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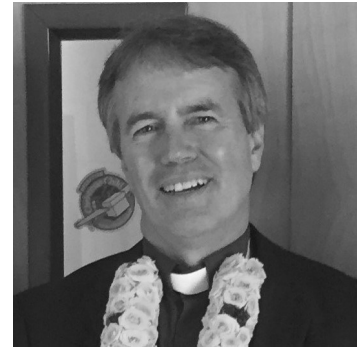
A Ministry Newsletter of New Dover United Methodist Church

CHUCK'S CHURCH CHAT

Saints,

Grace to you and peace!

I'm writing this edition of the "Chat" mid-December so I'm only about halfway through all the events that lead up to and include Christmas and New Year's. I'm trusting that by the time you read this we will have had another two weeks of sacred and inspirational services centered on the birth of the Christ child including this year's Cantata, our two Christmas Eve Candlelight services, and our annual Watchnight service on New Year's Eve. I can report to you that the weeks of Advent leading up to Christmas have been wondrous in their own right...



- ⇒ On November 30 New Dover hosted yet another 2019 **Chesney Wedding**- this time it was Samantha marrying Zachary Nocciolo. They join Brian and MacKenzie in this year's walk up the aisle!
- ⇒ The crew who **decorated the sanctuary** managed to "get 'er done" and indulge in some breakfast goodies in a little over an hour this year! Special thanks to Mark Sojak for braving the extension ladder to hang the garland and wreaths above the altar!
- ⇒ Jean and I were so happy to host our 4th **Parsonage Open House** on December 8th. What a crowd! I guarantee no one left hungry or absent of the Christmas Spirit!
- ⇒ So many of you told me this year's **Christmas Pageant** was the best ever! I heartily agree- everything, from the stage, the props, the costumes, and the performances, was stunning! Praise to the Manglapuses and their dedicated helpers for finding a way to tell the story we know so well in such a new and exciting way!! The Pageant was followed by an extended coffee hour with lots of treats and lots of joyous fellowship!
- ⇒ In the meantime we've been busy doing **the work of the church**, donating gift bags to our women veterans through the United Methodist Women, collecting over 3,500 diapers (so far) for Maker's Place in Trenton, filling boxes with food and wrapping gifts for our neighbors in need, and signing up to volunteer for First Fiends of NJ and NY!

Okay, so much for the first half of December. What do we have to look forward to in the new year you ask? Well...

- ⇒ Our **Hot Topics** study of the Gospel of Mark kicks back in on the week of January 5th, as does Davidson's **Adult Sunday School** class on how to read the Bible, and Anita Davis' **Friday night class** on the prophet Isaiah!
- ⇒ Our Youth Group departs for their annual **Ignite Community Midwinter Retreat** on Friday January 10th. Led by Pastor Davidson, this year's event is sponsored by our own Greater New Jersey United Methodist Conference and will be held in the Pinelands Retreat Center in Jackson, NJ.

- ⇒ Beginning Sunday, January 12th we will begin a sermon series entitled “**Jesus Greatest Hits,**” in which we’ll count down in reverse order and preach on Jesus’ top ten stories and events as decided by you the congregation! We’ll distribute ballots during worship on Sunday the 5th so don’t miss out on your chance to vote!!
- ⇒ The annual Metuchen-Edison Clergy Association *Celebration of the Life of Martin Luther King* will take place at 3:30 on Sunday, January 19th at New Hope Baptist Church located at 45 Hampton Street in Metuchen. Once again I’m honored to be worship leader. Come celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. King!
- ⇒ A new **Confirmation Class** begins on Sunday, January 26 following worship. If you know of a young person, age 12 and older, who desires to be confirmed into church membership please contact the office in order to sign them up. Classes will run through mid-May.
- ⇒ And now the news many of you have been waiting for! On Saturday, March 21st NDUMC, in conjunction with “**Rise Against Hunger,**” will host a mega-meal packaging event. Remember how last year we assembled 26,500 meals? Well this year our goal is **50,000!** To help with our \$.40 per meal cost we are again be putting on a **Rummage Sale** running from Friday and Saturday, February 21st and 22nd. We’ll need plenty of volunteers for both events starting in January as we organize donations and prepare our facilities for the crowds.

Okay, that’s all I got so far, but as they say, “Lots more to come!” Please pay attention to additional events and announcements throughout this edition of The Herald. We had a remarkable 2019; can’t wait to see what God has planned for us in 2020! I hope you all had a meaningful Christmas and I wish you all the happiest New Year...

