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National theological conference open to all via webcast

THE 39th TRINITY Institute National Theological Conference will be aired via video webcast at Christ Church on Thursday and Friday, January 22 and 23. Called *Radical Abundance: A Theology of Sustainability*, this year's conference will explore the theological basis for reimagining abundance measured not by consumer satisfaction but by just and sustainable relations with nature and communities.

Keynote speakers will include Majora Carter, MacArthur "Genius" Fellow and Sundance Channel host; Timothy Gorringer, environmental theologian; David C. Korten, best-selling author; Néstor O. Míguez, professor of New Testament Studies at Instituto Universitario ISEDT in Buenos Aires, Argentina; and Sister Miriam MacGillis, preacher. Conference participation is open to clergy and laypersons of all faith traditions.

The Trinity

Institute 2009 conference will look at sustainability through the lens of liberation theology, which views Jesus not only as the redeemer, but also the liberator of the oppressed. In its vision of social justice, all people are full partners in healing our planet and our social environments, regardless of their social or economic status. Only in striving for sustainable relationships, rather than accu-

mulating and consuming more for ourselves, can we discover true abundance.

The Rev. Dr. James H. Cooper, rector of Trinity Wall Street, said, "Human beings have been entrusted with the care of this world, but for too long a minority of its population has enjoyed the majority of its resources, without giving thought to the effect on the planet or on those less fortunate. We now face a global climate crisis shared by the advantaged and the disadvantaged. Christian social justice demands that we reduce waste, build sustainable communities, and ensure that abundance is available to all."

Forums will include keynote speakers, panel discussions, and facilitated breakout groups. The registration fee of \$25 is due by January 16. Registration is available by email at office@christchurchdearborn.org or by calling the church office at 313.565.8450.



Remembering Martin Luther King

Sunday, January 18
at 5 p.m.

CHRIST CHURCH WILL host the 2nd annual Martin Luther King Day celebration sponsored by the Dearborn Area Ministerial Association, an interfaith organization, and Friends United, a cross cultural, multiracial group.



This year's theme is *Embracing a Community for All People*, and the interfaith service will include speakers from a variety of religious, ethnic and cultural backgrounds, including student essay winners on the legacy of Dr. King. There will be performances by a children's musical signing group, as well as a mass choir led by Sean Jackman and Kevin Dewy.

"Not only will we celebrate King's birthday, but we will encourage people to work on Monday in the *Day of Service* with various service projects offered through the University of Michigan, Dearborn (see <http://www.umd.umich.edu/mlk> to register).

Everyone in our diverse community is invited to gather for prayer and reflection on Dr. King's universal legacy of love and peace and reconciliation. Refreshments will follow the program.

From the Rector

The Rev. Daniel Appleyard

Reflecting light in dark places

Dear Friends,

IN THE FIRST years of my ministry, Robert Fulghum, a Unitarian minister, wrote a book entitled, *All I Really Need to Know, I Learned in Kindergarten*. In it he told a story about a seminar he once attended in Greece, where a discussion leader shared “The Meaning of Life.”

“On the last day of the conference, the discussion leader walked over to the bright light of an open window and looked out. Then he asked if there were any questions. Fulghum laughingly asked him what was the meaning of life. Everyone in attendance laughed and stirred to leave. However, the leader held up his hand to ask for silence and then responded, “I will answer your question.”

“He took his wallet out of his pocket and removed a small round mirror about the size of a quarter. Then he explained, ‘When I was a small child during World War II, we were very poor and we lived in a remote village. One day on the road, I found the broken pieces of a mirror. A German motorcycle had been wrecked in that place. I tried to find all the pieces and put them together, but it was not possible, so I kept the largest piece. This one. And by scratching it on a stone, I made it round. I began to play with it as a toy and became fascinated by the fact that I could reflect light into dark places where the sun could never shine. It became a game for me to get light into the most inaccessible places that I could find. I kept the little mirror, and as I grew up, I would take it out at idle moments and continue the challenge of the game.’

“As I became a man, I grew to understand that this was not just a child’s game, but a metaphor of what I could do with my life. I came to understand that I am not the light or the source of the light. But light – be it truth or understanding or knowledge – is there, and it will only shine in many dark places if I reflect it. I am a fragment of a mirror whose whole design and shape I do not know. Nevertheless, with what I have, I can reflect light into the dark places of this world – into the dark places of human hearts – and change some things in some people. Perhaps others seeing it happen will do likewise. This is what I am about. This is the meaning of my life.”

