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FROM THE PASTOR

A Christmas Without Caroling

Manse Open House

January's 2nd Friday Event - January 13, 2012 - 4-9 p.m.

Dear Friends,

Sadly, this year there will be no caroling party on the Sunday before Christmas. There are two reasons: first, the Youth Group's schedule has forced their Christmas gathering to the afternoon of December 10, and second, I am having oral surgery on December 6. I've planned the latter so that it precedes 2 Sundays when I do not preach (Cantata Sunday and Pageant Sunday). The surgery is potentially extensive, and I won't be the hostess-with-the-mostest during December. A bone graft, put in place Dec. 6, will be fairly fragile at first, as it begins the process of a dental implant - completed probably sometime in March.

I have a favorite movie – "A Christmas Without Snow" – which I will offer on January 13, for those able to stay long enough to watch it. Obviously, that's the source of the title for this month's article / invitation. It's about a gruff old choir director, played by John Houseman, and a rank of back-biting sopranos . . . none of whom bear any resemblance to Wendy or our sopranos!! It's complicated by the emotional troubles of the pastor's son. (See, I don't even have a son - this is NOT a parody of our church!) And it seemed appropriate to show on our own "Christmas Without Caroling". (You are, of course, perfectly welcome to plan your own caroling adventures, but there won't be refreshments waiting for you at the manse afterward.)

One more housekeeping note on Christmas: In your box of offering envelopes, there are two Christmas envelopes. One is for your Christmas offering to this congregation – possibly something above and beyond your estimated giving for 2011, perhaps tithing a bonus or sharing in a late year dividend. The other is the "Christmas Joy" envelope, which is one of the denominational offerings. The Christmas Joy offering supports the unmet needs of families who have given their lives to the mission of the Presbyterian Church (USA), some of them after retirement, others while they continue to serve. It also supports students at racial ethnic schools and colleges, bearing joyful witness to the power of Jesus' uncontainable love to change lives. Your session has decided to receive this offering as "Christmas Joy in July", rather than on December 18. Offering envelopes will be made available at that time.

And now, a word of hope and love, to you. Words from Ann Weems, but expressing that peace and promise that I wish for you:

Into this silent night
as we make our weary way
we know not where,
just when the night becomes its darkest
and we cannot see our path,
just then
is when the angels rush in,
their hands full of stars.

*Wishing you a most blessed Christmas,
Pastor Robin*



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Family of Henry Allegretti; Megan Arnold; Virginia Bonnell; Deb Branson & Mike Onofri; Charlotte Daley; Emily Dallas; Emily DelVecchio; Peggy Flickinger; Joe Gallo; Kelly Jones; Barbara Kimball; Marion Knaus; Cleo Lewis; Ruth Newton; Stacey Onofri; Stephen Pindar; Deb Reider; Jess Saunders; Junior Smucker; Paul Sootkoos; Tina Vilic

WHO'S IN CHARGE FOR DECEMBER

Minister — Rev. Robin Lostetter

Phone: 298-1250

Best time to call is between 10 am & 10 pm

rlostetter@bordentownpresbyterian.org

Director of Music — Gwendolyn Huber

Accompanists — Lynn Flickinger, Debbie Hill,
Tina Vilic

Secretary — SaraLee Pindar; *SaraLee's Usual
Office Hours: W, Th, Fri 9-1;*
office@bordentownpresbyterian.org

Deacon of the Month — Nancy Grim, 298-5899

Fellowship Hour:

12/04—Cookie Tasting

12/11—Silver Tea

12/18—Donna Potts

*To volunteer as a Co-Leader or for Fellowship
Hour, call Kathie Ackerman, 298-0661*

Communion Servers — December 4:

Cindy Chidley, Victoria Taylor,
Pat Terry, Bob Horton

Communion Servers — December 24, 11 pm:

George Carmichael; Kathie Ackerman;
Melonie Newton; Alan Stoneback

Communion Servers — January 8:

Don Ryba; Blake Bolinger
Karen Chamberlin; Greg Hoch

Extended Child Care:

12/04—Elke McAteer

12/11—Megan Arnold

12/18—The Burke Family

ANNIVERSARY

12/13 William & Karen Federico



BIRTHDAYS

12/01 Bob Bocock

12/04 Michael Kelly

12/05 Jenna Hartmann
Nancy Hoch

12/07 Christopher Reid

12/09 Lara Darpino
Liana Robertshaw

12/11 Charlotte Daley
Camille DiLeo

12/12 Dominic DelVecchio

12/13 Debbie Branson
Karen Federico
Gayle Lawson

12/14 Kim Murray
Sarah Schultz
Caryl Tipton
Candace Walling

12/16 Marlene Lyszczak

12/17 Meredith Bolinger
Alexander Ryba

12/18 Ray Hartmann

12/19 Richard Shaw

12/22 Erin Chamberlin

12/24 Marie Katona
Jenna Rominiecki

12/27 Alan Stoneback

12/28 Charlotte Brown-Halgas
Judie Martin

12/29 Duane Arnold
Sarah Gyax

12/31 Jake McEniry

MISSION IN ACTION!

Our next Bread of Life Mission Meals: Sunday, December 4, 2011 (immediately following worship)

There will not be a delivery late in December or early January due to the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Sunday, January 29, 2011 (immediately following worship)

If you would like to donate to this worthwhile mission in our church, write a check to The First Presbyterian Church in Bordentown and write "Mission" or "Bread of Life Meals" in the memo section.

We have started sending an email blast to the email list so that we can get more people involved in the Mission Meal. We've had a good response for help and have had many people approach asking how they can help for future meals. We truly do have a "need to feed" in our congregation and the motel residents repeatedly send their love and many thanks to all of you!

Next Grocery Bag Mission due date:

Week of December 18-24, deliver items to the First Baptist Church in Bordentown.

Our church provides 50 microwaveable meals for the homeless each month. Our donation is combined with donations from other churches to provide 20-30 grocery bags to homeless families living in local area motels. Some examples are pop-top soup cans, Chef-Boyardee pasta meals, or cans of stew. Donna Potts has left a pot in the back of the church with soup can labels for your reference. If you can donate some items for this monthly collection, please place them in this pot.

Ready to distribute Mission Meals:

The Mission Team has been making up paper bags containing non-perishable food that can be stored and ready to be distributed. The bags consist of bottles of water, juice, cereal, soups, microwaveable meals, fruit cups, puddings and anything else that stores well and doesn't need refrigeration. Please help us continue this important mission in our church by making up a bag now and then that can be stored at the church. Give your donated bag to anyone on the Mission Team and we will put it in storage.

Grace and Peace to all!

The Mission Team

Donna Potts, Karen Chamberlin, Bobbi Maiuro, Patty Korsak, Nancy Foster, Colleen Swiderski



PRE-CHRISTMAS COOKIE AND CANDY TASTING DAY DECEMBER 4TH

Bring some samples and make sure you bring your recipes to share with everyone.

What are your favorites? What are some easy fun things to make with the kids?

What are some easy last minute treats?

Beverages will be provided.

NEXT DEACONS MEETING:

Tuesday, December 6, 2011; 7:00 pm in the Julien House

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THE SILVER TEA: The Annual Silver Tea hosted by the Deacons to celebrate our choir and all that they do for our congregation will be held on Sunday, December 11, 2011 immediately following the Cantata. Time to get the silver polished and look for sign up lists for cookie donations and the borrowing of silver.

SENIOR LUNCHEON: The Senior Luncheon was a wonderful time of fun and fellowship! There were stories shared of relatives, photo books, recipes and more. What a rich heritage we have and we are blessed to have shared these memories together. Nobody went home hungry...as usual! The Deacons shared Corned Beef and cabbage, Shepherd's Pie, German Potato salad, corn pudding, pierogies and a German noodle casserole....oh yes and desserts (we must not forget those!)

ST. MARY'S FOOD PANTRY: There has been a good response to requests for groceries to complement the turkeys that the Food Pantry had for Thanksgiving. They were packaged on Sunday, November 20th and delivered on Monday the 21st. Thank you to all who donated!

