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So Why Should we celebrate Valentine's Day?

Love is in the air.... Do you know that song?

This month, February, is not only a great month to celebrate Valentine's Day, but it is the month we at B.P.C. celebrate Boy Scout Sunday; Souper Bowl of Caring; Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday. What better time for the church to love and serve others?

Need further proof? Check out this exchange in the popular U.S. cartoon, Charlie Brown:

Violet: "Charlie Brown, we've been feeling awfully guilty about not giving you a Valentine this year. Here, I erased my Valentine from this one. I'd like you to have it."

Schroeder: "Hold on there! What do you think you're doing? Who do you think you are? Where were you yesterday when everyone else was giving out Valentines? Is kindness and thoughtfulness something you can make retroactive? Don't you think he has any feelings?"

(Violet and her friends blink a few times as if Schroeder is speaking Greek)

Schroeder: "You and your friends are the most thoughtless bunch I've ever known. You don't care anything about Charlie Brown. You just hate to feel guilty. And now you have the nerve to come around one day later and offer him a used Valentine just to ease your conscience. Well let me tell you something. . .Charlie Brown doesn't need your. . ."

Charlie Brown: "Don't listen to him! I'll take it!"

Yes, February is a month when people are hoping **someone will surprise them with some form of sudden love and kindness.**

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Thought... To you from MÆ

When a soul loves God with a supreme love, God's interests and his, become one. ~ David Brainerd (1718-1748)

Membership & Evangelism Committee

Gifts to the Memorial Fund have been received in Loving Memory for the following ...

David Brookshire

from: William & Nancie Rohmann

Ceil Gruber

from: Pat & Russ Degree

Edward Williams

from: Edna Williams
The Fair Ladies

Robert Lemien

from: The Boschert Family



James Wunder

from: The Board of Deacons

Peter Druz

from: The Board of Deacons

Dennis Pahel

from: Nancy & Jim Costello

Felix Dreyfus

from: Edna Williams



Pastor's Article continued from Front Cover...

The outreach possibilities are endless! **You can give Hershey's kisses, flowers, and cinnamon candy or even packs of blank valentine cards. You can be elaborate** (having the cards and candy printed with an evangelistic message) **or simple, grab a handful of supplies and hit the pavement surprising strangers with small touches of love.**

Let's get out into the community and share some Kindness. Last month I asked you to all lift up a cup of kindness as we said farewell to the old year, and for the good old days...

This month let us make someone happy.. How is the GOOD NEWS going? Are you putting up some pictures in Rambo Hall, sharing some great stories with one another about how God has been good to you, to BPC, to the community or the world?

Love is in the air....What better time for the church to love and serve others? Let that love touch someone special in and outside God's House this month..



When the snow falls, how about coming down to the church with the kids and helping with shoveling?

Any help you can give is greatly appreciated!



Church School NEWS



SOUPER BOWL of CARING - Sunday, February 6th

Please look for the soup pots and yellow food boxes as you enter and leave the Sanctuary on **SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY**. Church School children will be collecting money and food items to “tackle hunger in our community.” The money collected will go to



B.P.C.'s feeding ministry which provides hot food to the INN in Freeport. The food items collected will go to the food pantry of the Long Island Council of Churches. All non-perishable food items are welcomed but the food pantry is presently really in need of **baby formula and diapers,** canned fruits and vegetables (including those low in sodium), cereal (hot and cold - including grits), canned meats such as chicken, tuna, and stews, boxed and bottles of juices, peanut butter and jelly, and Parmalat milk. The food



pantry serviced 5400 families in 2010; this is an increase of 700 families over the past year. Many of the new families included seniors. As newspaper articles continue to report, hunger is a major problem on Long Island. All of us working together can help to **tackle** this problem. Thank you in advance for supporting the Church School mission programs.

