

## THE MISSIONER

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*Glittering lights, gifts, boisterous laughter, seasonal songs echo through the great vending chambers of cities and suburbs—and not just in America. From Korea to Vietnam, India to South Africa, Iceland to Peru preparations for the visit of Santa have preceded this day...for weeks. In the midst of the holiday rush with harried shoppers swirling about, the word of the Lord came to her: “What are you doing here, dear one?”*

*“I’m hoping to find the Christmas spirit. I thought it might be out here somewhere, but I’ve only found Santa. I think I’m the only one left trying to celebrate the real reason for this season.”*

*The Word of the Lord continued, “Go outside and stand on the curb for the Lord is about to pass by.”*

*She stepped through the doors to the sidewalk. In the chilly night air, one storefront glowed with multiple televisions broadcasting images of weapon-draped soldiers half a world away. The Lord was not in the broadcast images or the gaudy display.*

*A Brinks truck drove up to the curb. Armed security guards moved past her with large quantities of currency from the seasonal take. The Lord was not in the cash harvest.*

*Next, a stretch limo pulled up. Beautiful, though immodestly dressed women with tuxedoed escorts emerged stumbling slightly...too much holiday cheer before the gala event. Noisy, showy, oblivious to their surroundings, they jostled her as they moved en masse to the doors behind her. The Lord was not in their revelry.*

*Unexpectedly, she was alone. At that very moment the silence of the night was burst by the cry of a newborn. Turning around she saw the young mother comforting her child. The soft, snuggling sounds of a suckling infant...the gentle whisper...filled the air. “How quietly the wondrous gift is given...” she thought. Then she recalled, “He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave the power to become children of God. “So that’s it,” she mused. “God doesn’t come into hearts because they’re filled with inexhaustible expectations. No, the Holy One slips quietly into hearts because they’re expectantly open to Christ’s coming inviting all the world to change.”*



This meditation was written by Rev. Renee Garrett for the United Church of Christ’s weekly bulletin for Christmas Sunday, December 25, 2011.

## From the Minister's Desktop

So, all that really matters to Jesus is whether I'm a good person. Right? All I need for a good life and life eternal is to be a decent man or woman. Right? Nice will suffice. Right? Let's take the parable of the Last Judgment from Matthew's Gospel (Chapter 25). "Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me." That's what the judge says; so really all that is required of me is that I feed, clothe and visit. Right?

Suppose that's true. Suppose that's all there is to it. How are you doing on visiting the sick or prisoners in the local jail or the folks in a drug or alcohol rehab program? What's your actual time commitment? How many hours, how many days?

How's it going with feeding and clothing the hungry poor right here in Bangor (or even in Orono or Hampden or some other town where they might be harder to locate)? What is the "hands-on" time with the poor and the hungry; the "face time" as folks nowadays like to say? And what about giving drink to the thirsty? Maine has plenty of water—good water. Some of us have places on lakes the water of which is so pure we can actually drink it! So, I guess we're covered on that one. But wait; don't we know some people who live in places where thirst for clean water is a real issue? Does our knowledge count against us? I don't know about you, but I have trouble being nice at home! Does home behavior count in Jesus' judgment? What are Jesus' boundaries of niceness and goodness? Or, as Jesus once put it, "Who is your neighbor?" Is your neighbor as close as the kitchen and as far as Sri Lanka?

What would Jesus judge? And how? Is He most concerned about what we don't do, or does He hold us accountable for what we do? Does He keep some kind of heavenly time sheet? I suspect that his standards are not like mine, but that's small comfort.

The good news is that Jesus gives us, particularly those of us who are part of His Body, many gifts. He offers these gifts in abundance and without price. All we have to do is take them and use them. The bad news is that He guarantees us that those to whom much is given, of them will much be required. He Himself came down from heaven and died on a cross for the sake of the world He loved. One can imagine that His ideas about what is required may differ some from ours. He is patient (though not infinitely so) and invites us to grow up, to mature, and to strive to have in us His own mind.