Deacon on call... December - Nancy Grim

Your Deacons,

**Nancy Grim, Melonie Newton, Karen Chamberlin, Greg Hoch, Amy Dallas,
Bobbi Maiuro, Barbara Kimball, Kerri Pell**

SCHEDULE FOR AMERICAN BOY CHOIR

Friday, December 9

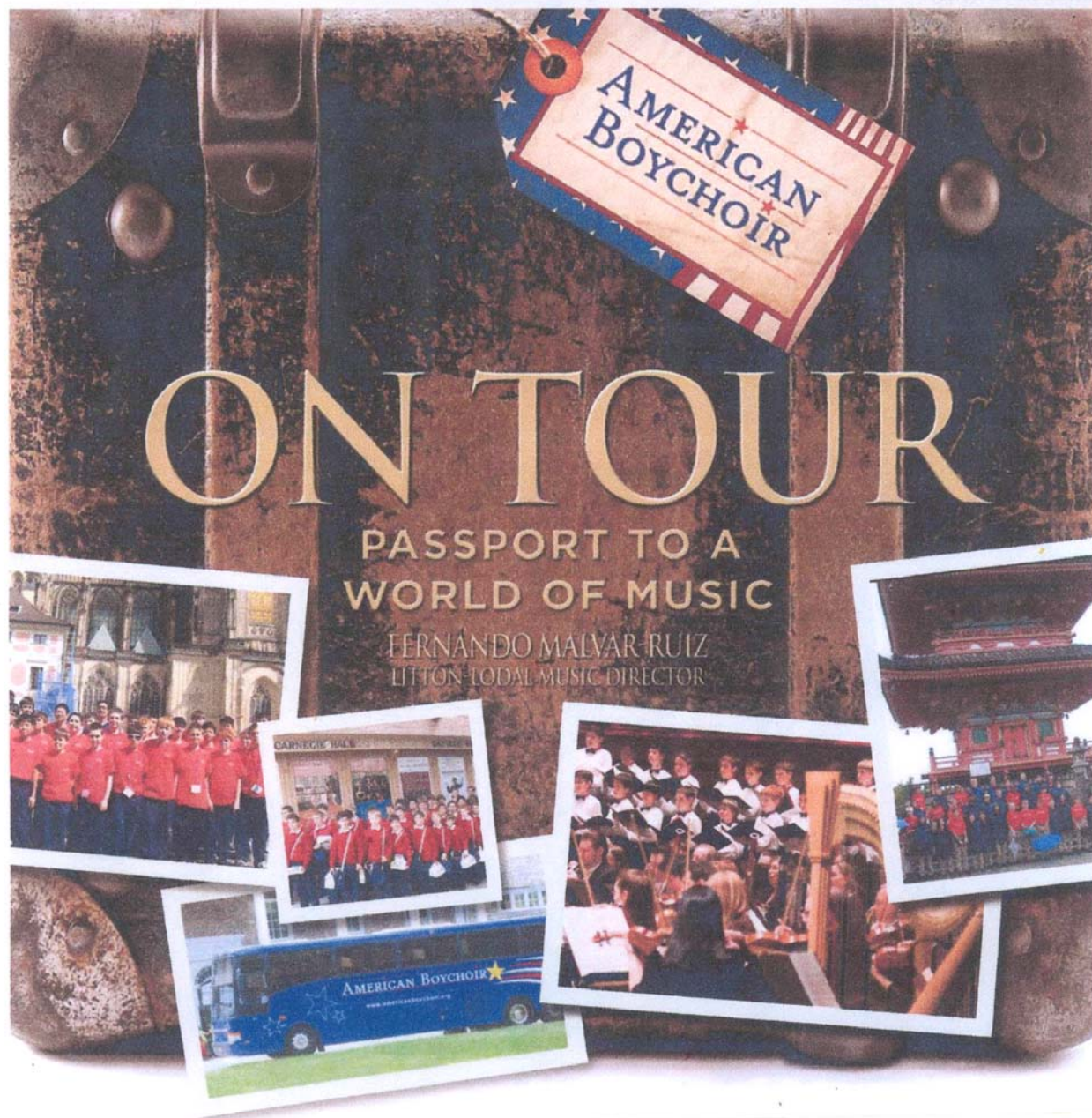
- 2:00 pm: American Boy Choir arrives First Presbyterian of Bordentown; unload and set up
- 2:45 pm: Rest period in sanctuary
- 3:45 pm: Afternoon break
- 4:00 pm: Rehearsal
- 6:00 pm: Dinner (provided by First Pres)
- 6:45 pm: Dressing room (space with at least 30-32 chairs -- choir room is ideal!)
- 7:30 pm: Concert; (reception to follow); meet and depart with host families following reception

Saturday, December 10

- 9:00 am: Host families drop boys off at First Presbyterian
- 9:30 am: American Boy Choir departs

I will be at the church at 2pm and will stay there until the concert. I will need help getting the podiums and tables off the stage. AND, if anyone would like to come and help number the seats with me, they are more than welcome!

