

141st Annual Church Meeting



Sunday,
January
20

11:30
a.m.



- Discover the Vestry's goals for 2008
- Elect Vestry members
- Hear updates on parish ministries
- Share insights

Services at
8 and 10 a.m.

Bring refreshments to
share at Coffee Hour.

Activities for children
during the meeting.

Christ Church presents national theological conference on religion and violence via telecast

CHRIST Church will be the site of Trinity Institute's 38th National Theological Conference, *Religion and Violence: Untangling the Roots of Conflict*, on January 22-23. A panel of prominent Christian, Jewish and Muslim theologians will explore the deeply rooted, seemingly inexorable union of religion and violence, illuminating the resources within each tradition for living together in peace, without losing the unique identities of each faith.

Daniel Appleyard said Christ Church will open its doors to all who might want to come and listen and share their thoughts. The conference is open to clergy and laypersons of all faith traditions.

"I believe this conference will enable a significant conversation to occur for people who live with the diversity that we have in our community and in Southeast Michigan," Daniel Appleyard.

Keynote speakers at the conference include **James Carroll**, **James H. Cone**, **Susannah Heschel**, and **Tariq Ramadan**. Presiding Bishop **Katherine Jefferts Schori** will preach the opening Evensong.

Christ Church is one of a number of regional partner sites established throughout

A celebration of the life of Martin Luther King Jr.

THE Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said that "The time is always right to do what is right." The members of the Dearborn Area Ministerial Association believe that this is the right time to hold a celebration of the legacy of Dr. King in Dearborn.



The association invites the people of our diverse community to gather for prayer and reflection on Dr. King's universal legacy of love and peace and reconciliation.



the United States and Canada for groups participating through an online telecast.

Through keynote presentations and group theological reflection after each speaker, this interfaith gathering will provide opportunities to deepen understanding, build community and explore how religion can be a powerful force for peace within ourselves, our families, our communities and the world.

The Rev. Dr. James H. Cooper, Rector of Trinity Church/St. Paul's Chapel, said this year's conference "will not only consider the roots of religious conflict, but also ask how we can manifest religion's true vocation as a force for peace both locally and globally."

To register for the conference, please contact the church office at 313.565.8450 or office@christchurchdearborn.org by January 18. There is no fee for the conference.

As a member of the association, Daniel Appleyard is involved in planning the event and members of the congregation will serve as greeters and ushers.

"This is an important event for our community — one that I hope many parishioners will participate in," said Daniel.

The interfaith worship service will include an assortment of speakers and performances by area choirs led by Marcus LePratt and Kevin Dewey. Refreshments will follow the program.

The program will be held at First United Methodist Church, 22124 Garrison at Mason, Dearborn, on Sunday, January 20, at 5 p.m.

From the Rector

The Rev. Daniel Appleyard

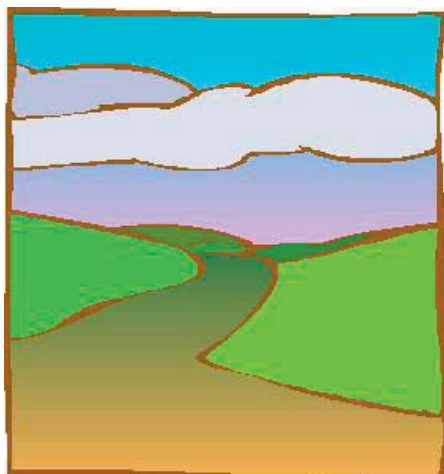
Dear Friends,

THE seasons of Christmas and Epiphany are seasons of journeys. The shepherds travel back to their flocks after visiting the manger. The Magi follow the star to give their gifts to the Christ Child, and then go back home “by another way” in order to avoid murderous Herod. Even Mary, Joseph and the infant Jesus are found journeying to Egypt so that they can escape those who fear the coming of the reign of God.

Such stories have the capacity to embrace our lives in wonderful ways. They set the stage for us to see that our faith in Jesus leads us to the journey of a lifetime. Just as the message of these seasons tell of profound transformation, they point us toward lives of discovery and transformation — a journey of faith into which God invites each of us.

