October 2008

# Catching the Spirit of Round Hill

# **The Security God Provides**

Amidst the economic maelstrom we have been experiencing and the political posturing and battles being waged in the presidential campaign, more than a few in our midst have been struggling with high anxiety, as well as with a puzzling wonderment that involves our faith. Whom are we to believe? Which policy or plan promises to lead us through the wilderness toward the promised land of our hopes and dreams? Wounded and bruised by the economic pummeling we have known, confused and baffled by the conflicting political rhetoric that seems to grow more bitter and petty each day, how are we to move into such a new tomorrow with laughing spirits, cheerful hearts, and souls that are rested and at peace?

Within such times as these, we experience a hungering for the tender embrace of God, a yearning for the whole counsel of God, and a true thirst to know God's comforting and encouraging nearness along the way. And in such needs, we are not disappointed. Indeed, each week, through the diverse ministries of our Church family, we seek to affirm and celebrate that we are a people who are not alone. We are a people who have been visited by God in human flesh, in the person and work of Jesus Christ – Immanuel, God with us.

The story is told that an unknown woman in the WWII Ravensbruck concentration camp wrote this little prayer, and pinned it to the dead body of a little girl there. "O Lord," she wrote, "remember not only the men and women of good will, but also those of ill will. But do not remember all the sufferings they have inflicted upon us. Remember rather the fruits we have bought, thanks to this suffering – our comradeship, our loyalty, our humility, our courage, our generosity; the greatness of heart which has grown out of all this. And when they come to judgment, let

# Blessing of the Animals October 19, Community House

We will observe our third Annual Blessing of the Animals Service on Sunday, October 19, in the Community House at the 10:00 a.m. worship hour. It is a delightful time when pets of all kinds proceed to the front of the Community House hall, which is transformed into a back country sanctuary, to receive a special blessing from Shannon and Bob. We have had cats and dogs, birds and chickens, hamsters and gerbils, lizards and turtles, and three horses in a prior year. Even stuffed animals have come forward to receive a blessing!

We encourage members and friends to remember this date, and be sure to be with us for the service and festivities. Bob will reflect briefly on "Mavvy and Me," which deals with his Cairn Terrier named Maverick who has been a special blessing in the Culp household. Our choir will sing music appropriate to the day. We hope to see you, your friends, and your wonderful pets.



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## **CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS**

## **October Lessons**

The focus this month and next will be on learning about the Bible. Students will learn how it came to be, how it is organized, and where to find different stories or passages within its pages. Alexandra Heerdt and Annette Grueterich have some exciting lessons planned.

# Godspell and Clowns Sunday, October 12

On the Sunday of Columbus Day weekend, we will show the film *Godspell*, a musical based on the gospel according to Matthew, written by Stephen Schwartz. Many of the performers/followers are dressed in clown costumes. We ask that students come to Church dressed as clowns. Prizes will be offered for the best clown costume, wildest clown hair, and best clown makeup.

## **Email Reminders**

We will be sending reminders and updates about the Church School program to you via email. Please look for our notices.

# **October Scripture Quotes**

To enhance students' knowledge of the Bible, we ask them to learn scripture verses. Their knowledge will be tested in April at the Bible Breakfast when we host a Bible Jeopardy contest between the students and their parents. This month's quotes:

Psalm 23:1
The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall not want . . .

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son . . .

# **Coming in November**

We will hold a service geared to and led by children. Refer to the calendar for the date.

#### **Church School Teachers**

Thanks to the following people who have volunteered to teach blocks of our Church School this year:

Alexandra Heerdt and Annette Grueterich Jonny Duennebier Perry Minella and Alexis Salame Laura Wack Beth Wright and Susanna Nielsen Alice Fisher and Mary Ann Debnar Michael and Heather Sandifer Kerri Ann Hofer and Jenny Rye Youth Group



At Rally Day this year, Jack Rabbits provided children with fun and healthy activities





## **CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS**

# Church School Schedule Fall 2008 October

- 5 Bible Lessons: Alexandra, Annette
- 12 Special Event Columbus Day Weekend: Tom
- 19 Blessing of the Animals, Community House
- 26 Bible Lessons: Alexandra, Annette

#### November

- 2 Bible Lessons: Alexandra, Annette
- 9 Bible Lessons: Alexandra, Annette
- 16 Children's Service: Tom, Shannon, Youth Group
- 23 Special Event: Tom
- 30 Introduction to Christmas Pageant: Tom,

