

THE MESSENGER

PAYSON PARK CHURCH

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*"We believe God is calling us to walk in the ways of Jesus Christ
and to bear witness to the Gospel through worship and service, empowered by the Holy Spirit."*

With the arrival of November, we approach the beginning of the holiday season. "Where did the year go?" some of us may be wondering. "I can't believe the holidays are just around the corner!"

So often thoughts of this time of year can bring feelings of dread. Our schedules become unusually full, our lists of things to do long and overwhelming. With Christmas decorations already lining the shelves in some stores, we may feel like groaning. "Ugh. The holidays are here already!"

As people of faith, we can choose another attitude. This is a time of year rich with meaning as we prepare to give thanks for the abundance in our lives, recognizing our place in God's unfolding plan of hope and reconciliation. From the opportunity to vote at the beginning of this month, to our celebrations on Thanksgiving Day, to the start of Advent on the 30th, we are met with a host of opportunities to give thanks for our freedom and faith, putting into action our Christian convictions. These are weeks filled with the chance to let people know, in word and through silent witness, how the teachings of Jesus inspire us to live.

And so it is my prayer that here at Payson Park Church and beyond we will truly embrace an "attitude of gratitude," giving thanks in new and authentic ways for our life here together as well as for our family and friends, our work and our leisure, our world and our nation. Celebrating our faith and growing sense of community, I hope we can rededicate ourselves to the mission of the church, opening our eyes and our hearts to the love that is here. There are many programs this month that will seek to help us do this. In Sunday worship services, our November Adult Education series, and in the gathering of the new group, "Caring for Creation," we'll be contemplating the transforming power of gratitude and the joy of keeping things simple — all so that God's transforming Spirit may thrive at the heart of our days.

"Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all the others." May Cicero's words inspire us to be a grateful and generous people, now and in the weeks to come.

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NOVEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 7, 2008 **10:30 a.m.**

The Reverend Lael Atkinson preaching

Sermon "Sharing a Great Heritage"

Scripture Psalm 85: 8-13; Matthew 1: 1-17

Anthem " "

Our Fellowship Hour will be hosted by the Nominating Committee. Altar flowers are given by Eleanor Kaptain, Peter Kaptain and Irene Kandrás in loving memory of Marjorie and Edwin Kelsay and their daughter Betty.

Sunday, December 14, 2008 **10:30 a.m.**

**The Reverend Lael Atkinson preaching:
A Service of Intergenerational Sharing**

Sermon "It's Good News!"

Scripture Luke 1

Anthem " "

Our Fellowship Hour will be hosted by the Diaconate. Altar flowers are given by the Benjamin Family in loving memory of Olive and Harold Moore and by the Johnson Family in loving memory of Burdette & Helen Johnson.

Sunday, December 21, 2008 **10:30 a.m.**

Carl McDonald, Acting Youth Minister preaching;

The Reverend Lael Atkinson presiding

Sermon " "

Scripture

Anthem " "

Our Fellowship Hour will be hosted by the Music Committee. Altar flowers are given by Cynthia and John Lasker in loving memory of loved ones.

Monday, December 24, 2008 **10:30 a.m.**

The Reverend Lael Atkinson preaching

Sermon "Joy to the World!"

Scripture Luke 2: 1-20

Anthem " "

Our Fellowship Hour will be hosted by the Finance & Property Committee. Altar flowers are given by G. Richard MacDonald in loving memory of his mother, Amy MacDonald.

Sunday, December 28, 2008 **10:30 a.m.**

**John Brock, Ministerial Intern, preaching;
The Reverend Lael Atkinson presiding**

Sermon " "

Scripture

Anthem " "

Solo " "

Our Fellowship Hour will be hosted by the Christian Education Committee.



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Again, we thank members and friends for worshipping with us. Our attendance for the month of November was as follows:

November 2: 1
November 9: 1
November 16: 1
November 23: 1
November 30: 1

OTHER WORSHIP NEWS

BELMONT RELIGIOUS COUNCIL INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 7:30 P.M.

