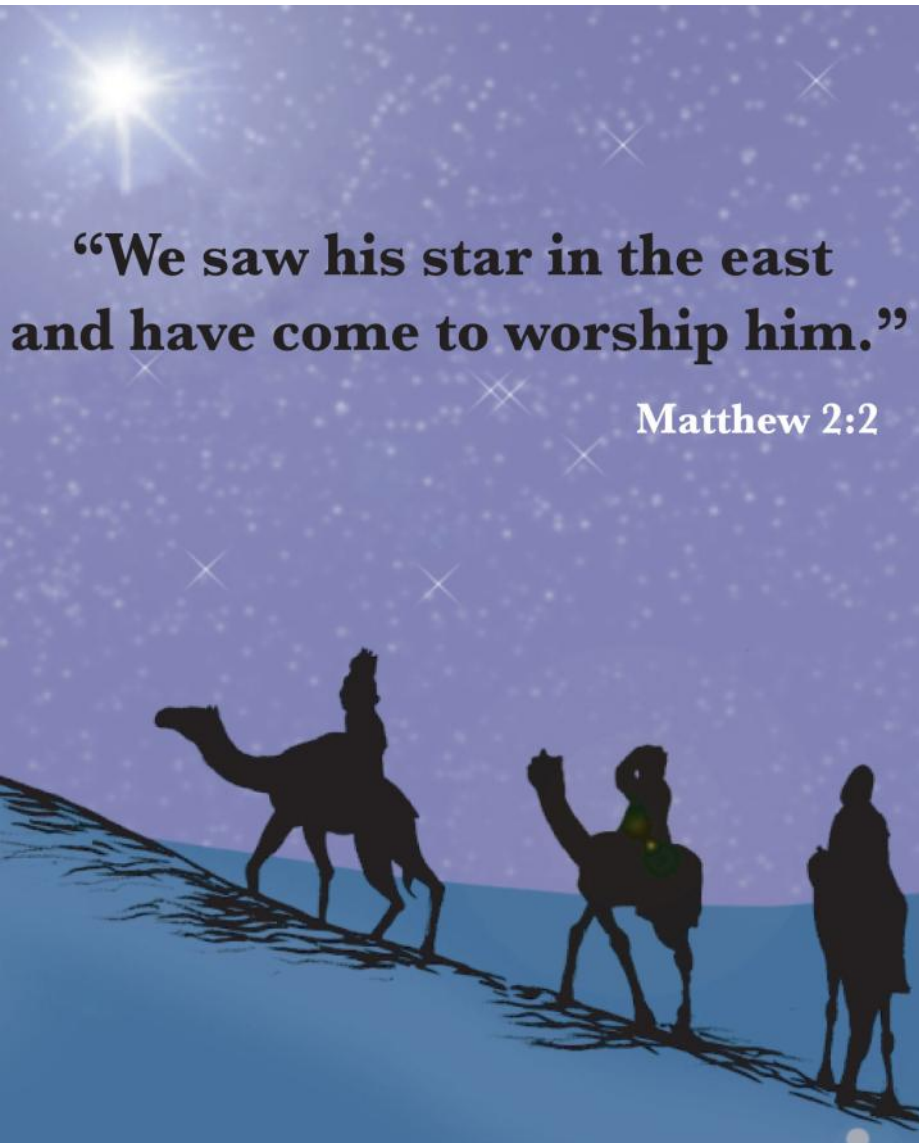


the Disciple

The First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown January 2012



**“We saw his star in the east
and have come to worship him.”**

Matthew 2:2

From the Pastor: A Message from Chip

Our journey through Advent and Christmas set the course of our ministry in 2012. The way of hope, peace, joy and love takes us into the neighborhoods of our lives to meet Christ in the people and situations we encounter there. We do not simply celebrate one day – Christmas – but we celebrate the message of Christmas all year long – the good news that God is with us and goes with us as we begin a new year of life and of life together in ministry. I appreciate all the feedback, stories, and insights from our Advent journey. From simple moments to experiences of healing and wholeness at our Longest Night Service, God was clearly at work in you all. Thank you for showing me your compasses along the way. I hope they continue to be a good reminder of the journey we are on to follow God's Way.

