

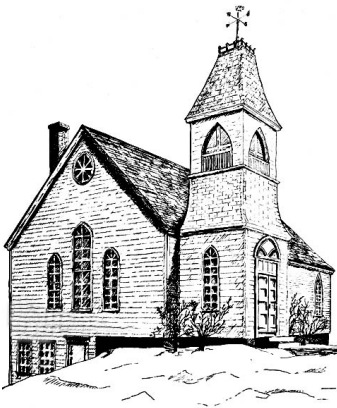
# *First Community Church*

# *Newsletter*

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December 2009

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## *Our Mission Statement*

*We are a community of faith believing in the power of prayer and seeking earnestly to deepen our spiritual life and share the love of God with others.*

## *The Pastor's Message*

**A**ngelus Silesius, the medieval German mystic, in reflecting on the true meaning of Christmas and Easter, the two cornerstones of our Christian faith, has written:

Though Christ a thousand times  
in Bethlehem be born,  
If he's not born in thee  
thy soul is still forlorn  
The cross on Golgotha  
will never save thy soul;  
The cross in thine own heart  
alone can make thee whole.

There are two ways we can lose the true meaning and experience of Christmas. The one that Angelus Silesius mentions is to become lost in the literal, factual, historical dimension of the birth of Jesus, as if that were the true meaning of the incarnation of the Christ. Angelus tells us that the historical birth of Jesus means little unless we, like Mary, become the womb within which a new incarnation can take place, a container for the creative rebirth of spirit in matter.

The second way we can lose the true meaning and experience of Christmas is to become engulfed in the hectic activity and crass commercialism of the season. In order to counter this, we need to remember that this is a religious holiday. We can do this by attending the Advent Event, our Sunday worship throughout Advent, and our Christmas Eve candlelight service. We might also set aside time for personal Advent devotions. We can also cut back on buying unnecessary gifts in order to give more to the Salvation Army, Toys for Tots, Globe Santa, and/or the church.

I hope we don't lose the true meaning and experience of Christmas this year. In our Sunday worship throughout this season of Advent we will be reflecting on Angelus Silesius's challenge to not only remember and honor the historical Mary, the mother of Jesus, but to consider what it might mean for us to become like Mary, to become the womb of the Holy Spirit, and to give birth to the Christ in our lives.

The experience of Christmas can once again change us (and the world) if we remember what this season is all about. If we do, then the meaning and the mystery of Christmas will shine like the soft, radiant light of the candles at our Christmas Eve service through all our crowded hours of preparation. Then, like Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and the magi, we will be moved to the core of our being by our own experience of this miraculous birth.

Faithfully yours,  
Reverend Paul D. Sanderson

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## *Adult Bible Study*

This year we are continuing our exploration of what it means to approach religion in general and the Christian faith in particular from a psychological perspective. We are presently reading the Jungian psychologist Edward Edinger's article, "Christ as a Paradigm of the Individuating Ego." Please join us for this fascinating exploration of our faith!

The Adult Bible Study group meets on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays of every month from 9:15 – 10:30 AM in the Vestry.

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## *Confirmation Class*

Because of the holidays and other scheduling conflicts, Confirmation Class will meet on Thursday, December 3 and 17 at 5:00 PM. in the Vestry.

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## *Missions Offering*

Our Mission Offering for December is given to the Salvation Army through our church "Christmas Card." We continue our long tradition of this program in lieu of sending individual Christmas cards to members of the congregation whom we see regularly. If you would like your name to be included on this card, which will be sent to all those members and friends of our church family who are on our mailing list, please make your donation no later than Sunday, December 13. This will insure that your name will appear on the special holiday greetings that will be enclosed with the Pastor's Christmas Letter. If you have a pledge box, please use the special envelope provided in it. Or you can make a check payable to the church, (note on it "Salvation Army") and give it to Jim Holmes or place it in the offering plate. This is a great way to extend Christmas greetings to everyone in our church family and support a very worthy cause in the process.



