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JANUARY 5

Koru: A Symbol of New Beginnings

Jane Dirks, CLL

Our Commissioned Lay Leader, Jane Dirks, continues to reflect upon her profound experience with the Maori people of New Zealand, as she helps us bring in the New Year. Jane will ask us to imagine what gifts we want to share with the congregation in the coming year.

JANUARY 8 7:30 PM

Communion Service

Reader: Jeanne Zang

Monthly Service for the strengthening of community.

JANUARY 12

Recalling Professional Ministry

Rev. Eugene Adams

We are delighted to have in our pulpit this Sunday, Rev. Eugene Adams, a retired UU minister from Medford, Massachusetts. Eugene is the father of Allegheny member, Peter Adams. Rev. Adams writes: "Unitarian Universalism can no longer rest on its impressive laurels. It is my personal conviction that our denomination needs a renaissance of spontaneity, laughter, and humanizing to meet the personal and collective demands of our everyday world. It suggests a church open to experimentation and the risk of error. I will share my errors and achievements during my years of ministry."

JANUARY 19

The Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Rev. Dr. Johnnie Monroe

As we celebrate the history of Dr. King's contributions to the role of religion in the struggle to attain social justice, we are honored to have Rev. Johnnie Monroe in our pulpit. Rev. Monroe is the pastor of Grace Memorial Presbyterian church in the Hill District, and President of Pittsburgh Interfaith Impact Network. Rev. Art McDonald will be in Johnnie's pulpit at Grace this morning.

JANUARY 26

Christianity & the Religion of Jesus: Are They the Same?

The Legacy of William Ellery Channing

Rev. Art McDonald

For many Unitarians in our UU movement (Unitarians and Universalists, two distinct denominations, merged in 1961), a key historical symbol in the nineteenth century is Ralph Waldo Emerson, a major theologian and literary figure in U.S. religious history. William Ellery Channing, though more significant in Unitarian roots, has not always enjoyed the same stature. At this moment in our UU history, Channing is making somewhat of a comeback, especially among those who feel close to the Christian tradition, i.e., the religion inspired by Jesus. Art will discuss this resurgence. As part of today's Service, there will be a simple sharing of communion – bread, wine, juice, which will be offered for those wishing to participate.

Sunday Services at
Allegheny Unitarian
Universalist Church
begin at 11 o'clock.
All are welcome!

All Are Needed

Most of us were saddened, and many of us were surprised, to learn of Art's decision to leave Pittsburgh – and, as a result, our congregation. Art will not be leaving until the end of the year (June 2003) so we have time to decide not only where to go from here, but how to move forward.

The process of re-evaluating who we are and where we want to go will begin at the mid-year 'town' meeting on January 26. Prior to learning of Art's resignation, the Board had decided to focus the mid-year meeting on looking at past long-range goals and our accomplishments or shortfalls, and then formulating goals for our future. Long range goals were written in 1993 and re-evaluated in 1998. So, as we greet 2003, it is both the right time chronologically and in terms of major impending change to assess ourselves.

Each committee has been asked to look at goals pertinent to them and to develop goals for this next phase of our congregational life. Each committee will also, I'm sure, be looking at what role it needs to play to fill part of the vacuum that will exist when Art, and Melanie, leave. The Board as a group will be asking ourselves these same questions.

As individuals invested in the continued success and strength of our community, we should each be asking ourselves what we can do to help. The contributions of each and every member are vital in these coming months as we deliberate on how to move forward. We will be learning from the District Consultant what our options are in terms of searching for a new minister. We will be discussing basic questions such as do we want a minister – how much minister, how much director of social advocacy? We need to share with each other our vision for Allegheny, our hopes, our dreams, and even our fears.

While Art's resignation is not something that most of us would have chosen to have happen, it is an opportunity for us. It is an opportunity to grow even more connected to others in the congregation; it is an opportunity to really understand what Allegheny means to us and to make a commitment to contribute to this community we cherish.

