



Renewal in Brief

Coming Events at Rutgers: November 2004

(Look for the next full issue of the Renewal later in November.)

All Saints' Day Memorial Service

Monday, November 1 at 6:30 pm in the Narthex.

Upon the recommendation of the Board of Deacons, people are invited to gather for a time of informal prayer and reflection in memory of deceased loved ones and friends. Byron Shafer and Laura Jervis will lead this time of remembrance and sharing. You may bring photographs and mementos to place on the worship center.

Talking about Stewardship

Sunday, November 7 at 9:45 am in the Session Room.

Each year, you receive pledge letters and listen to moments for mission explaining why stewardship is important. This year, we will have a chance to come together and share reflections on biblical passages as well as other thoughts we may have on stewardship. No one will be pressured to make a pledge!

Reading and Praying

Sundays, November 14 and 21 at 9:45 am in the Session Room.

Join Dr. Scott Morton first for *Hints on How to Read the Bible*. The Protestant Reformation exalted the position of the Bible in Sunday services and in the private devotions of individuals. But how do we read it when we are alone? How can we, in the words of the *Book of Common Prayer*, "read, mark, learn and inwardly digest it?"

The second session will be *Hints on How to Pray*. We follow in church the prayers led by persons we feel to be experienced. But we need and want to pray by ourselves. We can look at prayer as Mood, as Atmosphere, as Meditation, as Expectancy, as a Cry of Despair, and as a Litany of Joy.

One Great Story: Part One

Wednesdays, Nov. 10—Dec. 15 at 10:00 am in the Session Rm.

Led by Margaret L. Shafer, this class is being offered at Rutgers by the Center for Christian Studies of Fifth Ave. Presbyterian Church. The great biblical story unfolds like a drama which can be understood in acts and scenes replete with fascinating characters. Participants will be introduced to or reminded of the whole salvation history in which we see God in relation to his covenant people. All the little stories of the Bible begin to make sense in the context of the one great story. Registration is required, and there is a \$15 fee: please go to www.christianstudies.org, or call Fifth Ave. at (212) 247-0490.

CALL FOR A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, November 14, 12:30 p.m.

The Session issues this call for a brief Congregational Meeting to be held on Sunday, November 14, 2004, at 12:30 pm, immediately following the morning service of worship, for the sole purpose of electing a Designated Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (DAPNC). At that meeting, the Session will present a slate of nominees for the DAPNC. Additional nominations may be made from the floor by any member of the congregation. Once elected, the DAPNC will work with the Committee on Ministry (COM) of the Presbytery of New York City to bring to a subsequent meeting of the congregation the nomination of a person to fill our newly created position of Designated Associate Pastor. A letter mailed to the congregation last summer alerted you to this impending development. The COM, on behalf of the presbytery, has now approved the Rutgers Mission Review and authorized us to take the next steps.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Jeannie Santiago

3 Margaret Williamson

5 Andy Achsen, Lynne Morris,

Frankie Manzanet

6 Graham Wyatt

7 Sarah Rundqvist

9 Warwick Busfield

13 Cliff Flanders, Richard Hill

15 Samantha Manners

18 Mark Young

21 Jonathan Smith

22 Pamela Byrd

23 Klarence Ou Yang,

Marshall Williamson

24 Ruben Santiago

30 Audrey Hill

Thanksgiving at Euclid Hall

Thurs., Nov. 25 at 12:00 pm.

Volunteers from Rutgers Church will provide a holiday dinner for the residents of Euclid Hall, an affordable, supportive housing residence for senior citizens operated by WFSSSH. Everyone is invited to stop by to share in the service and festivities at 2345 Broadway, at 86th Street. **Please call the church office with your offer of food: (212) 877-8227.**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<i>1</i> 2:30 pm Worship Committee 6:30 pm All Saints' Day Memorial Service	<i>2</i> Election Day 6:00 pm Scouts; Men's Support Group (PLWA/HIV) Every Tuesday	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> 6:00 pm Meal Program & 7:00 pm Broadway Encore: "Dracula"	<i>5</i> 10:30 am Mothers' Bible Study Every Friday	<i>6</i> 3:00 pm Choir Rehearsal for Christmas Services Every Saturday
<i>7</i> All Souls' Observed 9:45 am Adult Class: "Talking about Stewardship" 12:45 pm Board of Deacons	<i>8</i> 6:00 pm Scout Meeting Every Tuesday 6:30 pm Body & Spirit Committee	<i>9</i> 12:30 pm Pastoral Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Session Meeting	<i>10</i> 10:30 am Adult Class: "One Great Story" through Dec. 15	<i>11</i> 6:00 pm Meal Program & 7:00 pm Broadway Encore: "Hairspray"	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>
<i>14</i> Stewardship Sunday 9:45 am Adult Class: "Hints on How to Read the Bible" 12:30 pm Congregational Mtg 12:45 pm Peace & Social Justice Network	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>18</i> 6:00 pm Meal Program & 7:00 pm Broadway Encore: "Phantom of the Opera"	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i> Men's Overnight Shelter Program: 6:30 pm, Fri-Sat-Sun We need volunteers for Fridays and most Sundays.
<i>21</i> Reign of Christ 9:45 am Adult Class: "Hints on How to Pray" 12:45 pm Personnel Committee 4:00 pm Duncan Hartman in Recital	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> Evening West Side Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Advent Lutheran Church	<i>24</i> Evening West End Presbyterian Church Thanksgiving Service	<i>25</i> Thanksgiving Church and office buildings closed 12-3:00 pm Thanksgiving Meal at Euclid Hall	<i>26</i> Church and office buildings closed	<i>27</i>

Sunday Worship Schedule

Worship Service at 11:00 am — Coffee Hour at 12:15 pm

Sunday School for Youth & Adults at 9:45 am — Infant & Child Care from 9:30 am — Sunday School (ages 3-10) at 11:15 am

Adult Choir Rehearsals at 10:00 am and 12:30 pm—Children's Choir Rehearsal at 10:00 am

- November 7—All Souls' Day Observed; Dr. Shafer preaching
- November 14—Stewardship Commitment; Sacrament of Holy Communion; Dr. Shafer preaching
- November 21—Reign of Christ Sunday; Dr. Shafer preaching
- November 28—First Sunday of Advent; Elder Cheryl Pynch preaching