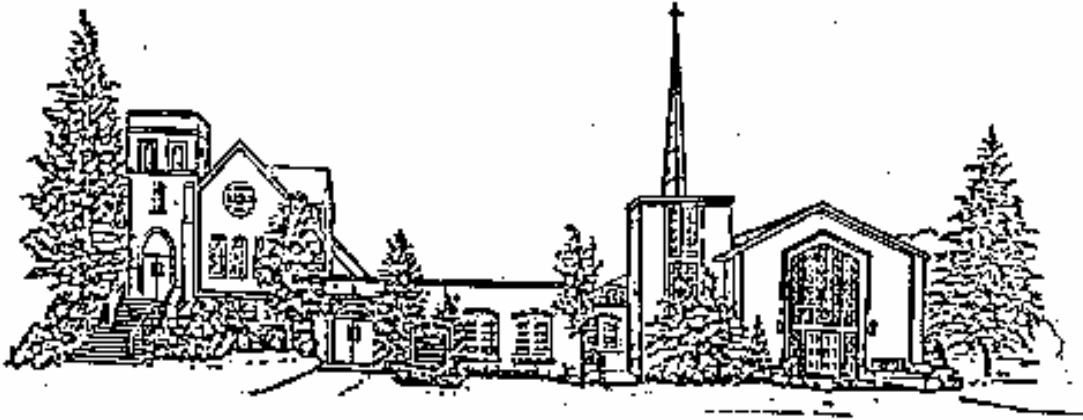


TIDINGS

DECEMBER 2010



**Welcoming and Supporting Individuals and Families
to Grow in Faith!**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**717 St. Luke's Place
Baldwin, New York 11510**

Church Office Telephone Number: (516) 223-2112

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Ministers: All the People of the Church

**The Rev. Adrian J. Pratt, Pastor
Ksenia Lowenfels, Music Director**

**Yvonne Pratt, Secretary
Edward Hansen, Sexton**

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S 2010 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

This program is a very special part of our Presbyterian Women's year.



This year we will be collecting gifts (wrapped or unwrapped) for Pilgrim State patients in a basket in the Narthex.

Some suggested items for gifts for the patients are as follows: wallets, purses, gloves/hats, make-up sets/items without mirrors, slippers, shower shoes, chocolate/candy, sugar free candy, cookies, phone cards, socks, stationary, watches, comb/brush sets, clock radios that are battery operated or have a short cord, walkmans, insulated water bottles, new stuffed animals, clothing items such as sweatshirts/pants, flannel shirts, sweaters, rain ponchos, pajamas, jewelry items such as earrings, rings and bracelets, sunglasses, glasses cases, playing cards, puzzle, crossword, game books, pocketbooks with short or no strap, non-alcohol based mouthwash, deodorant, shampoo, body wash.

If gifts are wrapped please include a label identifying the item and if it is for male/female or gender neutral.

We will also be collecting gifts for a unit of boys and girls at the Queens Children's Psychiatric Center. Their names and wishes will be noted on Christmas balls hanging on a Christmas tree on the bulletin board in the Narthex. These gifts may or may not be wrapped but please secure the child's name to the package.



Please have your gifts (wrapped or unwrapped) to the church by Sunday, December 12, 2010

ADRIAN'S ANECDOTES ...

I have always been a fan of Christmas. I think the sack of presents that appeared at the end of the bed (attributed to a mysterious white bearded gentleman from the Arctic Circle) has a lot to do with my earliest appreciation of the season. Then there were the decorations, and usually a real fir tree in the house, which filled the whole place with its pine odor and left needles in the carpet that would later vex the vacuum cleaner.



Folks would drop in that we hadn't see for a while, sometimes family from far off places would visit for a few days (or occasionally we would even travel to see them through traffic jams and along snowy roads). The food always became more than ample. Roast Turkey was the norm. Followed in Great Britain by Christmas Pudding and then later in the day Mince Pies and Christmas Cake, sometimes to the accompaniment of crackers being cracked spilling forth little gifts that provided amusement for at least 2 minutes.

One of our traditions was to take a walk in the afternoon (usually after a snooze). No matter what the weather was doing we would brave the elements for a refreshing blast of fresh air, before resuming once more in the feasting and settling down in front of the TV to watch a Christmas special comedy show.

It was only later in life that I began to reflect on the Christian meaning of the season. For sure there were always carols on the radio and the Salvation Army Band was playing at the shopping centre but somehow, whilst the music was delightful, the message still didn't get through.

