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Messenger



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Pasta Dinner & Hanging of the Greens December 18

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!

Youth Group! Your help is needed for the Hanging of the Greens Pasta Dinner, a fundraiser for youth group activities (see Pastor Rodgers for your setup/ serving/cleaning assignments).

Help Wrap-Up a Wonderful Holiday for Child Care Children

If you have an hour or two for a great cause, consider volunteering to help wrap gifts for our children of Atonement Child Care, in preparation for the center's Holiday Party on Friday, 12/16.

With many thanks to our Head Start program, every child in the center will receive a small wrapped gift during the party. If you are able to help, call the child care office at 492-7407 and leave a message for our family worker, Andrea Bernard.

Christmas Baskets

We are gathering the necessary items for Christmas baskets and need your help. Please help where you can. **Contributions** are always welcome. For Thanksgiving, we provided food for 47 families. We expect to do the same for Christmas.

Any help is appreciated. We can use all the usual food pantry items plus, for Christmas:

- Augratin or scalloped potatoes
- Canned beans and corn
- Soups – especially chunky type
- Brownie Mix
- Funfetti Cake and Frosting mixes
- Jell-O & pudding mix
- Coffee/Tea/Juices
- Quick bread mixes
- Contributions of Ham or Turkey

Annual Meeting • January 29, 2012

Immediately following the 10:45am service on January 29, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for dinner (stew!) followed by the Annual Meeting. Please plan on attending! As in the past, the annual meeting will be preceded by an open forum at 10:45 on January 22.

Note: If you are writing an annual report, make sure you have yours to Laura Light by Wednesday, January 4.

Pastor Saraka's Installation

Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit'
- John 20:21

Please join us as Pastor John P. Saraka is installed as Senior Pastor at a celebration of Holy Communion, **Sunday, January 8th** at 3pm. A reception will follow the worship.



Christmas Plants

Remember to order a beautiful Christmas Poinsettia that will grace our sanctuary for Christmas and be shared with our shut-ins after the holiday. Plants are \$12 each. Donations are being taken after worship on Sunday December 11 & 18 - or may be mailed to church by Monday December 19. Be sure to include your desired memorial inscription.

Given by _____

\$ _____

In Memory of _____

of plants _____

In Honor of _____

No Messenger 12/13

The Messenger will return on 12/20.

A holiday favorite returns, including friends old and new, music of the season ...

... and a stocking-full of surprises!



DECEMBER 9,10, 16 & 17 at 8PM
2PM MATINEE on SUN. DEC. 11



On the Atonement Stage
116 W. Glen Ave., Syracuse

All seats \$10 ♦ Call 492-9766 or
email info@appleseedproductions.org

Appleseed Announces Special Fund-Raiser Performance of "The Marvelous Wonderettes"

RARELY DONE PRODUCTIONS

AND



Appleseed Productions

PRESENT THE RETURN OF
LAST SEASON'S SMASH-HIT

MUSICAL BY
Roger Bean

DIRECTED BY
Dan Tursi

MUSICAL DIRECTOR
Dan Williams

FEATURING
Jodie Baum
Katie Lemos Brown
Aubry Panek
Sara Weiler

ALL TICKETS \$25
315 ♦ 546 ♦ 3224
www.rarelydone.org



The Marvelous Wonderettes

FEBRUARY 16, 17, 18, 2012 at 8:00 PM
Appleseed Productions
116 W. Glen Avenue, Syracuse

FEBRUARY 23, 24, 25 at 8:00 PM
FEBRUARY 26th at 7:30 PM
Jazz Central, 441 E. Washington St., Syracuse

Save the date now! During February, 2012, The Atonement Stage will host a return performance of "The Marvelous Wonderettes" by Rarely Done Productions. The musical, featuring a delightful collection of popular songs from the 50's and 60's, played to sold-out houses during the 2010-11 theater season, and we are pleased to announce that you will have an opportunity to enjoy this great evening of musical theater.

The production in February will be a combined fund-raiser event for both Appleseed and Rarely Done Productions, with one weekend of performances on the Atonement Stage followed by a second at Jazz Central, Rarely Done's home on E. Washington Street in Syracuse.

