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HANGING OF THE GREENS AND ANNUAL DINNERS DECEMBER 16, 2007

Atonement: Please join friends and family for a great pasta dinner, hosted by our youth group, followed by the hanging of the greens!

Dinner follows the 10:45 service (about noon). Reservations are appreciated and can be made by calling the church office at 492-9065.

After dinner, everyone is invited (and bring friends!) to decorate the church for Christmas. There are both heavy- and light-duty decorating chores, so there is something for everyone!

St. Paul's Fabius: Immediately following the 9:00 AM Service at St. Paul's Fabius, we will gather for food, fellowship, and preparing the church sanctuary for Christmas. All are welcome and many hands are needed. There will be plenty of food to share and lots of work too. Bring something to share and spend as much of the day as possible. Come when you can and go when you must!

...and, speaking of the youth group... your help is needed for the Hanging of the Greens Pasta Dinner, a fundraiser for youth group activities. Please call Mrs. Holmgren (677-3846) to let her know whether you can help with set up (during the 8:30am service and the Sunday School hour-unless you are in Confirmation class), serving (after the late service), or cleanup.

Christmas Plants – It's not too late to order a beautiful Christmas Poinsettia that will grace our sanctuary for Christmas. Plants are \$10 each. Donations are being taken at worship on Sunday Deember 16 or may be mailed to church. Be sure to include your desired memorial inscription.



...AND PLEASE JOIN US!



We need voices for our Christmas Choir. We have a wonderful and enthusiastic group in the choir already and would love to include you. If you are interested, please contact Kathryn Woods. Call the church office at 492-9065. Leave a message (including a good time to call you back).

WEDNESDAY CHURCH NIGHT GOING TO "LIGHTS ON THE LAKE"

Families from the Wednesday worshipping community will be going to "Lights on the Lake" on Wednesday, December 26. If you would like to attend, and have not signed up already, please call Pr. Rodgers at 492-9065. It is important that we know how many want to go, so there is enough seating.

CONGRATULATIONS MARLON AND ANGELIQUE



Angelique Hamilton and Marlon McKee shared in the Lord's table for the first time December

BIBLE, BAKED GOODS AND BEVERAGE

The Women of the ELCA is now meeting on the third Saturday of the month for Bible, Baked Goods, and Beverage.



We will meet on December 15th in the coffee shop beginning at 9am. This month's topic is "Following with Tempered Strength". It is based on the beatitude "Blessed are the meek for they should inherit the earth."

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, January 27. Dinner will follow the 10:45 service, followed by the meeting. Please plan to attend.

...speaking of the Annual Meeting...

ANNUAL REPORTS!

If you are the chair of a committee or organization, or responsible for a group, please get working on that annual report for your organization. We're looking for just a few paragraphs that summarize your 2007 activities. We need those reports by the end of the year. The best method is to put them in an email and send them to June at june@alcsyracuse.org. If you don't have access to email, we'll take a hard copy. Just put it in the graphic arts mailbox in the church office. Remember, the sooner you get the report done and handed in, the less you'll be hounded!

ATONEMENT YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Christmas Eve Youth Pageant

Atonement youth from nursery school through high school will present "Three Women of Bethlehem" during the 7 p.m. family service on Christmas Eve. Please join us for this very special celebration of Jesus' birth.

Rehearsal schedule:

Parents are asked to ensure that their children (nursery through high school) attend Sunday school as often as possible during Advent, as many of the children will be preparing for the pageant during this time period. Older youth who have been given speaking roles in the pageant are reminded that they also need to attend rehearsals from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 15 and Saturday, Dec. 22. In addition, all of the younger children who are participating in the pageant are asked to join us for the Saturday, Dec. 22 rehearsal.

NOTE: If your child needs a ride to either of the Saturday rehearsals, please call Judy Holmes.

Questions: Call or e-mail Judy Holmes at 673-9393 (after 6 p.m.) or EWHolmes@att.net



By Jack Sharkey & Leo W. Sears

Directed by
Jon Wilson

**Last chance! Only Two performances remaining:
Friday December 14 & Saturday December 15 at 8:00pm**

On the Atonement Stage
116 West Glen Ave, Syracuse

Tickets
\$15-Adults
\$12-Seniors and Students

Reservations
(315) 492-9766
reservations@applesedproductions.org

Buy Tickets Online
www.ApplesedProductions.org

Bring this coupon to Applesed's box office for \$2.00 off the price of a single ticket to see **Sorry! Wrong Chimney!**

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT - DECEMBER 16, 2007

8:30am Traditional Service of Holy Communion, Pastor Gaetz, Preaching

9:00am Traditional Service of Holy Communion, Pastor Rodgers, Preaching at Fabius