May such meaning find its way into your lives in the light of this past Christmas season and in the New Year.

Faithfully Yours,
Daniel



Gary Glass@shutterglass.com

142nd Annual Church Meeting

Sunday, January 25 at 11:30 a.m.
in the Fellowship Hall

JOIN US FOR our annual all-church business meeting when we will review the past year’s ministry efforts, elect new Vestry members and look with anticipation to the work before us in this new year. The meeting follows the 8 and 10 a.m. services. Please bring refreshments to share at Coffee Hour.

Special Junior Forum during Annual Meeting

Mr. Joe Rogers with the Wildlife Recovery Association will make a special presentation to the children of Christ Church in the Lounge during the Annual Meeting. He’ll be joined by live birds of prey. Children are encouraged to bring cameras to have their picture taken with the feathered friends. Since 1974, the Wildlife Recovery Association in Mt. Pleasant, MI, has been caring for injured and orphaned wildlife. This educational presentation is one of the ways the Wildlife Recovery Association supports its efforts.

VESTRY REFLECTION

By Julia Garris

THIS PAST YEAR has been so topsy-turvy for me, which may be the case for many of you in our parish. It started out like most new years — somewhat calm and promising. But by a quarter way through, events started happening that were beyond my control: family members and friends became ill, got divorced or had surgery; some friends suffered job losses through forced retirement or the closing of businesses. And everything has turned upside down.

I know concern for the well-being of our families and friends in trouble is shared by many, but many good things have also occurred: the joy of new births, spending fun times with our children and grandchildren, recoveries from some illnesses, progress in others and new life styles or careers found. Pleasant experiences such as our church picnics, musical events and outreach projects have taken place this past year also. I think that is what we must concentrate on — that there can be joy during bad times, and that our problems are shared by many.

And with keeping our loved ones and God close, we will get through the stressful and frightening times. It may take time, but as the saying goes, “Where there is faith and love, there is hope.”



By Edwina Simpson

THE INVESTED FUNDS

Committee was created by a "Resolution Statement of Purpose, Policies and Procedures and Guidelines Governing Invested Funds" passed by the Vestry in August 2006.

The purpose of the resolution is to assure members of Christ Church that the various funds currently held by the church and new gifts are properly received, well managed, and faithfully used for the purposes intended by the donors or by the Vestry.

As part of this assurance a new committee was formed to oversee the investment of current and future funds and to insure that the use of new gifts will be clearly defined and appropriately used.

At the time the Committee resolution was passed, the Vestry also passed a "Policy Regarding the Disposition of Planned Gifts." In this case, a planned gift is any gift from accumulated assets (savings and investments) by either a living or deceased donor. The Policy defines two types of gifts, undesignated or designated, for an existing fund or for a new purpose and directs how these gifts will be administered. The Vestry is responsible for acceptance of an undesignated gift and for assuring that the use of a new designated gift fits the mission of the church. The Invested Funds Committee's responsibility is to oversee the management, investment, and use of gifts once they are accepted.

The recent bequest from Earl Bergeron is an example of how the Policy is governing this undesignated gift. As a reminder, the policy regarding undesignated gifts directs that 10% will be given to one or more invested fund(s)

held by the Diocese, 5% to the current operating budget, 10% to the capital improvements fund, and 75% to be used for new outreach projects and/or new special projects within the parish. Because the Bergeron gift was the first under the new Policy, an ad hoc committee was formed to recommend a process to the Vestry for the implementation of the Policy, especially the portion of the gift for outreach and/or new projects. When the Vestry has decided how the funds will be used, the Invested Funds Committee's role will be to oversee the management, investment and use of the gift.

The first meeting of the Invested Funds Committee was held in December 2006. Members appointed by the Vestry were Carrie Serfass, one-year term, Andy Angel and Edwina Simpson, two-year terms, and Bob Buzby and Peter Kenney, three-year terms. The Committee works in partnership with the Treasurer and the Rector who are ad hoc members of the Committee. I was elected chairperson.

