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 of the Holy Spirit;  
 being and making disciples of Christ  
 by sharing God's gifts  
 through word and deed.

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# The Messenger

## January 2011

The United Methodist Church, Clinton, CT  
 Pastor M. Craig Fitzsimmons





As we begin another year, I look forward to participating in the Wesley Covenant service and Communion as a way to start the year off right. It is a part of our United Methodist heritage which may or may not be important to everyone. It seems over the years we have lost interest and knowledge about our heritage and what differentiates one denomination from another or even one religious faith from another.

This was brought out in a recent survey done by the Pew Research Center. You can still take the 15 question version of the religion quiz to see where you stand in comparison with the average American at: <http://features.pewforum.org/quiz/us-religious-knowledge/>. The results were surprising in many ways, in that those who were Jewish, or even no identified faith, knew as much or more about religions (particularly Christianity) than many Protestants. Since we live in a pluralistic world and society, I think it is important that we have at least some fundamental knowledge about other world religions as well as our own. You can ask our confirmation class, we spent a year on looking at them! This year we are focusing on Christianity and United Methodism.

While reading an article in the United Methodist Reporter regarding religious illiteracy, I came across a box titled “Twelve things every United Methodist should know.” I am not sure that every United Methodist does know all twelve but it might be fun to give it a try – either you might surprise yourself at how much you know, or perhaps learn a thing or two. Have fun with it (I won’t be collecting your answers and grading them) – the answers will appear elsewhere in the Messenger.

Shalom,  
*Craig*

Twelve things every United Methodist should know

1. Who founded Methodism as a religious movement in the 1700s?
2. From what denomination did Methodism spring forth?
3. Which two denominations merged in 1968 to form the United Methodist Church?
4. In what documents will you find an outline of what Methodists believe?

### A Prosperous New Year

Some look for signs of an improving economy in the stock market reports. Others listen to the analysts. Anyone could think the economy is improving if they can have a reliable, adequately paid job.

I have my own method. I think it may have begun with my father. To go to the nearest town we had to drive over both the New York Central and the Nickel Plate Railroad crossings and if a train could be spotted on the flat country horizon, Dad will pull into the freight station yard so we could look at each railcar and count them.

I judge the economy by the Providence & Wooster Railroad, which passes through Clinton most days while we are eating lunch at the Coffee Break. For a long time each train consisted of 10 to 15 cars.

Recently there have been as many as 57 cars, so I think the southern New England economy is picking up!

What does the P&W haul? I have seen trap rock and metals. The November 7 *Hartford Courant* wrote about the railroad’s use of the old Air Line Railroad swing bridge in Middletown. Monday through Friday the P&W uses the bridge to serve Midstate Recovery, a recycling business. Recently one string of seven cars of demolition debris went to Ohio to fill abandoned strip mines.

Congress has never asked me how to restore the United States credit standing - we would certainly be in better shape now — how could it be worse? Among other things, I would have to tell them to get the rail system in better shape. We used to build powerful engines; now China is the only country building train engines. We used to move freight and passengers efficiently. When I was in school in Cleveland one could board the train under the Terminal Tower on the city square; now the train station is a small remote building near Lake Erie.

How do you judge the economy? Maybe we all can help.

*Editor's Corner*

*SAA*

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## Church family notes

To our Church Family:

Many grateful thanks for your concern, cards, and most of all, prayers for Ellen and me during my recent illness.

*Joel*

Dear Church Family,

You give us joy with the DVD/TV church service. With each DVD we identify with you at worship. Gene finds comfort with the hymns and prayers and says them with his heart, as he listens to the choir and hears the message from Pastor Craig. We are thankful for this ministry and especially for the angels who send the DVD to us.

Love,

*Gene and Carol Gardell*



### Cat's Meow United Methodist Church

We have placed another order for "Cat's Meow" churches and expect delivery mid-January.

My World designs are two-dimensional wooden keepsakes of our special places and times made by The Cat's Meow of Wooster, Ohio. We are beginning "our world" with a 7 by 3 3/8 inch United Methodist Church of Clinton. It has the front of the church on one side and some brief information on the reverse. They can be purchased through the church office for \$10 each.