We are assured that God takes no pleasure in death. "Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked, says the Lord GOD, and not rather that he should turn from his way and live? But when a righteous man turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity and does the same abominable things that the wicked man does, shall he live? None of the righteous deeds which he has done shall be remembered; for the treachery of which he is guilty and the sin he has committed, he shall die. Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous man turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity, he shall die for it; for the iniquity which he has committed he shall die. Again, when a wicked man turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is lawful and right, he shall save his life." Ezekiel 18:23-28

All of us are malformed by the Sin that disfigures all humanity. Yet, we are created in God's image and have been given the capacity for mercy. Wickedness will kill us and bring us into judgment. But God does not wish that for us. God's Son died in order to heal the distorting sin that lives and works in every human heart.

“What goes into a person does not defile,” Jesus explained to his disciples, “but what comes out of the mouth.” For “what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander.” This is Jesus’ assessment of the way things are. If we try, on our own, just to be nice we are doomed to failure. Nice will not suffice. More than our sentimental notions of love are required by the Lord of Life.

So, what must I do? This is the question. It is often asked. Some ask it with joy and with eagerness to know how best to serve in the world. Some ask it with trepidation, fearing that it will disrupt their schedule. Some worry that the answer will cost too much. Others are eager to pay whatever price in the new life Jesus gives them.

So, what must I do?

The church has thought about this for a couple of thousand years. We have thought about it as Torah taught our forebears. We have thought about it as we learned from Jesus and the saints who followed in his Way.

We know that works can’t save us. We can never do enough good to atone for our sin or change ourselves by our own will or power. We also know, as James wrote, that “faith without works is dead as a corpse.” Here is what Thomas Aquinas thought as he summed up ancient Catholic moral thinking that was based on Matthew 25. He said there are two kinds of Christian works of mercy—the spiritual works and the corporal (or physical) works. Dorothy Day summarized them this way:

“The spiritual works of mercy are to admonish the sinner, to instruct the ignorant, to counsel the doubtful, to comfort the sorrowful, to bear wrongs patiently, to forgive all injuries, and to pray for the living and the dead.” If a Christian man or woman wants to do works of mercy for others, these are the kinds of things they do: admonish, instruct, counsel, comfort, forgive, bear, and pray.

These things are the shape of the life that Jesus looks for in those who claim his name. But this isn’t all. There are also physical works of mercy. Day summarized Aquinas this way: “The corporal works are to feed the hungry, to give drink to the thirsty, to clothe the naked, to ransom the captive, to harbor the harborless, to visit the sick, and to bury the dead.”

All these things, the spiritual works of mercy and the physical works of mercy, require much of us. Face to face, hand to hand, heart to heart. They require time. To do them, we must take time and look for the face of Jesus in the faces of these others we are called to serve. Even though we alone can’t perform all these acts of mercy, they are not acts we can delegate. They are requisite acts for losing ourselves for the sake of finding ourselves. We are not to expect politicians to be the primary benefactors of the poor; we are not to expect agencies or institutions to be benefactors of those we are called to know and to serve and to love. We must do justice and love kindness and walk humbly with God (Micah 6:8).

Stanley Hauerwas, commenting on Matthew 25, reminds us that “Great injustice is perpetrated in the name of justice. Great evil is done because it is said that time is short and there needs to be a response to this or that crisis.”

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“Christians,” says Hauerwas, “live after the only crisis that matters.” This crisis is the world-changing life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who loved the world and all of us in it, and gave himself as a ransom for many. He broke the hold of Sin (which is more powerful and pervasive than even the sum of all human sins) and gives us a new life that will last eternally.

As Hauerwas puts it, in one of his best sentences, “Jesus has given us all the time in the world to visit him in the prisons of this world.”

When we stop to think about it, this is precisely the meaning of Christmas. This long-expected Jesus is born to set his people free, to release us from fear and Sin and the grip of death. He is born a child and yet a King: born to reign in us forever. Now Thy precious Kingdom bring!

*James L. Haddix*

Pastor and Teacher

Stanley Hauerwas’s Commentary on the Gospel of Matthew is published in the *Brazos Theological Commentary on the Bible*, Brazos Press/Grand Rapids, MI, 2006. The last paragraph refers an Advent hymn, *Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus*, by Charles Wesley. It is No 103 in the *Pilgrim Hymnal* and No 153 in our new *Worship and Rejoice* hymnal.

