

The Friendly Word *NEWSLETTER*

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From the Senior Minister

Recently I read a comment by another preacher that we need to remember that Christmas is Jesus' birthday not ours. We should not focus on getting gifts but on giving gifts. And so I would like to commend Jan Cliggott and all the others who took part in the "reverse offering" this past month. Our aim was to gather warm weather gear for children at Hyannis West Elementary School. Most of the children in that school live in poverty including a large number of children whose families are homeless.

I remember when we lived in Georgia when one winter day school was called off, not because of ice or snow but because it was cold. Having been brought up in Cleveland and having lived in Massachusetts for 7 years I just shook my head. Then someone explained it to me. We lived in an area where many families lived on a marginal income. They did not have the means to buy their children coats. How much worse is it for children in the northeast to lack hats and coats and sweaters and scarves!

After members and friends of our church brought their warm clothing items to church Jan wrote, "Sandy Laliberte came to my home today with many bags of items from our reverse collection. Her daughter, Nicci (former Hyannis West student), joined us later. We are just overwhelmed with the support received from the family and friends of the Federated Church for the young children at Hyannis West Elementary School. As we opened each bag, it was obvious that donors spent time in selecting items for these children. Everything was given from the heart. Every child should feel warm and cozy when they go out to recess.

"Sandy and I will present our collection to Hyannis West before the end of the week.

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From the Senior Minister Continued...

What did we find in all the bags?
Hats: 65; mittens: 98; scarves: 34;
shirts: 15; socks: 183; sweaters: 15;
sweatshirts: 35; one winter jacket and 5
sets of long underwear!!” We are
looking to expand this offering to
include other schools.

I think of the words of Mary as she
pondered the birth of her son Jesus.
Mary said, “He has filled the hungry
with good things, and sent the rich
away empty.” I think the best way to
see that you are not one of the rich sent
away empty is to give to the needy
good things.

Dr. John



**Nicci Laliberte sorting through
items given by the Federated
Church family and friends for the
children of Hyannis West.**



**Christian Education
Corner**

Thanks to all who made our Christmas Pageant a very special celebration! The wonderful “ABC Nativity” book is on display in the parlor for anyone who didn’t have a chance to see it. Sunny O’Neill led everyone in creating a true community effort with beautiful poetry from Christine Civitarese and lots of coloring and thoughts from everyone! Of course our young people’s added comments certainly added to the reading! The lunch prepared by Betsy, Geri, and helpers was much appreciated by all. The readers, choir, and Kristy helped make it a rich experience. Finally Joseph (Jim Gilchrist), Mary (Jenny Sabia) and baby Jesus (Lily Anne Sabia) were a special tableau to remind us of what Christmas is all about!

Sunday School will be taking a break until January 22nd, but the nursery will resume on January 8th.

Don’t forget our Youth StreetReach breakfast on Saturday, January 14th from 7-10am in Fellowship Hall. A sign-up sheet for casseroles is outside the office for anyone who would like to help. As always, you are invited to drop by, enjoy breakfast and meet youth from all over Cape Cod, and homeless and formerly homeless guests.

Our pre-confirmation class will be attending services at the Cape Cod Synagogue on Friday, February 10th. Let me know if you would like to join us and learn more about the roots of our Christian faith.

Our “Food For Thought” Bible study will resume on Sunday, February 12th immediately after our Worship Service. All are welcome so plan to join us!

Peace & Joy, Marilyn





Christmas Commons has come and gone – along with a great deal of hard work combined with fellowship as we worked together towards a common goal.

The candy cupboard did very well because many people helped out by giving me supplies, money to buy necessary ingredients and paper products. Others helped by wrapping the boxes, packaging the candy and working at the candy table. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart and also to those of you who bought our candy. You made it a success!

Very Sincerely,

Lou Field

*Let us come before his presence with
thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise
unto him with psalms.*

Psalms 95:2

Women's Fellowship

Happy New Year everyone! To start this season we'll be having our annual installation meeting on January 9th at 1:00 p.m.

Following our meeting we'll have a White Elephant (Yankee Swap) which is always fun. If you received a Christmas gift that was the wrong color or size or something you just don't need, then wrap it up and bring it along with you on January 9th. One woman's junk is another woman's treasure.

Please invite friends and neighbors to come and join in the fun and refreshments after the program. **AND** remember we are meeting on the 2nd Monday this month. Hope to see you there.

Blessings,

Wendy Mc Kay

Thank you from Priscilla...

