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ADVENT EVENT

What fun we had Sunday, December 2 enjoying a delicious lunch together before making vo-



tive holders, intricate snowflakes, and pop up manger scenes! Everyone could munch on sugar cookies which you frost/decorate



yourself and trim the Christmas tree or decorate the sanctuary. For lunch the Board of Christian Education and Social Committee provided Swedish meatballs (or



Au Jus style) and Chicken with vegetables over egg noodles or rice. We are grateful for the food and drink donations which will be



given to our college students to strengthen them during final exams.

This year we are experiencing what it was like when Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Every Sunday in December we travel back in time from 9:30-10:30AM to see the wonder of the shepherds and joy of the Wise Kings. Drop in the weeks you can to see the Miracle in the Manger!

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First Baptist Church of Mansfield
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A Word from the Pastor

Advent: the coming, or arrival. The word comes from the Latin word *Adventus*, meaning *to come to*. As we celebrate Advent we are celebrating the greatest arrival in history. For us, that also means waiting for the celebration of this arrival on Christmas Day, although some of us are not so good at this waiting part. I was sitting in the car waiting for Olivia after school a few days ago, when I thought I would take the time to sit and pray rather than listen to the radio. It is easy to turn on the radio and listen to a sports talk show, or NPR, or a song. It's not so easy to sit and be quiet in the car. I even left early to pick her up so that I would have a few minutes to pray.

The first thing I wanted to do was to clear my mind. I wanted to stop thinking about what I had to do, or where I had to go next. Of course then I started thinking about what had already happened that day, and even the day before. It was a conscious struggle to clear my mind, but I finally did it.

And then I fell asleep.

Actually, I probably fell asleep before I fully cleared my mind. The next thing I remember is a knocking on the window and there was Olivia wanting her ride home.

Although I was unsuccessful in my attempt to prepare for Advent on that day, I am not giving up. I will keep on trying to find those moments to stop and reflect on the coming of Christ once again this year.

As I write this I just noticed the book on my desk about preparing for Christmas. The sub title is "Inspiration and Activities for the Christmas Season". It was written over 20 years ago. On the cover there is a perfect picture of a family sitting in front of a fire place at home. The dad is sitting in a wingback arm chair and his wife (I assume she is his wife) is sitting at his feet. They both have their Bibles open and they are very intently looking in them. One daughter is sitting on the arm of the chair also looking in the Bible, and she is smiling

broadly. The other younger daughter is kneeling at the other side of the chair, also very interested in whatever is being said. The son is across the room, lying on his stomach on the floor, holding his chin in his hand, apparently hanging on every word being spoken. The kids are all dressed in their Sunday best, white blouses with red dresses and big red bows. Their hair looks like they all just came from the hair stylist less than an hour ago. There is a fire in the fireplace, stockings are hung just so, and there are strings of popcorn hanging on the Christmas tree. As I said, it is a perfect picture.

I find that preparing for Christmas is not always that "picture perfect" for me. I am afraid that if I had a chance to sit in front of a fire in a chair like that, I might fall asleep as I did in the car the other day where it was cold and not very comfortable.

But Jesus did not come to perfect people in a perfect world the first time. Luke 2 : 8 tells us it was the "shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks by night" who were the first ones to get the message from the angels and then get the first glimpse of the Messiah.

God will come to us again. It may be in a time when we are ready and waiting, or it may be at a time and place we do not expect. Maybe it will be in a familiar Christmas carol, or at a church worship service. Or maybe it will be in a smile of someone we meet at the grocery store, or in a story we hear in the news that touches our hearts. God will come again. God is already here, and is always with us. The angels came right up to the shepherds in the fields, but then they had to go walking to find Jesus. Advent is our time to walk and look. Maybe we will have to knock on some doors, and look in some manglers. I look forward to walking through Advent with you, my church family. Together we will find Jesus. And Jesus will find us...together.

Christmas Peace



Board of Trustees

During storm Sandy, a pane in one of our side stain glass windows was broken and the trash bin was blown over and the top broken. Thanks to Prescott for fixing the top. The Trustee will be discussing the window at our next meeting.

The Trustees would like to remind everyone to try to help save money wherever we can. **Please turn off lights when you are through in a room and turn down the thermostat if you have turned it up.**

Reminders of other long standing policies:

- Any **fund raising** on Sunday morning needs to be approved by the Trustees.
- Trustee approval is required for all non-Church groups using the **Church facilities**. The Facilities Use Form is available on the Church Website under "Contact Us". Church committees and Boards should check the calendar to see it is free for the room and time desired and sign up in the calendar book.
- **Reimbursement Forms** are also available on the Church Website under "Contact Us". Expenses should be approved by the appropriate board or committee chair prior to purchasing items for the Church.