Jonny, Perry, Alexa

#### December

- 7 Christmas Pageant rehearsal: Perry, Alexa, Helen
- 14 Christmas Pageant: Perry, Alexa, Helen
- 21 Children's Service: Tom, Shannon, Youth Group
- 28 No Classes Childcare only

## **January**

- 4 Miracles of Jesus: Laura, TBA
- 11 Miracles of Jesus: Laura, TBA
- 18 Miracles of Jesus: Laura, TBA
- 25 Miracles of Jesus: Laura, TBA

#### **February**

- 1 101 Ways to Pray: Beth, Susanna
- 8 Special Event: Tom
- 15 101 Ways to Pray: Beth, Susanna
- 22 101 Ways to Pray: Beth, Susanna

#### March

- 1 101 Ways to Pray: Beth, Susanna
- 8 Children's Service: Tom, Bob, Youth Group
- 15 The Mystery of Easter: Alice, Mary Ann
- 22 The Mystery of Easter: Alice, Mary Ann
- 29 The Mystery of Easter: Alice, Mary Ann

#### April

- 5 Special Event: Tom
- 12 Easter Egg Hunt: Youth Group
- 19 Creation and Environment: Michael, Heather,

Kerri Ann, Jenny

#### May

- 3 Creation and Environment: Michael, Heather, Kerri Ann, Jenny
- 10 Creation and Environment: Michael, Heather, Kerri Ann, Jenny
- 17 Creation and Environment: Michael, Heather, Kerri Ann, Jenny
- 24 Special Event: Tom
- 31 Children's Service: Tom, Bob, Youth Group

**June** 7 Picnic

# WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

On Sunday, October 5, we will celebrate World Communion Sunday, a day when the Sacrament of Communion will be observed among worshiping Christians in every single time zone throughout the world. It is a unique experience for our faith community that centers its life around Jesus Christ. As we break bread and share the cup during the Sacrament of Communion on the 5th, our hope is that we may realize in high degree that we are joined not only to the Lord of our faith, but also to other members of the Christian Body of believers throughout the world who are seeking to be makers of peace, working for justice, engaged in acts of mercy and compassion, building bridges to community – brothers and sisters who share in the life and love of our Lord. As a unique dimension of our worship on October 5, the Lord's Prayer will be spoken in several different languages, which in our hearing should be a moving experience.

On that day we will also enjoy a very special Fellowship time. We have asked members of our congregation to bring desserts, delicacies, and goodies from all over the world that should prove to be a tasty treat and wonderful experience.

Check the calendar on our website *roundhillcommunitychurch.org* for the most current information on events at RHCC. Click on *Calendar* under "Topics." Then click on an event for times and details.



#### CENTER FOR FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Sunday, October 5 Bible Study: "Romans" Dr. Ralph Ahlberg, 11:15 a.m., Meeting Room



"Romans" is a great religious classic that continues to speak as much to new generations as to past. Augustine turned to "Romans" back in the fourth century in his debate with the Manicheans. Luther found in the letter his understanding of righteousness by faith and said, "It's the soul's daily bread, and can never be read too often, or studied too much. The more you probe into it, the more precious it becomes, and the better its flavor."

# Tuesdays, October 7, 14, 21, 28 Living the Questions: An Invitation to Journey, 10:00 to 11:15 a.m., Meeting Room

Bob Culp's Tuesday morning Adult Study series, entitled "Living the Questions," continues through the month of October in the Meeting Room. This is a series designed to introduce "progressive Christianity," which is challenging and illuminating for those who wish an alternative to studies that try to give participants all the answers. Rather than providing simple answers to faith and life issues, this series encourages the "living of the questions" in an accepting group setting wherein questions are encouraged and attended. The series has in mind thoughtful and searching persons who, along their own journeys of faith, wish to gather and explore with other pilgrims the wonders and mysteries, the gifts and discoveries of the faith that we share as Christians.

Each session on Tuesday mornings, from 10:00 to 11:15, is self-contained, with coffee and simple refreshments provided. All are warmly welcome to

attend and participate in this adult series. Topics to be explored in October are:

October 7 "Stories of Creation" October 14 "Lives of Jesus"

October 21 "A Passion for Christ: Paul"

October 28 "Out into the World: Challenges for

Our Faith Today

# Tuesday, October 14 Meditation with Joel Baehr, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., Meeting Room



A Unitarian Universalist Minister and Buddhist practitioner, Rev. Baehr has led many into a deeper awareness of the Holy. Join us as we seek a deeper spiritual journey.