"The Marvelous Wonderettes" is directed by Dan Tursi and is a great show for the entire family to enjoy. The production will be a special treat for anyone who will appreciate the songs of the 50's and 60's as a trip down "memory lane."

Bible, Beverage, & Baked Goods

The Women of the ELCA will get together for their monthly meeting on Saturday, December 17 at 9am in the Coffee Shop. We will be continuing our study of the Gospel of Mark. Please join us!

BIBLE READINGS

Thursday, December 8

Psalms 126
Habakkuk 2:1-5
Philippians 3:7-11

Friday, December 9

Psalms 126
Habakkuk 3:2-6
Philippians 3:12-16

Saturday, December 10

Psalms 126
Habakkuk 3:13-19
Matthew 21:28-32

Sunday, December 11

Third Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Psalm 126 or Luke 1
1 Thessalonians 5:16
John 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday, December 12

Psalms 125
1 Kings 18:1-18
Ephesians 6:10-17

Tuesday, December 13

Psalms 125
2 Kings 2:9-22
Acts 3:17-4:4

Wednesday, December 14

Psalms 125
Malachi 3:16-4:6
Mark 9:9-13

Thursday, December 15

Psalms 89:1-4, 19-26
2 Samuel 6:1-11
Hebrews 1:1-4

Friday, December 16

Psalms 89:1-4, 19-26
2 Samuel 6:12-19
Hebrews 1:5-14

Saturday, December 17

Psalms 89:1-4, 19-26
Judges 13:2-24
John 7:40-52

Sunday, December 18

Fourth Sunday of Advent
2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Luke 1:46b-55 or
Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

Monday, December 19

Luke 1:46b-55
1 Samuel 1:1-18
Hebrews 9:1-14

Tuesday, December 20

Luke 1:46b-55
1 Samuel 1:19-28
Hebrews 8:1-13

Wednesday, December 21

Luke 1:46b-55
1 Samuel 2:1-10
Mark 11:1-11

Operation Cookie Dough: Project of Atonement, St. Michael's Youth, & WELCA

Together with the youth group from St. Michaels, our youth group spent December 3rd baking cookies and learning about Malaria—the dreadful disease they are helping to eliminate. They sold ALL 47 plates of cookies after the 8:30 service last Sunday! Thanks to everyone for their support. ALL proceeds will be donated to the ELCA Anti-Malaria Campaign.



CALENDAR - 12/11/11 - 12/24/11

SUNDAY (12/11)

8:30 AM Traditional Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
 9:45 AM Sunday Church School (Chapel, School Age Room)
 9:45 AM Confirmation Class (Pr. Rodger's Office)
 10:45 AM Leap of Faith Ministries (Chapel)
 10:45 AM Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
 2:00 PM Appleseed Christmas Radio Hour Tech
 Performance (Fellowship Hall)

MONDAY (12/12)

11:00 AM Pastoral Staff (Conference Room)
 7:00 PM Church Council Meeting (Coffee Shop)

TUESDAY (12/13)

3:30 PM Day Care Parent Meeting (Coffee Shop)
 5:00 PM ACC "Making Ends Meet" (Coffee Shop)
 6:00 PM ACC ZUMBA Classes - (Gym)
 7:00 PM Appleseed Steering Committee Mtg (Coffee Shop)

WEDNESDAY (12/14)

10:00 AM Crafty Ladyes (Coffee Shop)
 10:00 AM Peace Inc Mtg (Fellowship Hall)
 5:30 PM Wednesday Church Night Activities (see box below)

THURSDAY (12/15)

12:00 PM ALAS Lunch (at Carol Perry's)
 1:00 PM CACFP Review (Coffee Shop) Conflict
 4:00 PM Transition Team (Conference Room)
 6:00 PM Leap of Faith Ministries (Chapel))

FRIDAY (12/16)

3:30 PM Day Care Holiday Party (Gym)
 8:00 PM Appleseed Performance (Fellowship Hall)

SATURDAY (12/17)

8:00 PM Appleseed Performance (Fellowship Hall)

SUNDAY (12/18)

