

THE FAMILY VISITOR



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OLD SOUTH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

READING, MASSACHUSETTS



Small Group Opportunity: Let your light S.H.I.N.E.!

Our theme this Epiphany season is “Shine!” – using our gifts to shine God’s light before others. Rev. Carol is offering a short-term small group study to help you explore how your own unique Spiritual gifts, Heart, Interests, Nature, and Experiences can come together for a greater purpose. One or more groups will meet at a time that works for all, so be sure to contact Rev. Carol this week if you’d like to be in a group.

Day of Service and Remembrance for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The First Congregational Church of Reading and Old South UMC will be collaborating again this year on a day of service and remembrance. Please join in a community service project on Saturday, January 18th. We will be working in fellowship to improve the lives of others, and demonstrate that each of us has the capacity to make a difference. A variety of service opportunities are available, and many tasks are flexible in the time and number of participants required. Feel free to move from one project to another if your schedule allows. Children are encouraged to participate, but those under 14 years of age should sign up with an adult or with the permission of the project leader. (Activities noted with an “*” below are good for kids.)

The day will start at about 9:00 AM with a brief worship service at the First Congregational Church before volunteers go off to their specific projects. Most service projects will run from 9:30 until lunch time. Plans are still being finalized, but currently planned projects include:

- Food Collection* @ Reading Stop & Shop for Reading Food Pantry from 9:30-11:30 and 11:30 -1:30 (includes moving donations to Old South)
- Food Pantry Sort/Clean* @ Old South from 9:30-12:00 and 12:00-2:30 (includes putting away donations)
- Making Bagged Meals and Cookies for Lazarus House’s Distribution to the Homeless* @ FCCR Kitchen from 9:30-11:30 or when done
- Habitat for Humanity @ Lawrence, MA from 8am-3pm slots plus travel time (Limited to 12 participants and must be 16 years or older)
- Knit & Crochet-A-Thon @ FCCR to create warm hats and scarves for newborn babies and the homeless from 9:30-12:30 or when done
- Linus Blankets* @ FCCR to create cuddly blankets for children (no sewing required) from 9:30-12:30 or when done
- Additional suggested activities are welcome!

Donations are also needed in some areas: Washable yarns, baby/soft yarns, sandwich breads, apples, oranges, juice boxes, cookies (homemade or store bought), money for lunch meats, fleece for blankets. Additional volunteers are welcome at the Food Pantry around 1:00 when the donations arrive. Online signups will be available shortly. If you have any suggestions or questions, please contact Betsy Schneider (FCCR) at betsyschneider7@gmail.com or 781-779-1108 or Hilary Trismen (Old South UMC) at hkopp4@gmail.com or 978-475-9868.



Annual Reports

Annual Reports are due in the church office by Sunday, Jan. 12. If possible, please provide copy ready reports using 1½ margins. Reports that need typing should be left in the office as soon as possible. If you need a copy of last year's report, please call the church office 781-944-2636.

Mug & Muffin

The next Mug and Muffin time for coffee/tea, good food, and fellowship will be on Wednesday, Jan. 8th at 9:30am. Stay green and bring your own mug. Don't be shy about sharing a good thing...invite a friend to join you.

Book Club

"The Art Forger" by B. A. Shapiro will be the book we will discuss on Thursday, January 23. The meeting is at the home of Nancy White and will start at 10:00. Refreshments and beverages will be served. This is a good opportunity for anyone who made a resolution to read more in the coming year.

Prayer Chain

Members of the Old South UMC Prayer Chain welcome prayer requests at times other than Sunday morning or Wednesday evenings, Members are: Lois Tulikangas (781)944-9316; Shirley Buzderewicz (781)944-3577; Nancy White (781)944-6269; Nathalie Nordstrand (781-944-4252; Liz Barnes (781)944-6907; Jody Donahue (781)944-0819; June Meserve (781)944-9416; Grace Palmer (781)944-4069; Tina Waldroup (781)246-1054, Nancy Anderson (339)927-1651.

