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On the first Sunday of Advent I invited those who were gathered in worship to ask themselves two questions each day until Christmas.

The first question is: “What does *this* have to do with Christmas?”

This can be anything in your day—

the endless shopping, the frantic schedules, the rush to do it all and perfectly.

Or it may be a child’s eyes lighting up when the tree is lit

or an old couple holding hands as they enter the mall.

Look for it. Look for those things that stand out in your day and ask,

“What does this have to do with Christmas?”

The answer may be positive or negative, but either way, it is an important question.

The second question is: “What do *I* have to do with Christmas?”

Christmas is the celebration of Jesus’ birth.

How do I live in celebration of Christ’s birth in me?

Christmas is the gift of God’s Son.

How do I become a gift in another’s life?

Christmas is the birth of the Prince of Peace.

How do I embody this promise of peace?

What does *this* have to do with Christmas?
and

What do *I* have to do with Christmas?

Ask yourself these questions every day, and I think it just might change your point of view.

With prayers that the coming Christ will be born anew in your heart—

Pastor Cindy



Carolyn Ruffles

Harriet Mangels

Blanche Masi

John Jennings

Cathi and Ashley Brody, in the recent death of Cathi's father-in-law;
Carlo and Chris Marano and their family, in the recent death of his father, Carlo, Sr.;
Warren Petzold and the whole Petzold family, in the recent death of JoAnn;
 The *Jackson family*, in the recent death of Vic's mother;
Michael Snipe and his family, in the loss of two uncles;
Herb Mahn, in the death of his wife, Gladys;
Terry and Mary Dunkle and their family, in the death of their son, John;
Cathy Zacotinsky, in the death of her father, Phil Fink;
Beth Reinhardt and her family, in the death of Beth's mother, Dorothy Swift;
The Shetz and Baker families, in the death of Pam's brother-in-law, Mike Shetz;
Sandy Schroeder's son, Ralph Salvatore, in time of transition;
Laura Thompson's brother, diagnosed with a recurrence of cancer; and
Keith Westby, for continued improvement in his health;

The families of the victims affected by recent tragedies, violence and natural disasters; those who are serving in the armed forces and their families, and all who are victims of war.

LASAGNA BUFFET



The lasagna supper will be
 December 10th

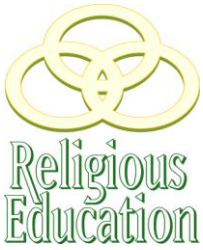
Open to the community, it will be continuous seating from 5-7 pm. We'll serve:

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- Fresh garden salad with assorted dressings*
- Cheese lasagna with meat or vegetarian sauce*
- Italian bread and butter*
- Cold beverages: soda, iced tea, water*
- Hot beverages: coffee and tea*
- Home baked desserts: pies, cookies, cakes*
- Cost will be \$12.00 for adults, \$10.00 for seniors \$6.00 for children 5-10 yr. old, 4 and under free**

December Lasagna Dinner Helpers

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| Sanger, Bob | Sanger, Jane |
| Baker, Matt | Baker, Pam |
| Canarozzi, Dina | Cotton, Doreen |
| Cotton, Bob | Fuller, Steve |
| Fuller, Val | Loschiavo, Sue |
| Luchsinger, Kristen | Luchsinger, Tim |
| Green, Barbara | Harrigan, Anne |
| Kimmel, Michelle | Kimmel, David |



**New Adult Education Class Begins:
*Affirming Faith***

On December 4th we will begin a new class for adults following the morning worship service. It is called “Affirming Faith,” which is the title of the curriculum our Confirmation class will be using this year. In fact, we will be using the same curriculum, modified and abbreviated for adults. This is an opportunity to take a systematic look through the major tenets of the Christian faith, as well as the history and theology of the United Church of Christ.

So who should come to this class?

- Parents of Confirmands so that you know what your teen is learning.
- Sponsors of Confirmands so that you might feel more comfortable discussing faith issues.
- Anyone who didn’t have Confirmation class when they were a kid—or who doesn’t remember it—or who didn’t pay attention back then!
- Anyone who would like to learn more about church history and what makes the UCC unique.
- Anyone who would enjoy talking about questions such as
 - Does the Bible have authority and if so, why?
 - What does it mean to be created in the image of God?
 - Who is Jesus and what did he hope to accomplish?
 - Where does justice come into the conversation about faith?

