

January  
2013



## New Year's Resolutions

I always love the idea of New Year's Resolutions, but by the time you'll be reading this, I'm sure I'll have failed at mine. I look forward to the idea of a blank slate, a fresh start, the same feeling I'd get at the start of a new school year or semester. The good thing is, that God is always willing to give us a fresh start. We don't have to wait until January or September. God offers us grace and forgiveness at any time if we just repent and ask forgiveness. I love the word repent (to turn one's life around or to do a 180), but it is much harder in practice than in theory. This January, I'd encourage you to give up something that is holding you back from a deeper relationship with Jesus. I'll be working on it as well and if we hold each other mutually accountable, then we'll have a greater chance of succeeding.

Blessings,  
Pastor Megan

## CALENDAR

1/6	Epiphany
1/7	Trustees 7:00 pm
1/14	Women's Group 7:00 pm
1/15	Food Bank 2 pm
1/18	Wedding Rehearsal 5:00 pm
1/19	Wedding 4:00 pm
1/20	Human Relations Day
1/21	Finance 6 pm
1/21	Staff Parish 7 pm
1/28	Admin. Council 7 pm

**Deadline for February issue of Carillon – January 20<sup>th</sup>.**

As you can see, this is a short issue for the New Year. Now that the holidays are over, please send in your announcements before the next deadline so we can feature them in the monthly newsletter. There are many good things happening here at SUMC so please share the news. Thank you and Happy New Year!

## Worship Schedule

## Liturgists

1/6 Marcia Smith  
TBA

## Ushers

1/6 Meredith & Bob Van Vorst  
1/13 Read family  
1/20 Carl & Janet Fitch  
1/27 Brian & Jennifer Breslin

## Sound

**1/6 Dave Read**  
**1/13 Bob Hatt**  
**1/20 Don Smith**  
**1/27 Mark Cieslak**

## Greeters

1/6 Kim & Dave Huhtala  
1/13 Don Smith, Elsie Maddaus  
1/20 Sally Dean, Elsie Maddaus  
1/27 Kenneth & Cindi Handy

## Social Hour

1/6 Megan Stowe, Kim Huhtala  
1/20 Sue Sykes

1/13 Jill Wesley  
1/27 Charlene Vice

## New Offering Envelopes

**New envelopes for 2013 are available at the back of the sanctuary. Please pick up your envelopes to help us save on mailing costs. Thank you!**

## Woman's Group

Our Woman's Group will meet on **Mon., January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.** Our special speaker will be Karen Gniewek. Karen will speak to us on *Great Camps of the Adirondacks.* Please come and bring a friend!!

**Tuesday Morning Bible Study** 9:30 am in the Fireside Room

**Thursday Bible Study from 7:00 to 8:30 pm**

**We will be studying the Hebrew book of Micah. Bring your Bible and join us at 7:00**

We meet at the SUMC Missions

**Regional Food Bank – Tues. Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>**, meet at church 2 pm. Current needs are canned vegetables. Collections during service for food & cash second & fourth Sundays of month.

**Bottles for bread** – Please place your clean **returnable** bottles in the red barrels. If you have a large quantity, pick-up can be arranged.

For more on Prayer Shawl group contact Pat Knapp (393-5737 or [knappb@me.com](mailto:knappb@me.com))

If you have any questions or want to sign up for any of the above, please contact Dick Knapp 393-5737 or [knappster933@gmail.com](mailto:knappster933@gmail.com)

short supply. The pantry can always use canned vegetables.