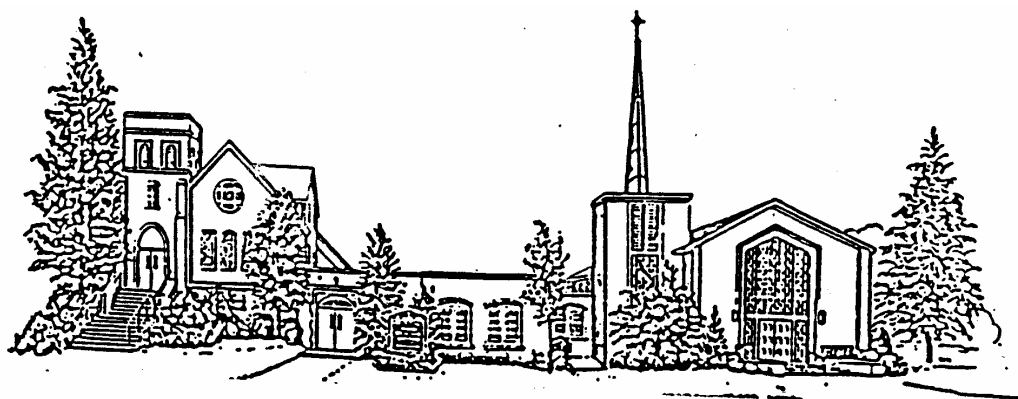


TIDINGS

JANUARY 2012



Welcoming and Supporting Individuals and Families
to Grow in Faith!

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Ministers: All the People of the Church

The Rev. Adrian J. Pratt, Pastor
Ksenia Lowenfels, Music Director

Yvonne Pratt, Secretary
Edward Hansen, Sexton

ADRIAN'S ANECDOTES ...

Who knows what a New Year can bring? Time and chance and change bring many different experiences to bear upon our lives. It is up to us to decide what we do with them.

The New Year is a time for resolutions. I'd ask you to make a resolution. Resolve to be a faithful member of your church. Why? Because we need each other. It's that simple. We need each other.

We live in a world where we are encouraged to be individuals, to focus in ourselves and our wants and our needs. Do you know where that road leads to? To loneliness, emptiness and isolation. Have you ever considered how much Jesus spoke about life in terms of relationships? Our relationship to God... our relationships with each other... these are the important things.

He teaches us to pray, not in terms of "My personal Father" but as "Our Father." He teaches us about love, that we are not just to love those who fulfill our personal needs, but to have love for all of our neighbors... even those we count as enemies. He encourages us to see all humanity as those in whom the image of God is not completely erased, but to know them as people who He has compassion for.

Poet John Donne phrases it this way, "*No man is an Island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the Continent, a part of the main.*" We need each other.

We need...

your presence in our pews

your voice in our songs and prayers

your mind to guide our decisions

your hands to help us carry our burdens

your eyes to help us see

your ears to help us listen

your youthfulness to keep us young

your age to keep us wise

your laughter to bring us joy

your tears to help us cry

your time and talents to enrich our lives.

And, believe it or not... you need us.

May this year be one in which we resolve to discover afresh the challenges and many blessings of being a community of faith in a world full of doubts.

-Rev. Adrian J. Pratt



FIRST AND THIRD BIBLE STUDIES

– “The Gospel of Matthew”

The evening and morning Bible Studies cover the same material and the theme is: ‘*According to Matthew*’.

The schedule is as follows:

Tuesday Night 8:00 p.m.

- January 17
- February 7
- February 21
- March 6
- March 20

Thursday Morning 10:00 a.m.

- January 19
- February 2
- February 16
- March 1
- March 15

All members of the congregation are invited to attend. Please mark your calendars. We look forward to seeing you!



OFFERING ENVELOPES

If there is anyone that doesn't have offering envelopes but would like them (adult or child), please see Howard Batsford or leave a note in the office. The advantage of having envelopes is that you will get a statement of giving—handy for tax purposes. If you requested a 2012 box of envelopes, they are available from the Narthex. Please pick your box up.