Are you in town for the holiday? Would you like to give thanks for life and community? Please plan on attending the annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service sponsored by the Belmont Religious Council and led by members of the Belmont Interfaith Clergy Association. This is a beautiful way to get gather with our neighbors and friends to give thanks for the heritage of our faith and unity. The service is held each year on the eve of Thanksgiving, and while this year's location is yet to be announced, you may still want to mark your calendars for Wednesday, November 26 at 7:30 p.m. Singers of all ages and abilities are invited to join the choir (rehearsal time 6:30 p.m.). Fellowship and refreshments follow.



CABLE BROADCASTING TIMES

If you or a loved one are unable to attend worship on Sundays, we hope you'll join with us in the spirit of prayer during the week. The Sunday services of our church are broadcast on local cable networks at the following times: In Belmont, Sundays at 9:00 a.m., Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m., Thursdays at 9:00 p.m., and Fridays at 5:00 p.m.; in Waltham, Sundays at 9:00 a.m., in Arlington, Sundays and Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m.; and in Watertown, every other Tuesday at 9:00 p.m.

WORSHIP LEADERS WELCOME!

Would you like to participate in worship? All are welcome to join in the leadership of our Sunday services. If you would like to read Scripture or sing with the choir, please speak with Lael or Terry. We want YOU!

WORSHIP AT PAYSON PARK CHURCH: A WORD FROM THE DIACONATE

With the start of the fall season, we want to thank you, the members and friends of Payson Park Church, for making this a place of lively and faithful worship. Gathering together on Sundays forms the foundation for all that we do here and in the world. Attendance in the summer season reached record levels, and we now embark on an exciting new year together.

We also want to say "thank you" to all those who filled out the Worship Survey last spring. Nearly seventy completed surveys were received and analyzed by our Board. On the whole, results showed you are enjoying Sunday services as they are. Comments requesting change were often counter-balanced by comments supporting no change. While our discussions regarding this data will continue through the upcoming months, we've come to agreement on some issues and want to share those decisions with you.

Announcements & Prayer Requests will be made by the pastor or lay leader. Information to be announced may be given to the leader or an usher before the service.

A **Prayer of Invocation** will be included at the start of each service, with the exception of Communion Sundays when a **Prayer of Confession** will be offered.

The sign of our unity and reconciliation in Christ as expressed through **The Passing of the Peace** will be included in the Communion liturgy. Individuals are asked to Pass the Peace to those beside, in front, and behind them.

Hymns that are familiar to us will be selected as often as possible, though we will work to expand our knowledge of other music by singing new hymns periodically. The word "**Amen**" will be sung when printed. The **Gloria** will be sung on non-Communion Sundays; the **Sanctus** will be included in Communion services on occasion.

A time of silence will be included regularly in the **Pastoral Prayer**.

Again, we thank you for your participation in the life of Payson Park. If you would like more information about the survey, please speak with our Senior Deacons, Marty Gledhill or Alice Holt. A copy of the statistical results is available in the Church Office.

EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

“MY CUP OVERFLOWS...”

AN ADULT EDUCATION SERIES

**FOCUSING ON PASSAGES OF GRATITUDE
AND ABUNDANCE**

**WEDNESDAYS, NOVEMBER 5, 12, & 19
7:00 - 8:30 P.M.**

What does it mean to your life to be aware of the abundance of creation which we receive through the pure grace of God? As we approach the season of Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas, John Brock will be leading an exploration of the attitude of gratitude as it is expressed in scripture.

In parallel with this series, a simple individual or family spiritual practice of gratitude will be presented to anyone wishing to explore the gifts of creation. Gather with John and others near the stage in the Parish Hall after worship on Sundays, November 9, 16, & 30. In 10 minutes, you will learn a practice that can open your eyes to the abundance of God's love around you.



PARENTS' NIGHT OUT:

**SUPPORTING FAMILIES OF THE CHURCH
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 6:00 - 8:30 P.M.**

In support of healthy and loving relationships, we are happy to continue "Parents' Night Out" this year. This program seeks to help those with young children have a moment's quality time with their partner or spouse. Mark your calendars for Saturday, November 15, and please call the Church Office by Thursday, November 13 if you plan to participate so pizza and other snacks can be prepared. As this program enjoys great success, volunteers are greatly needed. Please consider helping soon!