8:30 AM Traditional Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
 9:45 AM Sunday Church School (Chapel, School Age Room)
 9:45 AM Confirmation Class (Pr. Rodger's Office)
 10:45 AM Leap of Faith Ministries (Chapel)
 10:45 AM Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)

MONDAY (12/19)

11:00 AM Pastoral Staff (Conference Room)
 5:00 PM Atonement Housing Bd of Dir. Mtg. (Conference Room)
 6:00 PM ACCC Staff Training (Coffee Shop)

TUESDAY (12/20)

7:30 AM Messenger Volunteers (Coffee Shop)
 6:00 PM ACC ZUMBA Classes - (Gym)

WEDNESDAY (12/21)

10:00 AM Crafty Ladyes (Coffee Shop)
 5:30 PM Wednesday Church Night Activities (see box below)

THURSDAY (12/22)

6:00 PM Leap of Faith Ministries (Chapel))

SATURDAY (12/24)

7:00 PM Christmas Eve Family Service (Sanctuary)
 10:30 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY CHURCHNIGHT - 12/14

5:30 Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
 6:00 Advent multi-generation worship & program (Fellowship Hall)
 7:00 Dessert (Fellowship Hall)

WEDNESDAY CHURCHNIGHT - 12/21

5:30 Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
 6:15 Worship (Sanctuary)
 7:00 Lights on the Lake (Sign up sheet outside Coffee Shop)

Thank you for Thanksgiving Baskets

Thanks to everyone's generosity, we were able to provide 47 families with a traditional turkey dinner. In addition, C&G Foods donated 60 turkeys. We used most of them for Thanksgiving and the rest will be handed out to families at Christmas.

Christmas Eve Worship

Saturday, December 24th

7:00pm Family Service with special children's program
 10:30pm Candlelight Service with Instrumental Prelude
 provided by guest musicians

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| December 24 | 7:00pm | 10:30pm |
| Preaching | Sunday School | Pastor Saraka |
| Asst Min | Stacie Draper | Carole Barr |
| Acolyte | Abigail Wood | Dennis Walker |
| Communion Asst | Kevin Smith | David Rodgers |
| Reader | Sunday School | Carole Barr |
| Gift Bearers | Sunday School | D. Rodgers/K. Douglass |
| Ushers | Casey & Austin Draper | Steve Strumlok |
| | K. Smith, M. Wilber | TBA |
| Altar Care | David Rodgers | Karen Douglass |

Christmas Day Worship

Sunday, December 25th

One Service at 10am, Pastor Suarez Presiding



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Community Hospital

Dorothy Baldwin

University Hospital

Amanda Cook (Virginia Simmons' friend)

Sue Draper (Casey, Stacie, and Austin's Grandmother)

Al & Almon Roundasville (Virginia Simmons' friends)

VA Hospital

Charles Scharoun
 Robert Tucker

Washington St. Univ. Hosp.

James Perkins (Dorothy Phillip's relative)

At Home or at Rehabilitation Center

Donovan Brooks (Claeys' friend), Sharon Coyne (Sherry Hothem's cousin), Sheila Draper (Casey and Stacie's mom), Johnny Mumm (Louise Brown's cousin)

Ongoing Care and Concern

Priscilla Breth (Organist Trudy Butler's friend), Walter Galaska
 Bill Hooker (Dan Randall's coworker), Adriana Howard (Ed Ressler's sister-in-law), Jeanette McKeachern (Eleanora Ott's niece), Tom Nelson, Eleanora Ott, Dan Stupich (Laura Light's brother)

Active Duty Service Personnel

Mike Breedlove – USS Mustin in the Pacific
 Jamie Chrysler – in Afghanistan
 Travis Carpenter – in Afghanistan
 Jack Fields – Ft. Bliss, TX
 Trevor Martineau – 29 Palms, CA
 Chris Millhouse – in the Middle East
 Daniel Strumlok – in Afghanistan

Reserve Service Personnel

Kevin Monds, Army Reserves, Oswego, NY
 Eric Quackenbush, Army Reserves, Medical Unit, Utica NY
 Melissa Young, National Guard, Syracuse

Sympathy is extended to Pastor James Austin, family, and friends, on the death of James' wife Joan on Saturday December 3.