

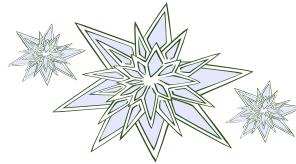


The CRIER

January 2012

Worship in January

January 1	Paul Alcorn preaching
January 8	<i>Epiphany</i> Paul Alcorn preaching
January 15	<i>Martin Luther King Weekend</i> Rachel Thompson preaching
January 22	Paul Alcorn preaching
January 29	Rachel Thompson preaching



Office Hours for the Holidays

Please note that the church office will be closed Friday, December 30th. The church office hours on December 27th, 28th and 29th will be 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. Happy New Year!

Middle School and High School Ski Trip to Okemo

The Middle School and High School Youth Groups will be leaving Friday, January 13 for Okemo in Ludlow, Vermont and will return Monday, January 16. The deadline to submit forms and a check made payable to Bedford Presbyterian Church is **Sunday, January 8, 2012**. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy DiBiasi at 234-3672 x204 or Kathy@bedfordpreschurch.org.

Stewardship Campaign Update—The Beat Goes On

As of December 15th, 123 members and friends have informed the church of 2012 giving intentions of \$352,891. These members put us over 75% of our goal to pledge more in 2012 than the \$459,000 that was pledged for 2011. Your participation and commitment is equally important and we urge you to pledge even a small amount if you can. Last year we received 144 pledges and we hope to exceed that number for 2012.

If you are among this generous group, we offer our heartiest thanks! If we have not yet heard from you, please give your prayerful consideration to how you might support this church that does so much for so many people, and return your pledge card to the church office at your earliest convenience. That way, our church leaders will know what resources will be available to accomplish Bedford Presbyterian Church's superb ministry, programs, and outreach in 2012. We all need to please bear in mind that the people we serve need the ministry of our church now more than ever.

Your Stewardship Committee: David Hardy, Chairman; Roy Hermansen, Mac Hurry, Polly Muller-Girard, Steve Skillman, Anne Sweazey, Rachel Thompson

Have you considered a gift to Bedford Presbyterian Church through your will? For more information, please contact Linda Burpee at 914-248-6055 or Anne Sweazey at 914-495-4625. Please contact the church office if you would like a copy of the new brochure "How to Make a Will that Works."

Remember! Joyful Noise and BPC Choir resume in January

Joyful Noise begins Tuesday, January 10, 2012

BPC Choir begins Thursday, January 12, 2012

Habitat for Humanity Work Days in 2012 are the following Saturdays;
January 7, February 11, March 10, April 14 and June 23. If you are interested in volunteering, Please contact Chris Perry 914-301-5392 or Chris-Perry@RCSNY.org

The next Midnight Run date is **February 3rd** (Rippowam Cisque).



Mistletoe Mart Thank You

This year's Mistletoe Mart was a great success because of the individual and community effort of all of you who worked on it. Many thanks to each and every one of you! Whatever your contribution: crafting, quilting, sewing, baking, organizing, working or shopping; your contribution made a difference and is truly appreciated.

Wishing you and yours a very happy New Year!

With gratitude, The Bedford Presbyterian Women

MILLIE KANE LUNCHEON

It shouldn't come as a surprise that several of our guests call it "The Best Senior Citizen Event of the Year!" Every December, on the Wednesday after the huge undertaking of Mistletoe Mart, our church hosts the Millie Kane Luncheon for seniors from our church and from St. Patrick's Catholic Church. The tables are beautifully decorated, the food is fabulous, Santa is hilarious, the Bedford Bellringers play, and John leads the group in Christmas carols. There are gifts for every guest and some of the table decorations are given away. It's a beautiful, generous occasion, giving a little something back to people who have given so much of themselves over the years.

And so kudos and gratitude to super-organizer Kristin Rover and her able team of helpers: Ann Breidenbach, Leah DeSantis, Nancy Gernert, Anne Hardy, Christa Kuusisto, Jennifer Nespole, Sam Politi, Cheryl Raman, Linda Wall, Robyn McCree, Carolyn Mayadas, Mary Lou Pappas and Jim Johnson. Thank you to a team from the Bedford Bellringers: Shodie Alcorn, Mari Hurry, Marcy Carlson, and Hope Black.

ESP Thanks You

To all our volunteers listed below, the Emergency Shelter Partnership says thank you, we could not have done it without you.

Dale Akinla, Gordon Aydelott, Christian Balzano, Donna Besteiro, Paige Bluhdorn, Anna Bluhdorn, Audrey Bluhdorn, Samantha Boege, Kendall Boege, Harper Boege, McClain Boege, Linda Burpee, Bing Carlson, Marcy Carlson, Susan Davidson, Leah DeSantis, Jonathan DeSantis, Kathy DiBiasi, Abbott Fleur, Nancy Gernert, David Hardy, Carla Hawryluk, Don Herner, Heather Markert, Carolyn Mayadas, Jean Palmer, Matt Politi, Samantha Politi, Lee Robbins, Nancy Robbins, Robbie Scott, Nina Wagner

The Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry

We have our 2012 volunteer schedule. Bedford Presbyterian will be manning the following work shifts:

Tuesday, January 10	5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 1	9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, February 21	5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 21	9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, April 10	5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 24	5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 2	9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, May 22	5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 13	9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

If you can work any of the above work shifts, please contact Harriette Scott at loscott2@optonline.net or 914/244-4437 or Cecilia Rosenblum at clr4tny@optonline.net or 914/645-2096.

Christmas Gratitude

The Advent and Christmas season at BPC is always special, always lovely, always hospitable, and always mindful of the needs of others, thanks to the work of so many people. We would like to thank anyone who did any of the following:

- hosted a Coffee Hour
- ushered at a service
- provided food to the ESP or stayed overnight
- played an instrument in the Instrumental Ensemble, or directed it
- sang a song or rang a bell
- shopped at or helped with Mistletoe Mart
- helped with the Millie Kane luncheon
- brought a meal to someone
- taught in Sunday Spirit
- did anything for the Midnight Run
- decorated the sanctuary or provided lunch for the decorators
- participated in or helped with the Children's Pageant
- worked on Habitat for Humanity in December
- worked at the Food Pantry in December
- supported our middle school youth in buying toys for the Children's Center
- supported the high school Boot and Jean Drive
- helped with or contributed to our Christmas Dove Tree

In other words, everyone who contributed to the Christmas spirit of this congregation is deeply appreciated. Many many thanks!



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