



The Deaconer January 2008



Worship Services – January

January 6 – Communion Sunday with special surprise musical guests

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-18

Lay Reader: Janet Goodrich

Sermon: *Another Dark Alley*

Usher: Nancy Bogar & Sue Casey

Greeter: Nan & Cal Sholl

Deacon of the Month: Barbara Wells

January 13

Scripture: Isaiah 42:1-9 Matthew 3:13-17

Lay Reader: Steve Henrikson

Sermon: *Prison Break*

Usher: Jean Raymond & Lisa Galante

Greeter: Steve & Laura Henrikson

Deacon of the Month: Barbara Wells

January 20

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Lay Reader: Trudie Kalinen

Sermon: *“Made”*

Usher: Marie & David Marr

Greeter: Martha & Lou Thomas

Deacon of the Month: Barbara Wells

January 27

Scripture: Psalm 27:1, 4-9 Matthew 4:18-25

Lay Reader: Janet Kohlmorgen

Sermon: *Sleeping in Church*

Usher: Burt & Janet Goodrich

Greeter: Lois & Norm May

Deacon of the Month: Barbara Wells

**Apologies for the lateness of this issue of the Deaconer.
The printer is closed for the holiday season which
means the document is submitted late.**

Common Grounds Coffeehouse

January 11 – Ameranouche The Ameranouche Trio features guitarists Richard Sheppard, Ryan Flaherty and bassist Xar Adelberg. The nationally acclaimed Gypsy Jazz ensemble plays acoustic hot jazz, both original compositions and unique arrangements by American and Gypsy songwriters, many in the style of Django Rheinhardt. The music is universal and reaches diverse audiences worldwide.

Richard Sheppard plays lead guitar for Ameranouche: “His fingers dart across the strings faster than hummingbirds wings” - proclaims Jon Nolan of the Wire Seacoast Entertainment Magazine. “Sheppard is an aggressor on the guitar, really taking it to its limits. Many of the tunes showcase his ability to make that guitar talk. He forcibly makes the strings resonate, and then he dances across the entirety of the fret board in order to get Ameranouche's gypsy jazz sound” writes Christopher Hislop of the Portsmouth Herald.

Ameranouche performances are patterned with virtuosity, eclecticity and inspiring energy. Audiences are taken aback by Sheppard's brilliant guitar work and the groups ceaseless musicianship.

Celebration of Discipline

It's never too late to start! Our discussion group meets once a month to discuss and work through the spiritual program described in Richard Foster's best-selling book, *Celebration of Discipline*. We learn a lot, have a lot of fun, and continue to grow in faith and spirit. Come and check it out!

Our next meeting will be January 22, 7 pm in the Sunday School room.

Annual Report

Annual reports are due **January 31, 2008**. I would prefer earlier to give me more time to arrange the document and have it ready for the printer in time to address and distribute well in advance of the annual meeting.

Deadline January 31, 2008

Your help is greatly appreciated!!

Welcome Baskets

The Membership Committee has Welcome Baskets available. If you have a new neighbor, this would be a nice way to introduce yourself and the church to them. They may be picked up at the church or speak to any member of the committee (Susan Casey, Steve Henrikson, Lois May and Marcie Miller).

Diaconate

December 6, 2007

The Deacons met on December 6, 2007 at 7:00p.m. in the vestry. Those in attendance were Sue Chatwin, Sue Campbell, Phyllis Groezinger, Phyllis Ames, Jean Raymond and Rev. Jim Melhorn. Rev. Jim opened with prayer.

Minutes of the last minutes were reviewed and accepted.

Barbara Wells will be the Deacon of the Month in January, 2008. Assisting her in communion will be Phyllis Groezinger, Phyllis Ames and Sandy Harding.

Communion on December 24th will be by intinction and assisting will be Barbara Wells and Phyllis Groezinger.

