

MADISON SQUARE MESSENGER

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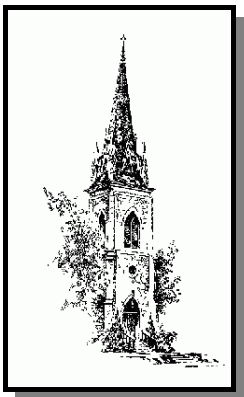
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What We Believe

We believe that Jesus welcomed all people, embraced each person with love.

Refusing none, He loved all men, women and children.

We believe that the gospel calls us to spread the good news of God's love, to deal honestly with each other and to practice openness and inclusiveness in the name of Jesus Christ.



Merry Christmas from



Ilene



Kenny



Henry



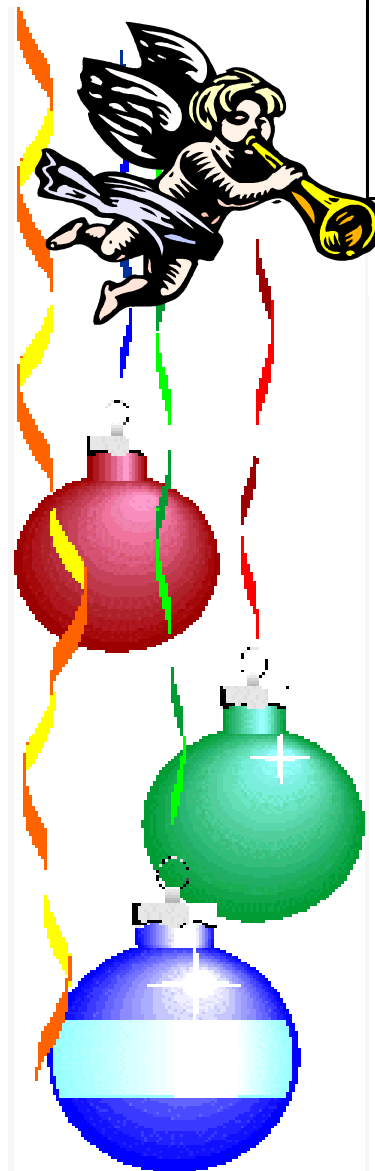
Betty



Madelyn



Eddie



A THANK YOU FROM PAT

A reception and "thank you" celebration was recently held for Pat Malone, for 22 years, a loyal part of the Madison Square Presbyterian Church staff.



Madison Square.

You have stood by me and loved me during the hard times, and laughed with me during the good times.

I love you all and will always be grateful for your friendships.

Love,

Pat Malone

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your generous love of offering gift.

I can honestly say

that the best years of my life were the twenty-two years that I spent serving

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BISHOP SPONG TO SPEAK IN FEBRUARY

Dr. John Shelby Spong, Episcopal bishop and noted author, will be the featured speaker at the Roley Lecture Series Feb. 9 through 11, 2007.



Bishop Spong will discuss material from his forthcoming book, "Jesus for the Non-Religious."

Feb. 9 - Friday evening, 7:30 p.m.: Separating History from Myth"

This lecture is free and open to the public. Reservations are required.

Feb. 10 - Saturday morning seminars, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.:

"Did He Die for My Sins?"

"Jesus -- A Man for All

Seasons"

Registration \$35.

Scholarships available.

Feb. 11 - Sunday Adult Education (9:30 a. m.) and Worship (10:50 a. m.)

Dr. Spong preaching: "Why I am a Christian."

To reserve a seat for Friday evening or to register for Saturday morning, please e-mail the church office at bmadison-sqpres@satx.rr.com or phone (210) 226-6254.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

For: All members, visitors and staff of Madison Square Presbyterian Church and their relatives and friends



When: Sunday, Dec. 17, 3 to 6 p.m.

Special Guest: Santa Claus (arriving at 4 p. m. or so)

Bring: Cookies or other goodies to share

(If you have time, bake some extra cookies and bring them in a bag for freezing. We'll share them at the "Welcome Home" gathering before and after the 7 p.m. worship service on Christmas Eve.)

