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Thanksgiving



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Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world" (John 6:32-33).

It was quite a few years ago when Carl and I awoke early to get the first flight out of Bradley Airport. It was Thanksgiving time and we were to spend the holiday with Carl's family in Indiana. We were in the midst of an early season snow storm. As we drove in the dark and blinding snow, we listened to the radio for updates, only to hear one school after another close for the anticipated accumulation. As we flew into the airport in Gary, IN the pilot told us we had left behind a foot of snow! The passengers cheered. I was sad, but I knew there would be much more to come when true winter arrived!

This year Carl and I will repeat our trip to Indiana although this time we will drive. I look forward to sitting around the table with family once again. We will break bread together and reaffirm the importance of family and good food and blessings. This image brings to mind the story of Jesus, a loaf of bread, a few fish, and many people gathered together. With only enough food to feed one family, Jesus turned it into a big meal for thousands of people. They loved it so much the people wanted Jesus to do it again. They went looking, and they found Jesus.

Jesus probably said something like, "Aha! You found me because you wanted more bread. Why don't you look for God's bread?" Some might have looked puzzled by those words. Others scratched their heads. Jesus explained, "God's bread is me." Jesus wanted the people to realize that having good food was important and wonderful. However, learning about God was wonderful as well.

Yes, we can eat bread. We can smell it and savor both its texture and its flavor. Yet, how do we "eat" the Bible? We read it. We listen to the words. We reflect on them. We savor them. We ingest them and digest them. We learn more and more about Jesus and God and the Holy Spirit. We take delight in forming a deeper and deeper relationship with God by "eating" the bread of life.

It is Thanksgiving, and most likely we will eat wonderful food. When we do, let us think about God's food as well—God's Word. And, give thanks to God for all God gives.

In Christ,

Phyllis

Offering Thanksgiving to God At the **PROSPECT CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

Worship

November 7, 10:00 AM Worship and Communion

5:00 PM Informal Worship and Communion

November 11, 7:00 PM, Special Veterans Service

November 14, 10:00 AM Worship and Baptism

5:00 PM Informal Worship and Communion

November 16, 7:00 PM Ecumenical Thanksgiving @ St. Anthony's

November 21, 10:00 AM Thanksgiving Worship and New Members Join

5:00 PM Informal Worship and Communion

November 28, 10:00 AM Worship (First Sunday in Advent)

5:00 PM Informal Worship, Hanging of the Greens, and Communion

Fellowship and Celebration

Monthly Dinner, November 6, 5:00 PM, Yankee Pot Roast

Men's Monthly Pancake Breakfast, November 14, 8:30 AM

Evening Women Meeting and preparation for Bazaar, November 17, 6:30 PM

Evening Women's Annual Bazaar, November 19 & 20

"A Musical Encounter" offered by Stewart Crouse November 20, 7:00 PM

Spiritual Enrichment

Bible Study, Tuesdays November 2, 9, 16, and 30, at 9:30 AM

Special Confirmation visit to Buckmillers, November 7 @ 1:00 PM

Confirmation Class November 3 and 17, 6:30 PM

Special Hanging of the Greens Service, November 28, 5:00 PM
followed by dinner hosted by the High School Youth Fellowship

Mission Opportunities

Shoe Box Ministry, November 7

Casserole Sunday, November 28, during Coffee Hour

Thanksgiving Baskets for our Friends in Need, November 14

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER, 2010

November 7 Psalm 145
Haggai 1:15b-2:9
2 Thess 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38
Theme: Hold on to Faith

November 21 Psalm 46
Jeremiah 23:1-6
Col 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43
Theme: Together in Christ

November 14 Psalm 12
Isaiah 65:17-25
2 Thess 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19
Theme: Infinite Possibilities

November 28 Psalm 122
Isaiah 2:1-5
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44
Theme: Ready and Waiting

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**December 5** Psalm 72  
**Isaiah 11:1-10**  
Romans 15:4-13  
Matthew 3:1-12  
**Theme: Vision Peace**