Standard Reports

- **Pastor's Report**
 - Worship Services
 - 12/9 Lachrimae Program at 3p.m., Deacons will do a reception.
 - 12/16th -Children's Christmas Program
 - 12/23rd - Lessons and Carols
 - 12/30th - Rev. Jim off-Right Path Gospel Group will be doing the Service with Sue Chatwin's help
 - Coffee House - December 14th - tickets are \$8:00
 - Alpha Program was discussed.
- **Council Report**- Update on the Stewardship drive. Reminder to put dates on the calendar, 2008 in the hallway for next year. Send the ushers and greeters list to Tony as soon as it is completed for the website.
- **Budget** - Deacons' budget has been submitted to the Trustees.
- **Cards and Flowers** – Several have been sent.
- **Nominating Committee** - will meet on December 19th at 6p.m. at Alice Zwarts's home.
- **Pulpit Supply** – December 30th already covered.
- **Coffee Hour** – Over 80th Birthday will be on December 30th. Gladys Gorts will be honored this month.
- **Ushers/Greeters/Reader List** – work continues on it.
- **Acolyte Schedule** - Megan is doing a great job- thank you.

Unfinished Business:

- **Prayer Chain**- almost completed. The Deacons will continue to order The Upper Room. It is the large print copies that are being discontinued due to lack of use.
- **Upper Room** - Large print has been discontinued.

New Business:

- **Communion** - Sunday School teachers would like communion. Several suggestions were offered. Rev. Jim will review them with Christian Education Committee.
- **Salt of the Earth** - names were suggested and the Deacons will vote in January.
- **Hearng Aides for church**- will be researched on the computer for possibilities.
- **Discussion**- regarding the church budget and the pledging issue.

The meeting closed at 8:50 p.m. with a prayer from Sue Campbell. Sue Chatwin will close with prayer at our next meeting which will be on January 10th at 7p.m. in the vestry.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Campbell, Acting Secretary

Trustees Minutes

December 11, 2007

The meeting came to order at 7:00 pm with Burt Goodrich, Norman May, Marcie Miller, Cynthia Childs, Dave Marr, Rick Kohlmorgen, Frens Zwart, Larry Kabat, Jim Melhorn and Nancy Bogar present.

Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports were accepted as presented.

Old Business:

1. **Building and Grounds Point Person** – We are still looking for a volunteer.
2. **Ceiling fans** – Ellis proposal is a good one; however, we need to wait until we have gone through the budget process.
3. **Liability Insurance** – Marcie researched our coverage, and we are well covered in all areas. The piano has a value of \$45,000, and a motion was made and accepted that we insure the piano. Marcie will call the

insurance company and ask them to include piano in policy.

New Business:

1. **Stewardship Update:** We have received 43 pledges.
2. **Proposed Budget:** Marcie and Burt presented the 2008 budget. They presented it in three sections: As requested, Phase 1 and Phase 2. After much discussion and several cuts, a motion was made and accepted to present the budget as developed over the evening to the Council.
3. The discussion continued into ways we can increase income and also that the Council needs to begin addressing the bigger issue of growing the Church and to decide where we are and where do we go from here.

Jim closed the meeting with a prayer, and the meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 8, 2008, at 7:00 pm.

*Respectively submitted,
Nancy Bogar, Secretary*

Membership and Evangelism Committee December 6, 2007

The Membership and Evangelism Committee met on Thursday December 6, 2007 at 7:00^{pm} at the home of Lois May. Those in attendance were Steve Henrikson, Lois May, Marcie Miller and Jim Melhorn. Steve opened with a prayer.

Minutes of the October 25, 2007 meeting were reviewed and approved.

- Church Council – Marcie outlined that financials were off (expenditures down, pledges down and investments down a bit as well). Pledges down for next year. Second draft of Safe Church Policy coming soon. Council reviewed Parish Paper – Growing a Small Church. Still working a Building and Grounds point person. Barnstormers in the summer or 2009. If you have an event and have left over food – if it can be donated, please do, if it can't be donated, take it with you.
- Welcome Baskets – 2 are ready to go. We continue to advertise availability.
- Membership Database – Cleaned up the Deaconer mailing list.

- Web Site – Still tight for space.

Unfinished Business

- Budget – Budget reduced to \$100
- Safe Church Policy – update coming.
- Beginnings – The Membership and Evangelism Committee is looking for a program to enrich the spiritual journey of church members and those in the general community. We decided to send for an evaluation kit of Beginnings – Journey to Faith.

The meeting closed at 9:00^{pm}. Our next meeting will be Thursday January 14, 2008 at 7:00^{pm} in the vestry.