**First Presbyterian Church, Baldwin
Along with the Nassau County Youth Ministry
group present...**



**MISSION
IMPOSSIBLE 4**

****** Our 4th Youth Lock In ******
For Students 7th Grade and older
January 20th—21st, 2012
8:00 p.m. Friday – 9:00 a.m. Saturday.
Games, Movies, Discussion, Mission Project,
Snacks, Breakfast!
Bring a Sleeping Bag and a pillow.
Registration Forms available from your Pastor

"IN LIEU OF FLOWERS"

The Memorial Fund is a viable alternative for those of us who wish to honor and remember a close friend or acquaintance or perhaps a distant relative when the donation of flowers, fruit, etc., is just too much.

Memorial Packets include an announcement card to the decedent's family with a plain envelope and an envelope addressed to the church with a card for your donation. These packets are available in the Narthex or at the church office.



First Presbyterian Church of Baldwin is grateful for all the donations received for The Memorial Fund. Since the last issue of the *Tidings*, this includes the following:

- ... **Joan Hay** and **Bill Schiela** from Judy Rodger
- ... **Helene Kappelmann** from George Kappelmann
- ... **Charlie Dean** from Gary & Sue Williams
- ... **Unspecified** from Linda & Bill Knox

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## FLOWER DONATIONS

Don't forget you can sign up for flowers to be placed in the Sanctuary on any given Sunday. All you need to do is check the Flower Chart in the Narthex for availability and complete a "Flower Donation Form", which can be placed in the offering plate, or handed in to the church office. You can donate in memory of loved ones or in celebration of a birthday/anniversary or something special you wish to share.

Your donation tribute will appear in the bulletin on the Sunday that you specified. The cost is \$20 per donation.

The new **2012** Flower Chart is in the Narthex.



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ANNUAL REPORTS

Attention Committee Chairs! The deadline for your annual report to be submitted to the office is **MONDAY, JANUARY 9TH**. Please send it to: baldwinchurch@verizon.net

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BALDWIN, NY
STATED SESSION MEETING SUMMARY
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2011

Session met for their stated meeting on Wednesday, December 14, 2011. After opening prayer, reports from Acting Clerk, Pastor and Committees were received and approved. The bulleted list below highlight the business transacted:

Our Clerk reported that since the last meeting we received correspondence from:

- Louisville Seminary, a copy of their November 12, 2011 news release announcing their decision to provide full scholarships for all master's degree students.
- From Joyce Dugger, Protestant Chaplain at Hofstra University, a note of thanks for inviting her to our pulpit on Sunday, November 6, 2011.
- From the Presbyterian Camp at Holmes, a letter appealing for grant writers to assist them in their fundraising efforts.

• Worship attendance since last meeting:

November 13	81
November 20	82
November 27	66 Thanksgiving weekend
December 4	105
December 11	95

ELECTION OF CLERK OF SESSION AND CHURCH TREASURER FOR 2012:

Election of a Clerk of Session for 2012 was discussed. Elder Margaret Cook was nominated, but in her absence no vote was taken. Elder Bobbi Angelillo was nominated to continue as Church Treasurer for 2012, and accepted. **No discussion being necessary, it was moved, seconded, and approved to elect Bobbi Angelillo as Church Treasurer for 2012.**

PASTOR'S REPORT:

- Rev. Pratt reported a schedule change for Confirmation Sunday. Originally scheduled for May 27, 2012 (Memorial Day weekend), it will now be on June 3, 2012 (Trinity Sunday).

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- A youth sleepover at the Church is being planned for January 20 - 21, 2012. Youth from the Joint Nassau County Youth Ministry will be invited to participate, subject to appropriate adult support.
- He requested vacation time for November 25, 2012 (the Sunday after Thanksgiving, but NOT the first Sunday of Advent). He also requested Study Leave from Saturday, July 28, 2012 to Saturday, August 4, 2012 to participate in the Synod of the Trinity Youth Conference. The Worship and Music Committee will plan pulpit supply for the two Sundays Rev. Pratt will be away. **After discussion, it was moved, seconded and approved to grant the vacation and study leave as requested.**

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Christian Education Committee: The youth food drive for Saint Christopher's Food Pantry was successfully completed. ♦ A substitute Sunday School teacher is being sought during Elder Shari Greenberg's absence until early January.

