

2011

DECEMBER

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 9am St. Marks 10am Prayer Shawl
					7pm – 9pm Piano Recital	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
930am Worship / Sunday School 1045am Fellowship 1-4pm KC 6pm Pastor's Conf. Class	630pm FAA	7pm Deacons Meeting	7pm Choir	7pm Mission		9am St. Marks
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
930am Worship / Sunday School 1-4pm KC 5pm Family Christmas Dinner	630pm FAA	630pm Worship 7pm Finance Meeting	7pm Choir	<b>Newsletter Deadline</b>	9am FAA	8am Men's Breakfast 9am St. Mark's 2pm Deacons' Bell Ringing
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
930am Worship / Sunday School 1-4pm KC	630pm FAA	7pm Session	7pm Choir		9am FAA	9am St. Mark's 5pm Christmas Eve Service
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
930am Worship &  Sunday School 1-4pm KC	630pm FAA		845am Newsletter Folding Crew 7pm Choir		9am FAA <b>ANNUAL REPORTS DUE!!!</b>	9am St. Mark's 10am T.I.M workday

# IN THE GARDEN

## COMMUNITY GARDEN NEWS

Welcome to the Garden!

On October 29<sup>th</sup>, we had a work day at the garden. Gardeners cleaned up their garden sites from the spring/summer crops and got them ready for planting winter crops such as cauliflower, broccoli, onions, carrots, and other winter vegetables. About twenty gardeners and volunteers came out and enjoyed a time of fellowship and a hotdog barbecue. Thanks to everyone who helped clean up the garden sites and the garden walkways.

If you have been a gardener this past season and were not able to attend the work day, we encourage you to take time to clean up your garden site for the next season. We hope all the gardeners who participated this past year will want to continue their experience in the garden.

If you would like to share in our enthusiasm by renting a garden site our fees are as follows:

October to December of following year (15 months): \$100 + \$25.00 security deposit

May to December: \$75.00 + \$25.00 security deposit

August to December: \$50.00 + \$25.00 security deposit

Water is included in your rental fee. Each garden site is 12 feet by 25 feet. You can obtain an application from the church office or contact a member of the garden committee for further information.

The gardening committee hopes you will visit the garden and perhaps consider a garden site for the next planting season.

SEE YOU AT THE GARDEN!

## *News From:*

### *"The Children's Center"*

December brings us the true meaning of Christmas as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Our bible theme is "Happy Birthday baby Jesus". Our bible verse is Matthew 2:1.

This month we will be working on letters P & Q, the number 7, and have plenty of holiday projects.

We will be having our classroom holiday parties on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:30am. The children will be singing Christmas songs in the Social Hall, with the classroom parties immediately following. You may join us if you wish.

Our school will be closed Friday, Dec. 23 & Monday, Dec. 26 for the Christmas holiday, and again on Friday, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> for the New Year's Holiday. We would like to thank everyone who thinks of our school, and keeps us in prayer. The Children's Center Committee, Pastor Everett, and Building & Grounds have all been a great support for our school throughout the year. May you all enjoy a holiday filled with warmth, and have a blessed new year!

Happy Holidays,  
Lisa How & Staff

Save the date!  
July 22-27, 2012  
Zephyr Point Family Camp

## *Budget Report*

### General fund:

<b>Balance Forward:</b>		\$17,495.38
<b>Income:</b>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Year to date</u>
October:	\$13,216.71	\$146,330.96
<b>Expenses:</b>		
October:	<u>\$-15,739.87</u>	<u>\$-150,965.27</u>
<b>Balance:</b>	\$ (2,523.16)	\$ 12,861.07
	(10/31/11)	

### NEW SITE MORTGAGE FUND:

Balance Forward:	\$23,215.37
2011 income to date:	<u>41,722.86</u>
Total Income:	\$ 64,938.23

### **Expenses – 2011:**

Loan Payments	\$22,661.00
Principal Payment	30,000.00
S.J. county Taxes	976.28
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<u>\$53,637.28</u>

**Total on Hand:** **\$11,300.95**  
(10/31/11)

Current Principal Balance owed Synod:  
**\$207,210.09** (10/31/11)

## *Happy Birthday To:*

- 5- Ray Shipman
- 7- George Kelly  
Rosemary Lara
- 12- Bill Swenson
- 14- Stan Davis
- 15- Gwen Wagner
- 16- Kavita Taylor
- 17- Vanessa Cole
- 18- Haeyoung Oh  
Tiffany Cole
- 19- Mary J. Pribyl
- 20- Peyton Pardo
- 22- Ashley Ferrol
- 23- Bill Miller  
Kim Guillen  
Kendyl Thomsen
- 27- Cecilia Wilson
- 28- Jenelle Vella
- 29- Bailey Perez
- 30- Pat Kruse
- 31- Sharon Ludeman

Happy  
Anniversary To:  
14- Terres & Jean  
Ronneberg

As in year's past, during the Advent season we will be decorating the sanctuary with beautiful poinsettias.

If you would like to supply a poinsettia, please fill out the form below and return it to the church office or Sunday offering plate no later than December 18th.

