

First Community Church

Newsletter

December 2010



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

Sometimes we discover or are encountered by the true spirit of Christmas through the special music of this season: hymns, anthems, or some of the more classical pieces of sacred music. Along this vein, the celebrated poet, W. H. Auden has written a musical work based on the familiar story of the three wise men who followed the star that directed them to the place of Jesus' birth.

In the Oratorio, the first wise man says/sings, "To discover how to be *truthful* now is the reason I follow the star."

The second wise man says/sings, "To discover how to be *living* now is the reason I follow the star."

The third wise man says/sings, "To discover how to be *loving* now is the reason I follow the star."

The moving and beautiful climax occurs when the three strong male voices sing together, "To discover how to be *human* now is the reason we follow the star."

This is what the season of Advent is all about. It is about discovery. It is about rediscovery. It is about this life, the here and now. It prepares us to receive the Christ child into our lives. It calls us to not only celebrate the historical birth of the Christ child, the incarnation of the Christ in Jesus of Nazareth, but also to give birth to the Christ child within our hearts.

If we do this:

- we will discover the truth, the truth to which Christ bore witness, the truth that will set us free.

- we will discover how to live, how to really live, how to live life fully as God intends us to live it.

- we will discover how to love, how to love the way that God loves, and through our love for each other draw closer to the God of love.

If we can do this, we will become more fully human. Then we may grasp the mystery of why God chose to become incarnate, chose to become human and dwell among us in the miracle we celebrate as Christmas.

Be with us in worship and fellowship during this Advent and Christmas season as we prepare ourselves for the birth of the Christ child within our hearts, and as we rediscover the truth of what it means to truly live and deeply love.

Faithfully yours,
The Reverend Paul D. Sanderson

Adult Bible Study

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. We are currently reading the Book of Esther and learning how she demonstrated great strength and courage in her surroundings and position that God had placed her in to save her people.

The Bible study is open to all. No background in biblical knowledge is required. Please join us for a time of fellowship, study, and sharing as we seek to strengthen not only our understanding of our religion but also our personal faith.

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 12. 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 “miracle” of Christmas is repeated over and over again through the joy of caring and sharing. The traditional red kettle is an integral part of the Christmas scene, with millions of dollars donated each year to aid needy families, seniors, and the homeless, in keeping with the spirit of the season.

Donations provide Christmas dinners, clothing, and toys for families in need. Financial assistance also helps with basic necessities, along with seasonal aid. Families of prisoners often are included.

Volunteers distribute gifts to shut-ins in hospitals and nursing homes, and shelters are open for sit-down dinners. The Salvation Army endeavors to bring spiritual light and love to those it serves at Christmas so that the real meaning of the season is not forgotten.

Many families receive aid over a period of months after the Christmas season as well, people struggling with difficult family, emotional, or employment problems.

Did you know that ????

DOING THE
MOST GOOD™



- **The Salvation Army, a faith-based charity originally established in London in 1865, has been helping people with all types of social service needs for 130 years in the United States.**
 - Last year, nearly **30 million Americans received assistance** from the Army's 3,600 officers, 60,000 employees, and 3.4 million volunteers.
 - We have more than **7,800 centers of operation** in almost every zip code in the country.
 - We also have a **worldwide presence**, providing assistance for people in more than 120 countries and territories around the world.
 - Our mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to **meet human needs in His name** without discrimination.

- **The Salvation Army helps people in more ways than any other national charity, from survivors of natural disasters to those affected by substance abuse.**
 - With the public's generosity, in 2009 in the United States:
 - 180,000 underprivileged children attended The Salvation Army's **summer and day camps** across the country.
 - 370,000 individuals received help battling **drug and alcohol addiction** through Thrift Store donations.
 - The Salvation Army served 64 million **meals** to the needy.
 - We provided 6.7 million **cash grants** to those in need.
 - Nearly 1 million people received **help during times of disaster**.