Deadline for the February Family Visitor - Jan. 10

If possible, please send by e-mail to:
office@oldsouthumc.org Thank you!

See the Family Visitor Online!

If you would like to read the Family Visitor online and save some trees, just call the church office (781-944-2636) or send an email to office@oldsouthumc.org.

To find the Family Visitor, just go to www.oldsouthumc.org and click on News & Events.

A Month of Sundays at 10 a.m.

Jan. 5 - Epiphany Sunday

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14;
Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

Jan. 12 - 1st Sunday after the Epiphany

Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-9; Psalm 29;
Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 3:13-17

Jan. 19 - 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

Human Relations Day Offering

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11;
1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

Jan. 26 - 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9;
1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

Wednesday Worship

On Jan. 8th at 7pm, join us for evening worship in the chapel for special music, reflection, prayer, and Holy Communion.

Food Pantry News

Items needed for January include hot cocoa, microwave popcorn, granola bars, raisins, trail mix, canola or olive oil, and juice.

Monetary donations can be left in the church office marked "Reading Food Pantry." Thank You!

Old South Community, if you're on Facebook be sure to "Like" the new Reading Food Pantry page at <https://www.facebook.com/ReadingFoodPantry>. We're sharing weekly wish lists, Food Pantry news and photos, and other community information. Please help us spread the word about the Food Pantry's mission and needs by liking and sharing our page! Thank you.

Youth News

Our young people had an active fall and are getting together soon to plan events for Winter/Spring. Please contact Rev. Carol to get in the loop. Our confirmation class will resume meeting at the end of January, with a retreat on the weekend of February 28th. Please continue to pray for our confirmands: Brett Allan, Gerry Meuse, Will Meyers, Troy Tully, Jack Wagner, and Sam Wagner, as well as their mentors: Bruce Austin, Greg Van Buskirk, Steve Perry, Marcia Brown, Gordon Anderson, and Suzy Axelson.

Shine!



*“You came as a star
led by a star
through the stars
to the stars
We never knew we were stars until you came...
Your glory streamed through our lives like stars
the day you leaned from heaven
You came to help us see our glory
Following the star
We lean into your glory
In your light, we see the light!
We never knew we were stars until you came.”*

A Tree Full of Angels by Macrina Wiederkehr

Epiphany Sunday, January 5th, kicks off our season to SHINE! Now it is our turn to nurture our new birth in Jesus, discover our gifts, lean into our new vision, follow the star, and prepare to be sent out into the world to sparkle, shine, and radiate God’s love.

Please do enter into some of our growing experiences this season:

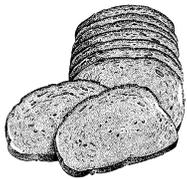
- Join us as we SHINE in worship this January
- Discover Your Gifts in small groups with Rev. Carol Van Buskirk
- Get a fresh start for your spirit with Rev. Jan Smith-Rushton and Joyce Rupp’s book Fresh Bread
- Pitch in for the Martin Luther King Community Day of Service on Saturday, January 18th
- Volunteer in the Food Pantry
- Try choir for Epiphany
- Deliver STARS to the homebound
- Practice radical hospitality for new guests

May the new life stirring in you lead you to “Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to God in heaven.” Matthew 5:14b

See you in church,
Jan Smith-Rushton

Fresh Bread: And Other Gifts of Spiritual Nourishment

Fresh Bread provides a fresh start for the new year with nourishment to feed the hunger of the spirit through prayer, scripture reflection, and journaling. This group will use a book by Joyce Rupp called, Fresh Bread: And Other Gifts of Spiritual Nourishment and will meet at the home of Kathy Beckwith during the Epiphany season. The group plans to gather on Tuesdays or Thursdays depending on the best times for those who would like to join the group. Contact Rev. Jan to sign up and order a book.