One of Art's gifts is the ability to draw out new members of the congregation and to enable people (like myself) to grow and to feel secure in making contributions and taking on responsibilities. As we enter this critical and exciting phase in the life of Allegheny UU Church, I would like to ask everyone – new and old members alike, active and inactive members, every Sunday folks or folks who don't come around as often as they used to – *Come now! Sit with us, be with us, share with us, shape with us. Be present with us in the coming months – each and every one of us is needed.*

The first step is the mid-year town meeting on January 26? Won't you join us?

IN THE CHURCH

Great Pie Sale!

2002 was the fourth delicious year for our Thanksgiving Yummy Pie Sale. We sold 238 pies and 10 cookie trays and raised approximately \$1285 for the church budget. 62 pies were donated to families and individuals in need. A big thanks to our on-site pie sellers – Kathy Kozachenko at Allegheny, Pete McQuillin at South Hills, Kate Tomlinson at North Hills, and Doris Tomlinson at First Unitarian. Kudos to John Engberg, Lynn Glorieux, Chris Hill and Sue Leubbert of North Hills, and Mark and Kate Tomlinson for buying or selling 10 or more pies! A special thanks to Haas Farm Bakery of Slippery Rock (support them during the summer at the Wilkesburg Farmers' Market), and also to Janice Parks to whom we owe our sweet potato pie recipe. Thank you to everyone who purchased or donated a pie this year!

Welcome New Member

Along with the five new members mentioned in our December *Allegheny Advocate*, we welcome Jackie Ellis as the newest member of Allegheny.

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Coffee House Features Jug Band

Thanks to Allegheny member Steve Hirtle, this month's Coffee House entertainment will feature Pittsburgh's premier jug band *The Monongahela Sheiks* aka Bill Weiner, Jack Stein, Steve Weber, Dave Ross, and Marc Reisman. Come and listen to the acoustic blues, ragtime, and popular American music from the Early 1920s, '30s, and '40s in our own renovated Founders Hall – a happening place to be! Coffee is free and homemade baked goods will be for sale. Admission is \$5.

Your Money or Your Life

Your Money or Your Life is a bargain for you as an individual, for what you value and for the earth!! It is based on a book by Vicki Robin and Joe Dominguez which shows how and why to focus on how much and which kinds of consumption are enough. It provides the basis for achieving FI – financial intelligence, financial integrity and financial independence – a form of financial freedom that suits your life and values. The program will be offered at Allegheny UU Church as a three-session study group. For the brave or desperate who are honest with themselves and willing to imagine their money relationship – and maybe even how they spend their life – transformed!

The facilitator is Nancy Meyer Fitzgerald, CLL from East Suburban UU Church. She has used FI to retire early and work for the things she most values. "It's been since Aug. 1995 when I started this program and I still find it changing my life and my paradigms about money and values – and I really like it. I'd like to share my experience with other UUs and their friends and neighbors."

The dates are January 15, 29 and February 5, from 7:30 until 9:00 pm at Allegheny. The book is titled, *Your Money or Your Life* by Joe Dominguez and Vicki Robin. There is also an optional resource, *Transforming Your Relationship with Money* by Joe Dominguez (four audio cassettes). Both book and tapes are available through the Carnegie Library system.

Guest At Your Table

If you haven't already, please turn in your *Guest at Your Table* collection box at church for the UU Service Committee.

Energizer Successful

Thanks to President Kathy Kozachenko, Kate Tomlinson, Martha and Walt Brethauer, and many other volunteers, we had a wonderful evening on December 7, honoring Minister Emeritus, Jesse Cavileer, and re-energizing our last year of the Capital Campaign. The food, the speeches, the magic show and tap dancing, etc. were greatly appreciated by the crowd of 40 or so.

Forum on the War with Iraq

Why not join us for a forum on the possibility of a U.S. attack on Iraq to be held on Friday, January 10, from 7–9 pm, at Allegheny. There will be a panel of speakers, including Rev. Tom Smith, Professor Jules Lobel, Molly Rush, and others.