**Four Down and None to Go (So Far): A First Person Account  
of One Man’s Cancer Journey**  
By Mart Lapin

Mart Lapin has written a little book—a story really—about his experience as a four-time cancer survivor. I asked Mart if he would be willing to share copies of his book with members of the church and he has generously made them available.

Mart is a founder of Oncology Support, a project that helps cancer patients. (In the spirit of full disclosure, I am a member of the Board of this project.) Because of his tireless work on behalf of cancer patients and survivors, Mart received the CancerCare of Maine Community Support Award in 2006 and the Terry Fox Award at the 2009 Run for Hope.

I believe this book will be an encouragement to any of you or your family members who are (or may be) suffering from cancer. It is a well-told story and you will want to know how this all began with a slip on an icy street right here in Bangor, Maine.

Mary and Mart Lapin are members of All Souls. They worship with you almost every Sunday. This little book and Mary and Mart’s presence here are signs of both spiritual and corporal works of mercy. There is instruction, counsel and comfort in the written word and in their personal witness, feeding, ransoming and visiting.

Copies of the book can be had at the church office or, on Sundays, at the doors to the meetinghouse. Good reading to you.

*James L. Haddix*



## CHRISTMAS SEASON DATES

**Sunday, December 4: Advent Event**

Beginning at 4:00 PM this is a wonderful event for the whole family. There will be activities for the children and then join us for soup and bread beginning at 5:30 PM. Come when you can during the afternoon and stay as long as you wish. All are welcome!

**Sunday, December 11: Music Sunday**

Senior Choir will present *Christmas Day, a Choral Fantasy on Old Carols* by Gustav Holst during the morning worship service.

**Friday, December 16: 5:30 PM Christmas Caroling**

**Sunday, December 18: 10:00 AM Memorial Poinsettias**

**Saturday December 24: 7:00 PM Christmas Pageant**

Presented by our high school students.

**Saturday, December 24: 11:00 PM Candlelight Service**

Candlelight Service with Communion

**Sunday, December 25: 10:00 AM Christmas Day**

A family Sunday in church with scripture in many languages.



## Nurture Notes

Every once in a while speaking in public presents awkward moments. One such moment that just happened stands out in my mind. While preaching this past October, I had decided not to tackle the parable of the wedding feast where many were invited and chose not to show up. The giver of the feast has people brought in off the street to fill the seats and eat the food, but one guest is shown the door because he wasn't properly dressed. I couldn't help but wonder how the man could be properly dressed if he was pulled in off the street. As I told those gathered in the pews that morning, the passage was worth a sermon by itself, but I was not going to touch it that day.

Why, oh why, then, would I circle back there during the benediction? When I started the 'third sermon' (just before the benediction) I talked myself into a corner saying something to the effect that we would all enjoy that bountiful wedding feast which God hosts when that great resurrection day comes. As an aside, I added, "And I hope we won't get thrown out for wearing the wrong robe." I couldn't help but think, "Where did that come from, Goofball?" I tried to recover and with the Spirit's help, I did—more or less. But honestly, in those moments you wonder where your brain went. I walked to the back of the church and was greeted by our resident theologian, Dr. Robert Sherman. Bob quickly came to my side and said good-naturedly, "Not to worry about being thrown out, we are robed in Christ...that's the whole point." Well, duh! That *is* the whole point of the incarnation, isn't it? Christ was 'robed' in our humanity so that we might one day be 'robed' in Christ as we stand before God our Father.

Then this past Sunday, I was speaking with our high school students about the importance of understanding the Trinity and especially the very difficult core of our

faith—that Jesus Christ is fully human and fully divine. I stressed that this is a mystery—a paradox. When the students were asked to name some divine qualities of Jesus, one quickly said, "Incarnational". The rest of the class hooted and said, "Hey, you can tell he's a senior; he's using the big words." But we had to stop for a moment because becoming "incarnated"—enfleshed—is not technically a quality of divine nature and even though it made the brave student who had spoken up a bit uncomfortable, I needed to point that out. It is absolutely true, however, that for divinity to become enfleshed requires the action of God. It is this very action of God that makes all the difference in our lives as followers of the Risen Christ who was born a human baby in Bethlehem. I hope the students "got it".