Buildings and Grounds: Locksmith services were required for the Beyer Hall lift, and the Nursery door handle. ♦ A minor oven flare-up during cooking for the Christmas Dinner was contained with no alarm or automatic extinguishing being triggered. ♦ Fencework spanning the rear boundary of the manse back yard was constructed and installed. ♦ During Sexton Ed Hanson's scheduled absence in late November, he obtained a substitute to fill in. ♦ After our internal 90-minute power-down test of the emergency lighting system, several new battery packs will be ordered. ♦ The manse grounds cleanup project yielded 30 bags of yard waste, and the rear roof gutters were cleared. ♦ The desktop computer for the Pastor's Office has been upgraded inexpensively through a combination of good timing and donations. His old computer will be reformatted and used in the Sunday School program.

Fellowship Committee: The Christmas musical on Sunday, December 11, 2011 was followed by the Christmas Dinner. ♦ Christmas caroling followed by an "Open House" at the Dann's will be on Sunday, December 18, 2011. ♦ The annual bowling and parlor games event will be on Sunday, January 29, 2012.

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Stewardship and Finance Committee, General Mission Committee, Invested Resources Committee, and Personnel Committee: The Treasurer's report for Local Mission, the Memorial Fund, Bank balances, etc. was discussed. It was noted that the actual 2011 local mission deficit (based on 11 months) will be less than was projected. ♦ An analysis of the Stewardship Campaign for 2012 was discussed. ♦ The 2012 Proposed Budget was presented and discussed. ♦ Suggested staff salaries for 2012 were discussed at length. ♦ It was moved, seconded, and approved to give the Pastor a 3% salary increase, plus \$800 as a bonus, or other form of compensation to be decided. ♦ It was moved, seconded, and approved to give the Church Secretary a 2% salary increase, plus one additional week of paid vacation. ♦ It was moved, seconded, and approved to give the Sexton a 2% salary increase. ♦ It was moved, seconded, and approved to give the Music Director a 2% salary increase. ♦ After further discussion, it was moved, seconded, and approved to present the proposed 2012 Budget, as amended, to the Congregation on Sunday, December 18, 2011. ♦ The Invested Resources balance as of December 13, 2011 was \$316,278. After discussion, it was moved, seconded, and approved to accept the Committee's calculation of the 2011 distribution of \$14,777, and to apply the full amount to the Local Mission Budget to reduce the deficit.

Nominating Committee: The Committee recommended a slate of 2012 Church Officers be presented to the Congregation on December 18, 2011.

Website Committee: The webmaster submitted a comprehensive multipage analysis of activity on our website.

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept all Committee Reports as submitted.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS:

After discussion, it was moved, seconded, and approved to pay \$125.00 year-end bonuses to the Church Secretary and Sexton from Memorial Funds.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: 1. The next scheduled Stated Session Meeting will be 7:30 p.m., January 11, 2012. 2. The next scheduled Presbytery Meeting will be on Saturday, January 28, 2012, at the Brentwood Presbyterian Church. Our delegates are to be determined.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. with a prayer by the Moderator.

-Rev. Adrian J. Pratt, Moderator of Session

FOOD DONATIONS

Food donations are always needed by the Long Island Council of Churches' Emergency Food Pantries. Food can be dropped off in the Narthex on any given Sunday. Outside of Sunday donations items can be dropped off in Freeport (450 N. Main Street, 516-868-4989), or Hempstead (in Christ's 1st Presbyterian Church, 516-565-0290). The best times to drop off donations are Monday-Friday, 9:00 to 4:30 in Hempstead 10 to 4 in Freeport. Donations of toiletries, personal care items, school supplies, small household goods, and shopping bags are also welcome. In addition the Freeport pantry needs small shopping carts, the Hempstead office needs carpeting. Call them direct if you can help.