Thanks From CNNC

Art received the following letter from Central Northside Neighborhood Council:

Thank you for hosting this year's Annual Central Northside Neighborhood Council Thanksgiving Dinner. We have received numerous positive comments about the location and the warm and welcoming environment of your church. In addition, we appreciated your thoughtful blessing. Hope to do it again next year.

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Join us for January's
Down Under
Coffee House
featuring the
Monongahela Sheiks
jug band

FROM THE COMMUNITY

Apples for Students

For several years, we at Allegheny have donated our Giant Eagle receipts on behalf of Manchester Elementary School. This year we can begin now and continue until March. Staff at both Manchester and Martin Luther King Elementary both have a code, but neither school is registered so far. MLK will contact Giant Eagle within a few days. Manchester Elementary may or may not register.

Here is the information: call 1-800-474-4777. Have your Advantage Card ready and enter the 12-digit number on the back under the bar code. Then you will be asked to enter the school code: MLK is 0655, Manchester is 0633. (You can enter up to five schools.) The sooner you register, the sooner your purchases will be recorded. If you have questions, contact Jeanne Zang.

Support the Beacon Press

Beacon Press, a UU publishing firm, is struggling financially. At our last General Assembly, the delegations unanimously approved a resolution to encourage UUs and others to buy books from Beacon Press. For a long time this press has published progressive literature. Please consider buying Beacon Press books for presents or for yourself. There is a Beacon Press catalogue downstairs on the bulletin board.

Bread for the World

On Saturday, January 25, from 9:30 am until 12:30 pm, there will be an Offering of Letters Workshop at Christ Episcopal Church, 5910 Babcock Blvd., North Hills. Call Marilyn Kreger at 724-452-7357 for details.

Anti-War Activity

There will be buses going from Pittsburgh to Washington, D.C., on Saturday, January 18, for a big East Coast rally against the war. Call the Thomas Merton Center for details, 412-361-3022. Then, on the weekend of January 24-26, there will be a regional convergence against the war here in Pittsburgh. The schedule of events is posted on the bulletin board downstairs, but includes: teach-ins, trainings, workshops, parades, legal action and civil disobedience. Stay tuned for more details.

OMD Winter Institute

Why not attend Winter Institute at Salt Fork State Park, February 14-17, to hike, swim, play, etc. Contact Dana or Linda, 216-397-0613 or dmbjork@aol.com.

PROGRAM NOTES

Celebrating Community

Much of our common life revolves around opening the sanctuary doors to all comers. We seek to step outside our private concerns to build relationships across social divisions. As individuals and a congregation we are changed by the relationships we keep. In our openness we thrive.

One of the ways our faith community has begun to honor and rededicate itself to this radical spirit of relationship building is to celebrate a Communion Service. For some who've participated in this quiet evening gathering, the Service's words of hope and peace deepen their experience of our Unitarian Universalist Judeo-Christian heritage. Yet there's more. The Service draws on the prophetic sense of justice that animates our understanding of who we are as an urban congregation. We seek to be an open community, so the open table at the heart of the religion of Jesus makes sense: The place where all may gather, regardless of their beliefs, to share bread and wine and be sustained in the long work of their hopes and longings.

In this way – an experience of community broadening our connections to each other and the larger world – our Communion Service at Allegheny is attached to the humanist tradition of our movement. The Communion Service is a celebration not in the name of a savior's life and work, but a celebration of the lives and work of all people as they set out to transform the world. It is a celebration of the radical potential of our communing.

We share bread and wine. We recognize the difficulty of the work that lies ahead. And we find joy and a healing spirit in each other's company. The Service is meditative and empowering. Why not consider being part of this midweek experience?

Join the Community
Celebration of
Communion at
7:30 pm on
January 8.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Several years ago I watched a television program about reducing our waste. A family of five was given permission to let their garbage pile up in their front yard for six weeks. The aim of the demonstration was to get our attention on just how much we really throw away. One week's worth of bags doesn't look so bad, but six week's worth gave the family (and me) a much better idea of just how much is being hauled away from our homes.