The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

### **11 THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT THE SALVATION ARMY**

1. The Salvation Army was founded in London, England in 1865 by former Methodist minister William Booth. Booth abandoned the conventional concept of a church and a pulpit, instead taking his message of spiritual salvation directly to the people – in particular the homeless, the hungry, and the destitute of Victorian-era London.
2. National Salvation Army Week was first declared by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1954. In the proclamation, Eisenhower noted: “Among Americans, The Salvation Army has long been a symbol of wholehearted dedication to the cause of human brotherhood. Their work has been a constant reminder to us all that each of us is neighbor and kin to all Americans. Giving freely of themselves, the men and women of The Salvation Army have won the respect of us all.”
3. The annual Red Kettle Christmas fundraising campaign started in 1891 when a Salvation Army captain in San Francisco set up a crab pot at Oakland Ferry Landing to collect money for the poor at Christmas. The campaign has since become one of the longest-running and most recognizable fundraising efforts in the world. Kettles are now used in such distant lands as Korea, Japan, Chile and throughout Europe.
4. The Salvation Army's first major disaster response effort in the United States followed the devastating hurricane that impacted Galveston, TX in 1900, literally destroying the coastal city and killing more than 5,000 people. Following the storm, Army officers from across the country moved into the Galveston area to help clean, feed and shelter the thousands of survivors, while also providing much needed spiritual and emotional support. The Army's emergency response capabilities were once again tested six years later following the Great Earthquake in San Francisco in 1906.
5. The Salvation Army is often credited with popularizing the doughnut in the United States. After serving doughnuts – cooked in battle helmets – to U.S. troops in the field during World War I, many soldiers came back to the States hooked on the pastries. Doughnut consumption subsequently took off in the U.S. during the 1920s and 1930s.
6. The Salvation Army led in the formation of the United Services Organization (USO) during World War II which serves members of the armed forces abroad to this day.
7. “Strawberry Fields Forever” in the Beatles 1966 song by that name, is John Lennon’s nostalgic reference to a Salvation Army orphanage called Strawberry Field in Woolton, England. Lennon is said to have played with childhood friends in the trees behind the orphanage when he was a boy. The facility closed in 2005.
8. Since 1997, The Salvation Army has launched the annual Red Kettle Christmas fundraising campaign with a special halftime show performance at the Dallas Cowboys Thanksgiving Day game. Previous performers have included Kelly Clarkson, Toby Keith and Jessica Simpson. During this time period, The Salvation Army has raised over \$1 billion from the red kettles to support service efforts in communities nationwide.



9. The Salvation Army has been featured or mentioned in literally hundreds of Hollywood movies over the years – from classics like *The 39 Steps* and *On the Waterfront* to contemporary hits like *Seabiscuit* and *Titanic*.
10. In 2005, consulting firm Booz Allen Hamilton selected The Salvation Army, along with the Rolling Stones, Oxford University, the Olympic Games and others, as among the world's top-ten enduring institutions.
11. In 2009, consulting firm Cone ranked the leading 100 nonprofit brands and ranked The Salvation Army in second place behind the Y.M.C.A. The report also noted that The Salvation Army was the most familiar nonprofit among all Americans.

## *The Season Of Advent*



In our worship this Advent Season, in addition to our special Christmas anthems and carols, we will be reflecting on the person of Mary, the mother of Jesus, and the theme of birth. We will explore how we, like Mary, can give birth to the five traditional gifts of Christmas that are symbolized by the five candles in our Advent wreath, and how, through us, these gifts might become incarnate in the world.

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|---------------|---------------------|
| November 29   | The Birth of Hope   |
| December 6    | The Birth of Peace  |
| December 13   | The Birth of Joy    |
| December 20   | The Birth of Love   |
| Christmas Eve | The Birth of Christ |

Please join us during this special and blessed season as we prepare to receive the Christ child into our lives.

## *Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*



Let us welcome our Savior into the world and into our lives on Christmas Eve as we gather for our traditional service of lessons and carols, as we both “receive the light” and share it with each other.

Join us on Thursday, December 24 at 6:30 PM.

## *The Advent Event* **POTLUCK** *Supper*

Come and join us on Saturday night, December 5, for a great night of food, fellowship and fun! It all starts at 6:00 PM with a potluck supper followed by some singing (after all the choir is hosting), games and guaranteed laughs.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to bring your friends. We promise it will put you in the “holiday spirit” and keep you going through the season. Come and be a part of this very special event.