DRIVERS NEEDED

The LICC (Long island Council of Churches) regularly needs drivers who can pick up food donations occasionally and deliver them to Freeport, Hempstead or Riverhead (407 Osborne Avenue at Lincoln, 631-727-2210), as you are needed and as you happen to be available – with absolutely no guilt if you do not happen to be free.

Don't forget, the First Presbyterian Church of Baldwin regularly collects non-perishable food items on the **First Sunday of each Month**. A box for this purpose is placed in the Narthex. All items are forwarded to the Freeport Food Pantry. Thank you for your support.

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## CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE 2011-2012

This year - something different. Through the Nassau County Joint Youth initiative we are working together in confirmation. Classes are as follows:

### **Class Schedule (Tuesdays 6:45 - 8:30 p.m.)**

|                           |              |                        |                        |
|---------------------------|--------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| January 10 <sup>th</sup>  | (Baldwin)    | March 2nd-3rd          | Retreat at Holmes Camp |
| January 24 <sup>th</sup>  | (Massapequa) | March 13 <sup>th</sup> | (Malverne)             |
| January 31 <sup>st</sup>  | (Baldwin)    | March 27 <sup>th</sup> | (Massapequa)           |
| February 7 <sup>th</sup>  | (Malverne)   | April 24 <sup>th</sup> | (Baldwin)              |
| February 28 <sup>th</sup> | (Massapequa) | May 8 <sup>th</sup>    | (Massapequa)           |

*(Baldwin youth) - meet with Session on May 9<sup>th</sup>*

**Service of Confirmation – TRINITY SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 2012**



## PRAYER SHAWL CIRCLE

*"Calling all knitters and crocheters!"*

The Prayer Shawl Circle will meet on their regular 1st Wednesday of the month on **January 4th, at 7:30 p.m.** Bring yarn and needles and crochet hooks or a prayer shawl you already have in progress. For more information, call Penny Blanchard (763-4568) or Bobbi Angelillo (623-6898).



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB

The Presbyterian Women's Breakfast Club meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m., at the Baldwin Coach Diner. This is an opportunity to fellowship with other women from First Presbyterian Church and enjoy good food and conversation. They meet next on **Tuesday, January 17th.** For more information, contact Marge Leverage at 223-5439.



## WOMEN'S DINNER

The women of First Presbyterian Church of Baldwin are planning a evening of food and friendship at Ayhan's Shish Kebab on Sunrise Highway, Baldwin. on **Wednesday, January 25th at 7:00 p.m.** All women are invited to attend. If you need more information, please call Erika Floreska (379-8080). We look forward to seeing you there.



## MEN'S WEDNESDAY DINNER

Join the Men of the Church for their monthly dinner out, on the **third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.** You'll enjoy great food, good company and lively conversation. Interested? Ask Carl Larson. **Next dinner is Wednesday, January 18th.**



## **DEADLINE FOR THE FEBRUARY 'TIDINGS' IS TUESDAY, JANUARY 17TH**

**Please ensure articles are in the office on or before 1:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 17th, for inclusion in the February 2012 Tidings. Thank you!**



# Focus on Fellowship 2012

| JANUARY 2012                                                                                                                                                                         | FEBRUARY 2012                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                           |
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| <p>01/17 Women's b'fast<br/>           01/18 Men's Dinner<br/>           01/25 Women's Dinner<br/>           01/29 Bowling &amp; Pizza<br/>                     and Parlor Games</p> | <p>02/15 Men's Dinner<br/>           02/21 Women's b'fast<br/>           02/22 Ash Wednesday<br/>                     Soup Supper<br/>                     (proceeds to One Great<br/>                     Hour of Sharing)<br/>           02/29 Women's Dinner</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>SAVE THE DATES!</b></p> |

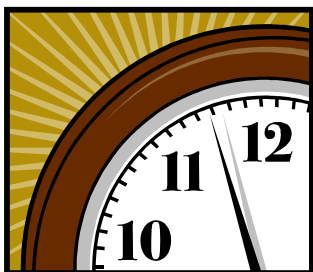
**NOTE:** The Church office will be closed on **Monday, January 2nd** and **Monday, January 16th.**

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ANSWERS TO THE CHRISTMAS CRANIUM CRUNCHER!