As 2002 comes to a close, we are all aware of *Reduce, Reuse, Recycle*. I'd like to focus this month's Green Perspective on suggestions to reduce that curbside pile.

Pittsburgh has a well established recycling program. Cans (steel, aluminum, and pressurized), glass bottles and jars, newspapers, and plastic bottles or jars marked with a 1 or 2 are now regularly picked up. I've found the following helpful:

- The local thrift shops are amazing. Instead of throwing them out, you can donate useable items such as clothes, shoes, coats, accessories, jewelry, watches, videos, cassettes, books, holiday decorations (any holiday), cameras, kitchen appliances, dishes, furniture, bicycles, toys, and some even take computer equipment. Donations are tax-deductible. Call ahead to verify. Some shops have trucks that will come right to your house for pick-up.
- Specialty Re-Sale Shops are still around. Books, CDs, exercise and sports equipment, furniture, and clothing can get you some extra cash.
- Compost kitchen waste. Vegetable and fruit peels, egg shells, tea bags, and coffee grounds can be composted in your back yard or by a welcoming neighbor who has a garden. Yard waste can also be added. When a large limb fell from our tree, I gave it to my nephew to dry and burn in his fireplace.
- My eye doctor collects used eye glasses, frames, lenses, and sun glasses for a charity.
- I've been saving used batteries for a Church member (Jeanne Zang) who takes them to Delaware for recycling.

- Magazines and catalogs go to a friend who lives in a municipality that recycles them.
- I save the white and yellow telephone books. When I hear of a community recycling drive, I choose the location closest to me or that I will be passing near.
- When gifts of toiletries (that I can't use) come my way, I pass them to a co-worker who volunteers at a womens' shelter. They need these items because some women leave their situation so fast, they have no toothbrush or shampoo.
- My local Giant Eagle supermarket has a recycling box for plastic grocery bags. The rules are posted on the box. They'll also take the bags I put fresh fruit and vegetables in and the newspaper delivery bags.

I've found it easier to get into the recycling habit with my own recycling center (ours is on the basement stairs landing). At-the-ready are blue bags and containers for recyclable items. I go through my things in the spring and in the fall, so I'm not overwhelmed by getting a too-large donation ready. There are excellent books available in the library on the specifics of recycling. Check them out – and, while you're there, ask for information about donating books to their shelves. You can donate to charities, fund raisers, or have a yard sale. Your curb, your back, your wallet, and your landfill will thank you.

Don't Throw Away Toxic Substances!

It is very important NOT to put hazardous materials out with your ordinary trash. Many of our technological gadgets contain toxic substances such as lead or are powered by nickel-cadmium rechargeable batteries. Compact fluorescent bulbs, while good for the environment, contain mercury. Fortunately, it is not hard to recycle these things.

Nickel-cadmium batteries Take them to any Radio Shack or Home Depot. See www.rbrc.org for a complete listing of all stores.

Mercury: call the DEP at 412 422-4000 and ask for Emergency Response.

Computers: Goodwill Industries: 800-664-6577, Salvation Army: 800-95TRUCK. Ask Jeanne Zang for more options.

Beth Halliday and
Richard Graham are
Co-chairs of
Allegheny's Green
Sanctuary Project