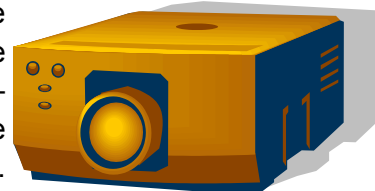
Emma Gardiner Missionary Society

A Christmas program was presented by Lena Barry and Betty Geissler at the Church on Tuesday, December 4th

White Cross Quota – Thank you to everyone who brought in items for our Christmas Quota which included toys, puzzles and other items for South Providence Neighborhood Ministries. There is still a sign-up sheet for other items due in the spring.

Projection and Computer Committee

The new projector has been in regular use since September. The remainder of the electronic equipment to fully implement the system has been purchased and installed. The list of projectionists includes Olivia Baker, Bob Erickson, Bill Hocking, John Riesen, and Dana Yanaway. In order to have the internet available to the projection system, an additional router was installed. As an ancillary benefit we will soon be able to have guest Wi-Fi throughout the Church building. This should be helpful for parents waiting for children in activities (and also children waiting for parents in meetings) and occasionally during committee meetings. If you want information on the current status of this and how to log on once it is active, contact John Riesen or Bob Erickson.



Annual Business Meeting

The **ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING** will be held on **Sunday, January 27, 2013** after the worship service. Board and Committee Chairs please send your report to office@fbcmansfieldct.com **no later than Sunday, January 6, 2013**. Annual Reports for 2012 will be available on **Sunday, January 20, 2013**. Child care will be available for those with young children. Please let Nancy Flynn know if you will need child care so we can provide adequate coverage. Please make every effort to attend the Annual Business Meeting on **Sunday, January 27, 2013**.

Board of Deacon News

On October 14th, the Board of Deacons hosted another warm and wonderful potluck luncheon. About 40 people stayed after church to enjoy warm comfort food and warmer fellowship around the tables. After eating, there was a get –to- know- you activity involving drawing questions from a cup and sharing the answers with others at each table. What fun it was to hear the buzz and laughter from around the room. The teen table took the “prize” for having the most spirited discussion! Here are some of the answers: (Can you guess who said them?)

1. Question: What’s the best advice you’ve ever received?
 Be good to my brothers.
 Be myself, because everyone else is taken.
 Don’t finish your Biology homework during a fire drill.
 Take typing, because you have poor handwriting.
2. What brought you to our church?
 Lena
 My husband’s job.
 A flying carpet.
 My mom forced me to go.
3. What’s the most exciting place you’ve ever been?
 David’s house.
 Portugal on my honeymoon.
 La Fortuna Waterfall – Costa Rica
 Ebbetts Field in Brooklyn

All the questions and answers from that event will be going into a new Deacon project- a Church Family Book – sort of a new take on the old directory idea. This book will have a page for each person/ family with interesting information about them. If you were not at the event we

WILL be hunting you down to get the answers we need for your page!

The Deacon’s Fellowship fund has been used in many ways over the last couple of months. The pastor often provides those in need with gas cards and grocery cards. A donation of \$150 dollars was made to the **WAIM Fuel Fund** through Olivia Baker and her participation in the **Walk for Warmth**. The fund also provided a pair of new boots for someone. Thank you all for your generous support of the Fellowship Fund.

Please let a Deacon know if you would like to **volunteer to be a greeter** for an upcoming service. We always like to have a warm and friendly smile and handshake ready for those who enter our sanctuary on Sunday mornings. We would also love to hear from you if you would be interested in being a Visitation Volunteer. **Visitation Volunteers** may be called upon by the Pastor or the Deacons to visit those in our church family who may enjoy a home visit.

Deacon of the month for December is Tricia Baker.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

We will be having our Candlelight Christmas Eve Service beginning at **7:00 pm on Monday, December 24th**. Please join us for a service full of music, stories and the warmth that can only be found in church on Christmas Eve.



🎵 Music Notes 🎵

Please join us at morning worship on Sunday **December 16th**, when an abundance of Christmas music will be presented. Anthems by both the Youth Choir and Adult Choir will be sung.

