



THE CLARION

January 2013

Epiphany & the Burning of the Greens



On Sunday evening, January 6 at 6:00 p.m., we will gather briefly in the sanctuary for a time of celebration as we bring the Christmas season to an end. In word and song, we will celebrate the light that shines in the darkness.

After worship, we will be led

outdoors by the three kings who will follow the *Christ Light* to the back of the church property. Gathering in darkness, surrounded by darkness, we will hear the Gospel of how the light of the world is revealed in Jesus.

The grand fire will then be lit,

igniting all of the greens contributed by those attending and the greens from the church property. The darkness will be pierced by the powerful light of the burning greens. It is an awesome sight and experience.

Later we will enjoy hot Epiphany refreshments and treats. This is truly a memorable way to end the celebration of Christmas. Come bring your joy, your thankfulness, your door wreaths, swags and Christmas trees for Sunday, January 6!



Annual Congregational Meeting January 27

On Sunday, January 27 at 11:30 a.m., immediately following the worship hour, we will gather for our Annual Congregational Meeting. The agenda for the meeting includes a presentation of the Annual Report and Budget for 2013, the Terms of Call for the Pastor.

All active members of the congregation are eligible to vote at the meeting. The meeting will be receiving nominations for the office of Elder. Members will have the opportunity to vote for the candidates presented by the Nominating Committee and

those nominated from the floor.

We will also hear reports from the Clerk of Session regarding membership matters. The Session is looking forward to your participation.

What Is Per Capita Apportionment?

The per capita apportionment is a per member contribution that our congregation pays annually to the Newton Presbytery. It represents our share of the administrative costs of Newton Presbytery, the Synod of the North East and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church USA.

The contribution for 2013 is \$32.00 per member. This amount does not consider children who have not been confirmed. That means that if there were three church members in your household, the per capita would amount to \$96.00.

A notice with an envelope will arrive in the mail during

the month of January. We ask that you take the time to read the notice and respond with your gift.

You should note that when members do not respond the Session will need to pay that person's share out of the General Fund. Do give this request your prompt consideration.

Epiphany ?

Epiphany is the climax of the Advent/Christmas Season and the Twelve Days of Christmas, which are usually counted from the evening of December 25th until the morning of January 6th, which is the Twelfth Day. In following this older custom of counting the days beginning at sundown, the evening of January 5th is the **Twelfth Night**. This is an occasion for feasting in some cultures, including the baking of a special **King's Cake** as part of the festivities of Epiphany (a King's Cake is part of the observance of Mardi Gras in French Catholic culture of the Southern USA).

In some church traditions, only the full days are counted so that January 5th is the Eleventh Day of Christmas, January 6th is the Twelfth Day, and the evening

of January 6th is counted as the Twelfth Night.

In traditional Christian churches Christmas, as well as Easter, is celebrated as a period of time, a season of the church year, rather than just a day. The Season of the Church Year associated with Christmas actually begins with the first Sunday of Advent, four Sundays before Christmas Day. Advent is marked by expectation and anticipation in preparing to celebrate the coming of Jesus. Christmas begins with Christmas Day December 25 and lasts for Twelve Days until Epiphany, January 6, which looks ahead to the mission of the church to the world in light of the Nativity.

The one or two Sundays be-

tween Christmas Day and Epiphany are sometimes called **Christmastide**. For many Protestant church traditions, the season of Epiphany extends from January 6th until Ash Wednesday, which begins the season of Lent leading to Easter. Depending on the timing of Easter, this longer period of Epiphany includes from four to nine Sundays. Other traditions, especially the Roman Catholic tradition, observe Epiphany as a single day, with the Sundays following Epiphany counted as Ordinary Time. In some western traditions, the last Sunday of Epiphany is celebrated as Transfiguration Sunday.



LECTIONARY for January 2013

January 6 (Epiphany of the Lord) ***

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

January 13 (Baptism of the Lord)

Isaiah 43:1-7
Psalm 29
Acts 8:14-17
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 20 (2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 36:5-10
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2:1-11

January 27 (3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
Luke 4:14-21



Briefly Noted

Contribution Envelopes

Contribution envelopes for 2013 are available for pick up in Fellowship Hall.

Fellowship Hour Hosts

Preparing a place for people to gather for food and conversation is an offering and we would like to thank Journey-men, The Bell Choir, "Just Us" and Nancy Mantone, Ginna Zukswert & Shirley Stoll for hosting Fellowship Hour during the month of December.