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SERVING THE CONGREGATION

Greeters

January 5

Jane Schwarz and Linda Deafenbaugh

January 12

Pete McQuillin and Peter Adams

January 19

Kim Brenneman and Martha Brethauer

January 26

Nikki Perfetti and Greg Dietz

Refreshments

January 5

Lynn Glorieux and Tammy Taucher

January 12

Jane Dirks and Julianne Vadnais

January 19

Deanna Nilsson and Pat Downey

January 26

Betty Schwarz and Rebecca Davis

The Challenge of Change

Cruising along at age 55, having lived in Pittsburgh for 20 years, and having served as Director of Social Advocacy and then Minister here at Allegheny for nearly 12, I had pretty much forgotten how difficult it can be to make significant change in one's life. The last time I remember feeling such profound upheaval was when, in 1982 in the South Bronx, I decided to leave Catholic ministry. I loved my work, the challenge of living in one of America's biggest ghettos, and the people whom I came in contact with. Sometimes I have thought, if the Catholic ministry had allowed married clergy, we would still be there plugging along right up the street from Yankee Stadium. And me a Red Sox fan! We were that engaged. It was such a great place to work. My Spanish had gotten pretty decent. But, such was not a possibility. So Melanie (who had been a member of the Sisters of Mercy for 23 years, all in New York) and I trekked off to parts unknown, passing through Washington, Atlanta, Nashville, Lansing, Michigan, and, finally, Pittsburgh, where we were intrigued enough to hang our hats for awhile! Like 21 years. Though it was painful to leave New York (I still relish thinking about those hot Summer evenings in the bleachers at Yankee stadium, debating with my Bronx friends about the Red Sox overcoming – some day – the curse of selling Babe Ruth), Pittsburgh became home for Melanie and me. Six months after arrival, we decided to marry. I got the best of that deal. We found great work and better friends. But nothing in Pittsburgh compares with our nearly 14-year run at Allegheny (we actually showed up in late 1989 – I started work in September of '91). It doesn't get much better. But the heart is unpredictable; sometimes overwhelming reason and logic. Who can fully explain it? For a number of reasons, we have decided to make a change.

As I mentioned in my letter of resignation, mailed to members of the congregation, part of me has never left New England, to which Melanie and I have often returned in our 20 years of connubial bliss. We have often wondered when, or if, we would ever go there to live.

Shortly after my father died, and after a 6-month research stay in Peru, Melanie and I tried it for some months. While there, Melanie's father died in New York, and we traveled back and forth to support both mothers. But the time wasn't right. Melanie's mother re-located to Georgia, and we returned to Pittsburgh in 1989. However, when my brother, Jerry, died, at 56, one-and-one-half years ago, the themes of place and family emerged once again. Melanie's family had all moved to Georgia. No one remains in her native New York but an aging uncle. Over the years, she, too, has developed a yearning for New England. Late this past Summer, shortly after returning from vacation, we decided to explore the possibilities. Quite unexpectedly, a ministerial opportunity in Essex, Massachusetts emerged in a small Universalist church, which, much like Allegheny 14 years ago, is currently struggling to survive. After meeting this group and attempting to discern what would be best for the present and future in our lives, we decided, with much angst, to trek out again on another adventure. As of now, our plan is to be in Pittsburgh until summer. My work begins in Massachusetts in September. Between now and then, we'll try to figure out work for Melanie, too.

It was a very difficult decision for us to leave the Bronx. The work was great; so were the friends. But we found Pittsburgh. What a gift. The current decision has been harder. In 20 years, we've dug deep roots. It hurts to pull them up. But it excites us to imagine sinking roots in New England and enjoying deeper relationships with siblings, in-laws, and 20 nieces and nephews. We hope to be helpful with the care of my 90-year-old mother, and my sister-in-law with Huntington's Disease. And we look forward to working with a group of energized Universalists who want to build a justice-oriented religious community, much like the one we have been privileged to be part of in Pittsburgh. We are proud, we are grateful, we are sad, we are blessed. For us, life continues to be an adventure, as Melanie so aptly puts it. What else can one hope for?

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We are very grateful for all of the love and support we have received over the 14 years, as well as in the last few weeks. We also know there are a mix of emotions and reactions: joy, excitement for us, sadness, pain, even anger. Whatever you are feeling, Melanie and I hope that we can continue to celebrate life and the wonderful community of Allegheny, even in the midst of change. We hope to have many conversations and sharings as we all plan the next stages of the journey.