On January 6, Clare Oatney will end her time of ministry with us, marking a change in our journeys. It is significant to note that Clare has been with us for over nine years — the longest tenure of any assistant in the history of our parish. We will continue our journey changed by her ministry with us, just as she will continue on from here changed by our ministry with her. She came to us ordained to the Transitional Diaconate and is leaving as a priest with an excellent skill base that will serve her tenure well as rector of St. Luke’s Church in Ferndale, MI. We have shared some transformational events in her life and we have joined with her to

create new visions for being a parish in a new century. We will truly miss her insights, her laughter and her presence as we journey forward as a parish. It has indeed been a good journey — a bon voyage!



There are three ways for you to say bon voyage to Clare. First, you can come on the 6th as we gather after the 10 o’clock service for a Farewell Coffee Hour in her honor. We also will be accepting contributions to her personally or to the Rector’s Discretionary Fund that she will create for her new ministry at St. Luke’s. Simply indicate in a

note or on your check how you would like your contribution designated.

Our journeys, of course, will continue. For, as the seasons remind us, journeys always remain an integral part of faithful Christian lives. And, we will continue to be blessed by the company we keep with each other in traveling God’s winding paths. Where will our journey take us? God only knows. It may even take us where we don’t necessarily want to go. And yet, above all, I have come to trust that our paths will take all of us — you and Clare and me — where we are needed! For, I have found that that is one of the mysteries of faithful living. If we are attentive to the journey, we will find ourselves in unexpected places where we are needed, and where we can serve God and the building up of a peaceable Kingdom!

Faithfully Yours,
Daniel

**Farewell
Coffee
Hour**
in honor of
**The Rev.
Clare Oatney**
Sunday,
January 6
at 11:15 a.m.

Join us as we celebrate Clare’s ministry among us and offer our best wishes for her future at St. Luke’s.

You may contribute donations to a purse or present your personal gifts to Clare at that time. There will also be an open plate collection for her new discretionary fund at St. Luke’s. Please know that contributions to the purse are not tax-deductible and will only be noted on your statements.

“Don’t cry
because it’s over.
Smile because it
happened.”
Dr. Seuss

Charity, as the detailed laws found in the Old Testament make very clear, is a never-ending obligation to help those less fortunate than ourselves, strangers as well as relations and friends. It is both compassion and unconditional love. As need is never-ending, so the obligation is never-ending. One act of charity cannot fulfill that obligation.

Charity in modern society has been redefined to mean giving from our discretionary income to whatever causes we choose. We give only what we can well-afford to spare. We keep our sharing to a comfortable level.

Stewardship is defined as the care and good management of property — in this case, God's property. The act of Christian Stewardship recognizes that the whole abundance of creation comes from God and our task is to care for it and use it in the best way we can. This basic truth finds expression in the familiar offertory sentence: "All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee." As Christians we are accountable to God for our stewardship which forms the core of our covenant with God.

This makes it clear that stewardship and charity are immediate matters, a sharing without undue concern for time ahead. If we truly trust in God, we also know that God will continue to provide for us, just as he has done in the past. Thus in our gratitude to God for the many wonders and blessings of Creation, and for our personal blessings which include our own particular capabilities, opportunities and resources, we are moved to give freely of our time, talents and money. Our continued covenant with God in this great endeavor is our great reward.

A 1996 Stewardship Committee article

Vestry Reflection

By Jamie Connelly

Wants and Needs

WE as the Vestry are currently in the middle of deciding upon the 2008 budget for Christ Church. This is a difficult process that requires thorough discussions and ultimately making decisions that we think are in the best interest of the church. Sometimes I wish our pledge card had two lines on it: one for the "needs" of the church and one for the "wants" of the church. I would be very curious to see how we as a congregation separate the two.

Our society and our area in particular have enjoyed a long history of affluence. While I feel very blessed to have such comforts and wealth, I am also conscious that I have enjoyed them for so long that it has become expected. For example, I have a teenage daughter, and I am fairly certain that she views her cell phone as a "need." Same with our computer. As a contrast, I remember coming home from high school as a kid and telling my sister that my math teacher told us we needed to have a TI-80 calculator. I remember her complaining that it was unreasonable for the school to think that all the kids in the class could afford to spend that kind of money on a calculator for one class. Today, my daughter gets her homework assignments and grades through the internet. Instead of a \$100 calculator, kids today need a \$1,000 computer. I suspect most have one.

I started thinking about this recently when I noticed close to 70 pages in the newspaper of property listings that are in tax foreclosure. I believe this was all Wayne County listings. The



Michigan economy has been declining for some time, and the effects of this are becoming evident in many different ways. People are having a hard time paying their bills.