These days I do better. Being a part of a worshipping community as it travels through Advent has a way of focusing us on the religious significance of the season. Hearing the readings and lessons of the season alongside the rich imagery of heartily sung Christmas hymns and anthems births something in us that is hard to put into words.

I hope you and your family manage to enjoy your own special traditions, just as I hope to celebrate mine. But I would also encourage you to be active in the life and worship of your church, so that the Christian message seeps into your own celebrations just as it enriches my own.

For it is a glorious message. We are not abandoned or alone in this world. Our God comes to us. Hope can be reborn. Light can shine in the darkness. The Word becomes flesh. Eternity breaks in and angels sing glory songs. Wise men travel from afar to be in on the action. Jesus Christ the Savior is born!

May the joy of the season, in all its many aspects, fill your hearts and lives during these festive days.

-Rev. Adrian J. Pratt



PRAYER CONCERNS

To all our members and friends who are going through difficult times or are unwell or recovering from illness or surgery at this time, we send you our heartfelt concerns and prayers and wish you all a speedy recovery.



"IN LIEU OF FLOWERS"

The Memorial Fund is a viable alternative for those of us who wish to honor and remember a close friend or acquaintance or perhaps a distant relative when the donation of flowers, fruit, etc. is just too much.

Instead of a mass card or one of Hallmark's finest, why not a modest donation to our Memorial Fund when you really "... care to send the very best?"

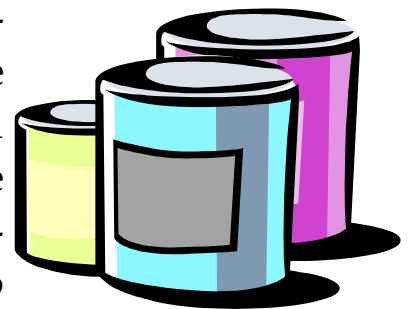
Memorial Packets include an announcement card to the decedent's family with a plain envelope and an envelope addressed to the church with a card for your donation. These packets are available in the Narthex or at the church office.

First Presbyterian Church of Baldwin is grateful for all the donations received for The Memorial Fund.



JOIN WITH THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE AND THE SUNDAY SCHOOL IN THEIR HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE!

This December the Sunday School will again collect non perishable food items and deliver the contributions to the local St. Christopher's Church Food Pantry. Last year's food drive yielded a van full of groceries! Many people responded to the Sunday School's flyers asking for food and were happy to donate. This year the food drive is in conjunction with the Outreach Committee so let's try to fill up two vans this year! The collection will take place through **Sunday, December 12th**. Please place your items in the box in the Church Narthex. See Rich Perez, Sue Aksionoff, Tom Downing or Bert Person for details!



YOUTH RETREAT AT HOLMES CAMP



Six of our youth; Dan Nolan, Christian Tessitore, Gianna Tessitore, Hannah Batsford, Audrey Wilson and Shannon Bowman accompanied by Faith Papatsos and our Pastor, headed out to Holmes Camp for the first Nassau County Joint Youth Ministry Churches retreat that was held November 12th through 13th at Holmes Camp. Joining with youth and adults from Presbyterian Churches at Glen Cove, Malverne, Freeport, Massapequa, and Garden City they explored the theme 'Hold That Talent (Use it or lose it)' which focused on the Biblical parable of the talents. A good time was had by all!

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### MISSION IMPOSSIBLE 3 - Youth Sleepover

**8:00 pm – Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 'till 9:00 am – Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

We are holding our third youth sleepover for those in Middle and High School early in December. Expect the usual mix of games, movies, late night conversation, mission projects, snacks and breakfast. There may even be some sleeping! Registration Forms are available in the Narthex or from the Pastor.

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KINGDOM KIDS

"Kid's of the Kingdom"

Kingdom Kids is an opportunity for 2nd through 5th graders to get together on Tuesdays, from 4:00-5:00 p.m., to enjoy games, stories, crafts, snacks and fun, fun, fun! **Please**

note: There will be no meetings on December 14th, 21st and 28th.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas!

We will resume on January 11th, 2011.

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### THANKS

Since becoming your Secretary in June, I have been welcomed, helped and patiently become acclimated into the life of the Church Office.



I would like to thank you all for your kindness and support, particularly Bobbi, Adrian and session members for answering my endless questions! Special thanks to Janet Kempner and the 'volunteers', who tirelessly help with the *Tidings* and with the weekly bulletins. "Thank you" and I wish you all a Blessed Christmas and peaceful New Year!