**Poinsettias must be brought to the church office no later than December 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

This Poinsettia is given in (Please check ONE):

Memory \_\_\_\_\_ or HONOR \_\_\_\_\_

Of:

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Your

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



## **Metal Detecting**

Have you ever lost a ring or necklace or pendant while working in your yard? Ray Shipman has found several such long-lost items for people, even though the items had become buried several inches in the dirt! He has, and enjoys using, a metal detector that senses metals underground. Give him a call for a yard search. Even though years have passed, it's still possible that the long lost treasure can be recovered... a bit worse for being buried in the dirt, perhaps, but still a great return of a lost item dear to the heart!



## **Youth Group Pizza Fundraiser**

The youth have been talking for sometime now of wanting to fix, or remodel the youth room. In order to transform it, carpet has to be installed, paint is needed and a few pieces of furniture. In order to even begin to accomplish this we have set up a fundraising date for Monday December 5th at Mountain Mikes Pizza 2260 Grantline Rd. You will need to bring the flyer. Flyers are available at the church office as well as after church services on Sunday prior to

the event. Please mark your calendars. On behalf of the youth group sincere thanks for all of your continued support.

N.B.A.C

(New Beginnings Apostolic Church)

Is having their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Holiday Home Tour & Boutique

8951 Feliz Way Tracy, Ca

1/2 of all proceed will go to T.I.M.

Tour Fee: \$8 adults & \$3 for children 11 and under (crafts included) children 2 & under free.

Tour includes : cookies, Hot apple cider, and hot cocoa.



### **WOMEN'S TEA/ SECRET SISTER**

**Save the date**

**Sunday, January 8, 2012**

**at 2:00 pm.**

All women of the church are invited to come and start the New Year at the annual Women's Tea. There will be revealing of your Secret Sister, choosing a new Secret Sister, announcement of the next Honorary Life Member, prizes, fellowship, along with sampling different teas and cookies. So mark your new 2012 calendar with this event.



From : The Board of Deacons'

A special "thank you" to David & Judy Lee for making our

Thanksgiving Baskets a  
success again!

**FIRST CORINTHIANS 13, CHRISTMAS VERSION**

If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights and shiny balls, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another cook.

If I work at the soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love to my family, it profits me nothing.

If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels, and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties, and sing in the choir's cantata, but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.

Love stops the cooking to hug the child.

Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the husband.

Love is kind, though harried and tired.

Love doesn't envy another's home that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens.

Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of the way, but is thankful they are there to be in the way.

Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return, but rejoices in giving to those who can't.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails.

Video games will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust... but giving the gift of love will endure.



**Deacons' Holiday Bell- Ringing**  
**Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**From 2pm – 8pm**  
**@ Grocery Outlet**

(There will be a sign-up sheet located  
in the Social Hall.)

*"The Grapevine"*  
*December 2011*

*Flowers*

December 4  
Les & Agnes Vergara

December 11  
Bob & Juliet Weinberg

December 18 & 25  
Poinsettias from the Congregation

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*Serving Communion*

*On December 4:*

*Andre de Vos*

*Roy Patterson*

*Marie Patterson*

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Deacons  
Barrel Item:

**Diapers (size 4 & 5)  
& Wipes**

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*Events*

**Piano Recital**  
Friday, Dec. 2 @ 7pm – 9pm

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**  
Saturday, Dec. 3 @ 10am

**Christmas Dinner**  
Sunday, Dec. 11 @ 5pm

**Newsletter Deadline**  
December 15

**Men's Breakfast**  
Saturday, Dec. 17 @ 8am

**Bell Ringing @ Grocery Outlet**  
Saturday, Dec. 17 @ 2pm – 8pm  
(sign-up sheet in Social Hall)

**Christmas Eve Service**  
Saturday, Dec. 24 @ 5pm

**Newsletter Folding Crew**  
Wednesday, Dec. 28 @ 845am

**ANNUAL REPORTS DUE**  
Friday, Dec. 30 – **NO EXCEPTIONS**

Saturday, Dec. 31 @ 10am

**T.I.M. Workday**

## *Pastor's Page:*

"The lighting of Advent candles dramatically depicts the growing expectation we have for the coming of Christ, the light of the world. This action most often functions as a call to worship, but it can also function as a response to the assurance of pardon or to the sermon. The traditional Advent wreath has four purple candles (lit on the four Sundays of Advent) grouped around a white Christ candle (lit on Christmas Day). The main symbolism portrayed by the wreath is the growing intensity of light as the candle lighting includes an additional candle each worship day and as anticipation builds for the celebration of Christ's second coming. Some congregations attribute particular meaning to individual candles, associating them with peace, joy, love, and light; with Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and the Magi; or with other related aspects of Christ's coming. These associations may be helpful for a congregation at a particular time, but they are not in any way necessary to a worshipful celebration. Similarly, a tradition calling for the third candle to be pink is not especially important. It is based on a medieval tradition in which the second to last Sunday of Advent (and Lent) accented Christian joy in the middle of a penitential season." *(TWS, pp. 432-433)*

Secular society knows a little something about Christmas but virtually nothing about Advent. The danger for the Church is to end up going in this same direction. In our rush to get to the manger, we are tempted to downplay-or completely ignore-the Advent themes that the Church has long believed are necessary so that we can come to the cradle of Christ in the right way.