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Welcome, Brandon Mills, New Christian Education Director

Brandon Mills, our new Director of Christian Education (DCE), put in his first day on the job December 8th, 2011. He has been an enthusiastic presence in many functions of St. John's already. Brandon will be involved in all aspects and ages of St. John's Christian Education Program. Many of the St. John's youth already know Brandon from his involvement as a staff member of Westminster Woods Camp.

Brandon was offered the DCE position on the recommendation of the Search Committee for the Interim Director of Christian Education. (Search Committee members represented the Christian Education Committee, Worship Committee, St. John's Children's Center, Personnel Committee, and Board of Deacons.) Based

on Brandon's interest, experience, and training, the Search Committee decided to forgo the interim position and offer him the regular full-time position, which he accepted.

Brandon comes to St. John's and Reno from Los Gatos, California. He attended and was baptized as a teen in the Presbyterian Church there before attending University of California, Berkeley. Following college, he worked in the youth programs at First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley and in San Leandro, and has been involved in the ministry at Westminster Woods Camp for several summers. He also held the position of Director of Christian Education in Red Bluff, California. He recently completed his Master of Divinity program at Fuller Theological



Seminary, and has been involved in Clinical Pastoral Education in the Sacramento area.

We are excited about the experience and talents Brandon will bring to St. John's this New Year! Please introduce yourself and give him a warm welcome to the St. John's family.

—David Stover, 2011 Moderator, Personnel Committee, and Rev. Susan Taylor, Minister for Care and Visitation

We Wish You a Happy New Year!



Thursday Prayer Group at St. John's

"Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?" (Corrie ten Boom, *Clippings From My Notebook*)

Members and friends of St. John's meet Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for prayer and a bring-your-own brown

bag lunch in the Geneva Room. Join us as we support our Church and its parishioners in prayer.

Sunday Child Care Reminder!

Infant care through two years of age is available Sunday mornings during the worship service. The Nursery is located in D-

100, across the hall from the Geneva Room, heralded by the 'Nursery' banner outside the 'D' wing doors. St. John's

Nursery Care Directors, Erma Scott and Brooke Dutton, as well as trained youth, are ready to take care of your little ones.



Communion Sunday, January 1st, 2012

The Holy Eucharist will be observed on Sunday, January 1st, 2012, and will be offered to those who are unable to attend worship by Elders and Dea-

cons. If you know someone who may need Home Communion brought to them, please contact the Church office (826-0990).

NOTE: The small cups in the center of the bread trays contain gluten-free wafers. Also, only non-alcoholic grape juice is served.



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“What to Expect In the New Year!” by Pastor Tom

“I will make them strong in the LORD, and they shall walk in his name,” declares the LORD. (Zechariah 10:12)

Another year, another church budget kicks in. For many churches the creation of a budget is mostly a formality: What did we receive in offerings last year? What can we expect this year? How do we plan to spend it?

In a few weeks we will present our annual reports of activities and finances. We will look at the budget for the new year. Will what we plan and do in 2012 be any different from 2011?

Usually, the annual plan simply reflects the previous year's routine, repeated with a few minor changes. If people come, and they seem happy, and we meet the budget, well, what more can we want or expect? So, we repeat the same thing next year.

However, this way of “doing church” does not reflect biblical thinking. Too often it is devoid of any compelling vision. It tends to be driven by our interests or wants, or the whims of the pastor. It undertakes to achieve no

clearly articulated Kingdom objectives. And it is limited by the prospects of members' giving, rather than by the infinite resources of the Lord. The Lord's view of the Church is much higher than that. God is always about to do a new thing among us (Isaiah 43:19).

What are God's expectations for us in 2012? Will any of our New Year's resolutions, either personally or corporately as Christians, include God's expectations? What will our future be like, if we do not include God's expectations in our plans?

Zechariah is only one of many prophets who envisioned a glorious future for the Church of the Lord. Using imagery of Israel's restoration, expansion, and prospering, Zechariah looked ahead to the day of salvation—the day of Christ's coming—and prophesied visions of what God intended to do in and through God's people. God's purpose, as stated in Zechariah 1:17, is to bless the people of God until their cities shall again overflow with prosperity and, as stated in Zechariah 10:12, to create a strong and holy

people who will fill the earth with the knowledge of God's glory. Is that not a word from the Lord that we need to hear in today's difficult economic times?

The Old Testament prophets had a view of what Jesus envisioned in Matthew 5:13-16:

13 You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

14 You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.

15 No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.

16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

The apostle Paul weighs in on this vision in Ephesians 2:19-22:

19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God,



“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

(Matthew 5:16)

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News Highlights From St. John's Session

St. John's Session held its regular monthly meeting on December 20th, 2011. Following are some highlights from the meeting.

• Elected the following to serve as members of the entities indicated:

• Deacons: Class of 2013: Bob Jeffers, and Class of 2014: Tom Day, Cary Parke, Janean Priest, and Erma Scott.

• Elders Anne Sigurdson and Richard Priest joined the Christian Education Committee.

Thank you for your service

• St. John's Session welcomes new members:

• Dean Merlin Schweers on November 27th, 2011, by reaffirmation of faith.