Thank You

Thank you from the Monday ChristCare Group to everyone who prepared a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child or gave a monetary gift.

The Martha Circle

The Martha Circle will meet on Monday, January 14th at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Ginna Zukswert for a covered dish supper. The study February will be the Fifth and Sixth chapters from the book "CORINTHIANS" in the New Testament of the Bible.

Book Club

The "JUST US" Book Club will meet on February 6th at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Ethel Weissman. The book for February is "CLEOPATRA" by Stacy Achiff. Please note: The book club **will not meet in January.**

Calvary Dinner Club

The CALVARY DINNER CLUB would like to thank Sam & Gus Moussa for the lovely Christmas party at

their home on Saturday, December 15th. Everyone had a good time and enjoyed the good food and fellowship. As a special treat, Barbara Melcher played the piano and everyone joined in for the singing of Christmas carols. A great time was had by all.

Interfaith Food Pantry

It so easily through the Interfaith Food Pantry. When shopping buy something extra (items below) bring to the church and place in the basket located in the link. Or maybe it is easier for you to make a monetary donation to church and designate it for the IFP. IFP continues to need baby food - stages 1, 2 3, Parmalat / powered milk, hearty soups, canned fruit and juice, dry beans (black, kidney, pinto, etc.), breakfast cereal and oatmeal, canned meats and meals and tuna, pasta & pasta sauce, Mac n Cheese, and rices (all types).

Calvary Bowlers Wanted

Starting up again, Friday January 4 at 10:00AM and most Fridays throughout winter, we will be bowling at the Madison Bowling Alleys. Following bowling, lunch at Charlie Brown's about 12:20PM. Don't bowl, then join us for lunch. Male and females welcomed. Come out for some Christian fellowship and fun. Questions should be directed to John Wright, telephone number 973 377-9337

Flower Dedications 2013

If you are interested in dedicating flowers to a loved one, beginning on January 6th, the

2013 Flower Chart will be available in the Link. Complete a flower dedication form for the date you have selected and drop it off in the church office mailbox or you can mail it in to the church office "Attention: Rebecca Wilson-Legendre". The cost of sanctuary flowers is \$30.00 per date and checks should be made payable to Calvary Presbyterian Church.

January Birthdays

Diane Himics	4
Lindsay Mantone	4
Tracy Timmons	4
Arline Ruban	5
Jackie Abam	8
Emil Ruban	13
Justin Wright	14
Kaitlyn Wright	14
Kevin Howard	15
John Mogavero	21
Amanda Plummer	22
Steven Jensen	24
Mona Daugherty	25
Nancy Lack	28
Karen Niedhammer	31

January Anniversaries

Steven & Barbara Smith	2
Robert & Peggy Atchison	7
John & Beverly Horvath	26



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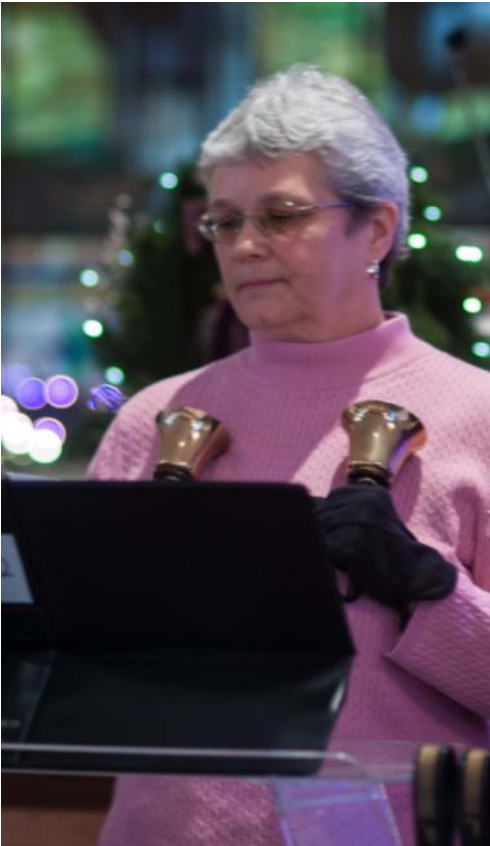
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New Year's Eve Service

5:00 pm



The Bread of Heaven

The Cup of Salvation

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