Peace,

Chuck

Rev. Chuck

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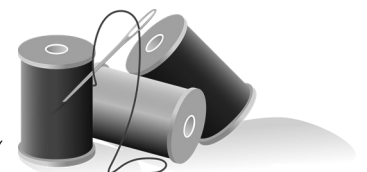
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KNITTING CROCHETING SEWING QUILTING CRAFTS



Do you enjoy making things? Do you feel the call to use your gifts and help those who are in need? We are looking for people (and we mean men AND women) willing to make a variety of items for the less fortunate-items such as blankets, quilts, hats, scarves, mittens, soft toys for children, etc. If your are interested in being a part of this new venture, please bring your questions and ideas to Pat Carpenter or Anita Davis so we can get started helping others!

“Just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead”-James 2:26



KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS



Boyce family

Judy Tymitz

Tom Crouse

Bonner family

Richards/Carpenter fmlies

Aaron Christie

Dianne&Herb Petersen

Parkhill family

MaryEllen Anglin

Mary Ellen Anglin

Manny&Nora De La Paz

Sandra De Alwis

Fran Livecchia

Cancer patients

Service men&women

Veterans

Homeless, unem-

ployed&uninsured

Victims of terror-
ism&violence

Evelyn Millard

Robin&Carolyn DeCicco

Liam Dalton

Pray for all those affected by Natural Disasters, those suffering with addictions, those suffering from depression, all national leaders, and all those serving at New Dover UMC.

Any names that may have been left off are not intentional. We trust in God to know all our needs.



**KIDS AGE 12 & UP
CLASSES START 11:30 AM
SUNDAY, JANUARY 26!**

SERMON OF THE MONTH

“The Gospel of the Kingdom”

Preached on January 13, 2019

Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

If someone asked you the question, “*Who is this Jesus?*” How would you answer? The response many, maybe most Christians offer goes something like this: “*Well he’s the one who died on a cross to take away our sins,*” and they may follow that up by quoting John 3:16: “*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who **believes** in him may not perish but may have eternal life.*” So according to scripture we have been saved from death by the sacrificial death of a man long ago who was crucified for our sins.

But here’s the thing: that wasn’t just *any* man who died on that cross two thousand years ago. The Romans crucified thousands, crosses lined the roadways on which hung the bodies of the condemned. We don’t worship *all of them* do we? No, there’s just *one* who is the reason we’re here this morning. Jesus of Nazareth was a particular human being, who lived in a particular place, at a particular time. And here’s the thing: *who he was* is every bit as important as *what he did*. It’s a fact that the majority of Christians are far more focused on “*WHAT*” he did rather than “*WHO*” he was. I mean, come on, some of us know more about the lives of the contestants on The Voice than we do about the life of Jesus. We know more about Megan Markle’s wardrobe than we do about Jesus’ miracles. We’ve spent way more time playing the lottery than studying the gospels!

This was the dilemma I confronted right when I hit my early 20s. I was born and raised in the Methodist Church on Main Street in Quinton, New Jersey, so I knew *WHAT* Jesus did. I knew *what he did “for me.”* So yeah, I had what’s called faith in the Christ who died on the cross. But despite the best efforts of my Sunday School teachers (and God bless ‘em!) I really knew little as to *WHO* this Jesus was! And because of that the scientist in me decided it was time to do something about it, so what did I do? Well, I didn’t dive straight into the books in my pastor’s library; there were so many and I wouldn’t know where to start. No, I actually got down on my knees and prayed! I prayed, “*God I think I get you- Creator of the universe, all-powerful, etc., etc., but your son Jesus? Now he’s a puzzle? Can’t figure him out at all. How about a little help down here?!*”

What happened next was one of the most obvious miracles I ever experienced. The very next day the phone rings at our house, my Mom picks it up and says, “*Chuck, it’s for you. It’s Lester Saunderlin....*” Now Lester Saunderlin was a US Navy vet who was getting ready to teach a new adult Sunday School class using a book entitled (tada!) The Life and Teaching of Jesus by Dr. Edward Baumann. And while it was written from a Christian faith perspective, this book was focused on the man called Jesus of Nazareth, who walked the dusty roads of Palestine, who was baptized by John, who preached the Kingdom of God, who taught and healed and performed miracles for about three years and who eventually took the fight to Jerusalem where he would die on the cross.