At the end of December, I watched the Kennedy Center Honors. One of the five honorees was the wonderfully talented cellist Yo-Yo Ma. Stephen Colbert and others celebrated his skill at playing the cello in so many different genres of music. "Every day," Ma said, "I make an effort to go toward what I don't understand." Instead of confining his talents to one style of music, Ma sought to understand music in all its expressions, from classical to blues to folk to world sounds. He even formed a traveling group of musicians named The Silk Road which journeys around the world and back in time to engage music in all its varied forms. "I'm not brave," he said. "I'm actually pretty scared a lot of the time. But, I must like being scared because I keep doing things that scare me."

The Kennedy Center Honors celebrated Yo-Yo Ma's work for its rich sound, but it also celebrated the path Ma took to become the accomplished musician he is. He doesn't simply stay where music is comfortable. He travels beyond the edges of what he knows and understands. He doesn't simply peer into those places as a tourist. He makes a pilgrimage into the unknown to learn and make music there. He keeps doing the things that scare him so that his music is fresh, expansive and daring.

In Yo-Yo Ma's words, music and journey, I hear something for us to consider as we embark on a new year of life and ministry together in 2012. What ruts of comfort are we stuck in that keep us from healing and wholeness in our lives, from following God's will for us and for our church, from fresh and daring new ministry that may even be scary? Where are the edges of our lives that we can step beyond to grow more faithfully into the people God wants us to be?

In my experience as your pastor, I sense that we are in a time of new beginnings. I am looking forward to the retreats with the elders and deacons to discern where God is leading us after these first two years together and all that we have done. I am hoping that they and our entire congregation will discern ways to grow our faith, our outreach, our care for one another, our music, our membership, and our connections to the community in ways that are faithful in the midst of a new world of technology, busy lives, economic concerns, even the transitions that are happening in our membership. I am praying that we will have the courage to go beyond the edges of what we know and understand and to journey into new ways of hope, peace, joy and love where we will find Christ along the way.

Thank you for another year of wonderful ministry. Thank for your care, for your faithfulness, for your offerings in 2011 and your financial commitment to 2012. Thank you to our outgoing

elders and deacons, to our teachers, to Barbara Darragh for 18 years of ministry in the office and to Jose and Kim, to all of the musicians, to our commissions and committees for their ministry in/to/through our building and well beyond. Thank you for all that was done to prepare us for God's way in 2012.

Happy New Year!

Chip

January Worship Schedule

Sunday, January 8

8:30 and 10:45 a.m. regular worship, church school and adult education

Sunday, January 15

8:30 and 10:45 a.m. regular worship, church school and adult education

Sunday, January 22

8:30 and 10:45 a.m. regular worship, church school and adult education

Sunday, January 29— Guest Preacher Susan Andrews

8:30 and 10:45 a.m. regular worship, church school and adult education
Sermon for Lunch follows the 10:45 a.m. service.

Please note: Cancellation Procedure

In the event of bad weather, we assume that members will decide for themselves whether it is safe for them to drive or not. Generally the pastor will try to be at the church and is willing to hold a service even if only a very few members are able to make it PROVIDED we have electricity and we can get the parking lot plowed!

Notices about Cancellations will be on:

- 1) Web Site: www.fpcyorktown.org under "alerts" after 7 a.m. on Sunday morning. Please use this if you are able—no busy signals, no waiting—and leave the careline for those without internet access.
- 2) Careline: 245-2313 after 7 a.m. (Will be updated remotely)
- 3) Church email lists: (The Announce List, Session, Deacons, Choir, Bell Choir) after 7 a.m.
- 4) Church School Teachers will receive a phone call from the superintendents after 7 a.m.
- 5) Church School Parents will receive a phone call from their child's teacher after 7 a.m.
- 6) The 10:45 a.m. service will be cancelled by 9:30 a.m.