New from Farmer Dave's

Farmer Dave writes “Thanks to the overwhelmingly positive response to Farmer Dave’s CSA in Reading over the past two seasons and the support of Old South United Methodist Church. Farmer Dave’s is excited to announce that we’ll be able to offer our Choice-style vegetable share in Reading next summer!” (this means CSA members will have more opportunity to select vegetables they can use, rather than having them pre-boxed, but the pre-boxed shares will also be available.)



Join us for an Old South Weekend at Heifer Farm on March 15 and 16



Old South has helped support the work of Heifer International and raised funds to get a whole ark full of animals to help feed the hungry. Now we have a wonderful opportunity to experience the work of Heifer International in person! The Outreach Committee is planning a Global Gateway weekend at the Heifer Farm in Rutland, MA on March 15 and 16. This weekend is geared towards adults and youth in 6th grade and up. The weekend activities will run from 10:00 on Saturday until 1:30 on Sunday (plus travel time to and from Rutland).



Global Gateway participants will get a taste of the daily struggles people in poverty face every day. We'll be given just some simple ingredients and, before we can eat, we'll build a fire and cook our own meal. We'll learn about where this food would really come from, how long it would actually take to prepare it, and how far a family might have to go to get their water and firewood. We will spend the night in Heifer's Global Village and have a first-hand opportunity to learn what it is like to sleep in simple housing, such as a Peruvian clay house.

Participants will gain a deeper understanding of sustainable agriculture and life on the farm by participating in morning chores on Sunday morning. We will also get to tour the farm, learn how Heifer promotes sustainable development, and the distribution problems that contribute to hunger. The weekend will conclude with a farm lunch prepared with foods from the Heifer farm before we depart to return to Reading.

By living the lessons of poverty first-hand, we will have the opportunity to come to understand the complications surrounding hunger and poverty and see their connection in creating change that brings possibility and hope to millions around the world. Spots are limited to 16 people and the cost is \$75 per person. Please contact Hilary Trismen at hkopp4@gmail.com or 978-475-9868 if you are interested in participating. If you need financial assistance to participate, please talk to Rev. Jan.

Happy New CCP!

In its perpetual mission to accommodate the changing needs of its families, CCP realizes that not all parents are able to fulfill the co-operative commitment to the program—whether due to employment obligations, the need to care for a family member during CCP time, or just the need for time for oneself. For these reasons, some families have enrolled their child(ren) elsewhere, even though they would have preferred the far lower student-to-teacher ratio and family-style, individualized teaching approach that CCP's low ratio and experienced, loving staff afford.

While not wanting to abandon the co-operative premise on which the program was founded and which makes CCP truly unique, we will continue to be a co-operative program, but for the first time, CCP will begin offering an Opt-Out tuition rate (which will be slightly higher than the standard Co-Op rate, in order to cover paid versus volunteer classroom aides) to those parents who are unable to spend one or two mornings a month at CCP. Learn more about Christian Cooperative Preschool and its Co-Op and Opt-Out options at the Open House on January 28th, or call CCP Director Gina Azulay at 781-944-0612 for more information.



**OPEN HOUSE
&
REGISTRATION
FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR
TUESDAY, JANUARY 28th
7-9 p.m.**



Excerpts from the Pastor's Report for 2013 and the challenge to imagine God's vision for us...

God is good! One of our high points had to be the amazing Celebrate 100! Weekend we had in October with returning friends, musicians, and pastors. We not only marked one hundred years since the rebuilding of the sanctuary, steeple and organ, but we also rejoiced in the completion of the steeple restoration project. We listened to breath-taking music, shared a sumptuous meal, heard inspiring stories of a strong past, encouraging reports of a vital, growing present, and a challenge to imagine the future God visions for us. This is what I invited us to imagine:

***NOW IMAGINE...** 25 small groups of Disciples gather in homes scattered throughout the region. See them praying, studying God's Word, journeying inward – Going deeper, growing closer to God and each other, becoming the Body of Christ,.... caring and sharing God's love in the world. They discover their passion – their spiritual gifts – and are thrust outward in an explosion of energy and power – deployed to use those gifts here, there, and everywhere God needs work done! Mysteriously they receive all the resources needed for the work!*