BODY & SOUL

**A TIME OF SHARING & CONTEMPLATION
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 7:00 - 8:30 P.M.**

Mark your calendars for a new opportunity for spiritual growth and support! On Monday, November 17, the group "Body & Soul" will meet for a time of extended meditation and personal sharing. Lael Atkinson will offer special music selections from artists she finds inspirational, in addition to providing reading resources that have helped her to grow spiritually. The night's discussion will also include a time of sharing around the ways of our faith encourages us to care for our bodies in healthy ways. Please join us for this evening of quiet reflection - and bring resources that you find helpful in your life!

THE GOOD AFTERNOONS:

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2:00 - 3:30 P.M.

What makes an afternoon "good"? If you're answer includes a chance to share in friendly conversation and prayer, learning new things about what it means to be human, or simply a warm cup of tea and something sweet, "The Good Afternoons" is for you! This is a fellowship and discussion group that continues to give thanks for the gift of life by sharing tips about caring for the mind, body, and spirit. We gather not only to learn new health "facts" but also to learn about one another. As Thanksgiving approaches, we'll talk about the ways "an attitude of gratitude" helps us emotionally as well as physically, in addition to discussing other ways we can support good health as the temperatures drop.

EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

DENOMINATIONAL EVENTS: THE FALL MEETING OF OUR CONFERENCE

Do you enjoy gathering with members of other churches? Would you like to attend a meeting of our denomination? This fall the Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ will take place on Saturday, November 1, from one to five in Worcester. Often nearly a thousand members of the United Church of Christ gather for this event. If *you* are interested in attending, please speak with Lael Atkinson. Our church should have a least one or two delegates present.



HEART TO HEART A GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

"Heart to Heart" is a monthly confidential support group for people dealing with recent loss and long term grief. Facilitated by the Reverend Joanne Hartunian and others, the interdenominational and ecumenical gathering offers participants an opportunity to share experiences of grief and stories of loved ones in addition to adopting skills to cope with issues of anger, abandonment, guilt and betrayal. Upcoming sessions are scheduled for November 19 and December 17 at 7:00 p.m. For more information about these meetings and their location, please call 617/484-0776. New members are welcome; transportation is provided for those who prefer not to drive at night or come to a meeting alone.



CARING FOR CREATION: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 7:00 - 8:00 P.M.

Christmas is coming! Oh, joy! - or oh, dear? How can we afford it? What about people with much greater needs? What effect do our Christmas celebrations have on global warming, on our beautiful planet - or is that just one more worry among many?

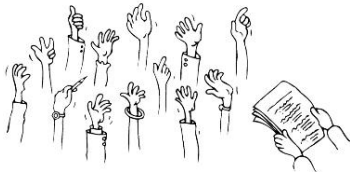
Come and join us as we consider what it might mean to have "a caring Christmas." This new group seeks to help us all think about what it means to be environmentally aware and active as individuals and as a community. Come with your ideas, and hear some new ones. We'll also talk about what to discuss or study and do next year—many choices! - and when to have future meetings. If you can't come on Mondays, let us know by then when is better for you. All ages are welcome! For more information, please speak with or call Isabel Best (617/489-2236 or isabel.best@verizon.net) or Lael Atkinson.

FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE FELLOWSHIP WEDNESDAYS, 7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

All women of the church are invited to join together on Wednesday evenings in the church parlor. Inspired by the knitting of prayer shawls that are given to those receiving medical or hospice care, this is a time of fellowship in the spirit of "faith, hope and love." Whether you knit or not, please consider getting together with new and old-time friends!

ADMINISTRATIVE NEWS

CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING



SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16 AFTER WORSHIP

In accordance with Article VI, Section 2, Paragraph 1 of the Bylaws, a Congregational Meeting will be held in the sanctuary on Sunday, November 16, after worship. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the possible name change of the church. We will pare down the list of over 15 possible names to just a few for meaningful discussion. The discussion will continue on these few at our December 7 Congregational Meeting. At the conclusion of our meeting on December 7, one name will be proposed to the Annual Meeting in January.

Clearly this is an important meeting and we hope everyone can attend if at all possible. A current list to date of the possible names to be considered on the 16th is available at Sunday services or in the church office.

