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Embodying Compassion, Embracing Change, Growing Together in Faith and Love

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JOIN US FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP 10 AM

A Blessed New Year to all

January 1st
Holy Communion
Rev. Gaetani
Preaching



Epiphany January 6th

January 8th
Youth Led Worship
Reflecting upon Work Camp

January 15th
Pedro Silva Preaching

January 22nd
Rev. Legerstee
Preaching

Fiscal Annual Meeting
Following Worship

January 29th
Rev. Legerstee
Preaching

FROM OUR INTERIM MINISTER

Dear Friends,

During the past year of my Interim ministry among you, much has been accomplished at the Congregational Church of Westborough. As I looked over our work together I want to thank you all for your ministry to this community. Here lies some of the fruit of our work:

- Worked effectively with an Interim Transition Team
- Initiated and helped to lead a 2 day Vision Retreat
- Helped church to Identify Core Values from which a Vision Statement was written
- Empowered a Listening Process with the ITT- Telling the stories of Our Church both affirming and challenging aspects of church history
- Communication Confidentiality was made possible- separate lines for pastors to receive confidential messages- Website was overhauled, e-prayers strengthened as a system
- Helped to facilitate the process for the Search Convention and provided core values for selecting and Committee
- Facilitated a process to change church hour to become a more family friendly hour
- Participated in Church name change from the Evangelical Congregational Church to the Congregational Church of Westborough
- Boundary issues regarding ministry were clarified
- PPRC clarified Listening Process was engaged and used by members of the church in conflict
- Leadership transitions and new positions: Personnel Committee and evaluations established and review processes enacted, Financial Oversight Committee inaugurated
- Initiated the Celebration of 15 years of service by Lee Reed, Church Secretary
- Search and finding of Lisa Coffey, Secretary's computers updated
- Interim treasurer, audit, and austerity measures were all employed to become more fiscally transparent and accountable.
- A Cori Advocate was trained, Cori process was reactivated – Safe church re-engaged and policy written and voted by Cabinet
- Provided Worship exploration using storytelling, media, different forms such as Healing Spaces during Lent, Celebrating Heritage, bringing dance into Confirmation Celebration etc... Hosted alternative worship in August, Re-introduced the Labyrinth
- Leading Called to Care Visitation and Pastoral care in conjunction with Dave Russo and Assabet Pastoral Counseling Center. We are in the midst of training. We hope to try a model of supervision for visitors to deepen their skills and faith.

- Set up initial Overview for Visitation Committee
- Farmers Market Ribbon Cutting and great ministry to the community
- Reengaging with the UCC- Stewardship, Super Saturdays, Confirmation Retreat
- Secured Rev. Peter Wells to Preach to inaugurate search momentum
- Actively participated in Westborough Interfaith meetings, Vacation Bible School, Good Friday Service, Thanksgiving Service, Veteran's Day and Community commemoration of 9-11, Brought Fr. Ubald to speak about Rwanda/healing service
- Revamped the Confirmation program incorporating many gifted individuals from the congregation. Shaped Confirmation service
- Created weekly worship at least 3 times per month and preached at these services, led monthly Beaumont and Willows services, and periodic services at Westborough Health Care and once at Notre Dame in Worcester.
- Visited many in their homes, rehab and hospitals, offer pastoral care and communion.
- My administrative tasks included: Weekly meeting with Rev. Gaetani, Bi-weekly Staff meetings, monthly Worship Planning, Deacons meetings, New Members, Missions, Trustees, Stewardship, Safe Church, PPRC, Seasonal Music Preparation meeting with Curtis Richardson, pre-maritals, officiated at two Weddings, visited with families and prepared many Funerals, and Baptisms as needed. Facilitated new members class and welcome in worship, frequent meetings with Moderator, occasional Visitation meetings, Blessed Mission Teams and, graduates sent out into the world.

Our ministry together continues to be vital. Remember that the church is YOU the people! Your new pastor will be called to you as a body of Christ. Let us look to the remaining months of my ministry as an opportunity to follow the Spirit's leading in new ways.

Rev. Dirkje



FROM OUR ASSOCIATE MINISTER...

What's New?!!

2012 New Year's Greetings from your Associate Pastor!

“Behold, I make all things new.” - Revelations

Greetings Dear Congregation,
May God's Peace and Light be with all of you as we enter into a New Year, a year indeed, of new beginnings. It is my prayer for all of us that we strive daily to keep our hearts and minds on Christ Jesus and put God first in all things.