• Olga Lorena Mesina on November 27th, 2011, by reaffirmation of faith.

Welcome, New Members

• Approved the Worship Committee's request to hold a training session for newly elected Deacons on Saturday, January 7th, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.

• Approved the baptism of Isadora Rose Schweers, born February 16th, 2011, to be administered after the first of the year, 2012.

• The Christian Education and Personnel Committees introduced St. John's new Director of Christian Education, Brandon Mills, who started December 8th, 2011.

Welcome, Brandon!

• St. John's Session approved Saturday, January 14th, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for Communion Training. All Officers are encouraged to attend.

• Approved the use of the "36 Parables" curriculum, a twelve-week study, for the Middle School youth.

• The Christian Education Committee noted the High School youth will be holding a lock-in on January 4th, 2012, and the Middle School youth will be having a lock-in on January 15th and 16th, 2012, beginning at 6:30 p.m. on the 15th.

• The Mission Committee delivered the "Project ReStart" bags on December 19th, 2011.

• The Stewardship Committee recognized Kalo Neidert for "Forty Years of Service" on the Stewardship and Finance Committee and for his years of performing the

annual audit.

Vital Statistics as of press time for the January 2012 issue of *The Carillon*.

• **Active Members:** 315 members in 202 households as of December 20th, 2011.

• **Communion:** 181 Communicants were served on Sunday, December 4th, 2011. (176 were served at the 10:30 a.m. worship service and five Home Bound were taken Communion.)

• **Deaths:** The following deaths have been recorded: former member Terri Morrison, Sunday, November 20th, 2011; former member Vivian C. Gibbens, Saturday, November 26th, 2011; long-time member Evelyn Gail Pratt, Sunday, November 27th, 2011; and member Billie Hybarger Free-month, Friday, December 2nd, 2011.

• **Weddings:** Rev. Dr. Stover officiated at the marriage of J. Nicholas Maerz, Jr., and Jeanne Teresa Robinson at Renown Medical Center on December 16th, 2011.

• **Births and Baptisms:** No Births or Baptisms have been recorded since the last issue of *The Carillon*.

Stewardship Committee Report by Moderator Ken Meyer

As we approach the end of the budget year, the financial position of St. John's is sound. Expenditures for 2011 are under budget, and total contributions are above the amount pledged. We do not expect to use the \$15,000 in reserves that we budgeted last January.

However, the picture for 2012 is not quite so rosy. Anticipated expenditures are up, and pledged contributions

are down. When the Stewardship and Finance Committee reviewed preliminary budget figures, we found a gap of \$125,000 between budget requests and anticipated income. That shortfall is significant but not insurmountable. We cut the requests by \$34,000. We are also asking Session Committees to trim their budgets further by using endowment income wherever possible and eliminating

any reserves they included for unexpected expenses. (If emergencies arise, we will have to revise the budget upward.)

Therefore, we also need to increase our income. If you have not yet turned in your Commitment Form, we would appreciate your estimating how much you can contribute this year and informing our Financial Secretary of your pledge, whether large



or small. That information will help us as we work to balance the budget for our church. (Also, any increases in current commitments are welcome.)

We are thankful for the faithful support of the members and friends of St. John's. We will strive to be good stewards in the management of our congregation's finances.

Table 1. General Fund Balance (Month Ending November 30th, 2011)

	Actual	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Cumulative
Beginning Balance					72,475.52
Receipts	27,431.47	31,843.26	331,902.12	350,275.86	331,902.12
Transfers & designated receipts	7,127.53	-	88,039.43	-	88,039.43
Supported disbursements *	(7,127.53)	-	(88,039.43)	-	(88,039.43)
Disbursements	(31,242.84)	(36,501.96)	(365,496.47)	(420,195.33)	(365,496.47)
Ending Balance	(\$3,811.37)	(\$4,658.70)	(\$33,594.35)	(\$69,919.47)	\$38,881.17

* Expenditures that are supported by either revenues or contributions; not part of the General Fund budget

Table 2. Capital Improvement Fund (Month Ending November 30th, 2011)

	Actual	Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Cumulative
Beginning Balance					307.55
Receipts	4,062.19	5,303.69	53,485.59	58,340.59	53,485.59
Transfers In	-	-	8,658.04	-	8,658.04
Disbursements	(4,667.44)	(4,667.44)	(60,703.88)	(55,050.84)	(60,703.88)
Ending Balance	(\$605.25)	\$636.25	\$1,439.75	\$3,289.75	\$1,747.30



Deacons' Dialogue

Deacon Representative to Nominating Committee—

One of the Church members serving on the Session Nominating Committee is the Deacon Representative. The Nominating Committee is responsible for contacting members of the congregation who are willing and able to serve as Elders and Deacons. The Committee presents its findings at a congregational meeting where additional nominations for the offices can be presented. The congregation then votes for the officers. The selection of new Elders and Deacons happens at least once a year, but the process of finding nominees continues throughout the year.

The Deacons wish to thank all who have graciously accepted the calling to serve God and St John's Church. We pray all who serve will have a rewarding experience and encourage others to accept when called.