Capital Campaign Energizer

As is mentioned in another part of the newsletter, the celebration to kick off the third, and final, year of the Capital Campaign, as well as the presentation of the *From the Heart Award* to Minister Emeritus, Jesse Cavileer, was a great success, thanks to the efforts of so many. But, let's not forget, that we still have a push to make up a sizeable distance between what we spent renovating Founders Hall, and what we have been able to raise. So we encourage all to consider contributing for the first time, or adding something to what you have pledged up until now. Melanie and I did make a three-year campaign pledge, which we recently completed. But after the recent event, we have decided to make one more this year to help the cause. If you are able, we encourage the same. Here's hoping for a great final year.

Pittsburgh Interfaith Impact Network

Our four Task Groups: Youth Recreation, Economic Equity, Civil Rights and Education are all working hard to narrow down a key issue to target. When we do that, we will have something to raise with public officials and/or corporate heads. What we come up with will then be the substance for our major Issues' Convention on Thursday, February 20, in the evening. Please get that date in your calendar. Core Team leaders, Greg Dietz, Jeanne Zang, Kathy Kozachenko and I are trying to commit Allegheny to 35 attendees at the event. Greg is also hoping to bring 20 students. Overall, we hope to produce over 1,000 people and have some significant commitments to announce. If anyone else would like to join one of the task forces, please talk with us.

Justice for Janitors

I was proud to be part of a victory rally with the Janitors for Justice campaign, orchestrated by the Service Employees Industrial Union and held on Friday, December 13, downtown. Janitors often work all night and make terrible wages with little benefits. This time, after months of campaigning and picketing, an agreement was reached which will pay janitors \$11.70 per hour with some benefits. It was a wonderful moment for the Union movement and for all those who supported the janitors. Barbara Barnes and I held up the UU presence.

Anti-War Rallies

January is a big month for anti-war activities. First of all, it is entirely possible that the Bush Administration will launch an attack in January. Meanwhile, we will continue to have a presence in front of the church every Saturday from noon until 1:00 pm with our placards for peace. Then, on January 18, there will be a major demonstration in Washington, D.C., and, on the weekend of January 24-26, there will be activities here in Pittsburgh, including marches, legal and civil disobedience actions. In our congregation, Andy Schwarz, Susan Hillman and I have signed pledges to consider civil disobedience actions if and when they are planned that weekend. Also, some 50 or so members/friends signed anti-war pledges and will hopefully participate in some way during that weekend. I was recently sent an excerpt on war from a speech delivered in 1933, by Major General Smedley Butler, USMC, which said the following:

War is just a racket. A racket is best described, I believe, as something that is not what it seems to the majority of people. Only a small inside group knows what it is about. It is conducted for the benefit of the very few at the expense of the masses. I believe in adequate defense at the coastline and nothing else. If a nation comes over here to fight, then we'll fight. The trouble with America is that when the dollar only earns 6 percent over here, then it gets restless and goes overseas to get 100 percent. Then the flag follows the dollar and the soldiers follow the flag. I wouldn't go to war again as I have done to protect some lousy investment of the bankers.

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See the articles
for details.

There are only two things we should fight for. One is the defense of our homes and the other is the Bill of Rights. War for any other reason is simply a racket. There isn't a trick in the racketeering bag that the military gang is blind to. It has its 'finger men' to point out enemies, its 'muscle men' to destroy enemies, its 'brain men' to plan war preparations, and a 'Big Boss' Super-Nationalistic-Capitalism. It may seem odd for me, a military man to adopt such a comparison. Truthfulness compels me to. I spent thirty-three years and four months in active military service as a member of this country's most agile military force, the Marine Corps. I served in all commissioned ranks from Second Lieutenant to Major-General. And during that period, I spent most of my time being a high-class muscle-man for Big Business, for Wall Street and for the Bankers. In short, I was a racketeer, a gangster for capitalism. I suspected I was part of a racket at the time. Now I am sure of it.