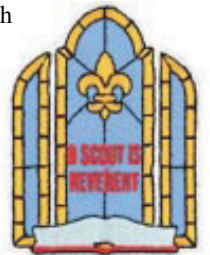


CHILDREN'S CHAPEL SERVICE - FEBRUARY 6th

On February 6th, children in kindergarten through 6th grade should meet their teachers in the Chapel for our Souper Bowl of Caring service. The service will begin at 10:30. Children in Pre-K should go directly to their classrooms at 10:30 and our 7th and 8th graders are, once again, reminded to attend the Communion Service with their families. All children are reminded to please bring back their **SOUPER BOWL of CARING** grocery bags on that date.

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 13th

If you are a Cub Scout or Boy Scout - and haven't done so already- please let us know if you will be participating in the service on Boy Scout Sunday by filling out a green card or calling Linda Gavin at 223-7683. There will be a special coffee hour after the 10:30 service hosted by Pack #192. Please join us as we celebrate the anniversary of Boy Scouting.





Worship & Music

Exciting things are happening here at BPC!

Our **appreciation to everyone** who helped with our worship services and programs during the Advent and Christmas seasons. Whether you helped decorate our buildings and grounds at the "Greening of the Church", were an excited Sunday Schooler who hung a wreath at the "Hanging of the Greens" in worship, took part in the cantata or helped plan / participated in our Christmas Eve Family Worship Service, please know we appreciate your efforts.

Good News! After its' warm reception in December, Worship & Music is pleased to announce that the Easter portion of the cantata "The White Rose" will be presented during worship on Sunday, May 1st. Mark your calendars now and invite a friend to join you for this worship event.



We can be very proud of all our youth, but especially those who led worship on Sunday, January 9th. Thank you for sharing your experiences with us.




Our concert series "**An Afternoon of Music**" will continue on Sunday, February 27th at 2:00 p.m. with an organ concert by Herb Bradensten. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us for what will be a wonderfully musical experience!

The final concert in the 2010-2011 series will take place on May 15th, so again we hope you will put this on your calendar now (so you don't forget!).



Despite the snows of this winter, Lent (and spring) will come. Ash Wednesday is March 9th and plans are now being made with our neighboring churches for our annual Mid Week Lenten Services. More information to come in the March Visitor.



Stewardship Corner

"*Changing Lives for Christ*" was the theme for our campaign for 2011. We would like to thank everyone for their support. When we pause and think about our church, what it means to so many people, it becomes apparent we really are touching lives with Christ's Love. This past year we were able to make upgrades to our buildings; the air conditioning in Rambo Hall makes it more desirable to rent. However, we did end 2010 with a shortfall of -\$7,566.13 this is much less than the predicted deficit. As we begin 2011, we welcome any suggestions, new ideas and energy for

generating more revenue. We encourage everyone to get involved, join a committee its very rewarding to volunteer your time. We also need volunteers on Monday nights, 7-8:30, to help our counters. We meet every Monday night to record and count contributions from Sunday. Record keeping is done on the computer (a simple program). Free training available! Please contact Connie Pititto or Peter Moore if you are interested.

DEACON'S CORNER...

The Long Island Council of Churches Emergency Food Center in Freeport is in desperate need of food. We as a church contribute anywhere from 15-30 bags of food each month, they are always grateful to us for our contribution, but the need is enormous. They are also accepting clothing. You can leave your contribution in the Narthex or in the portico entrance. Tom Lent and Bob Graff deliver the goods once a month. Anything you can do will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!













Flowers for the Chancel each Sunday are needed also. You can place a dedication, a memorial, or honor a loved one. Flowers can be taken after the second service or be left for the Deacons to deliver to a homebound, sick or someone recovering from an illness.

The cost is \$10.00 for an arrangement. You can fill out the card in the Narthex with the name and date you want the flowers placed or you can order them through the office at 785-2590. Thanks again, the Deacons

Mission & Evangelism

The 2010 Church Photo Directory is ready for you to pick up in the parlor. The directories are labeled and in alphabetical order. If you do not find a directory with your name on it or if there are any updates or corrections to be made please call the church office.