- **The Salvation Army is a responsible steward of your generosity in your community.**
 - **82 cents of every dollar** The Salvation Army spends goes directly to support community service programs – far exceeding the Better Business Bureau's guideline of 65 percent. (Source: *Forbes*, "America's 200 Largest Charities," 11/24/2009; [Better Business Bureau Web Site](#))
 - According *The New York Times*, "The Salvation Army is **widely considered exemplary** among nonprofits in handling cash collections." (Source: *The New York Times*, 1/5/07)
 - The Salvation Army enjoys and appreciates the **support of many major corporate donors** at the national and local levels. Nationally, major supporters include Walmart Stores, JC Penney, The Dallas Cowboys and Target Corporation – all of which donate time, money and resources to help The Salvation Army serve people in need year-round.
 - All **donations remain in communities** where they originate.

The Season Of Advent



This year the sacred liturgical season of Advent begins Sunday, November 28. This is always a special time in the life and worship of our church. We begin to sing the Christmas carols that are so much a part of our tradition, one each week until Christmas Eve.

In our worship this Advent Season, in addition to our special Christmas anthems and carols, we will be reflecting on the theme of the Gifts of Christmas – the gifts or fruits of the Spirit that God has given us through Christ, gifts that we then have to share with others.

Each week, as we light one of the candles of our Advent wreath, we will explore what it would mean to receive the gift symbolized in that candle and then discover how, through us, these gifts might become incarnate in the world.

November 28	The Gift of Hope
December 5	The Gift of Love
December 12	The Gift of Joy
December 19	The Gift of Peace
Christmas Eve	The Gift of Light

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

The Advent Event **POTLUCK** *Supper*

ATTENTION PLEASE!!!!

“ADVENT EVENT” POTLUCK SUPPER

Sponsored by the First Community Church Choir!

Culinary delights, for your sustenance.

Friendly and warm fellowship with your church family, for your soul.

Singing and entertainment with an Advent/Christmas theme, for your spirit.

and

We always enjoy each other's company, and

We always have exceptionally good food, and

We always forget the answers to last year's quizzes!

Please plan to join us, bring a friend, a dish, and be ready for an entertaining and joy filled evening.

Price: A dish of food, (entree, appetizer, side dish, salad, your specialty). Desserts provided by the Choir.

Place: First Community Church Vestry

Date: Saturday, December 4, 2010

Time: 6:00 PM

Reason: To celebrate the very reason we are a church - the Advent and Birth of Jesus the Christ.

PS: 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).

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 Friday, December 24 at 6:30 PM.

Report Of The Diaconate

We welcomed three new members into our church community on November 14, David and Marjorie Lowry and Roy Pinnock. It is with great joy that we welcome these members to our church family. Thank you for joining us, Marjorie, David and Roy.

The United Parishes of Southboro celebrated the annual Thanksgiving service this year at St. Anne Church on Tuesday, November 23.

The Deacons discussed whether we should omit the passing of the peace and the shaking of hands on the part of the greeters who welcome folks to service during flu season. We decided to continue these important aspects of our service at this time.

The Diaconate wishes everyone a peaceful and blessed Christmas season.

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

Women's Fellowship

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:16

On November 16 the Women's Fellowship met with glad hearts and willing hands to make seventeen "Sunshine Baskets." Our shut-ins and others who received these baskets were very thankful recipients. A big thank you to all the women who bought fruit, netting, scouted up baskets, baked and delivered them to some very special people on our long list.

We discussed final plans for the "Christmas Table" fundraiser, which will begin on the first Sunday after Thanksgiving, November 28, and will end on Sunday, December 19. Please check out our table for some of your Christmas shopping.

Again, we invite all the women of the Church to join us for our Christmas Party that will be held on Sunday, December 12. We will get together at 1:00 PM to share some light food fare, Christmas music, and our Yankee Gift Swap with a \$5.00 limit on gifts. Barbara Crane will bring us a special devotion to bless our hearts.

Looking far ahead, the Women's Fellowship have again offered to host the Potluck Luncheon for the Annual Meeting to be held in February. Pat Grogan and Mattie Cummings will co-chair and organize for this event. Several of our wonderful cooks are on standby just waiting for the word to begin cooking. More about this in January.

