

Christian Education

Adult Classes:

January 4 and 11: "Aging in a Changing Landscape" given by Laurie and David Bacheldor. Both Sundays will include a PowerPoint presentation which outlines major health and aging system changes being rolled at the Federal, State and County levels, as well as information on local senior and caregiver services and programs. In addition, an open and candid discussion will be offered on how to stay active and remain in our homes/apartments as long as possible. Laurie is the Manager for Senior & Long Term Care Services-Schenectady County and David is a Registered Nurse and Medicaid Specialist for Office of Health Insurance Programs, NYS Department of Health.

January 18: Marian Shearer will lead the class on Bread for the World, giving people an opportunity to offer letters of support for that organization.

January 25—No Classes—The annual business meeting will be held after worship.



The Youth Group will be participating in the January Dinner for People Living with HIV/AIDs a & their family Members at the Albany Damien Center!

When and Where?

January 31 from 5-8 pm @ the First Lutheran Church, Western Avenue in Albany.
Raffle prizes, fun and all your Tailgate menu favorites
provided the EFC's Youth Group.

Notes of Thanks

From the Staff...

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the end of year/ Christmas gift not only for your pastor, but to each of us on your ministry staff team. I appreciate the expression of caring and support not only for the work we do together, but personally for each of us. I've observed that this warm and supportive approach is a hallmark of this congregation, in my first brief months with you. I am grateful for the gift and the spirit that brings it. - In Peace, Peter

Many thanks to the congregation for your generous gift at Christmas; and thank you for your continuing generosity of spirit to me and to each other. - Don

I would like to thank the congregation for the generous Christmas gift, and to the individual gifts that I also received. It is certainly a pleasure to work as your Administrative Assistant here at the church and being a part of the Emmanuel Friedens family. Have a happy and healthy New Year! - Maria

Thank you for your Christmas gift. As always, it was very much appreciated! You are a great bunch of people. - Dave

Notes of Thanks (Continued)

Thanks to everyone's efforts in making this past Advent and Christmas season so special.

- ⇒ *The Advent Committee for planning,*
- ⇒ *Faye and John Saville who donated the beautiful wreaths that hang on the outside doors of the church and for the poinsettia plants in the choir loft,*
- ⇒ *June and Vern Scoville who donated the beautiful wreath that hangs in the lobby window. And to Vern for helping choose the Christmas tree and for bringing it to the church,*
- ⇒ *Debi Lent for making the Gift Tree tags, Charlie Lent and kids for making the "Giving Tree" hands,*
- ⇒ *Nancy Spencer, Faye Bailey, Jocelyn McKinney and the Youth Group for leading a fun and successful Parents' Day Out,*
- ⇒ *The church decorating and un-decorating crew: Faye Bailey, Bart Bisgrove, Pastor Peter, John Detwylar, Evelyn Kauffman, Jocelyn McKinney, Maria Puccio, Faye Saville and Vern Scoville*
- ⇒ *Marilyn Bisgrove for coordinating the Christmas Dinner and to her crew: Bart Bisgrove, Faye Bailey, Jeanne Andersons, Vern Scoville, Freddie Anderson, and Seth Fletcher*
- ⇒ *Nancy Spencer, Charlie Lent, Jocelyn McKinney and the cast and crew of the Christmas Show,*
- ⇒ *Christmas Eve Reception: Church Council for hosting the reception, Marilyn Bisgrove for coordinating and Danielle, Kieran and Shea O'Brien, Faye Bailey, Bart Bisgrove, and Debi Lent for set-up, decorating and clean-up,*
- ⇒ *For everyone who participated in the Advent/Christmas worship services.*

Additional Thanks...

We would like to thank Faye Bailey and Jim Shearer for their donation of the sound system in the Board Room that many of us have enjoyed especially during adult Sunday class and other events, AND

If you see a new refrigerator in the kitchen, say thank you to Pastor Peter and Lynn Carman Bodden, the next time you see them.