Saints, there is a direct line leading from this book and my participation in that hometown Sunday School class to my seminary education and eventually ordination as a minister years later, and along this journey I have come to know so much about Jesus of Nazareth and the life he lived. But here’s the thing- over the years the more I’ve found out about him, the more enticing the call to dive deeper and deeper into his life and teaching! But that’s exactly as it should be, right? Because the story of this remarkable yet mysterious man ever beckons us all onward, does it not?

Who is this man we claim to be familiar with, but really know so little about? Our lack of understanding was famously exposed by the great scholar and physician Albert Schweitzer in 1906 in his book The Quest of the Historical Jesus when he concluded that those who boldly and braggadociously claim to know Jesus and everything he stands for are the ones who actually know him least! Schweitzer demonstrated that *each person’s portrait of Jesus tends to be a self-portrait*- we imagine, you see, *the Jesus we want, rather than the Jesus who is*. So, if you’re a conservative, then Jesus is a conservative; if you’re a liberal, well then Jesus is a liberal; if you’re an isolationist then Jesus must be an isolationist; if you’re a globalist then...you get the picture! The reason we do that is because we tend to naturally gravitate toward what is familiar and comfortable rather than that which is obscure and challenging.

Schweitzer's work asked that we take a step back, put our know-it-all arrogance behind us and embark on a new quest to know the actual Jesus who walked the dusty roads of Palestine. This new journey begins by first acknowledging our own ignorance, admitting to ourselves that, guess what, ***we really don't know this man.*** For many that may seem like a step back, but here's the thing- only by taking that step back will we remove our own egos from the equation and open ourselves fully to the Jesus who calls on us to follow him.

In his thought-provoking book Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time, Marcus Borg wrote the following: *We have all met Jesus before. Most of us first met him when we were children. For many, the childhood image of Jesus remains intact into adulthood. For some, that image is held with deep conviction, sometimes linked with warm personal devotion and sometimes tied to rigid doctrinal positions. For others, both within and outside of the church, the childhood image of Jesus can become a problem, producing perplexity and doubt, often leading to indifference toward or rejection of the religion of their childhood. Indeed, for many Christians...there came a time when their childhood image of Jesus no longer made a great deal of sense. And for many of them, no persuasive alternative has replaced it. **The most common image of Jesus...sees him as the divine savior.** Put most compactly, this image (consists of) answers to... three classic questions about Jesus:*

QUESTION: Who was he? ANSWER: The divinely begotten Son of God.

QUESTION: What was his mission or purpose? ANSWER: To die for the sins of the world.

QUESTION: What was his message? ANSWER: Most centrally, it was about himself: his own identity as the Son of God, the saving purpose of his death, and the importance of believing in him.

Borg goes on: *"The image of the Christian life to which this image of Jesus leads is clear: It consists primarily of **believing**--that Jesus was who he said he was and that he died for our sins. Its primary dynamic is **faith**, understood as **believing certain things about Jesus to be true.** Though **belief** may (and ideally does) lead to much else, it is the primary quality of this image of the Christian life.*

*"Only slightly less common is an image of Jesus as teacher. His moral teaching may be understood in general terms (the Great Commandment of love of God and love of neighbor, or the Golden Rule of doing to others as you would have them do to you), or in quite specific terms as a code of righteousness. But in either case, **the image of the Christian life that flows out of this image of Jesus consists of "being good," of seeking to live as Jesus said we should.***

Borg challenges these two images: *"Both images (as divine savior and inspired teacher), it seems to me, are inadequate. Not only are they inaccurate as images of the historical Jesus, but they lead to incomplete images of the Christian life. **That life is ultimately not about believing or about being good. Rather...IT IS ABOUT A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD THAT INVOLVES US IN A JOURNEY OF TRANSFORMATION.** Though it may seem fresh and initially unfamiliar, the understanding of the Christian life as a journey of transformation is very old, going back to the first century of the early Christian movement. Meeting this Jesus will, for many of us, be like meeting Jesus again for the first time.*

Little story- couple of months or so into my ministry at New Dover, a long-time church member, yeah, one of you guys(!) came up to me and said, *"You know, this stuff you're preaching? I've never really heard anything like it before."* Now, I wasn't sure whether that person meant that as a friendly compliment or a stinging critique. I, of course, took it as a friendly compliment! Why? Because the proclamation of God's Word should always come across as fresh, new, and startling, not old, stale and predictable, right? Everyone of us should ask this question when we wake up on Sunday morning: what startling new revelations about Jesus might spring forth this morning? Saints, every week is a new journey of discovery. For this sermon let's begin the journey where Jesus began his. For that we turn to Matthew, chapter 4:

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'...