*Respectfully submitted,
Steve Henrikson*

Music Committee December 9, 2007

December 23 & 24: Dick Boutwell will be playing.

December 30th: The Right Path Gospel Blue Grass Band will do most of the service.

We went over music being done for Christmas.

There'll be no choir in the loft on January 6th. The music portion of the service will consist, instead, of special congregation participation. The choir won't have practice that first Wednesday either.

The piano has been tuned, \$100.

The price for getting the organ back in condition was more than the \$2200 planned. They found more wrong with it once they started.

Mary Lu ordered a new book for just men. If it's OK we will keep it and she will get paid out of the budget.

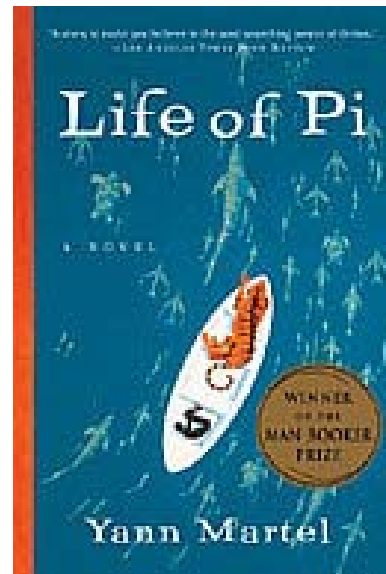
Next meeting will be January 13th.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jean R. Raymond*

Note: Due to snow conditions the above minutes are now to some extent out of date; the Dec. 30 program will also now incorporate the children's service that had been scheduled for Dec. 16 but was snowed out.

Life of Pi by Yann Martel,
winner of the Man Booker Prize for fiction.

Do you like to read, discuss, and socialize? If so,
please consider joining other folks in our church
this February as we discuss LIFE OF PI.



Thanks to our town library, copies will be available at coffee hour beginning mid-January. To help with planning, please be sure to sign-up and take a discussion guide at coffee hour after church. A lively dialogue will be scheduled in February at Sue Campbell's home. **Happy reading!!**

'It is a story so magical, so playful, so harrowing and astonishing that it will make you believe imagination might be the first step (to believing in God). . . Every page offers something of tension, humanity, surprise, or even ecstasy.'

Glyn Brown, The Times

“THE LIFE OF PI uses incredible images to provide readers with a powerful well-written allegory about life and religion. Pi is an intriguing lead protagonist, but must share top billing with his ocean traveling crony the fascinating Richard the tiger hearted. Yann Martel's story line is extremely deep yet quite simple as if Rudyard Kipling wrote The Old Man and the Sea.”

WHAT TO WIN? ...

When involved in a disagreement, is the goal to win the argument or to win the person?

SMILE POWER ...

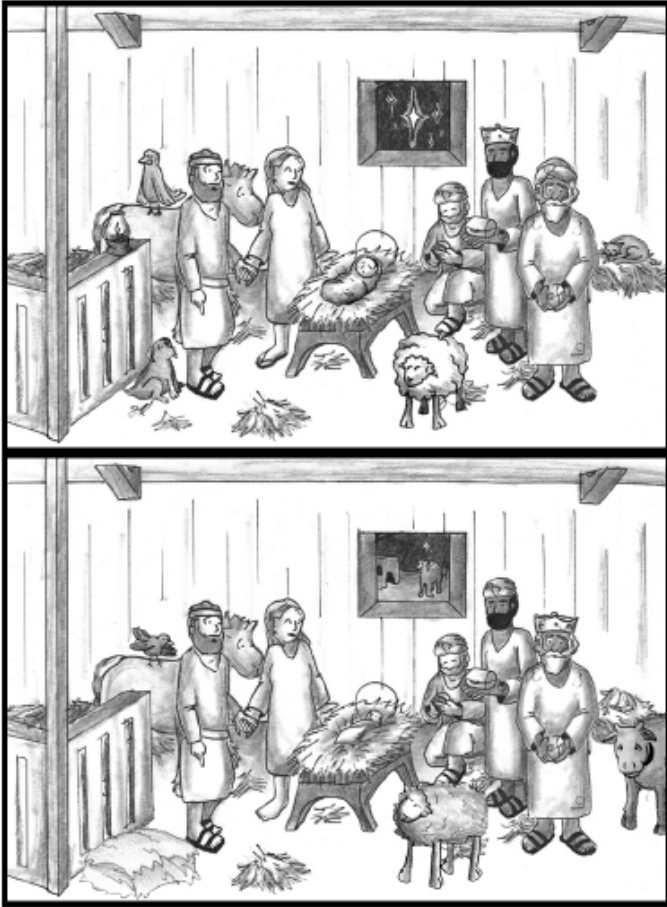
A smile is the warm light at the window of your face that makes people feel at home.