As we anticipate with joyous expectation the fulfillment of our call to a new Senior Pastor sometime in this coming year, may we be guided, inspired, led and held by God's wisdom in all of our discernment. Let us hold especially close, our search committee as they seek to serve God and this beloved church well.

In this new calling, may we also be keenly aware that God is calling each of us, not just a new pastor, to a deeper relationship with the Holy, to creating peace and justice in our world and to serve God through serving others. We are all called to ministry!

May our ministries be fresh and new and filled with possibility and hope. May we rededicate our own call as baptized members of the Body of Christ, to grow into our call to discipleship, to call forth one another's gifts and to use our time and talent for the building up of this Body.

What a Journey we have had.....and yet, the best is truly yet to be! Blessed Be! With Love and prayer In Christ, Rev. Elaine

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Bereavement: Betty Gray and family upon the passing of her great-nephew, Aaron; Helen Gerden passed away on Nov. 20th.; Shirley Salah passed away on Dec. 4th

New Prayers: Rev. Dirkje's mother-in-law; Michael Black (good friend of the Steve & Diana Swets; Michael Newton; Sheila Currie (dear friend of Mary McLeod); Renee Jansen (sister of Deb Boucher's sister-in-law).

Continued prayers: Kathleen (Susan & David Cochrane's sister-in-law); Fran Kelly (Megan Huber's mom, facing surgery); Beverly Campbell (friend of Nancy Walker); James Hight; Dave Russo; Jose and Zoila Del Cid (friends of Carolyn Bent); Ruth Burke and her children (friends of Kathy and Gabe

Leblanc); Kyle Motta (age 1) facing heart surgery; Jean Newton; Christopher Doyle (Pam Faustine's brother-in-law); Adam Bent and his wife Amanda (Carolyn Bent's nephew); Amy (friend of Gen Benton); Thalia Genes and Susan Tobias (friends of Phyllis Newton); Donna and Tony Marge (friends of Serena Leiser); Joanne & Jim Gingras (friends of Kathy Todd); Joan Jacobs; Debbie Weber (Richard Nichols' daughter); Robin Tammik (Heidi Tammik Synnott's sister); Peggy McCaleb (Mary Ann Brayer's friend).

Hospitalized: Audrey Birch (Dick & Linda Birch's sister-in-law).

Out of the Hospital: Richard Nichols; Brandon (Betty Gray's nephew).

Westboro Health Care Center: Bea Ladner.

Beaumont: Marge Lightbody (awaiting surgery).

Let us remember to pray for the Search Committee and all those who serve our church.

You can place prayer concerns on the church's email distribution list at epayers@uccwestboro.org. To add or renew an ongoing concern, please call the church office 366-2000 or westboroucc@verizon.net.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18th

Worship Service 10am
Rev. Legerstee Preaching

All Church Christmas Caroling
5-7 pm
(meet at vestry at 4pm)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21st

A Service of Quiet 6:45pm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24th

Christmas Eve Services
6:00 pm
8:00 pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25th

Christmas Morning Service
10am
Rev. Legerstee Preaching

FINANCIAL ANNUAL REPORTS

Kindly have your reports into the church office ON OR BEFORE WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4.

Reports are needed from:

Church Clerk
Board of Trustees
Church Treasurer
Stewardship Committee
Missions Committee
Capital Campaign Committee
Auditor

The report will be available Sunday, January 15
The Annual Fiscal Meeting is Sunday, January 22.
(Committee reports are due in early April.)

DISCOVERING OUR GIFTS TOGETHER!

REFLECTIONS ON ADULT EDUCATION

Discovering your Gifts, Vision, and Call

*"There is at the heart of the universe a cherishing presence that holds all creation in a loving embrace."
--Jacqueline McMakin*

What are your natural gifts? What vision is yours to carry? How can a church community support the vision, call or gifts of each other? These were some of the questions pondered during the book discussion, *Discovering your Gifts, Vision and Call*, by Jacqueline McMakin and Rhoda Nary. During the fall, a small group of six met Wednesday nights for six weeks and grew as a supportive community of friends with each passing session. Under the inspired guidance of Rev. Elaine, we were encouraged to begin the discernment process in naming what we consider to be our true gifts. While we were initially reluctant to toot our own horns, identifying what silently tugs at our heart, sharing the obstacles that are holding us back from pursuing a new direction, and giving voice to what we can do as a group to help each other overcome those barriers was our goal. Some of us had real breakthroughs and are now on a new professional and spiritual path. Others, like me, are continuing to wait, meditate and listen. By sharing these insights, it is our hope that we can encourage the church community to become a "congregation of givers," upholding and nurturing each member's unique gifts, thereby strengthening the work of committees

and clarifying and emboldening the church's future direction.