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought to him all the sick, those who were afflicted with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, and paralytics, and he cured them. And great crowds followed him from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

Lesson one: Jesus was not born in a vacuum. He lived in a particular time and a particular place, the Roman province of Palestine in the first half of the first century, 2,000 years ago. To remove Jesus from his historical context is to remove a great deal of the meaning and power from his life and teaching. Jesus lived in a time when the Roman Empire dominated the entire Mediterranean world. Rome held *sovereignty* over all of its provinces including Palestine. Sovereignty is defined as “*the full right and power of a governing body over itself, without any interference from outside sources or bodies.*” Turns out this is important to remember as we journey with Jesus through Palestine! The Empire administered its provinces by installing Roman governors and selecting puppet rulers from among the native people.

In Jesus’ time the vast majority of the Jews in Palestine lived in dire poverty, with only the top one percent or so, those who collaborated with Rome, having any wealth. As scholar John Dominic Crossan puts it, “*There were the haves and the have nots,*” with virtually no middle class in between. Turns out this is important to remember as we journey with Jesus through Palestine! As you might imagine, this economic injustice caused a great deal of resentment among the common folk toward those who sold their souls to Rome, and that tension led to revolutionary actions and cries for independence. Turns out this is important to remember as we journey with Jesus through Palestine!

This passage from Matthew relates what would have been the lead story on the Nazareth evening news and the most viral post on social media if they had TVs and computers back then: Herod Antipas, Rome’s puppet ruler of greater Galilee had sent a police action to the Jordan River Valley. There they broke up a mob of troublemakers and apprehended their charismatic leader, John the Baptist, the revolutionary firebrand prophet of the desert. The action left his followers scared and scattered. But at least one was determined to continue the revolutionary work. His name was Jesus of Nazareth, and in the wake of Herod’s action, Jesus retreated back to his native Galilee to regroup, ending up in the town of Capernaum on the shores of the Sea of Galilee where he would establish a sort of base camp for his ministry.

From there he would go forth teaching and healing and gathering followers and proclaiming one central message above all: something he called *the gospel of the Kingdom of God*. It was a message he adopted from his predecessor John the Baptist, but it was Jesus who became its greatest herald. According to the 20th century biblical scholar Sherman Johnson, “*The kingdom is central in Jesus’ teaching.*” Johnson is not alone in his thinking because that is the overwhelming consensus among scholars. Historian Michael Grant puts it, “*every thought and saying of Jesus was directed and subordinated to one single thing ..., the realization of the Kingdom of God upon the earth,*” and “*this one phrase [Kingdom of God] sums up his whole ministry and his whole life’s work*”

You know, over a billion people all around the world profess to be Christians, yet it’s a bit crazy that the majority are not the slightest bit aware of Jesus’ central teaching?! That’s kind of shocking, considering that the Greek word for “kingdom,” *basileia*, shows up *162 times* in the New Testament, 55 times in Matthew’s gospel alone!

But what exactly is this kingdom so central to Jesus’ life and teaching? Simply put, the expression kingdom of God refers to the authoritative reign of God, also known as God’s *sovereignty* over all creation. Remember how I referred to the *sovereignty* of Rome over its empire (“*Sovereignty is the full right and power of a governing body over itself, without any interference from outside sources or bodies.*”)? So when Jesus proclaimed the kingdom or sovereignty of God that’s what he means. What the world looks like when it is run the way God would have it run.

In the Old Testament God’s sovereignty was there at creation, but in the time of Noah human beings rejected God’s sovereignty and you have the corresponding events of the Great Flood and the destruction of the Tower of Babel. Then God attempted to reestablish sovereignty through Abraham, Moses, and the children of Israel, but Israel disobeyed God, rejecting God’s sovereignty, and so God punished Israel by granting pagan nations like Babylon, Greece, and Rome sovereignty over them. This was the situation when Jesus came onto the scene.

Matthew tells us Jesus went about “proclaiming the good news of the kingdom,” in other words, the return of God’s sovereignty over the lives of those who repent and submit themselves to God’s will. This was Jesus central message. As such, everything else that Jesus taught: every parable he told, every miracle he performed, every religious or political leader he challenged, every table he overturned, all happened within the context of the Kingdom of God, all related to the sovereignty of God.