Please sign up on the posted sheet in the Vestry. If you would like a ride to the supper, please call Cheryl Homes (508-460-0142).

*Annual*



*Sale*

### *Pie in the Sky!*

The 2009 annual pie sale was a smashing success! Thanks to our PPW, Darlene Sanderson, we received over 80 baked items to sell. Lee Cummings secured our position with the Mauro's; mix in some unseasonably warm weather that helped tempt passersby to linger; Bob L'Heureux lugged a Church table into position and provided Christmas music; David Crane handled signage with the unveiling of a fantastic new sandwich board sign; and Bob Farmer and Jim Holmes joining the fray to hawk pies to all unsuspecting (and suspecting) jaywalkers.

Prices were raised to a minimum \$10 per pie. The result was a record take that at last check, was threatening to break \$1,000.

While we could have used more apple and cherry pies this year, most visitors to our tables found something to grace the Thanksgiving dessert table. THANK YOU ALL!



(Photo Courtesy of Linda Hubley, Editor, Southboroughnews.com)

## ***Women's Fellowship***

*"Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms." Psalm 95:2*

On Sunday, November 15 after church, the Women's Fellowship held a surprise Baby Shower for Garcia Passley. Garcia's first baby (a boy) is due to be born in January and we are all so happy for her and Roy. Pastor Paul led everyone in the "ahs" and "oos."

At our regular November 17 meeting, we made up twenty-one fruit baskets full of goodies for special people we wanted to remember and those on our shut-in list. The United Parishes Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service was held at our church this year, and the Women's Fellowship provided coffee and dessert after the service.

Our "Pillowcase Sundress Project" is still ongoing. For all those wanting to make one or more of these dresses or if anyone needs information, see Evelyn Till. For help with sewing, see Mattie Cummings. Please work on your dresses through January and February and bring the finished product to our March meeting. These dresses will be sent to Haiti in the spring.

Our Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 13 after our regular church service. If you are coming to the party, (all the women of the church are welcome) please bring a finger food and don't forget to plan for the Yankee Gift Swap.

The Fellowship was approved to go ahead with their plans for a Holiday Table with Christmas items, baked goods, and special arrangements of fresh greens, candles, etc. made up by Marlene Joe. The table will be set up downstairs on the first three Sundays in December, (6, 13, and 20) Make sure to stop and check out our table and support this mini-fundraiser. Please note that Marlene will be happy to take orders on her arrangements and beautiful centerpieces for your holiday decorating.

Mattie Cummings  
Secretary

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## ***Report Of The Trustees***

The Trustees would like to say thanks to all the people that have been bringing in old documents for archiving.

Our next meeting is set for Tuesday, December 8 at 6:15 PM.

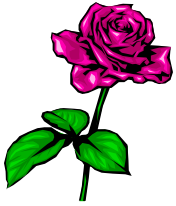
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## ***Deck The Halls.....***

The deadline to order Christmas Poinsettias to beautify our sanctuary this Christmas is Thursday, December 17. Please refer to the order form enclosed in this Newsletter for more details. Forms are also available in the Narthex.



## *With Our Sincerest Sympathies*



Our most heartfelt sympathies to Martha and Bud Hubley for the recent loss of Arrena Funderburk, Martha's sister. Arrena died Tuesday, November 24 after a period of failing health.

Our love and prayers are with you both and with all of the Hubley families.

## *From The Desk Of The Collector*

It is December "the most wonderful time of the year." It can also be an ideal time to make special contributions to your favorite charity, like your Church, if there is any possibility that you might be able to itemize deductions in 2009.

For some individuals who always seem to be just a little under the minimum needed to itemize, financial planners often recommend "bunching" your contributions from two years into one. The effect is to gain deductions every other year. This is accomplished by making some of your early 2010 donations in December of 2009.

At First Community Church, this one such specific contribution might be toward the new kitchen roof, which the Trustees plan to have replaced in the spring, and will cost about \$1,900.

Of course, taxes should never be the primary reason for giving to charity.



