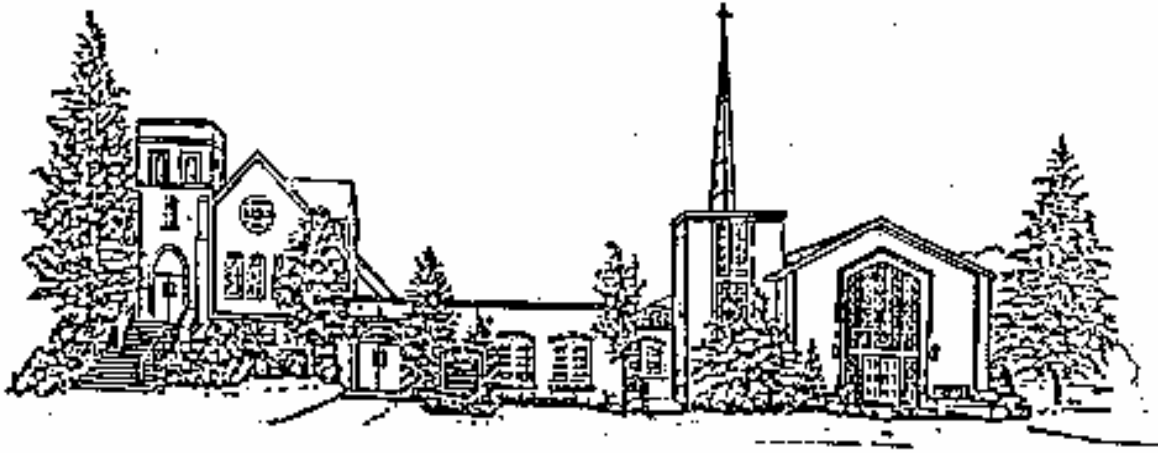


TIDINGS

DECEMBER 2011



Welcoming and Supporting Individuals and Families
to Grow in Faith!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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**

ADRIAN'S ANECDOTES ...

Christmas is a time of hope and anticipation. My prayer for us all as we go into a New Year is that God will continue to lead us and guide us. He never promises us an easy ride. He does assure us that whether we are walking by the clear cool streams or struggling through death threatening valleys: **He will be with us.**

The coming of Christ puts that promise into an even sharper focus. We know that we do not have a God who distances Himself from us, but one who in the fullest sense of the word knows what it is to be only human. From the fragility of the child in a manger, through the agony of the cross and to the glory of the resurrection – at every stage of life God can be there for us. With the help of His Spirit may we also be there for Him.

THE TASTE OF CHRISTMAS

When the last mouthful of turkey
Has been gobbled down,
When the last pine needle
Has been vacuumed out of the carpet,
When the last present has been opened,
The last card received,
The last carol caroled,
The last decoration packed back in its box,
The last relative visited,
The last thank you note dispatched,
What taste will be left behind?
A taste maybe of memories,
Vintage yet evergreen,
A taste maybe of hope,
Newborn yet not quite ripe.
For Christ has come, Emmanuel, Savior,
"O Taste and see that the Lord is Good!"
Surely this is a season to savor.



You are warmly invited to share in the many different seasonal activities and join us in our worship of Jesus Christ. To His name be the Glory.

-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.



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## FIRST AND THIRD BIBLE STUDIES

### – “The Gospel of Matthew”

The evening and morning Bible Studies cover the same material and the theme is: ‘*According to Matthew*’.

The schedule through the end of the year is as follows:

#### Tuesday Night 8:00 p.m.

December 6

December 20

#### Thursday Morning 10:00 a.m.

December 1

December 15

All members of the congregation are invited to attend. Please mark your calendars. We look forward to seeing you!

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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.

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## MOVED HOUSE!

**Camille Aita** has moved house: Her new address is:  
7 Riverwoods Drive, Apt. D127, Exeter, NH 03833. We wish her every blessing and happiness in her new surroundings.



