

Greenville Community Church

Serving the Community since 1842

January 2011 Newsletter



**For everything there is a season, and a time
for every matter under heaven.**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

At some point in our lives, all of us need to take some risks. These risks are part of a vital adventure in life that can take us into uncertainty. The undertaking will likewise feature difficulty, failure and, most importantly, self discovery. On such a journey, we learn to trust God in deeper and more profound ways.

The start of a new year is a good time to consider new risks. We tend to take refuge in the static world of how we usually live. Eventually, we might sense that something is missing. This awareness may come to us as an unexpected whisper, a jolting dream, or striking encounter. No matter how it shows up, it is best to heed this awareness and prayerfully consider how God may be speaking through it.

Pastor Edward





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Thank you for your support of our Christmas Shoes project.

Once again this year, we provided shoe gift cards (each worth \$25) for 200 children and youth in need at the Coachman Family Center. This has been a difficult year for many families and it is often the children who suffer most. Thank you for helping us reach our goal.

Dr. John Elliott will preach at our 10:00 a.m. worship service on January 2. Dr. Elliott is Minister Emeritus of Greenville Community Church and lives with his wife, Ruth, in Tucson, AZ.

The Book Club will meet at the Manse on Tuesday, January 11, at 7:30 p.m., and talk about *Marcelo in the Real World* by Stork. Come and enjoy good conversation and delicious refreshments!



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Feed, Play, Love

This intriguing title describes a major fun and mission event for our church. On Saturday, January 22 at 7:00 PM a talent show will be held in the sanctuary featuring a variety of musical and theatrical performances, some by people you know well and some by people you've not yet met. That's the fun part (and there'll be lots of it).

The mission is the donation of non-perishable food, which is the admission charge for attending the event. The food will be distributed to the most needy of the food pantries in Westchester County coordinated by the Westchester Coalition for the Hungry and Homeless, whose executive director will speak at the event. This will mark the start of a program to make Greenville Church a central drop-off point for such donations.

The event will be open to the public, so please promote it to your friends and neighbors. Help **FEED** the needy, **PLAY** with friends in an evening of fun and entertainment, and feel the **LOVE** expressed by performers and audience alike. Watch for further information.



Epiphany Cards will be distributed on Sunday, January 9. Epiphany Cards are small notes printed with a message such as “Abundance,” “Growth” or “Reconsider.” With Epiphany Cards, there is the recognition that God has more to say that we usually are ready to hear. We put up blocks. We are resistant. So Epiphany Cards help us to break out of our resistance. You will be invited to take a card and trust that God has a message for you for the year 2011 through that card.

The University of Johannesburg Choir will perform at Greenville Church on Sunday, January 9, at 4:30 p.m. This concert is part of our 6th Annual Community Recital Series under the direction of Dr. Corazon Bisda. The UJ Choir will be visiting New York from January 7 to 18, 2010. They will perform Karl Jenkins’ Stabat Mater with choirs from all over the world at the Carnegie Hall on January 17. In 2008 UJ Choir won the category for traditional music at two international choir competitions. In 2008 they were the only choir from South Africa to perform at the 8th World Choral Symposium in Denmark. The Choir touring to New York will be approximately 40 young students, between the ages of 18 and 24, currently students of the University of Johannesburg in South Africa.

Sunday Flowers: you are invited to sponsor flowers that are placed under the cross in the sanctuary each Sunday. The sign up schedule for 2011 is now open and posted on the bulletin board near the church office. The price is \$35.00.



Offering Envelopes for 2011 are available in the narthex. A set is prepared for each church family plus separate sets for youth who are confirmed. If you would like more envelopes or a change in your set, please contact the church office.



The Choir will rehearse on January 6 & 20. The rehearsals are held in the sanctuary from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Do you like to sing? You are welcome to join the choir! Dr. Corazon Bisda is Director of Music and Giuseppe Spoletini is Choir Conductor.

A Consistory meeting will be held on Saturday, January 8, at 8:30 a.m. The meeting will be held in the Lounge.

Several Committee Meetings will be held on Sunday, January 30, at 11:15. Everyone is invited to attend a meeting, even for only one session in order to participate in the organizational life of the church. The meetings will be held in Hessler Hall.



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Birthdays & Anniversaries

Helen Firkins - 2nd
Paul Bisda - 12th
Nan Keteku - 18th
Janis Lapiere - 21st
Joung Ja Rho - 22nd
Christopher Schreur - 22nd
Ann Clark - 23rd
Kathleen Breslin - 24th
Brandon Brims - 25th
Sarah Wulfsberg - 28th
Joanne Fernandez-McDermott - 29th
Elizabeth Brown - 31st
Bill Thoma - 31st

Happy Anniversary - Tim and Cora Bisda - 30th