*-Yvonne Pratt*

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BALDWIN, NY**  
**STATED SESSION MEETING SUMMARY**  
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2010**

Our meeting began by welcoming representatives of the Presbytery of Long Island; Alice Hild from Roslyn Presbyterian Church, and Jean O'Brien from The Presbyterian Church in Garden City, who led the session in a Committee on Ministry review designed for churches with new Pastors.

We examined for membership confirmands Valerie Achille, Shannon Bowman, Dan Nolan, James Nolan, Nicole Nolan, Alyssa Nolan, Andrew Olsen, Ryan Olsen, Christian Tessitore, Gianna Tessitore and Audrey Wilson, who having completed their Confirmation Classes, now presented their statements of faith. A 12<sup>th</sup> confirmand, Kendra Segelken, was interviewed Sunday morning before the Worship Service. **It was moved, seconded, and approved to receive all the Confirmands into membership during the Worship Service on Sunday, November 14, 2010.**

The minutes of the Stated Session Meeting of Wednesday, October 6, 2010, and the Congregational Meeting of Sunday, October 31, 2010 were read and approved.

**CLERK'S REPORT:**

1. Since the last meeting, there were **NO New Members, Weddings, Transfers, Deaths, or Baptisms.**
2. Communion was served on Sunday, November 7, 2010.
3. Correspondence we received:
  - From Ruth Maier, widow of Rev. Fred Maier, former Pastor of our Church, a contribution of \$500.00. Rev. Maier retired December 31, 1982, and died November 15, 2009.
  - From the Long Island Presbytery, a reminder letter of Presbytery policy on manse maintenance responsibility. This was referred to the Buildings and Grounds Committee.
  - From Elder Bill Hodges, a copy of his letter to the Nassau County Department of Assessment documenting our lease agreement with the Community Nursery School.
  - From the Community Nursery School, a request to use Beyer Hall for a one-time repertory performance as a fund-raiser. The Buildings and Grounds Committee will seek additional information for Session to fully consider the request.

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| 4. Worship attendance since last meeting: |                           |
| October 10                                | 58 (Columbus Day Weekend) |
| October 17                                | 77                        |
| October 24                                | 98                        |
| October 31                                | 70                        |
| November 7                                | 102 (Stewardship Sunday)  |

**PASTOR'S REPORT:**

- Rev. Pratt reported on the Peace and Justice Conference he attended and the upcoming Holmes Camp Youth Retreat.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Adult Education Committee:** Adult Forums are scheduled for the remainder of the year, including Confirmation Sunday, Margaret Cook reporting on her trip to India, and Advent Wreath-making.

**Christian Education Committee:** Next Spring, the curriculum will be truncated on Communion Sundays, as students remain in the Sanctuary for the full Worship Service.

**Buildings and Grounds Committee:** The new office copier has been delivered and installed, and network wiring has been completed. ♦ Second floor classroom window frames have been repaired and capped with aluminum. ♦ Repairs to the Beyer Hall lift have been completed. ♦ Restoration work is underway on the front entry sign. ♦ An internal 90-minute test of the emergency lighting system revealed new problems with a number of units which had not previously failed. Repair options are being considered. ♦ Beyer Hall window wells have been weeded. ♦ Minor repair to the Sanctuary outer door is still being evaluated. ♦ The lawn sprinkler system has been winterized. Bids for a replacement system are being evaluated. ♦ Attempts to clear tree-pruning debris, and make our own mulch for shrubbery beds with a chipper are ongoing. ♦ A Carbon Monoxide detector alarm was apparently false, as the Baldwin Fire Department found no readings with their equipment. Our alarm system company was notified. ♦ Compact Fluorescent Bulbs have been replaced in ceiling fixtures not designed for easy replacement. ♦ Neighborhood children have been warned away from playing on Church grounds. ♦ Debris removal from the flat roofs has again been done.

**Website Committee:** Our website now includes a Facebook page. The written report of the Web Master continues to give our site high marks.

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**Fellowship Committee:** The Progressive Dinner was successful, and the Baldwin High School theater presentation of Jekyll and Hyde is upcoming.

**Stewardship and Finance Committee:** The monthly financial report was presented and discussed. ♦ The Fall Stewardship Campaign for 2011 pledges is well underway, but it is still too early to prepare a 2011 budget. It is anticipated that pledges will arrive daily in the mail, and Sunday in the Offering plates. Callers will be assigned to contact people whose pledge cards are not yet in by Sunday, November 14, 2010.

