
The Tower *Chimes*

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.....from the Pastor's desk

It has been a long three weeks since the news of Anne Klami's death fell upon us; it is a weight hard to carry. Anne was a lover: she loved her family, her many friends, the church – Union Church, which she proudly called “her church” – not that she possessed it, rather she was possessed by Christ Jesus her Lord, who was incarnated for her by this particular body of Christ – Union Church. We miss her beyond expression. A Memorial Service will be held Nov. 6 at 11 a.m. at Union Church. Her family has asked that any wanting to give gifts memorializing her do so to the Pastoral Endowment of Union Church, and/or the American Heart Association.

The fall version of the Harvest Fair was held Oct. 15, 16 & 17. Gross receipts from twenty hours of selling were: \$46339.56. The spring version of this event had gross receipts of \$13,800. There are “on-going” sales that will be reported separately. The Harvest Fair Committee, made up of department chairpersons, has met for feed-back and evaluation. The Fair dates for 2011 will be: May 6 & 7, and Oct. 14, 15, & 16.

What happens to all those items not sold at the Harvest Fair? Some departments may hold back a select few items for the next sale. Women's and men's clothing is picked up by the Sharing Community, Yonkers; children's clothing is delivered to Head Start; white elephants and linens are picked up by Strengthen Our Sisters, a children's and women's shelter; books are delivered for recycling; furniture is moved to the curb where 90% of it is taken by the general public, the remainder is picked up by the Town of Mt. Pleasant.

Please note in this issue of the Tower Chimes the listing of Harvest Fair Department Chairpersons and those who worked with them in this year's Fair – our thanks to all who participated!

Please note more detailed information about the Fall Fine Arts Series elsewhere in this issue of the Tower Chimes. It is a stellar Series – you won't want to miss any of the three events.

Union Church will host an Inter-Faith, Community Thanksgiving Eve Service on November 24 at 8:00 p.m. A representative from each of the three faiths of the book: Jewish, Christian, Muslim, will speak on the theme of gratitude (thanksgiving) as a life-style rather than a once-a-year feast. The speakers are: Joyce Stanton, Patricia Griffin, and Dr. Hassan. The Board of Deacons will host a post-Service Reception.

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 those who would like to share life experiences and/or observations of how God’s teachings work in their lives and the lives of others.

PREACHING SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

- Nov. 07 – “*Charisma Is a Christian Word*”-
1 Corinthians 12:4-11 (4-5)
Nov. 14 – “*Really Radical Religion*” –
1 Corinthians 12:27-13:13
Nov. 21 – “*The Greatest Cause In the World*”
Matthew 6:24-34
Nov. 28 – “*The Storm and the Sound of
Silence*” – 1 Kings 19:1-12

NOVEMBER CONCERT SERIES

Our November concert series features three music events that will enrich your mind and spirit!

November 7 **Spanish/Portuguese Guitar and Organ Concert – 3 p.m.**

Pedro daSilva is an eclectic and versatile composer and guitarist. He will be accompanied by his wife, Lucia Caruso, an accomplished organist, who has performed as a soloist, and with her husband in several countries. Both have composed musical scores for films and are, respectively, Associate Director and Composer, and Artistic Director and Composer of the Manhattan Camerata.

November 14 **Three Organists Spectacular - 3 p.m.**

The Three Organists Spectacular features Kathryn Jones, Joseph Nigro and our own Thomas Zachacz performing works by Bach, Chauvet, Guilmant, Vierne, Franck, Boëllman

and others. We welcome them back to Union Church.

November 21 **Kim and Reggie Harris in Concert – 3 p.m.**

Last year, Kim and Reggie Harris presented their program entitled, “The Underground Railroad” and provided us with a most delightful performance making history come to life through music and stories. We look forward to their return in concert.

Reservations for all three events can be made by calling Union Church (914.631.2069). Admission is \$10.00 per person.

INTER-FAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

An inter-faith community Thanksgiving Service will take place at Union Church on Wednesday, **November 24 at 8 p.m.** All are welcome to join us.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA

The Christmas season is just around the corner, and it’s time to start thinking about your poinsettia order.