Note: The Sanctuary is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for meditation, prayer or contemplation. Use the door at the top of the ramp.



Mark Your Calendars

Annual Meeting: February 5, 2012 at 12 noon, Fellowship Hall

Copies of the Annual Report will be available in the Church Office and in the Gathering Place beginning Thursday, February 2, 2012 after 12 noon.

A potluck meal will precede the meeting. Please bring a dish to share.

Gordon Braudaway, Clerk of Session

Prayer Shawl Group Jan 4, 9:30 a.m. and Jan. 18, 10:30 a.m., in Lounge 15

This group meets before the Women's Bible Study on the first Wednesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. and the third Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Call Marianna Sherman (737-8294).

Women's Bible Study

January 4 and February 1 at 10:30 a.m., Room 15 Join Rev. Tami Seidel on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. for a women's Bible study and fellowship that focuses on the topic "Confessing the Beatitudes."

Books are available for \$9 each. For info call Marianna Sherman (737-8294).

Confirmation Class Confirmation Class, taught by Rev. Chip Low, Pam Darreff and Dave Monk, meets from 4:30 –6 p.m. in the Lounge, Room 15.

January 8: rock wall climbing

January 15: class at 4:30 p.m.

January 22: class at 4:30 p.m.

January 29: class at 4:30 p.m.

Dave Monk, Confirmation Team Member

Join the Knit Togethers

Next Dates: **January 9 & 23, February 13 & 27**

Thanks to Lin Watkins for her donation of yarn and to Louise Fang for the donation of many knitting pattern books.

During 2011 the group donated 195 items to Bethel-Springvale Centers, Birthright, Deacons' Food Pantry, Sky View Center, and Wassaic.

Our meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays, 10:00 to 11:30 am, in Lounge 15. All who knit and crochet are welcome. Join us in the joy of creating and giving to others in the community. For information: Norean Radke (962-4370) or Lois Ostling (962-2809).





Seniors' Lunch Bunch

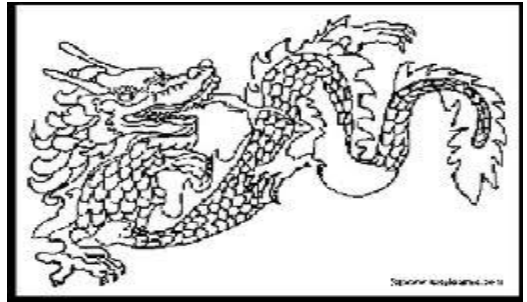
SENIORS' LUNCH BUNCH

Our heartfelt thanks go to **Fran Proceller, Cal Weber and Florence Malcolmson** as they announce their retirement from the Seniors' Lunch Bunch Planning Committee. Over the years, these three seniors plus spouses, **Gladys Proceller and Kathy Weber**, have added so much to the success of the Seniors' Lunch Bunch. Gladys spearheaded several attic sales that resulted in the purchase of the current shutters on the Sanctuary as well as the new blue pew cushions. Kathy cooked the corned beef and cabbage for St. Patrick's Day luncheons and added much to the Thanksgiving luncheons as well. Fran, Cal and Florence helped in every way that they could. We congratulate them on a job well done.

Pat and John Prauda will now take on the SLB planning duties.

January 18 at 12 noon

Chinese New Year, coordinated by Louise Fang, catered from her special restaurant in White Plains. Cost is \$12. Please sign up and pay by January 15. We will celebrate the Year of the Dragon (Chinese year 4709) right here in Fellowship Hall.



February 22 at 12 noon: (please note date change)

This lunch has been moved one week later so that it can follow the 11:30 a.m. Ash Wednesday service held in the Sanctuary. Luncheon will be a potluck held in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to share.