# **Sunday, October 19 Blessing of the Animals Service**

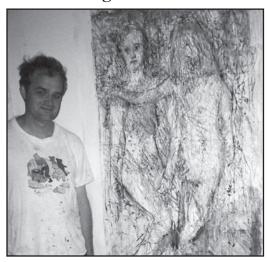
All creatures great and small are welcome, along with their human companions, to join us for our third annual service of blessing. As before, we will hold this service in the Community House so that our animal friends feel as comfortable as possible!





## LES BEAUX ARTS GALLERY

# A Feast for the Eye Drawings by Arthur Hardigg October 12 through November 12



Arthur Hardigg has been painting and drawing since childhood. He has an MFA from Tufts University and has been exhibiting throughout the U.S. He was a member of the Bromfield Art Gallery in Boston, where he had several solo shows. He currently maintains a studio in Waltham, MA.

Hardigg's drawings are very energetic and the lines are electric but fluid. Deep within the mind of the artist, idyllic images make their way onto a blank surface, yet the lines struggle with a balancing act between ideal representation and visual interrogation; the result is a feast for the eye.

Hardigg's drawings remind us of Kirchner's, the German artist whose work is being shown in an exhibit at MOMA. Kirchner says: "It seems as though the goal of my work has always been to dissolve myself completely into the sensations of the surroundings in order to integrate them this into a coherent painterly form."

When asked about his inspiration, Hardigg explained, "Every drawing starts with a blank sheet and the goal of the draftsman is to animate that space, so that the lines look as if they had asserted themselves from beneath the surface of the paper like branches breaking free from frozen rain. You want the drawing to retain the beauty and transparency of the empty page and for the image to emerge from its surface like a visitor or a memory. Let the hand lead the way and enjoy the journey."

- Mirella Hajjar, Gallery Curator

## WOMEN'S GATHERING

# Sunday, October 26 Women's Gathering Brunch, 12:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars for our next event, a brunch on Sunday, October 26, at the home of Bunny Prokop. Our speaker will be Grada Fischer-Herrick, who with her husband Bill Herrick, joined the church about a year ago. Grada is president of the Fischer-Ross Group, which represents a variety of celebrities and well-known experts who speak on the lecture circuit, and she says she has lots of stories to tell.

On Friday evening, September 19, a group of women gathered with friends at Christine Gerli's home for dinner. It was a relaxing evening with lots of good conversation and, as always, delicious food. We then heard a very interesting talk by Carrie Finlayson about the influence of math and music in her life. It was fascinating and we do thank her. We also thank Christine very much for making us all so welcome.



Christine Gerli and Carrie Finlayson

I do need volunteers to help with these events. If you would like to help in any way, however small, please call me.

- Rhona Johnson, Chair



## MUSIC AT ROUND HILL

# Saturday, October 11 Trip to Strauss' *Salome* Simulcast White Plains, NY

The rave reviews keep coming in for the Metropolitan Opera Simulcasts that are being shown in local theaters. Playing to sold-out audiences, the broadcasts enable the viewer to experience the opera in a new way with cameras onstage, backstage, and from the audience. You have the best seats in the house and will also be taken backstage to watch the giant machinery move the scenery.

Leave your opera glasses at home since the close-up shots allow you to focus on the acting. Karita Mattila, in the title role of Salome, is one of the world's best singing actresses, and she will be performing a role that "she owns."



The music committee was only able to purchase 20 tickets, so please get your checks into the office as soon as possible. Tickets for the Saturday matinee at 1:00 p.m. at the City Center, 15 Cinema Deluxe in White Plains, New York, are \$22.00. Plan to arrive at noon at the latest as seating is first come, first seated. and join us afterward if you wish, for an impromptu snack.

# South Pacific Trip – February 21



Lincoln Center's award-winning revival of *South Pacific* is the hit of the 2008-2009 theater season. We have 30 tickets for the Saturday afternoon matinee, followed by dinner at Josephina's. The price for both the dinner and the show is \$145.00. This is probably not a good time to procrastinate. Call the Church office if

you're interested in joining us.

Christopher Kabala

# Christopher Kabala Piano Recital



Friday, November 14 8:00 p.m.

