

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, January 5, 1997

HOLY COMMUNION

- A. It has long been the custom....to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion.....and we do like to announce - for the benefit of visiting friends - that the TABLE OF OUR LORD is open... That one does not have to be....
- B. HIS TABLE is OPEN to all...and we invite all of you to receive.. on this the FIRST SUNDAY OF A NEW YEAR....trusting that this may be an occasion of spiritual renewal....re-affirmation and a re-dedication of your life to the will of God as it has come to us... A good time to confirm those resolutions of a new year...
- C. Procedure....elements will be served to you in the pews....upon receiving them, please hold until all have been served....

GREETING / VISITORS

- A. We greet the visitors...delighted you're here with us....and do hope that we shall have.....be free in the sharing of your name. Come, worship with us. Come, work with us....
- B. Minister here in the name of Christ....been doing so since 1837. Busy corner of God's Kingdom.....not too late to wish you a happy New Year...may it be filled for you with many blessings to count!
- C. Members: be sure to wear your name tags....go out of your way to greet the visitors.

PARISH CONCERNS

- A. Parish concerns listed in the bulletin. Review them on your own noting the paragraph that speaks of the January 19th Sunday evening, POT LUCK SUPPER....in connection with our celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sign up for something for the buffet table. Speaker: Rev. Nathaniel Grady, a UM minister...will be the speaker as he shares with us....
- B. How nice to welcome Rev. Kenneth Halcott back to our pulpit. A long time friend of our church, as is his wife, Andrea...make their home in Santorini, Greece...nine months...for close to 12 years Ken has brought us a message on the first Sunday of the year. Grateful to him for this...for his continuing interest & support. Ordained pastor of UM church, Duke Divinity, native of CT. Welcome back, Ken....good to have you here with us! Andrea, too!

ANNIVERSARY YEAR

The President of our Board of Trustees, Michael Schafffield, is going to say a few words to us here this morning. Listen carefully as he looks ahead with you to a special event.....

LYNDON WOODSIDE

Our organist and choir director, Lyndon Woodside, has been in the hospital this past week....fighting a bad case of pneumonia....released yesterday and resting at home. We welcome Ed Brewer once again to the organ console in Dr. Woodside's absence and are grateful to him for his taking over these past two Sundays.

WELCOME BACK

How nice it is to have Anne Sappington and her daughter, Alexandra, back with us....has been home in North Carolina these past seven months. We've missed you Anne! Welcome back to NYC.

CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS

- A. Good Christmas for our church. I would THANK all who took on extra responsibilities to make it so....as well as those who responded with a special Christmas gift. Christmas "love" gifts are still coming in.
- B. Financial canvass is not yet complete....The Good News is that to date we have received _____ pledges toward our budgeted goal of \$ 185,000....those pledges total \$ _____. Still hope for another _____ pledges to help us go over the top. The "NOT SO GOOD NEWS" is that it's not too late to respond with a pledge of support.....some "25" renewals still out there....pledge cards are in the pews.
- C. Boxes of 1997 offering envelopes are on the table in the rear of the church. Pick up the box that has your name on it...close to 300 boxes there..alphabetically arranged. If you need help, let us know.

OFFERING

And now let us worship God with our tithes, our gifts and our offerings, remembering always the words of Jesus:

"IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE
THAN IT IS TO RECEIVE!"