

The Messenger December 2008

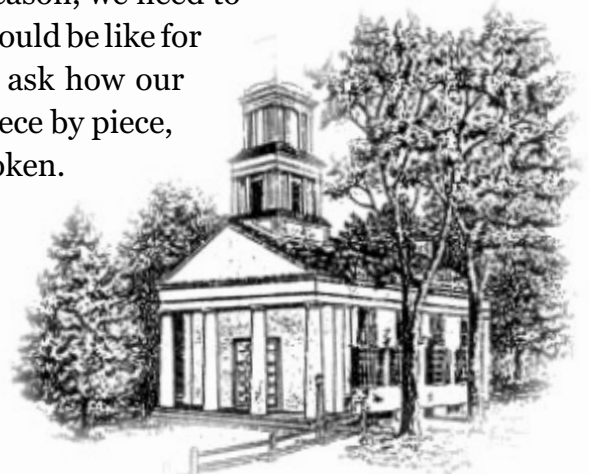
Reflections

I will be leaving for Wisconsin on Sunday to spend Thanksgiving with my family. This is the one holiday each year I am away from Colebrook. This year will be somewhat different. My brother-in-law, Jim, passed away this morning and I will be holding a small service for him on Thanksgiving Eve. He has been ill for a while and his death comes as no surprise to any of us. But, no matter how well prepared we might think we are, we never are ready. I will do my best to support my sister and her family during the time I will be with them.

When I return we will be stepping into Advent, that time of year when in scripture and in song we prepare to welcome the coming of the Christ child. This coming is symbolized by a birth in a stable in a place long ago and far away. But, the true coming of Christ should never be something that occurs far away from us. The true coming should be the discovery that we have allowed the life and teachings of Jesus into our hearts and souls and minds. After we do this, our lives should be changed and we should desire to share what we know, through the example of our lives, with others we encounter. In this way, we plant the seeds for a more harmonious community and world.

As we mark the days and nights of the Advent season, we need to pause for a moment or two to consider what life would be like for us had there never been a Jesus. We need to ask how our world might be different. Then, bit by bit and piece by piece, we must move forward to mend what has been broken.

Love and peace, *Pastor Alice*



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Many events are coming up as we enter the Advent and Christmas season.

November 26: Pick up pie orders at the church 4-6p.m. Call Debi McKeon 738-0850 if you can't pick up your pie(s) at this time

November 30: Decorate the church and share a potluck lunch immediately following worship. Dress casually. There will be a special craft for children. Sponsored by the Deacons. For info call Debi McKeon, 738-0850



December 13:
Breakfast with Santa, at the church 8:30-10:30 a.m. Santa and his Elves will be present. Come and enjoy a pancake breakfast and a visit with Santa.

December 13:
Colebrook Christmas Fair at Town Hall and the Community Center, 9:30-2:00 p.m. crafts, cookies and candy will abound. There will also be a number of vendors present to help you find the perfect gift.

December 14: The Annual Children's Christmas Program during the regular time of worship.

December 14: Annual Carol Sing, 4p.m. at the church. Please note the time change Everyone is invited. Come for carol singing and goodies.

December 24: Christmas Eve Service, 5 p.m.

COLEBROOK CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Auxiliary will be sponsoring a table at the Christmas Fair on December 13. We need goodies to sell. Candy, jams, jellies, knit items, rubs, etc. Whatever you would like to donate will be greatly appreciated. Any questions? Call Pastor Alice, 379-2517.

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PIE SALE

This was the first year the Auxiliary has offered pies for Thanksgiving. As of the most recent count, 61 pies had been ordered. Debi McKeon headed up this event. Thanks to her efforts and the wonderful group of volunteers who stepped up to help make crusts, peel apples, measure flour and sugar and cinnamon, the church will receive a much needed check.

MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

February 1: Super Bowl Sub Sale and Bake Sale.

February 21: Community Dinner at the Community & Senior Center.

Both of these events are sponsored by the Auxiliary. Your support is needed and welcome. More details to come.

NEW MEMBERS

On Sunday, November 23, 5 new members were welcomed into fellowship: Josephine Carrozza, Susan Kenny, Frankie Polidoro, Isobel Young and William Young.

Please be sure to welcome them!

POINSETTIA ORDERS

If you would like to order a poinsettia for Christmas, please pick up an order form at the church, or call Pastor Alice, 379-2517. We are offering White, Red and Pink plants this year. The cost is \$13.00 for singles, \$23.00 for double plants, \$32.00 for triple plants. The order deadline is December 10. The Colebrook Lions club supplies these beautiful plants.

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