I started to wonder: If I had not found a job last January, how long would we have gone before we decided we could no longer afford that cell phone my daughter "needs"? Would we have had the strength to tell her that we couldn't afford the school activities fee, so she would not be able to play soccer for Dearborn High? Would we decide that the cable TV and internet access were more important than paying our real estate taxes?

I am happy to say that my family does not face these types of decisions, at least not at this time. But based on the tax foreclosure listings in the newspaper, many in our community are. Thankfully, from what I have seen, the Christ Church budget in 2008 will be very similar to 2007. That brings me back to my original question: How many of our "needs" are being met, and how many of our "wants"? Are we recognizing the difference between the two, and making the right decisions?

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The Year of Abundance:
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Cultivating a Community of Gratitude
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In the Spotlight

PROPERTY COMMISSION

THE main function of the Property Commission is to provide for the maintenance, care and upkeep of the church building and grounds, including the residences of the Rector and the Sexton. Much of the work overseen by the Property Commission is paid for out of seven accounts included in the annual Building and Grounds Budget: Comprehensive Insurance; Furniture and Equipment; Grounds; Building Maintenance; Utilities/Church; Utilities/Rector; and Utilities/Sexton.

Additional financial resources (such as Capital Improvement Drive funds, Property Reserve funds, Memorial Funds, and special gifts from parishioners) are sometimes available for the accomplishment of special projects or projects of a magnitude beyond the normal maintenance realm. Recent projects requiring major expenditures from these additional resources include the church boiler replacement, which came from the Property Reserve account, and the restoration of the copper gutters, from the Capital Improvements account. The Property Commission also oversees accomplishment of these projects, upon their approval by the Vestry.

The Property Commission keeps a listing of major projects which may be

accomplished in the future depending on special funds availability. Examples are replacement or repair of the sanctuary and chapel windows, dumbwaiter decommission mandated by state inspector, major organ maintenance, carpet replacement in church and chapel and repair or replacement of the drinking fountain, prayer books/hymnals, lighting fixtures, and kneelers in the chapel. Projects such as these and others may spur the development of a new capital funds drive in the near future.

Budget Process and Forecast for 2008

The Property Commission reviews historical expenditures, makes projections for the coming year and advises the Vestry for its budgetary planning. Some of the categories are largely driven by external factors, such as utility costs, as opposed to discretionary decisions of the Commission. The Commission has submitted a budget of \$81,800 for 2008. This is about 6% above the anticipated 2007 final expenditure amount for the seven accounts of some \$77,250 (about \$9,500 higher than the approved 2007 budget). Significant increases over budget are expected in Utilities, (\$4,400 due to natural gas costs), Insurance (\$2,800 for greater liability coverage) and Grounds, (\$2,500 due to some major tractor repair costs), as well as emergency repairs to the boiler piping system early in 2007, which was not a part of the boiler replacement project.

ON THE SHELVES

START your new year off right with a good book from the Murray Stover Library at Christ Church! Take a look at the great selection we have.

Children: *The Wonderful Wizard of Ha's*, a *Veggie Tales* DVD that tells the story of the prodigal son.

Non-Fiction Adult: *3:16 The Numbers of Hope*, by Max Lucado; *Bad Girls of the Bible* by Liz Curtis Higgs

Biography: *The Measure of a Man* by Sydney Poitier; *Edison – A Life of Invention*

Adult Fiction:

Thieves of Baghdad by Matthew Bogdanos; *90 Minutes in Heaven* by Don

Piper; *23 Minutes in Hell* by Bill Niese.

Our "dot" labeling system makes it easy to put books back in the right spot. Parents: Please help our library volunteers by re-shelving the books that your young people read in the library. We are glad that so many Christ Church children love our library!



BRIEFLY

Chili Cook-off benefits Dearborn High's French Club

The Dearborn High School French Club is hosting a Chili Cook-off to help raise money for their France-bound students.



On Thursday, January 10 from 4:00 until 8:00 p.m.,

stop by the Dearborn High Cafeteria for all the chili you can eat. There will also be a bake sale and raffle of baskets donated by various companies. Tickets are \$7 per person or \$20 for a family of 4. You can call Jessica Pellegrino at 313.277.2819 or Elli Bell at 313.282.8440 to purchase tickets. You may also purchase tickets at the door. Any tickets that Jessica or Elli sell help to fund their trips to France, so if you buy them at the door, please be sure to mention one of their names.