Where: Ilene's house, 14223 Butlers Bridge, 490-5701

CROP WALK UPDATE

The San Antonio CROP Walk 2006 exceeded all expectations, generating 9 cents over \$50,000!

Of that amount, some \$6,219.63 was contributed each to Christian Assistance Ministry and to the San Antonio Food Bank.

Among the crowd, 121 Presbyterian walkers collected \$6,500.

(And FYI, the Methodists generated \$12,800 with 122 walkers. Wow!)

The CROP Hunger Walk benefits hungry people both around the block and around the world through Church World Service.

The group's website, churchworldservice.org, describes in detail their work.

Look at www.cropwalk.org

for information about San Antonio's CROP Walk.

Next year's Walk is scheduled the first Sunday of March, as always: March 4, 2007.

Be there!

WASHER SCHOLARSHIP ESTABLISHED

Dear Members and Friends,

The General Council of Mission Presbytery is asking for your help and support of a new scholarship program for kids attending PCUSA camps and conference centers, established in honor of Sylvia Washer on the occasion of her retirement.

The Council believes this is a special way of hon-

oring her long service as our Executive Presbyterian.

Based on standard investment return expectations for endowed programs, we should expect about 5 percent of fund assets to be available for scholarships each year.

At that spending level, the scholarship fund should also continue to grow through its investment re-

turns. So we honor Sylvia with a permanent gift that keeps on giving, benefiting our kids and our camps!

So please consider a gift of any amount.

Please make checks out to MSPC and marked for Sylvia Washer scholarship. For more information, please call the church office 226-6254.

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS AT MADISON SQUARE

3	Jeanne Carey	9	Mick McCorcle	19	Lesley Turner
4	Dede Winn	11	Elizabeth Turner	20	Norma Villarreal Tracy Byrd
6	Bill Walker	15	Roy Welch	25	Celeste Berban
		16	Edward Chen		
7	Kelly Galloway Bob Gates	17	Alison Davis	29	Brandon Daake Paul Hughes
8	Russ Livingston Brooks McCorcle	18	Gary Hiett	31	Lisa Huggins Kabir Master

Poinsettia Order Form

I/We would like to order _____ poinsettia(s) at **\$5.90** each.

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Ordered by _____

Telephone Number _____

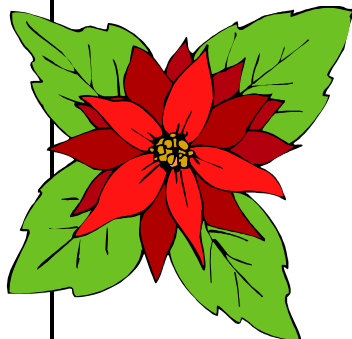
_____ I will pick up the poinsettia after the December 24th Christmas Eve Service.

_____ Please deliver the poinsettia to one of our shut-ins.

*Please turn in form and money to the church office.
(or place in the offering plate)
Checks payable to MSPC marked for Poinsettia.*

*The church is now
supplying babysitting
services for Wednesday
evening Bible study
sessions.*

*Call the church
office at 210-226-6254
for details.*



ODDS AND ENDS AT MADISON SQUARE

Attention all MSPC Book Club members: December's selection is "Gilead" by Marilynne Robinson. Carol Freer will be hosting on Dec. 1 at noon. (11357 Lago Vista, Helotes 78023; 695-9003

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Knitters wanted. Are you looking for another way to feed your knitting passion? Join us to knit

for charity. Our first project is knitting blankets for Catherine's Kids, children from troubled homes who Catherine Babbitt has worked with. Interested? Contact Deborah Rhine at drhine@trinity.edu or 826-6604 and leave a message.

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The Christian Assistance Ministry is again looking for items — espe-

cially this time of year. CAM, located at 110 McCullough, especially needs donations of toothpaste and toothbrushes; men's, women's or children's hygiene kits; or travel-sized bottles of shampoo, conditioner and soap.

Contact CAM at 223-4099 or at camministry@yahoo.com for more details.

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*Newsletter deadline
is the 15th of each month.*

Peace on Earth



Goodwill toward all people.

from Madison Square Presbyterian Church