Invested
Funds
Committee

The Committee meets quarterly, and since its organization, the members spent several meetings reviewing funds currently held by Christ Church, their designations and their investment. We recommended to the Vestry renewal of the note held by the Michigan Interfaith Trust Fund (formerly the McGehee Fund) and are discussing the implementation of General Convention and Diocesan Resolutions regarding 10% of the church investments being in alternative investments, e.g. micro loan funds. We have reviewed the Diocesan Growth and Income Fund where funds are currently invested. Most recently we recommended the investment of the 75% portion of the Bergeron bequest in two Comerica CDs and offered to the Vestry a resolution regarding the portion of the bequest that is to go to the Diocese. At the end of Carrie's term we recommended the appointment of Jamie Connelly.

Martial Arts Program - New "Kickoff" to Emphasize Health

THE CURRENT MARTIAL Arts Program, which meets on Wednesday and Sunday, is being restructured for the New Year.

Starting immediately, classes will be open to newcomers the first 45 minutes of each session, which is devoted to restoring health, strength, agility and vitality. This part of the class is about athleticism in everyone's life. We focus on overall fitness and emphasize stretching, flexibility, cardio and strength

training in a manner tailored to individual ages and physical conditions. This means one does not have to be "fit" to start.

Michael Mroczyk, the current Martial Arts instructor, is excited about the change and welcomes anyone, anytime, who would like to make a new commitment to renewed health. Participants in the first half of each class are free to train in comfortable workout clothes, as there is no uniform requirement.

There will be no class fee, although goodwill donations to the church will be accepted. The class will meet on Sunday, 2-2:45 p.m. and Wednesday, 7-7:45 p.m. Erika Morrison, former Martial Arts participant said, "I had to stop attending the martial arts program because of my knees, and I was extremely sad because I really enjoyed the regular exercise. So I'm very excited about this new fitness opportunity, because I know the workout will be just what I need."

Music Notes

By Sean Jackman, Director of Music and Organist

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I want to express my thanks to ... Tess Dowgiallo and Diana Brehob, recorders, for playing with us on our Choir Anthem on the fourth Sunday of Advent; ... everyone who participated in and assisted with our Pageant on Christmas Eve. Tess and I enjoyed working with our young people on an updated version of the Christmas Story; ... and to the Adult Choir and the additional singers and instrumentalists who sang and played at the late service on Christmas Eve. The extra efforts of our committed volunteers enriched our worship services. We were pleased to have Elizabeth Bakalyar (violin), Ellie Bell (flute) and Charles Bell (drummer) with us as they accompanied the anthems and congregational hymns.



Please remember these important upcoming events!

Open Choir, for those who want to sing with the choir on a once-monthly basis, continues on January 4 (when we'll sing *Ding, Dong Merrily on High*) and on February 8. Please email me at seanmjackman@gmail.com with questions or to receive a copy of the score early.

The 2nd Annual Martin Luther King Day Service will be held at 5 p.m. on Sunday, January 18. The service will include guest speakers from a variety of faith traditions and a mass choir that I am organizing. Christ Church will also welcome the Henry Ford Community College Concert Choir conducted by Kevin Dewy. There will be one rehearsal directly preceding the service here in our sanctuary.

Amahl and the Night Visitors by Menotti will be presented jointly by Christ Church and St. Paul Lutheran Church at St. Paul. Performance dates are February 13 and 14. Performers include our own Carolyn Blackmore (Mother), Margaret Green (Mother), Anthony Green (King Melchior) and members of our Adult Choir (Shepherd's Chorus).

Please take note: The Bell Ringing Concert at the First United Methodist Church previously advertised has been postponed until the next program year. I will keep you informed as the event takes shape.

We Have A Lot to Do, Don't We! Developing a church growth strategy

By Carrie Serfass

THIS PAST THANKSGIVING, we traveled to Seattle to visit Paul's father, Alan. As has become our custom on trips, we went to church on Sunday, this time Alan's - Christ Episcopal Church Seattle. At coffee hour, while Paul mingled with old friends and John consumed massive amounts of cookies and ran about with another boy, Cora came up to talk to me.

Her brother had attended Cranbrook many years before and she felt a connection with Michigan. She wanted to know how we were doing. I told her that the institutions like Cranbrook were still there, but that it was true - Michigan's economy was in a bad way. I told her that among my biggest worries was that the pain was getting close to home - I had heard that families in Dearborn itself were not eating enough, which had given me quite a shock. Cora looked me straight in the eye with a determined, yet warm, smile on her face, "Well then, we have a lot of work to do, don't we!"

