



Congregational News

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Annual Budget Meeting

January 23, following worship
to approve the church operating budget
and the Foundation operating budget



SEE'S CANDY FUND-RAISER

The youth will be selling an assortment of Valentine candy to raise money for their Mexico mission trip. They will be selling candy from *January 3-January 23*. There will be tables set up before church in the foyer (9:15-10:30) and after worship in Gatton Hall during coffee hour to take orders. Each assortment sells for \$4.00 a box. We will have candy available for distribution on or before *Sunday, February 6*.

If other youth and/or church members/friends want to support the Mexico mission trip by selling candy, please call **Peggy Carrick** (754-9045) to get order forms.

SMALL GROUP SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPERS

Mark your calendars now to attend

or host a pancake supper in your home on *Tuesday, February 8*, from 6:00-7:30. This is a great opportunity for fellowship in a small group setting.

More details to come in next week's newsletter. Sign-ups will begin on *Sunday, January 23*. For questions, call **Sue Richmond** or **Marsha Gulick**.

A NEW DIRECTORY FOR THE NEW YEAR!

Pick up an updated directory with names and addresses of church members and friends from the east end of the name tag cabinet. They will be available beginning this Sunday.

THIS SUNDAY

Adult Forum: Betty Massoni: Thinking about Dr. Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights Movement in 2005

Scriptures: Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 40:1-11
John 1:29-42

Sermon: "How Long to Sing
This Song?"
Ryan Lambert

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK*Caroline Zaworski*

When you receive the proposed budget, you may notice a change in the personnel section. Due to changes in my work load at Hospice, along with additional family needs this year, I am finding it difficult to work a set number of hours per week or month in my role as Parish Nurse.

In the past, I have been paid a monthly salary. There have been many times when I have felt uncomfortable taking the money when I felt I hadn't really put in the time I was expected to put in. Now, I will be paid hourly, which will take some pressure off of me during this year. Because we don't know exactly how many hours I will work, it is difficult to put a figure in the budget. After consultation with the Foundation Board, we have decided to fund my position, at least for this year, from the Ruth Page Fund. When she set up that fund, it was for the purpose of supporting the Parish Nurse ministry and ministry focused on the older (and wiser) members of the congregation. Ruth and I spent many hours together during her final years, addressing her diabetes and its consequences. I carry very special memories of those days, as well as other memories I build each day with other members of the congregation.

What I want to stress to you is that I am still as available as always. Please feel free to call me at home, in the evenings, or leave me a message. You can page me if you need to reach me quickly (967-1302). I am available for consultation or visits, or to attend doctors' appointments with you when possible. And I will continue to assist with pastoral care as needed during Liz' sabbatical.

Finally, I have assembled a group of people who are willing to assist with the health ministry of the church. For now they are called the Health Ministry Team, and others are always welcome to join us. We will be working on providing more educational opportunities to help us address wellness and the wholeness of physical, emotional, and spiritual health.

I appreciate all of the support you have given me, and the opportunity you provide for me to respond to God's call in this unique ministry. I feel deeply blessed to be a part of this remarkable faith community. May you have a healthy and blessed week.

Shalom, **Caroline**



Winter Weekend

The registration list for the all-church gathering at Suttle Lake, *February 19-*

21, is full already! If you didn't get a chance to register and would like to participate, add your name to the waiting list this Sunday, or call the church office.

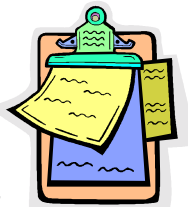


This *Sunday, January 16*, the youth are bowling at Highland Bowl beginning at 4:00 p.m. Middle and High School youth are both invited and the cost will be \$4 per person. Plan to meet at the bowling alley a few minutes early so we can get shoes and be rolling by 4:00. We will be done by 5:45.

On *Friday night January 21*, the youth groups will celebrate the life of **Martin Luther King Jr.** by traveling to Salem to hear a presentation by Dr. Vincent Harding about the life of Dr. King. Following Dr. Harding's address the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir will perform. This should be an interesting night filled with inspiring words about Dr. King and powerful voices and songs. The cost is only \$5 per person. **Please RSVP to Ryan by January 18.** We will meet at the church at 5:30 to travel to Salem and will return to the church about 10:30 after the event.

NEW MATERIAL FOR KIDS IS HERE

Now, in addition to the kids' paper-and-crayons clipboards, we have children's worship bulletins. One set is designed for ages 3-6 and another for ages 7-12. They will be available on the clipboards at the table next to the usher as you enter the sanctuary. Please



take one for your young artist(s), which will provide an outlet for drawing and doodling.

This is a reminder to all the women at **Women's Fellowship** last week who said they wanted to attend the Women's Fellowship program at First Presbyterian. It will be *Tuesday, January 18*, at 11:45 a.m.; the cost is \$4.00. The speaker will be Victoria Fridley of Art-Centric. Ten of us are expected. If you did not raise your hand, but have decided to go, call **Kim Thackray** (758-8542), or call the office at First Presbyterian office. See you there!

CONSIDERING CHURCH MEMBERSHIP?

An Inquirers' Class will be held *January 23, 30 and February 6*, at before worship in the church library. Participants who decide to join the church will be received on *Sunday, February 13*. Contact **Ryan** or the church office (757-8122) to sign up for this class.

Epiphany Concert Thanks

... to **Monine Stebbins, Sue Richmond**, choir members and all others who provided the sumptuous reception following last Sunday's concert. And thanks to **Myles Criss** and **John Shea** for the lovely music and to **Kristin Rorer**, who served as registrant (organ "stop puller"). It was a wonderful afternoon.



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Copy deadline for next issue of newsletter is Tuesday noon, January 18.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, January 16

- 9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Choir
- 9:30 a.m. C E classes
- 10:30 a.m. Worship
- 4:00 p.m. Youth bowling (page 3)

- 4:00 p.m. Pastoral Relations Committee, HP
- 7:00 p.m. Girl Scout Troop 142
- 7:30 p.m. Spirituality in the Everyday, Fireplace Room

Monday, January 17- MLK, Jr. Day

Office closed

- 5:00 p.m. Worship Committee
- 5:30 p.m. Basketball
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Committee
- 7:15 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 1
- 7:30 p.m. C E Board

TSUNAMI RELIEF OPPORTUNITY

A gift of \$108 to the UCC Asia Tsunami Relief Fund provides the cost of a Family Shelter Kit, containing a family tent, ground sheet and plastic tarp. A gift of any size will help. For more information go to www.ucc.org/disaster or www.globalministries.org Prayers and offerings are greatly appreciated.

Tuesday, January 18

- 9:00 a.m. Staff
- Noon Lectionary class
- 7:15 p.m. Church Council
- 7:30 p.m. Spirit Quest

NEW ADDRESS FOR OLD FRIENDS

Dick and B.J. Bower are moving east after many years in our congregation. We wish them all the best in their new home. Their new address is:
 3039 Kentville Drive

Wednesday, January 19

- 5:30 p.m. 40+ Basketball
- 7:15 p.m. Sanctuary Choir

Thursday, January 20

- 11:45 a.m. Lunch Group

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