*L'il Shoppe*

*Featuring Our Annual  
Christmas Ornament Special*



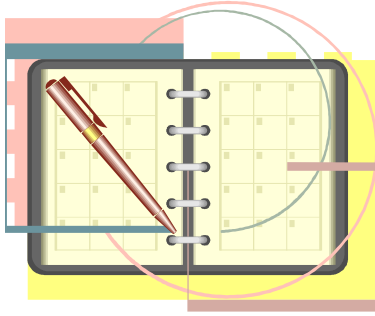
We have our annual Christmas ornaments for sale to be personalized for your gift giving! What a nice gift for your next door neighbor, teachers, and friends or as a stocking stuffer. They go quickly so take a minute to see what we have as soon as you can. If you don't see an ornament you want, such as a soccer ball ornament, we may be able to get it for you.

They are \$6 each. Check out the mall prices and compare -- and save \$5!! See Darlene Sanderson for personalizing.

We are always looking for donations of baked goods or crafts for L'il Shoppe. If you have any questions, see one of the members of the Stewardship Committee.

Open Sunday morning during Coffee Hour

## *Be There Or Be Square*



Get out your appointment book, grab your pen and fill in January 18, 2010 at the First Community Church of Southborough. David Sickles, Cheryl Holmes, and Skip Willman are making plans for an evening to bring you out of those January doldrums.

For those of you who do not drive at night or will not attempt the winter weather conditions, don't worry, your chariot awaits!!

## *A Blast From The Past*

### **100 Years Ago**

#### **1909 – December**

- ◆ A committee from the three churches of Southville to the number of ten have been chosen to arrange for the “Dedication” of the new hall, which will take place on Friday evening, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>. It has been suggested that at the dedication it will add interest to the occasion if the people will hand in names for the new hall, upon which a vote may be taken which will decide the matter. It is planned to have a good program and everybody is welcome.

(One week later): It is found that the naming of the hall must be decided in town meeting.

(Three weeks later): Southville is quite on earth now, as it has an up to date public hall, which was dedicated last Friday evening.

### **50 Years Ago**

#### **1959 – December**

As the annual report for 1959-60 does not give specific months, these items occurred sometime during that time span)

- ◆ New members joining during the period 1959-1960: Miss Mary Ansell; Miss Isabelle Milne; Mr. Leland Hoisington; Mr. Edward Kennedy; Mr. Charles Masterman; Mr. Stanley Norcross; Mr. Wesley Nelson; Mr. Stuart Readio; Mr. Phillip Readio; Mr. Douglas Readio; Mrs. Frederick Kennedy; Mrs. Ronald M. Nelson; Mr. & Mrs. Austin Dobson; Mr. & Mrs. Charles Hutchinson; Mr. & Mrs. Willis Landon; Mr. & Mrs. John Milne; Mr. & Mrs. Ellis Readio; Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Scotland; Mr. & Mrs. Earl Readio; and Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Williams.

### **25 Years Ago**

#### **1984 – December**

- ◆ New members joining December 30: Martha (Hubley) Palmer.
- ◆ Baptisms: December 2 Clifford Palmer  
December 9 Heather Adams  
December 30 Heidi & James Pierce

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## 10 Years Ago

### 1999 – December

- ◆ New members were received into the fellowship on December 5, 1999, by reaffirmation of faith. There were three people who joined us: Pat Willis, Pat Grogan and Gayle Nittler.
- ◆ The Diaconate planned special recognition of our talented organist, Michael Larson in celebration of his December 24<sup>th</sup> marriage to Dorothy Miller.
- ◆ A special thanks to Evelyn Till for her excellent accompaniment on Christmas Eve and the Sunday after Christmas.
- ◆ In the Collector's Report, Jim Holmes pointed out that we have received 94.4% of the pledges through 49 weeks. This plus the loose collections and special offerings has totaled \$40,649.26 to date. The annual budget is \$49,560.00. The remainder of the budget is met through other funds.
- ◆ The Board of Christian Education, according to Sarah L'Heureux's communication to the Council, is researching new Sunday School criteria and materials. They have not yet made their selection. The Board is looking for more appropriate material to relate what the Board wishes to convey. The United Church of Christ will be showing their new publications in the spring of 2000.