**Invested Resources Committee:** The Fund balance as of September 30, 2010 was about \$320,000. ♦ The 2010 disbursement amount is confirmed to be \$16,122. ♦ **After discussion, it was moved, seconded, and approved to accept the 2010 distribution, and use \$15,000 for Local Mission to reduce the budget gap, with the remaining \$1,122 going to General Mission.**

**Outreach Committee:** 47 New Family letters have been mailed. ♦ Sunday School students will be participating in a door-to-door food drive.

**Worship and Music Committee:** Margaret Cook will preach on Sunday, November 21, 2010. ♦ Tartan Sunday will be celebrated on March 13, 2011, with bag-piper Jerry Dixon.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. The next scheduled Stated Session Meeting will be 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 8, 2010.
2. The next scheduled Presbytery Meeting will be Saturday, January 29, 2011 at Community Presbyterian Church in Deer Park. Elder Bill Hodges will attend as our delegate.

*-Kent R. Williamson, Clerk of Session*



**PARISH RESOURCE CENTER**

You are invited to join with the Parish Resource Center as they celebrate St. Nicholas' Day. This is a free event for all ages and takes place on Saturday, December 4th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Resource Center is located at 919 Elmont Road, Valley Stream.

You can also visit them at [www.ParishResourceCenter.org/liwest](http://www.ParishResourceCenter.org/liwest)

# WORSHIP SERVICES FOR DECEMBER, 2010

December 5 – Second Sunday in Advent (Communion)

“Bring the Kingdom” - Rev. Adrian J. Pratt

December 12 – Third Sunday in Advent

“Prisoners, Preachers and Prophets” - Rev. Adrian J. Pratt

December 19 – Fourth Sunday in Advent

“The Shepherd’s Tale” - Rev. Adrian J. Pratt

Friday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. Family Service; 11:00 p.m., Carols, Communion and Candles  
- Rev. Adrian J. Pratt

December 26 – Rev. Alice Batcher Howard

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## ADVENT IN WORSHIP

If you would like to help light the Advent Candles during Worship, please sign-up on the bulletin board in the Narthex.  
Thank you.



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## YOGA

Kundalini Yoga takes place here at the church facility under the leadership of Laura Williams.

Classes are on Monday mornings from 9:45-11:00 a.m., in the Sunday School room on the second floor. The cost is \$12 a class, or 10 classes for \$100.

In one class, you will work on the whole you: strengthening and toning your body, keeping your mind clear and focused, and awakening your soul.

For more information, please call Laura Williams at 516-984-5767 or email her at [laurawilli@gmail.com](mailto:laurawilli@gmail.com)



## THE 2011 STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE CAMPAIGN



We want to thank all those who have already given in their 2011 Stewardship Pledge Cards and urge those who haven't, to please get them in as soon as possible. As of the *Tidings* deadline, we have not had enough 2011 pledges in to make a reliable revenue projection. By making your 2011 pledge now, you can help us establish a revenue base so that we can develop a realistic 2011 Church Budget before the new year begins.

Your Church is also grateful to those of you who are current or ahead with your 2010 pledges.

Thank you for your support.

*- The Stewardship and Finance Committee*



## THE CHRISTMAS COFFEE HOUR



Ah...the season of light, the season of cheer and the season of giving is upon us! The Deacons will host the annual Christmas coffee hour on **Sunday, December 19th**. Please join us after church in Beyer Hall, and bring a sample of your favorite holiday treats to share.

We would appreciate if you can please deliver your treats to Beyer Hall at 9:45 am, before church on that day.

