

# The Beacon

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9:45a.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL

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December

O come, O come, Thou wisdom from above:  
The universe sustaining with thy love.

May this holiday season reveal the presence of  
wisdom and love in all our lives.

*Kathy \* Louise \* Jackie \* Jon \* Rod*



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## *CONGREGATION AT THE CROSSROADS*

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With a smaller congregation and a tighter budget than ever before, the Church Board has recognized that our congregation is at a crossroads where we are challenged to think creatively and courageously about how we can continue to be a vital community. The Board is developing presentations of potential new directions for our church, and wants to use these presentations to engage the congregation in conversation about our options. To that end, the Board invites everyone to attend a **special informational congregational meeting set for Thursday, January 14**, in the West Parlor (or chapel, depending on the turnout). Ideas and responses to Board presentations will be gathered for use in preparing next year's budget, to be voted on at the Annual Meeting scheduled for January 31.

As a sample of the new directions the Board is considering, Property Committee chair Ken Klatt developed the following proposal for radically changing the way we use our building:

Dear Church Board Members,

This next week we are going to have to start wrestling with the budget for 2010, and of course we will soon find that we have not pledged nearly enough cash to cover our desired expenses. I am going to only address one aspect of our expenditures, our budget for natural gas. In 2009 we budgeted \$18,000 for gas. This is a very substantial expense item, larger than Louise Gemmell's salary, larger than our costs for health care insurance, just as large as our benevolence budget. So what could we do to reduce our natural gas use and thus the bucks we spend for this commodity? First a short lesson about our heating system.

1. In the basement of the CE building is a gas-powered boiler that generates steam for both the church structure and the CE building.
2. The steam comes out of the boiler in one big pipe which then splits into two branches, one branch carries steam over to the church structure, the other branch carries steam to the radiators in the CE bldg.
3. The branch that comes into the church further branches; the first sub-branch carries steam into the heat exchanger that heats hot water for the radiators in the sanctuary, rooms behind the sanctuary, and some radiators in the art space in the basement. The second sub-branch in the church carries steam directly to radiators in the front part of the church structure, the offices, the west parlor, the chapel, and some of the radiators in the art space in the basement.
4. Most of the radiators in both buildings that are powered by direct steam can be controlled [opened and closed]. Also we can control the amount of steam going into the heat exchanger that powers the hot water radiators, by a thermostat located in the sanctuary. Or, we can shut down the heat exchanger completely and let the sanctuary and the rest of these areas cool to ambient outside temperature.

This past year we tried to control costs by keeping the sanctuary at 55 degrees while we had services in the chapel. We kept the sanctuary at 55 degrees to preserve parts of the organ. Now the first question is -- can we afford to heat a huge space that we may only use for the Sundays in 6 months a year for the sake of a wonderful sound in our organ? The second question is -- can we afford to heat two buildings for the entire heating season?

I know it is not fair to do this during the current heating season -- but is it feasible to shut off the heat to the church structure and try to move all activities to the CE Building?? If we chose to do this there would have to be some one-time capital expenditures -- money from the endowment. We would need computer lines into the CE bldg. and we would need a modern phone system in the CE bldg. We would need a steam shut off valve system to keep the steam in the CE bldg. And, most important, we need to install insulation under the roof in the CE building. The CE bldg. was built in the 1950's when heat from Denison University was free to the church -- so there is no insulation under the roof or in any of the walls.

As I said before, this drastic step cannot be done this winter -- because we have to worry about capital changes and we need to worry about the Whatever Works Art Space operation.

So I leave you with a wish that we can all come to a quasi consensus about this problem.

See you soon -- Peace, Ken Klatt



MSAC needs green bean casseroles, potato dishes, pies, gloves, mittens, hats, and scarves for the Lunches on the Square event on December 27th. We're partnering with Trinity Episcopal on East Main Street to put on a holiday meal for the people who come for our lunches. Everyone is invited to come work and share the meal with our guests. Send an email to Lyn Robertson (robertson@denison.edu) to tell her what you will contribute and if you'd like to attend, or sign up on the list in the chapel kitchen. Many thanks to all who have been contributing to this program and welcome to all who would like to join in!

December is "personal items" month in our collection for the **FOOD PANTRY**. Just bring in your items and/or checks made out to FBC (write 'Food Pantry' on the memo line) and put them in the basket at the back of the sanctuary. Thanks everyone!

**THE COALITION OF CARE** wishes to thank all those who promoted the Gospel Choir Concert, bought tickets, attended the event, and made generous donations. The concert was a huge success and raised over \$16,800 after expenses. These funds will bring relief and hope to many in desperate need this winter. It would not have been possible without your loving hearts and generous support and the Coalition is enormously grateful.