Although Confirmation class for our teens will last all year, this adult version will be greatly abbreviated and will not follow the same schedule. And while each session does build on the previous

information, each class is also a stand-alone topic—which means that you don’t have to be able to attend every class in order to participate in what your schedule allows.

I hope you will join us for what is sure to be an interesting class.

Pastor Cindy



The Christmas Pageant will be on December 18th. This year's pageant is titled "The Mysterious Christmas Card". It is a great story about how some children discover the true meaning of Christmas. Clare Smith is directing the pageant with help from other volunteers. If you can help out in any way, please let her know (claremsmith@snet.net). Thank you to Clare and all of the other people who help to put on the pageant.



Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale
Saturday, December 3rd - 10 to 3 pm



Women's Society

The Holiday Dinner is Monday, December 5th at 6 pm at Chuck's. The price is \$25 and a gift to exchange----

it should be bought at the Thrift Shop, and can be serious or funny. All women of the church and their friends are welcome. Please sign up in Martin Room.

We will be having a Bake Sale at the Christmas Bazaar that John Jesse and Linda Hannan are hosting on December 3rd. Needed are holiday cookies and cakes and pies and bread----whatever your specialty is. Please drop off baked goods at the church by 9 am on December 3rd.

Kids Only Room will be held December 11th following worship from 11-12 downstairs. We need reasonably priced gifts for the family for kids to purchase, and especially need gifts for men. Gift certificates are now available for our Thrift Shop. Donations can be left in the box in the Martin Room.

Remember, our meetings are held the first Sunday of the month after the church service in the Library. All women are welcome!



**Sunday,
December 18
at 2 pm**

Hosted by Bob and Jane Sanger. After meeting at the church and building a repertoire, carolers will go to homes to sing. Jane is hosting cocoa and cookies when carolers return to the church between 4 and 5 pm. If you have questions or recommendations of people to sing to, please call John Jesse 748-2177 before December 12.



On October 9th, the KSUCC community welcomed the following new members:

Bill and Danielle Connell

Bill & Danielle live in Danbury, CT. They are the proud parents of their 5 month old daughter, Ryen. Bill was raised in Smithfield, RI and attended Western New England College in Springfield, MA. He is newly employed with Incisent Technologies. Bill's interests include traveling, playing poker and enjoying dinner with friends. He is also an avid Patriots and Yankees fan. Danielle was raised in Seymour, CT and attended Mount Ida College in Newton, MA. She enjoys entertaining, reading, doing crafts and traveling.



Makeup Day for Olan Mills pictures will be Wednesday, December 7 from 2-9:20 pm in the Martin Room and Library. All appointments remain at the time for which you were originally scheduled.

If you need to change your appointment, or have not gotten your pictures taken and still wish to be in the directory, please follow the link below or contact Courtney Jackson
Courtney Jackson
(courtjack30@sbcglobal.net) ASAP.
<http://signup.olanmills.com>



Historian's Corner

Faith – Hope – Love

The spirit of God seems to move in the lives of many individuals who have passed our way. This month we will remember Agnes Bohne, who although not a member of our church, was truly a member of our church family. What makes me think of her a lot lately is the work being done by our own Anne Harrigan and her “garden fairies.” Every Thursday when I volunteer in the Thrift Shop, I pass by the progress on the side yard next to the dining room. It started with a few bags of dirt, and from then on a plant here and there – many times from the garden of one of our own church family. Agnes would have been right there with them if she was still here today.

Agnes lived on King Street across from Dave McKee Sr. She was lifelong employee of the New York Telephone Company, retiring in 1960. From then on she gave unselfishly of her time and energy to our church and community. She was a member of the Dorcas Circle, and served as treasurer of the Women's Society for 15 years. For many years she allowed us to fill her garage to the brim with treasures to be sold at the church fair. She spent many long hours in the Thrift Shop, which she was managing at the time of her death. It was she who proposed that funds made available through the Thrift Shop be used to paint the church in 1975. She lived just long enough to see her wish fulfilled.

Recently Anne asked that holes be dug near the stone wall for forsythia plants. Agnes too loved forsythia plants and for years the beautiful plants she alone had planted were enjoyed by all. It is wonderful that once again they are being replenished. Her dream goes on. As you walk through the cemetery, notice the ivy growing along the stone wall next to Andrew Nimmon's grave. She wanted things to be nice for Andy - a small child who drowned in a swimming pool close by. Also, the pachysandra under the Thrift Shop window was originally planted by Agnes. It is now replaced with new greenery.