5. What percentage of United Methodist membership resides in local congregations outside the United States?
6. What is the only body that can speak officially for the United Methodist Church?
7. The practice of moving ordained ministers every few years – highlighting a local commitment to a connectional mission – is known as what?
8. The Methodist concept that God initiates grace toward everyone is referred to as what?
9. Methodism's cofounder is a well-known composer of many church hymns. Who is he?
10. The United Methodist Church polity reflects the American system of government. Which body represents the executive branch?
11. Though its founder drank beer and wine (while opposing distilled beverages), American Methodists took up what cause in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century?
12. What does the cross and flame symbolize for the United Methodist Church?

## The January cover

Alexandra Marsella ascends the narthex stairway followed by an attendant Gabriella Dollahite on December 5 during the church's annual St. Lucia Festival.

## Human Relations Day is January 16

In Oklahoma, 50% of children whose parents are incarcerated will be incarcerated themselves. Redemption Ministries is seeking to turn that around. As a ministry already focused on prisoners and ex-prisoners, it was a natural for them to reach out to children and families.

Joy Block is the director for the Redemption Youth program at Redemption Penn Avenue United Methodist Church. She was once jailed herself and can identify with both the children and their parents. Joy knows that the key to breaking the incarceration cycle is to surround these young people with God's love. "What I want them to do is follow God first," Joy says, "That's number one. Because that's going to be their strength always in life."

Your offering on Human Relations Day, January 16, will provide for compassionate and life-changing ministries like Redemption Youth.

## Month of Sundays

There will be no church school classes until January 9th.

### January 2

#### Epiphany Sunday Wesley Covenant Service

Greeter  
Acolytes  
Ushers

Glenna Bishop  
Skylar Riley, Alaina Attanasio  
Rachel Benisvy, Haley Parent,  
Justin Hauser, Alex Attanasio,  
Jonas Thelin  
Linda Symmes  
Mickey Brown  
Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72;  
Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12  
Pastor Craig Fitzsimmons  
Evelyn Scaglione  
The Thelin Family

Infant/toddler care  
Worship leader  
Lectionary scriptures

Sermon  
Communion steward  
Fellowship hosts

### January 9

#### First Sunday after the Epiphany

Greeters  
Acolytes  
Ushers

Bill and Kathy Schuyler  
Gabby Dollahite, Jessie Ryan  
Evelyn Scaglione, Sharon Minick,  
Gay McPhee, Lynda Larson,  
Ellen Hoyt  
Linda Symmes  
Johanna Thelin  
Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29;  
Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17  
Pastor Craig Fitzsimmons  
Leslie Parent

Infant/toddler care  
Worship leader  
Lectionary scriptures

Sermon  
Fellowship host

## Preparing for the St. Lucia Festival



Alex Attanasio  
Jessie Ryan



Skylar & Raegen  
Riley



Christopher and Jonathan  
Lohutko

## Good News Garage

Imagine you are ready for work. You get into your car and put the key in the ignition, but your car does not start. We have all been in this situation at one time or another. Recall the feelings of frustration, helplessness and inconvenience. Now imagine these feelings are part of your daily routine because you do not even have a vehicle.

Unfortunately, this is an all too common reality for many people. They lack a safe and reliable vehicle to commute to and from work, take their children to day care and after school activities, and get to medical appointments, the supermarket and more. It is more than an inconvenience—it is a very real and significant obstacle to providing for their families and breaking the cycle of poverty.

That is where Good News Garage comes in! Good News Garage, a program of Lutheran Social Services, has been working to break the cycle of poverty by providing clients with a safe and reliable vehicle. The car becomes an empowering gift—a tool of opportunity. Clients use the vehicles to get to work, drive their children to the doctor, extracurricular activities, access affordable housing and more. In short, they use their vehicles in the exact same way that the vast majority of Americans take for granted! Since 1996, Good News Garage (GNG) has matched more than 3,500 vehicles with families in need of transportation.