Chopin Brahms Barber Liszt



The congregation of the Round Hill Community Church invites members of the community to join together for a celebration of thanksgiving at the

# **Annual Harvest Supper**



Wednesday, October 22 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

# **Round Hill Community House**

\$30 per adult / \$15 per child (Please make check payable to Round Hill Community Church)

For information call (203) 869-1091 or www.roundhillcommunitychurch.org

Name	
# People attending	
I can help with	Set Up (3:30 to 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 22)
	Clean Up (8:30 to 9:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 22)
	Bring a Pie or Cake



## ROUND HILL COMMUNITY HOUSE



We would like to acknowledge and thank the Round Hill Association for its helpful and informative articles on the Community House that ran in their September 2008 newsletter. The president of the association, Keith Felcyn, has been enthusiastically supportive of our efforts to renovate the Community House, which has been a vital part of the Greenwich community for so many years.

In case you did not have a chance to see the coverage, here are some excerpts:

# **Historic Round Hill Community House Plans Modernization**

by Keith Felcyn

The venerable Round Hill Community House, founded in 1926, has a cherished and storied past. It has been the home of sewing parties, educational programs for adults and children, pancake breakfasts and Harvest Suppers, meetings, celebrations, dog training, festivals, rallies, and a host of other activities.

But its age is showing and it's in desperate need of renovation.

To that end its owner, the Round Hill Community Church, led by the chair of its Board of Trustees, Amy Minella, has launched a community-wide, \$2 million fund-raising campaign to bring it into the 21st Century.

That sum is half of a campaign to raise \$4 million overall for the church and its property, and if work begins next spring as planned, it is expected to finish by early 2010.

Fresh from a trip to Nicaragua to help build houses for the needy, Ms. Minella avers that it would be an understatement to say the facility, which can seat as many as 200 people, is in need of repair. "Its ceiling is crumbling, it is not air conditioned, and it is not in compliance with current building and fire safety codes," she says. Heartfelt, she adds that "it still renders valuable service to our community and we all have happy memories of many occasions within its walls over the years. It remains a vital part of the Round Hill community today, with an average of 700 persons using it each week during the school year." Then she ticks off its many functions:

A gathering place for church and community activities such as the Harvest Supper, Blessing of the Animals, Christmas on Round Hill, Valentine Dinner Dance, and an Advent Workshop at which wreaths are made, carols sung, and Christmas tree lights turned on.

A venue for other activities such as the annual meeting of The Round Hill Association, ballroom and country dancing, dance and gymnastic lessons for youth, and dog training.

A large space for many children's programs.

A reasonably priced location for wedding receptions, bar mitzvahs, and other private occasions.

A community theater for amateur productions and for movies.

Meeting rooms for Boy Scouts and other groups.

A community kitchen for use in serving groups that rent the facility.

Summer camp for diabetic children.

The Board of Trustees recommends, Ms. Minella continues, "a program of respectful renovation, mod-



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ernizing the building and bringing it up to code but retaining its harmonious character as an important feature of our campus." It would include:

Establishing a functional entry lobby.

Improving bathrooms and cloakrooms.

Adding new windows and a raised ceiling in the main room.

Upgrading heating, removing the radiators on the walls, and providing air conditioning.

Refurbishing the stage area to permit use by youth and community groups.

Creating a fully equipped crafts room.

Installing a glassed-in area on the rear terrace to permit all-season use.

Adding a generator that could serve as a refuge for neighbors during lengthy power outages.

## **Round Hill Community History** (excerpts)

by Lawrence E. Larson

In 1919, Rev. Harold Wilson became the minister of the Round Hill Church at the corner of John Street. After the Wilsons arrived, the Round Hill Guild, then known as the Ladies Aid Society and composed of women pledged to community improvement, came into being. The Guild began giving harvest suppers in Jackson Hall, the little Sunday school building formerly across the road from the church.

Mrs. Coulter Huyler, whose family estate was located where the Tom and Betty Evans' house stood near the Church, is reported to have said that one day at a local bank's board of director's meeting, someone asked why the value of land in Round Hill had suddenly increased so greatly. Roger Baldwin replied that it was because of the Round Hill Church which everyone was working so hard to build up, and which had made a better community. Mrs. Huyler said that this was the birth of the idea of a Community House.