***IMAGINE....** The "Living Steeple" in the center of Reading, a Waypoint for the least, the last, and the lost. They look like Jesus, A rainbow of flavors gathered together sharing a community meal, everything grown locally and sustainably. Infants and elders, students and empty nesters, single and married, divorced and partnered, comfortable and struggling, lonely and sad, overscheduled and overwhelmed, broken and recovering, bruised and healing, documented and undocumented, republicans and democrats....sitting at tables together.... eating the bread of hope and communion.*

***IMAGINE...** The church has left the building... and is present in coffee shops, grocery stores, soccer fields...listening deeply and sharing the Story. 30 high schoolers attend the International Youth gathering of 10,000 UM youth another 20 journey to Taize, France on retreat. A mission team is rebuilding homes after a disaster in the US, while an International Team provides medicine to a rural village. Some take bold, prophetic actions while others testify at the statehouse...passionate for justice.*

***IMAGINE....** Worship happens at different times, in different places, to different beats....it is meaningful and memorable...where the people expect to encounter the Holy. Or as one person put it: "called to listen to the heartbeat of God.*

***IMAGINE....**A counter cultural movement...earth keepers.....stewards of creation...practicing extravagant generosity....people living simply...so others can simply live.*

***IMAGINE....**Us with a new box of crayons...using all the colors....and daring to color outside the lines!.... Boldly living into God's vision, reaching way beyond our own imaginations...It's exhilarating, like nothing we've ever known. May it be so!*

Janet Smith-Rushton - 2013

Thanksgiving Thanks....



Beautifully decorated shoe boxes and bags were delivered to twenty members of our Old South Church Family. The boxes/bags were filled with delicious fruit, jelly and homemade cookies. Dorcas Circle did the decorating and along with Julia Circle made cookies and provided jelly. Several donations of money were helpful in providing the fruit. A special thank you goes to those who helped to deliver these festive boxes and make a much appreciated visit to church members: Priscilla Poehler, Dell Spinney, Bob Rushton, Lois Tulikangas, Grace Palmer, John Barnes, Rev. Jan, June and Bob Meserve, and the Goodwin family. These visits are so important to those who cannot attend church on a regular basis.

Calareso's Farm Stand again provided the fantastic fruit for the baskets at a very nominal price. Our thanks to them for helping to make this ministry possible. Please remember their kindness when you are shopping for fruit and produce, theirs is wonderful.

Phyllis Maxwell for the Sunshine Committee

From the Welcoming Committee

Regarding the Main Entry and Front Hall of Old South:



This summer, in an enthusiastic, spontaneous effort, after returning from a week of painting during Old South's mission trip to Downeast Maine, Eric Heath and Jim Roscoe also saw the entry way with news eyes, and decided it was time to re-paint. A professional was consulted for the color choice and the painting began quickly, in time



for our Celebrate 100! We are all immensely grateful for their incredible hard work and for taking on this project! Our dear Old South looked sparkling and fresh for the 100th celebration and for the many happy reunions that took place that wonderful weekend. While I understand there are a few more details to finish, a good portion of the work is done. The Welcoming Committee was absolutely delighted with Jim's and Eric's work, because this project was one that we had hoped to take on. We had envisioned an entrance to Old South that was up-to-date looking and freshly painted, but had not taken on the project just yet.

Once the painting is completed, we will have the task of putting it all back together. I would like to invite the congregation to enter into a thoughtful discussion about this entrance. Please email or share with me the answers to the following questions: If you were a guest or first time visitor to Old South, what general feeling would you like to experience as you enter those doors? What would you like to see displayed as the very first thing that visitors, CCP parents, and church members see when they walk in the door?

I will do my best to summarize your responses in the coming weeks, and we will put together a plan for revitalizing our entry. I truly value everyone's input. Thank you so much for your understanding as we work our way through this process.

