

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

*Old Fashion*  
*Family Christmas Brunch*

*Sunday, December 11th*

*Family Christmas Tree Decorating During Service*

*After Service:*

*Food, Games, Music, Fellowship*

*Pictures with Santa*

*Please see Marge Klein for more details*

# UPDATE YOUR CALENDAR!

The Holidays are a busy time of year. Be sure to keep these events on your calendar!



November 20: Muffins for Missions- after service

November 23: Thanksgiving Eve Service-7:30

December 10: Cookie Walk-9:00am

December 11: Old Fashion Family Christmas Brunch & Tree Decorating

December 13: Charge Conference 7:30pm-West Hills UMC

December 18: Sunday School Christmas Pageant-10:45am

December 24: Christmas Eve Service 7:30pm

December 25: Christmas Morning Service-10:45am

## MISSIONS UPDATE

# Food Collection

The Missions Committee is once again collecting food for Thanksgiving Baskets. Please bring in Thanksgiving food items by November 20th! Food baskets will be donated to community families. If you know of anyone you feel would like a basket, please let Lorraine Winch know.



# Muffins for Missions

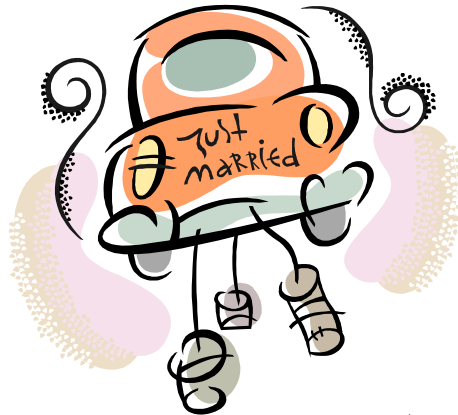
Who wants to bake just before Thanksgiving? Take a break from baking and mark November 20th on your calendar. November 20th is Muffins for Missions Sunday. Come downstairs after church to purchase some homemade muffins. All proceeds go to the Mission Programs of the church.



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# WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Julie and Bob Schreiber are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter, Kathryn, to Gregory Steiger on October 1, 2005. Katie and Greg live in Rockport, ME where Greg is currently stationed with the US Coast Guard.



# Baby Announcements

Geoffrey and Dorothy Schreiber are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Julia, born on September 16th. The proud grandparents are Julie and Bob Schreiber.



Pictures from  
the Brunch  
fundraiser at  
Dragongate



# Back to Church!



September 11th saw the church resume its regular service hours, as well as the opening of Sunday School for the 2005-2006 school year. The momentous occasion was noted with a Brunch after the service. Cindy Winch organized the event, which saw trays of scrambled eggs, sausage, baked ham, scones,

fresh fruit, hash brown casserole and many other delicious dishes. You had to be quick though, as the scrambled eggs were gone even before I got to them! :)

The beginning of Sunday School had always been celebrated with food. I can remember year and



year of pancake breakfasts. As attendance at the pancake breakfasts lessened, we looked for something new and fresh.

Cindy hopes to organize another brunch early next year.



When you leave your church's UMCOR kits here, please sign your church's name along with the number of kits donated.

Church

# of kits

Church	# of kits
Hanson Place	50
FIRST U.M.C., ANSONIA, CT	20 KITS
Centerport N.Y.	20 KITS
Trinity Babel UMC - Buchanan, NY	59 KITS
People's UMC - LIC	26 KITS
COMMUNITY UMC OF MIDDLE VILLAGE	47 KITS
Faith UMC, Na Haven, CT	31 KITS
ULSTER HEIGHTS UMC ELLENVILLE, NY	52 KITS
WEST HILLS UNITED METHOD - Hurtagan Station	70 KITS
Bellvale, UMC, Bellvale, NY	2 KITS
Sugarleaf UMC, Sugar Leaf, NY	13 KITS
EAST MORICHES (LEE)	22 "
Woodbury, CT	25 KITS
Woodbury, N.J., NY	10 KITS
Clinton CT	20 KITS

# Health Kits

West Hills put together more than 70 health kits to send to UMCOR to use for Hurricane relief. As you can see, this was more than many other larger churches in the area. It just goes to show you that its quality, not quantity that matters in congregations.

**“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed it’s the only thing that ever has”**

- Margaret Mead, American Anthropologist

Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man’s gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully” (Rom. 12:4-8).