--Judy Powell

DISCOVERING MY GIFTS, VISION AND CALL

"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men." I

Corinthians 12:4,5. God gave the world the gift of his Son, and he gave each of us unique "gifts" (talents, the characteristics we possess that we find fulfillment in using). I regularly attend the wonderful adult education courses our Christian Education Committee offers, so it was only natural that I signed up for the most recent six-week Doorways Series entitled "Discovering Your Gifts, Vision, and Call". Led by the Holy Spirit through Rev. Elaine, the sessions opened a spiritual path for me.

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." I Peter 4:7. We are meant to use our God-given gifts fully, or we and others suffer tremendous loss. As a retired person, I hope I used my gifts in the workplace, but now I have the opportunity to discover and use gifts that may have been "hiding under a bushel". Through this Doorways Series, I had the opportunity to discern my gifts through reading Scripture, journalizing about the life experiences I enjoyed, working with others to identify my gifts and through the encouragement of others in our sessions.

One of my gifts is compassionate listening. I feel called to visit the homebound and ill, taking part in our church's visitation program. As a result of this course, I plan to take a more active role in this "Called to Care" program. I pray for God's guidance in each step and am excited about where this path will lead me. I thank Rev. Elaine for her spiritual guidance and encourage you to seize the opportunity to participate in future Adult Education sessions.

--Elaine Moore

Being in the six session class of "Discovering Your Gifts, Visions and Calls" was very enlightening. The class was led with care and spiritual insight by Rev. Elaine Gaetani. It was a blessing to see each person feel their call. My hope is that more people in our church will feel their call, as our church moves forward.

--Carol Moore

DEACONS

BAPTISM SEMINARS

Baptism seminars are held after worship on Baptism Sundays usually scheduled the third Sunday of each month. Call the church office 366-2000 for forms. Contact a Deacon with questions.

NEW MEN'S GROUP

"Fishers of Men Ministry" of Westborough
Meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday Evening
The South Street Diner from 7:00 – 8:00 pm.

An invitation for all men who are seeking a closer walk with Christ, to join in this ecumenical group of men of all ages and stages of life. We are engineers, salesmen, retired, tradesmen. We are single or men with families. We welcome men who are looking for a place to fellowship with others and grow in our walk with God. Please join us for one or more sessions. Questions: Please contact **Doug Uhlman**, 508-962-3939.

STEWARDSHIP 2011

It is truly heartwarming to see the number of pledges received and the increases for 2012. Thank you! But we are not quite done yet. Some of our members and friends have not submitted their pledge cards and we would love to hear from them. If you forgot - it's not too late! Just send your card to the office or place it in the offering plate. If you misplaced your pledge card, there are extra cards in the Narthex of the church or you can call the office and another will be sent. We would like to have all of the cards in by December 11th, but if you miss the deadline, do not despair! We will graciously accept your pledge card a little late. Thank you in advance for your faith and support. Pam Faustine, Stewardship Chair

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHURCH SCHOOL UPDATE

Merry Christmas!

The Christmas Pageant, the Birthday Celebration for Jesus, Santa's Workshop, and the true meaning of Advent, have the children bursting at the seams with excitement. We hope you will set aside some

time to join us and share the joys of this special season.

In December

Along with practicing lines and learning songs for the pageant, the children have been talking about the meaning of Advent.

The children did an amazing job again this year in the Christmas Pageant. We were excited to try a new script and include all age groups. Thank you to all who participated. All clothing items that were donated at the Birthday Celebration for Jesus were donated to a local charity.

THANK YOU

To Kristi Allen for coordinating this year's pageant so beautifully.

To her assistants: Beth Dapolite, Sarah Chysna and Nila Gray.

To John Arnold and Harry Cook for sharing their musical talents.

To Liz Phelps, Brenda Lord, Gen Benton, Elizabeth Lombre, Leigh Walker, Jennifer Carrier, our High School students and others for a wonderful Birthday Celebration.

To this month's teachers: Ted Jaworski, Austin Adams, Ben Huber, Darvin Kapitz, Nancy Cavanaugh, and Kathy Reynolds.

December 18 – Christmas Stations around our Church School classrooms including: Christmas stories and music, cookie decorating, and special crafts.

Congo Kids/Jr. High Youth Groups will join the All Church Caroling event at 4PM followed by a "Yankee Swap" party at 7PM.