In addition, to the discussion around a possible name change the Bylaw sub-committee will present the latest proposed Bylaw amendments including committee descriptions.

SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY NEWS

Kim Fraser will be on maternity leave till the end of November. Michelle Fraser will be the Nursery Attendant at that time. We are looking for adult volunteers to help supervise the children during Kim's absence. The hours are 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon on Sunday morning. A sign-up sheet in the nursery will be posted. Thank you for your time and kindness.

A NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE: THE TELLERS COMMITTEE RETURNS

After many years of laying fallow, the "Tellers Committee" will form once again to assure all contributions made to the church are deposited in a timely way. If you would like to give an hour of your time after worship on periodic Sundays to help count the collection, please speak with Rick Marsh or Jeff Cronin. We need you!



UPDATE FROM THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

It was with surprise and disappointment that the members of the Building Committee learned that the recent Purchase and Sale Agreement with a church and local community group did not proceed to signing. Previous offers are being investigated again, in addition to new buyers solicited. Information about the status of this process will be forthcoming. Thank you for your prayers and support.

A NOTE ABOUT PARKING: TREATING OUR NEIGHBORS WELL

As we seek to grow together here at Payson Park Church we celebrate the fact that the number of people attending Sunday morning worship services and other events is increasing. This is good news. Not only are members of the church attending worship and other programs, but new visitors and friends are joining us, too. The bad news about our growing community is that parking space near the church is limited. Please park carefully, being sure you do not block a driveway. With the start of a new year and particularly when the winter's snow arrives, we want to be good neighbors. Thank you for your careful consideration.

MISSION & OUTREACH NEWS



Join the spirit of giving this year by taking part in the Angel Tree! If you would like to sponsor a family, woman, or child from The Second Step this Christmas season, please take an angel (or several!) off the Angel Tree beginning **Sunday, November 23**. On each angel is the name of one or more residents and an item off their Christmas wish list. Please know that these are only suggestions and they will be grateful for any donation you wish to make.

The Second Step (TSS) is a transitional program for survivors of domestic violence. Women come to TSS from crisis shelters throughout the region and generally stay from 3 to 15 months, at which time, they enter a job training program, go to work, or enroll in school.

In the spirit of healing, it has been requested that all gifts be of a non-violent nature, for example, please refrain from purchasing toys like guns or wrestling figures.

Gifts should be returned clearly marked with the name of the person to receive them and their mother's name, if applicable. Please do not wrap the gifts but include wrapping paper. Please return the gifts under the tree no later than noon on Sunday, December 14. Gifts returned later than that time will have to be saved for next year.

BRISTOL LODGE FOOD KITCHEN: HELPING THE HUNGRY NEAR HOME

Date: Monday, December 29,
3-5 p.m. delivery; 5-5:45 p.m. serving

Menu: Chili, salad, rolls

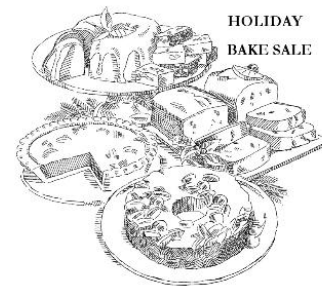
Next Date: Monday, December 29

Menu: Chili, salad, rolls

CITY MISSION SOCIETY CHRISTMAS SHOP

The CMS Christmas Shop annually brings the joys of giving and receiving to many people in the greater Boston area. In 2007 almost 2,000 adults and children benefited, thanks to the generosity of people like you. Please consider purchasing one or more of the items listed below so that the Christmas Shop is successful this year, as well. The gifts will be delivered to a donation point on December 14, so please be sure your unwrapped gift is brought in by that date and placed in the large collection box in the narthex. Also, if you are interested in helping to sort and repack the items at the First Church in Winchester, please speak to Liz Stanziola. The Mission and Outreach Committee urges you to share in this wonderful holiday project.

Suggestions: toys, games and books for all ages, hats, mittens, gloves and scarves, winter coats, sweaters and sweatshirts (large sizes especially), blankets, backpacks and socks, gifts cards from Target, Walgreen's, CVS, etc.