At the last Annual Meeting, the Vestry was requested to consider developing a strategic plan for the parish. When the new Vestry first met in February, we discussed this request, trying to understand the proposal's context - why a plan and why now. Our discussion centered on the goal to attract new people and to grow the parish population. We identified several issues that needed to be addressed in order to achieve this goal; details can be found in Vestry Minutes available on the church web site (www.christchurchdearborn.org).

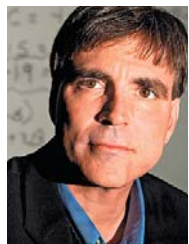
We formed a committee: Todd Kappauf, Les Nolan and myself. We reviewed a pack of documents from 1995-2005 of prior efforts to develop a growth strategy that we thought would be a useful starting point. By July though, when the committee started to meet to proceed with a more formal process of our own, it was clear that economic and societal events were having a profound effect on our community and the nation as a whole.

This time last year, I think we thought we could work our way out of the annual debate of budget shortfalls by pulling together a committee, having meetings and coming up with a layering of objectives and goals that could be met by such and such a date. Brutal economic realities have changed the playing field. The Diocese of Michigan as a whole is questioning its own financial stability and that stability is directly tied to the health and well-being of its individual parishes. As part of the Diocesan Council's October approval of a document entitled "Plan for Investment and Revitalization of the Diocesan Household," within the next few months, individual churches will be called to provide information and data in an "every member survey" to research congregation trends and realities. (For full details of the plan and its announcement, [*Continued on Page 5*](http://www.the-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Movie Night

The Last Lecture has been selected for the first Movie Night of the new year on Monday, January 5, at 7 p.m. The



lecture was given on September 18, 2007, by Carnegie Mellon Professor Randy Pausch, who was dying of pancreatic cancer. In his moving talk, "Really Achieving Your Childhood Dreams," Pausch talked about his lessons learned and gave advice to students on how to achieve their own career and personal goals. Pausch, a professor of computer science, human computer interaction and design, co-founded Carnegie Mellon's Entertainment Technology Center and was the creator of the Alice interactive computing program, which is being used by students worldwide. Randy's lecture has become a phenomenon, as has the book he wrote based on the same principles, celebrating the dreams we all strive to make realities. Randy lost his battle to pancreatic cancer on July 25, 2008. Join us for the movie, as well as the discussion at the Adult Forum on Sunday, January 11.

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

Chapel Day Preschool will be in the Fellowship Hall after the 10 a.m. service on January 4 and 11 offering Little Caesar's Pizza Kits. The food items include all sorts of pizza kits, bread sticks, pies, cookie dough and

salad fixings. They are great for Super Bowl Sunday or any busy night of the week! Orders will be available for pick-up on Monday, January 26. Please help our beloved preschool with your purchases.

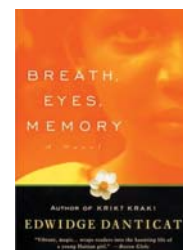
10th Annual World Sabbath

The 10th Annual World Sabbath of Religious Reconciliation Service will be held on Sunday, January 25, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Christ Church Cranbrook in Bloomfield Hills (at the corner of Cranbrook and Lone Pine). The service will again include children leading the service with calls to prayer for peace from their different faith traditions, and the Children of Peace of all religions will wave their peace banners. Musical presentations will round out the service. This year's World Sabbath Peace Award will be presented to The Rev. Kenneth J. Flowers, pastor of Greater New Mount Moriah Baptist Church. For more information, please visit the World Sabbath website at www.wsdayofpeace.org.

Voices of the World Book Group

Looking for an enjoyable read that will expand your horizons and increase your understanding of human nature? Join the Book Discussion Group which meets the first Monday of every other the month at 7 p.m. For the February 2 meeting, we'll discuss a short novel by Haitian author, Edwidge Danticat, called *Breath, Eyes, Memory*. This haunting story of a young Haitian girl, who

leaves her poverty stricken village in Haiti to live in New York, unlocks two different cultures and leads the protagonist, Sophie Caco, to discover secrets about her own family. One reviewer said, "...a novel that bears witness to the traditions, suffering and wisdom of an entire people." Copies will soon be available from Christ Church at a 17% discount. For more information, please contact Bob Hart at 248.334.4571.