Mattie Cummings
Secretary

A Blast From The Past

75 Years Ago

1935 – December

- ◆ Reports made to annual meeting in October by:

Mr. Corwin, Religious Education	Mrs. Gilman, Ladies Circle
Mr. Bean, Sunday School	Mrs. Henderson, Treasurer, Ladies Circle
Mrs. Gilman, Primary School	Mrs. Slocum, Rogers Bible Class
Richard Blake, Sunday School Treasurer	Mr. Merriam, Standing Committee
Ruth Hayward, Young People	Mr. Stockwell, Church Treasurer
Mrs. Dunn, Kings Herald	Mr. Nelson, Repairs
Miss Mary Dorr, Missionary	Mr. Clark, Finances
Mr. Holmes, Men's Club	
- ◆ H.R. Lincoln, for many years a clerk at the village store, has accepted a responsible position with the Filene Co., Boston.
- ◆ There was no supper at the meeting of the Ladies' Circle of the Federated Church Tuesday night but the officers, Mrs. Charles Jones, Mrs. Louis Warner, Mrs. Harry Gilman and Mrs. George Henderson with Mrs. W. Brownell and Mrs. Gardiner Boutilier each furnished a five minute entertainment.

50 Years Ago

1960 – December

- ◆ The Annual Church School Christmas party was held on Sunday afternoon, December 18. Following the Christmas program presented by the children, gifts and candy from the Church School were presented them by Santa Claus.
- ◆ The Women's Fellowship Christmas program was the filling of baskets for shut-ins. Carol singing and the Christmas party brought the evening to an enjoyable closing. We served the refreshments for the Church Rededication Program and the Annual Family Christmas Party.
- ◆ Earlier in 1960 –
 - Baptized on April 10, 1960: Arlene Williams; Ernest Williams; Richard Williams; and Susan Williams
 - Baptized May 16, 1960: Charles Hunter Masterman
 - Baptized June 1960: Carline, Aleda, Avonia, Louise, Earl, Stuart, Philip and Douglas Readio
 - Baptized November 6, 1960: Cheryl Anne Perkins

25 Years Ago

1985 – December

- ◆ A special congregational meeting was held on December 8th. 19 members and 1 friend were present. With the clerk out of town, Martha Hubley acted as Moderator Pro-tem. The following proposal by the Church council was voted unanimously. "The By-laws of the

First Community Church of Southborough, which apply to the formation and government of all Boards and Committees, be suspended for the period of one year, from January 1, 1986 to the Annual meeting of 1987, so that a proposed form of Church government may be tried.” This was a trial of a 2 board system: Board of Deacons and Board of Elders.

10 Years Ago

2000 – December

- ◆ The Church Council met on December 5th. Discussion was held regarding CPR training. We should make a note in the next Newsletter to survey the names of people that are currently First Aid and CPR trained.
- ◆ Approximately 22 people attended the Advent supper event and a good time was had.
- ◆ Since it is difficult to get directed money into Tibet, we are going to sponsor a Tibetan refugee child – getting the Sunday school involved with pictures and letters.
- ◆ The Sunday school made ornaments for the Sanctuary Christmas tree, had a Christmas party and went to Overlook Farms to see a live Nativity.
- ◆ Marriages: Scott Webster and Lynn Lees, 12/23/2000.
- ◆ Baptism: Faith Breann Alexander, daughter of Lee and Dawn (Lees) Alexander, 12/24/2000.

From The Desk Of The Collector

As we begin to view 2010 from the rear view mirror, a few miscellaneous notes:

- ❖ Reminder that, to be tabulated as a 2010 donation, we need to receive your offering by Sunday, 12/26.
- ❖ Offerings intended for the Diaconate should always be separate from those to the General Fund.
- ❖ If you would like envelopes for 2011, you must turn in a pledge card.
- ❖ Know that the extra effort that some of our supporters make by mailing in their pledge is extremely appreciated.
- ❖ 2011 Envelopes will be available to be picked up by the middle of December. As the minimum order is 50, we have plenty, so please avail yourselves of this helpful stewardship tool.
- ❖ As the Stewardship and Growth Committee reminded us recently, our annual budget that is established at the Annual Meeting is based on the amount pledged. Your generosity is always appreciated.