We can pray that God's Spirit fills us and guides us and we act in faith that it does precisely because Jesus said we are children of the Father by adoption through Him. Jesus could only speak this way because He is divine and we can only understand Him because He has walked in our shoes as human beings. He knows what it is to suffer, to be betrayed, to experience heartache and all the aches and pains that go with being human. He is God clothed in our humanity. Now how do we humans get clothed in his divinity? It is simple, really. We choose to believe. We choose to believe that Jesus is who He said he was: the Son of God. We choose to believe that God is three in one. We choose to believe that one part of the Trinity acting in concert with the other two parts has reached into this creation and made it possible for us to be included in the great fellowship of God found in the Three-in-One.

And now we are in the Season of Advent. We sing, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" every year (and it is one of my favorites.) The desire to have God's savior enter our world and rescue us from harm is as true today as it was when the Children of Israel called out to their God for rescue so long ago.

What they didn't anticipate was a little baby endowed with divine nature capable of rescuing them from the fundamental flaw in human nature. What they believed they needed and wanted was a military strategist who would create a kingdom by throwing the bums out and taking over the reins of power himself.

We are no different. We don't anticipate anything redemptive will come to us through this baby either. Our minds are so focused on the cute little baby that we are missing the cosmic picture that forms the real backdrop to this intersection of God's story and our lives. The little baby is cute. The little baby is contained. The little baby is weak. We can carry the baby wherever we want and put the baby down, knowing it will be right where we placed it because it's not going anywhere on its own. That little baby is not our savior. It is our toy to play with, arranging and rearranging the birth scene on our tables and mantles to look like what we want it to look like. In such activities, Christmas is not the fantastic good news the angels proclaimed. Our extreme focus on this part of the Jesus story, prompted by our cultural material madness, robs us of the redemptive power inherent in it.

Only in the light of Easter does Christmas take on significance. Christmas is a prelude to the epic work that is Easter. It is no wonder we get caught up in all the secular activities of the season. Singing of a baby savior does not form in us any sense of salvation unless we know the power of the resurrection and the transformation that the God-Human has worked for us through the cross.

In the midst of all the economic turmoil, the fear of the future, the disappointed hopes and the betrayals that so many have experienced, we search the news for a savior...someone who will fix the mess we're in. We are on similar ground as those who cried out in the first century. "Oh, God, save us." God's answer was to clothe Himself in humanity. His humanity made it possible for us to recognize what true human beings are supposed to look like. His divinity made it possible for us to be invited into the Kingdom as adopted sons and daughters. The angels sang, "Peace on earth and good will to all people." We sing those words today and still we seek the peace on earth they promised. We crave good will to be the mark of all communication between God's creatures great and small. The Christmas Child, Baby Jesus, opened the path...the Resurrected Jesus turned our dead-ended efforts to forge our own peace and good will among all people into a bridge to God who alone can change our darkness and despair to Light.

Holding tightly to both Christmas and Easter; child and adult; darkness and light; newborn life and brutal death is the only way that our celebration of the birth of the Christ Child can make sense. We can claim our status as sons and daughters of the Most High God, robed as we are in Christ, precisely because He first robed himself in our humanity. It is a beautiful mysterious love story that twinkles and glitters and sparkles during this season. May you know the joy of being so loved by God that you, too, wrap yourself up in the Christ-coat that will simply transform your entire life.

Merry Christmas!

Yours in faith,

*Renee U. Garrett*

Minister of Christian Nurture

The Annual Meeting Of

*All Souls  
Congregational  
Church*



will be on  
January 22, 2012  
**in the Vestry**

Luncheon and Business Meeting  
will begin at 11:30 A.M.

The *ASSIST-JC* students  
and families  
will prepare and serve  
the Luncheon meal.