Hand Chimes

Children and adults are invited to play the hand chimes. Practices will begin on Wednesday, January 7, 5:30-6:30 p.m., and continue weekly if the interest is there. Please call Helena Thornton at 313.730.8923 for more information.

Junior Forum Schedule

Children aged 4 to 11 meet together for fellowship, Christian education and fun on Sundays from 11:20 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. This month's schedule is as follows:

Jan. 4: Amahl Church Opera Practice (Choir Room); **Jan. 11:** Amahl Church Opera Practice (Choir Room); **Jan. 18:** MLK Theme, making hats and mittens for children in need (Room 213); **Jan. 25:** Presentation by Joe Rogers. If you have any questions, please call Karen Marzonie at 313.565.5945.

Church growth strategy

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record.org/news200811emftf.html.)

The success of this effort relies on full participation of each and every church in the Diocese. As economic turmoil swirls in our midst, I think

it incumbent that our own strategic process include full participation in the Diocesan effort to find a way to operate under guidelines of a sustainable budget which incorporates continued commitment to justice

and fairness. Through that we will engage and fulfill our mission of outreach to the larger community around us. As Cora said with a determined look and warm smile, "We have a lot to do, don't we?"

January 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Office Closed 11:30 AA	2 1:00-3:00 Take-A-Break 6:30 Girl Scouts	3 8:30-3:00 Spirit of Hope Soup Kitchen 12:00-1:30 AA
4 8:00 & 10:00 HE 9:00 Outreach / Open Choir 10:05 Children's Worship 11:15 Coffee 2:00&3:30 Martial Arts	5 7:00 Movie Night 7:00 Scout Leaders 8:00 AA	6 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 HE & Healing 7:00 Adult Formation 7:00 Boy Scouts	7 6:00 Martial Arts 7:00 Martial Arts 7:00 Cycling Club 7:30 AA 7:30 Choir	8 11:30 AA 7:00 LWV	9 1:00-3:00 Take-A-Break	10 10:00-12:00 Baptism Preparation Class 10:00 Covenant V 12:00-1:30 AA
11 8:00 & 10:00 HE/Baptism 10:05 Children's Worship 10:05 Intermediate Worship 11:15 Coffee 11:30 Education 1:00 Vestry Meet 2:00&3:30 Martial Arts	12 7:00 Evangelism 8:00 AA	13 10:00 Prayer Group 11:00 HE 12:00 St. Martha's 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 New Member Coffee: Au Bon Pain	14 9:30 Quilters 6:00 Martial Arts 7:00 Martial Arts 7:00 Property 7:30 AA 7:30 Choir	15 11:30 AA 7:00 Amahl Rehearsal 7:00 Finance	16 1:00-3:00 Take-A-Break 6:30 Girl Scouts	17 12:00-1:30 AA
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Service Schedule

WEEK OF JANUARY 4

Acolytes I. Appleyard, W. McCardell, E. Brehob,
J. Appleyard, R. Green, A. Green, Behms
(8am) J. Pedler
Greeters/Ushers (10am) Team 4 – P. Owens, B. Owens,
M. J. Searles
Lector/L.E.M. (8am) R. Groover
(10am) M. Piernick, R. Groover, M. Sallman
K. Hipp, D. Hipp, M. J. Crane
Altar Guild
LEVs A. Johnson
VPOD
Sunday Readings: The 2nd Sunday after Christmas
Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 84:1-8; Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a;
Luke 2:41-52

WEEK OF JANUARY 11

Acolytes M. Brehob, I. Appleyard, R. Green,
A. Green, Morrison
Ushers/Greeters (8am) A. Keller
(10am) Team 5 – B. Ryan, P. Snyder, J. Garris
Lector/L.E.M. (8am) P. Vandever
(10am) K. Green, M. Amis, J. Culp
C. Goss, E. Boyar, C. Kappauf
Altar Guild
LEVs E. Simpson, B. Hall
VPOD C. Serfass
Sunday Readings: The 1st Sunday after Epiphany
Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

