

SUNDAY SPIRIT

“The Christmas Story”

Ages 4 and under, Room 11: Located upstairs in the Christian Education Wing

Grades K-5, Room 9: Located upstairs in the Christian Education Wing

Christmas Giving Via the Mission Committee

Would you like your gift giving to be more than what is under your tree? Would you like your gift giving to reach others in our community?

What about...

Gifts for children at Neighbors Link?

Gift cards for A-Home residents?

New Socks for the Midnight Run?

The Mission Committee has placed stars on the bulletin board in Fellowship.

Each star will have a gift suggestion. Take a star. Purchase the gift. Return it to the church by **December 11**. We will make sure your gifts are delivered.

Share the Warmth

The Community Center of Northern Westchester is seeking the following NEW, unwrapped items for children, infants through 18 years:

Warm Sleepwear

Socks and Slippers

Hats, Scarves and Gloves

Drop off at 84 Bedford Road, Katonah, NY, Tuesday-Friday, 10-4 and Saturday 10-1.

If you would like to assist with the distribution of collected items, please call 232-6572 or email info@communitycenternw.org

Holiday Wish List

The Parenting Center at Bedford Hills has a holiday wish list of items for children of various ages and nursery moms. Please see the flyer outside the church office for a complete list of permitted and requested items with instructions on how to deliver them. For more information, contact Deb Rigano at 914-241-3100 x4.

EMERGENCY SHELTER PARTNERSHIP

BPC is hosting the ESP from December 31 –January 6. We need volunteers for the following:

- 1.** Prepare & serve dinner for approximately 20 people. This involves preparing a simple meal, such as a stew, a chicken casserole or lasagna. We'll give you more detailed suggestions once you sign up. Typically, you will arrive at the church at 9 PM and you will be done shortly after 10PM. It's best if there are two or three of you to help serve.
- 2.** Prepare breakfast bags. Breakfast items such as bagels, muffins, hard boiled eggs, fruit and a juice have to be bagged and brought to the church the evening before.
- 3.** Stay overnight in the Church. The ESP has a paid staff member who sleeps in Fellowship Hall with the group. In addition, we like a member of our congregation to spend the night, in a separate space, (Kathy Di Biasi's office), to be available in case of an emergency. We have never had an emergency situation, but we do need a church member to stay over. You can leave as early as 6:00 AM the next morning.
- 4.** Our guests have a shower at the Church during the week. Donations of soap and shampoo will be welcome. Please drop it off in the designated container outside the Church office.

Please contact Shirani at shiranip@gmail.com, telephone 845-797-6435 or Joan at the Church Office, 234-3672. A sign up sheet will also be available in Fellowship Hall following Sunday services beginning November 25. We really appreciate your help with this wonderful program which provides shelter for homeless men and women in Northern Westchester.

THANK YOU!!

To Vicki Dey, the wonderful chefs and bakers, and Santa himself who made the MILLIE KANE LUNCHEON such a marvelous and festive event!

CALLING ALL "DECORATORS!"

**Sunday, December 16
after church**



Whether your strong suit is tying bows or manhandling large trees; whether you're a senior citizen or a kid or somewhere in between, you're invited to our annual Decorate-the-Sanctuary party. We need lots of help as we transform our sanctuary from Advent to Christmas, and there's a job for everyone. There will be Christmas music, a light pizza lunch provided by the Deacons, and plenty of hot cider to keep you energized and full of good cheer. We hope you'll join us. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall today, so we can plan food more effectively.

This Week – December 9

Today

10:00 AM Service led by Rev. Patrick Vaughn
11:30 AM Confirmation Meeting

Monday – December 10

7:15 PM Bedford Bellringers

Tuesday – December 11

8:00 AM HOPP Garden Club (Basement)
9:45 AM Senior Exercise (Fellowship Hall)
10:30 AM Bible Study (Conference Room)
12:00 PM HOPP Garden Club Holiday meeting (Fellowship Hall)
4:30 PM Joyful Noise
7:00 PM Indivisible (Fellowship Hall)

Thursday – December 13

9:45 AM Senior Exercise (Fellowship Hall)
12:00 PM BPC Parenting

Friday – December 14

9:00 AM Yoga (Chapel Room)
4:00 PM Kitchen Krewe Kleanup (Kitchen)
6:30 PM Confirmation/Neighbors Link
7:00 PM MSYG
9:00 PM HSYG

IT'S PAGEANT TIME AGAIN!

Sunday, December 16th

Our fabulous Christmas Pageant is fast approaching! Your children participating is what makes this pageant a moving and beautiful experience for all involved. All ages welcome! To sign up please email Kathy DiBiasi at kathy@bedfordpreschurch.org.