Christmas Baskets—

The Deacons assembled and distributed Christmas Baskets to members and friends of St John's who could use extra care at this time of year. It is our pleasure to distribute these gifts on behalf of the congregation.

Flowers—

If you look at the Flower Chart in the Narthex, you will see the entire year in order that you can sign up for flowers for an upcoming special occasion. We, the Deacons, will follow up and contact you prior to the Sunday in question to make sure that the flowers are where you want them. We will also ask what you want done with the flowers after the Sunday services. It is very important that you write down your name and phone number so that we can contact you. Any flowers that you bring to the Church or order from a florist yourself need to be at the Church by noon on Friday.

Funding for Deacon Activities—

Please help the Deacons maintain their programs by contributing to the Deacons' Fund (using the special envelope in the pew racks). Thank you.

Used Cell Phones—

The Deacons continue to gather used cell phones for donation to the elderly and homebound. These phones are "wiped" and then preprogrammed for emergency calls. Don't add to the electronic waste! Put your unwanted cell phone (and its charger) in the box below the Deacons' mailboxes in Martin Hall.

Keep Deacons Informed—

Remember, Deacons need your eyes and ears to help them keep track of people who need our service, especially some holiday cheer this season. (St. John's Deacons are listed on page 9 of *The Carillon*.)



Un-Hanging of the Greens

Time to Un-Hang the Greens on Saturday, January 7th

Every year the various Mariners groups "hang the greens," decorating our church for the Advent season. Then in

January the same folks "un-hang the greens".

So, come one, come all! If you can donate some

time to help on Saturday, January 7th, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., please come on out.

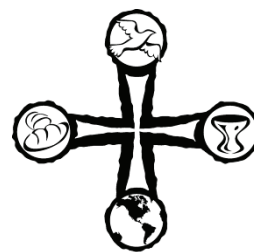
Mission Committee

Mission activities in December included: 1) taking 30 Christmas Blessings bags of food and personal items to the Project ReStart office for homeless singles, and 2) the Christmas Joy (PC-USA) offering for needy clergy pensioners and for assisting students attending

our six Presbyterian-related racial, ethnic colleges and schools. Upcoming events include Family Promise, which is scheduled for the week of February 19th to 26th. Also, brochure listing and describing St. John's Mission Partners is being prepared.

Committee Meeting—

The Mission Committee will meet on the second Monday, January 9th, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. in the Clawson Memorial Library. You're welcome to join us. For more information, call Ryan Hansen, Mission Committee Moderator (829-1171).



St. John's Children's Center Board Meeting

The St. John's Children's Center Board meets on the second Wednesday of the month, i.e., January

11th, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. in the Geneva Room. If you are interested in the work of this committee,

please contact Ann Anderson, SJCC Board Moderator (691-7602).

News From the Children of Rancho El Milagro

Thank you to the many families of St. John's and SJCC for the donations of clothing and necessities for the children of Rancho el Milagro (Ranch of Miracles).

We visited the orphanage on the outskirts of Ensenada, Baja Sur, Mexico in November with our son Turner. We pulled in on a Sunday just as the bus was bringing the children and staff back from church in town. They welcomed us with much appreciation and many smiles. We personally felt so blessed to be the ones to spread the generosity of our church and school

with them. It was wonderful to catch up with our friends, Edna and Antonio, whose mission and purpose it is to take care of these children, providing them a home and education, and raising them to know and understand the love of our lord Jesus Christ.

We also exchanged prayer requests. There is one little girl named Dani who has cancer in her leg and was to undergo surgery soon. Edna said she was one of the few children who hadn't accepted the Lord as her Savior. She is having a difficult time believing that



God loves her when she has been abandoned by her family. Please keep her in your prayers.

Thank you for supporting us in this endeavor!
Jim and Ann Anderson



Installation and Ordination of New Deacons and Elders

All new Deacons and Elders will meet with Session on Sunday, January 8th, 2012, in the sanctuary at 9:15 a.m. for questioning

by Session. Installation and Ordination will follow at the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Please contact Pastor Tom

Baughman (826-0990) if you cannot attend.

Communion Training for All Elders and Deacons

This year's Communion Training for **all** Elders and Deacons will be held on Saturday, January

14th, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. If you are a **new** Deacon or Elder and cannot attend, please contact

Ralph Voss (852-9141).



First 2012 Hosting for Family Promise in February

Family Promise guests are coming to St. John's on Sunday, February 19th through the 26th.

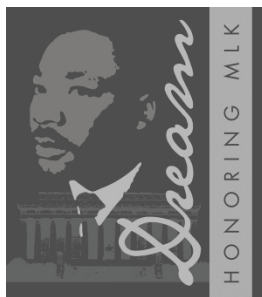
Ways to help include:

- Preparing meals
- Hosting for two hours in the evenings (7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)
- Staying overnight (9:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.)

• Buying perishable supplies that are needed during the week; check the post-it notes on the white board in the narthex for specific items to bring to church.

In mid-January you can sign up to help. Look for the Family Promise white board in the narthex.

If you have questions or want more information about the Family Promise program, contact Maria Winchester in the Church office (826-0990) or Debbie Handke, Marlene Hansen, Lynn McLaughlin, Pam Ramseth, June Rosta, or Dee Russum, who all serve on the Family Promise Committee.