Donating is fast, easy and free and all donations qualify for a tax deduction while some may qualify for fair market value—the highest deduction allowable for vehicle donations under current IRS standards. To learn more or to donate visit Good News Garage at [www.GoodNewsGarage.org](http://www.GoodNewsGarage.org) or call toll-free 877.GIVE.AUTO (877-448-3288). Donate a car... Change a life!

## Drama leadership

Our church is blessed with talented children and the adults to guide them. We don't see the rehearsals, costuming and planning that these women manage behind the scenes. We thank those whose productions have made the season special this year.

Karin Thelin, who directs the St. Lucia Festival and Bev Bowen, who managed the reception afterward.

Laura Attanasio, who directs the Kidz Konnection that performed Briar Rose one Sunday afternoon.

Lisa Sutherland, who with Laura gets the children and teens to present a beautiful Christmas Pageant each year.

## Epiphany – a time to begin

Epiphany is a season of beginnings. In the everyday world it is a return to work after the holidays, the start of the new year, the beginning of diets. More important to us, it is also the beginning of the works of Jesus Christ.

The season of Epiphany “testifies to the whole purpose of the Incarnation: the manifestation of God in Jesus Christ... and the mighty signs and teachings, narrated in the gospels as Jesus accomplishes his mission, make the Season After the Epiphany the commemoration of all those things which Jesus did up to the final events in Jerusalem.”

*from Seasons of the Gospel, Abingdon*

### January 16

Greeters  
Acolytes  
Ushers  
  
Infant/toddler care  
Worship leader  
Lectionary scriptures  
  
Sermon  
Fellowship host

### Second Sunday after the Epiphany Human Relations Day

The Lohutkos  
Raegen Riley, Nicholas Dollahite  
Sally Cotter, Ginny Burr, David Moore,  
Lyle Cubberly, Andrew Dupre  
Linda Symmes  
Tammy Drena  
Isaiah 19:1-7; Psalm 40;  
1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42  
Pastor Craig Fitzsimmons  
Corinne Brown

### January 23

Greeters  
Acolytes  
Ushers  
  
Infant/toddler care  
Worship leader  
Lectionary scriptures  
  
Sermon  
Fellowship hosts

### Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Rachel and Lisa Benisvy  
Alex Attanasio, Rebecca Dollahite  
Dennis Scaglione, Bob McLeod,  
John Pope, Gerald Cotter, Dave Wahl  
Linda Symmes  
  
Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27;  
1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23  
Pastor Craig Fitzsimmons  
Sally and Debbie

January 30

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Greeters  
Acolytes  
Ushers

Beverly Jones, Skylar and Raegen Riley  
Caroline Yang, Skylar Riley  
Rachel Benisvy, Haley Parent,  
Justin Hauser, Alex Attanasio,  
Jonas Thelin  
Linda Symmes

Infant/toddler care  
Worship leader  
Lectionary scriptures

Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15;  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon  
Fellowship hosts

Pastor Craig Fitzsimmons  
Beverly Jones and the Rileys

### It wouldn't have happened without him!



Gerald Cotter was recognized for his six years of service as President of the Board of Trustees and for his shepherding of the Steeple Resurrection Project at the December 8 Church Council meeting. Karin Thelin, Council Chair, presented him with a certificate and an engraved wooden cross.



## EPIPHANY

The church celebrated Epiphany long before Christmas. Originally it focused on the nativity, incarnation and baptism of Christ. Today January 6 is observed as Three Kings Day to honor the three wise men who brought gifts to the Christ child. It marks the end of the first season of the church year, which begins with Advent.

We invite Messenger readers to write Epiphany poetry and share it by putting your poem or poems (signed or unsigned) in the blue folder in the hallway across from the office door. You may have a preferred form, but here are some suggestions to get the rest of you started:

**Two word poems:** Each line should have only two words, but you may write as many lines as you wish.

Example - Holy Star, ever leading, shine today.

**Acrostic poems:** Take one word for an outline and write words from each letter.

Example - Salvation, Twinkling, Advent, Revelation.

