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BANG BANG YOU'RE DEAD

A play by William Mastrosimone

About gun violence & bullying in schools

8 PM on FEBRUARY 24 - 26, MARCH 4 & 5

Jazz Central • 441 E. Washington St. • Syracuse, NY

NO CHARGE FOR ADMISSION • 546-3223 for RESERVATIONS & INFO.

*Rarely Done Productions • Appleseed Productions
The Salvation Army of Syracuse • Mothers Against Gun Violence
Onondaga Valley Presbyterian Church*

The Atonement Ministries and Appleseed Productions are proud to join a coalition of community organizations to produce "Bang Bang You're Dead," a timely and thought-provoking play about bullying and gun violence in schools. To perform at Jazz Central, located in downtown Syracuse, from late February through early March, "Bang Bang..." will be free of charge and include a talk-back session after each performance. Written by William Mastrosimone in the late 90s, the play has been produced locally a few times in the last decade.

The current production, directed by Dan Tursi, features eleven teenagers from participating organizations and local high schools. The coalition includes Rarely Done Productions, Atonement Ministries/Appleseed Productions, Onondaga Valley Presbyterian Church, The Salvation Army of Syracuse, The Barnabas Center, and Mothers Against Gun Violence.

Teachers, community leaders, and parents are encouraged to attend along with teens. To make no-cost reservations, simply call (315)546-3224. Those interested in learning more, obtaining a copy of the script or viewing a DVD of a previous production, can call Atonement Ministries Associate Director CJ Young at the Atonement office, (315) 492-9065.

ANNUAL MEETING - JANUARY 30, 2011

More than 70 people gathered for dinner (great thanks goes to the kitchen crew headed up by David Rodgers and Gary Stensland, Carole Barr, Phyllis Rodgers, and Karen Douglass) and then 50 voting members participated in the Annual Business Meeting. Reports were received and business conducted.

Council members were elected or re-elected:

Three Year Terms in the class ending January 2014:

Carole Barr, David Koslowsky, Edmund Ressler, Douglas Siddall

Two Year term in a class ending January 2013: Carolyn Schramm

One Year Term in the Class ending January 2013 marking the return of a Teen on Council: Austin Draper

Outgoing Council members Linda Lance and Pat Strong were recognized with small gifts to thank them for their service.

The Transition Team reported that all required paper work for seeking a new senior pastor has been submitted to the bishop, A call Committee of: Jerry Holbrook, Chair, Monty Euston, Lynn Strumlok, Melissa Wilber and Chris Jamison has been elected by the Church Council. The next step in the process will be for the Call Committee to begin interviewing candidates..

After lengthy discussion a Budget for 2011 was adopted. Highlights:

a. The budget this year was actually presented in two parts:

- A Congregational Budget of \$187,000 that lists the items that the congregation itself needs to fund. Some small increases were needed in light of escalating utility costs and anticipated major repairs to the church building and a few lines were reduced because of economies developed in 2010. A more realistic projection of income was used reducing resulting in a deficit of \$64,410 (Up \$16,000 from last year's budget and \$9,587 from last year's actual.). The Council was asked to work on closing this deficit and the Finance Committee will be getting to work immediately. Additional congregational giving would be a great help. Everyone needs to reflect prayerfully on what they can do.

- An "umbrella budget" was presented, with color coding so the Church Budget stood out from the items paid by the Endowment or various partnership ministries such as the Atonement Child Care Center, Atonement Housing Corporation, and Appleseed Productions. Since all the other expenses and sources of income are balanced, the congregational deficit appeared on the bottom line of this budget as well.

b. The small one time increase in health insurance payment for Pr. Gaetz (\$500) and Pastor Rodgers (\$375) approved by the 2010 Annual Meeting was extended for another year with the stipulation that the Church Council is to seek additional giving to cover these amounts before they are actually paid.

c. No cost of living increases were included.

d. Staff reductions and position consolidation help keep costs from further escalating.

e. A number of concerns were raised about spending and income policies. Ideas are to be forwarded to the Finance or Stewardship Committees.

At a brief meeting of the new Church Council held immediately after the Congregational Meeting the following officers for 2011 were elected:

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| President: | Carole Barr |
| Vice President: | Sharon Hothem |
| VP for Finance: | Debi Nelson |
| Secretary: | Edmund Ressler |
| Treasurer: | Karen Douglass |



2011 Council Members:

Seated: Karen Douglass, Carole Barr, Carolyn Schramm

Middle Row: Sharon Hothem, Tom Irwin, Pastor Rodgers, Douglas Siddall

Back Row: Solomon Williams, Gary Stensland, Pastor Gaetz, Ed Ressler, Debi Nelson, David Koslowsky, Austin Draper, Monty Euston

ATONEMENT 4-5-6-CLUB WINTER FEST

WHO: All Atonement youth in grades four, five and six

WHAT: Sledding and tubing at Highland Forest

DATE: Monday, Feb. 21, 2011

(President's Day/school holiday)

TIME: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

(leave Atonement parking lot at 10 a.m.)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- You must arrive dressed for getting wet and cold in the snow. If you do not have boots, hat, mittens, and snow pants, please let us know and we will try to provide.
- We will provide bag lunches for everyone, including hot chocolate.
- We have some tubes and sleds. If you have your own tube or sled, please bring it.
- If you need transportation to the church, please let us know. We can come get you.
- You MUST let us know you are coming to ensure we have enough transportation and bag lunches for everyone.