March 21 at 12 noon:

The St. Patrick's Day Luncheon will be held at a restaurant TBD. Details are still being developed.

Pat and John Prauda for the Seniors Lunch Bunch

SPOTLIGHT on BUILDING USERS—Caring Circle

We open our doors to over 3,000 people each week as part of our effort to connect with and serve the community that surrounds us. One of the special groups is the “**Caring Circle**,” a group that uses our entire facility, every other Wednesday, throughout the year. They are sponsored by Hospice of Northern Westchester and Putnam.

This group provides a safe place for children and their families who are grieving the loss of a loved one—sibling, parent, grandparent or child, to come and share their experiences with others just like them, with the help of volunteers and social workers. It is a healing place.



Sunday, January 22 at 4 p.m.

David Baranowski and friends will present a candlelight chamber music concert on January 22 in the Sanctuary. Ushers will be in historic costumes. This is an opportunity to go back in time and enjoy this visit to another era. Come join us!

A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall offering holiday treats and a chance to talk to the musicians.

Christie Herman, Worship Commission

Life Online: Risks and Rewards for our Children and Youth Join us on January 31 for an Important Conversation

An Evening of Conversation about Social Networking, Cyberbullying and Caring for Our Very Well Connected Children and Youth, Tuesday, January 31 at FPCY from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Facebook, Twitter, Google+ and other social networking sites keep all of us connected to one another in wonderful ways. We can share our lives and build communities. Yet, those same places of community can become ways for lives to be hurt and destroyed. We don't need to look too far to read stories of youth bullying youth or the wrong people using information posted online.

Come and learn about how to parent a high tech generation. This is an opportunity to gain some education about how social networking sites work and what to watch for to protect ourselves and our children.

Come and dialogue with Mitch Fried and Ursula Heinrich, two doctoral candidates from the Ivan G. Seidenberg School of Computer Science and Information Systems at Pace University, about this important topic.

This event is open to the community. Childcare is available. Light refreshments will be served.

LOAVES and FISHES Plus TRANSPORTATION

Loaves and Fishes and Transportation are part of the ministries of the Board of Deacons. They provide support and caring for members and friends of our congregation.

Please consider volunteering for these special "hands on" ministries. You may be called upon only once or twice a year.

Please fill out this form even through you may have volunteered in the past. Put it in the collection plate on Sunday or the "Food Pantry Basket" in the Gathering Place or the Church Office. Thank you.

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

YES, I CAN:

Loaves and Fishes

_____ Cook & deliver a meal (Entrée, salad, dessert)

_____ Deliver a meal, if needed

_____ Make and deliver a dessert

Transportation

Provide transportation:

To and from Worship on

_____ Sunday at 8:30 a.m.

_____ Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

_____ To other church functions

_____ During the week for miscellaneous needs

If you have questions please call:

For *Loaves and Fishes*: Sue Nelson (245-6935)

For *Transportation*: Barbara Humphrey (962-7913)

DEACONS' FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Food Pantry Next Dates: Jan. 14 & 28; Feb. 11 & 25;
Hours: 9 to 11 a.m.

We need your help. Volunteers to help load bags from 8-9 a.m. are always appreciated. Call Katharine Frase (962-0490) if you can help one Saturday.



Food Pantry Always Needs:

Instant coffee	Tea	Cereal
Oatmeal	Pasta	Spaghetti sauce
Peanut butter	Soup	Cookies
Crackers	Paper products	Toothpaste
Soap	Diapers	Personal hygiene products

We also need plastic bags, grocery size. Bring to Room 2.

Your monetary contributions are also appreciated. We “shop” at Food Bank of Westchester where a dollar will buy more food than you can imagine, thanks to government and corporate donations. **We have a “matching” Trust Fund that will double the effectiveness of every dollar we donate to the Food Pantry.** Let's make good use of this wonderful gift.

The Food Pantry Thanks:

Polymedco Inc. Donation: In December, we received a very generous donation of food as well as money from Polymedco Inc. of Cortlandt Manor, NY. This is at least the third year that Polymedco has supported our Food Pantry.