## "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.

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. Since the last issue of the *Tidings*, this includes the following:

- ... **Jeanne Vielbig & Joan Hay** from Marge Leverage
- ... **Joan Hay** from Wendy & Jeffrey Beckerman (designated for the choir)
- ... **Joan Hay** from Janet Kempner (designated for the choir)
- ... **Joan Hay** from Ruth Maier
- ... **Joan Hay** from Marie Stine (designated for the choir)

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FLOWER DONATIONS

Don't forget you can sign up for flowers to be placed in the Sanctuary on any given Sunday. All you need to do is check the Flower Chart in the Narthex for availability and complete a "Flower Donation Form", which can be placed in the offering plate, or handed in to the church office. You can donate in memory of loved ones or in celebration of a birthday/anniversary or something special you wish to share.



Your donation tribute will appear in the bulletin on the Sunday that you specified. The cost is \$20 per donation.

The new **2012** Flower Chart is in the Narthex.

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**Quote:-** Christmas is a gift from God that a man cannot keep until he gives it to someone else. — *Dorothy Cameron Smith*

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BALDWIN, NY**  
**STATED SESSION MEETING SUMMARY**  
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2011**

Session met for their stated meeting on Wednesday, November 9, 2011. After opening prayer, reports from Acting Clerk, Pastor and Committees were received and approved. The bulleted list below highlight the business transacted:

- **Our Clerk** reported that since the last meeting we had received the following correspondence: a letter of thanks for our \$1,599.62 contribution to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering from the General Assembly mission Council. Also, from member Erika Floreska, a request for use of the Sanctuary and parlor on Sunday afternoon, March 4, 2012, from about 12 noon until about 5:00 p.m. for a "Flute and Friends" concert. The church calendar is free on that afternoon, but rehearsal for the children's musical runs until noon. **After discussion, it was moved, seconded, and approved to schedule the concert.**
- **Our pastor** reported he had received an invitation to again this year purchase an ad in the Playbill for the Baldwin High School musical. **After discussion, it was moved, seconded, and approved to purchase a half-page ad for \$120.00 from the Outreach Committee budget line.** A note from member Ed Hines was received supporting the idea of setting loose change aside daily, and donating it weekly or monthly to the church, in addition to his regular pledge. This will be highlighted in the next *Tidings* monthly newsletter. Copies of a report on the October 22, 2011 Presbytery Meeting written by John Underwood, Moderator were distributed. He had received a request from an Al-Anon group for meeting space Friday evenings from 7:45 till 10:00 for a group of up to 20. After discussion, it was decided the Buildings and Grounds Committee should meet with the group and negotiate an appropriate contribution rate.
- **Adult Education Committee:** Adult Forums are planned for the remainder of 2011, and ideas are cooking for 2012.
- **Christian Education Committee:** Sunday school is running well, and our new teachers and substitutes are doing a good job. ♦ The Halloween Candy "Tithe" was collected and sent off to our college students.

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- ◆ The Sunday School children will be collecting food in their neighborhoods around Thanksgiving, and bringing it to the Worship Service on Sunday, December 4, 2011. It will be delivered to the Saint Christopher's food pantry on Wednesday, December 7, 2011. ◆ This year, the Christian Education Committee will coordinate the Advent Wreath Making event on the Sunday of Thanksgiving Weekend.
- **Buildings and Grounds:** There will be a Manse Fall cleanup event on Saturday, November 19, 2011. ◆ A rainy day leak in the tower of the old building has developed, and repair estimates are pending. ◆ At the semiannual meeting with the Community Nursery School, it was agreed to raise their monthly contribution rate by \$50.00 to \$1,800.00, and their share of copier costs by \$5.00 to \$140.00. We equally share the cost of copies beyond our flat allowance. We are also equally sharing the \$200.00 cost of materials for additional shelving installed on the third floor. ◆ The committee gave tentative approval for the CNS to use the front half of the large second floor classroom for a new toddler group Tuesday and Thursday mornings for two hours each day. Still under discussion are an appropriate contribution amount, and coordination of space utilization for the various groups using the room. CNS will need to provide toddler-size furniture, and toys and storage space.
- **Fellowship Committee:** The next event is the Baldwin High School play on November 19, 2011, a presentation of *Fame*, followed by afterglow at the Angelillo's house.
- **Stewardship and Finance Committee:** The Treasurer's report for Local Mission, the Memorial Fund, Bank balances, etc. was discussed. ◆ The 2012 Goal Budget was presented and discussed at the Adult Forum on Sunday, October 30, 2011. ◆ Stewardship Sunday was November 6, 2011, and to date only about one-third of the expected number of pledges are in. ◆ At this Sunday's Worship Service, pledge cards will be available, and a reminder will be included during the time of announcements prior to taking up the Offering. Also, in the afternoon, "callers" will visit any who have not yet pledged.
- **General Mission Committee:** To date, the Peacemaking Offering totals \$1,031.00, exceeding the 2010 total by about \$250.00.