Thank you and have yourself a Merry Christmas! *-The Deacons*



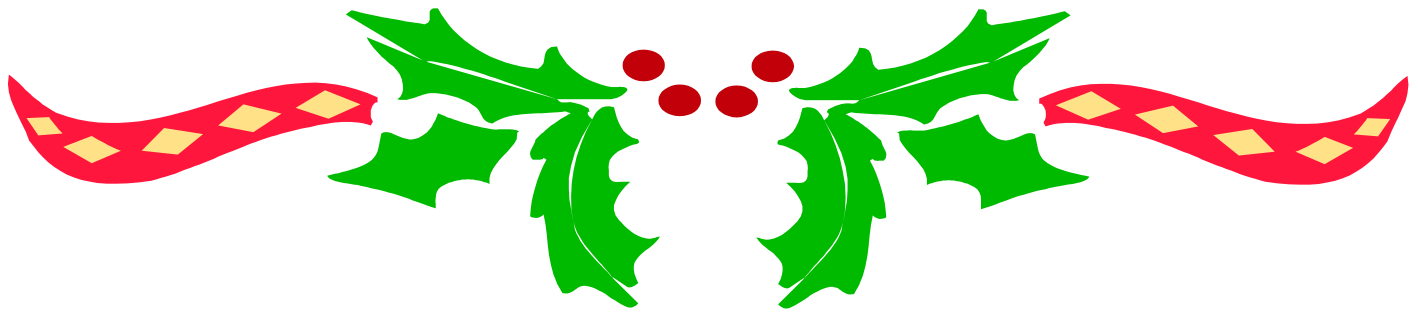
## DID YOU KNOW?

Helleborus niger - The Christmas Rose (*This plant is not mentioned in the Bible, but the legend is kind of cute.*)

According to tradition, a little shepherdess, seeing the Wise Men kneeling before the manger and offering their precious gifts to the infant Jesus, wept bitterly because she had no gift to offer. And lo, where every tear fell to the ground there blossomed up a white flower with a crown of gold. Such a flower had never bloomed before. It was The Christmas Rose.



Yes, this flower really does bloom in December!! *- Cindy Vonderahe*



# Annual Congregational Christmas Dinner

Sunday, December 12, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

Join us as we enjoy the musical  
“A Shepherd’s Story”  
by Hal. H. Hopson



Cost: Adults \$9.00  
Children (12 years and under) \$5.00  
Family Maximum \$25.00

Sign-up is already underway so make sure you see  
Ruth Dann on or before Sunday December 5th,  
or call the Church Office (223-2112)

All are welcome!

Join us for fun and fellowship!

## ADVENT CALENDARS AND DEVOTIONS

If you have not already done so, please pick up an advent calendar or advent devotion while supplies last. They are in the narthex.

*The holidays are a great time to invite a friend to church!*

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ADVENT WREATH CANDLES AND COLORS

First Sunday Of Advent	November 28 th	The candle of hope (purple)
Second Sunday Of Advent	December 5 th	The candle of love (purple)
Third Sunday Of Advent	December 12 th	The candle of joy (pink)
Fourth Sunday Of Advent	December 19 th	The candle of peace (purple)
Christmas Eve (Friday)	December 24 th	The Christ Candle (white)

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## A JAZZ "ADVENT"URE

December 5 at 3:00pm.

December 5 is the second Sunday of Advent and our church will be swinging!

Come celebrate the season with Matt Wilson's Christmas Tree-O as they perform selections from their brand new Christmas cd. Hear such favorites as "Hark the Herald Angels Sing", "O Come O Come Emmanuel", "Angels We Have Heard on High", "The Hallelujah Chorus" (like no other) and other favorites. Expect many surprises that will delight all ages.

Matt Wilson's Christmas Tree-O features a congregation favorite Jeff Lederer on reeds and Paul "Wonder Boy" Sikivie on the contrabass along with Matt on drums and timpani.

"If we were to form a jazz combo we would most certainly model it after the Christmas Tree-O!" -*The Three Wise Men*

"Maybe if I would have had the Christmas Tree-O cd in my youth I would have grown up to be a nicer person." -*Mr. Potter (from It's a Wonderful Life)*