1. Gad (2 Samuel 24:11)
2. Luz (Genesis 28:19)
3. Obadiah (I Kings 18:4)
4. Rezin (2 Kings 16:9)
5. Yearly (Exodus 13:10)
6. Tola (Judges 10:1-2)
7. Obed-Edom (2 Samuel 6:11)
8. Geba (I Kings 15:22)
9. Onesiphorus (2 Timothy 1:16-17)
10. Deborah (Genesis 35:8)

“GLORY TO GOD” (Luke 2:14)

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**



Church Office hours are: Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. *Note:* The office is closed on Fridays and Holidays.

## UPCOMING DATES FOR FEBRUARY, 2012

|                           |                                                   |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Wednesday, February 1     | Prayer Shawl Circle                               |
| Thursday, February 2      | Morning Bible Study                               |
| Sunday, February 5        | Communion/Food Offering/<br>Souper Bowl of Caring |
| Tuesday, February 7       | Confirmation class – Malverne PC                  |
| Tuesday, February 7       | Evening Bible Study                               |
| Wednesday, February 8     | Session                                           |
| Monday, February 13       | Deacons                                           |
| Tuesday, February 14      | Valentine's Day                                   |
| Tuesday, February 14      | Deadline for Tidings                              |
| Thursday, February 16     | Morning Bible Study                               |
| Monday, Feb. 20-Friday 24 | CNS Winter Recess                                 |
| Monday, February 20       | Office Closed – In observance of Presidents' Day  |
| Tuesday, February 21      | Evening Bible Study                               |
| Wednesday, February 22    | Ash Wednesday Soup Supper & Service               |
| Monday, February 27       | Cook for the INN                                  |
| Tuesday, February 28      | Confirmation class – Massapequa PC                |

### JOIN ED AND HELP CHANGE MAKE A CHANGE!

In a recent Stewardship 'Minute for Mission' Elder Bill Hodges, talked about how loose household change could accumulate and become a considerable amount of dollars. One of our members, Ed Hines, took this message to heart and is intending to collect all his household change and at the end of the month put it in an envelope, with his name and membership number upon it, and place it in the offering plate. (It will greatly help the counters if you can have your change already rolled.)



Ed invites others from the congregation to join him in this venture. As the *Tidings* goes to print, **\$28.65** has been raised through loose change giving. Will you join Ed and help change make a change?

*To all members and friends at First Presbyterian Church of Baldwin  
We wish you a healthy and blessed New Year!*

## WORSHIP SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2012

January 1 – New Year’s Day

“Do the Dance” Communion Service – Rev. Adrian J. Pratt

January 8 – Ordination & Commissioning of Elders & Deacons

“Reaffirmation and Baptism” - Rev. Adrian J. Pratt

*Series on First Corinthians “Living a Holy Life in an Unholy World”*

January 15 – “Body Beautiful” - Rev. Adrian J. Pratt

January 22 – “Dirty Hands ” - Rev. Adrian J. Pratt

January 29 – “My Little Light ” - Rev. Adrian J. Pratt

### UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS

Please feel free to take a copy of the **January/February, 2012** issue of the Upper Room Devotionals. They are located in the Narthex.

### NEW NURSERY SITTER

It is a great pleasure to report to the congregation that Nathalie Achille will be our new Nursery Sitter. We are truly very fortunate to have her on board! The added bonus is that she is one of our very own young adults! Are we lucky or what? -*Madeline Speight, Personnel*



### THANK YOU!

Teachers and students of our Sunday School thank everyone who participated in the recent Food Drive for St. Christopher’s Food Pantry. 35 bags of food were collected. Thank you.