**Couplets:** A two-line poem that rhymes.

Example: The star shone bright, That Holy Night.

**Cinquain:** A five line poem that follows this pattern:

Line one - one word that is the subject of the poem.

Line two - two words that describe line one.

Line three - three action words.

Line Four - four words that express feelings about the subject.

Line Five - a synonym for line one.

Example: Epiphany; wondrous journey; seeking, searching, finding; God's love swaddling clothed; Revelation.

**Prepositional phrase poetry:** Use only prepositional phrases to convey your poetic Epiphany thought.

Example: From the Father; By the Spirit; Through the Son; Of the virgin; With His blessing; To the world.

## 2010 Christmas Pageant



Alaina Attanasio  
and  
Raegen Riley  
in town  
for the census  
and  
looking for  
lodging.



The angel chorus sings to Joseph, Mary and Jesus

Skylar Riley, the Dollahite sisters, Jessie Ryan, Alexandra Marsella  
Jonathan Lohutko and Alex Attanasio

## April mission trip to Haiti

Our pastor will be leading a Volunteer In Mission (VIM) team to Haiti in April as part of the New York Annual Conference three year commitment to send teams to help rebuild Haiti after last year's earthquake. Craig will lead the team from April 5 to 12. Other dates are available throughout the year. The cost is \$1,100 which includes airfare, meals, housing and local expenses. Applications are due no later than February 6. A team consists of ten people.

Information and applications are available in the church office as well as on our Conference website: [www.nyac.com](http://www.nyac.com) and follow the links to Haiti. The Conference would like those going to have Early Response Team (ERT) training. Craig is trying to arrange for such a training at our church - tentatively scheduled for February 12 (an all day event). Even if you are not going on this Haiti trip but are interested in the training, you are invited to attend.

## Food Pantry needs

Our in-house pantry can use more apple juice and regular or decaf coffee. All nonperishable foods are welcome and will be used either in our Wednesday evening meals or in the Food Pantry dispensing at Holy Advent on Wednesdays.

## Do you have the time?

Two of our members live in Killingworth and at the present time neither is able to drive. If you are able to drive them to doctor's appointments or shop for needed items, please call the Houpererts at 860-663-2890.

## Substitute teachers needed

The Shoreline Christian School is looking for qualified substitute teachers during this season of inclement weather, flu and colds. If you are interested, please contact the school via phone: 203-421-4626 or email: [shorelineprincipal@gmail.com](mailto:shorelineprincipal@gmail.com).

*Nancy Hameloth*  
Principal

## Royalty from the East



Haley Parent



Rachel Benisvy



Christopher and  
Megan Lohutko

I was silent for a moment knowing whatever was said would pale in comparison. I spoke from my heart, not my head. ‘Oh, you’ve touched me,’ I said ‘and taught me in part that the best of any man is what is found in his heart.’

The rest, I thought, this shoe man will never know. Like just how thankful I really am that his dirty old shoe touched my soul.

*from the Shoreline Soup Kitchens, etc. newsletter*



## We Believe

“An angel of the Lord appeared and said, “Joseph, descendant of David, do not be afraid to take Mary to be your wife. For it is by the Holy Spirit that she has conceived. She will have a son, and you will name him Jesus — because he will save his people from their sins.”

*Matthew 1:20,21*

*And Joseph believed. And Mary believed. And we believe.*

Through our religion, we find the path that brings us closer to God, a path worthy of continuing pavement.

*“Religion is life. Faith is its only fuse.”*

*“Religion doesn’t fail. It’s the people who fail religion.”*

*“To really enjoy religion, one must first have it and then use it.”*

*“Your religion will do more for you if you do more for it.”*

These quotations are from people outside of our church, yet stewards to it.

As we leave 2010 and move into 2011, we find the church to have 19 fewer pledges, yet we believe these people will once again promise generously as they have in the past.