*"Here We Go A Caroling"*

**Sunday, December 19, 2010 at 2:45 p.m.**

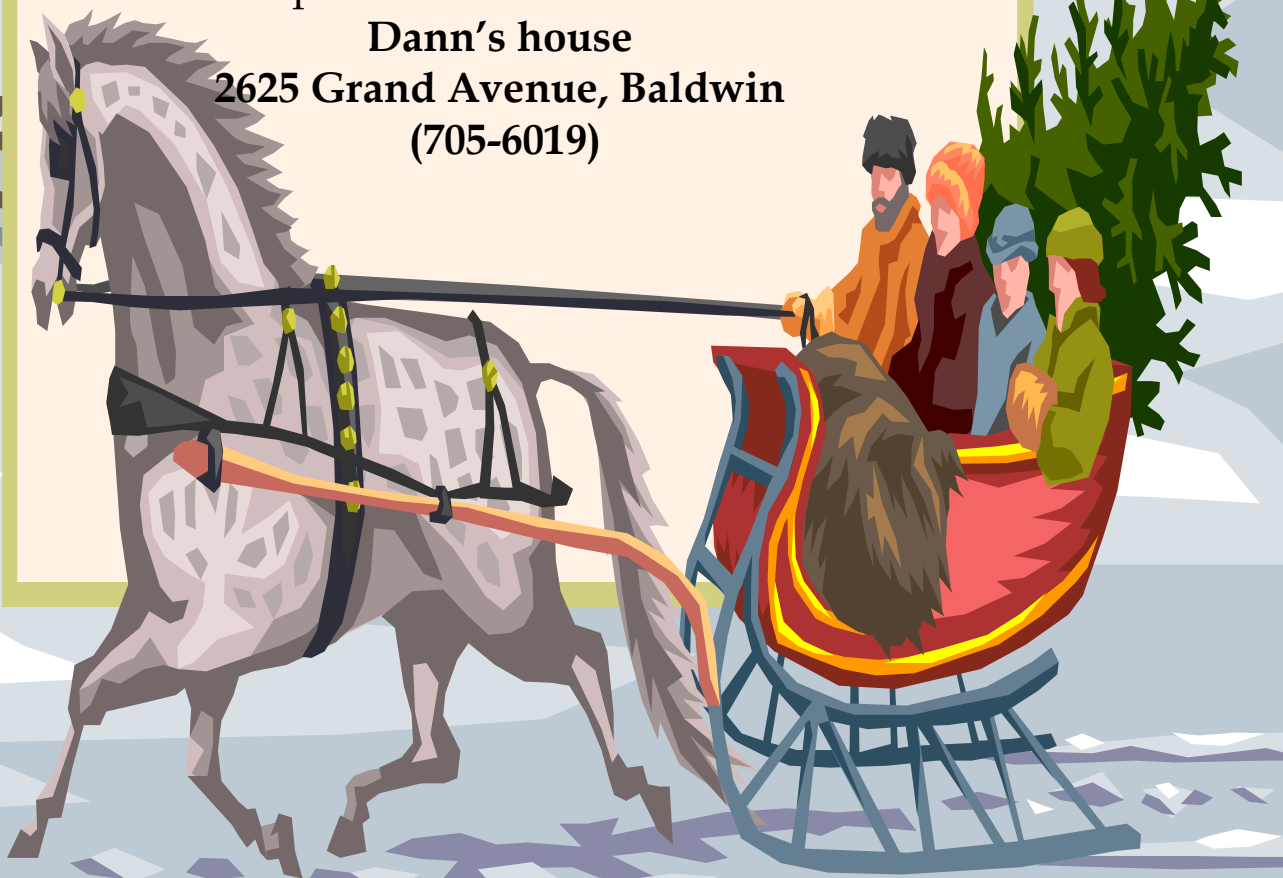
Join us as we carol at the South Shore Healthcare Center on Merrick Road in Freeport and then for our own "homebound"

**ALL ARE WELCOME -- YOUNG AND OLD!**

Please meet at the church for a short warm-up at 2:30 p.m.

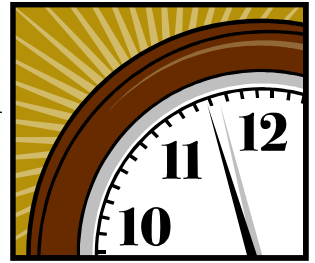
Join us afterwards for an Open House with pizza and treats at the

**Dann's house**  
**2625 Grand Avenue, Baldwin**  
**(705-6019)**



## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Church Office hours are: Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. *Note:* The office is closed on Fridays.



**NOTE:** The Church office will be closed  
**between Christmas and New Year.**



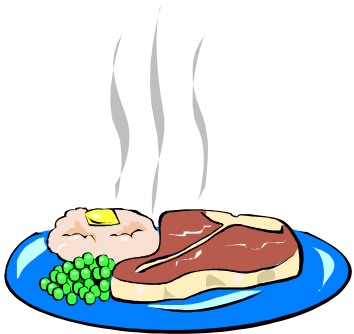
## OFFERING ENVELOPES

If there is anyone that doesn't have offering envelopes but would like them (adult or child), please see Howard Batsford or leave a note in the office. The advantage of having envelopes is that you will get a statement of giving – handy for tax purposes.