Jim Holmes
Collector

Spiritual Study & Growth Group

**Thursday Evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 PM
Led By Rev. Sanderson**

Our Spiritual Study and Growth Group will be meeting on December 2 and December 16. These will be our last evenings until we resume on January 13, 2011 when we will continue reading and discussing the book *90 Minutes in Heaven*, the true story of the death (and return to life) of Don Piper, a Christian minister who was involved in a terrible automobile accident.

This group is open to all. Come even if you can't attend all the meetings and/or if you simply can't find the time to read the books on your own. We generally read from the books or listen to tapes of the books and then discuss them during the meeting.

Celebrations



On Sunday, November 7, we celebrated the Sacrament of Adult Baptism of Joyce Harrington and Roy Pinnock.

On Sunday, November 14, David Lowry, Marjorie Lowry and Roy Pinnock entered in the full membership with our church.

We as a church celebrate the decision of Dave, Marjie, Roy, and Joyce to enter more fully into the process of discipleship and into full communion with our church, and we promise you our love and support in your ongoing spiritual journey within this community of faith. May God's blessings be with you.

Stewardship & Growth Committee

The primary focus of our meeting in November was the annual Pledge Drive. It was agreed that we would continue to follow the procedure we have been following the past few years: to mail a letter from the Pastor that focuses on the spiritual dimension of stewardship, followed by a letter from the Committee outlining the specific needs of our church. We also hope to build up the L'il Shoppe, which could benefit from the offering of various food products in the coming year. We hope to begin this after the Women's Fellowship have their "Holiday Christmas Table" during the four Sundays of Advent.

Annual*Sale*

You Baked It, They Came!

Our annual Church Pie Sale was held on Saturday, November 20 at our long-established location at Mauro's in downtown Southborough.

This was our 23rd Annual Pie Sale. We started in 1988 and made \$337.00 the first year. Last year we broke all the records and made \$978.00. This year we broke our second best year record (2005 - \$754.00) with a grand total of \$832.50.

In 23 years, we made a total of \$11,265.50. Not bad for a little church!



Up for the challenge "Pie Hawkers" Jim Holmes, David Lowry, Scott McKeen, Bob L'Heureux, and Bob Farmer

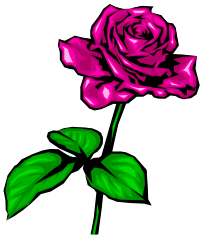
(Photo Courtesy of Linda Hubley, Editor and Photographer of Southboroughnews.com)

Report Of The Trustees

At our November meeting we voted \$400 for David Crane to construct a small storage shed on the Highland Street side of the church. We finalized our plans for the front doors, which now only await a final word on funding. We gave approval to Dave Crane to install the church sign that used to be at the front of the church on the back or Highland Street side. We went over the assignments for the various tasks that needed to be done for our annual Pie Sale. Skip Willman and George Nutting will work with our Pastor on how to make his office more soundproof and also explore possible alternative ways of heating his office during the winter months without having to heat the entire Vestry and kitchen every time he is at the church. We also continue to explore various options for installing a new floor in our Vestry.

Our next meeting is set for Tuesday, December 14 at 6:15 PM.

With Our Sincerest Sympathies



Our sincerely sympathies are with the families of Charles H. Brewer who died on Tuesday, November 9, 2010. A long time firefighter in the Town of Southborough, Charlie will be missed by many.

Our deepest prayers are with his brothers, his children, their spouses, and his grandchildren.

Rev. Sanderson officiated at his memorial service on November 15.

Spiritual Exploration Reading

Monday Afternoons with Rev. Sanderson

The Monday afternoon Spiritual Exploration Reading Group will meet on Monday, December 6 from 2:30 – 4:00 PM in the Vestry and will stop until Monday, January 10, 2011. We are presently reading a book by Marcus Borg, the biblical scholar who wrote the book *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time*. The book is entitled *Jesus and Buddha: The Parallel Sayings*. After an introduction by the Zen master Jack Kornfield and a preface where Marcus Borg explains his interest in the parallel teachings and themes of Christianity and Buddhism, the book contains approximately two hundred parallel sayings, with Jesus' teaching on the left page and the Buddha's teaching on the right.