“Remembering the Dream, Fulfilling the Mandate”

The Northern Nevada Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Committee and the Nevada Clergy Association present an Interfaith Memorial Service, “Remembering the Dream, Fulfilling the Mandate”. The memorial ser-

vice will be held on Sunday, January 15th, 2012, at 3:00 p.m. at the Second Baptist Church, 1265 Montello St., Reno.

There will also be a Memorial Caravan on Monday, January 16th, 2012.

Meet at the Second Baptist Church, 1265 Montello St., at 10:30 a.m.

For more information, call 786-1800 or e-mail gsavoyir@communityofChrist.org.

Upcoming Events at St. John's

- **January 7th, 2012** — Un-Hanging of the Greens
- **January 8th** — Installation and Ordination of New Deacons and Elders
- **January 4th-5th** — High School Youth Connection Lock-In
- **January 15th** — Interfaith Memorial Service for Martin Luther King, Jr.:
“Remembering the Dream, Fulfilling the Mandate”
- **January 15th-16th** — Middle School Youth Connection Lock-In
- **January 22nd** — Annual Congregational Meeting and Dinner
- **February 1st** — Wednesday We Feed (none in January due to school vacations)
- **February 19th-26th** — Family Promise Hosting at SJPC



2011 Church Officers

Elders:

Ann Anderson
Susan Day
John Dutton
George Griffith
Ryan Hansen
Joan Jeffers
Rolando Magdamo
Lynn McLaughlin
Ken Meyer
Cathryn Perdue
Richard Priest
Anne Sigurdson
David Stover
Ralph Voss
Elaine York

Clerk of Session:

Ray Bledsoe

Deacons:

Jan Peck (Moderator)
Caroline Asikainen
Elsie Baughman
Erin Etnyre
Suzanne Griffith
Dan Hansen
Reena Khan
Peggy Meyer
Kat Parker
Pam Ramseth
June Rosta
Ron Scovill
Mary Sherman
Marian Stroh
Barbara Voss
Carolyn Williamson
Amy Willoughby
Maria Winchester

2012 Session Committee Moderators:

Building & Grounds—John Dutton (626-4455)
Children's Center—Ann Anderson (691-7602)
Christian Education—Lynn McLaughlin (787-5080)
Fellowship & Nurture—Elaine York (624-2696)
Mission—Ryan Hansen (829-1171)
Nominating—Susan Day (747-2262)
Personnel—Stan Peck (826-7767)
Stewardship & Finance—Ken Meyer (453-1957)
Welcoming & Evangelism—Rolando Magdamo
(425-2615)
Worship—David Stover (348-6345)

January Participating Elder Assignments

January 1st —	10:30 a.m.	John Dutton
January 8th —	10:30 a.m.	Joan Jeffers
January 15th —	10:30 a.m.	Stan Peck
January 22nd —	10:30 a.m.	Rolando Magdamo
January 29th —	10:30 a.m.	Lynn McLaughlin

