell
- ♥ **Rene Balantac**
Presented by Rustica Mc Conneaughey
- ♥ **My Mother, Laura Sgambati, 1st Christmas in
Heaven,**
Forever in my heart, love, Nicole Tierno
- ♥ **Sonya Rossman**
Presented by Alan & Connie Rossman
- ♥ **Concetta Lazzaro**
Presented by Alan & Connie Rossman
- ♥ **My parents, Hazel & William Jordon**
Presented by Bruce Jordan

- ♥ **John B. Sheehan**
Presented by Bruce Jordan
- ♥ **Patricia Conrad Moss**
Presented by Bruce Jordan
- ♥ **Florence Hartman**
Presented by Bruce Jordan
- ♥ **My Father-in-law, George (Chic) Kennedy**
Presented by Missy Kennedy
- ♥ **My parents, Jean & Wes Powell**
Presented by Janet P. King
- ♥ **My husband, Bruce King**
Presented by Janet P. King
- ♥ **My brother, Richard G. Powell**
Presented by Janet P. King

In Honor of

- ♥ **My new grandson, Evan Ronald and
his brother, Aidan James Thomson**
Love, Jan Thomson
- ♥ **My granddaughter, Ava Loren Thomson**
Love, Jan Thomson
- ♥ **Family & Friends**
Presented by Janet Powell King
- ♥ **Our children and grandchildren**
Presented by Bob & Judy Silz
- ♥ **Sally Powell**
Presented by her family
- ♥ **Our children**
Presented by Sally & Wes Powell



MARISSA RAMIREZ being sworn in as "Captain" of the Copiague Junior Fire Department and for being chosen for a lead part in the Copiague High School play, "In the Heights". The play will be held in March 2013.

JOSEPH RAMIREZ was sworn in as 1st Lieutenant of the Copiague Junior Fire Department.

Imagine No Malaria

In Loving Memory of

- † **My husband, Gilbert Tregarthen Stern**
Forever in my heart, Love, Joan
- † **Loved Ones**
Presented by Bob & Judy Silz
- † **My parents, Connie & Thomas Thompson**
Presented by Linda Thompson
- † **Loved Ones**
Presented by Linda Thompson
- † **Children and Teachers in Newtown, Ct.**
Presented by Linda Thompson
- † **My godparents, Clare and Lester Scheller**
Presented by Robyn Hyland
- † **Our parents & grandparents,**
Presented by Linda & Jack Cohen
- † **Our brother-in-law, Denis Smith**
Presented by Linda & Jack Cohen

Imagine No Malaria

In Honor of

- † **My grandsons, Philip, Austin, Jesse & Lucas**
Presented by Martha Peterson
- † **Pastors Louise & Dick**
Presented by Linda Thompson
- † **Family & Friends**
Presented by Linda Thompson
- † **Robyn Hyland**
Presented by Linda Thompson
- † **Families affected by "Sandy"**
Presented by Linda Thompson
- † **Adult & Youth Handbell Choirs**
Presented by Robyn Hyland
- † **Loved Ones**
Presented by Bob & Judy Silz
- † **Our children, Sherri & Dwayne and Mandy & Gil**
With Love, Mom & Dad
- † **Our grandchildren, Juliana, Shayne & Antonio James (AJ)**
With Love, Grandma & Pop-Pop

Habitat for Humanity Long Island East District Build

In Loving Memory of

- † **Family & Friends**
Presented by Janet P. King

Habitat for Humanity Long Island East District Build

In Honor of

- † **Wes & Sally Powell**
With Love, Janet Powell King
- † **My granddaughter, Georgia Michel Kennedy**
Presented with Love, Missy Kennedy
- † **Family & Friends**
Presented by Janet P. King

Coalition Against Child Abuse and Neglect (CCAN)

In Honor of

- † **Christopher, Barbara, & Alexander Johns and Michele Johns**
Presented by Pastor Louise
- † **Our children & grandchildren**
James & Kate Peterson

Wounded Warrior Project

In Loving Memory of

- † **My husband, Clemens C. Bach**
Presented by Frances Bach
- † **My father, Clemens C. Bach**
Presented by Lianne & M. Ellwood Fisher
- † **Loved Ones**
Presented by Lianne & M. Ellwood Fisher

Wounded Warrior Project

In Honor of

- † **Mother, Frances Bach**
Presented by Lianne & M. Ellwood Fisher
- † **Dear Friends, Joan Stern & Tracie Harper**
Presented by Frances Bach

MANY MORE?

Eric Maxson

History is giving us an opportunity. Sometimes it is in times of crisis when real change can be made. In the horrible wake of yet another school shooting it is incumbent on all of us as individuals and a nation to take real and lasting action on getting guns out of our midst.

While it is people who use the guns that cause such destruction, it is undeniably the easy availability of guns to those who would use them that makes the destruction possible. It is not realistically feasible to identify, cure or contain all those in the world who might take out their anger on the rest of us, but we can realistically take away the tools that make their anger massively deadly.

Gun 'control' does not remove the possibility of deadly sprees. And there is no real 'control' of them. Even legally obtained and registered firearms can and do lead to shooting sprees like that in Newtown, CT, and on Christmas Eve in Webster, NY. In the latter, the shooter was successful in getting a neighbor's daughter to buy guns for him. He used them to ambush and kill two firefighters responding to a house fire. In these and other cases, it wasn't that the guns weren't 'controlled'; it was that they existed at all and were there for the taking.

The only way to prevent these kind of incidents is to make guns unavailable entirely. Yes, a deranged person shot those children, but it was a deranged person with easy access to high volume weapons. And those were legally obtained and licensed weapons, but they still pose a threat. Let's take guns away from everyone, good guys and bad guys alike.