Suzy Axelson
 suzyaxelson@verizon.net
 Chairperson, Welcoming Committee

If you're a Facebook user, perhaps you have seen this picture of the hallway on Old South's Facebook page. This picture has generated the most "likes" of all the pictures posted on our page!



Music Ministry

THANK YOU ALL!

All of our groups came together so beautifully for the season – Chancel Choir, Old South UMC Brass and Organ, Old South Hand Bell Choir (including the Mission Ringers), the Cherub Choir, the Trismen Family, the strings, high school musicians, and returning college musicians.

Along with attending regular practice, many came to our extra rehearsals - we were very busy, and it all fit in, and all the last minute changes worked very well! Just for an idea – the choir prepared an anthem each week, led “I Believe” (sometimes with violin), and led the hymns. Also, they presented three anthems on Christmas Eve with bells, and trumpet on the hymns. The bells rang three pieces during Advent, and accompanied the choir on Christmas Eve. The brass performed beautifully during our concert, (with the surprise appearance of the hand bell choir). We had trumpet on the last Sunday in Advent, and on Christmas Eve, the Children’s Musical was beautiful.

Our first this year: the Old South UMC Organ and Brass Christmas Concert and Christmas Carol Sing was hugely successful. Many of you turned in your favorite carols and we had great fun singing them all! And it all was topped off with tasty goodies afterwards. Thank you all!

CHANCEL CHOIR

Rehearsals are on Thursdays at 7:00PM & Sundays at 8:30AM.

HAND BELL CHOIR

Rehearsals on Tuesdays in the sanctuary at 9:15 AM

OLD SOUTH BRASS

Rehearsals on Wednesdays in the sanctuary at 7:30PM

CHERUB CHOIR

Rehearsals on Sundays in the parlor with Marcy Nelson at 11:00AM

We are always looking for new members! Contact Susan (musicdirector@oldsouthumc.org) or just come to one of the rehearsals!

REMEMBER TO CHECK THE CHURCH WEBSITE AND CALENDAR FOR UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Opportunities for Nurturing the Body, Mind, and Spirit

Yoga - Gentle Yoga meets Monday nights at 6:00 in the Choir Room with Linda Preston. Each class is \$8.00 and payable to Linda. Newcomers and walk-ins are always welcome.

TOPS - "Take Off Pounds Sensibly" meets in the Youth Room on Wednesdays at 5:30pm.

Julia Circle - Meets 3rd Monday

Dorcas/Naomi Circle - Meets 3rd Tuesday

Book Club - Thurs. Jan. 23 at 10 a.m.

Men’s Breakfast - Jan. 26 in the vestry at 8 a.m.



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Educational Ministry

Bible Study - Watch for special program details.

Nursery Care - Nursery Coordinator: Amanda Roland and volunteers

Provided on Sunday mornings for infants to age 3 in Room 103 of the Educational Wing from 8:45 through the 10:00 worship service.

Sunday School - Meets on Sunday mornings at 9:00. For age 3 through senior high.

Sunday School Staff

Pre-K: Charlotte Harlan, Kristina Smith, Karen Roscoe, and Lauren Hubbard

Elementary: Holly Stanieich, Jody Donahue, and Paula Perry

Middlers: Jennifer Brickett and Dianne Meyers

High School: Jim Roscoe and Chris Krebs

Parenting Group: rotating leaders



WOW – Worship Our Way for children 4 years to grade 4 meets following the children's message.

Christian Cooperative Preschool - Infants to pre-K. Meets weekdays 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Director: Gina Azulay

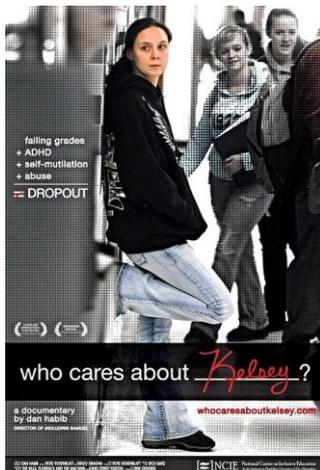
3 year olds: Eileen McTaggart

Infants: Jessica Aiello

4 year olds: Cindy Petrucci

2 year olds: Donna Bramhall

Reading Coalition Against Substance Abuse



RCASA, Reading Police & the Reading Public Schools Behavioral Health Task Force Presents Our Next Film...