**December 19** Psalm 80  
Isaiah 7:10-16  
Romans 1:1-7  
**Matthew 1:18-25**  
**Theme: God With Us**

**December 12** Psalm 146  
Isaiah 35:1-10  
James 5:7-10  
**Luke 1:47-55**  
**Theme: Heartbeat of Justice**

**December 26** **Psalm 148**  
Isaiah 63:7-9  
Ephesians 3:1-12  
Matthew 2:1-12  
**Theme: Cosmic Praise**

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**PCC Directory:** The final day for requests for church directories will be November 21, 2010. Once the final order is sent there can be no more additions. If you did not sit for formal pictures with Olan Mills you won't be receiving a free copy of the directory. If you would like a directory, the cost is \$5 per directory ordered. Please make checks payable to the Prospect Congregational Church and put church directory in the memo area. Forms for ordering a directory are on the glass cabinet in the narthex and should be submitted with your payment to the church office.

## **"Called to Care" Chronicles**

### **Health Concerns**

Jennie Bayse  
Gloria Benson  
Louise Beach  
Carmen Cavallaro  
Ruby DeCosta  
Helen Donovan  
Gwenn Fischer  
Gayle Gourley  
Ruth Hansen  
Lisa Holley  
Althea Hubbell  
Phil Jeannin  
Joyce Kathan  
John Merriman  
Robert Milton  
Thomas Milton  
Lois Nemet  
Charles Peach  
Lorraine Roy  
Tina Sierra  
Joan Slapikas  
Dave Stewart  
Larry Studwell  
Edna Talmadge  
Andrew Vilaro  
Bernice Wilson  
Sherie Wilson

### **Prayers for our Military, including**

Gerard Boulay, England  
Thomas Brunetti, Jr., Iraq  
Christopher Chucta, Biloxi, Mississippi  
A1C Johnny Dee, Germany  
Darren Hale, Jr., Italy  
Edward Hall, Iraq  
Robert Holley, Iran  
Jim Jackson, Marines  
PFC James Kabusk, Cherry Point, NC  
Lcpl Alex Theil, Ft. Leonardwood, MO  
Robert Tuohy, Bagdad  
Zac Favocia, Ft. Leonardwood, MO  
Jon Conlon, Iraq

### **Paradigm Health Center**

Myrtle Hintz

### **Highlands Healthcare Center**

Nancy Robinson

### **Glendale**

Jo Collins  
Roy Schellhardt

### **Elim Park**

Arrol Drew

**Condolences to** Linda and Yvonne Theriault on the recent death of "Frenchie's " Father.  
Anne Marie, Jerry and Austin Burr on the death of Anne Marie's brother Leo Fortier October 29.

**Congratulations to** Sue Ostuno on the births of two grandsons: Jared Christopher Abildgaard October 19, and Dominic Michael Ostuno October 28.

### **Prayers of Concern for our Extended Family**

Kevin Ackerman (nephew of Judy and Martin Niatopsky)  
Yves Allard (Erik Soderberg's Uncle)  
Norman Anderson (Babette Strumpf's brother)  
Barbara Andrews (Eileen Flanagan's daughter)  
Edna Beach (Tim Beach's mother)  
Matt Behlman (Gwenn and Brad Fischer's nephew)  
Harriet Blakeslee (Charlie Blakeslee's sister-in-law)