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- **Invested Resources Committee:** The November 8, 2011 balance was \$325,626.09.
- **Personnel Committee:** Staffing the baby nursery during Sunday Worship Services is still a work in process.
- **Worship and Music Committee:** Joint Confirmation Classes with the Nassau County Youth Ministry began Monday, November 7, 2011 with three from our Church, one from Malverne, and 4 from Massapequa. ♦ We will have two students attending the Youth Retreat at Holmes Camp November 11-12, 2011.

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept all Committee Reports as submitted.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The proposed scholarship fund in the name of Helene Kappelmann was tabled pending the next Mission Committee Meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. The next scheduled Stated Session Meeting will be 7:30 p.m., December 14, 2011.
2. The next scheduled Presbytery Meeting will be on Saturday, January 28, 2012, at the Brentwood Presbyterian Church. Our delegates are to be determined.

*-Rev. Adrian J. Pratt, Moderator of Session*

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CHRISTMAS DAY 2011 "PJ SERVICE"

Christmas Day this year falls on a Sunday. Aware that folk may not be wanting another full service after having two services on Christmas Eve we are doing things delightfully different, especially for Christmas Day ☺

Families are invited to allow their kids to turn up in their PJ's! (and adults may do so as well if they wish). We are aware that anticipating Santa Claus arriving can be an exhausting experience, but well worth waiting for. We invite all our kids to bring a gift they have received by way of 'Show and Tell' so we can all share in their joy. Our 'PJ' service will begin promptly at 10:00 am and we anticipate our celebration being around 30 minutes in length. We'll sing some carols and we'll hear again the Christmas Good News from the Bible. Make Christmas morning special by taking a little time out to remember just whose birthday it is we are celebrating!

FOOD OFFERING

Food donations are needed at the Long Island Council of Churches' Emergency Food Pantries. Donations can be dropped off in Freeport (450 N. Main Street, 516-868-4989), Hempstead (in Christ's 1st Presbyterian Church, 516-565-0290), or Riverhead (407 Osborne Avenue at Lincoln, 631-727-2210) or at any LICC meeting or event. Donations of toiletries, personal care items, school supplies, small household goods, and shopping bags also are welcome at all of our locations. Please bring only warm-weather clothing right now – and Riverhead has no room for clothes of any kind.



Don't forget, the First Presbyterian Church of Baldwin regularly collects non-perishable food items on the **First Sunday of each Month**. A box for this purpose is placed in the Narthex. All items are forwarded to the Freeport Food Pantry. Thank you for your support.



KINGDOM KIDS

"Kingdom Kids" will meet on Tuesday, December 6th and then take a break. Have a great Christmas! The Kingdom Kids Band will debut at the 5:00 p.m, Christmas Eve service!