Chapel Day teams up with Little Caesar's to raise funds

Help support the children of Chapel Day Preschool during our Little Caesar's Pizza Kit fund raising event on Sunday, January 13. Get ready for your Super Bowl party or just stock up on a fun and easy family dinner with Little Caesar's pizza kits, crazy bread kits, pies and cookie dough. Funds raised help provide supplies, new equipment and books for the classroom. Look for the display in the Fellowship Hall after the 10 o'clock service on January 13 to place your orders.



Parish Events

JOIN US

Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 20, 11:30AM

The 141st Annual Meeting of Christ Church will be held after the 10 o'clock service in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring refreshments to share at the Coffee Hour to tide us over during the meeting. There will be activities for children (preschool through 6th grade). **Commission and Committee Chairs who have not yet turned in their year-end reports to the church office must do so by January 14.**

BAPTISM

Preparation Class: January 12, 10AM-12PM; Baptism, January 13, 10AM

Preparation class is required for parents and godparents of children being presented for baptism the next day. If you're interested, call the church office by January 9.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Breakfast Bunch

Sundays, 9AM

Meets after the 8:00am service at Leon's Restaurant in Dearborn.

St. Mary's of Bethany Prayer Group

Tuesdays, 10AM

Intercessory prayer offered for the needs of those on our current and sustaining prayer lists. All are welcome.

The Adult Forums

Sundays, 11:30AM-12:15PM

- Jan. 6** No Forum (Clare's Farewell Coffee Hour)
- Jan. 13** Chapel Day/Planned Giving: "What Happens to Your Planned Gift to the Church?"
- Jan. 20** No Forum (Annual Meeting)
- Jan. 27** The New Revised Common Lectionary: "Why and Why Now?"

Movie Nights

Monday, February 2, 7PM

Featured Presentation: **Race: The Power of an Illusion** This provocative three-hour series questions the very idea

of race as biology, suggesting that a belief in race is no more sound than believing that the sun revolves around the earth. Discussion of the movie will be offered at the Adult Forum on February 10.

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

Prayer Room

Sundays, 10:05AM

Worship activities for children 3-7 years.

Church School

Sundays, 11:30AM

Children aged 4 to 7 and 8 to 11 participate in a variety of creative learning experiences exploring a biblical story or theme in three- to four-week blocks. **Beginning February 2008:** Spring Musical Preparation (to be performed on March 9) and Program on Moses.

JOURNEY TO ADULTHOOD

Rite 13

For youth ages 12-14. Leader: Jeanne Martens.

J2A

For youth ages 15-16. Leaders: Jessie Riney, Kevin Goss and Martha Amis.

GEL

For young people 17 and up.

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

Spirit of Hope Soup Kitchen

Saturday, January 5,

8:30AM-3:00PM

The Christ Church Boy Scout Troop will help prepare and serve lunch to the homeless and hungry at Spirit of Hope Soup Kitchen this month. The next opportunity to serve at the Soup Kitchen will be March 1. Any questions, call Susan Ward at 313.791.0483.

NEWCOMERS

Join us at Au Bon Pain for an informal gathering of new members and visitors to Christ Church, as well as anyone who may just want to ask questions, make suggestions or get more involved with our faith community. Au Bon Pain

is located at 22219 Michigan Avenue. There is no need to RSVP, but anyone with questions may call Lynn Borg at 313.633.1882.

MEETINGS

Income Committee

Wednesday, January 2, 6PM

St. Martha's Guild Luncheon

Tuesday, January 8, 12pm



Join us for an afternoon of fellowship in the lounge. Bring a sandwich and dessert and beverages will be provided. Carolyn Blackmore-Bell will be

our speaker about her experiences in New Orleans after Katrina.

Outreach Committee

Sunday, January 6, 12:30PM

Vestry Meeting

Sunday, January 6, 1PM

Adult Formation

Tuesday, January 8, 5PM

Property Committee

Wednesday, January 9, 7PM

Stewardship Commission

Sunday, January 13, 9AM

Library Committee

Wednesday, January 16, 1PM

Finance Committee

Thursday, January 17, 7PM

MUSIC MINISTRY

For more information about the music program, contact Music Director, Sean Jackman, at seanmjackman@gmail.com or 313.562.0136.

Adult Choir

Wednesdays, 7:30-9PM

Those interested in joining the choir may attend weekly rehearsals.