Saints, if we are to truly know this man, this particular human being who died on a cross then we absolutely cannot divorce his sacrificial death from that which was central to his mission! Correspondingly, if we are to be transformed into his likeness we must take to heart that which was first in his own heart- the Kingdom of God and all that entails! This means that all we do as a church mirror his life and teaching, from proclaiming the Kingdom to healing the broken, from taking on the demons of this world to raising the dead, from compassionate acts toward the poor to fighting for justice for the oppressed. Ultimately our faith is not about simply knowing the right words or reciting a creed; it is all about how we live our lives in the Kingdom of God. Our very acts indicate whether we ourselves are truly transformed into Jesus' likeness, or, in his own words, "*Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near!*"

We need volunteers in 2020 to cover coffee hour on the fifth Sunday in March, May, August, and November. If you are interested, please speak to Connie Thomas.



Jesus: Greatest Hits



**A SERMON SERIES CHOSEN
BY YOU THE CONGREGATION!
STARTS JANUARY 12**

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

GIFTS FOR WOMEN VETERANS AT MENLO PARK VETERAN'S HOME

We will once again be make gift bags for the women at the Menlo Park Veteran's Home. The following is a list of items we include:

- Personal items: Hand/body lotions, body spray, small (NEW) scarves, combs, jewelry
- Small notepads, pens, writing paper, all occasion cards, gift bags
- Cash donations to purchase some of the above items.

Last year we were able to donate 60 gift bags to these women. Let's try to top that amount this year.

Thank you to all who have donated in the past. These gifts were all happily received. Gifts like these help provide a better quality of life for the residents.

Look for baskets in Fellowship Hall to put your gifts in.

Sincerely,

Dianne Petersen
President, United Methodist Women



2020 Calendar Challenge for the Food Pantry

This Mission Project sponsored by the United Methodist Women and the Sunday School is a 2020 Calendar Challenge to keep our food pantry stocked. Each month food donations will be collected throughout 2020 starting in January. We have compiled a list of items for the year that are usually requested. There are 4 lists that items were rotated so we do not get all the same foods every month. The 4 lists are randomly put into the Herald and the Sunday bulletin. Keep you list handy so you can view it and bring the items for the month the first Sunday or at your convenience. There are 31 items for the months with 31 days. Each month 2 or 3 items are listed. Because there have been a large amount of canned vegetables donated already, they are not on the list. If the need arises we will put out a request for them. This will help with the Holiday food baskets throughout the year and will keep the food pantry stocked. Turkeys and hams will still be needed for the holidays.

We hope enough members will participate in this project to make it a success.

Thank you for your support!

Peggy Silva - United Methodist Women
Janet Greve - Sunday School

MEMBERSHIP BLOG

We start with November 16-17 services. On Saturday, Rev. Davidson discussed that trying to mold God to our understanding limits us; we need to open ourselves to see Him and ourselves in a new way. Let go and let God work in us. On Sunday, the service began wonderfully with the Sunday school children collecting food in shopping carts for the hungry; the congregation filled two carts to overflowing and everyone was warmed by the experience. The Scriptures for the day were Isaiah 29:13-16 and Matthew 7:21-29. Rev. talked about the labels that we use as Christians to separate ourselves from other individuals and congregations, much as the Pharisees did in Jesus' time. Labels have the power to create judgment and division; are we actually following His teachings or just using the title of "Christian" and paying lip service to our faith? The service began and ended with "Lift High the Cross". The next Saturday Rev. did double duty, soloing for the music with Thanksgiving tunes and following with the sermon. The Scripture for the evening was 2 Corinthians 9:6-15. When we sow the Gospel and help others through our actions, in return we find we are blessed and strengthened by our sharing and giving; our giving is in gratitude for what Jesus has done for us, and glorifies God and His purposes. In other words, giving and thanksgiving are connected. Thanks Rev. for the extra efforts! On Sunday, Rev. Edwin Ponniah returned as a guest speaker, and a similar theme was heard by the congregation on that day. Thank you Rev. Ponniah for your insight.