**CONSULTANTS UPDATE**

Two of the three meetings with our church consultants, Rev. Eric Williams and Leslie Kern, have been occasions for honest, sometimes painful, and potentially healing conversations. A third meeting will be scheduled in January where those members who have not yet attended a meeting, or who would like to participate in an additional meeting, can attend. Following the third meeting, Eric and Leslie will make a proposal for specific work we might do as a congregation to further reconcile and move into the future with energy and hope.

**IN APPRECIATION TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS** who helped make our church's part of the Granville Candlelight Walk a big success, both financially and in terms of offering hospitality to the community. The Feminist Class raised \$1,339 and the Whatever Works Art Space raised \$1,546.00. A significant portion of these proceeds will go to missions.



**A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER**

Finances for First Baptist Church are as follows for the end November 2009.  
 Income = \$13,546 Expenses = \$15,245 therefore for the end of November 2009 expenses exceeded income by \$1,698. Year to date our deficit is \$5,556.  
**SPECIAL NOTE:** Louise issues checks every other Friday, so plan ahead for any reimbursements.



We are continuing to receive pledges in the offering plate, through the mail and drop-offs at the office. To date, 43 pledges totaling \$ 94,422.00 were received. Thanks to everyone that has pledged your financial support for 2010.

Our pledge goal is \$ 170,000. We invite everyone to formalize their commitment to First Baptist with a pledge for 2010. We need an additional \$ 75,578.00 to meet our stated ministry needs. If you have not already done so, or have the means to increase your pledge please complete a pledge card available in the church office, back of the sanctuary or print the attached card and mail to the church office.

**PLEDGE CARD**

I/we affirm my/our faith in the ministries of First Baptist Church of Granville with a pledge of support and are proud to be part of the First Baptist family.

2010 Pledge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

to be given \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per week / month / year  
 (circle)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_ I/We tithe

**An address to add to your Christmas Card list this year:**

A Recovering American Soldier  
 c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center  
 6900 Georgia Avenue NW  
 Washington, D.C. 20307



December 24, 2009  
A Service of Lessons & Carols  
7:30pm

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Sun., Dec. 20 Children & Youth Christmas Service
- Sun., Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Service, 7:30pm
- Sun., Dec. 27 Lunches on the Square holiday dinner
- Mon., Jan. 4 All staff and committee annual reports due
- Sun., Jan. 10 Birthday Party!
- Sun., Jan. 24 Lunches on the Square, after the meeting
- Sun., Jan 31 **Annual meeting, after worship**



Children's Christmas Programs

**OUR WORSHIP SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>, WILL FEATURE OUR CHILDREN, OUR YOUTH AND CE ASSISTANT, JON**

**WHITE**, with lessons, special music, testimonies, and a Ken Klatt theatrical debut! Following the service, you're invited to bring your favorite holiday treat to share in coffee hour. Treats that have been family traditions are especially welcome.

**WE HAVE LAUNCHED THE FARM & CRAFT MARKET!** It is each Saturday morning from 10-noon in the Education Building. Please come shop and encourage your friends. Thanks to all who have helped and will be helping. (To volunteer contact Tom Burkett at 587-2128.) Check out the website at [www.granvillefarmandcraft.org](http://www.granvillefarmandcraft.org).

**OUR CONSENSUS PROCESS CONTINUES!**

*There is still time to vote!*

We are grateful to everyone for participating in the consensus process concerning the name of the church. We've read the emails, enjoyed the meetings at church, and heard about interesting conversations. Our congregation is making great progress in talking with one another about this matter. Whatever your opinion, we thank you for supporting the process!

**Here's what's next:**

We encourage everyone to continue sending emails expressing their ideas and thoughts about the name of the church. This can continue from now through December.

Between December 1 and 31, we invite everyone to "weigh in" with an opinion. Specify opinion 1, 2, 3, or 4, add your name and send by mail or e-mail ([info@firstbaptistgranville.org](mailto:info@firstbaptistgranville.org)) to the church office. This way we can be sure that everyone has the same chance to be counted in this "straw poll."

**Please choose the position that is closest to the way you feel:**

1. I am in favor of changing the legal name of our church to United Church of Granville (or Granville United Church) with a subtitle to show our affiliation.
2. I am not presently in favor of changing the legal name of our church. Could we discuss this again in a few months?
3. I do not ever want to change the legal name of the church.
4. I really do not care and will go along with the majority on this matter.

Thank you for your continued participation.  
Peace, Cheryl McFarren and Lyn Robertson

*Join in the PEACE VIGILS at Opera House Park  
each Saturday, from 9:00AM to 10:00am  
and each Tuesday from 5:00to 6:00pm*

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