DEADLINE: Tell us you are coming no later than Friday, 2/18.

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CALENDAR - 2/6/11 - 2/12/11

SUNDAY (2/6)

- 8:30 AM Traditional Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
- 9:45 AM Confirmation Class (Pr. Rodgers Office)
- 9:45 AM Sunday Church School (Chapel, School Age 1, UPK)
- 10:45 AM Service of Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
- 11:00 AM Leap of Faith Ministries (Chapel)

MONDAY (2/7)

- 11:00 AM Pastoral Staff (Conference Room)
- 7:00 PM Appleseed "Tonight at 8:30" Rehearsals & Tech (Fellowship Hall)

TUESDAY (2/8)

- 7:30 AM Messenger Volunteers (Coffee Shop)

WEDNESDAY (2/9)

- 10:00 AM Crafty Ladies (Coffee Shop)
- 7:30 PM Appleseed "Tonight at 8:30" Rehearsals & Tech (Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY (2/10)

- 4:00 PM HeadStart Parent Meeting (Coffee Shop)
- 6:00 PM Leap of Faith Ministries (Chapel)
- 7:00 PM Appleseed "Tonight at 8:30" Rehearsals & Tech (Fellowship Hall)

FRIDAY (2/11)

- 4:00 PM ACC - A Walk Down Memory Lane (Gym, Conference Room)

WEDNESDAY CHURCHNIGHT - 2/9

- 5:30 Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:00 Children's Worship (Chapel)
- 6:15 Worship (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 Adult class
- 7:00 Recreation (Gym)

BIBLE READINGS

Thursday, February 3

- Psalm 112:1-9 [10]
- Deuteronomy 4:1-14
- 1 John 5:1-5

Friday, February 4

- Psalm 112:1-9 [10]
- Isaiah 29:1-12
- James 3:13-18

Saturday, February 5

- Psalm 112:1-9 [10]
- Isaiah 29:13-16
- Mark 7:1-8

Sunday, February 6

- Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]
- Psalm 112:1-9 [10]

Sunday cont...

- 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]
- Matthew 5:13-20

Monday, February 7

- Psalm 119:105-112
- 2 Kings 22:3-20
- Romans 11:2-10

Tuesday, February 8

- Psalm 119:105-112
- 2 Kings 23:1-8, 21-25
- 2 Corinthians 4:1-12

Wednesday, February 9

- Psalm 119:105-112
- Proverbs 6:6-23
- John 8:12-30



On Sunday February 6th, 140 million Americans will tune in to the Super Bowl football game. There will be parties with abundant food, friendship and fellowship. At the same time there are people in our own neighborhoods who are going without.

Our youth will hold soup pots at church doors on Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday, February 6, 2011. They will join young people in churches across the country to collect money for those who are hungry and hurting. Drop \$1 (or more) in the soup pot as you leave worship on February 6th. Those who need help may not know that you cared, but God will. And our young people are developing hearts for giving that can last a lifetime. Please support their efforts.



OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Cowley Trauma Center, MD

Cheri Farinholt (Kim Siddall's cousin)

Hospital, Venice FL

Hollis Dwyer (Claeys' friend)

At Home or at Rehabilitation Center

Joseph Bielok (Bill Kemp's father-in-law), Tim Kittell (Claeys' friend)

Ongoing Care and Concern

Christopher Abbott (Christina Nelson Abbott's step son), Priscilla Breth (Organist Trudy Butler's friend), Tom Casey (Peggy Gaetz' cousin), Ruth Cornish (Syracuse Home), Tanya (Gebman) McGinn (Bill Kemp's daughter-in law's sister), Marva Metz, Nathan Monro (Carolyn Schramm's nephew), Kathy Rugalia (Gary Stensland's friend), John Smith, Pat Strong, Dan Stupich (Laura Light's brother), Kathy Tei (Gary Stensland's friend), Christina Teller (Karen Douglass' friend), Cheryl Wilber Thompson, Sandy Walters, Sandy White (Gary Stensland's neighbor), Edward Yackel

Active Duty Service Personnel

Mike Breedlove – USS Mustin in the Pacific
 Travis Carpenter – Fort Carson, CO
 Jack Fields – Ft. Bliss, TX
 Trevor Martineau – 29 Palms, CA
 Chris Millhouse – in the Middle East
 Todd Siddall in Afghanistan
 Daniel Strumlok – Camp Lejeune, NC

Reserve Service Personnel

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



CONGRATULATIONS LAURA!

Former Vicar Laura Aase was ordained on January 22, 2011 at Mercy Seat in Minneapolis. Laura has accepted a call by the Southwestern Minnesota Synod as Pastor and Mission Developer to River of Hope, a new mission start in Hutchinson, MN. In the photos in the next column, three of Pastor Aase's godchildren helping to put on her stole and Pastor Aase with her father, the Reverend Charles Aase.