A big “thank you” goes to all of my wonderful helpers at the Christmas Commons Jewelry Store. Sara Baker, Georgie Childs, Jean Keavy, Rene King, and Sherrie Scudder did a great job keeping everything under control and selling our merchandise. Thanks also to my husband, René, who helped me get all of the jewelry from home to the church and back again. You were a great team and I am looking forward to working with you again next year.

Another thank you goes to those of you who donated your gently used jewelry. I will always accept pieces throughout the year to replenish the stock both for Christmas and the summer lawn sales. Because we did so well this year, I am definitely in need of a new supply of bracelets, rings and men's jewelry ~ whatever you have that you no longer wish to keep. You may give them to me in church or leave them at the office.

If there is anyone who would like to help me during the summer at the lawn sales, I certainly could use you. You would only be needed to wait on customers. Please call me at 508-778-6688 or email me at misscarlie@aol.com if you could work with me for a few Fridays during July, August or September. The more people who could help, the fewer number of days I would need you. I will be in Florida most of the winter, but that phone number is my cell, so you can reach me anytime.

**Christmas Blessings to all of
you.....Priscilla Saulnier**

Christmas Commons 2011

The annual Christmas Commons Fair held on Dec. 2nd and 3rd was another big success. Thank you to all who contributed in any way, either by Chairing or working on a booth, cooking, sewing, decorating, crafting, or donating or purchasing items. Final figures are not quite in, but we are sure that we will meet last year's figures.

We are fortunate to have so many members and friends who continue to work long hours all year long in order to have a successful fair. In addition to the money raised to benefit the general fund of the Church, the fair is a wonderful way to share our talents and to friendship with one another.

Thank you for all your hard work and start thinking about Christmas Commons 2012!

Betsy and Geri

The Friendly Thrift Shop

We hope that everyone had a wonderful and harmonious Christmas. What a beautiful time of the year this is as we ring in the New Year.

We're in need of nice.....

Games, puzzles, kids clothes, electronics, {radios or clocks} dishes, hats, gloves and knick-knacks.

Please keep the plastic bags coming, we use them all year long.

Please remember that the Friendly Thrift Shop will be closed until January 12th and will reopen at our regular time of 10:00 am.

At this special time we'd like to thank all of our thoughtful volunteers for all of their help through the entire year.

New Years blessing,

Wendy Mc Kay

Sunday, January 15, 2012

**The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Worship Service of Remembrance**



Keynote Speaker – The Rev. Liz Walker

**At the Federated Church at 3:00 p.m.
Silent March from the Village Green
at 2:45 p.m.**

*There is neither Jew nor Greek,
there is neither slave nor free,
there is neither male nor female;
for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

Gal 3:28

*Free at last. Free at last.
Thank God Almighty,
we are free at last!*

*Martin Luther King Jr.,
August 28, 1963*



Martin Luther King Day

Scripture Readings for January

First Sunday after Christmas Day

January 1, 2012

Isaiah 61:10-62:3, Psalm 148, Galatians 4:4-7,
Luke 2:22-40

Holy Name of Jesus

January 1, 2012

(Mary, Mother of God)

Numbers 6:22-27, Psalm 8, Galatians 4:4-7,
Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 2:15-21

New Year's Day

January 1, 2012

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13, Psalm 8, Revelation 21:1-6a,
Matthew 25:31-46

Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2012

Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14, Ephesians 3:1-
12, Matthew 2:1-12

Baptism of the Lord

January 8, 2012

First Sunday after the Epiphany

Genesis 1:1-5, Psalm 29, Acts 19:1-7, Mark 1:4-11

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 15, 2012

1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20), Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18, 1
Corinthians 6:12-20, John 1:43-51

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 22, 2012

Jonah 3:1-5, 10, Psalm 62:5-12, 1 Corinthians
7:29-31, Mark 1:14-20

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 29, 2012

Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Psalm 111, 1 Corinthians
8:1-13, Mark 1:21-28



Marge Scudder ~ 5

Kyle Paron ~ 5

Dede Fish ~ 6

Sandy Scudder ~ 7

Linda Macallister ~ 9

Jan Cliggott ~ 13

Betsy Hendricks ~ 17

Charlie Powers ~ 18

Eileen Repose ~ 21

Jean Smith ~ 23

Althea Johnson ~ 27

Marge Bjork ~ 30

Dennis Gonzales ~ 30

Gert Allison ~ 31



Mission Committee

As 2011 ends, and 2012 begins, we would like to express gratitude to our congregation for their continued support of our various Missions. In addition to your monetary contributions, you have been generous with your donations of special projects such as the annual Mother's Day Diaper Drive.

We also want to thank those who are so loyal in giving of their time in serving lunch at the Salvation Army. This is a special mission that has continued for many years and is greatly appreciated by the Salvation Army and their clients.

