



Crossroads

**News from South Congregational Church
United Church of Christ**

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This is an abbreviated edition of Crossroads. Mustard Seeds, From the Music Director, South Church Cooks and Interview with a South Church Member will return in February. For right now, here is the news you need to know for January:

Women's Spirituality Series Gets Underway this Winter

All South Church women members and friends are invited to a series of Sunday afternoons set aside this winter and spring to gather for light food, socializing, scripture, prayer and guided discussion inspired by women of the bible. Please spread the word and invite women you know!

Please save these dates:

- Sunday, February 13, 2011**
- Sunday, March 13, 2011**
- Sunday, April 10, 2011**

We'll meet 11:30 am – 1pm in the Guild Room with a steaming bowl of soup, salad and bread. Childcare will be provided. Study guides will be available in the parish hall following each program.

Our first Sunday, February 13, will be a study of Ruth and Naomi: A Rare Bond of Love. What women have nurtured us, given us life? Where do we recognize ourselves in these two ancient women, who showed such courage, fidelity and devotion to God? We'll explore why hearing the writings of women theologians matters in the church today. If you'd like to read ahead, check out the Book of Ruth in your bible, especially Chapter 1:1-10 and 15-17. Come and stir things up in your heart on this mid-winter day with us!

If you can help with soup, salad, bread or dessert for our gathering, please contact me!

I wish you and your loved ones all the blessings of this Epiphany season.

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Happy January Birthday!

1 Frank Anderson	9 Kathie Giroux	11 Matthew Arvin	16 Brian David
3 Danielle Gibson	9 Earl Gregory	15 Barbara Grover	18 George David
3 Amy Jakubasz	9 Alex Montagna	15 Georgette Harp	29 Tex Moser
6 Marjorie Munroe	10 Shalawnda Carr	16 Elizabeth Cummings	

JANUARY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sanctuary Services at 10 a.m

January 2 (Communion) Marisa Brown Ludwig

January 9 Rev. Heinrichs

January 16 Rev. Heinrichs

January 23 Rev. Jan Burdewik

January 30 Rev. Heinrichs

This will be Pastor Heinrichs's final service here at South Church. Please join us on that day for the service and a farewell lunch afterward in the Parish Hall.

If you did not receive an invitation to the farewell luncheon for Pastor Heinrichs, please notify the church office if you would like to attend. There is no cost for the lunch but it is important to make a reservation so the Deacons know how much food to have ready. The event will happen on Sunday, January 30, right after worship in the Parish Hall.

South Church Gay-Straight Community

Watch for announcements of the February date for the next SCGSC After-Church Forum when the film **For the Bible Tells Me So** will be presented. Through the experiences of five very normal, very Christian, very American families -- including those of former House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt and Episcopal Bishop Gene Robinson -- we discover how insightful people of faith handle the realization of having a gay child. Informed by such respected voices as Bishop Desmond Tutu, Harvard's Peter Gomes, Orthodox Rabbi Steve Greenberg and Reverend Jimmy Creech, FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO offers healing, clarity and understanding to anyone caught in the crosshairs of scripture and sexual identity.

The next home meeting of South Church's Gay/Straight Community will be on Friday, Jan. 14 at 7 p.m. at the home of Jim Hutchinson and Rick Drummond in Westfield. All are welcome. If you need transportation, please call Larry Picard at 413-732-0117. -- **Larry Picard**

Piano Recital by George Bowerman

Many of you know or remember a son of the congregation, George Bowerman, who is pursuing studies as a classical pianist at Dickinson College in Pennsylvania. He will be playing a concert here at South Church on Sunday, January 23 at noon. Stay around after the coffee hour and join us for an afternoon of great music. Proceeds from a free-will offering will go to fund a "Meet-the-Composer" visit to Dickinson College by the composer of some of the works George will play.

JANUARY 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 No Sunday School Today 10:00 AM Sunday Service (Chapel) 11:00 AM Coffee Hour (PH) 11:15 AM Social Justice (GR) 1:00 PM Morning Star Church* (Chapel)	3 6:30 PM Morning Star Church Bible Study* (Chapel)	4 12:00 PM Hampden Association In-Care Group (GR) 7:00 PM AA Meeting* (PH) 7:00 PM Handbells (SA)	5 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl (GR) 4:00 PM Sewing Group (PH) 6:30 PM JustFaith* (GS) 7:30 PM Chancel Choir (SA)	6 12:00 PM Don't Eat Lunch Alone* (GR) 7:15 PM Advanced Round Dance* (PH)	7	8 12:00 PM Loaves & Fishes meal* (PH) 4:00 PM Morning Star Choir Rehearsal* (Chp) 5:00 PM Loaves & Fishes meal* (PH)
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Note: Schedule for January 1 – Loaves & Fishes at noon and 5 p.m.

Severe Weather Cancellation Information: When South Church events are cancelled due to severe weather, cancellation information can be found on two local television stations: **WGGB TV Channel 40 (wggb.com), and WSHM TV Channel 3 (cbs3springfield.com).**

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