
The Tower *Chimes*

Union Church of Pocantico Hills
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.....from the Pastor's desk

Harvest Fair 2011 is past! Gross receipts for the sale days, Oct. 14, 15 & 16 were: \$41,502, which compares favorably to past years. It is anticipated that the net receipts, too, will be favorable. All who worked, especially the departmental chairpersons, deserve our gratitude – they are all listed in this issue of the Tower Chimes.

Donna and Nordan Murphy are stepping aside from their duties as chairpersons of the White Elephant department. They have held that position since 2000, which means they have done their outstanding work at the last twelve Harvest Fairs and all the Spring Tag Sales we have held. We are grateful to them for their many hours of faithful work which was apparent in the appearance of the White Elephant tent and the many thousands of dollars raised by that department during their tenure. Thank you Sister and Bother-in-Law! (Nordan officiated at our marriage – 25 years later we noticed that the announcement of our marriage in a local paper said: “Nordan C. Murphy, bother-in-law of the groom officiated”.)

Diane Balicki and Joyce Skiko have agreed to serve as Chairpersons of the White Elephant Department – thank you, Diane and Joyce!

Rosalyn and I, along with our son Kenneth, of Placitas, NM, Margaret Gasser, Beth Coffman and Joyce Stanton, will depart for Morocco on November 3 and return November 18. The Rev. Mr. Simmons Gardner will be the preacher Nov. 6; and The Rev. Mr. Douglas Phillips will be the preacher Nov. 13.

Union Church will host the Community Thanksgiving Eve Service, Nov. 23 at 8:00 pm. Our Choir will participate in the Service; John Loase of Union Church and Paul Phillips of The Church of the Magdalene will speak on the Thanksgiving theme. Refreshments will be served by the Board of Deacons following the Service.

As I write this on Oct. 24, I am conscious that Thanksgiving is one month away and Christmas Eve is two months away. We all anticipate these holidays and expect to enjoy them together here and with family and friends. Christmas Eve comes on a Saturday this year. On Christmas Day we will have one Lord's Day Service at 11 am. Poinsettia order forms are included with this Tower Chimes.

LAMPSTAND

“...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)

This space is reserved for anyone who would like to share stories or experiences with us.

PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

Nov. 06 – *Guest Preacher*

Nov. 13 – *Guest Preacher*

Nov. 20 – “Jesus —*The King of Kings*”
Zachariah 9:9-10

Nov. 27 – “*An Advent Invitation to Come Home*” – Luke 15:11-24 (20)

INTER-FAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

An inter-faith community Thanksgiving Service will take place at Union Church on **Wednesday, November 23 at 8 p.m.** All are welcome to join us.

DINNER CLUB

Now that the Harvest Fair is over, we look forward to our **November 12** Dinner Club meeting—“Italian Night”. Our hosts will be calling you to see what dish you will be bringing (hopefully one that represents your family heritage or a favorite of yours growing up). Dinner starts at 6 p.m. with appetizers, beverages and warm conversation.

With Christmas just around the corner, we will be preparing for our annual Wreath Sale. On **Saturday, November 26**, we will come together at the church to decorate our wreaths amidst holiday music and refreshments. **Dinner Club members are asked to mark their calendars as follows:**

Saturday, November 26

Two sessions

9 - 11 a.m.

11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Please let us know when you will be available. We will need your help.

On **November 25**, Dinner Club members will help decorate the Sanctuary and the Parish Hall. Show up at 7 p.m.!

On **Saturday, December 10**, we will have our annual Christmas Dinner and Gift Swap. More details to follow.

Remember, you don't have to be a member of the Dinner Club to take advantage of these opportunities for fellowship. The more the merrier! Just let us know if you would like to join us. Call Matt or Victoria Mattoon at 232.8389.

<p><u>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS</u> Daylight Savings Time ends on <u>Sunday, November 6.</u> (Set clocks back one hour.)</p>

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA

Attached you will find our 2011 Christmas Poinsettia form.

These plants, provided by H. Carlson Florist, are a beautiful addition to our sanctuary as we celebrate the birth of our savior. And, you may transport that beauty to your own home following the 11 p.m. service on Christmas Eve by taking your plant(s) home with you.

If you wish to remember or celebrate a loved one during this joyous season, please complete and return the attached form no later than **December 11**. It is important to remember to print legibly so that your dedication will be printed accurately.

All checks should be made payable to Union Church. The price for each plant will remain at **\$14.00.**

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR KIDS

Children's Gift Request Forms from the Grandparents Coalition of Westchester will be available in the Parish Hall by **November 20**.

As you know from past years, this program is designed to help the many grandparents in Westchester County who are helping to raise their grandchildren and are in need of additional support during the holiday season. You are asked to choose an item from the list provided by the child, not to exceed \$30.00. Gift cards are also welcomed.

We will need to have your gifts under our tree in the Parish Hall by **December 11** for pick up.

Important: The packages are sent to two or three different agencies, so the Gift Request forms must be attached to the outside of the gift so they can be read easily for delivery purposes.

A POEM FROM A FRIEND

ANGELIC ASIDES

By Jay Albrecht

Breathtaking scarlet angel,
cloaked in fragile flakes,
arms reaching skyward, whispers:
"I billow out to Heaven and to you,
sun turning my raiment into holy blood.

For a time now and to come,
I flood your faith with red wonder,
touch your soft soul with my quiet love.
Touch, cherish me in return."