December 25 and January 1 - *There will be no Church School these Sundays. Children are invited to attend worship with their families.*

January 5 - All are welcome to attend our "Teacher Training"/Adult Education session at 6:30 to learn more about the focus scripture lessons in our lectionary curriculum for January.

January 9 - Youth Work Camp Service -Children in grades 4 through 8 are encouraged to attend this service with their families. Church School classes will be provided for children grades K-3.

January 16 - Church School Classes Resume
Please note we are currently still in need of a few teachers and assistants for the month of January

Reminders

Children's Offering: Each week a voluntary offering will be collected during church school. This year all funds will be donated to a local animal shelter.

Offering envelopes are still available for your use.

Acolytes: Children will occasionally be called to serve as Acolytes. In this role children carry a

candle to the altar at the beginning of the service and then return to their seats to join their families. If your child is interested in serving in this role, please let us know.

Teacher Schedule and Training

If you are interested in teaching church school or would like to learn more by sitting in on a class please contact Kathy Reynolds at kreynolds118@comcast.net.

Please prayerfully consider volunteering in our Church School Program. We are currently filling teaching/assistant positions for our January Church School Session. I am looking for:

A Kindergarten/1st grade teacher for January 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th

A 4th/5th grade assistant for January 15th, 22nd, and 29th

Senior High Youth and Confirmands are welcome and encouraged to volunteer.

Rev. Elaine Gaetani is offering a training session on Thursday January 5th at 6:30 that is open to all who might like to take a closer look at the focus scriptures of our lectionary curriculum for the month of January. The last training session was an amazing adult education opportunity!!!

Please contact me directly to volunteer or with any questions. You can volunteer for an entire session or just a week at a time.

Many thanks and blessings to you all,
Kathy Reynolds

Board of Christian Education

Nancy Cavanaugh, Chair

Kathy Reynolds, Supt. Church School

Mary Ann Brayer,

Minutes Secretary & Chapel Leader

Beth Dapolite, Communication Secretary

Kristi Allen,

Christmas Pageant & Youth Groups

Clif Newton, Youth Groups

Amber Bock, Curriculum and Cabinet Rep.

Brian Johnson, Adult Education

Brenda Lord

Darvin Kapitz



"Thank You" to all who have made the holidays so special with your gifts of music. Starting with Thanksgiving Sunday and the Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve and moving on to the Sundays in Advent through Christmas Eve, your time and talents are greatly

appreciated. We wish you peace and love through the coming weeks. - Curtis, Sue and Jen

MISSIONS & SOCIAL CONCERNS

CONFIRMATION CLASS TO HOST AREA CHURCH CLASSES

WAMS (Worcester Area Mission Society) has announced the dates for the 2012 urban immersion for confirmation students and their leaders and mentors: March 21 and 31.

On Wednesday evening, March 21, from 5:45-7:30 p.m., participants will gather at **The Congregational Church of Westborough** for a pizza supper. The program will include experiential activities and presentations that look at economic disparities, the struggle of the working poor, and some of the ways WAMS and Central Association churches are responding to these challenges.

On Saturday morning, March 31, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., the group will tour Worcester-based programs with a WAMS connection. These include Jeremiah's Inn, a transitional shelter program for men, and AIDS Project Worcester. Staff and clients will share their perspectives. The morning concludes with lunch at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, which conducts a vital outreach program to youth and seniors in the Main South area.

Cost for the pizza supper is \$5; the lunch, which helps to support Aldersgate's outreach activities, is \$8.

Most groups participate in both parts of the immersion but you also are welcome to participate in one or the other as your schedule necessitates.

Please e-mail **Bob Bachelder** at minister@wamsucc.org with questions or to let him know how many youth and adults you will bring. Thank you.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Women's Fellowship (reinstated) January Meeting What I'm calling the Fair "Post Mortem"...

We will be having an informal meeting to clean-up and put away any left-overs from the fair. We'll review what worked, what didn't and what we can do to improve our major fundraiser.

Please jot down what you want to be sure is included and/or discussed (I know I'll forget something by then) and comments you may have heard from others.

Please note the change of date from the *Programs List* published in the October program: instead of the first Monday, we will meet on the second, January 9th.

