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WORSHIP AT CHRISTMAS DECEMBER 24 AND 25, 2007

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Please join friends and family at
worship this Christmas. Come
celebrate the birth of Jesus.

St. Paul's Fabius - Christmas Eve:

5:00pm Festival Candlelight
Eucharist - Pastor Gaetz
preaching

Atonement - Christmas Eve:

7:00pm Family Candlelight
Communion Service with
Children's Program
10:30pm String & Choral Prelude
featuring the Syracuse
Symphony Clinton Strings
11:00pm Festival Candlelight
Eucharist - Pastor Gaetz
preaching

Atonement - Christmas Day:

10:00am Christmas Day Carols
and Communion- Pastor
Suarez preaching



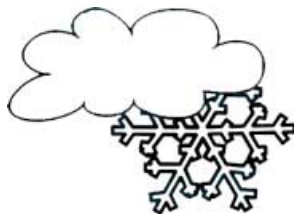
*Note: This will be the last Messenger for 2007.
Inside you will find the schedules for the weeks of
12/23, 12/30, and 1/6.*

*A special photo and memorials issue will be mailed
on 1/2. Regular schedule resumes on 1/8/08*



SNOW EMERGENCY!

On Sunday, December 16, we had a full schedule of activities planned including the annual Youth Group Pasta Dinner and the Hanging of the Green for the main sanctuary. Then there was SNOW.... well not exactly. There was ice, freezing rain, and then snow. Travel wasn't bad at church time but the weather reports made it sound like the end of the world—so most people stayed home. A small but jovial crowd participated in the day and the youth group put on a wonderful dinner. Unfortunately, not all the decorating was done. There is still a lot of "high" work to be done: garland, lights, tree decorations, etc. If you could help with that sort of thing please call Pr. Rodgers or the church office so we can arrange for a job for you to do.



While we are on the subject of bad weather... please note that there is only one circumstance when worship services will not be held, as scheduled – when a state of emergency has been declared and travel is prohibited.

And... finally, thanks to Jay Stone who filled in at the piano at 8:30 AM worship when our organist Phoebe Swope-Askland was unable to get out of her street. He did a great job as did Music Coordinator Kathy Woods who pulled everything together and even sang a beautiful solo accompanied by Jay.

Don't forget to call (492-9065) if you can help with the decorations between now and Sunday, December 23rd.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS

Please remember that, in order to qualify as a 2007 charitable donation for IRS purposes, your year-end gifts to the Church must meet one of the following criteria:

- ...be received in the offering or in the church office on or before December 31st.
- ...mailed to the church with a postmark no later than December 31st. Our books will remain open until January 7th to insure that we can properly account for gifts mailed prior to December 31st.

If you have a question as to where you stand in your giving, please call the church office at 492-9065 and Ken Greig, our Financial Secretary, will get back to you promptly.

2008 PLEDGE CARDS

Please 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.

NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASS

Join Pastor Gaetz for a new Wednesday night class starting January 2nd. Topic will be "Images of Jesus." See the January 2 schedule for details. Note: this class will NOT meet Wednesday afternoons, just Wednesday evenings.

WELCA MEETING - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20

The Women of the ELCA will present a Christmas program at their meeting on Thursday, December 20th in the Conference Room beginning at 6pm.

ALTAR FLOWERS AND ETERNAL LIGHT

The 2008 Memorial Charts are now posted at the parking lot entrance to the church. It's time to get these important memorials spoken for.

- Two arrangements of flowers are placed on the Altar at a cost of \$40 per week. Your memorial inscription is listed in the bulletins and after the services the flowers are delivered to shut ins or those in the hospital. You may designate persons if you wish, by calling the church office the week before your flowers are placed.
- The Eternal Light (red candle) that burns in the main sanctuary at all times as a reminder of Jesus' presence may also be placed as a memorial. The cost is \$10 per month.

Please make your choice as soon as possible to avoid conflicts. AND, please be sure to list all the information we will need for the bulletin. Your donation is due the week before your chosen week.