## MEN'S WEDNESDAY DINNER

Join the **Men of the Church** for their monthly dinner out, on the **third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.** You'll enjoy great food, lovely company and discussions relative to family, friendship, religion, work, sports, hobbies, retirement, etc. This would be a great way for our church family to grow. Interested? Ask Carl Larson. **Next dinner is Wednesday, December 15th.**



## ADDRESS CHANGE

Several members over the past year have had their mail returned due to an incorrect address printed in the 2009 Directory.

**Please note:** The Pastor's address is **2801 Tulip Avenue, Baldwin NOT 1801.** Please amend your directories and/or address books. Thank you.





## Focus on Fellowship 2010-2011

| DECEMBER 2010                                     | JANUARY 2011                  |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>12/12</b> Church<br>Christmas Dinner           | <b>1/18</b> Women's b'fast    |
| <b>12/15</b> Men's Dinner                         | <b>1/19</b> Men's Dinner      |
| <b>12/19</b> Caroling<br>Open House at<br>Danna's | <b>1/23</b> Bowling and Pizza |
| <b>12/21</b> Women's b'fast                       | <b>1/26</b> Women's Dinner    |

### UPCOMING DATES FOR JANUARY 2011

|                         |                                                   |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Tuesday, January 4th    | Evening Bible Study                               |
| Wednesday, January 5th  | Prayer Shawl Circle                               |
| Thursday, January 6th   | Morning Bible Study                               |
| Monday, January 10th    | Deacons Meeting                                   |
| Tuesday, January 11th   | Kingdom Kids resumes                              |
| Wednesday, January 12th | Session                                           |
| Monday, January 17th    | Office Closed – Martin Luther King, Jr., Birthday |
| Tuesday, January 18th   | Deadline for February Tidings                     |
| Tuesday, January 18th   | Evening Bible Study                               |
| Thursday, January 20th  | Morning Bible Study                               |
| Saturday, January 29th  | Presbytery Meeting –                              |
|                         | Community Presbyterian Church in Deer Park        |

**GROUPS THAT REGULARLY MEET AT FPCB**  
**Check with the group leader/moderator for any changes**

**Alcoholics Anonymous** groups meet regularly on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

**Bell Choir** meets regularly for rehearsal on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

**Chancel (Adult) Choir** meets regularly for rehearsal on Thursdays at 8:00 p.m.

**Deacons** meet regularly on the second Monday of each month.

**Gamblers Anonymous** group meet regularly on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.

**Girl Scouts** meet as follows: (Check calendar for exact dates)

**Cadet Troop #2181** alternate Thursdays from 4:15-5:15 p.m.

**Junior Troop #2445** alternate Thursdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

**Senior Troop #2106** Mondays 7:30-9:00 p.m.

**Kingdom Kids** group meet on Tuesdays from 4:00-5:00 p.m.

**Prayer Shawl Circle** meet on the first Wednesday of each month.

**Session** meet regularly on the second Wednesday of each month.

**Yoga** group meet on Mondays from 9:45 – 11:00 a.m.

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Please refer to the **December Calendar** to keep in touch with the many activities that **First Presbyterian Church of Baldwin** has to offer.

Also, don't forget to check out our website from time to time as an up-to-date schedule is always posted there. www.firstpresbyterianbaldwin.org

**DEADLINE FOR THE JANUARY 'TIDINGS' IS
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15TH**

**Please ensure articles are in the office on or before 1:00 p.m., on
Wednesday, December 15th for inclusion in the January 2011 *Tidings*.**

Thanks so much!



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ACTIVITIES FOR PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

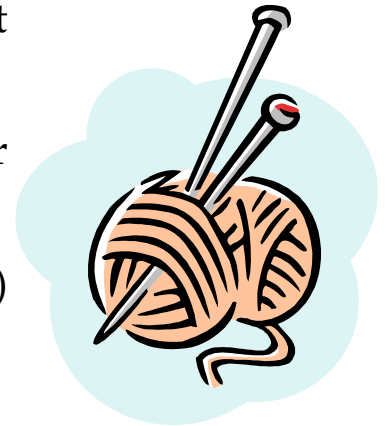
PRAYER SHAWL CIRCLE

"Calling all knitters and crocheters!"

The Prayer Shawl Circle will meet regularly on the **First Wednesday of each month** in the church parlor. Our next meeting will be **December 1st at 7:30 p.m.**

Bring yarn and needles and crochet hooks or a prayer shawl you already have in progress.