January 2012

St. John's Presbyterian Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 New Year's Day Epiphany of the Lord Sunday 9:15 am Sunday School for All Ages 10:30 am Worship and Communion Service 6:00 pm College Waffle Night</p>	<p>2 Church Office Closed 9:30 am AlAnon 6:15 pm Meditation Group</p>	<p>3 10:00 am Staff Meeting 11:00 am AlAnon 6:00 pm Sierra Highlanders Pipe Band 8:00 pm Worship Comm.</p>	<p>4 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 10:00 am Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team 2:45 pm Elementary Together Time High School Youth Connection Lock-In</p>	<p>5 11:30 am Prayer Group 5:00 pm Welcoming & Evangelism Comm. 6:00 pm Troop 10 High School Youth Connection Lock-In</p>	<p>6 Epiphany of the Lord 12:00 pm Annual Report Submissions Due 12:00 pm Barnacle Mariners 6:00 pm Flipper Mariners</p>	<p>7 9:00 - 11:00 am Un-Hanging of the Greaves 9:00 am-Noon Training Session for Newly Elected Deacons</p>
<p>8 Baptism of the Lord Sunday Blood Pressure Sunday 8:30 am Chancel Choir 9:00 am Session Meeting with New Deacons and Elders 9:15 am Sunday School for All Ages 10:15 am Hymn Sing 10:30 am Worship Service 11:45 am Geneva Choir 4:30 pm High School Youth Connection 5:00 pm Eastminster Bell Choir 6:00 pm Youth Dinner 6:30 Middle School Youth Connection 7:00 pm Bells of the Cross</p>	<p>9 9:30 am AlAnon 11:00 am Budget & Finance Comm. 1:30 pm SJ Book Club 3:30 pm Girl Scouts 479 5:30 pm Christian Education Comm. 5:30 pm Pkisson Comm. 6:15 pm Meditation Group 7:00 pm The Compassionate Friends of Reno</p>	<p>10 9:30 am Together Time 10:00 am Staff Meeting 1:00 pm AlAnon 6:00 pm Sierra Highlanders Pipe Band 5:30 pm Personnel Comm. 7:00 pm Tutoring 7:00 pm Deacons</p>	<p>11 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 2:45 pm Elementary Together Time 4:45 pm Park 10/Den 6 5:00 pm St. John's Children's Center Board 7:00 pm Stewardship Comm.</p>	<p>12 11:30 am Prayer Group 4:00 pm Sierra Nevada Children's Choir 7:00 pm Building and Grounds Comm. 7:00 pm Tutoring</p>	<p>13 10:00 am Presbytery Trustees 1:00 pm Rebecca Circle 4:00 pm Cub Scouts 10/Den 5</p>	<p>14 9:00 am Communion Training 10:00 am Presbytery Council 2:00 pm Memorial Service—Gail Evelyn Pratt</p>
<p>15 Heritage Sunday 8:30 am Chancel Choir 9:15 am Sunday School for All Ages 10:30 am Worship Service 11:45 am Geneva Choir 4:30 pm High School Youth Connection 5:00 pm Eastminster Bell Choir 6:00 pm Youth Dinner 6:30 pm MS Youth Connection Lock-In 7:00 pm Bells of the Cross</p>	<p>16 SJC 43rd Anniversary Martha Luther King Jr. Day Church Office Closed SICC Closed 9:30 am AlAnon 6:15 pm Meditation Group MS Youth Connection Lock-In</p>	<p>17 10:00 am Staff Meeting 1:00 pm AlAnon 1:30 pm Martha Circle 6:00 pm Sierra Highlanders Pipe Band 7:00 pm Session 7:00 pm Tutoring</p>	<p>18 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 2:45 pm Elementary Together Time 3:00 pm Fellowship & Nurture Comm.</p>	<p>19 Carillon Submissions Due 9:30 am Mary Morning Circle 11:30 am Prayer Group 4:00 pm Sierra Nevada Children's Choir 6:00 pm Troop 10 7:00 pm Tutoring</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 8:30 am Chancel Choir 9:15 am Sunday School for All Ages 10:30 am Worship Service 11:30 am Annual Congregational Meeting 4:30 pm High School Youth Connection 5:00 pm Eastminster Bell Choir 6:00 pm Youth Dinner 6:30 Middle School Youth Connection 7:00 pm Bells of the Cross</p>	<p>23 9:30 am AlAnon 3:30 pm Girl Scouts 479 6:15 pm Meditation Group</p>	<p>24 9:30 am Together Time 10:00 am Staff Meeting 1:00 pm AlAnon 6:00 pm Sierra Highlanders Pipe Band 6:00 pm Ruth Circle 7:00 pm Tutoring</p>	<p>25 8:00 am Men's Bible Study 2:45 pm Elementary Together Time</p>	<p>26 9:00 am Carillon Assembly 11:30 am Prayer Group 4:00 pm Sierra Nevada Children's Choir 7:00 pm Tutoring</p>	<p>27 12:00 pm Senior Singles Luncheon</p>	<p>28 9:00 am Elder/Deacon Retreat</p>
<p>29 8:30 am Chancel Choir 9:15 am Sunday School for All Ages 10:30 am Worship Service 11:45 am Geneva Choir 4:30 pm High School Youth Connection 5:00 pm Eastminster Bell Choir 6:00 pm Youth Dinner 6:30 Middle School Youth Connection 7:00 pm Bells of the Cross</p>	<p>30 9:30 am AlAnon 6:15 pm Meditation Group</p>	<p>31 10:00 am Staff Meeting 1:00 pm AlAnon 6:00 pm Sierra Highlanders Pipe Band 7:00 pm Tutoring</p>	<p>Clawson Library Hours Sundays—10:00 a.m. to Noon (closed during worship service) Wednesdays—9:30 a.m. to Noon</p>			



Successful Silent Auction for Intergenerational Mission Trip

The Silent Auction for the upcoming Intergenerational Mission Trip was a success!

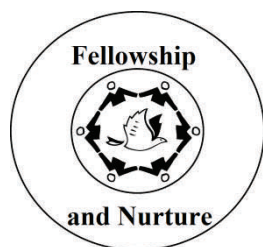
Thank you to the following individuals, committees, and organizations that donated to the Intergenerational Mission Trip Silent Auction at the December Wednesday We Feed event. Your support and generous donations of your items, time, and financial support will go a long way toward helping St. John's Presbyterian Church achieve its goal in going to Harbor House in Oakland, California, in August of 2012.

Silent Auction Donors

Ann Anderson
 Elsie Baughman
 LaVerne Burmeister
 Christian Education Department
 Clawson Memorial Library
 Fran Cox
 Helen Engeseth
 Renie Hawkins
 Kim, Beth, and Ronnie Kollman
 Doris Krater
 KUNR
 Lynn McLaughlin
 Ken and Peggy Meyer
 Laura Murray
 Tricia Murray
 Alice Nevin
 Gary and Laurie Oswald
 Kat Parker

Janean Priest
 Doug Ramseth
 Chyannah Rowe
 Mary Sherman
 Betty Squires
 Philip and Maria Winchester
 Amy Willoughby
 Elaine York
 Donna Young

And—we especially want to thank all those who purchased the various items and services donated by our gracious donors! Without your participation, it wouldn't have been a success.