Thank you also to The Yorktown Lions' Club, who gave us a grant of \$2,000.

Paneras and JV Bagels. continue to contribute to our food pantry. Thank you!

Report on the Christmas Food Pantry and Toys for Tots

We broke a new record, distributing 269 bags to 196 families. The numbers are unfortunate, but we are thankful this food pantry can offer needed help.

The Toys for Tots line on Saturday went way out into the parking lot. We may not have exact numbers, but over 380 children from 138 families will have something for Christmas.

Many thanks to the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownies, Yorktown Lions, the Jewish Center, the Knights of Columbus, and many companies in the neighborhood, all of whom contributed time, energy or materials to make the food pantry and toy distribution a success.

Breaking good news: Thanks to the generosity of the congregation, *we have met our matching-grant totals* for the Food Pantry, so we are in good financial shape for 2012!

Toys for Tots



THE DEACONS' CORNER

As we travel on our journey through Advent and anticipate the joy of the *Good News*, we take a moment to reflect on the ministry of the Deacons. We might call the Deacons “the helpers,” who live their faith by doing the work of the church in many small ways to send the message of love, forgiveness and hope to everyone in both the church community and the community surrounding the church. How do we do this? One way is by *managing the groups of volunteers* that offer transportation to someone who needs to see their doctor or who make dinners for a member who is ill or has lost a loved one.

Chuck Radke and Mable Seymour have been instrumental in revitalizing *visits to the homebound* members of our church, bringing news, a bit of banana bread or cookies, flowers and comfort to those who cannot get to church on a weekly basis. They are “rotating off,” and we will be challenged to continue that ministry with the same energy.

Cards are sent to recognize special occasions or to offer comfort for a loss, the *health racks* are monitored and filled, *blood drives* are organized, *finance* numbers are crunched, the *Bereavement* committee helps with the setup and cleanup of a reception after a memorial service, and much more.

We will miss the deacons who have served for the last three years. Why don't **you** think about joining this “feel-good” ministry?

Specific news for December includes a thank you to the Knit-Togethers and congregation members who donated over 80 hats and mittens. They were distributed to clients of the Food Pantry, and the children put them on immediately. Their smiles and thanks let us know how much they were appreciated.

The Homebound Ministry covered everyone on their visitation lists in the last six weeks either with a long telephone conversation or a home visit. Service flowers were distributed, Mable Seymour's cookies or breads were handed out, and the most fun was being able to give out the twelve nativity scene hangings made by Kathy Anderson's 6th, 7th and 8th grade classes. These Christmas hangings, labeled with the word JOY, really caused the recipients to smile and say “Thank you!” We are so grateful that our young people offered such a beautiful Christmas gift.

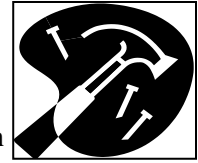
May Christmas joy accompany you on the rest of your journey, and may the New Year bring hope and peace to all.

Angelyn Forbes-Freeze



Giving Opportunity: De Cicco's Market (on Rt. 6 across from the JV Post Office) will rebate 2% of your purchases to the charity of your choice, which also includes churches. Jocelyn Ramage has registered our church and all you need to do is mention it to the cashier when you make your purchase. Talk to Jocelyn 962-0320 for more information.

COMMISSION CORNER



OPERATIONS COMMISSION -What's New?

For anyone stopping by the Church Office recently, you will have seen quite a mess! We are making considerable progress on our plan for totally refurbishing the Office. Much work on electrical, electronics, painting and window blinds has been made. We expect to begin the removal of the old carpet very soon. Following the installation of the new carpeting, we will be installing the new furniture. We are hopeful that all will be done in the first week or two of January.

Painting of the ramp hallway has been completed by Jose. He has done his usual excellent job in preparing the walls and ceiling as both were in need of considerable work. Thanks, Jose!