We will be reading these teachings not only to discover (and hopefully delight in) the astounding number of parallels between Christianity and Buddhism, between the fundamental beliefs of Jesus and Siddhartha Guatama, but also to experience the impact of each teaching for our soul. The group is open to all. You are welcome to join at any time.

Our Gifts We Bring

<i>Missions -- January – November</i>		
	COLLECTED	DISBURSED
Straight Ahead Ministries	\$475.00	\$475.00
Assabet Valley Pastoral Counseling	\$260.00	\$260.00
Abby's House	\$380.00	\$380.00
Worcester County Food Bank	\$300.00	\$300.00
Church World Service	\$380.00	\$380.00
Love Loaves-Heifer Project	\$40.00	\$0
Love Loaves-World Vision	\$2.00	\$0
Heifer Project	\$560.00	\$600.00
Rape Crisis Center	\$385.00	\$385.00
Southborough Food Pantry	\$50.00	\$50.00
Central Asia Institute	\$385.00	\$385.00
World Vision	\$238.00	\$250.00
Tibet Mission	\$369.00	\$360.00
Salvation Army	\$35.00	\$35.00
Haiti	\$585.00	\$585.00
Haiti Earthquake Relief	\$1,586.00	\$2,170.00
Haiti Cookie Sale	\$262.00	\$0
Haiti Breads Sale	\$252.00	\$0
Haiti Hygiene Pouches	\$50.00	\$0
Haiti-Cholera Relief – Sunday School	\$35.00	\$35.00
TOTALS	\$6,629.00	\$6,650.00

Bob Farmer, Treasurer

From The Editor

The deadline for the January-February 2011 Newsletter will be **Sunday, January 2**. 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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caholmes@charter.net

Oh The Weather Outside Is Frightful....



Our general policy as a church is to try to hold worship whenever we can, if only for a few people. We believe that if you want to make the effort to attend on a snowy day, we should be there for you. However, we wouldn't want you to be hurt either walking or driving to church in inclement weather. We also need to remember that our Pastor and our Organist come from quite a distance. It may be a lot easier for some of us to get to the church than it would be for them. Above all, we don't want you to end up driving to church on a snowy or icy day only to find that church has been cancelled.

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, who lives in Foxborough; the Moderator – Lou Dundin, who lives in Grafton; and the Co-Chairs of the Diaconate—Sandy McKeen and Dianne Simmons, who live in Ashland and Southborough.

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 website.

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.



From Our Missions

THE TIBET FUND

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Dear Members of First Community Church of Southborough,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Tibet Fund, thank you so much for all the members of First Community Church of Southborough and their generous contribution for the sponsorship donation to support Yeshi Tenpa.

Through your support, the School will be able to provide healthy meals, basic necessities and education to Yeshi, which will ensure a brighter future for him.

If you have any questions about your sponsored child, please feel free to contact Ms. Dekyi (Sponsorship Secretary) at doe.sponsorship@gov.tibet.net.

Again, thank you for your continued support of needy Tibetan refugee children in India.

With best wishes,

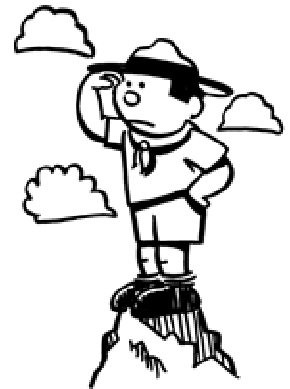
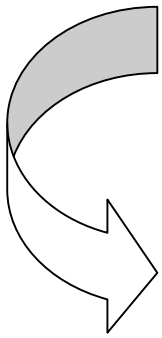
Yangzom (Mrs.)
The Tibet Fund

With Our Special Thanks To --

- ◆ Everyone who helped organize, bake pies, breads, etc., advertise, set up, and/or man our booth in front of Mauro's on Saturday, November 20 for our very successful Pie Sale. We raised \$832.50 for the General Fund. As Bob Farmer has discovered in his research, over the 23 years that we have been holding a pie sale we have raised over \$11,000 for the church! That's a lot of dough!
- ◆ David Crane for repairing, refinishing, and repainting the church sign that was given in memory of David Ring by his family, and installing it on the Highland Street side of the church. It looks great!
- ◆ David Sickles for so artfully decorating the sanctuary for the fall and Thanksgiving Season.