Susan Boyle (Pete Creasey's sister)  
Shirley Burr (Jerry Burr's mother)  
Arthur Compton (Alice Palen's brother)  
Kevin Delaney (Bev Allen's son-in-law)  
Dean Charles Drapin (Shoshe Drapin's brother-in-law)  
Christine Edmondson (friend of Bernice Wilson)  
Justin Fortin (grandson of Alan and Charlotte Geary)  
Conall Hurley (Howie Steeves' nephew)  
Edna Kainer (Sandy Pavlowski's grandmother)  
Irene Kamila (Diana Trumbley's grandmother)  
Gail Kane (Arlene Hughes' niece)  
Robert Kathan (son of Joyce and Barney Kathan)  
Briana Kennedy (friend of Amanda Normand)  
Marie Kluge  
Vincent Konchan (Barbara Koshier's brother-in-law)  
Benjamin LeBlanc (Edna Talmadge's grandson and Gwenn Fischer's nephew)  
Hope Mallon (Baby of a friend of Bernie Wilson)  
Jeff Malm (Sue Wilson's brother)  
Tony Mariano (friend of Bob and Kathy Hartnett)  
Benny Mazzucco (Kelly Shaffer's dad)  
Dolores Mikishko  
Beth Osborn (Pete Creasey's sister)  
Hank Pavlowski (Sandi Pavolwski's Dad)  
Megan Pearce (Mary Ellen Pearce's granddaughter)  
Mark Peel (friend of Mary Ellen Pearce)  
Dorothy Plankey (mother of Paul Plankey)  
Jared Price (Peter and Chris Creasey's nephew)  
Doreen Proul (dear friend of Edie Sherwood)  
Gordon Ramage (friend of Bruce and Gayle Gourley)  
Marion Raven (Kim Palmerie's sister-in-law)  
Hulda Risdon (mother of Marge Biercevicz)  
Bob Roth (Alice Palin's brother-in-law)  
Raymond Steinfeld, Sr. (Laurie Herbort's father)  
Maureen Testa (Christine Creasey's sister)  
Nancy West (dear friend of Joan Slapikas)  
Arthur Wood (Christine Creasey's Dad)

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## Veterans' Day Service

November 11 at 7:00 PM our church will offer a special Veterans' Day service to honor all veterans from all branches of the military.

During a time of war we daily remember our service men and women. This year we have the privilege of honoring our veterans who served in past wars and conflicts, as well as those who served in times of peace.

Following the service there will be a reception held in the parlor to greet and thank our veterans.



## ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

A wonderful tradition between St. Anthony's Church and our church has evolved over the years to include Zion Lutheran Church last year, and most recently Our Lady of Lebanon Church.

This year St. Anthony's Church will host our Thanksgiving service Tuesday, November 16, at 7:00 PM. A reception will follow in their social hall. This is a wonderful opportunity to thank God for our many blessings, to greet one another, and get to know our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Please plan to attend this ecumenical event.



**SHOEBOX MINISTRY**  
**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**  
**Final Collection Day November 7, 2010**

Once again, our church will participate in the Shoebox Ministry sponsored by Samaritan's Purse. This is a fun and worthwhile project! Children around the world will receive our gifts along with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

All of the items you purchase need to be placed into a regular size shoebox. You need to label the outside of the box indicating whether it is for a boy or girl. You also need to note what age group: 2-4 year old, 5-7 year old or 10-14 year old.

Some suggestions of items to purchase include:

**Toys**

Small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, jump ropes, slinkies

**School Supplies**

Pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, markers, pads, coloring books

**Other Ideas**

Hard candy, gum, lollipops (double wrap all candy), t-shirts, hairclips, watches, flashlights with extra batteries

**Items Not to Include**

No war-related toys, chocolate or food, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins and no breakables.

A check for \$7.00 is needed for each shoebox you prepare. The check can be written out to Prospect Congregational Church and note on the memo line Shoebox Ministry. Please place a large elastic band around your shoebox when you have filled it up. Slip your check under the elastic band. The Board of Missions will be collecting the shoeboxes up until November 7<sup>th</sup>. You may leave them in the Coat Room. Thank you so much for bringing joy into a child's life.





## OVENS ARE LIT, BEGIN BAKING...

The Evening Women's annual Christmas Bazaar is fast approaching (November 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>). Once again we need your help and are looking for donations of delicious goodies for our baked goods table. Pies, breads (all kinds large & small), cookies, bars, tarts, cobblers, torts, cakes (single layered only please), cupcakes, brownies, or any specialty item you feel would love to be shared. 'Sugar free' items are also requested and appreciated.

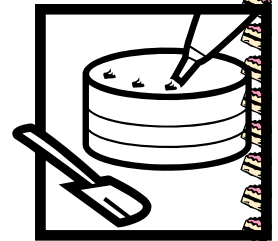
Please label **EVERYTHING** with nuts, etc. as some have food allergies.