Much of the Gathering Space has been painted, but we are postponing further work until the office refurb is complete.

The new walkway in front of the Sanctuary has been completed. A new pattern of blue stone is in place and the stone step at the end of the walk has been repaired. Thanks, again, to Bud Coccodrilli for his considerable help on this project.

We have had problems with two of our hot-water circulators now that cold weather is upon us. One problem resulted from a partial power outage which burned out a large circulator motor. The expense for this repair alone was over \$1600. Another more minor repair on a smaller circulator motor cost over \$500 to repair. As our facilities age, we will experience these kinds of maintenance costs. Hence, our continued attention to our budget and vigilance on watching all of our equipment.

We have experienced an increasing number of cases where drivers are "cutting through" our property to avoid back-ups at the Rt.'s 132/202 light. Some drivers are speeding through our driveways and proceeding the wrong way on the one-way driveway on the West side of the preschool. Therefore, we have temporarily set up traffic cones to block through traffic. We are trying to get license plate numbers and have contacted the Yorktown Police Department to seek advice and apprise them of this dangerous driving. We apologize for the inconvenience of the traffic cones, but we are very concerned and do not want an accident to occur. Should anyone see this type of dangerous driving, please do not try to confront the individual, but try to get a license plate number if possible. Thanks!

Should you become aware of maintenance items that need to be addressed or improvements for us to consider, please bring them to my attention. If you have made an improvement recommendation, please be assured that it will not be forgotten. We have a lot of work on our plan list and are evaluating ideas continuously. Thanks for your input and ideas!

Dick Seymour, Facilities Coordinator for Operations Commission.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMISSION

Coming to a theater near you.....



Be sure to watch for the new "How To Set Up Coffee Hour" instructional video that will be playing in Fellowship Hall during the month of January and on our web site. Entertaining and instructional ... you will see just how easy and fun hosting a coffee hour can be. Happy New Year!

Karen Gerth, Chair, Congregational Life

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

Thank you for sowing your seeds abundantly!

Repeat Pledgers	128	\$395,081
New Pledgers	10	\$10,360
Child Pledgers	25	<u>\$ 4,182</u>
Total Pledged		\$409,623



Your many gifts have created an atmosphere of abundance. We are blessed with your support of God's work! Despite hard economic times and mother nature's blow to the stewardship campaign, you have honored your commitment to this year's budget and many of you stepped up your giving for 2012. Repeat pledgers have increased their pledges by 4 %.

Last year comparison: (12/20/10) we had 148 pledges for \$402,553
(12/20/11) we have 138 pledges for \$409,623

We are financially healthy because of your generous giving.

We are waiting to hear from 24 past pledgers. Please remember that if you are unable to pledge this year, let us know as it helps in our planning efforts.

Thank you for sharing abundantly in every good work!

Pam Darreff, Chair, Stewardship Commission



MISSION COMMISSION

Amnesty International

Please come to the amnesty table in Fellowship Hall on the second Sunday of each month, to sign letters and petitions requesting justice for those who are being unfairly treated around the world.

Caroline Blaney, youth elder

Jan Peek Volunteers:

January 28: Ben Child and friends from Yorktown High School;

February 25: Confirmation Class; **March 25:** Humphrey & Santagata families.

Call Bud Coccodrilli (245-6475) if you can help.

Thank you to: **Chessa and Darreff families** for the December dinner.

Alternative Giving Market A Success

Thanks for your amazing support for our big International project for the year, the Alternative Giving Christmas Market.

Heifer International was especially successful, in comparison to other years. We raised \$1,385.00!! Last year we raised only \$130 and the average for other years has been roughly \$500-600. KUDOS to all of you.

Our Water Project also did quite well, considering that it had to "compete" with Heifer International and the "water buffaloes." We hope to have a destination for this water system in the coming month--will keep you posted!