Nearby, a younger angel, arrayed
in golden filigree, sways its praise
and tells: "Let me teach you
grateful song for God's long day...
comforting His children,
healing their divisions,
making new your wonder
at our scarlet-golden love,
ere we coat this greengrown ground
with gilded, leafy blood."
"Winsome child, we call you brightly

with our colors to life's sweet tasks.
First, to love yourself from soul to body,
breath to yearning, acts to alleluias.

Then to drop beclinging burdens
to let yourself at last
love all the other children
with service and with song.

Soon, one golden-scarlet day,
you will belong."

FOR THE PARISH RECORD

Baptisms

Annabelle Lynn Saracino	7/30/11
Daughter of Gregory & Sarah Saracino	
Cameron Mae Dorzbacher	8/21/11
Daughter of David & Susan Dorzbacher	
Adell Katherine DeSilva	10/22/11
Daughter of Kathleen & Kevin DeSilva	
Megan Allie Anderson	10/23/11
Daughter of Mark & Nora Anderson	

New Members

Allison Forstmann	9/18/11
Stephan Forstmann	9/18/11
Dawn Lorenz	9/18/11
Michael Lorenz	9/18/11

Weddings

John Susino & Jaclyn Grillo	7/29/11
Mark Sebree & Clare Kendall	9/05/11
Angelo DiLascio & Keri Belloise	9/10/11
Yi Chen & Yi Zhao	10/18/11
Aaron Windecker & Melissa Minoque	10/22/11

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

- Our prayers and best wishes are extended to Kris Weltzheimer, who has not been well for several weeks. She tells us she is on the road to recovery and hopes to rejoin us and the choir in the near future.

2011 HARVEST FAIR WORKERS
By DEPARTMENT

Antiques

Victoria Mattoon & Ruth DiLorenzo

Arnold, Diane
 Bartholomew, Peggy
 Burns, Gabriele
 Coffey, Joan
 Garber, Maria
 Harrison, Mary
 Tapani-Rosenthal, Evelyn
 Vander Els, Christine

Bake Table – Mary Johnson & Joyce Skiko

Blackburn, Jack
 Gasser, Margaret
 Scazzero, Irene
 Collette Guerit

Books – Beth Coffman

Chapin, Samuel
 Hadad, Evelyn
 Murray, Alan

Boutique – Joan Coffman & Diane Sweeney

Burkley, Nancy
 Fink, Janet
 Imperato, Kathy
 Shaul, Nancy

Children's Clothing – Carol Staudter & Marjorie Martin

Caltagirone, Laura
 Drake, Mary
 Misten-Muller, Ann

Furniture – Matt Mattoon

Burkley, John
 DeHoff, Pete
 DiLorenzo, Chris
 DiLorenzo, John
 Frutig, Tom
 Harrison, Jim
 Sweeney, Bob
 Sweeney, Ryan

Jewelry –Linda DeLaurentis & Janet Graham

DeLaurentis, Olivia
 Forstmann, Allison
 Thaler, Caroline

Men's Clothing – Rosalyn DeHoff

Burkley, John
 Corrigan, Ed
 Dorzbacher, Carter
 Dorzbacher, Sharon
 Jacobaccio, Shawn
 Stanton, Joyce
 Volpaccion, Fred

Money Management – Jack Blackburn

DiLorenzo, Chris
 Graham, Bill Jr.
 Joao, Richard
 Murray, Kathy
 Staudter, Thomas
 Vander Els, Nick

Parking – Steve Silvera

DeLaurentis, Dylan
 Echt, Ben
 Graham, Bill
 Graham, Bill, Jr.
 Sobolik, Tom

Plants – Ethel & Fred Angst

Albrecht, Jay
 Zo Bjorgvinsson
 DeHoff, Peter
 Erdman, Carol
 Forstmann, Stephen
 Graham, William
 Loase, Gretchen
 Loase, John
 Nicolazzo, Miekele
 Shellhas, Bill
 Staudter, George

Raffle – Joyce Stanton

DeLandri, Allegra
 DeLaurentis, Olivia
 Vander Els, Elena

Women's Clothing – Rosalyn DeHoff

Balicki, Diane
 Bunt, Laura
 Chapin, Rita
 Chen, Vivian
 Coffman, Joan
 Dorzbacher, Sharon
 Frutig, Pat
 Misten-Muller, Ann

Scazzero, Betty
 Schellhas, Nancy
 Share, Melissa
 Skiko, Joyce
 Stanton, Joyce
 Weltzheimer, Kris

Runway Model –Union Church

Schellhas, Nancy

**White Elephant –
 Donna & Nordan Murphy**

Anderson, Mark
 Balicki, Diane
 Chaudhari, Ashok
 Corrigan, Ed
 DeHoff, Paul
 DeHoff, Peter
 DeHoff, Rosalyn
 Drake, Jeff
 Caltagirone, Laura
 Gasser, Margaret
 Harrison, Jim
 Imperato, Joe

Lockwood, Nancy
 Lorenz, Dawn
 Lorenz, Michael
 Nicolazzo, Mickle
 Perry, Greg
 Perry, Kim
 Schellhas, Bill
 Skiko, Joyce
 Silvera, Steve
 Strasser, Elizabeth
 Stanton, Joyce
 Sweeney, Robert

The Harvest Fair is a lot of work! All who have “pitched in” make it happen and each of us has in some way our own reward of a task well-done, of fellowship enjoyed, of providing financial resources for Union Church’s ministry and proclamation of the gospel. THANK YOU, each and every one!

Articles for the **DECEMBER** Tower Chimes are due no later than **November 29**.
