

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

December 4, 2011

GATHERING TIME: 9:40-10:00

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE:

Welcome/Greeting

Prelude: From Heaven Came the Angel Host J.S. Bach

Call to Worship

WE PROCLAIM:

Hymn: #136, Christians All, Your Lord Is Coming

Invocation

Lord's Prayer

Special Music: "Whispering Hope", James Clements

Lighting the Hope Candle

Hymn: #88, All My Hope on God Is Founded, v. 1,3

WE LEARN:

Message: "Hope"

WE RESPOND:

Prayers/ Joys & Concerns

Offering

Doxology: #46

WE COME TO THE TABLE

Sharing the Bread & Cup

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CALENDAR

Sun., Dec. 4	9am Choir Rehearsal 10am Worship 10:20am Sunday School
Mon., Dec. 5	6pm Girl Scouts – PH
Tues., Dec. 6	6pm Cub Scouts – DN & PH 7pm Church Council
Wed., Dec. 7	6pm BSA – PH
Thurs., Dec. 8	6pm World Service 6pm “AA” Group – MR 6pm Brownies – DN 6pm Cub Scouts – PH
Fri., Dec. 9	7pm-8am Girl Scout Sleepover - PH
Sat., Dec. 10	8:30am Yoga 11:30am <i>Jesus’ Birthday Party</i> – PH
Sun., Dec. 11	9am Choir Rehearsal 10am Worship 10:20am Sunday School & High School 11:30am Movies & Cookies – Memorial Room 5-9pm <i>Joyful Blend</i> 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 <i>Joyful Blend</i> Rehearsal and 7:30pm Concert – Sanctuary

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 - If you signed up to get your picture taken, please stop by the office and pick up your copy or see Anna Gibbs after Worship.

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. Luke & Cindy Bonenfant, Tom & Allison Hardy served as ushers.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A BIRTHDAY PARTY for *Jesus!* Please join us in the Parish Hall from **11:30-1pm** on **Saturday, December 10th** for this special celebration. There will be food, crafts, and games.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Prayers for the family of Charlie Rogers – who passed away
Shirley Whittimore – back home at Havenwood
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. They may be given in memory of or honor of loved ones or just because you want to contribute to the beauty of the sanctuary during this holy, festive season. All contributions will be acknowledged at some point in the bulletin. To contribute all you have to do is let the flower committee know of your intention. Please contact Robbe MacKenzie, 485-7295 (**December**), Lynn Matava, 485-8352 (January) and Doris Rowden, 485-3664 (February).

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 bera.org to learn more.

DECEMBER USHERS ...

11 Eric & Judy Pearson, Harold & Lynn Matava

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.