When most of us think about the holidays we think of all the wonderful memories that have taken place within the warmth and comfort of our homes. Sadly, this holiday season there will be over 10,500 families in Massachusetts who will not have a home in which to make memories.

The Mission and Outreach Committee is proud to offer baked goods once again this year to raise funds for the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless. This year the cakes being sold will be a gingerbread cake and a maple pumpkin cranberry cake. Both the cakes come wrapped and include a Coalition to continue its good work. Look for a table on December 21 during Coffee Hour.

MUSIC MINISTRIES

PICK-UP CHOIR

We hope you'll join the Pick-up Choir when we sing for worship on the second Sunday of the month! On November 9, we will meet at 9:00 a.m. to learn "Keep Your Lamps." Music is always available the Sunday before on the table in the narthex. If you would like more information, please speak with Cathy Meyer.

SENIOR HIGH CHOIR

Are you in high school? Do you like music? Then the Senior High Choir is for you! We have moved our rehearsal time to 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings so that more people can join us, including people who live outside the Belmont-Watertown community. We usually start our rehearsals with a time of fellowship and breakfast, except on the second Sunday of each month when we sing with the Pick-up Choir. If you'd like more information or to register, please speak with Cathy Meyer, Director of Music.



DON'T MISS THIS RECITAL!

Rebekah Alexander, former soprano soloist at Phillips Congregational Church, is putting on a solo recital to raise money for an orphanage in Nepal and the work that is being done there to improve the education and living conditions for the children in that community. The theme of the program is children: all the music is either written for children, about children, or by children, with works by Pape, Vores, Debussy, Prokofiev, and Crumb. The concert will take place in Boston University's Marsh Chapel on Friday, November 7, at 8:00 p.m. For more information, you can email Becki at modern_alex@yahoo.com or Cathy Myer at musicdirector@paysonpark.org.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Our Christmas pageant will be on Sunday, December 14, at 5:00 pm. This program, put on by our Children's Music Ministries, will be a special presentation of the traditional story, "Chimes Ringing in the Night." Dinner will follow. Don't miss this opportunity to share our wonderful programs for children with your friends and neighbors! We are also looking for teens and adults to help out this year. If you would like to be on a team that builds the set, works on creating and fitting children into costumes, coordinates the dinner, or sets up the Green Room, please let Cathy Meyer know.

OPEN CHOIR SINGING FOR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Do you enjoy singing? And are you planning to worship at Payson Park Church on Christmas Eve? If so, mark your calendars now for the special Open Choir on Christmas Eve, December 24. If you would like to sing in this Open Choir offering, you are welcome to attend one or both of the two rehearsals—on Thursday, December 18 at 7:30 p.m., and on Wednesday, December 24 at 5:45 p.m. It's not too early to begin thinking about Christmas! For more information, please speak to Terry Halco, or contact him at musicminister@paysonpark.org.

Answer to Kidspage: food, sun, life, rain, earth, love, house, church, birds, peace, trees, flower, friend, teacher, animals, and clothes.

COMMUNITY SHARING & CARING

CAREGIVERS UNITE:

A TIME OF SUPPORT AND SHARING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 6:00 - 7:30 P.M.

As the winter season unfolds, the concern we feel for our frail loved ones often increases. Whether you are caring for a parent or friend who lives nearby or far away you are invited to share joys and challenges you are facing in this season. This group provides a time of confidential sharing for those tending to the physical, financial, and emotional needs of loved ones and will gather again on Thursday, November 20. Please join John Brock and others in the Pastor's Study for an hour of sharing and prayer. Caregivers unite: a YOU night for caregivers!



NEW LIFE IN OUR MIDST... A BABY IS BORN!

On Wednesday, October 22, 8:50 a.m. Kimberly Fraser gave birth to Rosalina Marie Garcia, 7 pounds 1.6 ounces, 19 and 3/4 inches long, at Mount Auburn Hospital with her aunt, Pat Cappadona, by her side. We can look forward to greeting "Rosie" at church soon as we give thanks for her and Kim's presence among us. With love we say, "Welcome to the world, Rosie, and welcome to your family of faith!"