Open Choir

Sunday, January 6, 9AM

This choir gives you the opportunity to participate in singing with the choir throughout the year, without having to attend practices weekly. Meet in the Choir Room at 9 a.m. and sing at the 10 a.m. service.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2 6:00 Income Meeting 6:00 Martial Arts 7:00 Martial Arts 7:30 AA 7:30 Choir	3 11:30 AA	4 1:00-2:30 Take-A-Break	5 8:30-3:00 Spirit of Hope Soup Kitchen 12:00-1:30 AA 4:30 Journey of Faith
6 8:00 & 10:00 HE 9:00 Open Choir 10:05 Prayer Room 11:15 Farewell Coffee Hour 12:30 Outreach 1:00 Vestry Meeting 2:00&3:30 Martial Arts	7 7:00 Scout Leaders 8:00 AA	8 9:30 Quilters 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 HE & Healing 12:00 St. Martha's 5:00 Adult Formation 5:30 Girl Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts	9 6:00 Martial Arts 7:00 Martial Arts 7:00 Property Meeting 7:30 AA 7:30 Choir	10 11:30 AA	11 1:00-2:30 Take-A-Break	12 9:30 Rotary/Salvation Army Sandwiches 10:00-12:00 Cov V 10:00-12:00 Baptism Preparation Class 12:00-1:30 AA 2:00-4:00 JoF Vestry 4:30 Journey of Faith
13 8:00 & 10:00 HE & Baptism 9:00 Stewardship 10:05 Prayer Room 11:15 Coffee 11:30 Education 2:00&3:30 Martial Arts	14 8:00 AA	15 9:30 Quilters 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 HE 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 New Member Coffee @ Au Bon Pain	16 1:00 Library Meet 6:00 Martial Arts 7:00 Martial Arts 7:30 AA 7:30 Choir	17 11:30 AA 7:00 Finance	18 1:00-2:30 Take-A-Break	19 9:30-3:00 Whitaker School Program 12:00-1:30 AA 4:30 Journey of Faith
20 8:00 & 10:00 HE 10:05 Prayer Room 11:30 Annual Meeting 2:00&3:30 Martial Arts	21 M.L. King Jr. Day Office Closed 8:00 AA	22 9:00-5:00 Trinity Institute Conference 9:30 Quilters 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 HE 5:30 Girl Scouts 7:00 Boy Scouts	23 9:00-5:00 Trinity Institute Conference 6:00 Martial Arts 7:00 Martial Arts 7:30 AA 7:30 Choir	24 11:30 AA	25 1:00-2:30 Take-A-Break	26 12:00-1:30 AA 4:30 Journey of Faith
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Service Schedule

WEEK OF JANUARY 6

Acolytes TBD
Greeters/Ushers (8am) J. Pedler
 (10am) Team 3 – T. Hines, L. Hines, M. Piernick,
 T. Ludwig
Lector/L.E.M. (8am) D. Petts
 (10am) Youth Reader, D. Brehob, M. Amis
Altar Guild M. J. Crane, G. Morrison,
 E. Brehob/C. Kappauf
LEVs B. Hall, M. Pellegrino
VPOD K. Green
Sunday Readings: The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ
 Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7,10-14;
 Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

WEEK OF JANUARY 13

Acolytes TBD
Ushers/Greeters (8am) K. Goss
 (10am) Team 4 – P. Owens, B. Owens,
 M. J. Searles, R. Kedzo
Lector/L.E.M. (8am) B. Hall
 (10am) N. Lehnert, E. Simpson, D. Cardwell
Altar Guild C. Goss, E. Boyar, J. Piernick
LEVs Clergy Visit
VPOD J. Connelly
Sunday Readings: The First Sunday after the Epiphany
 Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29;
 Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

WEEK OF JANUARY 20

Acolytes TBD
Ushers/Greeters (8am) L. Crane
 (10am) Team 5 – I. Behm, B. Ryan, P. Synder,
 J. Garris
Lector/L.E.M. (8am) M. A. Zawada
 (10am) D. Petts, R. Groover, A. Johnson
Altar Guild J. Shaw, R. Green, K. Green
LEVs S. Mulkern, M. Shelton
VPOD B. Ryan
Sunday Readings: The Second Sunday after the Epiphany
 Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-12;
 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

WEEK OF JANUARY 27

Acolytes TBD
Ushers/Greeters (8am) G. Ebling
 (10am) Team 1 – N. Bell, E. Bell, D. Brim, M. Lee
Lector/L.E.M. (8am) D. Brehob
 (10am) M. Piernick, M. Sallman, D. Cardwell
Altar Guild J. Reiner, K. Hipp, D. Hipp
LEVs J. Anderson, A. Johnson
VPOD S. Mulkern
Sunday Readings: The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
 Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1,4-9;
 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

Planned Giving Q&A

Q: Is your will out of date?