ATONEMENT YOUTH—HOLD THESE DATES!

January 21 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

Luther Bowl – Noon-4pm

Permission Form & \$10 due by January 13

February (date to be announced)

Ice Skating at Clinton Square – Noon-2pm

After late service, we will share lunch in the coffee shop and then head to Clinton Square for ice skating.

March 7

Volleyball Marathon at Syracuse University

Permission Forms due by February 11

Questions: Janet Holmgren (677-3846)
Pastor Rodgers (492-9065)



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT - DECEMBER 23, 2007

- 8:30 AM Traditional Service of Holy Communion, Pastor Gaetz, Preaching
- 9:00 AM Traditional Service of Holy Communion, Pastor Rodgers, Preaching at Fabius
- 10:45 AM Service of Holy Communion, Pastor Gaetz, Preaching

WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY (12/23)
 8:30AM Traditional Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
 9:00AM Traditional Service of Holy Communion (St. Paul's Fabius)
 9:45AM Sunday School/Adult Class
 10:45AM Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

MONDAY (12/24)
 5:00PM Festival Candlelight Eucharist (St. Paul's Fabius)
 7:00PM Family Carol Communion (Sanctuary)
 10:30PM String and Choral Prelude (Sanctuary)
 11:00PM Festival Candlelight Eucharist (Sanctuary)

TUESDAY (12/25)
 10:00AM Christmas Day Carols and Communion (Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY
 10:00AM Crafty Ladies (Coffee Shop)
 5:30PM Congregational Christmas Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
 6:15PM Service of Carols and Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
 7:00PM Group Outing to Lights on the Lake

ASSISTING AT WORSHIP

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| ASSISTING | 8:30am | Deacon Karen Douglass |
| MINISTER | 10:45am | Deacon Jay Berry |
| COMMUNION | 8:30am | Dorothy Phillips |
| ASSISTANTS | 10:45am | Carole Barr |
| USHERS | 8:30am | Joanne & Paul* Claeys |
| Elevator Op* | 10:45am | Missy Wilber & Don Brown* |
| ACOLYTES/
ALTAR SERVERS | 8:30am | Eion Holmes |
| | 10:45am | Casey Draper |
| ALTAR CARE | 8:30am | Lynn Strumlok |
| | 10:45am | Carole Barr |
| GIFT BEARERS | 8:30am | Dorothy Phillips & Kim Kennedy |
| | 10:45am | Sue Scharoun & Jon Fitzgibbon |
| READERS | 8:30am | Ken Greig |
| | 10:45am | Donia Mrozek |
| GREETERS | 8:30am | Jeanette Greig |
| FLOWER DELIVERY | | Deacon Karen Douglass |

BIBLE READINGS

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| Th | Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 | ... <i>Sunday cont.</i> |
| | Samuel 7:1-17 | Romans 1:1-7 |
| | Galatians 3:23-29 | Matthew 1:18-25 |
| F | Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 | M 1 Samuel 2:1-10 |
| | Samuel 7:18-22 | Genesis 17:15-22 |
| | Galatians 4:1-7 | Galatians 4:8-20 |
| Sa | Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 | Tu 1 Samuel 2:1-10 |
| | Samuel 7:23-29 | Genesis 21:1-21 |
| | John 3:31-36 | Galatians 4:21—5:1 |
| Su | Isaiah 7:10-16 | W 1 Samuel 2:1-10 |
| | Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 | Genesis 37:2-11 |
| | | Matthew 1:1-17 |

BUS/VAN SCHEDULES

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| Sunday (Bus) | Wednesday (Van) |
| 9:00am Lodi | 4:45pm Leave Church |
| 9:15am Presidential Plaza | 4:55pm Lincoln |
| 9:20am Toomey Abbott | 5:05pm Sabine |
| 9:30am Arrive Church | 5:15pm Hoefler |
| 9:45am Leave Church | Wednesday (Bus) |
| 9:50am Hoefler | 4:30pm Leave Church |
| 9:55am Lincoln | 4:40pm Lodi |
| 10:10am Thurber | 4:45pm Sedgwick on James |
| 10:15am Loretto | 4:55pm Presidential Plaza |
| 10:30am Arrive Church | 5:05pm Toomey Abbott on Almond |
| | 5:15pm Thurber |
| | 5:20pm Valley Vista |

