

THE TIDINGS

The Shelter Island Presbyterian Church Newsletter

Celebrity Chef Dinner

Our next Celebrity Chef Dinner will be at 6:00 P.M. on Wednesday, January 14th and will feature the cuisine of Kyle's. Call Karen Tudor to reserve your spot!

****Annual Meeting****

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation/Corporation of Shelter Island Presbyterian Church will take place at the end of the 10:30 A.M. Worship Service on Sunday, February 1st in the SIPC Sanctuary.

The purpose of this meeting will be to receive and share reports from the various committees of the church, to approve the 2015 budget, and to approve the Class of 2017 for both the Diaconate and the Session as supplied by the Congregational Nomination Committee. All are invited to attend but only SIPC members are allowed to vote (G-1.0501).

If you are a committee chair, please don't forget to get your annual reports to Karen Tudor as quickly as possible! Thank you!



A Fruitful December!

It was another busy December in the life of the people who are Shelter Island Presbyterian Church! Feasts were had. Prayers were lifted. Songs were sung. Presents were given and received. Hugs were shared. Candles were lit. Christ was anticipated and found (or did Christ find us?). We celebrated a wondrous Christmas Eve with over 100 people who attended our 5:00 P.M. family service and our 10:00 P.M. service of Lessons and Carols. 2014 was a big year of transition in the life of this congregation and we welcomed God-With-Us to lead us into 2015 with wisdom, inspiration, and steadfast love. We are thankful for what God has done, what God is doing, and for the work of God that has yet to be revealed to us as we journey forward together in the Spirit!



From Stephen's Desk

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Whew! 2014 was quite the year for transition in the life of this congregation, wasn't it? As we say goodbye to last year and greet 2015 with open arms, it is an appropriate time for each one of us to be reminded of our calling. Although I am officially known as your "called" pastor, I am certainly *not* the only one who is called here at SIPC. Every last one of you is called to service and it is the work of disciples to help one another live into those calls and embrace them to the fullest!

I would, therefore, like to share with you the hymn that we sang together at my ordination on July 27th, 2014. These words were penned by my dear friend, Michael Morgan, and I hope you find them as inspiring and invigorating as I do!



*God of grace and love unceasing, you have called us from the start;
cherished us before we answered; filled each silent, waiting heart.
Highest praise, and deep thanksgiving through our prayers to you belong,
trusting in your sure salvation, be our hope and joy and song.*

*God, you formed us for a purpose, guide our faithful footsteps now,
as we strive to live as children, heirs to your baptismal vow.
Strengthen us for sacred service, give us voice to speak your might.
By your Word instill conviction, make your will our true delight.*

*To our doubts, Lord, bring assurance as we face the coming years;
vision to reflect your image; peace to calm our raging fears.
In our times of tribulation, when we wander, lost and cold,
bring us, Shepherd, all together, straying sheep into your fold.*

*Great the wonders of your presence: Spirit winds, and tongues of flame;
countless blessings all around us: yours to give, and ours to claim.
Sacraments of bread and water, grace and love attend our days;
may our lives show forth your promise, and our songs unending praise!*

May 2015 bring us God's countless blessings and love unceasing!
Grace and peace, Stephen



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Revised Common Lectionary

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Upcoming Events @ShelterIslandPC

- Sunday, January 11th | 10:30 A.M. | Worship
- Monday, January 12th | 9:00 A.M. | Engaging the Text
- Wednesday, January 14th | 6:00 P.M. | Celebrity Chef
- Sunday, January 18th | 10:30 A.M. | Worship
- Monday, January 19th | 9:00 A.M. Engaging the Text
- Tuesday, January 20th
 - 9:00 A.M. | UPW Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
 - 7:00 P.M. | Session Meeting
- Sunday, January 25th | 10:30 A.M. | Worship
- Monday, January 26th | 9:00 A.M. | Engaging the Text
- Tuesday, January 27th | 9:00 A.M. | Events Planning
- Sunday, February 1st
 - 10:30 A.M. | Worship
 - 11:30 A.M. | Annual Meeting

2014 Christmas Offering

On behalf of the leadership of Shelter Island Presbyterian Church, many thanks to all of you who contributed to this year's Christmas Offering!

Thanks from the SIPC Staff!

Thank each and every one of you that contributed money for this year's SIPC staff Christmas gift! We are blessed to do our work surrounded by such a thankful and supportive congregation to cheer us along!

Blessings!

Karen, Karin, Linda, & Stephen

Thanks from Stephen and Tricia

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the numerous gifts and greetings that you all showered upon us during our first official Thanksgiving and Christmas among y'all on Shelter Island! We feel very loved and welcomed by the many gestures of generosity that you have shared with us!

Grace and peace,

Stephen & Tricia (& Audrey & Elsie!)

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