WHAT YOU GET ...

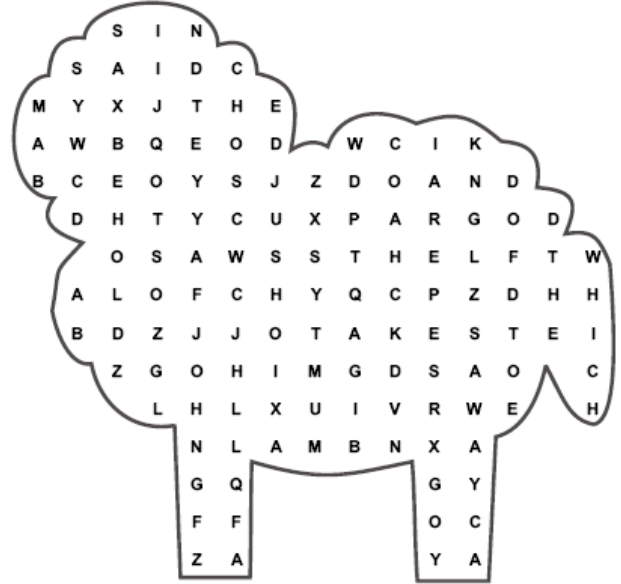
Those who complain that they don't get what they deserve, do not realize how fortunate they are.

Children's Corner

Find 12 differences between these pictures.