JUST LIKE ME

What sort of a church would our church be
If every member were just like me?
Better or worse would our church be
If every member were just like me?
Were every member of our church to be
Just such a member as Christ would see,
What changes would come to you and to me,
And the gain to our church - what would it be?
P.W. Sinks



REACH OUT TO CHURCH MEMBERS

REACHING OUT TO CHURCH MEMBERS IN THIS SEASON OF THANKSGIVING

As the winter season unfolds we have the opportunity to offer our care to those long time members of the church who are not able to attend worship regularly at this time in their lives. Please reach out to those you miss seeing on Sundays with a note or phone call. It is with such kind outreach we offer the loving Spirit of Christ to the wider community.

A NOTE ABOUT BIRTHDAY LISTINGS IN OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

For many years a listing of birthdays has been included in "The Messenger." After a discussion at a recent gathering of the Diaconate, it was decided this information will not appear on our Sharing & Caring page as too many men, women, and children were being overlooked. If you would like to "resurrect" this listing by being responsible for the collection and upkeep of accurate information, please contact Sally Markham, editor of this newsletter. For now, may we continue to reach out to old and new friends alike in times of celebration and sorrow.

COTTAGE HILL ACADEMY

The children made over 44 Thanksgiving Cards for their mission project at the All Saints Celebration this year as they celebrated the season and the gift of hospitality! The cards were presented to the Mission and Outreach Committee for distribution. We wish the girls at the academy a pleasant Thanksgiving.

KID'S PAGE

What's happening
this month of
November...

Worship Before Worship,
Nov. 2. 10:15AM upstairs
in the Children's Chapel.
All Are Welcome!

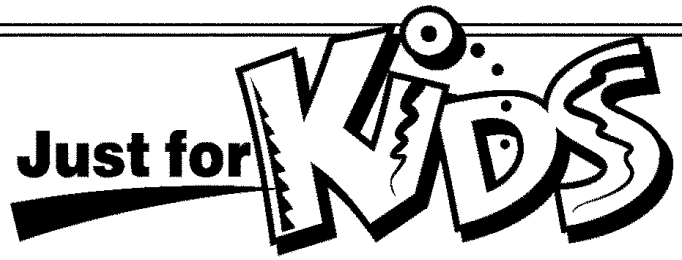
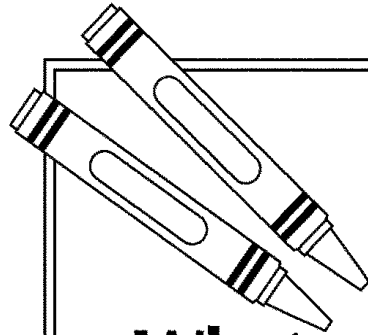
November 2 The
Confirmation Class will
meet at Noon. Parents and
Mentors welcome!

November 2 The Senior
High Youth Group will
have their first meeting at
6:30. Bring a friend!

November 2 Meet Cindy in
the Hall for a Teacher
Training Workshop. Unit 2
begins soon. A lesson on
Angels and our theme "Be
Not Afraid"

November 12 The Youth
Class Youth Group will
meet at church for a 4:30
meeting.

The answers to the puzzle
is somewhere in the
Messenger, can you find it...

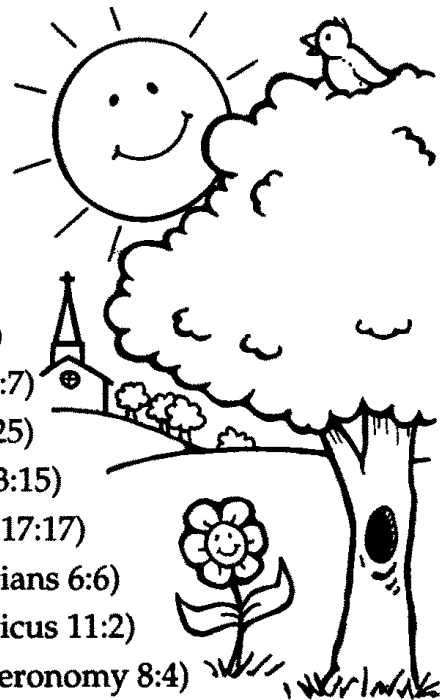


What are you thankful for?

In the Bible verses below,
you will find the names of
some things that we should
be thankful for. The words
that you find are hidden in
the puzzle to the right. Circle
them. They will be up, down,
across and diagonal.

