

First Baptist Church of Boston

December Newsletter



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Family Portrait

The Thanksgiving Dinner was a huge success with over 40 in attendance. A special thank you to all who prepared their favorite dish, and to those who coordinated the event, and helped with the decorations, especially the young people... The church welcomes back **Ms Ann Herrick** as Office Assistant after a brief sabbatical... **Isaura Delgado, Henry Henderson, Melvin Jemison, Gwendolyn Jemison, Percy Mathis, Earl A. Norman, Jr., Marianne Norman, Deborah Porter, Donald Thacker, and Dorothy Williams** attended the **BBSU** December program with **Rev. Robert Schuller** preaching... Webmaster **Deborah Porter** reports that over 1800 have visited our church website...

December's Prayer

Christ the Lord, the Lord most glorious,
Now is born; O shout aloud! Man by
Him is made victorious; Praise your
Saviour, hail your God!
Praise the Lord, God, our salvation,
Praise Him Who retrieved our loss; Sing,
with awe, and love's sensation,
Hallelujah! God with us!



Christmas Candlelight

Lovefeast

Please mark your calendar for Saturday evening, December 14th, when we will host our first Candlelight Lovefeast, based on this beautiful Moravian tradition. The time will be 7PM in the newly refurbished Wayland Hall, decorated brightly for the holidays. The evening will include a catered repast buffet, with a harpist, Christmas anthems led by Bruce Herrick, performed by our choir and our traditional time of Carol Singing. The evening promises to be a time of fellowship, and reflection on the coming of the Christ Child. For reservations please remit your gift of \$25.00, payable to the Friends of Boston, First; attention Marianne Norman, Treasurer of the Friends.

Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting

The Wednesday evening prayer group now meets once a month, on the second week of the month, at 7:00 pm in Wayland Hall. All are welcome to come to the meetings on December 11th, January 15th and February 12th. The group will not meet during Lent and the program will be evaluated in the spring, after Easter in late April. The group is now being led by different people. We continue to pray for the church in its search for a pastor. We also pray for those who are ill, in the hospital, homebound and who have suffered the loss of a loved one. We continue to pray for the world and, in this Christmas season, ask your prayers for peace to end the conflicts in the Middle East, Africa and other places of strife. The Prayer Group wishes everyone a peaceful and blessed Christmas and New Year.

Advent Poinsettias

Every year at this special time the chancel is gloriously decorated with lovely red and white poinsettias that the congregation can purchase and take home to enjoy after the Christmas service on December 22nd. If you are interested, please call the church office or look for the insert in your Sunday bulletin. Poinsettias are \$7.00 each.

Board of Deacons News

The Board of Deacons continues to find guest ministers for the Sunday morning worship service. They bring inspiration and the blessings of the Lord in their sermons. We ask you to keep praying for the church in this difficult time of transition as we seek a pastor to lead us. We continue to offer prayer and praise in our worship service through song, scripture readings and sermons that deeply touch our hearts and souls. Everyone is welcome to join us at 11 am on Sunday mornings and experience the powerful and healing presence of God's Holy Spirit in our midst. We wish everyone a blessed Christmas season and New Year. *Being the church by sharing God's love.*

December Guest Preachers

Dec. 1	Rev. John Babson
Dec. 8	Rev. John R. Baillie
Dec. 15	Rev. John Babson
Dec. 22	Rev. Dr. Arthur Whitaker
Dec. 29	Rev. Finley Keech