I have some pie plates and small bread pans available. We are also in need of plastic containers (washed) from purchased bakery items from any local supermarket. The see-thru containers are great to re-use for our baked goods that need to be downsized or separated. We also need plastic grocery bags.

If you can't bake for us, please stop by and check out all of the wonderful items that our Evening Women's Association has made especially for the bazaar. Many have been working hard throughout the year to make this a great success.

Please don't forget our Victorian Boutique, gift baskets, jams & jellies, flowers, wreaths, dolls, handmade candies, quilt display by Anna Luschenat, and much, much more. Hope to see you there. Thank you.

If you have any questions, need me to drop off pie plates to you, or pick up baked goods on Friday afternoon of the Bazaar, please call me (Sheri Budnik) at 758-0279



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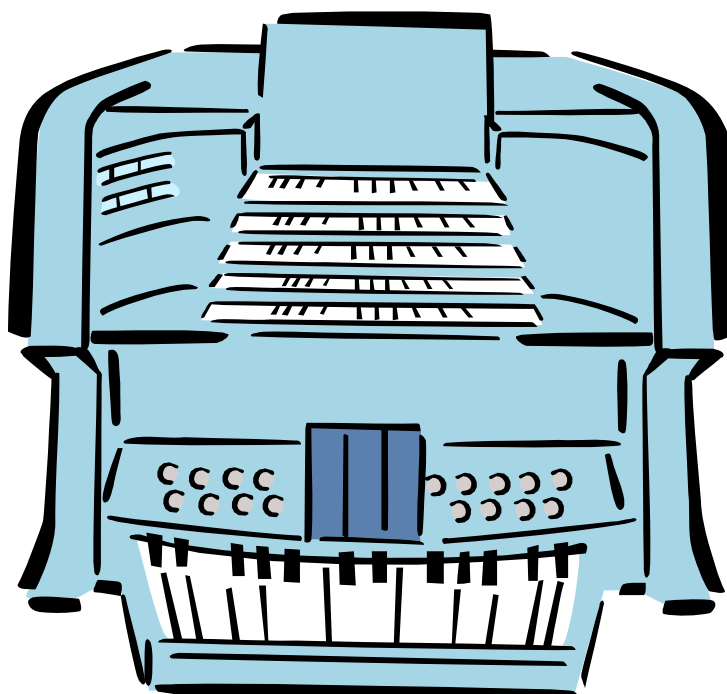
We are looking for volunteers to help with clean-up after the bazaar on Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. All those that can help, please show up at 2:30p.m. This also counts towards community service hours for those teenagers who still haven't met their service needs for Woodland H.S.



On Saturday, November 20, 2010 there will be an Organ Recital highlighting the music of Alain, Bach, Buxtehude, Fox, and Sowande presented by Stewart Crouse. Most, if not all, of these compositions are standard in the concert organ world and have been for the last 50+ years.

Music of Sowande is reflective of his early predecessor Franz Liszt. Fox, being known world-wide as the Liberace of the organ, composed many organ transcriptions based on original Bach works and many others that were not intended for the organ. Most of these pieces require a three to four manual instrument which makes it a little bit more challenging with only two.

Concert will be at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary with a free will offering. Join us for an evening of beautiful classical music.



## C.E. News

**Safe Church:** If you missed the Safe Church training on October 18, 2010, we will be scheduling another one. Please refer to the church bulletin and it will also be announced. Please plan on attending the next one especially if you are or are planning on working with our youth be it teaching, nursery care, or with the youth group.

**Christmas Pageant rehearsals** are in full swing; Christmas pageant will be December 12, 2010, during our church service.

**Nursery Care:** We need your help so that the Nursery will be covered during our church service for those that may need it. Remember you will need to have completed Safe Church in order to help. If you have completed Safe Church and want to help please let Edie Sherwood, Jan Snyder or Kelly Shaffer know.