SAVE THE DATE

Join us on Tuesday February 4, 2014 from 7-9 p.m. to view the documentary film "Who Cares About Kelsey?". Following the film, there will be a Q & A with Kelsey, the subject of the documentary.

ABOUT THE FILM

This true story of a young woman's life is not to be missed! Documentary filmmaker Dan Habib follows Kelsey through the ups and downs of her senior year. As the film delves into Kelsey's life, we watch her navigate the halls and classrooms of her school and the fraught terrain of family and romantic relationships. Kelsey interacts with a military father who questions her account of the past and dismisses her plans for the future. She manages her relationship with a mother trying to atone for past failures that set in motion some of Kelsey's most destructive behaviors. She spends much of her time with a boyfriend she cherishes but whose loyalty and support for Kelsey's newly forming independence are uncertain.

**This film contains mature content, strong language and themes.
Teens, ages 14+ are encouraged to attend with their parent(s)/caregivers.**

For more info, please contact jdeangelis@ci.reading.ma.us



Seasons Cycle

I used to feel a strong sense of completion at the end of every season. I'd give myself a good pat on the back for tending to the soils and crops well once they had all been harvested and put to bed for the long winter. Then, the first year of the CSA, the season ran for only 13 weeks of the year. Next year the CSA will run for 42 weeks of the year. With only 10 weeks in between one season and the next my sense of an end to the season is lessened as the season is now more cyclical than linear.

This is the way life in the natural world is- one thing leads to another. An end is not an end, rather a change, a new beginning. This new

beginning keeps us alive with a greater joi de vivre. When we eat the same foods all year round as we are now able to do with modern transportation systems are our bodies also becoming more stagnant? Does the constant season change in our diets help give us that je ne sais quoi to keep us vibrant and open to change? Eating with the roll of the season gives us a myriad of flavors and textures that are ever changing and cyclical. The circle is whole.

As we now take a respite over the holidays know that we are wishing you peace and happiness in the year ahead. As we prepare the greenhouses for the first seeding of spring greens in mid-January we hope that you will then be finishing the end of the last shares storage crops from your crispener and freezer. The cold of the winter will help to store the apples, potatoes, carrots, celeriac and leeks. But the longer days of February will help to ensure the healthy growth of the spring greens in our greenhouses, which will be ready to be harvested in full flavor the first of March.

All of us at Farmer Dave's thank you for your trust and commitment to our work in producing the healthiest food for you. We trust that in greater understanding of how your food is grown, we will see you again soon in ten short weeks. Thank you.

Happy Holidays,
All of us at Farmer Dave's

first: putting God first in living and giving

This year we are inviting families to experience the joy of putting God first through the tithe (10% or more) or a first fruits percentage. It will be exciting to see how the spirit of generosity is growing here.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Total #</u>	<u>Total \$</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Dec. 23	120	\$232,893	32
<u>Same</u>	<u>Decrease</u>	<u>New</u>	
76	6	6	
<u>first fruits tithe of 10% or more</u>		<u>first fruits percentage:</u>	
5		2	

Our Church Family

Thank You

Dear Members and Friends of Old South,

Thank you so much for the fruit box and the many cards I received. A visit from Rev. Jan on my 100th birthday was an enjoyable surprise. It is truly a blessing to be a member of Old South and to be celebrating my 100th in the same year. Blessings to all.

Eloise Shannon

Dear Pastor Jan,

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to you and all your staff for hosting the Reading Community Singers this holiday season. Wishing you all the happiest of holidays.

Reading Community Singers

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the Thanksgiving box containing a variety of fresh fruit and a delicious assortment of cookies. It is always nice to be remembered by my Old South Church family. Thanks again. Best wishes to all.