Elke McAteer



ON TOUR

PASSPORT TO A
WORLD OF MUSIC

FERNANDO MALVAR-RUIZ
LITTON LODAL MUSIC DIRECTOR

Friday December 9th

7:30pm

Bordentown First Presbyterian Church

Tickets \$30

Call Elke McAteer at (609) 324-0271

elke@ergomanagement.com



IN CONCERT



“SCAN FOR A CAN”

Dear Friends,

We received such a positive response from our **Scan for a Can** held on November 5th, we have decided to extend our offer through the Holiday Season.

We will be offering a free oral cancer screening for anyone 18 or older **between now and December 17th**; all we ask is for a can (or more!) of food.

It truly was a wonderful experience to be able to see first hand how our donations were greatly needed and appreciated by the volunteers at the Food Bank at St. Mary's Church. Please feel free to bring a donation to any scheduled appointment you may have, or drop something by when you're in the area! And please, tell a friend!

Thank you in advance for your support of this cause! We will deliver the donations to The Food Bank at St. Mary's the week of December 19th.

Dr. Alina Lyons
 Lyons Family Dentistry
 806 Farnsworth Ave.
 Bordentown, NJ 08505
 Phone: 609-298-8309
 Fax: 609-298-7002

THE ANNUAL BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE
will be held Sunday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m.
at St. Mary's Church, 45 Crosswicks St., Bordentown City

Funeral Director Robert Pecht of Bordentown Home for Funerals, the Rev. Matt Tucker of Christ Episcopal Church and the Rev. Mike Burns of St. Mary's Church will bring their respective disciplines and talents together to help those who struggle during the Christmas season with a special liturgy that the lonely and the grieving can call their own.

Those people who are not having a very merry Christmas and the friends and family who support them are invited to come and sit with one another in a liturgy that speaks of the love of God for the grieving.

For more information call Bordentown Home for Funerals at 609-298-0128
 or Christ Episcopal Church at 609-298-2348.

HARTMAN MEMORIAL

Our father, Henry Hartman, a life-long member of the Bordentown Presbyterian Church, passed away on November 17, 2011. A memorial service to commemorate his life will be held on December 17 at 11 am at Cokesbury Village, where he resided the past 13 years. He and our mother, Muriel, moved to Cokesbury Village in 1998 to be near one of their children. The address is 726 Loveville Road, Hockessin, Delaware 19707.

All are welcome. After the memorial service there will be a luncheon at John's house just a couple of miles away. A notice will be in the Bordentown Register soon.

If you need to get in touch with me my cell phone is: 302-528-2034.

Regards, Gail Hartman Heath

OCTOBER 2011 FINANCIAL UPDATE

For the month of October weekly offerings totaled \$10,466 compared to a budgeted amount of \$12,715 for a monthly deficit of \$1,594. YTD, actual offerings total \$105,428, compared to a budgeted amount of \$110,808 for a YTD deficit of \$5,380.

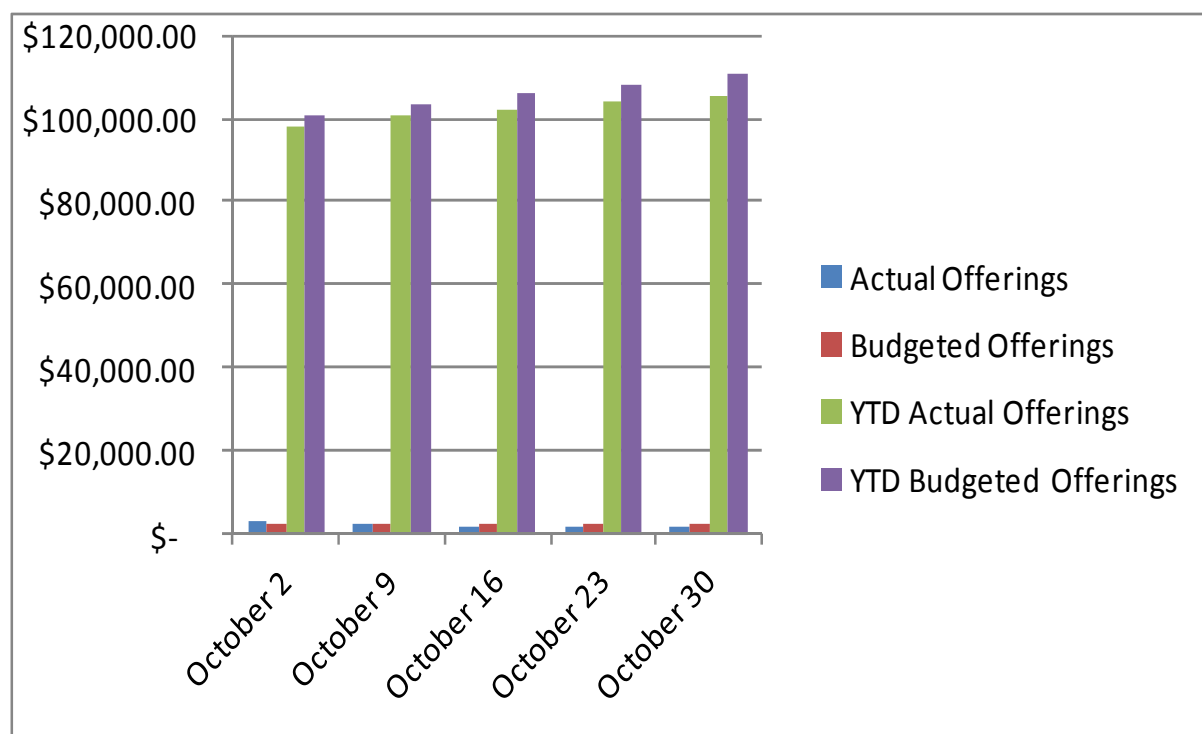
With regard to the overall budget, expenses through October total \$134,309 (\$135,433 budgeted) while actual income totals \$113,161 (\$121,683 budgeted) for a YTD deficit of \$21,148.