Like all the members of the military profession, I never had a thought of my own until I left the service. My mental faculties remained in suspended animation while I obeyed the orders of higher ups. This is typical with everyone in the military service. I helped make Mexico, especially Tampico, safe for American oil interests in 1914. I helped make Haiti and Cuba a decent place for the National City Bank boys to collect revenues in. I helped in the raping of half a dozen Central American republics for the benefit of Wall Street. The record of racketeering is long. I helped purify Nicaragua for the international banking house of Brown Brothers in 1909-12 (where have I heard that name before?). I brought light to the Dominican Republic for American sugar interests in 1916. In China I helped to see to it that Standard Oil went its way unmolested. During those years, I had, as the boys in the back room would say, a swell racket. Looking back on it, I feel that I could have given Al Capone a few hints. The best he could was to operate his racket in three districts. I operated on three continents..."

Thanks, again, to Reps. Bill Coyne and Mike Doyle for voting against the War resolution back in October. Why not give them a call.

HISTORICAL NOTES

During the holidays you may have experienced the sad juxtaposition of the message of peace with the current call to war. This experience is not new to our time, or to our congregation.

In 1927, First Church installed Rev. Frank Edwin Smith as their assistant minister. Rev. Smith was a former Lutheran minister who was taken on in preparation for Rev. Mason's planned retirement (Rev. Mason had played an important role in supporting Rev. Clayton and the founding of this Church).

When Rev. George R. Gebauer of our North Side Unitarian Church retired, and moved to Washington, D.C. in 1928, Rev. Smith took on the duties of minister at this Church "with a sense of deep obligation." He began work in September with a series of sermons on the various aspects of 'church.'

The holiday message that he published in the Church bulletin at the end of the year dealt with this issue of war and peace. He wrote, "Once more we are approaching the festal Christmas season. From thousands of Christian pulpits and from many times more throats will come the gladsome words, 'On earth peace, good will toward men.' ... Even while the hosannas are being sung, many church-going people who claim to be imbued with the temper of the Sermon on the Mount are urging increased armaments in many countries. We have not yet arrived at that Christianity which would make possible the practical application of the principle Jesus laid down. There are many church-goers who claim the application of the Christian ideal is the only way to lead us to 'Peace on earth,' and yet never seek the judgment or advice of the

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January 2003

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			1 New Year's Day	2	3	4 Anti-War rally at church — Noon
5 Choir 9:30 a.m. Giant Eagle certificate sign-up	6 Board of Trustees 7:00 p.m. NA 7:00 p.m.	7 Program Committee 7:30 p.m.	8 Communion Service 7:30 p.m. b	9 PIIN Monthly Meeting 7:00 p.m. Wesley Center AME Zion	10 The Friday Night Forum 7:00 p.m.	11 Anti-War rally at church — Noon
12 Choir 9:30 a.m. Finance 9:30 a.m. Giant Eagle certificate delivery	13 Women's Group NA 7:00 p.m.	14 RE Committee 7:30 House Comm. 6:30 p.m.	15 Seminar: <i>Your Money or Your Life</i> 7:30 p.m.	16 Pleasant Valley Shelter Meal	17 Newsletter Deadline!!	18 Anti-War activities, see newsletter articles <i>The Down Under</i> Coffee House 7:30 p.m.
19 Choir 9:30 a.m.	20 Martin Luther King Day NA 7:00 p.m.	21	22	23	24	25 Anti-War rally at church — Noon
26 Choir 9:30 a.m. Mid-Year Congregational Town Meeting 12:30 p.m.	27 NA 7:00 p.m.	28	29 Seminar: <i>Your Money or Your Life</i> 7:30 p.m.	30	31	

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						1 Anti-War rally at church — Noon Chinese New Year
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9 Choir 9:30 a.m. Finance 9:30 a.m. G.E. cert. delivery New member orientation 12:30	10 Women's Group NA 7:00 p.m.	11 RE Committee 7:30 House Comm. 6:30 p.m.	12 Communion Service 7:30 p.m. b	13	14 Newsletter Deadline!! St. Valentine's Day	15 Anti-War rally at church — Noon The <i>Down Under</i> Coffee House 7:30 p.m.