***PICK UP A COPY OF THE ADVENT CALENDAR/DEVOTIONALS
(while supplies last) FOR YOUR FAMILY!***

They are available in the Narthex

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



ADVENT WREATH CANDLES AND COLORS

First Sunday Of Advent	November 27 th	The candle of hope (purple)
Second Sunday Of Advent	December 4 th	The candle of love (purple)
Third Sunday Of Advent	December 11 th	The candle of joy (pink)
Fourth Sunday Of Advent	December 18 th	The candle of peace (purple)
Christmas Eve (Saturday)	December 24 th	The Christ Candle (white)
Christmas Day (Sunday)	December 25 th	The Christ Candle (white)



PRAYER SHAWL CIRCLE

"Calling all knitters and crocheters!"

The Prayer Shawl Circle will meet on their regular 1st Wednesday of the month on **December 7th, 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. They meet next on **Tuesday, December 20th.** 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 during 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.



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, good company and lively conversation. Interested? Ask Carl Larson. **Next dinner is Wednesday, December 21st.**



**DEADLINE FOR THE JANUARY 'TIDINGS' IS
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH**

Please ensure articles are in the office on or before 1:00 p.m., on Wednesday, December 14th, for inclusion in the January 2012 Tidings. Thank you!



Focus on Fellowship 2011/2012

DECEMBER 2011	JANUARY 2012	FEBRUARY 2012
12/11 Christmas Dinner	01/17 Women's b'fast	02/15 Men's Dinner
12/18 Caroling – Open House at Danna's	01/18 Men's Dinner	02/21 Women's b'fast
12/20 Women's b'fast	01/25 Women's Dinner	02/22 Ash Wednesday Soup Supper (proceeds to One Great Hour of Sharing)
12/21 Men's Dinner	01/29 Bowling & Pizza and Parlor Games	02/29 Women's Dinner

NOTE: The Church office will be closed from **Monday, December 26th through Monday, January 2nd** for the Christmas and New Year Holidays.

Quote: The simple shepherds heard the voice of an angel and found their Lamb: the wise men saw the light of a star and found their Wisdom.

-Fulton J. Sheen

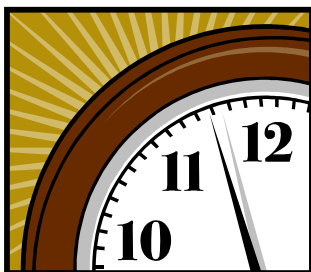
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN "CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE"

As we have done in past years, we are going to have a **Christmas Giving Tree** to provide Christmas gifts for the Queens Children's Center which is part of the New York State Office of Mental Health.



Please watch for announcements in the Narthex.

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 and Holidays.

UPCOMING DATES FOR JANUARY, 2012

Sunday, January 1	Communion/Food Offering
Monday, January 2	Office Closed
Tuesday, January 3	CNS Resumes
Wednesday, January 4	Prayer Shawl Circle
Monday, January 9	Deadline for Annual Reports
Monday, January 9	Deacons
Tuesday, January 10	Confirmation class – Baldwin PC
Wednesday, January 11	Session
Monday, January 16	Office Closed – In observance of the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.
Tuesday, January 17	Deadline for February Tidings
Tuesday, January 17	Evening Bible Study
Thursday, January 19	Morning Bible Study
Friday, January 20/21	Mission Impossible Youth sleepover – Beyer Hall
Tuesday, January 24	Confirmation class – Massapequa PC
Thursday, January 26	CNS Parent/Teacher Conference
Friday, January 27	CNS Parent/Teacher Conference
Saturday, January 28	Presbytery meeting at Brentwood PC
Tuesday, January 31	Confirmation class – Baldwin PC

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### JOIN ED AND HELP CHANGE MAKE A CHANGE!

In a recent Stewardship 'Minute for Mission' Elder Bill Hodges, talked about how loose household change could accumulate and become a considerable amount of dollars. One of our members, Ed Hines, took this message to heart and is intending to collect all his household change and at the end of the month put it in an envelope, with his name and membership number upon it, and place it in the offering plate.



Ed invites others from the congregation to join him in this venture. We anticipate posting the total amount the 'Change Fund' raises each month in the *Tidings*. Will you join Ed and help change make a change?