STOP & SHOP and ROCHE BROS. GROCERY CARD SALES – 2011

Goal: \$12,000 Year to Date: \$10,547.00

Only 1 **more Sunday** to sell grocery cards to reach our goal!!! . Thanks! **Sue Menzel** 366-1268; **Sally Petersen** 366-5169 sbpetersen4@gmail.com; **Nancy Quimby** 774-249-4431, nquimby11@charter.net

GREEN CORNER

TAKING THE WRAP AT CHRISTMAS

According to Lucy Siegle at *The Observer*, if you took all the holiday wrapping paper waste (from the UK alone) and laid it end to end, it would stretch around the equator nine times. She writes: "Single use of a resource like this is quite horrible. All paper has three major environmental flashpoints: the harvesting of the trees, processing of wood fibre into pulp, and disposal of the product. Today's wrapping papers are a composite of synthetic inks, plastic film, chlorine and metal-based foils and glitters. There is also a bit of tree. The US World Resources Institute recently analyzed the fibre of 32 consumer paper products, including wrapping papers, finding fibres from some of the most endangered trees in three of them. If you don't go wrap-free, **buy unbleached paper**, as high quality and **free of glitter** penguins as you can. Encourage careful opening and reuse. Gift bags stand a chance of making it through the gift circuit a few times and there's reusable wrap (beunpacked.com or evergreenwrap.com). "

PARISH LIFE

2011 – 2012 PROGRAMS

December 18 - Second Annual Christmas Caroling

4:00pm pizza in church vestry, 5:00pm to 7:00pm caroling at homes of our church shut-ins, 7:00pm meet back at church for Cocoa and treats

January 21, 2012 - Annual Adult Progressive Dinner

February - Sunday Pre Lent Pancake Lunch Held after church on Sunday

March 17 - St. Patrick Day Corned Beef and Cabbage supper

April 1 - Easter Egg Hunt behind Kirkside, (if available) (if rain, Vestry and Cribbery)

May 19 -Spring/Summer Game day Games such as volley ball, horseshoes, croquet

June ? - tentative Dessert for Children's Day picnic
Details will be posted on a monthly basis

FROM THE TREASURER

Dear members and friends,

We have so much to be grateful for this Christmas. It has been an energy filled year with two successful mission trips, a new farmer's market, a beautifully restored Parkman Chapel, a freshly painted church hallway, two new porches at 7 Church St., and another amazing Evergreen Fair. To date we have given \$29,276 in special offerings and pledged missions to support the UCC's wider mission and many organizations who depend on our ongoing generosity to provide services for those less fortunate.

Without the dedication of our staff and volunteers none of this would have been possible. We have office angels who collated Evangels and bulletins, stuffed envelopes, and answered the phones to fill the gap in the reduced staff hours. Our Grocery Card Committee worked through the summer to reach a stretch goal of \$12,000, and they are getting close. We continued to hear the inspiring music from our choirs and we are so thankful for the time and talents of all. The Board of Christian Education has been the definition of teamwork as they planned and coordinated classes for the young and not so young learners. They provided so much with so little money, but with so much faith. At the heart of all this energy are our two pastors, who continue to lift us up in this interim time.

As our church leaders on the Cabinet and Board of Trustees faithfully prepare the budget for 2012, please support them as you are able. Over the next two weeks we have a remaining 2011 pledge goal for operating and mission income of \$25,000. We will pray for a Christmas miracle.

With wishes for a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year,

Suzanne Arpante
Interim Treasurer



NOMINATING

Please call Rich Lord (508-366-3835) if you are interested in serving on a church board or committee.

AROUND THE CHURCH

A PLEA FOR LAST YEARS CALENDARS

Don't throw away your 2011 calendars. Here's your chance to recycle! We are looking for calendars with pictures of nature, animals, wildlife, etc. for a collage project. Please drop them off at Kirkside. There will be a box in the hallway. Thank you.

MOVING, NEW PHONE, ETC?

If you move, change your phone or email address, please let the church office know. We don't want to lose touch with you.

SUNDAY GREETERS

Please call **Linda Birch** 870-9911 or sign up after the worship on the greeter calendar.

CHANCEL FLOWERS

If you would like to grace our Chancel with flowers on a Sunday morning, please sign the flower chart in the Vestry. Flowers are given in memory of, in honor of, or for a special occasion. Please call **Chris Mosher** 366-2250 or **Nancy Gage** 366-9266 with questions.

HOSPITALITY

If you would like to be added to this committee contact **Betty Gray** 366-1039. Participation involves cooking and delivering a meal to a family or individual, on occasion. Because we are many, no one is inundated with requests.

AUDIO VISUAL REQUESTS

Please let **Tom & Donna Morgan** 366-0358 know at least one week in advance if you have AV requests of church services or events.