For more information, call Penny Blanchard (763-4568) or Bobbi Angelillo (623-6898).



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB



The Presbyterian Women's Breakfast Club meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m., at the Baldwin Coach Diner. This is an opportunity to fellowship with other women from First Presbyterian Church and enjoy good food and conversation. Their next meeting is on **Tuesday, December 21st**. For more information, contact Marge Leverage at 223-5439.



WOMEN'S DINNER

The women of First Presbyterian Church of Baldwin's regular fourth Wednesday of the month's dinner falls right before the Christmas Holidays – so we will not be meeting on that date! We wish you all a Merry Christmas and we'll meet again in January.



FIRST AND THIRD BIBLE STUDIES

"Transformed by Joy"

Rev. Pratt will be leading Bible Studies on the book of Philippians. Both morning and evening sessions will follow the same materials. The schedule is as follows:



Tuesday Night 8:00 p.m.

December 7, 2010

Thursday Morning 10:00 a.m.

December 2, 2010

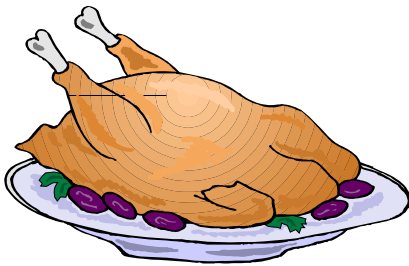
NOTE: The Thursday morning study is in the previous week to the Tuesday evening study (even though they are still the First Tuesday and Thursday of December!) There will be **NO Studies** during the Third week of December!

All members of the congregation are invited to attend, men and women. We look forward to seeing you there!



TURKEY DONATIONS NEEDED

If you have an **extra Turkey**, please bring it to the church. We need 36 for the whole year. They will be shared with the **Interfaith Nutrition Network** to feed hungry people in our community.



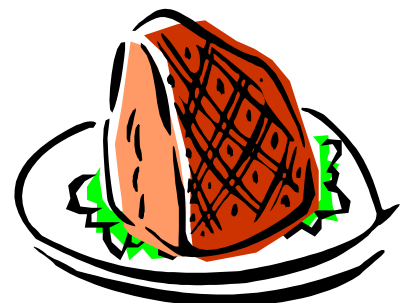
Don't forget: This is the time of year when Turkeys go on sale!

We will cook for the INN on **Monday, December 27th** at 7:00 p.m., in Beyer Hall.



HAM DONATIONS NEEDED

The Church will be collecting **canned hams** for the INN for the **month of December**. Please bring your ham or money towards a ham to the church. Thank you.



CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING 2010: Share a Gift for Christmas...

What Child is This?



In this season when we celebrate the child born in Bethlehem, we also realize that the birth of Jesus ushered in a new realm of God's love at work in the world. This love causes us to recognize the image of God imbedded in all humankind. It compels us to reach out with charity, justice, and grace. We seek to honor every child of God. This, too, is how we celebrate the child born on the first Christmas day.

Presbyterians can respond to that love at Christmas by giving generously to the Christmas Joy Offering. The Offering helps students at racial ethnic schools and colleges develop their gifts and find their calling to serve God through serving their community. At the same time, the Offering helps families of both active and retired church workers to meet unexpected needs. For over seventy years, Presbyterians have given generously at Christmas to support the unmet needs of families who have devoted their lives to the mission of the PC(USA). As we celebrate Jesus' love in our lives this Christmas, our gifts bear joyful witness to the power of that boundless love that changes lives.

Please give generously as we receive the "Christmas Joy Offering" on **Sunday, December 19th**, during our worship service. Special envelopes will be provided for this offering.



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS 2010

Help beautify the sanctuary this Christmas season!

If you would like to contribute a poinsettia to decorate the church, please complete the form below and either give it to an usher, place it in the collection plate or leave it at the church office. The poinsettias will remain in the sanctuary until after the Worship Service on Sunday, December 26th, when they will be delivered by the Deacons to those who have been designated to receive them.

The cost for one poinsettia is \$12.00.

The deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 12, 2010.

Donated by: _____

In tribute for: _____

Poinsettia (how many) _____ @ \$12.00 each

Amount enclosed for Poinsettias: _____

Christmas Wreaths. . . If you would like to donate one of the wreaths that decorate the outside doors of the Church for Christmas, we need seven (7) wreaths at \$30.00 each.

Yes, I would like to donate a wreath.

Amount enclosed for wreaths: _____