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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF 6TH AVENUE UCC

DECEMBER 2013

Sunday Service:
10:30am

Choir practice
Sunday,
9am-10am

Christmas Eve
Candle-light
Service, 7pm

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From the Leadership Team...

AS WE LOOK AHEAD...

Dear Members and Friends,

We joyfully celebrated Stewardship Sunday on Nov. 24th. On behalf of the Leadership Team....thank you to everyone who made a financial commitment, and/or a gift of your time and talent.

If you have not yet returned your pledge form, please prayerfully consider your personal commitment to support the ministries of 6th Ave. As part of worship over the past few weeks, we heard from the individuals who lead our various ministry teams. We ask that you reflect on the important work done through the church's ministries and make a gift of your time, talent and financial support.

As we look ahead to 2014:

- We will be planning for additional expenses related to our search for a new pastor.
- Robert McGoey, who has been our Administrative Assistant and Caretaker for the past 5 1/2 years, will be leaving at the end of March. Without the rental income that we realize on an annual basis, 6th Ave. would be hard pressed to make ends meet. Robert has done an incredible job of being the face of 6th Ave. to our tenants, and handling all of the administrative details required in the process....he leaves big shoes to fill!

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From the Leadership Team (cont'd)

- It has been a joy to see the increased number of children and young people attending church. Under Kim Shinabery's guidance, we want to support and grow the Sunday School and Youth programs. A special thank you to Mo Scott for the great help he is with the Sunday School class each week!
- Our music program under the direction of Marlena Moore, will benefit from your ongoing support.
- The outreach opportunities in our community are too numerous to list. We can help in a tangible way with your support of time, talent and financial commitments.

Your contributions will make a difference in the lives of many people.

Included in this newsletter is a pledge form. Please bring your pledge with you to worship, or if it's more convenient, please mail your form to the church office, 3250 East Sixth Avenue, Denver, CO 80206, attention "Stewardship".

Peace,

Vickie Golobic
Moderator

Ministers: each member of Sixth Avenue UCC

Moderator: Vickie Golobic

Vice Moderator: Marlena Moore

Building Ministry: James Scott

Financial Ministry: Sandy Calkins

Inner Church Ministry: Lanny Dick

Wider Church Ministry: Kimra Perkins

Interim Pastor: Rev. Jack Wiczorek

Children's and Youth Program: Rev. Dr. Kim Shinabery

Updates at 6th Ave. UCC

Budget Performance as of October 2013

Item	Budget	Actual	
Pledge Income	\$39,250.00	\$39,157.00	
Non Pledge Income	\$12,500.00	\$9,096.00	
Rental Income	\$40,590.00	\$38,810.06	
Expenses	\$111,916.00	\$82,691.79	
King Soopers Payments to 6th Ave.		\$280.25	-Sandy Calkins, Treasurer

Pastoral Search Committee

For the past several weeks the Search Committee has been focused on preparing a profile of 6th Ave. Copies of the profile will be available in the narthex on Sunday, Dec. 8th.....and a copy will be emailed to those with an email address in the current church directory.

After worship on Dec. 15th, the Search Committee will be available in Mayflower Hall for questions, comments, suggestions, etc. relating to the profile.

Once the profile is complete, it will be sent to the Conference office and made available to interested candidates.

Inner Church Update

December is the month for Advent and Sixth Avenue families will again this year light the Advent Wreath each Sunday. If you are interested in doing it one of the Sundays, please see either Pastor Jack or Lanny Dick to let them know your preferred week.

Inner Church team is putting in another plug for people to join the team. Inner Church is more than just coffee hour, We also work with the Sunday School helping Kim in any way that she needs. The team is also responsible for receptions after such activities as may arise that ask for a reception such as funerals or other celebrations. We try to meet one Sunday a month after Church for just a short time to make sure things are covered. If you can help, please let me know.

-Lanny Dick, Inner Church Ministry

Mitten Tree

Please bring mittens, gloves, jackets and other winter clothing for children and leave them on the Mitten Tree at the church's entrance. They'll be given to homeless families.

Updates (cont'd)

Hangin' of the Greens

Please plan to stay after worship on December 1st to help decorate the sanctuary for Advent. If you can stay after church to help, the task will go much faster. We will have either Pizza or some other light lunch to share when we are done.

Christmas Fund Special Offering - December 22nd

The Christmas Fund is a Special Mission Offerings of the UCC which provides financial aid to retired and active ministers and their surviving spouses and children who face overwhelming financial demands, a ministry carried out by the Pension Boards. We will receive the offering on Sunday, December 22.

Christmas Eve Service

Join us on Christmas Eve for a candle-light service in the sanctuary at 7:00pm.

Wacky Worship

In the long-standing tradition of Sixth Avenue, the Sunday after Christmas we'll hold Wacky Worship in Mayflower Hall. This informal service will be led by Rev. Powell Bland and will include lots of singing and sharing of favorite poems, holiday remembrances, stories, etc. If you have left-over Christmas cookies or other goodies, please bring a plate of those to share during Coffee Hour.

Christmas Present Drive

Every year Denver Inner City Parish collects over 4000 unwrapped gifts for children ages newborn to 18, a huge undertaking which cannot be accomplished without support from the community. Right before Christmas parents pick out one special item for each of their children. They are then wrapped and taken home for Christmas morning. If you want to help, pick up an extra gift (or two) as you do your own Christmas shopping and drop it in the Christmas box in the Narthex. If you can bring gifts by Sunday Dec. 8th it would avoid an extra trip to deliver items. FYI: It is much harder to shop for the 12 to 18 year old, so think about them especially. Items like sports equipment, crafts, science or art kits, Lego sets, makeup kits for girls, cameras, remote control toys, are only a start. Anything is appreciated.

-Elaine Haley

Christmas Poinsettias

Honor a loved by placing a poinsettia at the front of the church. Sign up in the Narthex or speak with Lanny Dick for more information.

December @ 6th Avenue UCC

Sunday, December 1

Worship & coffee hour, 10:30am-12pm in the Sanctuary & Mayflower Hall
 Communion Sunday
 Bring non-perishable food donations for Denver Inner City Parish
 Hanging of the Greens after worship

Sunday, December 8

Choir practice, 9am-10am in the Sanctuary
 Worship & coffee hour, 10:30am-1pm in the Sanctuary & Mayflower Hall

Sunday, December 15

Choir practice, 9am-10am in the Sanctuary
 Worship & coffee hour, 10:30am-1pm in the Sanctuary & Mayflower Hall
 Discussion with Pastoral Search Committee in Mayflower after worship

December 16 - Bobbi LeMaire's birthday

December 17 - Frank McCall & Kim Shinabery's birthday

Sunday, December 22

Choir practice, 9am-10am in the Sanctuary
 Worship & coffee hour, 10:30am-1pm in the Sanctuary & Mayflower Hall
 Christmas Fund Special Offering

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve service, 7pm in the Sanctuary

December 23 - Bill Calkins's birthday

December 28 - Marlena Moore's birthday

Sunday, December 29

Wacky Worship, 10:30am in Mayflower Hall - share left-over Christmas cookies

December 31 - Paul Barru's birthday

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*Over 100 Years of Community Ministry
at Sixth & Adams*

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me..."