

Middleburgh Reformed Church

News & Announcements

December 2013

Bible Study- Tuesdays at 1 pm- usually at the Spencer's house. We read and discuss the text for the coming Sunday's worship.

NET Dinners Every Wednesday, 5-6:30 pm.

This Month:

4th: MRC

11th: Our Lady of the Valley Parish

18th: Middleburgh Methodist Church

No Dinner on the 25th.

NET dinners are a way to express God's love for others through hospitality. It builds relationships and it meets our need to eat! It is missional in at least two ways: it helps us connect with those who do not have a church home and it connects us with other Christians in the community. We are open to how God is going to use our efforts- so please be praying for the effort and also how you may be called to be involved.

The MRC coordinating committee is Mary Lou Ryan, Karen Miller, Leslie Hooper and Ellie Spencer. Everyone is invited to get involved by providing food, supplies, serving, and/or setup. And of course- eating together is what it is all about. So come and eat.

VeggieTales Movie Night! *Merry Larry and the True Light of Christmas.*

Friday, December 6th, 6pm. Pizza, popcorn, new VeggieTales movie, change your plans to make new friends. (Lara is organizing the whooha)

Church Budget Meeting- December 8th

We have changed our financial calendar to match the calendar year (it is currently April-March). After worship on Sunday, the 8th, there is a congregational meeting to vote on our spending plan for the coming year. Please let the finance committee know of any budget needs by Tuesday if possible.

month at a glance

1st: Advent Begins

5th: Consistory Meeting, 7 pm

6th: VeggieTales Movie Night, 6 pm

8th: Holy Communion,
Congregational Meeting for budget

22nd: Sunday School participating in
worship

24th: Christmas Eve Service, 7pm

January 6th: Epiphany

January 17-19: Excel, YFC youth
conference.

Advent Worship

The season of Advent begins the church calendar. It is a time of preparation meant to build our awareness of God's redemptive work- past, present and future. We hear the prophecies in the Old Testament about the coming of Jesus Christ. There is anticipation in the hope of God entering into history fully human. There is also a sense of fulfillment- God has come and things will be made right. And there is a sense of longing for the redemption to be completed. Culturally, there is both support for the church's celebration and distraction from the focus of being still and listening. May you find peace and hope in this season of Advent even while we wait. Gathering as Christians is essential to being able enter in to God's life- so listed below is a general shape of what's to come.

December 1st

On the first Sunday of Advent we are going to celebrate in worship with a Chrismon service. Chrismons are symbols representing Jesus Christ and they will be used to tell about who Jesus and decorate the tree. After worship we will have a light lunch and make a family and kid-friendly Chrismon to take home.

8th: Communion, Isaiah 11:1-10; Matthew 3:1-12

15th: Isaiah 35:1-10; Matthew 11:2-11

22nd: Sunday School participating in worship; Isaiah 7:10-16; Matthew 1:18-25

24th: Christmas Eve Service, 7 pm

Consistory

Elders: Jim Spencer (VP), Sarah Bramer, Joan Youmans

Deacons: Brian DeFeo, Leslie Hooper, Karen Miller

Pastor Jeff's email: jeffa.kelley@gmail.com,

home phone: 827-8785; cell phone: 518-860-7404.

Pastor Jeff is on vacation the December 25th- January 1st.

Ecumenical Food Pantry

Open Wednesdays 4-6;

Saturdays: 9-11 am

and by appointment

827-7121

donations of non-perishable food may be left by the food pantry.

Donna Greenawald's new mailing address:

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