If you wish to remember or celebrate a loved one during this joyous time, please complete the enclosed order form. It is important to remember that when completing the form, print legibly so that your dedication will be printed accurately.

We ask that you return your order, along with your check, by **December 5**. All checks should be made payable to Union Church. The price for each plant will be **\$14.00**.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR KIDS

Union Church will partner with the Westchester County Grandparents Coalition again this year to help provide Christmas gifts for children.

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.

We expect that Gift Request forms will be available by November 21. Each form will provide you with the name, age and sex of the child, along with his/her three requests. You are asked to decide on one of the three, spending no more than \$30.00. The gifts will be picked up at Union Church on **December 14**. We will need to have your gifts under our tree in the Parish Hall no later than **December 12**.

Important: The packages are usually 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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT STUDY GROUP

Our Wednesday night study group has begun its fall schedule. We are studying *“Early Christianity: The Experience of the Divine.”* Professor Luke Timothy Johnson, Emory University, will present each evening’s 30 minute lecture, which is followed by re-action and discussion. You are invited to attend.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Daylight Savings Time ends on
Sunday, November 7.
(Set clocks back one hour.)

DINNER CLUB NEWS

The Dinner Club of Union Church is very busy this time of year. Here are our upcoming events:

- Sat. 11/13** – International Dinner
- Fri. 11/26** – Decorate Sanctuary & Parish Hall For Christmas

Sat. 11/27 – Wreath Making – 9 a.m.*

Sat. 12/11 – Christmas party – 6 p.m.**

Sun. 1/02/11 – Take Down Decorations

Join us!

We welcome participants and volunteers!

*There are different time slots for this event. Volunteers usually come in for 2 hours or more.

**The dinner Club Christmas party will be held at Union Church this year. We look forward to a cozy, catered (main dishes) affair.

TRAVEL TO MOROCCO

During November of 2011, we are planning a 16-day trip to Morocco. If you would like to consider accompanying us, I will be pleased to provide information. Overseas Adventure Travel is organizing this trip at a cost of \$3600/person.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

- A sadness has fallen over Union Church with the passing of Anne Klami following heart surgery and a stroke. Anne was an active member of our congregation, a friend to all, and a very giving person. We all will miss her. A memorial service will be held on **Saturday, November 6, at 11 a.m.** We extend our deepest sympathies to her husband, Bob, their children and grandchildren.
- We also have been notified of the death of Linda DeLaurentis’ father, after a long illness. We extend our condolences to Linda, Mark and their family.
- Earlier this week, we found out that Addison Dorzbacher, daughter of Susan and David and granddaughter of Carter and Sharon, had been diagnosed with

bacterial pneumonia and hospitalized at Maria Fareri Children's Hospital in Valhalla. It was and anxious few days, but we are now told that she responded very well to treatment and has been released. Our very best wishes to the Dorzbacher family.

- Christopher Garibaldi was hired recently by the New York City Board of Education as a sixth and seventh grade Special Education teacher for math and science at the Mott Hall Community School in Throgs Neck. Way to go, Chris! We congratulate you and wish you much success.

IN MEMORIAM

As requested by the family, the following people have gifted the Pastoral Ministry Endowment Fund in loving memory of Anne Klami:

Joan Coffman
Paul & Rosalyn DeHoff
Chris & Ruth DiLorenzo
Glenna Epperson
Janet & Bill Graham
The Klami Family
Lois & Tony Ventriglia

We gratefully acknowledge and accept these gifts in Anne's name.

HAVE YOU MISSED OUR CALLS?

There were a number of people who notified us that they had not received some of our recent PhoneTree messages. This problem is a result of the blocks on phone lines that help to eliminate nuisance calls. You can avoid this problem by providing us with a cell phone number for our PhoneTree program.

FOR THE PARISH RECORD

Deaths

Anne Klami 10/05/10

Weddings

George Whiteley & Sally Bliss 10/02/10
Kevin Roberts & Carrie Schupper 10/09/10
Michael Pelczynski & Jennifer Burns 10/23/10

New Member

John Hayward Burkley 10/03/10

**Articles for the DECEMBER Tower
Chimes are due by NOVEMBER 28.**
