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PREPARE THE WAY



As Christmas approaches we, at Atonement, are reminded of a number of traditional needs competing for our attention. Please assist as you can.

- **CHRISTMAS PLANTS** – It's almost time for us to order the beautiful Christmas Poinsettias which will grace our sanctuary for Christmas. Please consider making a donation in memory or honor of someone or some occasion. These memorial inscriptions will appear in all the Christmas Bulletins and in the first Messenger of the New Year. The cost of plants is \$10. Donations are being taken at worship on Sunday Dec. 9 and 16 or may be mailed to church. Be sure to include your desired memorial inscription.

- **FOOD BASKETS** – Once again this year we will be distributing Christmas Food Baskets to about 20 families in need. Non-perishable food items can be delivered to church at any time or you may make a financial donation

clearly marked "Food Baskets."

- **HATS AND GLOVES** – We need hats and gloves for men and boys. Most of these adults and children walk or rely on bus transportation to get around-so warm hands and heads are really appreciated. Please place your gift in the box near the food donation area. Thank you from the warm hands made possible because you share what God has entrusted to you.

These are some of the ways you can help make Christmas more joyful for others, but *Don't forget to make Christmas more joyful for yourself and your family by attending worship in Advent:*

- Sunday at 8:30 and 10:45am in the main Sanctuary on W. Glen Ave.
- Sunday at 9:00am at St. Paul's Rt 80 Fabius.
- Wednesday at 6:15 PM in the Sanctuary. Don't forget there is also dinner at 5:30pm in the Fellowship Hall and a variety of activities for all ages at 7pm.

And, looking ahead, mark your calendars for upcoming events in Advent:

Sunday December 16 will be marked by Hanging of the Greens:

- The Fabius community will gather immediately after the 9:00am service for food, fellowship, and preparing the Sanctuary for Christmas.
- At Atonement, the 10:45am service will be followed by the traditional pasta dinner and then everyone is invited to stay and help with decorating the Sanctuary.

COUNCIL MINUTES

For the last two months various council members have been meeting to discuss stewardship.

One topic discussed at the October meeting was the definition of stewardship. ...that Stewardship is not just a one time commitment. You will be hearing more about our discussion next year.

Soon you will be receiving a letter for this year's stewardship campaign (see below). Our church home needs your commitment. Please prayerfully consider your contribution and return the pledge card as soon as possible so the finance committee can complete the 2008 budget.

The full council met on November 12 for the regular monthly meeting. Renovation plans were presented for the offices, coffee shop and entry way. The building committee will be meeting again soon to review the plans and presenting the plan to the congregation at the annual meeting in January.



2008 PLEDGE CARDS

"Money doesn't grow on trees...."

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.

THANK YOU--63 BLANKETS!

The Women of the ELCA thanks everyone for their support of the BLANKET Appeal. We collected \$315--translating to sixty-three blankets that will be sent to people in need. Someone somewhere will be warm because YOU cared.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

Christmas Memorials will once again be available for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. Memorials include the bulletins for each service and the large flowers that will be on the altar. More information will be in next week's Messenger, or you can call the church office at 492-9065.

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



A Yuletide Farce

By **Jack Sharkey & Leo W. Sears**

Directed by
Jon Wilson

November 30 - December 15, 2007

Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm • Sundays at 2pm

On the Atonement Stage
116 West Glen Ave, Syracuse

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

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



SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT - DECEMBER 9 2007

8:30am Traditional Service of Holy Communion, Vicar Aaron Richter, Preaching

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

10:45am Service of Holy Communion, Vicar Aaron Richter, Preaching

WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY (12/9)

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)

2:00pm Wrong Chimney Performance (Fellowship Hall)

MONDAY (12/10)

7:00pm Church Council (Coffee Shop)

TUESDAY (12/11)

8:00am Messenger Workers (Coffee Shop)

WEDNESDAY (12/12)

10:00am Crafty Ladies (Coffee Shop)

11:00am Jolly Dollies and Gents (Coffee Shop)

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

THURSDAY (12/13)

7:00pm Atonement Child Care Reception (Gym)

7:00pm Atonement Child Care Christmas Concert (Sanctuary)

FRIDAY (12/14)

8:00pm Wrong Chimney Performance (Fellowship Hall)

SATURDAY (12/15)

8:00pm Wrong Chimney Performance (Fellowship Hall)

ASSISTING AT WORSHIP

ASSISTING 8:30am Vicar Aaron Richter

MINISTER 10:45am Vicar Aaron Richter

COMMUNION 8:30am Carolyn Schramm

ASSISTANTS 10:45am Janet Holmgren

USHERS 8:30am Jeanette & Ken* Greig

Elevator Op* 10:45am Louise Brown & Sue Scharoun*

ACOLYTES/ 8:30am Eion Holmes

ALTAR SERVERS 10:45am Stacie Draper

ALTAR CARE 8:30am Lynn Strumluk

10:45am Carole Barr

GIFT BEARERS 8:30am Lynn & Steve Strumluk

10:45am Janet Holmgren & Austin Draper

READERS 8:30am Linda Owens

10:45am Jay Stone

GREETERS 8:30am Gayle Wentworth

FLOWER DELIVERY Jeanette & Ken Greig

BIBLE READINGS

Th Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Isaiah 4:2-6

Acts 1:12-17, 21-26

F Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Isaiah 30:19-26

Acts 13:16-25

Sa Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Isaiah 40:1-11

John 1:19-28

Su Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Sunday continued...

Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3:1-12

M Psalm 21

Isaiah 24:1-16a

1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

Tu Psalm 21

Isaiah 41:14-20

Romans 15:14-21

W Psalm 21

Genesis 15:1-18

Matthew 12:33-37

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 Hoeffler

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 Hoeffler

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

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

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

Crouse Hospital

Martha Bort

Hospital in Kingston, NY

Renee DanBoise (Betty Jane Farley's friend)

St. Joseph's Hospital

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

At Home or in a nursing home

Robyn Barr, Teri Clobridge (Sharon Hothem's friend), Katherine Daragan, Barbara DePalma (Lou DePalma's wife), 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)

Congratulations to Heather (Hill) and Ed Yackel on the birth of Edward Otto Yackel VI on November 20.

Congratulations to Angelique Hamilton and Marlon McKee who joined us at the communion table for the first time on Dec. 2.

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