On Christmas Sunday, **December 23rd**, we will tune up our voices and go Christmas Caroling to members and friends following the morning worship service. Bring a sandwich for your lunch before we go out caroling. Please plan on joining us and bring a friend too for this fun and festive event. Hot chocolate to follow at the home of the Riesens,



Please note 🎵 the following dates to put on your calendar:

- 🎵 Sunday **February 3, 2013** – Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, musical, to be presented during the morning worship service.
- 🎵 Sunday **February 10, 2013** – snow date for the musical
- 🎵 Friday **March 1, 2013** – Church Family Fun Night – Come join us for an evening of food, fun, fellowship and entertainment. Each year the American Baptist Women's Ministries has a geographical area of focus for our mission studies, and this year will be Okinawa and Japan. Sign up to share your talent with us – sing a song, play an instrument, do a dance, tell a joke, do a skit or whatever you would like to do. Potluck at 6:00 PM, entertainment begins at 7:00 PM (snow date: Friday March 8th, 2013)
- 🎵 Saturday, **April 13, 2013** – Annual Festival of Singing Children – Community Baptist Church – Manchester, CT

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee continues its work putting together the slate of church officers, board members and committee members for next year. This year's committee members are Patty Geissler, Bill Hocking and Susan Figueroa. We would ask you to prayerfully consider how you can help the church. What are your interests? What do you like to do? Would you like to try something new? Our church functions best when everyone contributes. Please let a member of the committee know if you feel led to join a committee or board next year and remember that it takes all of us to keep our church running smoothly!

Thank you.

Patty, Bill and Susan

Church Family News

On Saturday, December 1 Betty Geissler enjoyed a surprise 90th Birthday Party. Betty thought that she was going out to lunch with Kristin and Alyssa; she did, but they were joined by many family members and friends who greeted Betty at Mitchell's Restaurant in Vernon for a luncheon celebration. There was lots of wonderful conversation and reminiscing and she was serenaded with the Happy Birthday song. She will turn 90 on December 6th.

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Laura Flynn, a Pharmacy major at Butler University in Indianapolis has been awarded a Schweitzer fellowship. Each year the U. S. Schweitzer Fellows Program selects a number of fellows to participate at one of their thirteen program sites. Schweitzer Fellows partner with a community based organizations to identify an unmet health need, and then design a service program to meet that need. Laura will work with Community Hospital East to address patients with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) who have difficulty with medication compliance and understanding. A Schweitzer Fellowship is quite an honor for Laura as there are great many qualified applicants and comparatively few "winners". Yeah Laura!

The Word No One Wants to Mention

In the third world, the medical missionary usually has to confront death that comes suddenly. Accidentally injured victims fail to make a distant hospital in time, cancer is too advanced to pull the patient back from the jaws of death, or an infection is too far gone. Many are saved for which there is great rejoicing, but many more die than we are used to in our own country. And those who die usually do so with little warning and little opportunity to say goodbye to loved ones. Death is too omnipresent to be a closed subject, as it tends to be here in our culture.

In *The Art of Dying*, author Rob Moll points out that it is unusual in the U.S. for patients to die without warning in our present day due to all the technical advances in medicine. The result is what he calls a slow death, lasting several months or even years. This may have its disadvantages. Many say that they don't want to hang around and want to "go quickly". But usually this comment refers to a fear of pain or being stuck on a machine, both of which are, with rare exception, unnecessary anyway. Yet, even if you make it clear to your family and physician that you do not want extraordinary measures, there is still generally much more time than there used to be in the past to be with family, say the things that need to be said, and prepare yourself spiritually for the final journey. And, for all of that, there is much to be thankful.

I would not imply that this last journey is a great adventure. The Christian faith has always viewed death (as God does) as evil, as the apostle Paul said "the final enemy"—the result of man's sin and a fallen world. And the church has always been at its best in such times, in bringing comfort and support to death's victims—both the suffering patient and the bereaved family. It was the Christian church which saw the image of God in the sick and dying, while the rest of the world turned away. It was even an early church which developed organizations to bring comfort and solace to such people and which ultimately brought the hospital into being. And the church can and should play a significant role in helping everyone affected pass through this difficult transition, as it does on the mission field. For the church has an important message to confirm, that God Himself died on a cross and conquered

death, paving the way for all those who believe in Him as resurrected Lord and Savior.