Cheryl Tucker

Dear Friends of Old South,

It was so nice receiving the beautiful church altar flowers and the thoughtful and caring notes and greetings. And then the pleasant visit and delivery of the Thanksgiving baskets brought the finishing touches to heart-warming and enjoyable moments. Many thanks to all.

Love,
Joan and Don Monson

Dear Sunshine Committee,

Audrie's face lit up when I gave her the wonderful box of goodies you prepared at Thanksgiving. She loved the card, and thoroughly enjoyed the fruit and cookies. Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness.

The Camerons

To the Old South Sunshine Committee,

Truly it is sunshine time when a lovely decorated box of goodies arrives at our door. It is nice to be remembered when one cannot be there in person. Thank you and God Bless Old South.

Sincerely,
Nathalie Nordstrand

To My Old South Family,

What a pleasant surprise to look up from reading the paper to see Grace Palmer and Lois Tulikangas delivering a lovely box of Thanksgiving goodies from Old South. Thanks so much. I'm sure I'll enjoy it. Love to all.

Helen Swanson

Thank You

To all who helped our children prepare for their Christmas musical, and all who came to support them. It was a wonderful show and we couldn't have done it without your support!

Rev. Carol Van Buskirk

Dear Phyllis, Sunshine Committee, and Old South,

Thank you so much for the beautiful Thanksgiving box. It was so nice of you to think of me, and it was so good to visit with Jan too. I wish you all a wonderful holiday season and a very merry Christmas! Thanks again!

Kathy Beckwith

Coffee Hour Help for January

Jan. 5 - Tam, M. Nelson, Fiscus

Jan. 12 - Axelson, Menon, Osterhout

Jan. 19- Cummings, LaMontagne

Jan. 26 - Hubbard, Montrone, T. Nelson, Heath

To reach us by email...

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Susan Holloway
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Carol Rogerson
Office@oldsouthumc.org



HOSPITAL

List

**Because
we care...**

If you are hospitalized, please let the church office or one of the pastors know. Also, please list Old South United Methodist Church as your church upon admission.

If you know of someone else in our church family who is in the hospital, please let us know. Contact the church office at 781-944-2636 or office@oldsouthumc.org.

January 2014

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
<p><i>Every Sunday</i> 8:30AM - Chancel Choir Rehearsal 9AM - Sunday School 10AM - Worship 11AM - Cherub Choir Rehearsal 11AM - Coffee Hour</p>	<p><i>Christian Cooperative Preschool</i> Monday-Friday 9 AM - 12 PM</p>		<p>1 <i>New Year's Day</i></p>	<p>2 6:00 PM Music Committee 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 9:00 AM Parenting Group</p>	<p>6 6:00 PM Yoga 7:00 PM Food Pantry</p>	<p>7 9:15 AM Bell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>8 9:30 AM Mug & Muffin 7:00 PM Wednesday Worship 7:30 PM Brass Rehearsal 7:30 PM Finance Committee</p>	<p>9 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>10 10:30 AM Food Pantry</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 <i>Annual Reports Due</i> 9:00 AM Parenting Group</p>	<p>13 6:00 PM Yoga 7:00 PM Food Pantry</p>	<p>14 9:15 AM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Church Council</p>	<p>15 7:30 PM Brass Rehearsal 7:30 PM Nominating Committee</p>	<p>16 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>17 10:30 AM Food Pantry</p>	<p>18 <i>MLK Community Service Day</i></p>
<p>19 <i>Human Relations Day</i> 9:00 AM Parenting Group</p>	<p>20 <i>Martin Luther King Day ~ Church Office Closed</i> 6:00 PM Yoga</p>	<p>21 9:15 AM Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Food Pantry 7:30 PM Commission on Education</p>	<p>22 7:30 PM Brass Rehearsal</p>	<p>23 10:00 AM Book Club 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Trustees</p>	<p>24 10:30 AM Food Pantry</p>	<p>25</p>
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