

I suppose it is cliché to remark about how quickly this year has gone. At Thanksgiving time I take inventory of my many blessings by going through my datebook. While some events are fresh, I am always surprised at how many things I had forgotten! I am grateful to remember them, and to give thanks.

Last November, my three brothers and I realized that all of our collective children would be at a distance. Since travel was not an option, we decided to gather as just the siblings; we went to a wonderful restaurant and laughed the afternoon away! It was yet another lesson in forming new traditions as our lives change. And time passes.

We have all experienced “passages” this year; some were joyful and some painful. We have witnessed new birth, marriages and graduations, successes and joyful reunions. We have also said good-bye to some loved ones and grieved their loss.

We had SNOW! We had Spring. Then Summer, and now the wheel has turned back toward the dying of the year. For all of it, I am grateful. The joy has enlivened me; the sorrow has gentled me. The gains have made me sharper, and the losses have made me wiser.

In the life of Christ, there is no difference in grace, power or holiness. It is sometimes difficult to remember this during the dark times and that is when we lean on the loving support of our community.

Soon we will truly go into the darkness as Advent and the Winter Solstice bring us to the shortest day of the year and the celebration of the Light of the World. Somehow, the “wheel” seems to spin faster as I get older; perhaps that is why each season feels so precious.

I am grateful for all of you. I am grateful for the support, guidance, cooperation in ministry and example you have given me. I am sometimes brought to tears as I witness those same gifts as you lavish them on one another. I thank god for you, and I thank YOU for reflecting God’s love to all.

I hope that everyone has the opportunity to take inventory and simply give thanks.... For it all.

Loving Blessings to you all..... *Susan*

Choir

Choir is beginning to practice for the Christmas season. There will be special music each week during the Advent and Christmas Season. A special thanks go to all the choir members for their dedication and help to keep things running smoothly while Bev was away. Thank you Barb, Tom, Helen, June and Marge for their extra help when it was needed. If anyone would like to join us for the Christmas Season you are most welcome. Rehearsals are on Tuesday evening from 6:30-7:45 pm.

Food Pantry Collection

This year since there are so many people in need we are extending our Thanksgiving Food Collection to include the Advent Season. There will be a special basket on the altar to place your non-perishable food items in each Sunday. Let's try and fill it each week. This will also help to supply the special baskets needed for Thanksgiving and Christmas gift boxes. If you feel led and are able to help with this project, we thank you for your generosity. If you cannot help with this, your support through your prayers will be gratefully appreciated. This project runs from Nov. 13- Dec. 25.

The Giving Tree

Once again this year we will be having a Giving Tree to make Christmas a special time for a few folks in our community. Nancy Beal has volunteered to be in charge. Stay tuned for further details shortly. This project will run from Nov 27 - Dec 15. If you have further questions, please see Nancy Beal or Rev. Susan.

Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, Nov 27th is the first Sunday in Advent when we will celebrate the first coming of Christ. Join us as we share a covered dish lunch after church as we decorate our tree and sanctuary for the Christmas Season. Everyone is welcome to be a part of this special time together. More info concerning the lunch will follow shortly. In the meantime, please put this on your calendar.

Christmas Eve Service

You are invited to the Christmas Eve Service Saturday Dec. 24 at 7:30 pm. All are welcome. We will begin our service with a carol sing so come and join us. There also will be a Christmas Day service this year since Christmas falls on a Sunday. This is truly a celebration of the Reason for the Season.

Poinsettias

Information regarding ordering poinsettias for Christmas will come after Nov 27th. Check the website, bulletin and the bulletin board in church for details.

Men's Breakfast Group

February 25th has been set for the Men's Dinner. Mark your calendars.

SonShiners

The SonShiners have had a successful fall. The Italian Dinner in September was a great success and enjoyed by all who volunteered and attended. We served lasagna, ziti with or without meat sauce (homemade), fettuccini Alfredo (homemade), bread, salad, Italian cookies, and great conversation and community. Plan to attend next year.

We just finished up the Election Day Luncheon and again did very well. We had a great group of volunteers. Thank you to all who donated and volunteered.

Meetings are held the 3rd Sunday at 8:00 AM (Potluck)

Nov 20th – Idea exchange

Dec 18th – Cookie Exchange during meeting (bring in a couple dozen cookies or so to exchange for a new variety)

Jan 15th (2012) – Start the year off with good food and conversation

Need to get organized??

Do you have piles of papers, photos or computer files that need organizing? Are all your emails in your inbox? Are all your documents saved to your desktop? Do you need help with software, either installing or using it? Do you need help setting up a new computer, internet or network?

