

THE LEAFLET

First Congregational, United Church of Christ
Naperville, IL Week of December 20, 2010

JOIN US FOR
WORSHIP
THIS SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 26
AT 9:30 A.M.



**CHILDREN'S
TIME MESSAGE**
"Why Christmas
Trees Aren't
Perfect"

SCRIPTURE
Colossians
3:12-17
Luke 2:25-38



GREETERS
Roger and Jackie
Dupuis

LITURGISTS
Bev Parker
&
Brenda
Hockberger

FLOWERS
Julie and Kevin
Kulak, in honor
of their Wedding
Anniversary

DEC. / JAN. BIRTHDAYS



December 21
Donna Koubek

December 22
Rebecca Nix

December 23
Richard Trezona

December 27
Ryan Mitchell

December 28
Julia Roskopf

January 2
Bill Parker

January 5
Carol Ferguson
Chuck Hall

January 6
Veronica Wise

January 11
Jennifer Wallace

January 23
Tanya Lyonsford

January 25
Claudia Hackney
Brittany Latta

January 27
George Swindle

Upcoming Youth Time Events

(meeting at church from 5:00 - 7:00)

January is right around the corner. The openings for dinner volunteers are 1/9, 1/23, and 1/30! Basically, you provide a simple, kid-friendly dinner with a vegetarian option for about 15 people to be at the church by 5:00 p.m. We will have plates, silverware, glasses and ice water available. Examples of meals served in the past are: tacos, chili, pasta, hot dogs and mac and cheese, casserole, deli sandwiches or anything you like to make! You are welcome and encouraged to stay as long as you'd like. Call Lisa Mitchell to volunteer.

HOLIDAY BLOOD DRIVE! DONATE BLOOD AND HAVE A NIGHT OUT AT THE MOVIES!

Co-sponsored by Community United Methodist Church and our church, we're hosting a blood drive on Monday, **December 27** from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. in Community United Methodist Church's Fellowship Hall. You may also donate blood at any Heartland blood drive or center location between December 19-31, and receive a \$10.00 Fandango gift card. Schedule your appointment online at www.heartlandbc.org or call Joan Uebele (630-983-1857). Photo ID required!

6th Annual Naperville World Peace Day Inter-faith Prayer Service Sunday, January 2 at 3:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

The service will include participation from Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, and other faiths. The speaker is Bob Bossie, a staff person at the 8th Day Center for Justice. Bob has traveled around the world working for peace and is a member of the Priests of the Sacred Heart, an international congregation. Come and support this call for peace at our church!

2010 Contributions/Pledges

Please be sure to get your contributions/pledges for 2010 into the church office to our bookkeeper, Dana, no later than **December 31**. If you are mailing your financial contributions, the envelope must be postmarked no later than Friday, **December 31**. Thanks!

SUNDAYS, DECEMBER 26 AND JANUARY 2: There will be **NO** Sunday School, Jr. High /Sr. High Sunday School, Confirmation Classes, or Youth Time.

LEAFLET Publications: This is the last *Leaflet* of the year. The *Leaflet* will not be published the weeks of December 27 and January 3. The next *Leaflet* will be sent out the week of January 10.

The Church Office is currently closed on Fridays through the end of December. Email blast requests should be turned in to the church office no later than Wednesdays.

The Church Office will be closed the week of December 27. Rev. Greg will be on vacation December 25 - January 1; Rev. Mark will be on vacation December 28 - January 3; and Barbara will be on vacation December 25 - January 9. Pastoral care between Christmas and New Year's Day is provided by our Stephen Ministers, Tom George and Sylvia Leeseberg.

Thanks to all who have turned in their 2011 pledge to the church! If you haven't yet pledged, we look forward to hearing from you soon!