Our Fair Trade market sold \$860 worth of goods. This year we had a good number that needed to be sold in a FIRE SALE, for reduced cost, or even given away to avoid incurring large shipping costs for returns. So although we did not do as well as usual, we still raised \$860 that went to the Fair Trade Co-ops and their artisans!

Thank you for helping us to give the world a present, many of them! Thanks also for helping us to teach the children about other ways of giving that benefit so many and can show God's love and theirs, especially at Christmas.

Heidi Haring, The Moved by the Spirit Center



From the History of our Congregation...

Expansion Plans from the 1950s to the present

In 1950 after the collapse of the roof of the small parish house, plans were started for a new parish hall, which consisted of a kitchen, one big room and a room from the old parish hall. It was completed at a cost \$11,000.

In May 1954, we began the Church School Addition and Manse Improvement Campaign. In 1955 the L-shaped west wing of the C.E. was built and added about five rooms plus a utility room and two laboratories. The cost was \$42,000.

In 1961, we added the East Wing. The plan included a second story plus a covered walkway to the church side door, both of which did not happen because it proved too costly. The resulting one story addition was \$59,685.

In 1969, the congregation voted to acquire a house and 2.75 acres of land which border on existing property for \$75,000. The house would make additional church school space, provide a location for administrative offices, studies for the pastor, serve as a youth center and a meeting place for groups. At this time, we were at peak attendance, with both services close to capacity in 1971. The thought was for future expansion, even a new bigger church! As time changed in the 80's the church sold the house and the manse.

In 1997, we built the CE building forward, including Fellowship Hall, the Gathering Space, five new rooms and finally connected to the side door of the Sanctuary. Cost was \$1,300,000.

Dick Hunter, Church Historian

New in the Church Library

Three new books offer help for your spiritual life:

Naked Spirituality, a Life with God in 12 Simple Words is by Brian McLaren (248 M). The author presents a four-stage frameworks for understanding the spiritual life, and he unfolds spiritual practices appropriate to each stage, rooted in words such as “sorry,” “help,” behold,” and “silence.”

Falling Upward; a Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life is by Richard Rohr (248 R). It offers a way to understand how our failings and sufferings can be the foundation for ongoing spiritual growth as we move into “the second half of life.”

Enough; Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity by Adam Hamilton (249 H) is an invitation to rediscover the Bible’s wisdom on prudent financial practices. The author points out our need to refocus on God, to see that our brokenness and emptiness will never be cured by buying, owning and possessing. We are led to find our peace and contentment in God and be free to live life in simplicity, sharing generously.

Carol Jensen, Church Librarian



JANUARY ADULT EDUCATION NEWS

All sessions meet in the Library-Lounge

WOMEN'S CIRCLE: January 4, February 1

Study: "Confessing the Beatitudes," First Wednesday of the Month, 10:30 am

Books are \$9 each. Contact Marianna Sherman, 914-737-8294

EPIPHANY: WE ARRIVE AT THE MANGER

In this final session of our Advent-Christmas study, **The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem**, Adam Hamilton helps us to ponder the significance of the conditions of the Messiah's birth, as well as the meanings of the visits of the shepherds and of the magi.

Sunday morning, Jan. 8, 9:30 am

Wednesday evening, Jan. 4, 7:30 pm

Thursday morning, Jan. 5, 10:00 am

THE THEOLOGY OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

A look at how Martin Luther King's theological studies influenced, shaped, and transformed the activist path that he pursued during his public life.

Sunday, January 15, 9:30 am

THE HOLY LAND TODAY

A "bonus" video segment from Adam Hamilton's study, **The Journey**. This segment will prepare us for a session next week led by guest preacher/teacher, Rev. Dr. Susan Andrews.

Sunday, January 22, 9:30 am

THE MIDDLE EAST: PRESBYTERIAN PRAYER AND ACTION

Rev. Dr. Susan Andrews, guest preacher and adult ed leader

Susan Andrews, General Presbyter of the Hudson River Presbytery, served on the Presbyterian Church-USA Middle East Task Force. She will share her experience with us in the context of a Reformed theological understanding of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and awareness of the various peoples for whom Israel-Palestine is home.