HOSTING COFFEE HOUR

If you would like to host, please sign-up in the Vestry or call **Linda Borglund** 870-5784.

SUNDAY BULLETIN DEADLINE

Submissions for Sunday's bulletins must be received by 10 AM the preceding Wednesday.

THE EVANGEL - DEADLINE

The deadline is Wednesday, Jan. 18

Publication is Wednesday, Jan. 25

Copy received before deadline is appreciated!

CHURCH WEBSITE

If you have church related information you would like posted on the church website, send it in a .pdf file or in a Word document to webmaster@uccwestboro.org. If you are interested in helping work on the website or have questions, call **Doug Wales** at 870-0086 or Lisa at the church office 366-2000.

**ASSABET VALLEY PASTORAL
COUNSELING CENTER**

The AVPCC in Westborough is offering a round of new groups in September. If you are interested in a daytime or evening divorce support group or a grief and loss group, both running for 10 weeks, or a monthly women's group to run all year, please call Mary Taber at 508-366-4000 ext 3, at the center.

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**The King's Birthday
Christmas Pageant
December 11, 2011**

Cast of Characters

Greeters	Emma Phelps and Sophie Keeler
Narrators	Maggie Reynolds, Kevin Bock, Rachel Keeler and Cameron Allen
Innkeeper	Sarah Cavanaugh
Star Shepherd	Grace Cavanaugh
Mary	Sara Bock
Joseph	Ethan Peterson
Angel Gabriel	Audrey Lord
Three Kings	Andrew Christman, Adam Dapolite and James Hight
Camel	Aaron Chysna
Star Angel	Mallory Walker
Student Minister	Pedro Silva
Soloist	Judy Ellis
Musicians	John Arnold, Harry Cook, and Curtis Richardson

Shepherds	Alex Reynolds Jacob Reynolds Kevin Cavanaugh Jake Dapolite Jack Squires Luke Squires	Angels	Emily Benton Brooke Fleming Lily Foxx Alexandra Gray Lauren Gray Shannon Hackett Emily Hight Sophie Keeler Bridget Lord Claire Lord Emma Phelps Caroline Davis Hayley LeBeau
Sheep	Evan Chysna Ryan Chysna Daniel Hackett Maxx Squires Allison Regmier		

Workers at the Inn

Ethan Huber
McKenna Gray
Julie Hutchinson

Parkman Bells – led by Jen Keeler and Kathie Leblanc

Youth Choir – led by Sue Menzel and Curtis Richardson

Audrey, Bridget, and Claire Lord; Rachel and Sophie Keeler, Emily and Julia Benton, Emma Phelps, Shannon Hackett, Aaron Chysna and Hayley LeBeau

Thanks and Appreciation

First, we would like to ONCE AGAIN thank **John Arnold** and **Harry Cook** for participating as musical directors of our pageant. For many years, John Arnold has been an inspiration to our children as the musical leader for our Christmas Pageant as well as for Children's Chapel.

We would like to thank **Pedro Silva** for his participation in the pageant and for being an active part of our children's ministry. Despite all his other responsibilities as our student minister, classes, and family responsibilities, Pedro graciously agreed to participate in our pageant.

Special thanks to our soloist **Judy Ellis** for her wonderful rendition of "O Holy Night".

We greatly appreciate **Curtis Richardson's** musical guidance and wonderful accompaniment to the pageant.

Thanks to both Curtis and **Sue Menzel** bringing the beautiful voices of the youth choir to the pageant this year.

The Parkman Bells are a special addition to our pageant this year. Thanks to **Jen Keeler** and **Kathie Leblanc** for leading the children.

Thanks to the **Senior High Youth Group** for helping guide our angels and shepherds and supervising "The King's Birthday Party". Special thanks to **Katey Allen** for helping as "stage director".

To our audio-visual specialists, **Tom and Donna Morgan**, many thanks for spending so much time and energy to ensure that we can see and hear all the angelic voices of the children. This year Tom and Donna have agreed to create a *PAGEANT DVD*. We are going to incorporate photos as well, so if you get any great shots that you would like to include, please email them to kristinallen@comcast.net The DVD will be available after the holidays, for a small fee.

Most of all, thanks to the many special adults who supported the pageant, and of course, to the wonderful children of this church for making this a very special Christmas Pageant!

With Warm Regards,

Kristi Allen, Beth Dapolite, and Sarah Chysna – Pageant organizers
Kathy Reynolds and Nancy Cavanaugh – CE Board

MERRY CHRISTMAS!