Pastor Relations Committee: In the past, the Pastor Relations Committee (PRC) has been headed by the Moderator. Lately it had performed an evaluative function, evaluating the pastor. During the Fox Valley Association conference last fall, Anne Swanson, then moderator, attended a seminar on successful PRCs. Rule Number 1 was that the moderator should not be head of the PRC; Rule Number 2 was that the purpose of the PRC is to build the relations between the pastor and the congregation and that therefore the PRC should not serve an evaluative function with the pastor. Also, there should be a PRC for each pastor. To that end, two PRCs have been established. The PRC for Rev. Greg consists of Anne Swanson, Haley Wilson and George Swindle. The PRC for Rev. Mark consists of Priscilla Grundy, Dale Bryson, and Lisa Mitchell. The evaluation of the pastors is now being performed by the personnel committee of the Trustees Ministry. **The PRC for Rev. Mark will meet soon!** Please contact the members of either committee if you have an issue you need to discuss, whether a joy or a concern.

ADULT EDUCATION
January 9, 2011
11:00 - 12:00 p.m.
(Sanctuary)



"Living Unafraid: A Spiritual Path to Freedom."

This presentation focuses on how we as individuals working in community can begin to live unafraid and participate in creating an alternative American narrative that can move us from Peace as Enforced Order to Peace as an Enterprise of Justice. This presentation focuses on a spiritual discipline that calls us to move from a life centered on acquisition to one grounded in mindfulness. It describes a spiritual path marked by compassion, solidarity, humility and freedom. **Facilitator: Tom Cordaro, Minister for Justice and Peace at St. Margaret Mary church in Naperville.**

ADULT EDUCATION
January 16, 2011
11:00 - 12:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)



"Children of the Incarcerated." Across the nation, children of the incarcerated, as much as their parents, bear the consequences of a misdeed or a mistake. They are disproportionately poor, African American and Latino, and, for many, their lives are shaped by the same cycle of recidivism that ensnares their incarcerated parents. This cycle leaves children of the incarcerated bound by poverty, violence, uncertainty and deprivation. Research shows that, without intervention, a large percentage of children with parents involved in the criminal justice system are themselves likely to end up in the system. Community Renewal's three-year Children of the Incarcerated campaign combines public education, civic engagement and direct advocacy and will lead the region in developing public policy initiatives that address the needs of children with incarcerated parents. **Facilitator: Kristin Holm, Community Renewal Society. A special offering will be taken for CRS this day.**

LOOKING AHEAD:

Tues. Dec. 21	7:00p	Dances of Universal Peace (Community Room)
Wed. Dec. 22	7:00p	PADS (Community Room)
Thurs. Dec. 23	7:30p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Fri. Dec. 24	7:10p	Christmas Eve Musical Prelude
	7:30p	Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols with Brass and Candlelight (Childcare provided)
	10:30p	Christmas Eve Compline Service with Communion and Candlelight
Sat. Dec. 25		Merry Christmas!!!
Sun. Dec. 26	9:30a	Informal Family Worship (wear your pajamas!)
Mon. Dec. 27		Church Office Closed Dec. 27 – Jan. 2
	3:00p	Blood Drive (Community United Methodist Church)
Wed. Dec. 29	7:00p	PADS (Community Room)
Sat. Jan. 1		Happy New Year!
Sun. Jan. 2	9:30a	Worship
	3:30p	World Peace Day Inter-faith Prayer Service (Sanctuary)
Mon. Jan. 3	7:15p	Women’s Spiritual Gathering (Library)
Wed. Jan. 5	11:30a	Old Goats (Quincy’s Restaurant)
	7:00p	PADS (Community Room) C.E. Meeting (Library)
	11:30a	Ladies Do Lunch (Colonial Restaurant)
	6:30p	Gospel Group Rehearsal
	7:30p	Chancel Choir Rehearsal

CHURCH STAFF

Co-Ministers

Mark Winters
Greg Schneck-Skiba

Paul Grizzell,
Music Director

Sue Flaatten, Organist

Barbara Bailey, Secretary

Dana Merker, Bookkeeper

Gabriel Salgado,
Custodian

Volunteer Music Staff

Carol Fancher,
Gospel & Chime Choirs

Betsy Grizzell,
A Joyful Sound!

Diane Herr,
Youth Choir

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of love and justice.