LOOKING AHEAD

A Blessed New Year
2011

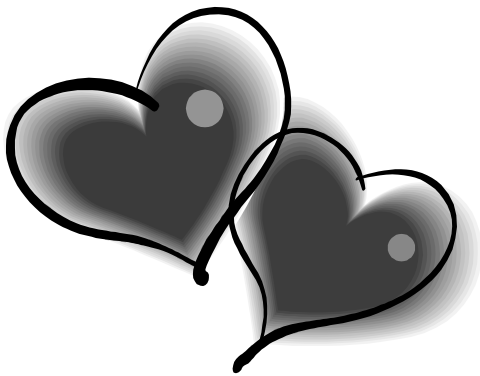


Write down these dates!!

Happy Belated



*Birthday to
Garcia Passley*



Birthdays

Gilbert Joe	2 nd
Nancy Hite	3 rd
Matthew Deschamps	11 th
Betty Tebbetts	12 th
Tanner Willman	13 th
Bayley Willman	18 th
Cheryl Holmes	19 th
Darcy Hilbert	20 th
Stacey Willman	21 st
Dick Varney	24 th
Justin Elias	27 th
Pat Davis	29 th

Anniversaries

Lynn & Scott Webster	23 rd
Dorothy & Michael Larson	24 th

CELEBRATIONS



For we are laborers together with God...(1 Corinthians 3:9)

Lay Leaders

December 5 - Mattie Cummings
December 12 - Beth Hook
December 19 - David Lowry
December 26 - Karin Farmer



Greeters

December 5 - Helen Varney
December 12 - Cathy Ten Eyck
December 19 - Thelma Oakes
Christmas Eve - Sharon & Skip Willman
December 26 - Cheryl & Jim Holmes

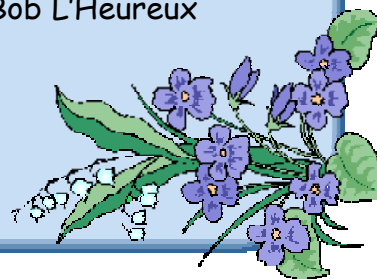
Coffee Hour Hosts

December 5 - Confirmation Reception
Beverly Lees & Sandy McKeen
December 12 - Beth Hook & Martha Hubley
December 19 - Joyce Harrington
December 26 - Marlene Joe







Memorial Flowers

December 5 - Louise Slamin
December 12 - Joan Brunelle
December 19 - David Sickles
December 26 - Bob L'Heureux



Deacons for December

Bob L'Heureux and Sandy McKeen

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>December 2010</h1> <h2>Missions – Salvation Army</h2>			1	2 7:00 PM Spiritual Study & Growth Group  HANUKKAH	3	4  <i>Advent Potluck Supper</i> 6:00 PM
5 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT RITE OF CONFIRMATION 10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal 11:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service <i>Sacrament of Holy Communion</i> Coffee Hour following Worship Service	6 2:30 PM Spiritual Exploration Reading Group	7 5:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:15 PM Diaconate Meeting	8	9 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting	10	11
12 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal 11:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service Coffee Hour following Worship Service 1:00 PM Women's Fellowship Christmas Party	13	14 5:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 6:15 PM Trustees Meeting	15	16 7:00 PM Spiritual Study & Growth Group	17	18
19 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal 11:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service Coffee Hour following Worship Service	20	21 5:00 PM Choir Rehearsal  WINTER BEGINS	22	23	24 <i>Christmas Eve Candlelight Service</i> 6:30 PM 	25  CHRISTMAS DAY
26 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER ADVENT 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study 10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal 11:00 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service Coffee Hour following Worship Service	27	28	29	30	31  NEW YEAR'S EVE	