F	B	I	R	D	S	N	A	H
R	F	B	A	C	U	T	D	O
I	O	E	I	S	F	E	G	U
E	O	A	N	I	M	A	L	S
N	D	H	P	E	A	C	E	E
D	C	H	U	R	C	H	I	T
L	C	L	O	T	H	E	S	R
I	F	L	O	W	E	R	M	E
F	N	O	P	V	Q	R	T	E
E	A	R	T	H	E	U	V	S

- F _____ (Ruth 1:6)
- S _____ (Joshua 10:12)
- L _____ (Acts 17:25)
- R _____ (Matthew 5:45)
- E _____ (Isaiah 66:1)
- L _____ (Matthew 22:37)
- H _____ (Isaiah 66:1)
- C _____ (Acts 8:1)
- B _____ (Romans 1:23)
- P _____ (Philippians 4:7)
- T _____ (Nehemiah 9:25)
- F _____ (Psalm 103:15)
- F _____ (Proverbs 17:17)
- T _____ (Galatians 6:6)
- A _____ (Leviticus 11:2)
- C _____ (Deuteronomy 8:4)



DECEMBER 2008 CALENDAR

Monday, December 1

7:00 PM Bylaws Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 2

10:15 AM Cherub Choir Rehearsal

1:00 PM Staff Meeting

3:30 PM Junior Choir Rehearsal

4:15 PM Alleluia Choir Rehearsal

7:00 PM Church Council

Wednesday, December 3

3:30 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal

7:00 PM Faith, Hope & Love Fellowship

7:00 PM Adult Education Class

Thursday, December 4

7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 7

9:00 AM Pick-up/Senior High Choir Rehearsal

10:30 AM Worship & Church School

11:30 AM Fellowship Hour

12:00 noon Christian Education Committee Meeting

Monday, December 8

7:00 PM Caring for Creation

Tuesday, December 9

10:15 AM Cherub Choir Rehearsal

1:00 PM Staff Meeting

3:30 PM Junior Choir Rehearsal

4:15 PM Alleluia Choir Rehearsal

7:30 PM Finance & Property Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 10

3:30 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal

4:30 PM Youth Class Youth Group

7:00 PM Faith, Hope & Love Fellowship

7:00 PM Adult Education

Thursday, December 11

6:00 PM Bylaws Committee Meeting

7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

7:00 PM Adult Education Class

Saturday, December 13

6:00 PM Parents' Night Out

Sunday, December 14

9:00 AM Senior High Choir Rehearsal

9:30 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

10:30 AM Worship & Church School

Monday, December 15

7:00 PM Bylaws Committee Meeting

7:00 PM Body & Soul Fellowship Group

Tuesday, December 16

10:15 AM Cherub Choir Rehearsal

1:00 PM Staff Meeting

3:30 PM Junior Choir Rehearsal

4:15 PM Alleluia Choir Rehearsal

7:00 PM Diaconate

Wednesday, December 17

7:00 PM Faith, Hope & Love Fellowship

7:00 PM Adult Education Class

Thursday, December 18

6:00 PM Caregivers Unite

7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 21

9:00 AM Senior High Choir Rehearsal

9:30 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

10:30 AM Worship & Church School

12:30 PM Child First Aid & CPR Certification Course

Monday, December 22

7:00 PM Bylaws Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 23

10:15 AM Cherub Choir Rehearsal

1:00 PM Staff Meeting

2:00 PM The Good Afternoons

3:30 PM Junior Choir Rehearsal

4:15 PM Alleluia Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 24

7:30 PM Christmas Eve Worship Service

Sunday, December 28

9:00 AM Senior High Choir rehearsal

9:30 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

10:30 AM Worship & Church School

11:30 AM Fellowship Hour

Do You Need to Reach the Pastors?

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THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

Giving thanks for the abundance we share in faith and community!

Join us for this time of thanksgiving and prayer on

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 10:30 A.M.

On this day, the Mission & Outreach Committee will be sponsoring the annual Thanksgiving food collection. Non-perishable food collected will provide much-needed help to Boston families. For more information, see page seven. Thank you for your generosity!