FEBRUARY 2011 ffee HOUR (Deacons)

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|
|  |  | 1 6:00 PM For Zion's Comfort 6:30 PM Administration 7:30 PM CE (CR), Mission (N), Stewardship (W) | 2 10:00 AM Fair Ladies(P) 12:00 PM Men's Bible Study(P) 7:00 PM A.A. - There is a light | 3 10:00 AM Homemakers (R/up) 7:00 PM A.A. (R/up) 7:30 PM Sr. Choir Rehearsal (CR) | 4  | 5 8:00 AM Men's Fellowship (R/up) 9:30 AM For Zion's Comfort 5:30 PM Steinkamp Party (R/up) |
| 6 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time COMMUNION Souper Bowl of Caring 11:30 AM Seekers 11:30 AM Childrens Choir 2:00 - 4 Chaplain Service | 7  | 8 10:30 AM Workshop (P) 6:00 PM For Zion's Comfort 7:30 PM Deacons (P) | 9 10:00 AM Fair Ladies(P) 12:00 PM Men's Bible Study(P) 7:00 PM A.A. - There is a light | 10 10:00 AM Homemakers (R/up) 7:00 PM A.A. (R/up) 7:30 PM Sr. Choir Rehearsal (CR) | 11 6:00 PM Blue & Gold Dinner | 12 9:30 AM For Zion's Comfort 6:00 PM Troop 192 - Spaghetti Dinner |
| 13 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Boy Scout Sunday 11:30 AM Childrens Choir Rehearsal 12:00 PM W&M Committee 6:00 PM A.A. - There is a light | 14  | 15 6:00 PM For Zion's Comfort 7:30 PM Trustees (P) | 16 10:00 AM Fair Ladies(P) 12:00 PM Men's Bible Study(P) 7:00 PM A.A. - There is a light | 17 MINUTES DUE 10:00 AM Homemakers (R/up) 7:00 PM A.A. (R/up) 7:30 PM Sr. Choir Rehearsal (CR) | 18  | 19 9:30 AM For Zion's Comfort |
| 20 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time 11:30 AM Childrens Choir Rehearsal 6:00 PM A.A. - There is a light VISITOR Newsletter DEADLINE | 21 Presidents' Day  | 22 9:00 AM Visitor Folding (P) 10:30 AM Workshop(P) 6:00 PM For Zion's Comfort 7:30 PM PW Circle (P) | 23 8:00 AM SouthBay Pioneers (R/up) 10:00 AM Fair Ladies(P) 12:00 PM Men's Bible Study(P) 7:00 PM A.A. - There is a light 7:30 PM Session (P) | 24 10:00 AM Homemakers (R/up) 7:00 PM A.A. (R/up) 7:30 PM Sr. Choir Rehearsal (CR) | 25  | 26 Officer & Leader Retreat Presbytery Center 9:30 AM For Zion's Comfort |
| 27 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Celebrate the Gifts of Women 11:30 AM Childrens Choir Rehearsal 6:00 PM A.A. - There is a light | 28  |  | Sunday Worship Services are at 9:00 AM & 10:30 AM (Unless noted otherwise) Sunday School is at 10:30 AM | | VISITOR Newsletter Deadline: Sunday, February 20th (to promote articles & dates for the March VISITOR) Email articles to: nancilla@optonline.net & Call: 804-2762 | |



Personals

Condolences to -

Jane Hollinshead and the family of Margaret Solomon who died on January 7th
Selma Steele on the death of her husband, Dick who died on August 5th
 Barbara Pabel on the death of her mother-in-law, Hazel Pabel
Bill and Roz Kerr on the death of their dear friend, Ann

Our thoughts and prayers are with you...

Prayers & Personals & Thoughts & Thank You's

Beautiful song, sung with a beautiful voice! Great job Maryrose! The Betancourt Family
Hello All - just a brief word to Michael, Theresa, and Tabitha - you are truly an inspiration.

The Mission Committee would like to **thank** everyone who helped with the photo directory. Elizabeth Meehan and Eileen Meehan for taking many pictures and a special thank you to Nancy Schneider and Theresa Tew for their many hours of work on this directory.