In the last century, as medicine and technology has taken the lead and changed peoples attitudes about health and death, the latter has lost its spiritual significance, even in the eyes of the church. As a result, we tend to see only its physical ugliness. Mr. Moll in his book points out that many in the church have lost their way and feel only awkwardness in these settings. Death used to be a community event, and now children grow up never being exposed to it and never developing any tools for helping others deal with it. Some of you may know that my wife and I are dealing with both our fathers in the final stages of medical illness in one and terminal cancer in the other. I find myself exploring the depth of a new journey as I find my own way. I confess that even as a physician I have felt awkwardness at times and been at a loss for words, even though one's mere presence can mean everything. C.S. Lewis wrote that when he lost his wife he felt as though everyone wanted to avoid him and he carried, in the agony of his own grief, the extra burden of feeling that he had to make others try to feel more comfortable around him. Nevertheless, once one gets beyond this, he senses sacred ground and the honor of helping someone else through it. The church can recognize this as an important mission field waiting to be served. Mr. Moll suggests that the church create new traditions, coordinated to involve the community of believers, in attending to both the dying and those left behind. Christians used to prepare, according to Mr. Moll, their whole lives for dying well. It was something that was brought to their attention regularly, as death and everything that attended it was more a part of life than it is today, even though it is as real as it ever was. If the greater church was in the vanguard in discussing death and helping others with this final tragedy, then all of us will benefit in our own reparations for dying well. And some will rejoice that there are people who though they may not welcome death, still authentically embrace it as a reality of life and are comfortable in engaging it, that there is somewhere in our culture where the word death is mentioned without embarrassment.

-Doug Whittemore

Ladies Aid Society

Our annual ButterBraid Sale was a success! We sold a grand total of 139 items. Our top sales person was Nancy Flynn and the top selling item this year was the Raspberry Butter Braid. Our profit, which included an early sign up bonus and two donations, is \$650.24. Thank you very much for supporting us with this delicious fundraiser.

We are currently running a Rada Sale...

Through a unique and simple internet ordering system you may order quality **Rada Cutlery** kitchen knives, utensils, gift sets and other merchandise direct from the manufacturer at very low prices. This means that not only will you get a great deal on amazing products but you will also be helping the Ladies Aid meet our fundraising goal at the same time.

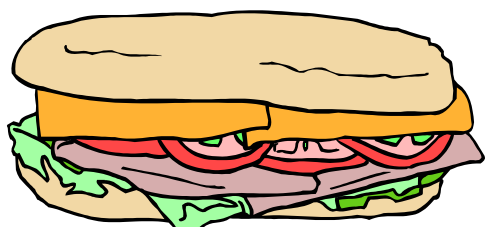
To take advantage of this opportunity and to help our group, click on this link www.HelpOurFundraiser.com using our group's information:

Internet Ordering#: 502851

Password: fbcm (must be lower case letters)

Your order will be delivered to your address in 15 working days or less. Please know your order also supports American workers and their families. Rada Cutlery has been proudly manufactured in America's heartland since 1948.

We appreciate your support with these efforts. It allows us to help the Church in many ways. We most recently had repairs to the dishwasher completed in anticipation of our next food service kitchen inspection.



Youth Mission Group

The youth going on the mission trip this summer are already hard at work raising money for the trip. We have been working on Saturday mornings and afternoons doing mostly yard clean up.



If you have some work that needs doing, please contact one of the youth going on the trip or Pastor Ron. The youth going are Amanda and Becca Figueroa, Lyrica and Sierra Yanaway, Priska and Jonas

Burkhard, Bethie Charron, and Olivia Baker.

As of now it looks like we will be heading to West Virginia to work with World Vision again. We are also currently doing a **fund raiser selling Jars of cookie mixes**. You add eggs and butter to the mix and you have two dozen cookies. I believe there are three kinds, chocolate chip, snickerdoodle, and sugar cookies. I also believe the cost is \$.80 for a jar of mix.

Soup Kitchen Friday

The First Baptist Church of Mansfield will be serving at the Covenant Soup Kitchen on Valley Street in Willimantic on **Friday, December 21st**. If you can help serve please be at the Soup Kitchen at 4:00 pm. We also need help to provide tasty desserts for the evening. If you can provide a dessert please let Pastor Ron or Jill Stedman-Myette know.

WAIM Grinder Sale

The **Annual WAIM Grinder Sale** will be taking place on **Sunday, January 27, 2013**. If you can help please see Ed Austin. And be sure to order your grinder for lunch at the Annual Business Meeting!