If you answered yes to any of the above, give me a call. I am offering my organizational skills and computer knowledge to all who need help. I will tackle any organization challenge, so if your need is not mentioned above give me a call and we can discuss whether I can help.

I do not have a set fee for my services. I leave it to you to decide what my services are worth.

Thanks

Mary Schnyer

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November - December

Nov 13 – Dec 25 Food for food Pantry each Sunday

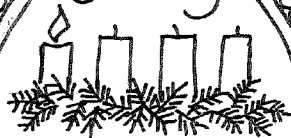








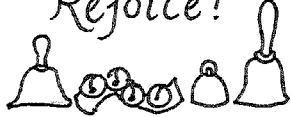

















Nov 27 – Dec 15 Items for The Giving Tree

Nov. 20	SonShiner's Breakfast	8 am
	Morning Worship	9:30 am <i>Thanksgiving</i>
	Choir rehearsal	9 am
Nov. 27	Morning Worship	9:30 am - <i>Advent 1</i>
	Luncheon after church and <i>Hanging of the Greens</i>	
Nov. 28	General Committee	7 pm
Nov. 29	Heavenly Quilters	9 am in Pierce Hall
	Choir rehearsal	6:30-7:45 pm in sanctuary
Dec. 4	Men's Breakfast	8 am
	Choir rehearsal	9am
	Morning Worship	9:30 am <i>Communion - Advent 2</i>
Dec. 6	Heavenly Quilters	9 am in Pierce Hall
	Choir rehearsal	6:30-7:45 pm in sanctuary
Dec. 7	Worship Committee	6:30 pm
Dec. 11	Morning Worship	9:30 am - <i>Advent 3</i>
Dec. 13	Heavenly Quilters	9 am in Pierce Hall
	Choir rehearsal	6:30-7:45 pm in sanctuary
Dec.18	SonShiner's Breakfast	8 am
	Morning Worship	9:30 am - <i>Advent 4</i>
Dec. 20	Heavenly Quilters	9 am in Pierce Hall
	Choir rehearsal	6:30-7:45 pm in sanctuary
Dec. 21	Worship Committee	6:30 pm
Dec. 24	<i>Christmas Eve Service</i>	7:30 pm
Dec. 25	Morning Worship	9:30 am
	<i>Merry Christmas!</i>	
Dec. 26	General Committee	7 pm
Dec. 27	No choir	

January 1, 2012 HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Morning Worship 9:30 am

Everyone is invited to the coffee hour following our worship services on Sunday!!

<p>1st Sunday</p>  <p>Mk. 13:32-37</p> <p>Make welcome.</p>  <p>Rom 12:9-13</p> <p>Rise early.</p>  <p>Lam. 3:22,23</p> <p>Send a card.</p>  <p>1 Cor. 1:3-9</p> <p>Be well.</p>  <p>Ps. 103:1-5</p> <p>Share yourself.</p> <p>churchworldservice.org</p> <p>1 Thess. 2:8</p> <p>Shine light.</p>  <p>Isa. 9:2</p>	<p>2nd Sunday</p>  <p>Mk. 1:1-8</p> <p>Dream.</p>  <p>Ps. 16:5-8</p> <p>Give a gift.</p>  <p>Mt. 1:11</p> <p>Rejoice!</p>  <p>1 Thess. 5:16</p> <p>See what's new.</p>  <p>Isa. 43:18,19</p> <p>Remember them.</p>  <p>Heb. 12:1</p> <p>See moonlight.</p>  <p>Ps. 8</p>	<p>3rd Sunday</p>  <p>Jn. 1:19-23</p> <p>See the glory.</p>  <p>Isa. 40:3-5</p> <p>Pick fruit.</p>  <p>Gal. 5:22,23</p> <p>Be still.</p>  <p>Ps. 46</p> <p>Show love.</p>  <p>1 Cor. 13:4-7</p> <p>Hear a child.</p>  <p>Isa. 11:6</p> <p>Sing carols.</p>  <p>Ps. 100</p>	<p>4th Sunday</p>  <p>Lk. 1:46-55</p> <p>Say "yes."</p>  <p>Lk. 1:26-38</p> <p>Find room.</p>  <p>Lk. 2:7</p> <p>Make peace.</p>  <p>Mic. 4:1-4</p> <p>See the sun set.</p>  <p>Gen. 1:14-18</p> <p>Glory</p>  <p>2 Cor. 4:6</p>  <p>Jn. 1:14</p>
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We know to keep the door ajar for strangers trav'ling from afar.
 We know to make a manger bed where ox and sheep are nightly fed.
 But you whose birth we'll welcome there, will turn our gaze to love & care
 For ev'ry child at ev'ry birth, in whom we'll see your sacred worth.