WE ALL HAVE DIFFERENT GIFTS

## VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME

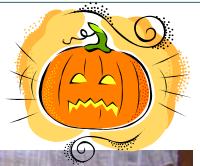
USHERS / COUNTERS / LITURGISTS / COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

VOLUNTEER TO SERVE ON A COMMITTEE

VOLUNTEER TO HELP MAINTAIN THE BUILDING



# Pumpkin Contest



The annual pumpkin decorating contest was a huge success again at West Hills. The classes competed, and in the end raised over \$150 to be donated to UMCOR for use with the Pakistani Earthquake.

Though the preschool pumpkin officially won, we were all winners with this competition!



# Halloween Party

The West Hills Sunday School celebrated its annual Halloween Party. Ann Spessard organized the event, with help from the parents. Students were dressed to kill, and were rewarded with thrills. Games included bobbing for apples, pin the tail on the pumpkin, Halloween twister and decorate your own cupcake. A great time was had by parents and kids alike!

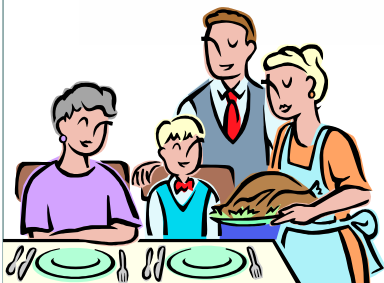


# Christmas & Thanksgiving

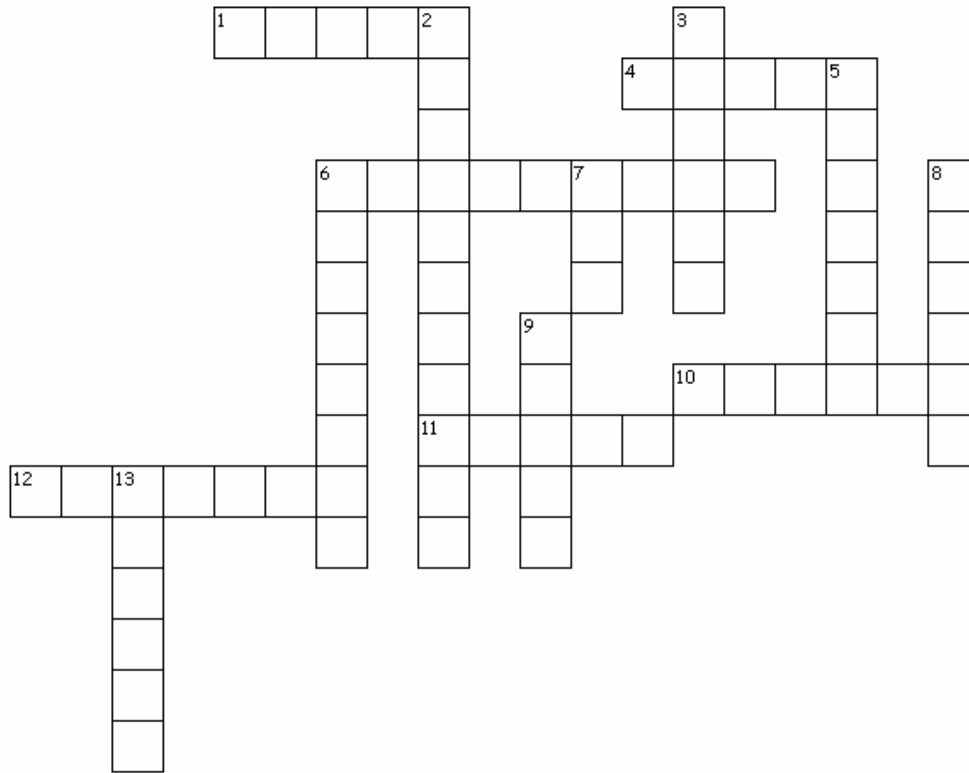


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PRAYER PUMPKIN SANTA SHEPHERDS  
STOCKING STUFFING THANKSGIVING  
TREE TURKEY



# The Holiday Season

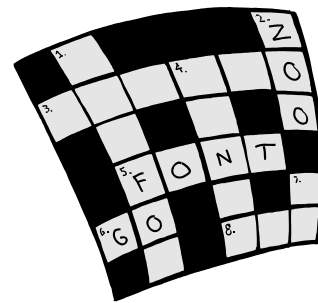


## Across

1. We Three \_\_\_\_
4. Thanksgiving parade
6. Watchers of Flocks
10. Preparation for Christmas
11. Helps the Turkey go down
12. Favorite Thanksgiving Pie

## Down

2. famous organless carol
3. Messiah composer
5. Miserly Christmas figure



6. Turkeys may be "full of it"
7. Night before Christmas
8. famous snowman
9. \_\_\_\_ friday - the day after Thanksgiving
13. Away in a \_\_\_\_