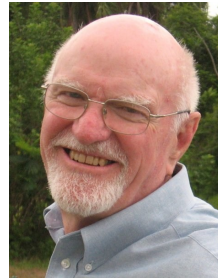
Obituary for Barbara (James) McSweeney July 3, 1919 - September 25, 2012

Barbara (James) McSweeney, of Willimantic, died Tuesday Sept. 25, 2012. She was born July 3, 1919 in Willimantic the daughter of the late Robert F. and Grace (Paton) James. She was predeceased by her loving husband of 46 years, Earl W. McSweeney and a daughter Kathleen Ann. She is survived by daughter Mary E. Haddad and her husband Edward A. of Ozrlando, FL, son Robert E. McSweeney and his wife Nancy of Kansas City, MO, daughter Lauren R. Labreche and her husband Dustan of Shrewsbury, MA, five grandchildren, five great grandchildren, two sisters, Olive Lehmus of Coventry, Mildred Larkins of Mansfield and a sister in law Martha McSweeney of Willimantic. As a member of the large James family, she leaves many nieces, nephews, cousins and their families from all over the United States.

Barbara was a member of the First Baptist Church of Mansfield and previously had been a 75 year member of the First Baptist Church of Willimantic. Barbara was employed for 57 years as a bookkeeper at the former Hurley's Clothing Stores in Willimantic. Over the years she was involved in many charitable and civic organizations.

Her family will receive relatives and friends on Oct. 15th between 6:00pm and 8:00pm at Potter Funeral Home, 456 Jackson St. (Rte. 195) Willimantic. Her funeral service will be held at the funeral home on Oct. 16th at 11:00am with interment following in New Willimantic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to First Baptist Church of Mansfield, 945 Storrs Rd., Storrs, Ct. 06268 or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Obituary for Robert Barrows Gardiner, Jr. August 29, 1935 - November 27, 2012



Robert Barrows Gardiner, Jr., 77, of Sun City Center, FL, died peacefully on November 27, 2012 at Lifepath Hospice with his devoted wife, Jacqueline (Lynn), and his Border Collie, Charles, by his side. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Barrows Gardiner and Dorothy Jenner Gardiner (Storrs, CT) and sister Dottie Lackman (Ashford, CT). Bob was born on August 29, 1935 in Willimantic, CT and raised in Storrs, CT on Maple View Farm. As a young man, he worked on the family farm delivering milk in the early morning hours before school. He often regaled the family with funny stories of the many interesting characters who found their way to the farm seeking employment during the Depression years. He was captain of the Windham High School football team, wearing number 32 as center. There he met his first wife, Dianna Volle. They married shortly after graduation in 1952, and together raised four children in Storrs, CT. Bob operated the 300-acre family dairy farm from 1953-1967. In 1971, he earned a B.A. in History from the University of Connecticut, and attended Western New England School of Law for two years. He obtained a CT real estate broker's license in 1967 and then pursued, as his passion, a 45-year career in real estate. He opened his first agency on High Street in Willimantic, CT in 1972. He married his beloved wife, Jacqueline (Lynn) in 1998, with whom he shared a deep love of animals and books; together they traveled to national parks and other beautiful regions of the country creating many treasured memories. Bob loved watching sporting events on television and reading about the events and personalities of World War II. He was an avid sports fan – especially of the UCONN Huskies and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers – and never missed a Bucs game. He was also a passionate soccer fan, serving as a referee for the University of Con-

necticut and other schools throughout New England during the 1970's. He was business manager and part-owner with good friend Paul Ingram, of the Connecticut Wildcats, the first major league Pro-Soccer team in the state of Connecticut 1971-1973. Bob acquired a private pilot's license during the 1970's and he often said flying was the "most fun" thing he ever did. He was a man of deep faith whose association with the First Baptist Church of Mansfield, CT and the Ruskin United Methodist Church in Ruskin, FL brought many kind people, warm memories and spiritual comfort to his life. He is survived by his loving wife Jacqueline (Lynn) of 14 years; his four children and their spouses: Robin and David Gooch of Coventry, CT, Bill and Beth Gardiner of Gilroy, CA, Andy and Kris Gardiner of Storrs, CT, Catherine and Charlie Fenech of San Francisco, CA, his sister Shirley Corcoran of Mansfield Center, CT; his sisters-in-law, Stephanie Coppola of Wyckoff, NJ and Victoria Spain of Sun City Center, FL; as well as ten grandchildren; three great-grandchildren, and many cousins, nieces and nephews. His family would like to express special thanks to his wife, Jacqueline (Lynn), for her unwavering devotion – especially in his last weeks – and also for the remarkable care and comfort provided by friends Flo and Tim Vachon, Reverends Hal Jeffery and David Looney of Ruskin United Methodist Church, and the dedicated professionals at South Bay and Brandon Regional Hospitals as well as Lifepath Hospice House in Sun City Center, FL. After cremation, interment will be in the family plot at the Spring Hill Cemetery in Mansfield, CT. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you remember Bob by making a donation to either the First Baptist Church in Mansfield, CT or the Ruskin United Methodist Church in Ruskin, FL. Memorial services will be held at the Ruskin United Methodist Church in Ruskin, FL and the First Baptist Church in Mansfield, CT – dates to be determined.