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

St. Joseph's Hospital

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

At Home or in a nursing home

Robin 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), Alice LaFountian, 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. Bliss, TX), Kevin Monds (Ft. Benning, GA), Justin Randall (Iraq), Melissa Young (Phoenix, AZ)

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Kenneth Kemp (Bill Kemp's Uncle) who died on December 12.

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.

WEDNESDAY CHURCH NIGHT - DECEMBER 26

- 5:30 Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
- 6:15 Worship in the Sanctuary: We'll be enjoying a wide variety of Christmas Songs, followed by a trip to see the "Lights on the Lake"

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

CHRISTMAS EVE ASSISTING AT WORSHIP

ASSISTING MINISTER	7:00PM	Deacon Jay Berry	READER	11:00PM	Vicar Richter
	11:00AM	Deacon Karen Douglass	ALTAR CARE	7:00PM	Lynn Strumlok
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	7:00PM	David Rodgers		11:00PM	Carole Barr
	11:00PM	Karen Douglass	GIFT BEARERS	7:00PM	Youth Group
USHERS	7:00PM	Youth Group & Kevin Smith*		11:00PM	Michele Lindor & Karen Douglass
	11:00PM	Karen Douglass & David Rodgers*	GREETERS	7:00PM	Youth Group
ACOLYTES/ ALTAR SERVERS	7:00PM	Youth Group		11:00PM	Karen Douglass
	11:00PM	Dennis Walker			

CHRISTMAS DAY ASSISTING AT WORSHIP

COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Betty Suarez
ALTAR CARE	Betty Suarez/Marna Redding



SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS - DECEMBER 30, 2007

8:30 AM	Traditional Service of Holy Communion, Vicar Richter Preaching
9:00 AM	Traditional Service of Holy Communion, Pastor Gaetz, Preaching at Fabius
10:45 AM	Service of Holy Communion, Vicar Richter, Preaching

ASSISTING AT WORSHIP

ASSISTING MINISTER	8:30AM	Vicar Aaron Richter
	10:45AM	Vicar Aaron Richter
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	8:30AM	David Rodgers
	10:45AM	Karen Douglass
USHERS Elevator Op*	8:30AM	Baxter Simmons & Richard Vook
	10:45AM	Louise Brown & Karen Douglass*
ACOLYTES/ ALTAR SERVERS	8:30AM	Abigail Wood
	10:45AM	Dennis Walker
ALTAR CARE	8:30AM	Lynn Strumlok
	10:45AM	Carole Barr
GIFT BEARERS	8:30AM	Phyllis & David Rodgers
	10:45AM	Margaret Kenyon & Carole Barr
READERS	8:30AM	Lynn Strumlok
	10:45AM	Vicar Richter
GREETERS	8:30AM	Harriet Walters
FLOWER DELIVERY		Christmas Plants

BIBLE READINGS

T	Psalm 148 Proverbs 8:22-31 John 5:1-12	M	Psalm 20 Kings 3:5-14 John 8:12-19
F	Psalm 148 Isaiah 49:13-23 Matthew 18:1-14	T	Numbers 6:22-27 Psalm 8 Galatians 4:4-7 or Philippians 2:5-11 Luke 2:15-21
S	Psalm 20 Jeremiah 31:15-22 Luke 19:41-44	W	Psalm 72 Genesis 12:1-7 Hebrews 11:1-12
Su	Psalm 20 Isaiah 26:1-9 Corinthians 4:16-18		

WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY (12/30)
8:30AM Traditional Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
9:00AM Traditional Service of Holy Communion (Fabius)
10:45AM Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
TUESDAY (1/1)
Office Closed - Happy New Year!
WEDNESDAY (1/2)
10:00AM Crafty Ladyes (Coffee Shop)
5:30PM Church Night dinner (Fellowship Hall)
6:00PM Church Night Worship (Sanctuary)
6:45PM Church Night Activities (see box below)

NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASS: "IMAGES OF JESUS"

Scripture and Church Tradition assigns a wide variety of titles and images to Jesus. We'll spend January looking at these images with the emphasis on how this shapes our understanding of Jesus and his role in our lives:

- Rabbi
- Lord
- Son of God
- Messiah

WEDNESDAY CHURCH NIGHT - JANUARY 2

5:30	Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
6:15	Worship in the Sanctuary
7:00	Wednesday Night Activities
	• Recreation and games in the gym
	• Adult Class ("Images of Jesus" - see above)

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

For an updated Church Family, please see our website at <http://www.alcsyracuse.org>

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD - JANUARY 6, 2008



8:30 AM	Traditional Service of Holy Communion, Pastor Gaetz, Preaching
9:00 AM	Traditional Service of Holy Communion, Vicar Richter, Preaching at Fabius
10:45 AM	Service of Holy Communion, Pastor Gaetz, Preaching

ASSISTING AT WORSHIP

ASSISTING MINISTER	8:30AM	Deacon Karen Douglass
	10:45AM	Janet Holmgren
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	8:30AM	Merikay Harper
	10:45AM	Kevin Smith
USHERS Elevator Op*	8:30AM	Baxter Simmons & Richard Vook*
	10:45AM	Missy Wilber & Bill Kemp*
ACOLYTES/ ALTAR SERVERS	8:30AM	Abigail Wood
	10:45AM	Desi Recore
ALTAR CARE	8:30AM	David & Phyllis Rodgers
	10:45AM	Ruth Holbrook
GIFT BEARERS	8:30AM	Merikay Harper & Roberta Mettler
	10:45AM	Louise Brown & Stacie Draper
READERS	8:30AM	Pam Haumann
	10:45AM	Karen Veverka
GREETERS	8:30AM	Harriet Walters
FLOWER DELIVERY		Karen Douglass

WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY (1/6)
8:30AM Traditional Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
9:00AM Traditional Service of Holy Communion (Fabius)
10:45AM Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
TUESDAY (1/8)
9:00AM Messenger Volunteers (Coffee Shop)
6:16PM ACC Staff Training (Classroom 2)
WEDNESDAY (1/9)
10:00AM Crafty Ladyes (Coffee Shop)
12:00PM Jolly Dollys & Gents (Coffee Shop)
5:30PM Church Night dinner (Fellowship Hall)
6:00PM Church Night Worship (Sanctuary)
6:45PM Church Night Activities (see box below)

BIBLE READINGS

T Psalm 72		... <i>Sunday cont</i>
Genesis 28:10-22		Ephesians 3:1-12
Hebrews 11:13-22		Matthew 2:1-12
F Psalm 72	M Psalm 72	
Exodus 3:1-5	Kings 10:1-13	
Hebrews 11:23-31	Ephesians 3:14-21	
S Psalm 72	T Psalm 72	
Joshuah 1:1-9	1 Kings 10:14-25	
Hebrews 11:32—12:2	Ephesians 4:7, 11-16	
Su Epiphany of Our Lord	W Psalm 72	
Isaiah 60:1-6	Micah 5:2-9	
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14		

WEDNESDAY CHURCH NIGHT - JANUARY 9

- 5:30 Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
- 6:15 Worship in the Sanctuary
- 7:00 Wednesday Night Activities
 - Recreation and games in the gym
 - Adult Class ("Images of Jesus" - see facing page)

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

JANUARY MEANS BUSINESS

As we move into the New Year, our attention will turn to the business of the congregation. Please mark your calendars with the following important date:

Sunday, January 27, 2007 – ANNUAL DINNER/MEETING

Immediately following the 10:45 AM service we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for dinner and then move to the Chapel for the business meeting (about 1pm). This allows Appleseed to have a 2 PM performance in the Fellowship Hall and all of us to hear better at the meeting—in a smaller space with adequate sound system.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Karen Douglass, Lacey Gardner, Joyce Jecen, Tom Irwin
- 2 Bruce Kilhefner
- 3 Linda Malmendier
- 6 Rentis Lawson, Robert B. Shultz, Alice Huber, Lilith Kench
- 7 Heinz Aserian, Christina Nelson, Alexis Kelley
- 8 Cassia Ellis
- 9 Betty M. Williams
- 10 Betty McNamara, Tajjaræ Thurston, Shaun Brown
- 11 Erica Tyo, Brett Scanlon, Shawn Young
- 12 Alexander John Voltz
- 13 Ruth Kummrow, Kim Siddall
- 14 Cathleen Woodward
- 15 Barbara Spinks, Stephen Strumlok
- 16 Bill Gessler
- 17 Jeff Morton, Stephanie Allen, Charles Wolff,III, Barbara Miller
- 18 Geraldine Savolainen, Stefan Thoryk, Jon Wilson
- 19 Connie Casler, Alexandra Gaetz, Dana Caiello
- 20 John Douglass, Sr., Linda Hill, Allen Wells, Catherine Kelley, Karen Veverka, Trevor Valletta
- 23 William M. Gilbert, Fredrick Hill, III
- 24 Lewis DePalma, II, Athena Griffin, Jonathon Fitzgibbon
- 25 Jean M. Graumenz, Nicolas Arthur
- 27 Tracy Randall, Ethel A. Ulrich
- 28 Doris Young
- 29 Alexandra Lewis
- 30 Marjorie Monds
- 31 Virginia Wiggins, Susan Palmer, Harold Wilber, Sr.



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Wilfred & Alice LaFountain (2005)
- 6 Eric & Linda Peterson (1962)
- 12 James & Chris Crane
- 14 Natalie & Jon Wilson
- 15 Ruth & Thomas Merchant (1994)
- 20 Aiko & Robert Martin (1970)
- 29 Thomas & Barbara Nelson (1953)

ASSISTING AT WORSHIP - JANUARY 2008

Service	Acolyte Alter Server	Communion Assistant	Reader	Gift Bearers	Ushers *elevator operator	Greeter	Altar Care	Flower Delivery
JAN 6 8:30 AM	Abigail Wood	Merikay Harper	Pam Haumann	Merikay Harper Robertta Mettler	Baxter Simmons Richard Vook*	Harriet Walters	David & Phyllis Rodgers	Karen Douglass
JAN 6 10:45 AM	Desi Recore	Kevin Smith	Karen Veverka	Louise Brown Stacie Draper	Missy Wilber Bill Kemp*		Ruth Holbrook	
JAN 13 8:30 AM	Eion Holmes	Ken Greig	Linda Owens	Jeanette & Ken Greig	Steve & Mike* Strumluk	Gayle Wentworth	Jeanette Greig	Yvonne Tucker
JAN 13 10:45 AM	Stacie Draper	Janet Holmgren	Jay Stone	Janet Holmgren Austin Draper	Sue Scharoun Louise Brown*		Ruth Holbrook	
JAN 20 8:30 AM	Abigail Wood	Carolyn Schramm	Jeanette Greig	The Strumluks	Joanne & Paul* Claeys	Merikay Harper	Jeanette Greig	Jeanette & Ken Greig
JAN 20 10:45 AM	Casey Draper	Carole Barr	Susan Scharoun	Missy Wilber Jessica Fitzgibbon	Barbara Lasky Don Brown*		Ruth Holbrook	
JAN 27 8:30 AM	Eion Holmes	Merikay Harper	Steve Strumluk	Ross & Chuck Kennedy	Jeanette & Ken* Greig	Jeanette Greig	Jeanette Greig	Karen Douglass
JAN 27 10:45 AM	Dennis Walker	Missy Wilber	Janet Holmgren	Sue Scharoun Jon Fitzgibbon	Louise Brown Bill Kemp*		Ruth Holbrook	

If you cannot serve your assignment, please call the church office by Wednesday of the week you are serving (492-9065)