*“Religion is like a bank — neither one pays dividends unless we make deposits.”*

*Jack Smith*

Stewardship Committee

## Shoes in Church

I showered and shaved; I adjusted my tie. I got there and sat in a pew just in time. Bowing my head in prayer as I closed my eyes I saw the shoes of the man next to me touching my own. I sighed. When plenty of room on either side I thought, "Why must our soles touch?" It bothered me, his shoe touching mine but it didn't bother him much.

A prayer began: 'Our Father'... I thought, 'This man with the shoes has no pride. They're dusty, worn, scratched. Even worse, there are holes on the side!'

'Thank You for blessings,' the prayer went on. The shoe man said a quiet 'Amen.' I tried to focus on the prayer... but my thoughts were on his shoes again. Aren't we supposed to look our best when walking through that door? 'Well, this certainly isn't it,' I thought, glancing at the floor.

Then the prayer was ended... and the songs of praise began. The shoe man was certainly loud... sounding proud as he sang. His voice lifted the rafters; his hands were raised high. The Lord could surely hear the shoe man's voice from the sky.

It was time for the offering and what I threw in was steep. I watched as the shoe man reached into his pockets so deep. I saw what was pulled out... what the shoe man put in. Then I heard a soft clink as when silver hits tin.

The sermon really bored me to tears and that's no lie. It was the same for the shoe man for tears fell from his eyes. At the end of the service as is the custom here we must greet new visitors and show them all good cheer. But I felt moved somehow and wanted to meet the shoe man, so after closing prayer I reached over and shook his hand.

He was old and his skin was dark and his hair was truly a mess, but I thanked him for coming; for being our guest. He said, 'My name's Charlie, I'm glad to meet you my friend.' There were tears in his eyes, but he had a large, wide grin.

'Let me explain,' he said, wiping tears from his eyes. 'I've been coming here for months and you're the first to say, 'Hi.' I know my appearance is not like all the rest, but I really do try to always look my best. I always clean and polish my shoes before my very long walk, but my the time I get here, they're dirty and dusty like chalk.'

My heart filled with pain and I swallowed to hide my tears. As he continued to apologize for daring to sit so near. He said, 'When I got here I know I must look a sight, but I thought if I could touch you then maybe our souls might unite.'

## Mini-Charge Conference

Pastor Craig chaired the Charge Conference held on December 8th, with special permission from the District Superintendent. We accepted apportionments for 2011 amounting to \$19,776. The apportionments cover our share of World Service, support for retired pastors, administration of the annual, jurisdictional and general conferences, and funds for Ministerial Education, our Black Colleges and Africa University. Also salaries for our church staff totaling \$85,875 were approved. The full budget requests will be voted on in February.

Two trustees for the four vacancies were elected; Paul Brown will be in the Board of Trustees Class of 2013 and Beverly Jones was reelected to serve in that same class. The Lay Leadership Committee will have more nominees at the regular February 6 Charge Conference.

## Our newest members

Four women were received into the fellowship of our church family on November 21, 2010.

Laura Becker came to us from the United Methodist Church in O'Fallon, Illinois. She and her husband, Craig, and two young sons Cameron and Nathan live on Warpas Road in Madison.

Karen Vargoshe came from the Huntington UMC in Shelton, CT. She sings in the Chancel Choir here and lives on Blinnshed Road also in Madison.

Tommie Peterson sings in the Chancel Choir, too and comes into the church family as an associate member. She is a widow with grown children and comes to church each week with Jessica, her granddaughter. Tommie lives on Heritage Circle in Clinton.

Jessica Ryan, Tommie's granddaughter, lives on Bargate Road in Clinton. She is active in the Youth Group and is an Acolyte Captain.

We welcome all four women and know you will enjoy working with and getting to know them.

*\* Your Messenger Editor knows this would have been a better introduction to our new members if we had photos and interviews. Would someone in the congregation like to take on this task with each class of new members? The church can provide the camera.*

## Preparing for the St. Lucia Festival



Rachel Benisvy  
Haley Parent  
Megan Lohutko

Becca,  
Nicholas  
& Gabby  
Dollahite



Eliot & Caroline  
Yang

## Our sympathy to...

Dale and David Moore and her mother, Dee Burghardt, upon the death of Dale's brother, David Paul Burghardt, who died on November 30. David had lived in Connecticut, Mexico and Florida. His life was celebrated on December 6 at St. Margaret's Catholic Church in Madison.

