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## Forest Street *Footprints*

**January 2010**



Dear Friends in Christ,

G.K. Chesterton once wrote, "The object of a new year is not that we should have a new year. It is that we should have a new soul."

I am not sure we need a new soul but we may need some adjustments to the one we have. I feel a connection between the thought of newness and New Year. It is very meaningful to me that the first Sunday of a new year is a celebration of Communion. In my heart and soul the meaning of the "Last Supper" is the promise of newness of life. It can empower us to make the adjustments necessary for living a full life.

The past year globally, nationally, and for many of us individually, has been difficult and challenging. I for one will be happy to leave it behind and to look ahead with hope for newness of life wherever it may show up. If you want to encourage that for yourself, it would help greatly to spend some regular time in worship and get re-acquainted with the One who made you and loves you.

Yours in God's love.....Scott

## **Council Meeting**

**January 11 , 2010**

**7:00PM**

**We are looking forward to seeing someone from every committee at the meeting.**

**Nancy Pollock, Moderator**

**978-681-8976 or nancyandjim95@comcast.net**

### **Liturgists**

are needed to read at Sunday service.

Please sign up  
on the sheet on the board  
in the vestry.



**We need your voice!**

## **NOTICE OF ALL CHURCH**

**Annual Meeting**

**MEETING**

***FOREST STREET UNION CHURCH***

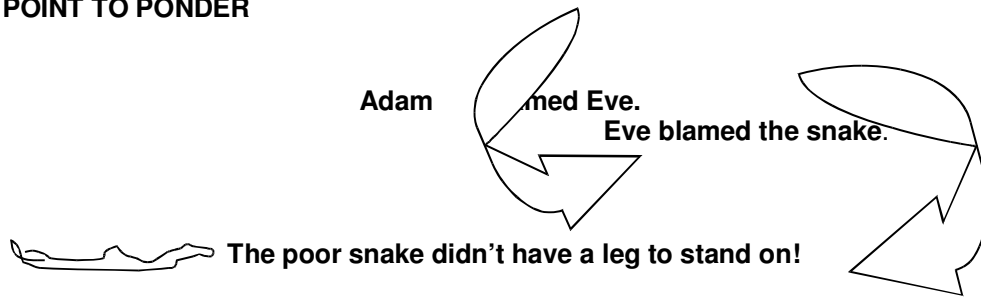
***SUNDAY, January 24, 2009***

The Annual Meeting will be held following the morning service on Sunday, January , 2010

**Frances L. Lajoie**

Church Clerk

**A POINT TO PONDER**



**MISSION COMMITTEE**

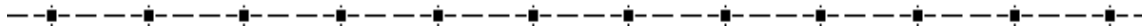
THIS MONTH WE Spent \$200 TO LAZARUS HOUSE  
\$200 TO BREAD AND ROSES  
\$238 To buy gifts for children for Christmas  
\$638.00



**Friendship Circle**

January 21, 2010  
2:00PM

All ladies of the church and their friends are welcome!



**Meeting Thursday 6:00PM**

**Weigh in starts at 5:30PM**

**Friday 9:30AM**

**Weigh in starts at 9:00AM**



## WORSHIP WATCH



January 3

First Sunday of 2010

Communion

Food Cart, Best Wishes

Scripture for the Day: John 1:1-18

Sermon: "The Word That Changed the World"

Liturgist: Mary-Ann Thibeault-Vandette

January 10

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

Scripture for the Day: Isaiah 60:1-6 (unison), Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon: "Apostrophe or Exclamation Point?"

Liturgist:

January 17

Second Sunday of Epiphany

Scripture for the Day: John 2:1-11

Sermon: "Cana, The first Miracle"

Liturgist:

January 24

Third Sunday of Epiphany

Scripture for the Day: Luke 4:14-21

Sermon: "The Dachshund Dilemma"

Liturgist:

January 31

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

Scripture for the Day: Jeremiah 1:4-5

Sermon: "Motivated for Life"

Liturgist:



Many thanks to those of you who contributed to my gift at Christmas.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Rev. Scott



**Forest Street Fellowship (a.k.a. Youth Group) News**

Help those in need. Forest Street Fellowship is collecting hygiene products for the homeless people in the area. We would like for you to donate items similar to the following:

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|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Toiletries      | Bandages      | Feminine Products | Neosporin      |
| Shaving Cream   | antiseptic    | Disposable razors | peroxide       |
| Shampoo         | antiseptic    | Conditioner       | cough drops    |
| Deodorant       | tooth brushes | Both lotion       | tooth paste    |
| Body Wash       | mouth rinse   | Lip Balm          | floss          |
| Facial Cleanser | tissues       | Nail Clippers     | hand sanitizer |
| Towels          |               |                   |                |

**Forest Street Fellowship News**

Over the Christmas Break we went Ice skating. With Friends and Family we had over 10 people and had a great time. We hope to go again.

On January 24 we are hoping to go to a movie “To Save a Life” which is about real-life challenges of teens and their choices. It is about finding God on your own terms in your own way.

We are looking for another driver. Please call Susan Walko if you can drive.

## **Game Night**

Forest Street Fellowship is sponsoring an all church Game Night on Sunday January 31 at 6pm in Fellowship Hall. We hope to see you all there. Feel free to bring your own game and a snack or beverage. Or just bring yourself and be prepared for fun.

Since we don't have enough attendance, we are discontinuing Junior High Fellowship. Youth in grades less than eighth grade will be invited to our monthly all church events. We will try again next year.

Senior High Fellowship is going strong and will continue to meet from 7:00 – 8:30 pm every Sunday evening. It is held in the Forest Street Fellowship Room and is open to all youth in grades eight to twelve. We hope to see you all there.

Susan Walko, Zach Zuill



## **The Hospitality Committee**

As you are reading this report, Christmas holiday is happy memory of all your family -get-togethers, and hopes for a happy, healthy and safe New Year .

Our many thanks to all persons and committees who have hosted the Fellowship Time in November. Thank you to all who brought casseroles, salads, and desserts for our Christmas pot luck luncheon. There were 40 + persons that enjoyed the Christmas Party and a visit with Santa, who brought gift for each of the Sunday School children.

Thank you to all who hosted a Fellowship Time in December:

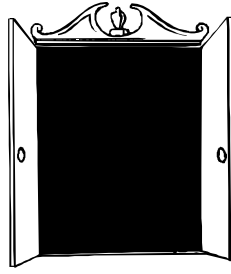
- Dec. 6th: The confirmation Class
- 13th: Pot Luck Luncheon
- 20th: Carolyn Keating and Ruth Hattori
- 27th: Missions Committee

Thank you all !!! It is because of the volunteer hostesses that the Fellowship Time continues .

Hostess are needed for the month of January. Won't you sign up for a Sunday , please ??

The Hospitality Committee:

Charlotte Eichner, Carolyn Keating, Ruth Yanagi and Ruth Hattori



## **FROM THE DEACON'S CLOSET**

As we bring another year of faithful service to the Sanctuary and Congregation of Forest Street Union Church to a close – we wish everyone a very Blessed and Happy, Healthy, New Year.

A reminder regarding **Fresh Flowers for the altar** on Sunday Mornings or Special Occasion Services. If anyone would like to have flowers placed as a celebration, Anniversary, or Memorial of a death for a loved one – please see Trudi Driscoll, Chair of the Deacons. – The church works with a local Methuen Florist who has filled our needs impeccably the past few years. Trudi orders flowers –the church is invoiced by the florist The individual offering them for the occasion then remits a check to the church for the cost Please see Trudi to make arrangements within the church calendar and for additional details. 978-682-8857

The Deacons **are looking to fill several vacancies** at annual meeting Jan 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 as terms have been completed by Ed MacKenzie, Jim Hathaway, Kasey Walko and Elaine Thibeault-Vandette. Also Robin LaTorre and Barry Reich. If anyone would like to serve – Deacons meet once a month and take turns in pairs serving for a month at a time in the Sanctuary for Sunday services. - Please contact Ed MacKenzie if you are interested. It is a very rewarding and fulfilling service within Forest Street Union Church



**Scott Sez.....**

**Helen Keller wrote, “I am only one but, still, I am one.  
I cannot do everything, but still, I can do something.  
I will not refuse to do something I can do.”**

**Please keep this thought in mind as the nominating committee  
does its job.**