

Morning Messenger

Southminster-Steinhauer United Church
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Epiphany Sunday

January 5, 2003

Welcome

If you are new to our Community of Faith,
A Special Welcome!

TODAY: January 5, Epiphany Sunday

- ★ Men's Fellowship Breakfast
- ★ 10 am worship, Youth and Circle Groups go immediately to class. Baby-care provided.
- **COMMUNION.**
- ★ Today is the deadline for submissions for the Annual Report. Please leave your committee reports on the desk in the office or email them to above address. Thank you.

THROUGH THE WEEK:

Monday:

- ★ Healing Pathway 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday:

- ★ Tuesday Connection, 9:15 pm
- ★ Congregational Development Committee 7:00
- ★ Board Budget Meeting, 7:15 pm in the small hall

Wednesday:

- ★ Worship Committee meeting at 1 pm in the lounge
- ★ Sacred Circle Dance 7:30 p.m.

Thursday:

- ★ Parents' Morning Out, 9:15 pm.
- ★ Adult Choir 7:15 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: January 12, Epiphany 1

- ★ 10 am for worship, Youth and Circle Groups, Baby-care
- **Baptism Renewal Sunday**
- ★ Meeting for parents/guardians of Teens will take place immediately following worship. This is for Y.O.S.S. families as well as any other interested persons. Meeting will be approximately 45 minutes (Small Hall).
- ★ LGBF Second Sunday Brunch: going to Boston Pizza on 111St and 23 Ave at 11:45 a.m. All welcome.
- ★ Choral Festival 7 p.m.
- ★ Set up team for this week is team 3 led by Don and Shirley Junk.

SUNDAY, January 19 Epiphany 2

- ★ 10 a.m. worship, Youth, Circle Groups
Celebrating the week of prayer for Christian Unity.
- ★ Seniors' Luncheon following the service.

Choirs

Silvertones Choir (For Senior Adults)

Jan 12: short practice following service to prepare for "Twelfth Night" event tonight.

Jan 19: Regular practice following Seniors' Lunch.

Feb 4-20: **Director is away**

Feb 23: Regular practice following Seniors' Lunch

New members are welcome! We try to practice 1st and 3rd Sundays after church, depending on events.

Contact: Bonnie Berg 435-8646

Children's Choir

Jan 12: Practice immediately after worship
Be at church by 6:30 p.m. for Choir Festival

Adult Choir

Regular practices resume this week.

CHOIR
FESTIVAL
SUNDAY
JANUARY 12
7 PM - Free!



Area Church Choirs of all ages present their favourite selections of Christmas Choral Music

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AN AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

Southminster-Steinhauer is an **Affirming Congregation**, a designation that signals our commitment to be a Christian community that is inclusive of all people, including gay, lesbian and bisexual people, their families and friends. For more **information**, please call **Charles Bidwell, 436-8774** or **Mieke Wharton, 435-1219**.

On the second Sunday of the month, a special opportunity for fellowship is offered, referred to as the “**LGBF Luncheon**.” All are welcome.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES

CHRISTOPHER LEADERSHIP COURSE

In this ten-week, peace-based course, you'll learn skills to help you interact with family members, co-workers and volunteer associates in a positive manner. You'll be able to speak effectively with confidence as you develop leadership and presentation skills.

The Christopher Leadership Course will be offered at Southminster-Steinhauer starting Monday, January 27th, 2003. Register for this fun-filled course and gain the tools you need to be an effective communicator; contact **468-6498** for more information.

THANK YOU...

to all who organized the New Year's Eve dinner and social. About 130 people enjoyed an evening of fellowship and fun. What a wonderful way to bring in 2003!



STEWARDSHIP NEWS

- ☺ To request offering envelopes, to inquire about PAR (pre-authorized remittance) or to verify contribution status, please contact Ann Didluck, Envelope Steward, 435-2288.
- ☺ There are boxes of offering envelopes for 2003 in the foyer.
- ☺ Thank you for your faithful stewardship during 2002, and for your commitments for 2003.

Publicity Committee Creative Opportunity

The Publicity Committee is looking for new members to assist with their work in promoting the activities of the congregation. Examples of activities include developing and placing ads in local papers, preparing & coordinating the delivery of flyers, development of a youth webpage & brochures. If you have special skills in promotions or graphic arts, or you just want the opportunity to contribute to the work of this interesting committee, please call Bob O'Hara of the Nominating Committee at 434-3741.

A CHANCE TO HAVE A ROLE

The Nominating Committee is hard at work preparing a slate of names to present to the congregation for Board and committee members for 2003. If you have a particular area of interest and would like to submit your name, please call Grant Frame at 434-8573, or Bob O'Hara at 434-3741.

DRAMA GROUP

Those who indicated an interest in the Drama Group can look forward to the first meeting early in the new year!!



Office Hours For The Half-Time Ministry: Marg will be in the office on Wednesday and Friday this week.

Annual Meeting: February 02, 2003

- ★ Home Meetings begin the week of January 19 (background information and discussion on coming annual meeting decisions).
- ★ A Board recommendation to the annual meeting will be to increase the 0.5 Ministry time to 0.75 time.
- ★ Following Christina Manning's resignation (effective December 13), thanks go to her for the work she has done, and to those who are now providing interim volunteer coverage. While steps are underway to fill the staff position, volunteers will be needed in January. If you are interested, please leave your name at the office, with Anne McCracken, Bob Glover, or Grant Frame.