10:45am Service of Holy Communion, Pastor Gaetz, Preaching

WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY (12/16)

8:30am Traditional Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

9:00am Traditional Service of Holy Communion (Fabius)

9:45am Sunday School

10:45am Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

12:00pm Wrong Chimney Strike (Fellowship Hall)

TUESDAY (12/18)

8:00am Messenger Workers (Coffee Shop)

7:00pm Appleseed Steering Committee (Coffee Shop)

WEDNESDAY (12/19)

10:00am Crafty Ladies (Coffee Shop)

6:00pm Wednesday Night Church Night Activities (see below)

THURSDAY (12/20)

12:00pm Men in AtonEMENT (Coffee Shop)

6:00pm WELCA (Conference Room)

8:00pm Wrong Chimney Performance (Fellowship Hall)

ASSISTING AT WORSHIP

ASSISTING 8:30am Vicar Aaron Richter

MINISTER 10:45am TBA

COMMUNION 8:30am Merikay Harper

ASSISTANTS 10:45am Missy Wilber

USHERS 8:30am Steve & Mike* Strumlok

Elevator Op* 10:45am Barbara Lasky & Don Brown*

ACOLYTES/ 8:30am Abigail Wood

ALTAR SERVERS 10:45am Austin Draper

ALTAR CARE 8:30am Lynn Strumlok

10:45am Carole Barr

GIFT BEARERS 8:30am Ross & Chuck Kennedy

10:45am Missy Wilber & Jessica Fitzgibbon

READERS 8:30am Jeanette Greig

10:45am Susan Scharoun

GREETERS 8:30am Merikay Harper

FLOWER DELIVERY Pastor Suarez

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Please remember the following members and friends at Atonement in your prayers.

Lee Memorial hospital

Kenneth Kemp (Bill Kemp's Uncle)

St. Joseph's Hospital

Margaret Schnittger (Dorothy Phillip's sister-in-law)

At Home or in a nursing home

Robln Barr, Martha Bort, Teri Clobridge (Sharon Hothem's friend), Katherine Daragan, Grace Gurdin (Kim Siddall's mother), Sandra Henderson (Angelique and Kevin Hamilton's Aunt), Ruby Priest (Roberta Mettler's friend), Mary Ross (Louise Brown's friend)

Those in the Armed Services

Mike Breedlove (Great Lakes Naval Station, IL), Jack Fields (Ft. Mead, MD), Kevin Monds (Ft. Benning, GA), Justin Randall (Iraq), Melissa Young (Phoenix, AZ)

Note: People who are not hospitalized are listed only once per request. If you would like a person listed for additional weeks, please call the church office (492-9065) each week by 10am Thursday.

BIBLE READINGS

Th	Psalm 146:5-10	<i>Sunday cont....</i>
	Ruth 1:6-18	James 5:7-10
	2 Peter 3:1-10	Matthew 11:2-11
F	Psalm 146:5-10	M Psalm 42
	Ruth 4:13-17	Isaiah 29:17-24
	2 Peter 3:11-18	Acts 5:12-16
Sa	Psalm 146:5-10	Tu Psalm 42
	1 Samuel 2:1-8	Ezekiel 47:1-12
	Luke 3:1-18	Jude 17-25
Su	Third Sunday of Advent	W Psalm 42
	Isaiah 35:1-10	Zechariah 8:1-17
	Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46b-55	Matthew 8:14-17, 28-34

BUS/VAN SCHEDULES

Sunday (Bus)

9:00am Lodi
9:15am Presidential Plaza
9:20am Toomey Abbott
9:30am Arrive Church
9:45am Leave Church
9:50am Hoefler
9:55am Lincoln
10:10am Thurber
10:15am Loretto
10:30am Arrive Church

Wednesday (Van)

4:45pm Leave Church
4:55pm Lincoln
5:05pm Sabine
5:15pm Hoefler

Wednesday (Bus)

4:30pm Leave Church
4:40pm Lodi
4:45pm Sedgwick on James
4:55pm Presidential Plaza
5:05pm Toomey Abbott on Almond
5:15pm Thurber
5:20pm Valley Vista

2008 PLEDGE CARDS

Pease remember to make your Financial Commitment for 2008. Return your Pledge card in the box in the rear of the Sanctuary or mail it to the Church Office as soon as possible. Extra forms are available from the ushers on Sunday or you may call the church office and they will be happy to send you another card. It really is important to hear from everyone.

WEDNESDAY CHURCH NIGHT

5:30 Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
6:15 Worship in the Sanctuary
7:00 Wednesday Night Activities

- Recreation and crafts in the gym
- Adult Class with Pastor Peter: "Mary's Story: Fact, Faith or Fiction?"

6:00-7:30 nursery is available for children under 6 years