Fellowship and Nurture Committee News

The next event for the Fellowship and Nurture Committee will be planning, setup, and cleanup for the Congregational Dinner on Sunday, January 22nd, 2012. The theme will be *Wings and Things and Comfort Foods*. You may sign up for your choice of dishes beginning on Sunday,

January 1st, 2012, at the display in the narthex. Our Committee will be providing the wings, and you may choose to bring a salad, side dish, or dessert. Questions? Call Elaine York (624-2696).

Committee Meeting—
 The next meeting of the

Fellowship and Nurture Committee will be on Wednesday, January 18th, 2012 (third Wednesday), at 5:00 p.m. in the Clawson Library.

If you have any questions or are interested in serving on this Committee, please call Elaine York (624-2696).

College Waffle Night on Sunday, January 1st

Rew and Sue Goodenow will be hosting a gathering of college and college-age adults (10070 Raintree Court, 851-2716) for a

waffle night on Sunday, January 1st, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. Whether you are home for the break or live in Reno year round,

come for a night of re-connecting with old friends and making some new ones too. Food provided—Bring yourself!

“What to Expect In the New Year!” by Pastor Tom

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20 built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.

21 In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord;

22 in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

In other words, God saves us, not so that we can return to the same familiar patterns and routines that have no dynamic influence on us or others. Instead, God saves us so that we can be empowered with spiritual strength to live faithfully in obedience to God's will. God calls us to be "salt of the earth" salt-shakers and "light of the world" torch-bearers. If what we say and do in this New Year reflects the righteousness, love, peace, and joy of God's Spirit-ruled Kingdom, then we will be effective

salt-shakers and faithful torch-bearers, making a positive impact on the "Biggest Little City in the World".

Paul said, "We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's" (Romans 14:7, 8). Since we belong to the Lord, our salt-shaking and torch-bearing activities dare not be done casually or routinely. Inspired by the Spirit, we must enter 2012 with renewed strength, passionate intentionality, and prodigal generosity in our personal and communal lives.

When I began my ministry many years ago, it was said that there were four spokes to the wheel of a growing disciple: prayer, Bible study, fellowship, and ministry. Today's

growing churches identify a fifth spoke of spiritual discipline for the Christian life—generosity. Andy Stanley, pastor of North Point Church in Alpharetta, Georgia, says it this way: "We talk about money, not because of what we want from you, but because of what we want for you."

As I see it, our task in this New Year is to celebrate God's generosity to us in Jesus Christ and then show that same generosity to others outside of our walls, as we reach out to our community to show God's love and care. My desire is that we will all grow in our generosity in showing love to God and love for others. May it be so for you and me every day in 2012! Perhaps, then, we will live up to God's expectations of us.



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Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 22nd

St. John's Annual Congregational Meeting and Dinner will be held after the worship service at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, January 22nd, 2012.

Input for the Annual Report is due Friday, January 6th, 2012, by noon at the latest. Teaching Elders, Staff, Committee Moderators, and Organi-

zation Leaders have all been asked to make submissions. If you have any questions, please call the Church office (826-0990).

Presbyterian Women's Events

PW Committee—

The Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team is facing 2012 with a new structure. Instead of having a Moderator, there will be Vice Moderators who will share the tasks. The PW Coordinating Team includes the Chairs of the Circles.

The Vice Moderator will lead the PW Coordinating Team meetings, the next of which is at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 4th, 2012, in the Geneva Room. The Team will plan for the February Luncheon and other events for the year. The Team will also discuss various ways to facilitate the operation of the Coordinating Team this year.

The February Luncheon will be entitled "Celebration of Women". All St. John's women are invited to the PW luncheons, and are encouraged to bring a friend. Watch this space for further details.

Call PW Vice Moderator Anne Sigurdson (747-5191) for more information.

New members are welcome to all the Circles.

Martha Circle—

Will meet the third Tuesday of the month, January 17th, at 1:30 p.m. in the Clawson Library. (Chair: Suzanne Griffith, 829-0197)

Mary Morning Circle—

Will meet the third Thursday of the month, January 19th, at 9:30 a.m., in the Clawson Library. (Chair: Joyce Field, 425-1227)

Rebecca Circle—

Will meet the second Friday of the month, January 13th, at 1:00 p.m. in the Geneva Room. (Chair: Lou Pitts, 626-6629)

Ruth Circle—

Will meet the fourth Tuesday of the month, January 24th, at 6:00 p.m. at the Dynasty Bistro (1185 California Avenue, 786-5768). We will study lesson 4, and our CAAW donation will be cold remedies. (Chair: Dee Russum, 825-3220)



PW Collecting Paper Goods for Hosanna Home

Located in Reno, Hosanna Home is working to help end the cycle of homelessness and benefit the community at large. Hosanna Home's goal is to promote women's spiritual, mental, and

physical health while teaching successful life skills.

In support, the Presbyterian Women of St. John's continue to collect all kinds of paper goods for

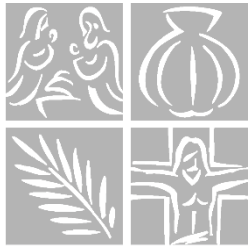
Hosanna Home. Collection bins will be in the narthex as an on-going mission project, and information cards will be available. If you have any questions, please call Joyce Field (425-1227).

