

***1st Congregational Church of Pembroke, UCC
301 Pembroke St.
Pembroke, NH 03275***

December 11, 2011

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Welcome/Greeting

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Call to Worship

WE PROCLAIM:

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Invocation

Lord's Prayer

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Lighting the Love Candle

Hymn: #155, Angels We Have Heard on High

WE LEARN:

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Message: "Love"

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CALENDAR

- Sun., Dec. 11 9am Choir Rehearsal
10am Worship
10:20am Sunday School & High School
11:30am Movies & Cookies – Memorial Room
5-9pm *Joyful Blend* Rehearsal
- Mon., Dec. 12 6pm Girl Scouts – PH
6:30pm Christian Ed. Committee
- Tues., Dec. 13 6pm Cub Scouts – DN
7pm Hospitality Plus Committee
- Wed., Dec. 14 6pm BSA – PH
7pm Deacons
- Thurs., Dec. 15 6pm “AA” Group – MR
- Sat., Dec. 17 8:30am Yoga
10am – 2pm *Joyful Blend* Rehearsal and
7:30pm Concert – Sanctuary
- Sun., Dec. 18 9am Choir Rehearsal
10am Worship
10:20am Sunday School
3pm Joyful Blend **snow date for Concert**
- Mon., Dec. 19 6pm Girl Scouts - PH
- Tues., Dec. 20 6pm Cub Scouts – Class Room
7pm Trustees
- Wed., Dec. 21 6pm BSA – PH
- Thurs., Dec. 22 6pm “AA” Group – MR
- Sat., Dec. 24 7pm Christmas Eve Family Service of Candles

THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES is for January *Messenger* is December 15.

IF YOU HAVE ANNOUNCEMENTS for the church, both to project on the screen before worship and to include in the print announcement sheet, please get them to the church office by Wednesday, Noon.

PLEASE JOIN US in the Parish Hall for fellowship and refreshments hosted by Church Council and the Membership Committee.

THE OLAN MILLS PICTORIAL’S are here – Please see Anna Gibbs after Worship to obtain a copy.

WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME to all who worship with us this morning. Visitors are encouraged to sign the guest book outside the center-aisle entrance at the back of the Sanctuary. Nursery care is provided for infants and young children, and there are rocking chairs at the rear of the Sanctuary for those with a child who needs comforting. Please see an usher if you need assistance. Thank you to those assisting in our worship this morning. Manuela Shuey read the scripture. Eric & Judy Pearson, Harold & Lynn Matava served as ushers.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Dora Bresaw, recovering from hip surgery (95 year old friend of the Grandmaisons)

Amelia’s friend, Sarah’s mother, Nancy is having cancer treatments
Stephen Ricci update: Please continue prayers for Stephen as he is nearing the end of his treatments and is feeling the physical effects of them, as well as battling stage 3 lung cancer

Connor Chown

Asia, 9 & Ben, 32 – medical concerns (siblings of Alyssa LeMay’s friend Amelia)

Frances Maffucci – medical concerns

Athena Petrin’s younger brother (and others) struggling with addictions
Stacy Driscoll’s dear friend Joanne Kerstetter and her 16-year old Granddaughter - continued prayers for them as they continue to slowly recover from a bomb blast.

FLOWER COMMITTEE ...

The flower committee would be grateful for **donations of poinsettias** for the altar during this holy, festive season. Please contact Robbe MacKenzie, 485-7295 (**December**), Lynn Matava, 485-8352 (January) and Doris Rowden, 485-3664 (February).

I HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH with a family friend who is in Iraq and I was going to have my boys make a few cards for some soldiers who don't get mail and very sadly was informed there were several soldiers over there right now that don't receive anything and looking for some donations from the church children and or families that I could send over to let them know we are thinking of them this holiday season. Please contact Erica Peaslee if you can contribute.

YOUTH GROUP THURSDAYS ...

Become a part of the body of Christ – 1st Corinthians 12: 12. Grow your faith with friends, Thursdays at 6:45pm, at church. Speak to Eric Pearson, Jodi Ehler, Athena Petrin or Eileen Herring to find out more.

DEEP FREEZE YOUTH RETREAT – JANUARY 13-15 ...

Open to 7th graders – seniors. **Sam Bhatt** will speak and **Circleslide** will rock! See Eric Pearson if interested in attending. Visit berea.org to learn more.

DECEMBER USHERS ...

18 Don & Laurie Hill, Dave & Nancy Bibbins

24 Floyd & Dot Smith, Rick Hochsprung, Dean Hopps

If you are unable to usher on your given day, please contact Dean Hopps at 485-5509.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN BEING ON THE PRAYER CHAIN should contact the Secretary by e-mail: SECRETARY@PEMBROKECHURCH.ORG or by phone 485-9639 and let her know. You will be advised of those needing prayer. If you know of someone who is in need of prayer and wants to be included on the list, please also contact the church office.

RENT A CAMPER

Calling all home owners that are in need of yard work or baby sitting. The Youth Group is ready and willing! Simply fill out an application in the Parrish Hall indicating your name, address, phone number, the project that needs to be completed and the amount you are willing to pay. If you have a neighbor or friend in need please take an application for them.

100% of the money collected will go towards their Berea Fund so they can attend the Youth retreat at Camp Berea January 13-15. If you have questions please see Eric Pearson.

POINSETTIA'S ARE GIVEN in Loving Memory of:

My Grandparents

by Lynn Matava

Ralph & Marion Rowden, Doug's Parents and
Hanford & Elcena Phair, Doris' Parents

by Doug & Doris Rowden


Bruce Matava, our Son

by Harold & Barbara Matava

Joan Chase, Peter's Mother and **Rudy Plourde**, Sharon's Father

by Peter & Sharon Chase



Joyful Blend  *Rebecca Smith, Music Director*
Jeffrey Bunker, Accompanist

Our Farewell Concert
Celebrate With Us Three Decades of Making
Joyful Music Together

Saturday, December 17, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.
Pembroke Congregational Church
301 Pembroke Street, Pembroke, NH

Tickets Required - Available:
From Joyful Blend Members *(Eileen Herring)*
Via E-mail: jbarney@salloway.com
**\$5.00 Donation per Ticket Requested to Support
the New Hampshire Food Bank**

Doors Open at 7:00 p.m. for
Advanced Ticket Holders; 7:15 for Others
Snow Date: Sunday, December 18 at 3:00 p.m.