What we are doing is leaving dangerous toys lying around where anyone can grab one and use it in whatever irrational way he or she chooses. You would never leave scissors or knives lying around your house in plain sight and easy reach if you had a toddler in the house, but what we are doing is far worse by allowing guns to be in our homes.

From a purely practical perspective, guns do not serve a real and positive use in our society today. They are toys, used for recreational purposes. Any benefit that is derived from gun ownership in our time is far outweighed by the harm they cause. Any conceptual or recreational purpose they represent pales in comparison to the actual, real life horror and carnage they facilitate.

Who wants to be the one to sit across the table from a mother who has lost a child to gun violence and tell her that the life of her child had to be taken so that we can go out target shooting on the weekends? Or so we can go out and blow away a deer in the fall? And to those who would argue that we need to be armed in order to be able to defend ourselves against our own government if need be, there is no realistic possibility that a citizen militia can now stand up to the modern US Army—even if it were necessary. And was that not the intent of the framers of the Constitution?

The Constitution is not the Bible. It is a great document, but it was written by men, and even by the loosest interpretation of the actual words, those men were writing in the time that they lived in, with the realities that existed at that time. They could not see the future, or the time that we live in now.

What we need is a national law forbidding all guns in all states. Yes, it will take years and years to make a real change in the supply, even if all guns were outlawed today. But we can and should start sometime, and gradually they would dwindle and disappear, and make us all safer.

Let's not lose this chance, when the effects that guns have in our midst are so clear and so tangible, and the horror so immediate, and let's not forget to keep pushing for a change, even after these funerals have ended. If we don't, there will be many, many more.



- 2 MICHAEL CASTELLANO
- 3 ROBERT ERATH
- 4 MARY CARBEE
KELLIE ANNE WATSON
- 7 VIRGINIA HUTCHINSON
DAKOTA WILLENBROCK
- 11 JOAN STERN
- 12 CORI ANN KAISER
- 15 FRANK GREENHALGH
JEANNE VAN NOSTRAND
- 16 SHERRI WARTA
- 17 PATRICIA NEIDHART
- 19 CARRIE WATSON
- 20 RACHEL KORBA
- 21 BRUCE JORDAN
LUCAS T. WILLENBROCK
- 25 CATHERINE BEDELL
- 27 JEANETTE MYSLIEWIEC
- 31 RONALD BODE



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Open Hearts Open Minds Open Doors

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

IH Ireland Hall BH Binkley Hall
AR Amanda's Room P Parlor
C—Chapel YR—Youth Room

January 2013

HB Ens.: First Church Handbell Ensemble
Adult HB: Adult Handbell Group
MS/HS HB: Middle/High School Handbell

Note: Please check your Sunday insert for Handbell Rehearsals.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Every Sunday 8 & 10 am: Worship 9 am Adult Choir 10 am Sunday School 11:15 am Youth Choir 11:30 am MS/HS HB</p>		<p>1 New Year's Day 2 pm College Bell Rehearsal</p>	<p>2 7—8:15 pm Confirmation Class 7:15 pm Adult HB 7:45 pm 1st Ens. HB</p>	<p>3 7-9:30 pm 2nd Stage (IH)</p>	<p>4 1 pm College Bell Reh. 3:15 pm (IH) Amy's Art Classes 8 pm PeaceSmiths (IH)</p>	<p>5 9 am 1st Ens. HB Rehearsal 1:30 pm Peter Garofolo Memorial Service</p>
<p>6 Epiphany 12:45 pm College HB Rehearsal 1:45 pm 1st Ens. HB 3 pm Handbell Concert 6-9 pm 2nd Stage (IH)</p>	<p>7 Office Closed 7 pm Worship Committee 7:30 pm Irish Dancers (IH)</p>	<p>8 5 pm Finance (AR) 7-9:30 pm 2nd Stage (IH)</p>	<p>9 7—8:15 pm Confirmation Class 7:15 pm Adult HB 7:45 pm 1st Ens. HB</p>	<p>10 7-9:30 pm 2nd Stage (IH)</p>	<p>11 3:15 pm (IH) Amy's Art Classes 7:15 pm Cub Scouts (IH, BH)</p>	<p>12 8 am—12 noon Admin Council Retreat</p>
<p>13 1st Sunday After the Epiphany Baptism of our Lord 11:45 am UMYF Meeting & Bowling</p>	<p>14 Office Closed 7:30 pm Irish Dancers (IH)</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 7—8:15 pm Confirmation Class 7:15 pm Adult HB 7:45 pm 1st Ens. HB</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 3:15 pm (IH) Amy's Art Classes</p>	<p>19 9 am 1st Ens. HB Rehearsal</p>
<p>20 2nd Sunday After the Epiphany Ecumenical Sunday 11:30 am Trustee Meeting</p>	<p>21 Office Closed 7:30 pm Irish Dancers (IH)</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 7—8:15 pm Confirmation Class 7:15 pm Adult HB 7:45 pm 1st Ens. HB</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 3:15 pm (IH) Amy's Art Classes 7:15 pm Cub Scouts (IH, BH)</p>	<p>26 9 am 1st Ens. HB Rehearsal</p>
<p>27 3rd Sunday After the Epiphany 5 pm Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser UMYF 6 pm Talent Show Fundraiser UMYF</p>	<p>28 Office Closed 7:30 pm Irish Dancers (IH)</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 7—8:15 pm Confirmation Class 7:15 pm Adult HB 7:45 pm 1st Ens. HB</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Support Group Meetings—basement AA Wednesday & Saturdays @ 8 pm NA Fridays @ 7:30 pm</p>	

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