Edda Chirwa Is Having a Baby Shower (in Houston)

Member Edda Chirwa (now living in Houston with her husband Ludovic and attending Spring Branch Presbyterian

Church, 1215 Campbell Road, Houston, TX) is having a baby girl. Spring Branch Church is hosting a baby shower on Sunday,

January 8th, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. If you would like to send a gift, Edda is registered at Target, Babies-R-Us, and Burlington.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

From Our New Director of Christian Education

The past month has gone by quickly as I've "hit the ground running". I am especially grateful for all the warm welcomes and help that I have received. I have enjoyed getting to know the children and youth of St. John's (and adults too!), and am excited for all that is in store.

A couple months ago after interviewing at the Church, I had the opportunity to join St. John's during worship. That Sunday, the church service began with those on stage asserting that the "future's so bright, we've got to wear shades". At the beginning of 2012 and as well as the beginning of my time here in ministry with you, I rest in the assurance that the future does indeed look bright. I see many great things on the horizon for the CE Department in the year ahead; the Spirit of God is most certainly already at work. I'm excited to

participate with what God already has in store.

In the months ahead this space in *The Carillon* will include even more specifics about what is happening with the children's and youth programs at St. John's. In the meantime, I want to especially highlight the Youth Connection Lock-Ins that will take place Wednesday through Thursday, January 4th and 5th, for high schoolers, and Sunday to Monday, January 15th to 16th (MLK Jr. weekend) for middle schoolers. Whether you or your children have regularly been in the youth program at St. John's, or if you and your children have been away for a while, I want to extend an invitation to attend one of these events. They will be great opportunities to enjoy time in community with other students as well as tons of fun! Keep on the lookout for more information.

A special thanks to all the wonderful volunteers that have been working this fall with the children and youth. Your energy and dedication are great gifts to God's church.

I'm also excited for the possibilities that lay ahead for our Adult Education program. We've had a fantastic group of adult teachers and a myriad of different classes over the years; this coming year will not be an exception. I'm also eager to talk with people in the congregation about future opportunities for study that we could offer. If there was ever a time that you thought, "Hey, I'd love to look deeper at ...," let me know. The future is full of possibilities.

I'm looking forward to a great year ahead.

Blessings,
Brandon Mills
Director of Christian
Education



SJPC Tutoring Service Resumes on Tuesday, January 10th

Tutoring in math and science, with other subjects upon request, is offered at no charge to all area high school students as a Christian Education com-

munity outreach ministry. Tutors are available Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., weekly except during school holiday breaks.

Tutoring is suspended for winter break, and will recommence on **Tuesday, January 10th.**

New Middle School Sunday Church School Study

On Sunday, January 8th, 2012, a new Middle School study will begin: *36 Parables*. The study will be held in the Youth Center (upstairs), at 9:15 a.m. on Sundays.

Students today are looking to connect with the teachings of Jesus, but

often the stories they hear or read about Jesus sound like just that—stories.

Join teachers Joan Jeffers, Bob Jeffers, and Elsie Baughman as we explore the parables of Jesus in a completely new way. Using thought-provoking

short films from *36 Parables*, middle schoolers will experience Jesus' parables in a modern-day scenario. Students are given something to think about, opening up opportunities for real dialogue. What better way to apply His teachings to our everyday life?



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Youth Connection—Middle and High School Ministry

For those of you who haven't heard, the high school and middle school rooms used by Youth Connection, located upstairs above the Children's Center, are now known as the "Youth Center" and are being remodeled with fresh paint and some new furniture. The high school and middle school students will be decorating their rooms during the coming month. We look forward to having an "open house" to let everyone see the new and improved digs.

Besides Sunday Church School on Sunday mornings, Youth Connection provides many activities for our youth at St. John's including Middle School Youth Connection on Sunday nights. Brandon

Mills, our new DCE, is working on re-establishing an active High School Youth Connection. Friday, December 23rd, was our Youth Connection Christmas Party with dinner, games, ornaments, and a "White Elephant" gift exchange.

In January, we also have all-night "Lock-Ins" planned for both the high schoolers (Wednesday through Thursday, January 4th and 5th) and the middle schoolers (Sunday through Monday, January 15th to 16th—MLK Jr. weekend). If you've not heard about "Lock-Ins," our youth come and spend the night at the Youth Center and enjoy food, fellowship, movies, games, and anything else we can think of!

If you would like to keep up to speed on all the youth activities being planned at St. John's, you can check out the Youth Center's blog at <http://stjohnsyouthcenter.blogspot.com/>.

Starting this January, we will be having a monthly Youth Connection planning meeting to discuss upcoming activities and events. If you would like to become involved with our youth, or... if you are a youth who wants to get more involved, we would love to see you there. We will post the meeting date, time, and location on the blog as well as in the Sunday bulletin.