Please help Katie Aurichio (and the North Shore Animal League) as she works on her Girl Scout bronze award by donating pet food, supplies, toys and newspapers. A collection bin is located in the Parlor.



More special music is on the way! Worship and Music is planning the second concert series for February 27th with Herb Bradensten will be performing an organ recital in the sanctuary at 2:00 p.m. Don't forget to mark your calendars!



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Church School NEWS



ATTENDANCE AWARDS

Each Sunday, we have been able to give **EXCEPTIONAL ATTENDANCE AWARDS** to many, if not all, of our classes. Most of our classes have already received special treats for having earned 8 awards and several are close to receiving recognition for earning 16. The following children received special certificates in January for having attended Church School for at least 10 Sundays. They are: Juliet Degree, David Ogilvie, Michael Bennett, Jamison Betancourt, Markus King, Emily Antos, Natasha Balkaran, Jenna Buehler, Amritha Jacob, Jack Savalli, Kenneth Bennett, Katarina King, Ryan Betancourt, Connor Buehler, Lance Carandang, Brendan Collins, Kyle Carandang, Allison Cotter, Mikey DeVito, Rosie DeVito, Brendan Buehler, Jake Chamberlin, Emily Cotter, and Alissa Kane. We now have approximately \$75.40 set aside for Heifer International for our **ANIMAL CRACKERS ATTENDANCE INCENTIVE MISSION PROGRAM.**



GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY- MARCH 13th

Daisies, Brownies, and Girl Scouts - please mark this date on your calendars. We hope you will be participating in our services that day. We need **greeters, readers, and ushers.** More information will follow as we get closer to the date.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER - MARCH 8th.

Please mark this date on your calendars and plan to join us as we enjoy delicious pancakes, sausages, potatoes, beverages, and desserts. This event is held each year to mark the beginning of the Lenten season, enjoy fellowship and good food, and raise money for our CHILDREN'S and YOUTH ACTIVITY FUND.



Greetings and Blessings to:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Drew Licata- February 1st | Katarina King - February 13th |
| Jamison Betancourt - February 6th | Brendan Vega - February 13th |
| Nathan Degree - February 6th | Jack Savalli- February 14th |
| David McGee - February 6th | Maryrose Krassner - February 21st |
| Jada Gairey - February 8th | Emily Antos- February 26th |
| Adhith Jacob - February 9th | Jessica Delsignore - February 28th |

~ From the Church School

Remember in Prayer



(number represents Parish District)(bold represents church member)

Hospital: James Dean Gumas (NUMC)(newborn grandson of **Lisa McCausland**)(3), Betty Jablonski (New Jersey)(sister of **Pastor Jim**)(7), Debbie (Southside Hosp)(friend of a friend of **Lois Graff**)(7), Phyllis Beauchamp (Winthrop)(mother of **Connie Pititto**)(8)

re-Hab: **Thelma Gerold** (Belair)(1), Rosemarie Wengler (sister of **Barbara Pennetti**)(Florida)(8), Donnel Douglas (cousin of **Jane Hollinshead**)(Kentucky)(10)

Home: Lina Kasowski (neighbor of **Crystal DeBebes**)(1), **Joan Feeney** (1), Fran Lowry (friend of **Bill & Roz Kerr**)(1) Mary DeSantis (friend of **Anita Veith**)(1), **Anna Andersen** (3), Tom Hutzler (son of **Lynn Benson**)(4), William Anderson (step-father of **Dan Blasucci**)(4), **Barbara Pahel** (5), **Allen Walther**(5), **Oscar Montano** (5), Gus Pries (great friend of **Jane Ogilvie**)(5), Carol Caruso (sister of **Marcy Hohorst**)(6), Brendan Vega (son of **Dan and Sandi Vega**)(6), Paul Guardino, Denise Schwenk (friends of **Christina King**)(6), Talbot Thayer (friend of **Ingrid Bloomfield**) (7) Virginia (mother of **Linda Barnum's** friend), Reuben, Teri, Jack (friends of **Linda Barnum**)(7), Angela Vecchio (Florida)(mother of **Linda Barnum**)(7), Danny Yackouri (California)(friend of **Pastor Barnum**)(7), **Bob Cheeseman**(7), Catherine DiFrancisco, Michael DiFrancisco, Charlene Cameron (family of **Jessie DiFrancisco**)(8), Jim (nephew of **Barbara Pennetti**)(8), Al Mance (brother-in-law of **Lisa & Glen Gairey**)(9), Cate, Chrissy, Dee and Joe (family of **Marianne Rehor**)(12), **Lynn Pleasants** (12), Tom (Anne Mischke's daughter, Melissa's friend's husband)