However, there continue to be positive signs with regard to our financial situation. The YTD deficit for 2011 is down \$12,308 compared to 2010 (21,148 compared to 33,456 for 2010). This is the result of YTD expenses being down over \$5,000 compared to last year and YTD income being up over \$7,000 compared to last year.

Additionally, our fundraising for the year has already surpassed last year (\$3,556 compared to \$2,279) and we still have the American Boy Choir scheduled for December 9th.

Guy Tassi
Finance Committee

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OCTOBER 2011 ACTUAL OFFERINGS COMPARED TO BUDGETED OFFERINGS						
	October 2	October 9	October 16	October 23	October 30	Month Totals
Actual Offerings	\$ 3,240.00	\$ 2,378.00	\$ 1,545.00	\$ 1,661.00	\$ 1,642.00	\$ 10,466.00
Budgeted Offerings	\$ 2,543.00	\$ 2,543.00	\$ 2,543.00	\$ 2,543.00	\$ 2,543.00	\$ 12,715.00
YTD Actual Offerings	\$ 98,202.00	\$ 100,580.00	\$ 102,125.00	\$ 103,786.00	\$ 105,428.00	
YTD Budgeted Offerings	\$ 100,636.00	\$ 103,179.00	\$ 105,722.00	\$ 108,265.00	\$ 110,808.00	



December 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7 pm Choir 7 pm AA 8:15 Handbells	2	3
4 Advent II 10:30 am Communion	5 7:30 Women's AA	6 7 pm Deacons	7	8 7 pm Choir 7 pm AA 8:15 Handbells	9 7:30 pm American Boy Choir Concert	10 1:30 Youth Group Skating Party
11 Advent III 10:30 Christmas Cantata 11:30 Silver Tea	12 7 pm Women's Bible Study 7:30 Women's AA	13 7 pm Session	14 7 pm Scouts	15 Gingerbread House making party 3:30-5 7 pm Choir 7 pm AA; 8:15 Handbells	16	17
18 Advent IV 10:30 Youth Pageant 7 pm Blue Christmas at St. Mary's	19 7:30 Women's AA	20	21	22 8 am Men's Breakfast 7 pm Choir 7 pm AA 8:15 Handbells	23	24 7:30 Candlelight Service 11 pm Candle- light Communion
25  10:30 am Worship	26 7:30 Women's AA	27	28	29 7 pm AA	30	31

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

All our brightly-colored ornaments will disappear, and the tree will be decorated solely in white and gold, the colors of Christmas, to celebrate the arrival of the Prince of Peace.

Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve:

7:30 p.m. - Family Candlelight Service
11:00 p.m. - Candlelight Communion Service

Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day:

10:30 a.m. - Informal Service of Carols and Stories
Children, feel free to come in jammies and bring a favorite gift you've received!

Sunday, January 1, New Year's Day:

10:30 a.m. - Worship, NO communion

Sunday, January 8:

10:30 a.m. - Worship, Communion (delayed one week due to New Year's Day)



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