Thomas Cole, a local resident, found 11 acres of land on Round Hill Road and together with four people – Zalmon Simmons, Joseph Wilshire, Rhea Reid Topping, and Clarence Woolley – facilitated the acquisition of the property in the name of The Round Hill Community Association, Incorporated, for \$20,000. Some \$30,000 more was raised by popular subscription, abetted by another \$10,000 raised

by the Ladies Aid Society of the Church, and that was enough to build the Community House.

According to Mrs. Huyler, all the women of the church worked hard, sewing day and night and serving endless suppers, to help raise the money to build the Community House.

It was finished and dedicated at its present site in September, 1926. According to an article in the November, 1990, issue of *Greenwich Magazine*, over 400 persons attended the dedication ceremonies, described as "one of the biggest and most delightful events that has ever taken place in this fast growing community." Reverend Wilson, who acted as master of ceremonies, concluded by saying: "It's family, friends and tradition making our community a better place to live."

From that day the Community House has been a focal point for all manner of community activities and events from educational (painting and cooking classes, dog obedience); social (square dances, harvest suppers); recreation (movies, children's games); fundraising (Christmas fairs, auctions); athletic events (basketball, baseball, and badminton); organizations (Boy Scouts, Round Hill Association); clubs (Friendship Circle, Men's Club and Women's Club); and civic activities (war effort programs and airport noise concerns).

Over the years, the Round Hill Guild supervised the scheduling and operation of the Community House, until recently when the Round Hill Community Church office assumed those responsibilities.

By deed of March 7, 1953, the Round Hill Community Association, Incorporated, officially transferred the 11 acres with the Community House to the Round Hill Community Church, Inc., but the church continues to manage the Community House for the good of all in keeping with the original intent of making the Round Hill community a better place to live.

Considering its place in history and all the various persons and groups that are touched by the facility, the appeal for its renovation should be well received.



#### PASTORAL MESSAGE

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all the fruits which we have borne be their forgiveness."

Betsie Ten Boom, who died in the same concentration camp, steadfastly refused to hate the guards who beat her and eventually, with such beatings, caused her to die. Her dying words are both simple and profound. She said, "We must tell the people what we have learned here. We must tell them that there is no pit so deep that God is not deeper still."

The days through which you and I are passing are challenging days that are filled with great lessons and truths that will shape our lives in lasting ways – lessons in humility, lessons in the value of a simpler lifestyle, lessons in developing priorities that enhance family and self, lessons in the affirming joys of gentle hugs and tender embraces. But certainly, one of the great lessons we are learning is that truly "there is no pit so deep that God is not deeper still."

One of the bidding prayers of the Advent season when we anticipate the coming of the Lord expresses a high hope for us all: "If there is someone here who reflects a surrounding darkness and is gloomy, who is losing the splendor of personhood, or who lives more in the darkness than in the light, come! Let us say to our sister or brother in Christ, there is not darkness so dark, no depth so great, that the Sun of Righteousness cannot pierce. For he comes to make you splendid in his own personhood, and he is with you and within you. So rejoice!" May it be so for you and me, and all whom we love.

- Bob Culp

#### OCTOBER SERVICES AND SERMONS

- Oct. 5 World Communion Sunday *Remembering Our Oneness*, Bob Culp
- Oct. 12 Shannon White preaching
- Oct. 19 Blessing of the Animals Community House *Mavvy and Me*, Bob Culp
- Oct. 26 Religious Integrity, Bob Culp

#### 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



We thank Suzy Simpson for creating this stunning 25th Anniversary logo. Suzy could not have executed this complex design without Nancy Mazzoli's brilliant computer skills. How fortunate we are to have the talent of these special women in our Church.

The logo is so uplifting and

should inspire us all to reach for the stars of RHCC. So, if you have a talent or know someone with talent who can participate in our fun-filled, joyous celebration on the evening of May 9, 2009, please contact Chair, Helen Itin-O'Malley (omalley@optonline.net), 869-1928.

# Schedule of Events for 25th Celebration Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Family Service, 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 9:30 p.m.