Healing: **Len Robertson** (1), Grace Wolynski (sister of **Joan Payton**)(1), Lorraine Conlon (cousin of **Peter Moore**)(2), **Joyce Scotti** (3), Benny Street (brother-in-law of **Nancy & Fred Schneider**)(4), George Swanson, Drew Bischoff (brother of **Diane Swanson**, uncle of **Anneleise Swanson**)(5), Shahina Yousuf, Joann Kuebler, Helen Bickerton, family of George Meyer (friends of **Diane Swanson**)(5), **The Vega family** (6), Arlene Dopple, Alice Bils, Matt Warren, Bob Warren (friends of **Dorothy Hughes**)(6), Bruce Kelly (**Dorothy Hughes** niece's husband) (6), Tom (friend of **Linda Barnum**)(6), Raymond Sullivan (friend of **Bob & Lorraine Cheeseman**)(7), **Theresa & George Skidmore**(7), Basil Brown (brother of **Sharon Falloon**)(9), **Gail Holden (Jane Hollinshead)**(10), **Lyn Youngs (friend of Kathy Arnopp)**(10), Ellen DeFranco (aunt of **Sandy Ogilvie**)(11), John Benson (Cubmaster Pack 192)**Hal-low:** **Andersen, Carlson, Cornwell, Lee, Blasucci, Meiselas, Smith, DeMott, Gavin, Kopp, Renton, Weed, Whritenour, Bendix, Betancourt, Brett, Clupperbuk, Herzog, Pirarello.**

Homebound: **Isabelle Ramel** • 2130 Howell Street • Bellmore, NY 11710

Miss Anne Clutterbuck • Woodhaven Nursing Home • 1360 Route 112 WNH • Port Jefferson, NY 11776

Grace Cameron • Glen Cove Nursing & Rehab Center • 6 Medical Plaza • Glen Cove, NY 11542

Elaine Cooke • Broadlawn Manor Nursing Home • Rm. #320 • 399 County Line Road • Amityville, NY 11701

Homeland Security: Prayers for our defenders of freedom - Maj. Dan Bard(son of **Carol and Nate Bard**), US Navy Capt. Edward Campbell (cousin of **Darrell French**), *Capt. Henry Hansen U.S. Army, *Capt. Lindsay Hansen U.S. Army, *Lt. Col. Peter Janow, Lt. Col. David P. Cienski (brother of **Marcy Hohorst**), **Lt. Col. Ken Hohorst**, Chris Doerr (friend of the **Swanson's**), *Earl Harper U. S. Army Engineers (relative of **Jesse Hunt**), **Sgt. Jesse O. Hunt**, Sgt. Jerry Lopez (friend of the **Swanson's**), Sgt. Jason Marshall (friend of **Anneleise Swanson**), Wesley Pimental (nephew of the **Carlson** family), Lucien Pimentel(nephew of the **Carlson** family), LCPL, USMC Scott Schlenker (grandson of **Edna Williams**), SSG Thomas C. Teufel (friend of the Rehor family), Andrew Torres (USMC, former student of **Ed Dempsey**), Tyrone Walsh (cousin of **Lauren DePass**),*Chris Jaeger US Army, Dennis Fitzgerald
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