Looking Ahead

When we begin to think spring, please keep in mind, we will once again promote the **2013 Daffodil Days** campaign! This takes place during the month of February! As you know, the funds raised are to help fight cancer!

Also continue to **save your used stamps!** Remember there is a basket on the table at the entrance to the church for any and all stamps with a 1/2" edging! This year the "stamp cut ups" did not do as well as expected. They raised \$248.00 to help support the Chaplain's Fund at Connecticut Baptist Homes in Meriden, CT.

Of note, commemorative cancelled stamps are worth more than regular stamps! Also metered stamps are not collectable. If you have questions, call Lena at 860-429-4431.

Flower Committee

The **2013 Flower Calendar** is now on the bulletin board in the Christian Education wing. We invite you to visit the calendar and sign up to share flowers in the sanctuary on a Sunday. Flowers can be arrangements that you purchase or blossoms that you pick from your yard; you can offer them in celebration of a special event, in honor or memory of someone, or just because. The church always looks so nice when we have flowers and we appreciate anyone who can help provide them. Please let us know if you have any questions or need assistance.

Lena Barry, Sue Bauer, Patty Geisler, Charlotte Hebert

Coming Events in 2012 and 2013

December 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
2 Bethlehem Village 1 Advent Event	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Bethlehem Village 2	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 Bethlehem Village 3 Special Christmas Music Trustees Meeting		18	19	20	21 Soup Kitchen	22
23 Bethlehem Village 4 Christmas Caroling	24 Christmas Eve Service 7:00	25 Christmas	26	27	28	29
30	31 New Year's Eve					

January 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5
6 Annual Reports Due	7	8	9 CE 7:00 pm	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Martin Luther King Day	22	23	24	25	26
27 WAIM Grinder Sale Annual Business Meeting	28	29	30	31		

Coming Events in 2013

February 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3 Musical	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Snow Date for Musical	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16
17	18 President's Day	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

WEEKLY MEETINGS:

Youth Choir—Sundays at 9:00 am

Adult Choir—Thursdays at 7:30 pm

December Birthdays

Dec 2 Chris Salina
 Dec 2 Will Bigl
 Dec 5 Laurie Whitehead
 Dec 6 Betty Geissler
 Dec 8 Janice Kopec
 Dec 8 Judy Bigl
 Dec 12 Jack Fulton
 Dec 14 Linda Smith
 Dec 15 Jeff Bigl
 Dec 21 Ava Baker



January Birthdays

Jan 3 Allison Erickson
 Jan 3 Ann Salina
 Jan 8 Andrew Gardiner
 Jan 12 Jason Charron
 Jan 13 Charles Anderson
 Jan 15 Annette Knowlton
 Jan 15 Frank Wells
 Jan 18 Charles Larkins
 Jan 18 Florence Palmer
 Jan 19 Doug Whittemore
 Jan 20 Nancy Flynn
 Jan 25 Angel Figueroa
 Jan 26 Robin Whittemore
 Jan 30 Bill Keane Jr.

February Birthdays

Feb 7 Beverly Hamel
 Feb 7 Lindsey Kloss
 Feb 7 Richard Barry
 Feb 9 Morgan Baker
 Feb 15 Robert Erickson
 Feb 16 Terry Yanaway
 Feb 21 Carol Bigl
 Feb 23 Dan Parker
 Feb 23 Thomas Erickson
 Feb 25 Henry Bigl
 Feb 27 Gemila Mama





Dates to Remember

December 16 Special Christmas Music

December 21 Soup Kitchen Friday

December 23 Christmas Caroling

December 24 Christmas Eve Service

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January 27 WAIM Grinder Sale

January 27 Annual Business Meeting

**February 3 Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat
(Snow Date Feb 10)**

March 1 Family Fun Night (Snow Date Mar 8)

April 13 Festival of Singing Children, Manchester, CT



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Worship Service – 10:45 a.m.

Church School – 9:30 a.m.

Youth Choir Rehearsal, Sun. 9:00 a.m.

Adult Choir Rehearsal, Thur. 7:30 p.m.

Youth Group, Fri. 6:30-9:00 p.m.



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