A: Make a New Year's resolution to review and update your will, and when you do, please remember the Church in your will.

Dear Christ Church Friends:

THE December *Courier* deadline precluded me from writing sooner, but I wanted to express my gratitude to the many of you who took time out from your Saturday evening to attend my last service at JoF in November. As I looked around the room during the service (and at the dinner which followed) it meant so very much to me to see such a wonderful collection of friends from both congregations and the diocese. And the presents were unexpected, but I am grateful for them all! I am sure our paths will cross again, but until then, I am, thankfully yours,

Mark Jenkins

Be sure to pick up your 2008 Offering Envelopes near the church office.



Thank you

ON behalf of our students, faculty and staff, thank you for your generous gift of \$1,000 to the Whitaker Education Fund. Your donation is vital to the continued education of the students and participants of the many conferences, workshops and educational programs offered by the Whitaker School throughout the Diocese. It allows us to provide crucial financial assistance and to live into the mission of educating, equipping and empowering the people of God to carry on the ministry of Jesus Christ. May God bless you with true abundance. Thank you for sharing with us.

Denise B. Crenshaw
Director and Dean

FINANCIAL CORNER

Income & Expenses as of November 30, 2007

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income (Pledges & Offerings)	\$329,804	\$341,964
Other	\$31,030	\$25,166
Total Operating Income	\$360,834	\$367,130
Less Operating Expenses	\$392,196	\$403,040
Surplus / Deficit	\$(31,362)	\$(35,910)
2006 Carry-over Cash	\$13,991	\$13,991

February Courier
Deadline
Tuesday,
January 15



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1/02 Barbara Markowski
- 1/03 Sandy Percy, Julie Wojtowicz
- 1/04 Audrey Laude, Isabel Scharf
- 1/05 Jessica Riney
- 1/07 June Anderson, Doug Brim, Daniel Hipp, Linda Juergens
- 1/08 Joyce MacKinnon
- 1/09 Barbra Loreto
- 1/11 Joyce Faulds, Michele Nolan
- 1/12 Izabella Stanis
- 1/15 Marybeth Turmel
- 1/16 Nolan Lowery, Jean Piernick
- 1/17 Barbara Brandenburg, Madison Leidel, Matt Sallman
- 1/18 Kyle DeGiulio, Thomas Foster
- 1/19 Eunice Buzby
- 1/20 Helen Cooper, Eva Greenwood, Jennifer Somerville, Stanley Witt
- 1/21 Elizabeth Boyar
- 1/22 Barbara Homan
- 1/25 Lindsay Sitarski, Kathleen Spencer
- 1/26 Margaret Breil, Frederick Sheill
- 1/28 Barbara Darin, Deborah Taylor, Dean Young
- 1/29 Patrick Mulkern
- 1/30 Colette Blake, Nan Giovani, Jeff Nichols
- 1/31 Annabelle Baker

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1/07 Bruce & Edwina Simpson, 18 years
- 1/10 Mustafa and Darlene Awada, 7 years
- 1/31 David and Nicole Nichols, 4 years

DEATHS

Shirley Jean Baker, 12/13/07
Evelyn Eade 12/21/07

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Music Notes

By Sean Jackman, Director of Music

Christmas

Thank you to those children who participated in our Family Service on Christmas Eve, and to the Adult Choir for providing beautiful music during our late service. We were happy to welcome several instrumentalists as well. I appreciate the extra efforts on behalf of our volunteers to prepare special music for our Christmas worship together.

Open Choir

The next dates for Open Choir are January 6 and February 3. We have had great turnouts for this project. Now is your chance to join us!

MLK Service

The Dearborn-area Ministerial Association is sponsoring a special service to celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on Sunday, January 20, at 5 p.m. Our Adult Choir has been invited to join the mass choir for this service which will be held at First United Methodist Church, 22124 Garrison Ave (at Mason), in Dearborn (see the front page for more details). Please consider joining with our choir to sing for this special worship opportunity in our community.

Happy New Year!



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