**Foster Grand Parent:** We will be going to Paradigm Health Care Center for our first visit this year. Please join us, if you or your child or children wish to go please see Jan Snyder to sign a permission slip prior to going. Hope to see you there. We will meet in the Nursery area after announcements and will return back to church about 11:30.

We want to welcome Peter Creasy to our committee, I am sure he will be a great asset to our committee.

## Birthday List For November

|    |                           |    |                  |
|----|---------------------------|----|------------------|
| 1  | Walter Biercevicz         | 18 | Katie Blair      |
|    | Colleen Neidt             | 20 | Taylor Lukeski   |
|    | Kristin Cavallaro         | 21 | Lois Barber      |
| 4  | Martha Brown              |    | Larry Vitko      |
|    | Emily Trumbley            | 22 | Cheryl Barker    |
| 5  | Ryan Doody                | 26 | Bryson Hale      |
| 6  | Andrea Langschultz        |    | Rob Holley       |
| 10 | Robert Marcella           | 27 | Erik Soderberg   |
| 16 | Stacy (Harkins) Kozlowski | 28 | Kimberly Helaire |

# Holiday On the Hill Bazaar

Prospect Congregational Church

On the Green in Prospect  
25 Center St

Friday, November 19 7-9 PM

Saturday November 20 10AM-3 PM

*Hand-made quilts by local quilters will be  
on display in the Sanctuary.*

**New this year; New-to-You Jewelry Booth!**  
Holiday Decorations, Gift Baskets, Hand-made Crafts,  
Homemade Baked Goods,  
Candy, Jams and Preserves, and Much More!  
Lunch will be served on Saturday  
from 11 to 1:30

Admission is free. Call (203)758-4872 for information



## Special Thanksgiving Offering



The Board of Missions has chosen the Prospect Fuel Fund to receive the Special Thanksgiving Offering this year. There is a Thanksgiving Offering envelope included in your box of envelopes. These envelopes will also be available in the pews for your use. Thank you in advance for your generous donations.

## GWIM Thanksgiving Baskets

GWIM will be providing turkeys and Thanksgiving dinner fixings to many of its clients. This year, First Lutheran Church will assemble the baskets for the clients. GWIM is seeking donations of cranberry sauce and stuffing mix to make the dinners complete. If you would like to participate, please purchase the items and place them in the wooden box in the narthex no later than November 14<sup>th</sup>. I will happily transport your donations to GWIM. Thanks for your continued support.

Sherie Wilson, GWIM delegate



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- Pick-up at church (limited copies)
- Via email (please provide your email address)
- By clicking on the link on the Church's Website ([www.prospecttucc.org](http://www.prospecttucc.org))

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## **70 YEARS OF THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC, Part II**

(This is the eighteenth in a series of articles by the Church Historian in order to expand on or, in some cases, to correct narratives in the 200-year history of the Prospect Congregational Church, *A Church Set Upon a Hill.*)


Stewart Crouse became Organist and Choir Director of the Prospect church in April 2003. He is a native of Wolcott and during his time in the public school system was an active member of musical ensembles. Stewart studied several instruments, including piano at age seven, and became organist at a local church when he was 15. After a year he decided to study organ formally at the First Congregational Church of Waterbury under his teacher and friend Ronald Ebrecht. This led to assistance in the music program of the Waterbury public schools, which played host to over 15,000 pupils over the past ten years.

Our present director of music also studied music theory as a student at Naugatuck Valley Community College, and sang in the college choir, which toured to Quebec City, Canada, as well as to London and Wales. For two years he was one of 25 singers to perform in a back-up choir for the Kenny Rogers Christmas Show, and later that year he received an Award of Merit in Music for his contributions to the school music program. Currently, Stewart is a student of Arts and Sciences at Southern Conn. State University. He is also an area representative for the Elsener Organ Works of Deer Park, NY.