Beef Barley Soup  
and Broccoli Cheese Soup  
Church Baked Bread  
Garden Salad  
Dessert  
Coffee and tea

\$7.00 per adult  
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## MUSIC NOTES

- ◆ Our Senior Choir will present several Christmas anthems on Music Sunday, December 11. One of the anthems is *Christmas Day, a Choral Fantasy on Old Carols*, by Gustav Holst. The singers will be joined by Ellie May Shufro and Peter VerLee playing violin.
- ◆ **Meet the new hymnal:** Dr. Haddix, Bob Sherman, and Kay Eames will present an introduction to *Worship & Rejoice* and its hymns on the following Tuesday evenings at TNT: November 29, December 6, and December 13. All are welcome, even if you have not attended TNT (Tuesday Nights Together) before. The presentations will begin close to 6:45, depending on the meal clean-up prior to that. The stopping time is 8:00 p.m. If you would like to eat, just be there at 6 p.m. with a \$3.00 donation per person, or \$10 per family. The new hymnal will be used in worship for the first time on Christmas day, which falls on Sunday this year.
- ◆ Our Senior Choir and singers from other churches in the community will participate in a Martin Luther King, Jr. service at All Souls Church on Sunday, January 15, 2012, at 4:00 p.m. This will be the fourth consecutive year for such an event, hosted either at All Souls Church or St. John's Episcopal Church. If you are not in our choir but would like to participate in the singing for this event, there is still a chance to learn the music, on Saturday, December 10, at 10:30 in the vestry. The choir will be singing three 4-part anthems: *Soon and Very Soon*, *Keep Your Lamps*, and *Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit*. Please call Kay at 942-1474 if you are interested in singing.
- ◆ Thanks to our Youth Choir for singing at the Bazaar luncheon, and thanks to their parents for getting them there. The Youth Choir's music is always a very fine addition to the festive luncheon atmosphere.

### Choir Members – Youth and Adult

- ◆ Youth Choir rehearsals as usual in December
- ◆ Saturday, December 10, Martin Luther King rehearsal, vestry, 10:30 – noon
- ◆ Sunday, December 11, Music Sunday, Sr. Choir rehearses at 8:30 a.m.
- ◆ Sunday, December 18, Senior and Youth Choirs combined; John Wiebe, trumpet
- ◆ Saturday, December 24, Candlelight service rehearsal, 10:15 p.m. (service at 11)
- ◆ Sunday, December 25, music from new hymnal; Ellie May Shufro, violin
- ◆ Thursday, December 29, no Sr. Choir rehearsal
- ◆ Sunday, January 1, no choir; soloists will sing
- ◆ Thursday, January 5, regular Sr. Choir rehearsals resume
- ◆ Sunday, January 15, Martin Luther King Service rehearsal, 2:30 p.m. (service at 4:00)

## **Mandatum Dignitatis Presented to Don and Nancy Ziegenbein**

On Sunday, October 16, 2011, All Souls Church recognized Don and Nancy Ziegenbein for their long and faithful service to this congregation. Don and Nancy joined All Souls on November 29, 1964. Senior Deacon Robert Sherman read the certificate of recognition which was presented by Church Moderator Kathleen Salkaln.

### ***Nominations for the Mandatum Dignitatis Recognition***

It is hard to keep the word “award” away from *Mandatum Dignitatis*. The *Mandatum* was never conceived of as an award. It is a recognition. Those who are nominated and confirmed are people who have exemplified the Christian life among us.

At the last supper, Jesus said to his disciples, “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you.” [John 15:12-14]

*Mandatum* is Latin for *Command*. *Mandatum Dignitatis* means (*very roughly* according to Mrs. Grace Perkins our resident Latin teacher) “one deserving honor for following the command”. Those receiving this recognition are ones who have lived and worked among us for a very long time in ways of quiet and humble service that brothers and sisters of this congregation choose to recognize for the edification and encouragement of all.