## WORSHIP SERVICES FOR DECEMBER, 2011

**December 4** – 2nd Sunday in Advent

**“Prepare The Way”** Communion Service

Rev. Adrian J. Pratt

*(Bring mittens for the Mitten Trees)*

**December 11** – 3rd Sunday in Advent

**“The Wind Cries Mary”** - Rev. Adrian J. Pratt

**December 18** – 4th Sunday in Advent

**“Let It Happen!”** - Rev. Adrian J. Pratt

*(Christmas Joy Offering received)*

**December 24** – Christmas Eve 5:00 p.m. Family Service  
and 11:00 p.m. service of “Communion/Candlelight/Carols”

Rev. Adrian J. Pratt

**December 25** – Christmas Day! 10:00 a.m. Family PJ Service

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Quote:- You can never truly enjoy Christmas until you can look up into the Father’s face and tell Him you have received His Christmas gift. – *John R. Rice*

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### 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 18th**. 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 a Merry Christmas!

*-The Deacons*

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MITTEN TREES

On **Sunday, December 4th**, please bring new mittens, gloves and hats to be placed on the Mitten Trees during our worship service that day. All contributions will be distributed to needy children in our area. Please support this worthwhile cause.



**CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING 2011: Share a Gift
for Christmas...**



Good News of Great Joy

A cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s, the Christmas Joy Offering is one of the four special offerings designated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Because Advent and Christmas shine a light not only on our world's greatest hope but also on our world's greatest need, the PC(USA) provides this timely opportunity for congregations to support causes specifically designed to bring *Good News of Great Joy* to the poor in circumstance or spirit. Alongside the message of promise and fulfillment in Luke's Gospel, we hear the clear call to God's people to respond in faith as Christ calls us: "From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded." (Luke 12:48).

Undesignated gifts to the Christmas Joy Offering will be distributed equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to support student scholarships at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges.

Please give generously as we receive the "Christmas Joy Offering" on **Sunday, December 18th**, during our worship service. Special envelopes will be provided for this offering.



ADVENT IN WORSHIP

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



UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS

Please feel free to take a copy of the **November/December, 2011** issue of the Upper Room Devotionals. They are located in the Narthex.

"Here We Go A Caroling"

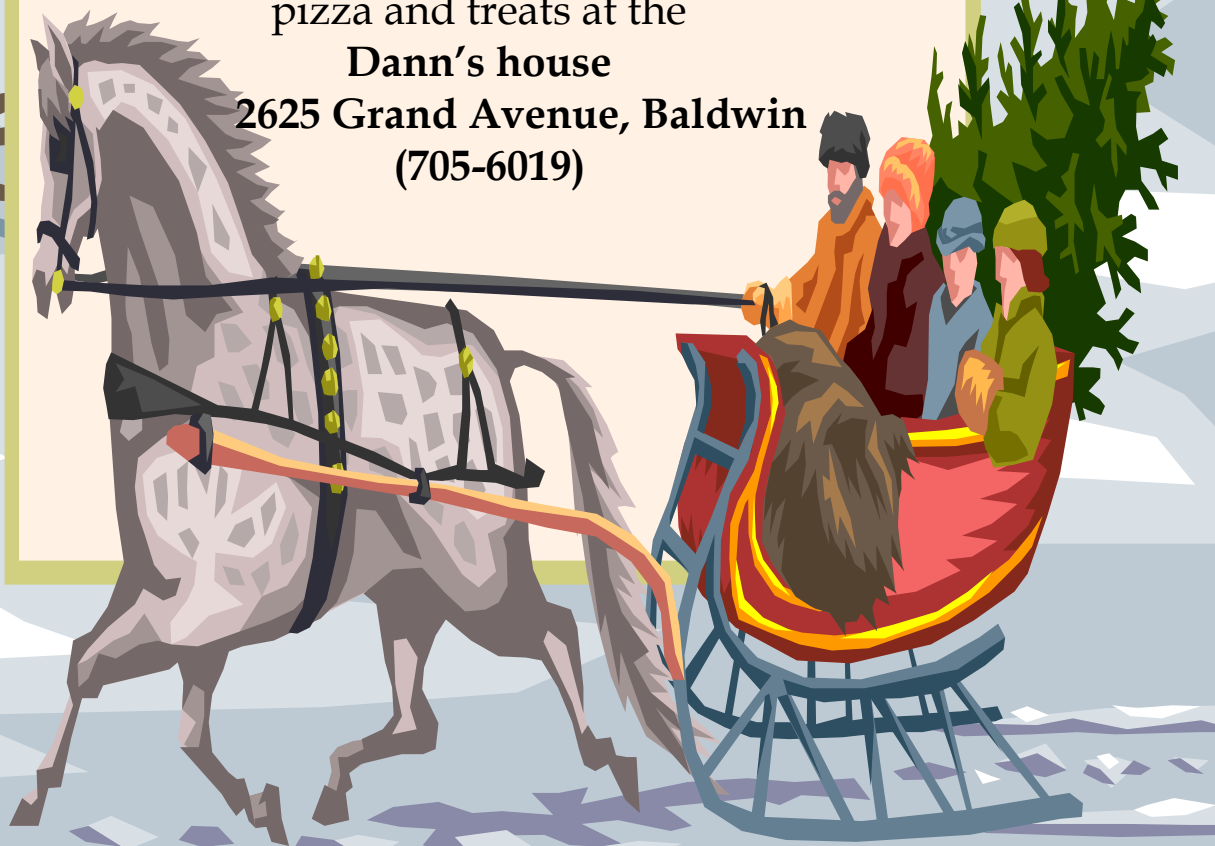
Sunday, December 18, 2011 at 2:45 p.m.