The following weekend heralded the first Sunday in Advent. Selected congregants lit the first candle and provided a reading and prayer. Our expanded Chancel Choir sang beautifully a piece entitled "In Silence We Wait". The Scriptures for the day were Isaiah 9:2b-7 and Matthew 5:14-16. The Jews of Isaiah's time were in spiritual darkness and had accepted life without light. Are we the same, stumbling in a darkness of our own making, refusing to accept God's will for our lives? Let's not be bushel basket (false) Christians, but be lampstand Christians (true followers of Christ). Our light shines through our actions as disciples, and Advent is a great time to turn on the light switch of God's Word and begin shining! The next Saturday Rev. provided the music and sermon, holding it all together with support from the congregation. On Sunday, the new Advent banners were dedicated in honor of Man and Ruth Christian-what a beautiful way to remember those saints who have passed! The Scriptures for the day were Jeremiah 33:14-16 and Luke 21:25-36. What is the meaning of Advent for us? Let's use this time for repentance, reflection and a renewal of spiritual discipline; God is coming both to judge and redeem, and we need to examine our relationship with him now. If Jesus is truly in our lives, we cannot remain un-transformed. The time has come for change!

We take a moment to offer a heartfelt thank you to our Altar Committee, whose members work tirelessly to beautify the front of the church all year round (especially during holiday seasons); they also prepare the elements for Communion each month. They give generously of their time and energy in recognition of God's sanctuary, and we are sincerely appreciative of their efforts.

Our condolences to our administrative assistant Trish Boyce and her husband Howard, in the sudden loss of their daughter in early December. Laura's legacy will live on in memories and stories of her life from those whose hearts have been touched by hers. May God give you strength and peace beyond all understanding in your time of grief.





January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2 7:30 AA	3	4 10:00-11:00am Karate (W) 5:00 Praise Service 6:30-8 Telugu Service 7:30 AA & AI Anon
5 Epiphany Sunday 8:30 Worship 9:00 Adult Sunday School 10:00 Children's Sunday School 10:15 Worship 11:30 Choir Practice 11:30 & 12pm Bell Choir Practices 11:30-1:00 ADC Bible Study 1:00-2:30 Telugu Service 4:00 Youth Group	6 10:30 Hot Topic 6:30 Social Justice	7 7:30 Scout Troop 44 (FH) Baking Class?	8 10:00 Prayer Fellowship 6:00-8:00pm Karate (W) 7:00 Trustees	9 7:00 Hot Topics 7:30 AA	10 6-8pm GS 80105	11 10:00-11:00am Karate (W) 5:00 Praise Service 6:30-8 Telugu Service 7:30 AA & AI Anon
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January Birthdays

- 1 *Gerry Allarey*
Nissy Bandari
William Markan
Praveena Paul
- 2 *Thomas Flynn*
- 3 *Renil Khristi*
Bob Meckler
- 6 *Liam Dalton*
Julie Gottstein
- 7 *Sean Becker*
- 8 *Alexander Markan*
- 9 *Thomas Crouse*
- 11 *Sue Dalton*
Jameson Ouellette
- 14 *Annapurna Budala*
- 16 *Jesse Harland*
- 17 *Michael Greve*
- 19 *Janice Wilson*
- 22 *Cindy Bonito*
Tim Roth
- 30 *Elmira Higoy*
- 31 *Victoria Aludino*

December Anniversary's

- 18 *Ajith & Sandra De Alwis*
- 19 *Fredie & Spruha Terence*
- 27 *Poorna Jeevanandam &*
Catherine Poornaselvan
- 28 *Rajiv & Sanjana Dialle*



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NOVEMBER 1- DECEMBER 18. DROP OFF BY CHURCH OFFICE.

DECEMBER DIAPER DRIVE

FAST FACTS

Why Diapers?

- Babies require up to 12 diapers per day, toddlers about 8.
- A sufficient supply of diapers are necessary to keep a baby clean, dry and healthy.
- Diapers are essential to a child's well being. Yet, state and national safety programs do not assist with diapers for low-income families.

The Numbers

- 5.2 million - the number of babies and toddlers in poor or low income families.
- \$70-\$80 - the amount diapers cost per month, per baby.
- 0 - the number of federal programs that cover diapers.

The Diaper Gap

- Households experiencing diaper shortage are on average lacking 19 diapers per month.
- More than a quarter of families who experience diaper shortages need to rely on diaper drives to help fill that gap.

Donations Make a Difference!

- Babies who remain too long in a soiled diaper are exposed to potential health risks. *Your donations make a change for health!*
- Most child care centers, even free or subsidized facilities, require parents to provide a day's supply of disposable diapers. *Your donations make a change for early childhood education and childhood learning!*
- Many parents can't go to work or school if they can't leave their babies at child care. *Your donations make a change for working families, and help families in poverty stretch their limited income further.*

Together, we can make a change!

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