Although not a Mission Committee project, we want to also thank Jan Cliggott and Sandy Laliberte for initiating the "Reverse Collection". This resulted in the collection of over 400 articles of clothing to be donated to the Hyannis West Elementary School, a school identified as having a large population of needy families. The congregation was so generous in their contributions that clothing was also distributed to the Hyannis Elementary School. Thank you to all who contributed in any way to this collection.

Musical Musings

Happy New Year! Beginning with this newsletter, I thought it might be fun to feature a composer whose birthday falls on that particular month. A composition written by that composer will be played or sung sometime during that month.

For January, I have chosen Muzio Clementi. He was born in Rome, Italy, on January 23, 1752. His full name was Mutius Philippus Vincentius Franciscus Xaverius Clementi!

He began his musical studies at the age of 7, and by age 12 little Muzio had already composed an oratorio and a mass. A wealthy Englishman visiting Rome heard him play and "bought" him from his father for seven years. So Clementi became a servant in Peter Beckford's home, and his job was to provide music for his employer's enjoyment. It is said that he practiced the works of Bach and Scarlatti for 8 hours a day!

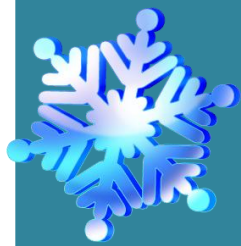


At the age of 21, Muzio began making public appearances, and his flamboyant piano technique made him famous. He was considered the greatest piano virtuoso of his time, earning the nickname "father of modern piano technique."

He is best known for his piano sonatas and sonatinas, which have been in continuous use since they were published in 1795. In addition to being a composer and performer, Clementi was a much sought after teacher, charging his pupils the equivalent of \$100 per hour! He also ran a successful music publishing business (having sole rights to all of Beethoven's compositions) AND produced his own brand of pianos.

Muzio Clementi died in Worcestershire, England, and was buried with much pomp at the Westminster Abbey.

Kristy Kerins, Director of Music



January 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1. 9 am – Senior Choir Rehearsal (BH) 10 am - Worship Service 6:30 p.m. - Overnight of Hospitality (FH)	2. Office Closed	3.	4. 6:30 pm – Senior Choir (S)	5. 	6. <i>Annual Reports are Due.</i>	7. 
8. 9 am – Senior Choir Rehearsal (BH) 10 am - Worship Service	9. 10 am - Staff Meeting (P) 1 pm – Women’s Fellowship (BH) 3:30 – 4:30 pm – Sing Along (Mayflower Place)	10. 6 pm – Ladies Of The Night	11. 6:30 pm – Senior Choir (S)	12. 10- 3:00 pm – Friendly Thrift Shop	13. 10- 3:00 pm – Friendly Thrift Shop	14. 7 am – Youth StreetReach Breakfast 10 - 1 pm - Friendly Thrift Shop
15. <i>Newsletter Articles are Due.</i> 9 am – Senior Choir Rehearsal (BH) 10 am - Worship Service 3 pm – Martin Luther King Jr. Service	16. 10 am - Staff Meeting (P)	17.	18. 6:30 pm – Senior Choir (S)	19. 10- 3:00 pm – Friendly Thrift Shop	20. 10- 3:00 pm – Friendly Thrift Shop	21. 10 - 1 pm - Friendly Thrift Shop
22. 9 am – Senior Choir Rehearsal (BH) 10 am - Worship Service, Sunday Sch. 11:30 am – Healing & Reconciliation Service 6:30 pm - Overnight of Hospitality (FH)	23. 10 am - Staff Meeting (P) 3:30 – 4:30 pm – Sing Along (Mayflower Place)	24. 6 pm – Ladies Of The Night	25. 6:30 pm – Senior Choir (S)	26. 10- 3:00 pm – Friendly Thrift Shop	27. 10- 3:00 pm – Friendly Thrift Shop	28. 10 - 1 pm - Friendly Thrift Shop
29. 9:00 am – Senior Choir Rehearsal (BH) 10:00 am - Worship Service, Sunday School 11:30 am – Annual Meeting 6:30 pm - Overnight of Hospitality (FH)	30. 10 am - Staff Meeting (P)	31. 	<p><i>Drop thy still dens of quietness till our strivings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered life confess the beauty of thy peace.</i></p>			

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**Vision Statement of
The Federated Church of Hyannis**

Our vision for The Federated Church of Hyannis is of an inter-generational, inter-cultural, faithful Christian church, committed to maturing discipleship that cares for its members, reaches out to the community, and serves as a beacon of hope to all.

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