### TURKEY DONATIONS NEEDED

If you have an **extra Turkey**, please bring it to the church. We need 36 for the whole year. They will be shared with the **Interfaith Nutrition Network** to feed hungry people in our community. We will cook for the INN on **Monday, January 23rd** at 7:00 p.m., in Beyer Hall.

### HOLMES CAMP - SEEKING GRANT WRITERS

Holmes Camp are putting a team together to help them in applying for public and private grant funding. If you have experience in that area and would be interested in contributing to the camps development please contact their executive Director Rev Peter D. Surgenor. Their office phone number is 845-878-6383. Peter's e-mail is [psurgenor@holmescamp.org](mailto:psurgenor@holmescamp.org). The group will begin their work early in 2012.

## PER-CAPITA

A portion of what we give to our church is designated as a 'per-capita' payment that we submit to the Presbytery office. The apportionment for 2012 is a figure of **\$30:39**, which means our church sends a check for \$30:39 for every member listed on our membership roll as of December 31 2010.

Per Capita Funds are part of what make us Presbyterian. As a community of churches we share costs that belong to the whole Presbyterian Community, nationwide, statewide and Presbytery-wide. Our Per-Capita is divided three ways.

\$19.81 goes towards out local presbytery. It pays for such things as the Presbytery Staff and Presbytery Center in Commack, costs of Presbytery Meetings, Presbytery Committees, Educational Meetings and other resources (including the Resource Center itself which is situated in the Presbytery Center). A portion goes towards a Salary Supplement Fund for pastors. You can find out more about the diverse work of our presbytery at their web-site; <http://www.presbyteryofli.org/>.

\$3:95 goes towards the work of our Middle Governing Body, the Synod of the North East. <http://www.synodne.org/>. In many ways the Synod is the link between the Presbytery and the General Assembly. They provide mission grants, organize conferences, Presbyterian Women's regional events and provide a close link to other Presbyteries throughout New Jersey, New England and New York.

The remaining \$6:36 of our per Capita goes towards the churches national representative body, the General Assembly. <http://www.pcusa.org/> The work of the General Assembly is as diverse as we are a diverse nation and goes beyond our borders to supporting Presbyterian Mission worldwide. Everything from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to Communication and Technology, from guiding our theology to providing support for ministry.

Per Capita should not be seen as "Presbytery Tax". It is an expression of our communal faith as Presbyterians and our unity in Jesus Christ. Every cent is accounted for and contributes to the work of God's Kingdom both within and far beyond the ministry of our local church.

You can find a "Per Capita" envelope in your offering envelope box.

## SOUPER BOWL OF CARING 2012



More than 20 years ago, Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

*“Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat.”*

Since that day, more than \$71 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around Super Bowl weekend into the nation’s largest celebration of giving and serving.

Through this mission, young people learn what it’s like to make a positive difference in the world – as they collect food, raise money and volunteer to work in charities that provide shelter to the homeless, food to the hungry and compassion to those in need.

We will be focusing on the Souper Bowl of Caring on **Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**, when our youth will be on hand to receive monetary donations for our local food pantry.

**Please give generously.**



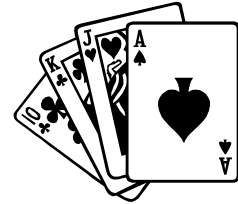
# *Sports Fest*

## *Fun and Games Afternoon*

**When: Sunday, January 29, 2012**  
**2:30-6:30 p.m.**

**What: Choice of**

- Bowling for all . . .
- Bridge, Scrabble and other board games for adults at the Church . . .



. . . followed by Pizza Supper in Beyer Hall

**Sign-up in the Parlor on**  
**January 8th, 15th and 22nd, 2012**

**Cost for Bowling TBA**  
**(Will include 2 games and**  
**shoe rental)**



**Everyone is invited to this fun-filled event!**