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)



A CHRISTMAS CRANIUM CRUNCHER

Here's a little quiz to occupy your time in these dark winter nights. Each question has a one-word answer. The first letter of each word make up a brief phrase that certain shepherds on a Bethlehem hillside heard the angels singing (Luke 2:14). All the answers can be found in your Bibles. To make it easier, you'll find the necessary verses below. (But for a real challenge, try it without them!) *Based on the King James Translation.*

1. What prophet, sent by God's own voice, forced on a King a dreadful choice?
2. Jacob made Bethel a place of fame, but what was its former names?
3. A righteous man who feared the Lord and saved his prophets from the sword.
4. A king of Syria, Judah's bane, and by Tiglath Pileasar slain.
5. How often was it that Moses said, they should celebrate the Unleavened bread?
6. He led Israel for twenty-three years, and when he died was buried at Shamir.
7. A man that God profusely blest, for at his house the Ark did rest.
8. First name of the city King Asa did found (before Ben) once he had razed Ramah down to the ground.
9. This man to Paul was a wonderful friend, when he found him in Rome, cheered him up no end.
10. A nurse who after death was laid beneath a mighty oak-tree's shade.

In the initials you will find – What is due to God from all mankind.

BIBLE VERSES FOR THE CHRISTMAS CRANIUM CRUNCHER!

These are **NOT** in the right order!

2 Samuel 24:11; Genesis 35:8; Exodus 13:10; 2 Samuel 6:11; I Kings 15:22;
2 Kings 16:9; 2 Timothy 1:16 -17; Judges 10:1-2; I Kings 18:4; Genesis 28:19.

Answers in your January edition of 'Tidings'.



FROM THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

First, we want to thank all those folks who have handed in their 2012 Stewardship Pledge Cards. However, we still have a significant number of pledges for 2012 outstanding as of the *Tidings* deadline.

We will be following up with Stewardship calls so that we can develop a proposed Budget for 2012 with more confidence as to our likely revenue. We will then bring a proposed 2012 Budget to Session.

After they approve or amend that proposed Budget it will then be sent to the Congregation for approval.