Sunday, January 29

8:30 and 10:45 Worship

9:30 Adult Education

12:00 noon, "Sermon for Lunch" (sandwiches provided. \$5.00 donation suggested to cover the cost of food.)

Shawn Cribari, Education Commission

CHURCH SCHOOL CHALKBOARD



Celebrations

Thanks to everyone who assisted all the children in making our Christmas tree look beautiful with “water-themed” decorative crafts. Throughout the year, we will consciously be reminding our children how important clean water is for all God’s children. Making water, snow, and icicles the theme of our tree seemed to be an ideal opportunity for this! We want to acknowledge Heidi Haring in her coordination of the Alternative Giving Fair as well as the collection of gifts for the Bedford Prison. We appreciate all of her time and effort in supporting our children locally and globally. A special thank you to all those who volunteered to work at the fair tables over the last month; your time and support is invaluable to us.

We thank all our students who participated in the Story of Christmas pageant on Christmas Eve. It is always such a pleasure to see! Thank you to Lisa Eliasson and Katharine Frase for overseeing the rehearsals. Also, thank you to all the mothers and fathers who helped to “shepherd” and facilitate during rehearsals and the performance.

What We’re Learning

In Church School, during the month of January, the children will be learning about the “Messengers of the New Covenant.” The birth of Jesus Christ is the bridge between the Old and New Covenants. The Holy Family encountered angels, shepherds, magi and prophets who all confirmed the birth of an incarnate god. Jesus’ birth begins the New Covenant with humankind.

There were those present at the time of the birth that understood the significance of Jesus’ arrival in the world. We know they told others about their experience because it was passed on from person to person until it was finally written into the Gospels as we know them. The covenant was established through Noah, Abraham and Moses and made new through the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus. **Scripture: Luke 2:10.**

Announcements:

Church School will resume again on Sunday, January 8, 2012!

Bible skills classes will be available for third graders; dates TBD. If you have a child who is older than third grade and never had the opportunity to participate in our Bible Skills rotation with Barbara Humphrey, we welcome any interested children to join in. Contact either Amy Coccodrilli (302-6540) or Beth Coccodrilli (528-0808) to let them know your child would like to participate when the dates are finalized.

Amy Coccodrilli and Beth Coccodrilli, Church School Co-Superintendents



From the Church Office

Thank You To:

Sally Martin for helping to collate bulletins and do mailings.

Pat Prauda for help with mailings and bulletins.

John Prauda for maintaining all the literature in the pew racks in the Sanctuary.

Donating flowers for Sunday services:

Arrangements are \$25 each. To order, call the office (245-2186).

Dates needed: **January 8, 22 & 29; February 5, 12, 19 & 26**

Donors will be asked by the office if they plan to remove one or both bouquets after sanctuary use, or make them available for distribution by the Deacons to hospitalized or homebound persons of the church.



THANKS

Many thanks to you all for a wonderful retirement celebration and gift. The potluck was truly fabulous. I am grateful that so many talented cooks shared their bounty with us. And your generosity with my gift both touched and amazed me. I appreciated all your good wishes and comments and I finally got a prayer shawl!

Many thanks to you all for sharing this journey with me.

Barbara Darragh

We need your help with updated pictures!

We are adding photos to our membership database. We need individual as well as family photos from all of you. The photos do not need to be formal. Pick out your favorite digital photos and email them to Pam Darreff (darreffp@optonline.net) or drop off your favorite regular photos in the office. It would be helpful to have your name on the back of each. Thank you for your help!

Offering Envelopes:

If you have made a pledge, your envelopes are ready for you on the west side rear-facing pew in the back of the Sanctuary. Please pick yours up soon.

If you are not making a pledge but would still like envelopes a limited number are available. Please call Kim (245-2186) and she will assist you.

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