# January in Les Beaux Arts Gallery: Historic Photograph Exhibit

Collected photographs of the RHCC campus **Sunday, January 4** 

Bob Culp reflects on Walter Wagoner's first sermon in the new Sanctuary

Forum: Historical film of RHCC with panel discussion by members who have been with the Church for at least 25 years

# Friday, February 13

Valentine Dinner Dance sponsored by the 25th Anniversary Committee and Men's Group **Sunday, February 22** 

Past Associate Minister Lynne Kramer on Celebrating the Past – Embracing the Future

# Sunday, March 29

Former Interim Minister Richard Griffis on Celebrating the Past – Embracing the Future

Saturday, May 9

25th Anniversary Celebration Party with dinner and humorous entertainment

## Sunday, May 10

Minister Emeritus Ralph Ahlberg on Celebrating the Past – Embracing the Future

# Sunday, June 7

25th Anniversary Celebration – Annual Picnic



#### CHRISTMAS ON ROUND HILL



'Tis the season to be busily working on projects for Christmas on Round Hill! Mark your calendars with "Workshop Wednesdays." In an effort to accommodate our busy members' schedules, we are now holding a morning work-

shop every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to noon and an afternoon workshop from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. We have a variety of projects going on, so check our website calendar for specifics.

Calling all elves with a pair of sharp scissors and some small motor skills! The Christmas card workshop will take place Friday, October 3, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the upper room of the Community House. Making cards is fun, but a few simple techniques will make them professional. We will be making 60 cards from four different (preset) designs to sell in packages of four. Creativity will be in the details. If you cannot make it the first day but are still interested, let Heather Sandifer know for planning purposes. Don't forget your scissors!



If you can sew and prefer to work on projects at home, we have "Projects-to-Go!" These "fast crafts" are already cut out and bagged with detailed instructions. You can choose to work on Wine Socks and/or Christmas Tree Skirts. These are very simple pieces to sew, and the tree skirts were incredibly popular at last year's fair.

If you're more at home in the kitchen, we are asking members and friends to bake items to sell as Fabulous Foods. If you would like to contribute baked goods, please let Lynda know in advance what you are planning to make so that we can have pack-

aging materials and tags ready for you. All baked goods should be delivered to the Community House Thursday and Friday, December 4 and 5. If your recipes are not "family secrets" we'd love to have a copy to include with the item.



We still have space available for Vendors. If you have handcrafted items you would like to sell at the event, please call Lynda at 869-1091.



You can be part of the event even if you don't have items to sell! The week before the fair is jampacked with activities needing volunteers, from setting up the Treasure Trove to decorating the main room and setting up Something Special, Fabulous Foods, and Living Greens. And we're always looking for salespeople, "jolly men who look good in red," and engineers for the Round Hill Express.



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Visit our website, *roundhillcommunitychurch.org* to view more pictures, read past sermons, learn about the activities and history of RHCC, and check the monthly calendar.

OCTOBER 2008 AT ROUND HILL COMMUNITY CHURCH								
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
WORSHIP AND CHURCH SCHOOL SUNDAYS AT 10:00 A.M. CHILDCARE AVAILABLE DRAWINGS BY ARTHUR HARDIGG: A FEAST FOR THE EYE			Committee Budget Meetings, 9 a.m. Christmas on RH Workshops 10-12 Basement 3-5 CH	Choir Rehearsal 8:00 p.m.	Christmas on RH Workshop 2 p.m.	4		
WORLD COMMUNION High School Discussion Group Worship Comm. Mtg., Bible Study: Romans 11:15 a.m. Confirmation Class	Fiction Writing 7 p.m. Trustees' Meeting 8:00 p.m.	7 Living the Questions: Stories of Creation, 10 a.m. Fiction Writing 1 p.m.	Women's Spirit Rising, 12 p.m. Christmas on RH Workshops 10-12 Basement 3-5 CH	Choir Rehearsal 8:00 p.m.	10	11		
12	Fiction Writing 7 p.m.	Living the Questions: Lives of Jesus, 10 a.m. Fiction Writing 1 p.m. Meditation 7 p.m.	Christmas on RH Workshop 3-5 CH	Choir Rehearsal 8:00 p.m.	17	18		
19 BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS 10 a.m., Community House Chamber Players 4 p.m.	Cooking for St. Luke's  Fiction Writing 7 p.m.	Living the Questions: A Passion for Christ: Paul, 10 a.m. Fiction Writing 1 p.m.	Finance Comm. Meeting, 9 a.m. Christmas on RH Workshop 3-5 CH Harvest Supper 6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal 8:00 p.m.	24	25		
Women's Gathering Brunch, 12 noon Confirmation Class Prayer Service, 5 p.m.	Newsletter Deadline  Fiction Writing 7 p.m.	Living the Questions: Out into the World, 10 a.m. Fiction Writing 1 p.m. Book Club, 1 p.m.	Christmas on RH Workshop 3-5 CH	Choir Rehearsal 8:00 p.m.	31			