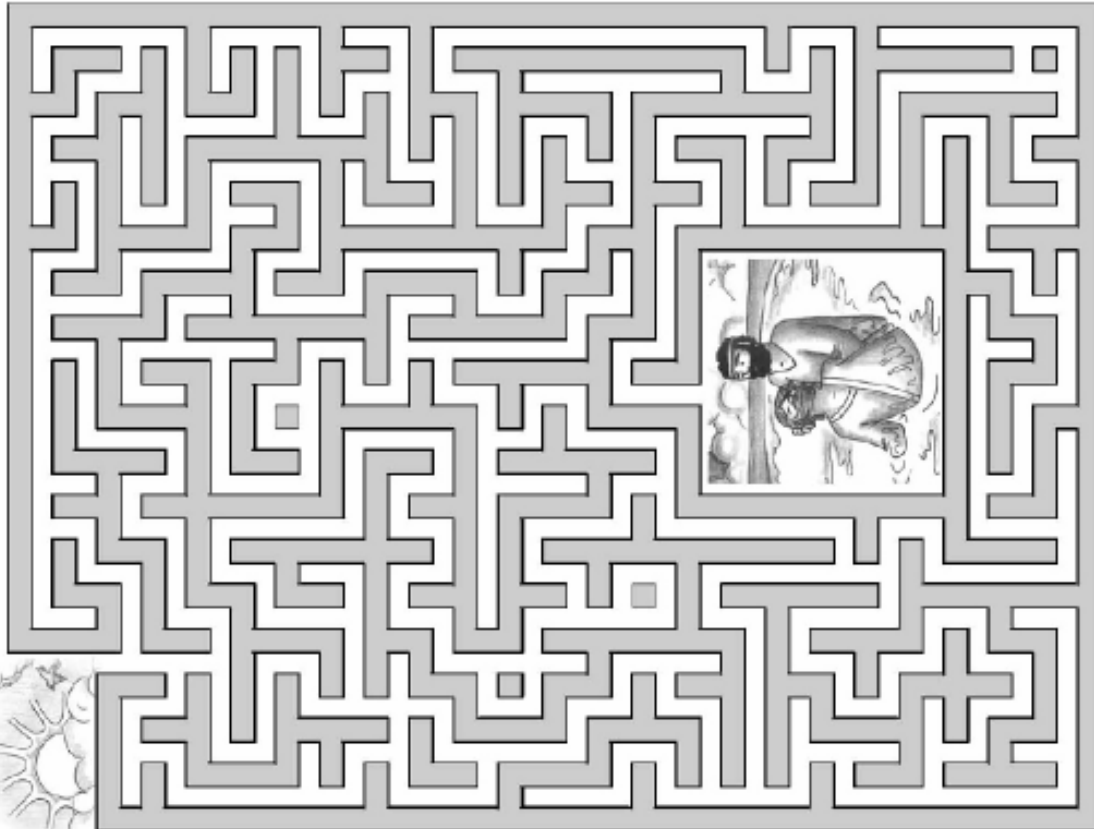


Find each word from John 1:20 in the puzzle below.



John saw Jesus coming to him and said, "Behold the Lamb of God, which takes away the sin of the world."

Help the dove come down to Jesus.



And a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."
Matthew 3:17

January - Church Calendar

Sunday - January 6, 2008

- 10:00^{am} **Sunday Service** – Sanctuary
- 11:00^{am} **Fellowship** – Town Hall

Monday - January 7, 2008

- 9:30^{am} **Bible Study** – Vestry

Tuesday - January 8, 2008

- 7:00^{pm} **Trustees / Buildings & Grounds / Stewardship** – Vestry

Wednesday - January 9, 2008

- 7:00^{pm} **Senior Choir Rehearsal** – Sanctuary

Thursday - January 10, 2008

- 7:00^{pm} **Deacons** – Vestry

Friday - January 11, 2008

- 8:00^{pm} **Common Grounds Coffeehouse** – Ameranouche

Sunday - January 13, 2008

- 9:00^{am} **Senior Choir Rehearsal** – Sanctuary
- 10:00^{am} **Sunday Service** – Sanctuary
- 11:00^{am} **Fellowship** – Town Hall
- 11:30^{am} **Mission Ministries Team** – Vestry
- 11:30^{am} **Christian Ed. Committee** – Vestry
- 11:30^{am} **Music Committee** – Vestry

Monday - January 14, 2008

- 9:30^{am} **Bible Study** – Vestry

Wednesday - January 16, 2008

- 7:00^{pm} **Senior Choir Rehearsal** – Sanctuary

Thursday - January 17, 2008

- 7:00^{pm} **Church Council** – Vestry

Friday - January 18, 2008

- **All Committee Reports Due for February Deaconer**

Sunday - January 20, 2008

- 9:00^{am} **Senior Choir Rehearsal** – Sanctuary
- 10:00^{am} **Sunday Service** – Sanctuary
- 11:00^{am} **Fellowship** – Town Hall

Monday - January 21, 2008

- 9:30^{am} **Bible Study** – Vestry

Tuesday - January 22, 2008

- 7:00^{pm} **Celebration of Discipline** – Vestry

Wednesday - January 23, 2008

- 7:00^{pm} **Senior Choir Rehearsal** – Sanctuary

Thursday - January 24, 2008

- 7:00^{pm} **Membership Committee** – Vestry

Sunday - January 27, 2008

- 9:00^{am} **Senior Choir Rehearsal** – Sanctuary
- 10:00^{am} **Sunday Service** – Sanctuary
- 11:00^{am} **Fellowship** – Town Hall

Monday - January 28, 2008

- 9:30^{am} **Bible Study** – Vestry

Wednesday - January 30, 2008

- 7:00^{pm} **Senior Choir Rehearsal** – Sanctuary

January Birthdays

January 1 – Sandra Harding

January 7 – Edward Brummer

January 10 – Una Bigelow

January 11 – Martha Gilroy

January 11 – Daniel Wunschel

January 12 – Charles Mathis

January 14 – Stephen Bolduc

January 16 – Nan Sholl

January 20 – Derek Patton

January 24 – Asa Unger-Clark

January 25 – Chris Lanza

January 27 – Phyllis Sesia

January 28 – Kaitlin (Primeau) Warner

January Anniversaries

If your anniversary should be here, please contact Marcie Miller to have the database updated.