## MBR to age well

The Methodist Book Readers will gather on Monday, January 31 to discuss *A Time to Live*, by Robert Raines. They considered this book about creative living when choosing topics for 2010 so we know it is recommended by at least someone in the group! George Hoyt and Sue Alexander picked it to start the new year because it is short - only 224 pages!

At our meeting on December 27 we should have picked books for the remainder of 2011 and a list will soon be available from the church office. We hope to have a varied selection - all less than 400 pages. Please join us at 7 PM on January 31 in Fellowship Hall for good conversation and refreshments.

## ANSWERS:

1. John Wesley
2. Church of England (Anglican Church)
3. The Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethren Church
4. The church's Articles of Religion and the Confession of Faith (published in the Book of Discipline)
5. About 30 percent, or 3.4 million.
6. The quadrennial General Conference
7. Itineracy
8. Prevenient grace
9. Charles Wesley
10. Council of Bishops
11. Prohibition
12. The Holy Spirit and God through Christ

## January Birthdays

|                  |    |                   |    |
|------------------|----|-------------------|----|
| Heidi Hayes      | 3  | Joseph Valvano    | 19 |
| Dennis Dollahite | 4  | Kevin Byington    | 21 |
| Scott Miller     | 5  | Jack Harding      | 21 |
| Frank Milnes     | 5  | Karen Johns-Ahern | 22 |
| Lauren Holliman  | 6  | Jeane Howard      | 23 |
| Richard Gilcher  | 9  | Clifford Dowler   | 24 |
| Kelly Patten     | 9  | Beverly Jones     | 28 |
| Clarke McKinnon  | 12 | Melissa Vancil    | 29 |
| Cathy Stuart     | 16 | Brian Vancil      | 31 |
| Lisa Sutherland  | 18 |                   |    |

## The work goes on

All through the week people are working on our church buildings and grounds. We have mentioned the outdoor workers before, but did you know that Don and Ginny Hauser straighten up the sanctuary, polish the brass plates, fill the altar candles with oil and fill the pew racks every week? Jack Smith comes every Wednesday to set up chairs and tables for the Soup Kitchen. Carol Bell adorns the chancel with flowers and banners appropriate to the season. Dick Bell polishes the floors and makes minor repairs. Others often help these regular workers.



Where are all the supplies kept? There are two closets in the narthex where there used to be stairs down to Fellowship Hall. One contains paraments, candles, etc. and the other has items used by acolytes and ushers.

Underneath the new stairway to the sanctuary is a closet created by Pastor Craig where the janitorial supplies and the church tools are kept. Across the hallway from the kitchen we store mops, brooms, etc. to be used by anyone after they have been using the kitchen or Fellowship Hall.



## The Case of the Cookbooks

It isn't a mystery. We know where they are. In 2005 the church published a very nice collection of recipes gathered by Gay McPhee, Evelyn Scaglione, Sharon Minick and Lisa Minick Sutherland.

The books have extra pages with a brief history of the church, an account of the 1962 Smorgasbord and six table graces. The publishing company added hints and tips for better preparations, but the important part is the selection of delicious recipes. A case of books remains at large. For only \$5 the church office will hunt down a copy for you!

## A letter from our bishop

Advent greetings to you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, the Prince of Peace, Healer of our brokenness and Hope of the world!

The most recent conflict in the Korean Peninsula is extremely serious with sufficient volatility to lead to another war. As you may know the Korean War waged between 1950 and 1953 claimed deaths and injuries by the millions. Now with the world's largest concentration of military forces stationed along the Demilitarized Zone, and with a growing number of weapons including nuclear weapons in the peninsula, the current escalation of hostilities poses an unprecedented threat to the world as well as to the Korean people. In light of the grave consequences of wrong choices, emotional responses must never replace rational ones. Another war must never be repeated.