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## *Report Of The Diaconate*

First Community Church hosted this year's annual United Parishes of Southborough Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 24. There was special music by choir members from our church as well as Pilgrim Church, directed by David Sickles. Dianne Newland played a beautiful Thanksgiving piece on the flute, accompanied by our guest organist and pianist, Verna Duffy. Our Women's Fellowship provided coffee and refreshments with their great talents of hosting as usual. The service was very well attended and everyone left with a sense of gratitude for the bounty of blessing that God has bestowed upon us as we listened intently to Reverend Sanderson's sermon, "A Total Response to God."

On Sunday, November 22, we celebrated the baptism of Andrew Irving Pillsbury and Elizabeth Marie Pillsbury, children of Mark and Tara Pillsbury. With joy, we welcome them into the Christian Community.

Our Mission for December is the Salvation Army. Continuing with our tradition, we invite friends and members to make a contribution that will go to The Salvation Army in lieu of sending individual Christmas cards to each of our church family. A joint Christmas Card will be sent to all members and friends of this church with the Pastor's Christmas Letter later in the month.

Friends and members who wish to order a poinsettia to decorate the altar on Christmas can complete the special form included in this Newsletter. This is a beautiful way to decorate our church in celebration of Christ's birth.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 1 at 7:15 PM.

The members of the Diaconate wish each and every one of you a happy and blessed Christmas.

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# Celebrations Celebrations



On Sunday, November 22 we celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism for the children of Mark and Tara Pillsbury, Elizabeth Marie and Andrew Irving III.

Elizabeth's Godparents are Paul Masterman and Jennifer Bryant.

Andrew's Godparents are Shawn Pillsbury and Sarah Nelson.

## *From The Editor*

The deadline for the January-February 2010 Newsletter will be **Sunday, January 3.** Remember to include any dates for meetings or events you would like listed on the calendar.

Articles and/or dates for the calendar may be submitted to Cheryl Holmes by:



(508) 460-0142



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Westborough, MA 01581



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In anticipation of snowy or icy days, when we would not want people to go out, the Diaconate and the Minister have put together a policy and procedure for the cancellation of our Sunday service. The decision of whether to hold or cancel church because of weather will be made by the Pastor, Our Moderator Lou Dundin, and the Co-Chairs of the Diaconate Sandy McKeen and Dianne Simmons.

We will not post the cancellation on the telephone tape at the church number because that would entail someone trekking to the church and re-recording the message. We will also not be posting it on our web site.

Notice of the cancellation will appear on the three Boston television stations:

**Channel 4 (WBZ) -- Channel 5 (WCVB) -- Channel 7 (WHDH)**

In addition, WBZ News Radio will read the list of cancellations twice every hour – at :05 and at :35 past the hour. We are listed as “First Community Church – Southborough.”

The decision will be made and the cancellation will be called in to these stations by 8:30 AM Sunday morning by the Pastor, who alone has the secret, encrypted code numbers that enable our church to appear on the cancellation list for each station.

# Thank You

## *From Our Missions*

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous donation to Central Asia Institute (CAI). We are grateful for your kindness and support of CAI's mission of promoting literacy, especially for girls, in remote regions of Pakistan and Afghanistan.



CAI's Mission: To promote and support community-based education, especially for girls, in remote regions of Pakistan and Afghanistan

To date, CAI has established 130 schools within the remote regions of Pakistan and Afghanistan, educating more than 51,000 students including 27,524 girls. We have significantly built up our teacher training initiative, and expanded CAI's scholarship program for graduates to realize their dream to be educators, health care workers, technicians, doctors and a lawyer. All of this growth is thanks to you, our incredible donors!

CAI is excited to announce the December 2009 release of "Stones into Schools" which picks up where "Three Cups of Tea" left off in 2003. Greg recounts his ongoing efforts to establish schools for girls in Afghanistan, his extensive work in Azad Kashmir and Pakistan after a massive earthquake hit the region in 2005, and the unique ways he has build relationships with Islamic clerics, militia commanders, and tribal leaders.