Persons can be nominated by any covenant member of All Souls. They must be seventy years old or older and should have been active in this church for a reasonably long period of time. Their lives should exemplify the commandment of Jesus to love one another as He has loved us. There are particular areas where Jesus specifically shows what it means to love as he loves. These are among the criteria for nominating persons to be recognized as people who obey the commandment of Christ: nurture of the young in our midst; care for those in need; grace in relationships with others, particularly those of the household of faith; hospitality, particularly to strangers; the pursuit of peace, a life of prayer, and humble service to Christ and, in Christ’s name, to the world.

Nominations should be made through the Board of Deacons or the Moderator. They may be made at any time. The selection committee is made up of the current Board of Deacons, two former Senior Deacons, the current Moderator and the current pastors.

In some years there may be no recipients of this recognition, in other years there may be several. There is no way to “earn” this recognition. It is a lived thing. “Let your light shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” It is a lived thing. It is for the glory of God. When this light is seen, however, the congregation does not want to put in under a bushel basket. They use the *Mandatum Dignitatis* to place that light on a lamp stand, so it can give light to the whole house.



### Souper Bowl of Caring

On Sunday, February 5th, millions of people world-wide will be watching the Super Bowl. There will be many parties with abundant food and fellowship. At the same time, there will be many people worrying about staying warm and wanting a meal. Please join us and other Americans as we demonstrate God's love by loving our neighbors in need by bringing cans of soup to church on Super Bowl Sunday. We will bring the soup to the Labor of Love Food Pantry in Eastport, sponsored by our sister

church, the Central Congregational Church.

Starting January 8th, you may bring your donations of soup and place them in labeled containers at either entrance to the Meetinghouse. You may also bring cans of soup into the Church Office. Thank you.

**FINAL DEPOSIT  
FOR STEWARDSHIP 2011**  
(or prepays for 2012) will be  
12 Noon, Thursday, December 29th.

### THE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The next meeting of the 2011-2012 season will be on Tuesday, January 3, at 12 Noon.. The program is "*Turning Real Crime into Fiction*" by Rusty Gagnon.

We welcome all church women to our meetings. Please bring a sandwich. Dessert is provided. Please bring a container of coffee for the Bangor Area Homeless Shelter.

### Calling All

### Christmas Cookie Bakers!



We will be having a special Coffee Hour with festive Christmas cookies after the worship service on Christmas Sunday, December 25th. If you would like to bake a batch of cookies for this occasion, please add your name to the poster on the Church Office Door. Thank you!



### Missioner Circulation Options

Hello Everyone,

You now have the opportunity to view the missioner on our website and print from your own computer. Please let me know if you would like to read the missioner this way or if you would like to receive the missioner in the mail by calling the church office at 942-7354. **Website: [allsoulsbangor.org](http://allsoulsbangor.org)**

Thank you *Darcel*

## ASSIST-JC



### Workers in the Vineyard

**WORKERS IN THE VINEYARD** - Please remember that ASSIST-JC mission trip travelers are eager to earn mission money by helping you with various work projects throughout the year. Many church members have contacted us for help moving, doing yard work, and other “odd jobs”. **Due to schedules of our youth volunteers we are attempting to arrange projects for Sunday afternoons only.** If you have a work project you think might be appropriate, contact Larry Diehl at 631-4433, or the church office 942-7354.

### **BANGOR REDEMPTION AND BEVERAGE CENTER**



Please remember to drop your cans and bottles off at 490 Broadway, Bangor and

contribute them to the ASSIST-JC account. **“The administrators have clarified that you can take your bag(s) to the counter person without waiting in line and say they’re for the ASSIST-JC account. They’ll set them aside to count later. No need to wait while they process all the people waiting for cash!”** All those nickels and dimes really add up to help us finance our mission program. Thanks!

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**Women's Fellowship Breakfast Group**

The group will gather again at 8:00 AM on Friday mornings December 16, January 20, and February 17 at Kev Lan on Broadway.



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Communion is celebrated during Sunday's 10:00 a.m. worship service on the first Sunday of October, December, February, April, June and

August for all who attend worship. On the first Sunday of November, January, March, May and September, the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at 9:30 AM, in the Chapel.



**WEEKLY INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

Christians are urged-even commanded-to be at prayer. Each Thursday for half an hour at lunch time, you can respond to that urging and command in our Chapel, meeting others for

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