Divided for over 65 years, Korea is the only country in the world that still remains the same after the end of the Cold War. At the present time, animosity between South Korea and North Korea only increases. As Jesus lamented with tears over Jerusalem, the way to peace seems to be hidden. We, too, weep as our hearts are broken over the death and destruction that has already occurred by the most recent hostilities and over the horrible human tragedy that another war inevitably would create.

As peace-loving people, this is indeed the time to pray for God's mercy, wisdom and guidance. And our prayer must also entail our commitment to being an instrument of peace. We must encourage all things that may help ease the tension and enhance positive relations between South and North. We must be a peacemaking people in whatever ways we can. Following the Prince of Peace and God's own vision of peace for the world, we shall never give up on the prospects of peace for such a time as this.

*Jeremiah J. Park*

# January 2011

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday               | Saturday  |
|---|--|--|--|---|----------------------|---|
| DECEMBER<br>S M T W T F S<br>1 2 3 4<br>5 6 7 8 9 10 11<br>12 13 14 15 16 17 18<br>19 20 21 22 23 24 25<br>26 27 28 29 30 31                                    |  |    |  | FEBRUARY<br>S M T W T F S<br>1 2 3 4 5 6<br>7 8 9 10 11 12 13<br>14 15 16 17 18 19 20<br>21 22 23 24 25 26 27<br>28 |                      | <b>1</b><br><b>New Year's Day</b>                         |
| <b>2 Epiphany</b><br>10:00 Covenant Service<br>11:00 Fellowship Time  | <b>3</b><br>5:30 - 7:30 Cub Den<br>7:00 Scout Committee                          | <b>4</b><br>9:00 WIC<br>7:00 Mission committee                                       | <b>5</b><br>9:00 T.O.P.S.<br>5:00 Soup Kitchen host<br>St. Alexis Church<br>7:00 Trustees        | <b>6</b><br>7:00 BS Troop 55<br>7:30 Chancel Choir  | <b>7</b><br>5:30 AA  | <b>8</b>  |
| <b>9</b><br>9:00 Church school resumes<br>10:00 Worship<br>11:00 Fellowship time<br>7:00 Confirmation class   | <b>10</b><br>11:00 Clever Crafters<br>5:30 Second Homes                          | <b>11</b><br>7:00 Endowment Com.   | <b>12</b><br>9:00 T.O.P.S.<br>5:00 Soup Kitchen host<br>St. Mary's Church<br>7:00 Church Council | <b>13</b><br>7:00 BS Troop 55<br>7:30 Chancel Choir   | <b>14</b><br>5:30 AA | <b>15</b>   |
| <b>16 Human Relations Day</b><br>9:00 Church school<br>10:00 Worship<br>11:00 Fellowship time   | <b>17 ML King Day</b><br>11:00 Clever Crafters                                   | <b>18</b>  | <b>19</b><br>9:00 T.O.P.S.<br>5:00 Soup Kitchen host<br>Congregational Ch.                       | <b>20</b><br>9:00 WIC<br>7:00 BS Troop 55<br>7:30 Chancel Choir   | <b>21</b><br>5:30 AA | <b>22</b>   |
| <b>23</b><br>9:00 Church school<br>10:00 Worship<br>11:00 Fellowship time<br>3-5 District Resource Day,<br>Mary Taylor Mem., Milford<br>7:00 Confirmation class | <b>24</b><br>11:00 Clever Crafters   | <b>25</b>  | <b>26</b><br>9:00 T.O.P.S.<br>5:00 Soup Kitchen host<br>United Methodists                        | <b>27</b><br>7:00 BS Troop 55<br>7:30 Chancel Choir   | <b>28</b><br>5:30 AA | <b>29</b><br>3-5 District<br>Resource Day,<br>New Milford |
| <b>30</b><br>9:00 Church school<br>10:00 Worship<br>11:00 Fellowship time<br>7:00 Confirmation class  | <b>31</b><br>11:00 Clever Crafters<br>6:45 Cub pack com.<br>7:00 Book discussion |  |  |   |                      |   |