

Today

"Impromptu Pageant," Sunday, December 14, after church. Enjoy a soup lunch in the Auditorium and then join us in the Sanctuary for our "Impromptu Pageant." We will sing, tell the Christmas story and have fun together. For all ages.

Neighborhood Caroling, Sunday, December 14 at 1:00 pm. We will sing Christmas carols as we make our way from the church to 7 Chestnut Street for the **Kendricks' Open House,** from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

First Church Holiday Angels Gifts. Please take a card from the Christmas tree in the narthex and fulfill a wish for a UUUM student for a \$40 gift certificate. Or, chip in \$5 or \$10 and we will bundle the donations.

Upcoming Events

Cookie Baking Evening, Wednesday, December 17, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. We will provide cookie dough and fixings. Bring your own cookie cutters. All ages are welcome. Please email or call Ruth to sign up.

Winter Solstice Celebration, Thursday, December 18 at 6:00 pm. Join us for live Celtic music, meditation, poetry and candlelit darkness.

Men's Group, Sunday, December 21 at 9:15 am, in the Park House Conference Room. The topic will be "Men Facing the Holidays."

Purls of Wisdom Knitting Group Holiday Yarn Swap, Monday, December 22 at 6:00 pm. Knitters of all levels are invited. Bring a bag supper and some yarn to swap.

Christmas Eve Service, Wednesday, December 24 at 5:30 pm. Join us for Christmas Eve lessons, carols and candlelight.

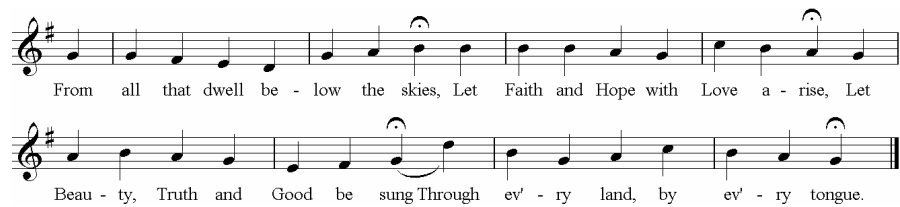
The Holiday Decorations Committee is requesting your help in defraying the cost of our holiday greenery. Any donations will be warmly appreciated.

We are collecting food to donate to the **Greater Boston Food Bank.** The information that outlines what foods are needed and how they are distributed is available in the narthex and also on the church website. Ask Tim House, intern, if you have questions, or email him at house.calls@verizon.net

Order of Service
Sunday, December 14, 2008

Prelude	<i>Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme, BWV 645</i>	J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Rosemary Lloyd
*Hymn # 1	"May Nothing Evil Cross This Door"	OLDBRIDGE
Chalice Words		Tim House
Time for All Ages	"All the Time Christmas"	Ruth Owen
*Affirmation # 123	"Spirit of Life"	SPIRIT OF LIFE
Responsive Reading # 653	"Resurgence of Joy"	Meredith Harron
Anthem	<i>Adam Lay Ybounden</i>	Boris Ord (1897-1961)
	<i>Adam lay ybounden, Bounden in a bond; Four thousand winter Thought he not too long. And all was for an apple, An apple that he took, As clerkes finden written In their book. Ne had the apple taken been, Ne had never our lady Abeen heavené queen. Blessed be the time That apple taken was, Therefore we moun singen, Deo gracias! (Anon, 15th-c.)</i>	
Reading	"December Morn" by May Sarton	Robin Tanner
*Hymn # 368	"Now Let Us Sing"	ROBESON
Prayer		Rev. Rosemary Lloyd
Offertory	<i>Ding Dong Merrily on High</i>	16th-c. French, arr. C. Wood
	<i>Ding dong! merrily on high in heav'n the bells are ringing: Ding dong! verily the sky is riv'n with angel singing. Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis! Ev'n so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen, And i-o i-o i-o, by priest and people sungen. Pray you dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers; May you beautifully rime your evetime song, ye singers.</i>	

***Doxology**



From all that dwell be - low the skies, Let Faith and Hope with Love a - rise, Let
Beau - ty, Truth and Good be sung Through ev' - ry land, by ev' - ry tongue.

Sermon

“Making Merry”

Rev. Stephen Kendrick

***Hymn # 29**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

HYMN TO JOY

Benediction

Postlude

Fuga in C Major, BuxWV 174

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1704)

*As you are able, please stand.

*The flowers at this morning's service were donated by Barbara Gangemi,
in loving memory of her brother-in-law, Malcolm Rizzuto.*

**Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service in the narthex.
Visitors are invited to take a blue cup so that we may recognize and welcome you.**

Large type hymnals, including responsive readings, are available as you enter the Sanctuary.

Childcare for any age child is in the John Winthrop School.

Due to recent incidents, please do not leave valuable personal property on the coat rack.
We cannot be held responsible for lost or stolen property.

Events and Information
(please see your newsletter for details)

Sunday, December 14

9:30 am, House Committee, Parlor
12:00 pm, Lunch, Auditorium
12:30 pm, An Impromptu Pageant, Sanctuary
1:00 pm, Neighborhood Christmas Caroling
2:00 pm, Kendrick's Open House, 7 Chestnut Street

Tuesday, December 16

6:00 pm, Zen Meditation, Hale Chapel
6:30 pm, Standing Committee meeting, Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 17

7:00 pm, Cookie Baking, Kitchen/Narthex/Auditorium

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Senior Minister

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The First Church Choir

Soprano: Angela Henstra,
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Teeters, Rebecca Teeters

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Tenor: Ethan Bremner, Chris
Mahoney, Larry Phillips

Bass: David Frieze, Bill Thorpe,
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