The information about Stewart was taken from the printed program of a musical program presented at the church in Prospect on Saturday, March 13, 2010, following one of the monthly dinners. The program included American spirituals and organ works and was presented by him and members of the Senior Choir, including: Sandy Pavlowski, Elaine Steeves, Brad Fischer, Charles Kathan, and Erik Soderberg. Solos were sung by Elaine Steeves, Erik Soderberg, and Sandy Pavlowski. Spirituals sung were "Joshua Fit de Battle of Jericho," "Hush! Somebody's Callin' My Name," "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," "Down in the Valley to Pray," and "Go Down Moses." The organ piece was "Arietta" by Samuel Coleridge-Taylor.

A more recent addition to the ministry of music has been the Contemporary Service begun in January 2006 and held each Sunday at 5 p.m. For this a Contemporary Service Music book was compiled with 58 songs in alphabetical order. Playing for the services is a Praise Band made up of guitarists and musicians, including Joe Masulli, Erik Soderberg, Jerry Burr, Paul and Luke Yankowski. Singers have included: Kim Palmerie, Christine Creasey, Sandy Pavlowski, Elaine Steeves, Sandy Plankey, Peg Goddard and Allyson Czarsty. Stewart Crouse has also participated in the services since this past Summer.

# November 2010

| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Mon                                                            | Tue                                                                                             | Wed                                                                                                 | Thu                                                                                                                                | Fri                                                 | Sat                                                                                |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 1                                                              | 2<br>9:30 Bible Study                                                                           | 3<br><br>6:30 Confirmation Class<br>6:30 Christmas Pageant Rehearsal                                | 4<br><br>7:30 Sr. Choir                                                                                                            | 5                                                   | 6<br><br><i>5-7<br/>Monthly Dinner<br/>Yankee Pot Roast</i>                        |
| 7 <i>Shoebox Ministry</i><br>10a Worship<br>11a Coffee Hr<br>11:30 Special Council Mtg<br>1p Confirmation Cls to Buckmillers<br>5p Informal Service<br>6p Pageant Rehearsal<br>6p Sr. High Youth Grp | 8<br><br>7p Committee Night<br>7p Finance Commitee             | 9<br>9:30 Bible Study<br><br>7p BOT Mtg                                                         | 10<br><br>6:30 Christmas Pageant Rehearsal                                                          | 11 <i>Veterans' Day</i><br><br>11a Service on the Green<br>2p Service at Paradigm<br><i>7p Veteran's Day Service in the Church</i> | 12                                                  | 13                                                                                 |
| 14 <i>Podcast</i><br>10a Worship<br>Baptism R.J. Piccirillo<br>11a Coffee Hour<br>12:30 NVA Annual Mtg—Oxford<br>5p Informal Service<br>6p Pageant Rehearsal<br>6p Sr. High Youth Grp                | 15<br><br>11a Worship—Village at E Farms<br><br>7p Council Mtg | 16<br>9:30 Bible Study<br><br><i>7p Annual Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service at St. Anthony's</i> | 17<br><br>6:30 Evening Women's Assoc<br>6:30 Confirmation Class<br>6:30 Christmas Pageant Rehearsal | 18<br><br>7:30p Sr. Choir                                                                                                          | 19<br><br><i>7-9<br/>Holiday On the Hill Bazaar</i> | 20<br><br><i>10-3<br/>Holiday On the Hill Bazaar<br/><br/>7p<br/>Organ Concert</i> |
| 21 <i>New Members Join</i><br>10a Worship<br>11a Coffee Hour<br>11:30 Nominating Committee<br>5p Informal Service<br>6p Pageant Rehearsal<br>6p Sr. High Youth Grp                                   | 22                                                             | 23<br><br><i>No Bible Study</i>                                                                 | 24<br><br><i>No Pageant Rehearsal</i>                                                               | 25<br><br><i>Happy Thanksgiving</i><br><br>    | 26                                                  | 27                                                                                 |
| 28<br>10a Worship<br>11a Coffee Hour/<br>Casseroles<br>5p Hanging of the Greens<br>6p Pasta Dinner<br>6p Pageant Rehearsal                                                                           | 29                                                             | 30<br>9:30 Bible Study                                                                          |                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                    |                                                     |                                                                                    |