For more information on Central Asia Institute, our projects, or to sign up for our e-newsletter, please visit our website, [www.ikat.org](http://www.ikat.org). Our 2008 Journey of Hope is also available online at [www.ikat.org/publications/2008JOH.pdf](http://www.ikat.org/publications/2008JOH.pdf). This publication has stories and updates about CAI's accomplishments.

Thank you for helping create a world of hope, opportunity and peace.

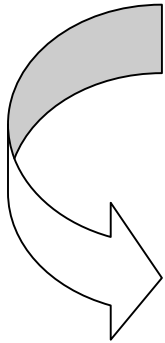
Best Wishes,

Lynsie Gettel  
Administrative Coordinator

## *With Our Special Thanks To --*

- ◆ Each and everyone who took part in the Annual Pie Sale and helped to make it a "Record Breaking" success. Many thanks to Bob L'Heureux, Jim Holmes, Bob Farmer and Dave Crane for setting up and selling all the delicious pies and baked goods. Thanks to Darlene Sanderson for her organizational efforts to make sure that there would be something for everyone at the Pie Sale. And of course, thank you, thank you, thank you to all those who baked pies or breads to sell. We couldn't do it without you!
- ◆ Cathy Ten Eyck, our Representative at the Southborough Food Pantry, for her willingness to make sure that our collected donations were delivered each week. Our many thanks to Evelyn Till, Karin Farmer, Beverly Lees and Cathy for supporting the Food Pantry by volunteering their time each month to help.

- ◆ David Sickles for so artfully decorating the sanctuary for Thanksgiving.
- ◆ All those who took part in this year’s United Parishes Ecumenical Thanksgiving Day Service; David Sickles and our joint choir members from First Community and Pilgrim Church; Dianne Newland our flutist; Verna Duffy our guest organist; the Women’s Fellowship for hosting the refreshments; Rev. Sanderson for his message of Thanksgiving; and last but not least, a very big thank you to Bob L’Heureux for all his time and effort to organize the whole service.




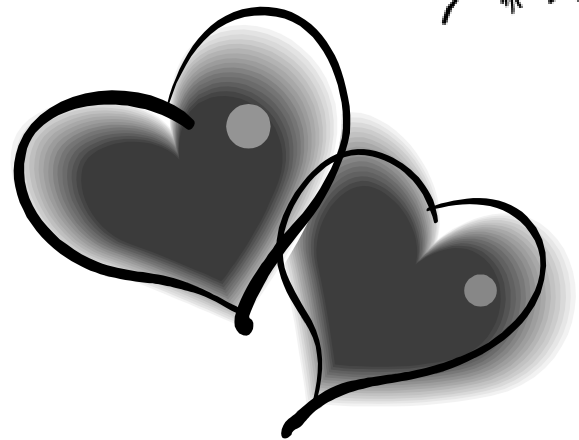
## LOOKING AHEAD

A Blessed New Year  
2010



**Write down these dates!**

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| <b><i>Birthdays</i></b>  |                  |
| Gilbert Joe  | 2 <sup>nd</sup>  |
| Nancy Hite   | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  |
| Matthew Deschamps  | 11 <sup>th</sup> |
| Betty Tebbetts   | 12 <sup>th</sup> |
| Tanner Willman   | 13 <sup>th</sup> |
| Bayley Willman   | 18 <sup>th</sup> |
| Cheryl Holmes  | 19 <sup>th</sup> |
| Darcy Hilbert  | 20 <sup>th</sup> |
| Stacey Willman   | 21 <sup>st</sup> |
| Dick Varney  | 24 <sup>th</sup> |
| Justin Elias   | 27 <sup>th</sup> |
| Pat Mountain   | 29 <sup>th</sup> |
| <b><i>Anniversaries</i></b>  |                  |
| Lynn & Scott Webster   | 23 <sup>rd</sup> |
| Dorothy & Michael Larson   | 24 <sup>th</sup> |



# CELEBRATIONS



# For we are laborers together with God...(13 Corinthians 3:9)

## Lay Leaders

December 6 -  
December 13 - George Nutting  
December 20 -  
December 27 - Jim Holmes