Once again, thank you for your support. Our Congregation depends on it.
-John Murray, Stewardship & Finance Committee

Quote:- Let this Christmas season be a renewing of the mind of Christ in our thinking, and a cleansing of our lives by His pure presence. Let His joy come to our weary world through us. — *Gerald Kennedy*

CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE 2011-2012

This year - something different. Through the Nassau County Joint Youth initiative we are working together in confirmation. Classes are as follows:

Class Schedule (Tuesdays 6:45 - 8:30 p.m.)

November 29	(Massapequa)	March 2nd-3rd	Retreat at Holmes Camp
December 13 th	(Malverne)	March 13 th	(Malverne)
January 10 th	(Baldwin)	March 27 th	(Massapequa)
January 24 th	(Massapequa)	April 24 th	(Baldwin)
January 31 st	(Baldwin)	May 8 th	(Massapequa)
February 7 th	(Malverne)	<i>(Baldwin youth) - meet with Session on May 9th</i>	
February 28 th	(Massapequa)		

Service of Confirmation PENTECOST SUNDAY MAY 27, 2012

YOUTH ACTIVITIES



Youth will meet at 5:00 p.m., on **Sunday, December 4th** at the Massapequa Presbyterian Church for “Out of the Box” worship.

UPCOMING: “Mission Impossible (again)” Sleepover, January 20/21.

HOLMES CAMP



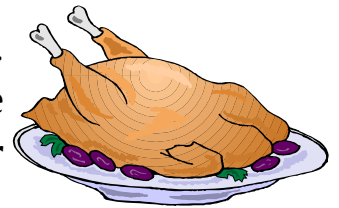
The Nassau County Youth Retreat at Holmes Camp took place November 11th -12th. During the two days the youth and their leaders explored the theme ‘Planet Later- Hope for Tomorrow.’ Activities included leaf clearing (followed by death defying leaps into the pile of leaves), an evening campfire and a hike out to the lemon squeeze.

In the teaching classes we looked at spiritual practices that bring us hope. Times of worship were filled with much music, prayer and laughter. All in all a fun filled weekend.

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## 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 26, 2011** at 7:00 p.m., in Beyer Hall.

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MONETARY DONATIONS NEEDED

The Church will be collecting **monetary donations** for the INN towards the purchase of pork-loin for the **month of December**. Please see Ruth Dann for details.

Thank you.



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## ANNUAL REPORTS

Attention Committee Chairs! The deadline for your annual report to be submitted to the office is **MONDAY, JANUARY 9TH**. Please send it to : [baldwinchurch@verizon.net](mailto:baldwinchurch@verizon.net)

# Annual Congregational Christmas Dinner

Sunday, December 11, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

Join us as we enjoy the musical  
“Why the Chimes Rang”  
by Raymond Macdonald Alden



Cost: Adults \$10.00  
Children (12 years and under) \$5.00  
Family Maximum \$30.00

Sign-up is already underway so make sure you see  
Ruth Dann on or before Sunday, December 4th,  
or call the Church Office (223-2112)

All are welcome!

Join us for fun and fellowship!





## *CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS 2011*

**p 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, January 1, 2012, when they will be delivered by the Deacons to those who have been designated to receive them. The cost for one poinsettia is \$13.00.

**The deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 11, 2011.**

Donated by: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

In tribute for: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Poinsettia (how many) \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$13.00 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**GROUPS THAT REGULARLY MEET AT FPCB**

**Check with the group leader/moderator/calendar 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** meet regularly for rehearsal on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.

**Bible Study** is bi-monthly on the first and third Tuesday at 8:00 p.m., and on the first and third Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

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

**Cook for the INN** (Interfaith Nutrition Network) is the fourth Monday at 7 p.m.

**Deacons** meet regularly on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

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

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

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

**Cadet Troop #2181** alternate Thursdays from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

**Senior/Ambassador Troop #2106** Bi-monthly on a Monday 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 at 7:30 p.m.

**Session** meet regularly on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

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

**Youth Group** meet on Sundays at 7:00 p.m.



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 at [www.firstpresbyterianbaldwin.org](http://www.firstpresbyterianbaldwin.org)