Hardly an event passed that she did not attend. Her Catholic faith would not allow her to attend our services, but on many a Sunday afternoon, after the busy activities of our day, a lone figure would be seen kneeling at the altar, rosary beads in hand.

Her devotion to our church and its family was unending. Long before her death on July 24, 1975, she chose a spot

in our cemetery, under the pine tree, near her friend Hannah Hodge, who had lived in her home before her.

Faith – hope - love - truly the greatest of these was LOVE.

“Living Memorials” for Agnes were given by the Dorcas Society. They included a Korean Lilac shrub, planted on the left side door of the Martin Room and a Chinese Dogwood shrub, planted on the left side (corner) of the main entrance to the dining room.

Barbara Westby

Historian



Hello Friends:

Gratitude Sunday was such a great day, with the Rev. Maddox Sr. preaching and all of our Harvest Sharing food spilling out all over the place ... a real reminder of what a blessing we are in the lives of our community and in each other's lives.

Now that many of our pledges have come in, we wanted to give you an update on where we stand. As of yesterday, we had a total of 49 pledges in— including 7 new pledges and 20 pledges that were increased from last year! Our total so far is \$82,918.00. That's good, but it is not where we need to be. We still have a ways to go and many of you have not yet filled out pledge cards. We really need everyone who pledged last year to do so again, and for those who did not to consider prayerfully whether you can do so this year. If possible, please bring your pledge cards this Sunday or send them in as soon as you can. And if you have already pledged, we thank you.

We hope you have a great Christmas season.

Your Stewardship Committee



ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



December 4	Second Sunday of Advent	9:30 am –Worship/Communion
December 11	Third Sunday of Advent	9:30 am – Worship 4:00 pm – Christmas Concert
December 18	Fourth Sunday of Advent	9:30 am – Worship 2:00 pm – Caroling
December 24	Christmas Eve	6:00 pm – Family Worship Service/Communion 11:00 pm – Candlelight Worship Service/Communion
December 25	Christmas	9:30 am - Worship

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

If you would like to provide a poinsettia for the sanctuary during Christmas, please complete this form and return it to the church office no later than **Tuesday, December 13th**.

_____ Please order the following poinsettias for me. I have enclosed \$12.50 per plant.



_____ (#) Red

_____ (#) White

_____ I will provide my own plant and deliver it to the church by noon, **December 23rd**.

Given in **honor** or **memory** of _____
(please circle)

From _____



Holiday Concert



“Bells will be ringing . . . Choirs will be singing”

Please join us as we enjoy the Christmas season through music

December 11, 2011 – 4:00 pm

Please join us for this very special annual event – a favorite for young and old. All of our choirs will perform, including our sanctuary choir, junior choir, and bell choir. Invite your friends and family so we can have a full house to enjoy the amazing talent in our church as they sing out and ring out the sounds of the season.

A free-will offering will be received.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>December</i> <i>2011</i></p>				<p>1 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open 6 pm - Sr. Bells 7:30 pm - Sr. Choir</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open 10 - 3 pm Christmas Bazaar / Bake Sale</p>
<p>4 9:30 am Worship/Communion 10:30 am Adult Religious Education</p>	<p>5 6 pm Women's Society Holiday Dinner Chuck's</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 2 - 9:20 pm Olan Mills Pictures Makeup</p>	<p>8 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open 6 pm - Sr. Bells 7:30 pm - Sr. Choir</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open 5-7 pm Lasagna Dinner / Thrift Shop</p>
<p>11 9:30 am Worship 11 - 12 pm Kids Only Room 4 pm Christmas Concert</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open 6 pm - Sr. Bells 7:30 pm - Sr. Choir</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open</p>
<p>18 9:30 am Worship / Christmas Pageant 2 pm Caroling Party</p>	<p>19 6:30 pm Ministry Council</p>	<p>20 Messenger Deadline</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 9-12 pm Thrift Shop Open 6 pm - Sr. Bells 7:30 pm - Sr. Choir</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Christmas Eve 6 pm - Family Service 11 pm - Candlelight Service</p>
<p>25 Christmas 9:30 am Worship</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 Happy New Year!</p>





The Thrift Shop will be closed on December 24, December 29 and December 31. Thank you for all your support this past year.



**January Messenger articles are due on
Tuesday, December 20th.**

Please e-mail articles to: office@kingstchurch.org



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