— Ryan Hansen



News from the Christian Education Committee

Welcome, DCE Brandon Mills! Thanks be to God for all who have carried the flag for Christian Education in administration and coordination at St. John's since we've been without a staff professional. The excellent and tireless leadership of our Session CE Committee Moderator Joan Jeffers ensured continuity. Under Joan's leadership, Elsie Baughman, Maria Winchester, Andrew Krater, Laura Engel, Brooke Dutton, and Ryan Hansen, with church staff

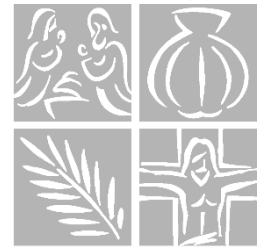
and committee members' support, have ensured that Christian Education is alive and well at St. John's.

New volunteers are welcome in all areas of Christian Education—including teaching at every level, tutoring, special projects, and so forth. Session CE Committee membership is certainly an option for those who wish to participate. We will provide coordination and support training in your particular areas of

interest.... No prior experience required!

Committee Meeting—
The CE Committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month, i.e., January 10th, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. in Clawson Memorial Library. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn McLaughlin, Moderator of the Christian Education Committee (787-5080).

— Lynn McLaughlin
Moderator, Christian Education Committee



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Adult Sunday Church School

Adult Sunday Church School continues on Sunday, January 8th, 2012, at 9:15 a.m. with the PC (USA) lectionary study, which is designed to deepen our understanding of God's word. Adults see the world through the filter of life experience and life transitions. They bring this variety of view with them when they enter Bible

study and worship.

This lectionary study engages adults in a deeper exploration of biblical texts. The class reinforces and expands on the Scriptures read and proclaimed in worship, enhancing Christian faith. Education and worship can be mutually supportive in helping God's word in Scripture come

alive in the Sunday morning experience.

Join us! We hope to help participants put faith into action and grow in self-understanding as Christians. This study is taught by Ken Meyer

Wednesday We Feed Returning February 1st

Youth Connection will **not** be putting on Wednesday We Feed in

January due to school vacations. However, the next Wednesday We

Feed will take place on February 1st, 2012.





Mariners

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Anchors Aweigh—

Anchors Aweigh Mariners is a group comprised of couples and families. If you would like to participate in any of the events for this group, we would love for you to join us!

- Skippers Rew and Sue Goodenow (851-2716).

Barnacles—

Will meet on Friday, January 6th, 2012, at noon in Martin Hall for a potluck luncheon. A “Tying-On” ceremony will be held for new

members, and the Rev. Dr. Bob Stover will administer the oath of office to the new officers. Anyone interested in joining the Barnacles is encouraged to contact LaVerne Burmeister (358-6723).

- Skippers Don Garrett (787-3992) and Tom Boyer (323-4513).

Flippers—

Will meet on Friday, January 6th, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. in Martin Hall. We will have a spaghetti dinner prepared by Ray

Bledsoe, and a meeting to install new officers and plan for the year ahead.

- Skippers Ken and Peggy Meyer (453-1957).

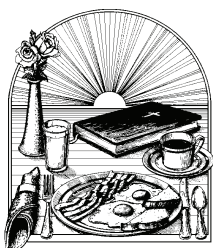
Senior Singles—

Will meet on Friday, January 27th, at noon in the Geneva Room, for a potluck.

- Skipper Betty Squires (829-0354).

Discipleship—

- Skippers Rick and Ann McElreath (851-2495).



MEN'S BREAKFAST

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study Meets at 8:00 a.m.

As we continue our studies, we are having our breakfast and study time starting at 8:00 a.m.

We are now studying John's first, second, and third letters (and then the Book of Jude) using the Bible and a study

guide by William Barclay. John took on the task of calling people back to the truth and teaching basic Christian principles.

- Jan. 4—1 John 3: 1-10
- Jan. 11—1 John 3:11-24
- Jan. 18—1 John 4:1-12
- Jan. 25—1 John 4:13-21

Bring a friend and join us any Wednesday for breakfast, fellowship and study at Lili's Restaurant, 2325 Kietzke at Franktown Corners. Questions? Call George Griffith (829-0197).

St. John's Book Club

At 1:30 p.m. on Monday, January 9th, 2012, the women of St. John's Book Club will meet to discuss *The Hundred Foot Journey* by Richard Marais. The following is from the book description:

Born above his grandfather's modest restaurant in Mumbai, Hassan first

experienced life through intoxicating whiffs of spicy fish curry, trips to the local markets, and gourmet outings with his mother. But when tragedy pushes the family out of India, they eventually settle in Lumière, a small village in the French Alps. They open an inexpensive Indian restaurant oppo-

site an esteemed French *relais*—that of the famous chef Madame Mallory. After waging culinary war with the immigrant family, Madame finally agrees to mentor young Hassan.

If you have any questions or would like to join us, please contact Kat Parker (849-3245).

Clawson Library Hours

Sundays—
10:00 a.m. to Noon
(closed during worship service)

Wednesdays—
9:30 a.m. to Noon



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Note of Appreciation

From Echo Loder Elementary School—

“Dear Friends at St. John’s—

Thank you for supporting the students at Echo Loder this holiday season with the gift cards. Means

so much to us. We feel truly blessed by your generosity! Merry Christmas.”

—Theresa Shirley, Partner In Education Coordinator

[These gift cards came from money raised by the Discipleship Mariners’ 2011 Harvest Dinner.]

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