WEEK OF JANUARY 18

Acolytes C. Nolan, T. Morrison, C. Kappauf,
A. Behm, J. Vandever, Appleyards
(8am) K. Goss
Ushers/Greeters (10am) Team 1 – N. Bell, E. Bell, D. Brim
(8am) M. Pellegrino
Lector/L.E.M. (10am) G. Morrison, M. Nolan, D. Brehob
K. Green, R. Green, S. McCullen
Henry Ford Village Clergy Visit
J. Garris
Altar Guild
LEVs
VPOD
Sunday Readings: The 2nd Sunday after Epiphany
1 Samuel 3:1-10; Psalm 139:1-5,12-17; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20;
John 1:43-51

WEEK OF JANUARY 25

Acolytes T. Morrison, J. Vandever, E. Sallman,
L. Culp, A. Green, Appleyards
(8am) T. Foster
Ushers/Greeters (10am) Team 2 – J. Connelly, D. Leduc,
M. Shelton, S. Bennett
(8am) M. Sallman
Lector/L.E.M. (10am) R. Cardwell, M. Pellegrino, D. Cardwell
J. Piernick, A. Piernick, G. Morrison
Altar Guild
LEVs
VPOD E. Morrison
Sunday Readings: The 3rd Sunday after Epiphany
Jonah 3:1-5,10; Psalm 62:6-14; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31;
Mark 1:14-20

Light in the Darkness

*A message from
The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori,
Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church*

From *Episcopal Life*,
the monthly newspaper for all Episcopalians

*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness
did not overcome it. —John 1:5*

THE WORLD SETTLES into winter, at least in the northern hemisphere, and life to many seems increasingly bleak. Foreclosures, layoffs, government bailouts and financial failures, continuing war on two fronts, terrorist attacks, murders of some identified only by their faith – this world is in abundant need of light. We know light that is not overcome by darkness, for God has come among us in human flesh. Born in poverty to a homeless couple, to a people long under occupation, Jesus is human and divine evidence that God is with us in the midst of the world's darkness. Emmanuel, Prince of Peace, Divine Counselor is come among us to re-mind, re-member, and re-create. A new mind and heart is birthed in us as we turn to follow Jesus on the way.

The body of God's creation is re-membered and put back together in ways intended from the beginning. And a new creation becomes reality through Jesus' healing work. Christians tell the story again each Christmastide, and the telling and remembering invites us once again into being made whole. Our task in every year is to hear the story with new ears, and seeing light in the darkness of this season's woes, then to tell it abroad with gladsome hearts to those who wait in darkness. Where will you share the joyous tale of light in the darkness?

**Be sure to
pick up your
2009 Offering
Envelopes just
outside the
church office.**

Thank you

Thank you so much for the generosity Christ Church has shown Trudy's Loving Center over the years. The Thanksgiving food, Kroger cards and Christmas presents have brought joy and relief to hundreds of Eastsiders, perhaps more this year than any other. Although the economic forecast is still gloomy, know that you have brightened lives with your generosity. Quite frankly, we could not have done it without you. Thanks again for all you do. May God shower you with many blessings.

James S. LaSovage
TLC Board of Director

Where there is a will... there's love.

Making a will is truly an act of love. It relieves your family of numerous legal headaches by helping put your financial affairs in order. It is the only way you can express your faith and values by including gifts to the church and other charitable organizations that have meant so much to you in your lifetime.



**February
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January 15**
Email your articles
to joamicangelo@gmail.com

FINANCIAL CORNER

Income & Expenses as of November 30, 2008

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income (Pledges & Offerings)	\$306,026	\$302,150
Other	\$36,552	\$25,750
Total Operating Income	\$342,578	\$327,900
Less Operating Expenses	\$370,416	\$379,548
Surplus / Deficit	\$(27,838)	\$(51,648)
2007 Carry-over Cash	\$20,431	\$20,431

IMPORTANT DATES

BIRTHDAYS
1/02 Barbara Markowski
1/03 Sandy Percy,
Julie Wojtowicz
1/04 Audrey Laude
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 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 Giovanini,
Carol Peterson
1/31 Annabelle Baker

ANNIVERSARIES
1/07 Bruce & Edwina
Simpson (19)
1/10 Mustafa & Darlene
Awada (8)

“One kind word
can warm
three winter months.”

— Japanese proverb



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