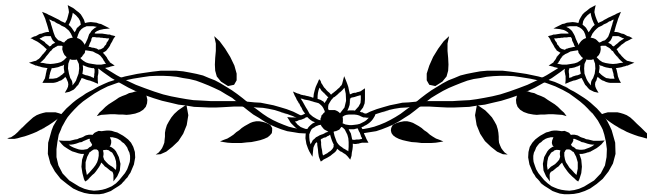


## Greeters

December 6 -  
December 13 - Barbara Crane  
December 20 -  
Christmas Eve -  
December 27 - Dianne Simmons

## Coffee Hour Hosts

December 6 - Martha Hubley  
December 13 - Joyce Harrington & Helen Varney  
December 20 -  
December 27 -



## Memorial Flowers

December 6 - Dianne Simmons  
December 13 - Cheryl & Jim Holmes  
December 20 - Cathy Ten Eyck  
December 27 - Bob L'Heureux

## Deacons for December

Dianne Simmons and Skip Willman



## *Through the Eyes of a Child*

*During one Advent, a wee child of three,  
Crayon in hand, drew the Christ Child for me.  
Touched by her picture, I pulled the girl near  
And asked her of details that I thought unclear.*







*"Each star has two dots - why is it that way?"  
She answered, "They're eyes - to look down where he lay."  
"Why from a cow's mouth did you draw that smoke flowing?"  
She answered, "It's not smoke - the cattle are lowing."*

*"I see you drew wisemen - five and not three."  
Her eyes gleamed with brightness: "That's you and that's me!"  
Through crayon and paper the Christ Child can come  
In love gifts of wisdom from those who are young.*

*O Father, please grant old adult folks like me  
The blessing to see Christ through eyes that are three.*

*By Debbie W. Parvin*



| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday   |
|---|--|---|-----------|--|--|--|
|   |  | 1<br>5:00 PM<br>Choir Rehearsal<br>7:15 PM<br>Diaconate Meeting | 2         | 3<br>5:00 PM<br>Confirmation Class<br>7:00 PM<br>Spiritual Study &<br>Growth Group<br>"The Shack"  | 4  | 5<br><br><i>Advent Potluck<br/>Supper<br/>6:00 PM</i> |
| 6<br><b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b><br>10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal<br>11:00 AM Sunday School<br>11:00 AM Worship Service<br><i>Sacrament of Holy Communion</i><br>Coffee Hour following Worship Service                                      | 7  | 8<br>5:00 PM<br>Choir Rehearsal<br>6:15 PM<br>Trustees Meeting  | 9         | 10<br>7:00 PM<br>Church Council<br>Meeting   | 11   | 12<br><br><b>HANUKKAH</b>                             |
| 13<br><b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b><br>9:15 AM Adult Bible Study<br>10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal<br>11:00 AM Sunday School<br>11:00 AM Worship Service<br>Coffee Hour following Worship Service<br>1:30 PM Women's Fellowship Christmas Party | 14   | 15<br>5:00 PM<br>Choir Rehearsal                                | 16        | 17<br>5:00 PM<br>Confirmation Class<br>7:00 PM<br>Christian Education<br>Meeting   | 18   | 19   |
| 20<br><b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b><br>9:15 AM Adult Bible Study<br>10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal<br>11:00 AM Sunday School<br>11:00 AM Worship Service<br>Coffee Hour following Worship Service  | 21<br><br><b>WINTER<br/>BEGINS</b> | 22<br>5:00 PM<br>Choir Rehearsal                                | 23        | 24<br><i>Christmas Eve<br/>Candlelight Service<br/>6:30 PM</i><br> | 25<br><br><b>CHRISTMAS<br/>DAY</b> | 26   |
| 27<br><b>FIRST SUNDAY AFTER ADVENT</b><br>9:15 AM Adult Bible Study<br>10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal<br>11:00 AM Sunday School<br>11:00 AM Worship Service<br>Coffee Hour following Worship Service  | 28   | 29  | 30        | 31<br><br><b>NEW YEAR'S<br/>EVE</b>                               |  |  |

## December 2009 Missions – Salvation Army