



# Brookline Community Church

## NEWSLETTER



January/February 2012

### Message from the Minister

*“Love from the center of who you are; don’t fake it. Run for dear life from evil; hold on for dear life to good. Be good friends who love deeply; practice playing second fiddle. Don’t burn out; keep yourselves fueled and aflame. Be alert servants, cheerfully expectant. Don’t quit in hard times; pray all the harder. Help needy Christians; be inventive in hospitality.” (Romans 12:9-13) The Message*

A big thank you hug to each of you for the individual Christmas gifts, they were much enjoyed and appreciated. The Christmas gift from the congregation through the Deacons was another special gift. Thank you for being such a blessing to my family and I.

Amazing how times flies by, we were just celebrating Thanksgiving, then Christmas. The busyness of Advent season sometimes takes the meaning of Christmas out of everything. We look forward to the end of the hustle and bustle of Christmas because it seems to drain us. Then January shows up and we hope we can just go back to life as normal. But the real question is what is that “normal?” Normal is different for each of us. Yet, Paul reminds us in Romans 12:16; “Be of the same mind toward one another, do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation.” (New American Standard Bible).

We as the people of God are to work toward being of the same mind toward each other. We are to be ambassadors of Christ toward each other within the Body of Christ we belong to. As well as to all other humans, whether they have accepted the gift of salvation or not through Jesus Christ.

We have a great opportunity to practice loving one another as we continue to practice loving others. Our opportunities are in every activity that we as a church will be involved with such as the Chocolate Buffet coming up February 11<sup>th</sup>. I encourage you to invite your neighbors, co workers and friends to come and enjoy the food and a fun time with one another.

When people see how much we enjoy one another’s company they will be willing to join us.

Your time line will be up soon in the sanctuary, provided by your transition team. The history of the church and all the memories you all have will demonstrate the impact Christ has had in the community of Brookline through your Church. There will also be an opportunity to share your memories in small groups in homes as well as at the church.

The excitement at the annual meeting was pleasant to see. Now let’s keep the excitement growing and engage in the love of Christ toward our community, Brookline, and the world around us. God has so much He desires to do through Brookline Community Church in spreading His Good News. Let’s commit to being of the same mind as Christ and share the love of Jesus in all we do together and with others. So we will make a difference for Christ in all we do.

Share the love of Christ,  
Pastor Renee



## Calendar of Events

### FEBRUARY

- 5 Christian Educ. Meeting**  
8:30 a.m.  
**Communion Service**  
10:00 a.m.  
**No Youth Group Meeting** (Super Bowl!)
- 11 Valentine's Chocolate Buffet**  
1:30 & 3:00 Seatings  
Fellowship Hall
- 12 Cabinet Meeting**  
8:30 a.m.  
**Worship Service**  
10:00 a.m.  
**Youth Group Meeting**  
6:00-7:30 p.m.
- 18 Venture Crew 260 Breakfast**  
7:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  
Fellowship Hall
- 19 Deacons Meeting**  
8:30 a.m.  
**Worship Service**  
10:00 a.m.  
**Music Sunday/Bell Choir practice**  
During Sunday School  
**Youth Group Meeting**  
6:00-7:30 p.m.
- 22 Ash Wednesday Service**  
7:30 p.m.
- 26 Worship Service**  
10:00 a.m.  
**Trustees Meeting**  
11:15 a.m.  
**Youth Group Meeting**  
6:00-7:30 p.m.



### MARCH

- 4 Christian Educ. Meeting**  
8:30 a.m.  
**Communion Service**  
10:00 a.m.  
**Youth Group Meeting**  
6:00-7:30 p.m.
- 11 Cabinet Meeting**  
8:30 a.m.  
**Worship Service**  
10:00 a.m.  
**Youth Group Meeting**  
6:00-7:30 p.m.
- 17 Senior Luncheon**  
11:30 a.m.  
Fellowship Hall
- 18 Deacons Meeting**  
8:30 a.m.  
**Worship Service**  
10:00 a.m.  
**Music Sunday/Bell Choir practice**  
During Sunday School  
**Youth Group Meeting**  
6:00-7:30 p.m.
- 24 Venture Crew 260 Breakfast**  
7:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  
Fellowship Hall
- 25 Worship Service**  
10:00 a.m.  
**Trustees Meeting**  
11:15 a.m.  
**Youth Group Meeting**  
6:00-7:30 p.m.



### *Valentine's Chocolate Buffet*

The Deacons will be holding their second annual all-you-can-enjoy Valentine's Chocolate Buffet next Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. The buffet will feature a variety of delicious homemade chocolate desserts, including Flourless Chocolate Cake, Chocolate Mousse, white chocolate chip cookies, s'mores brownies and more. The buffet will include coffee, hot chocolate, chocolate milk and water, as well as a selection of fine chocolate teas from The Cozy Tea Cart.

There will be two one-hour sittings at 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$7 for adults & children, \$5 for Senior Citizens. Space is limited, so call or email today to reserve your place. Call Carol at 672-8960 or email: [chocolatebuffet@gmail.com](mailto:chocolatebuffet@gmail.com). We will also be selling raffle tickets—the prizes are a dozen roses, a box of chocolates, and a gift certificate to a local restaurant. Tickets are 1/\$1 or 6/\$5. See any Deacon to get your tickets today.

All proceeds from this event will benefit the Deacons' PIN Fund (Person's In Need). The PIN fund provides emergency financial assistance for basic needs to people in Brookline and the surrounding communities.

*We are still in need of people to help with this fundraiser... please sign up to help out at the chocolate buffet or to bake your favorite chocolate recipe! Thank you.*



### **All Children.....**

Each Sunday we will have some more fun with stories, crafts, games and we may even learn something.

Come join us.....We would love to see you.

### **Christmas Celebration:**

All children did a wonderful job. I hope that everyone had a good time.



**Handbell  
Choir**

### **Bell Choir has moved:**

Our children from Pre-K to 10<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to join the bell choir. All interested children will meet each Music Sunday during Sunday School. The children will play on various Sundays and special occasions.

### **Music Sundays are:**

February 19

March 18

April 22

May 13

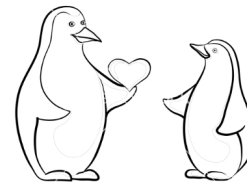
### **Teaching Sunday School**

One Open Position: Pre-K and K

Our hope is that our interest in the love of our Lord will be shared with our children. To do this we need our congregation to help with our Sunday School.

Our Sunday School Superintendent will provide all the materials required. Teachers will bring with them their love of Jesus Christ and teach with the help of the Holy Spirit. May you pray and find direction into our Sunday School.

If you would like more information, please contact Sheryl Ellis at: [ellisjs1@charter.net](mailto:ellisjs1@charter.net) or call 603-595-0541.



## Board of Outreach

### **Heifer Project**

In January we wrapped up our very successful yearlong project to raise \$5000 for Heifer. We are sending our donation to purchase an "Ark" of a variety of animals (two by two) to families living in severe poverty. The intention is to ensure that the gift of each animal will eventually help an entire community become self-sustaining. The animals provide for immediate needs, such as eggs and milk, muscle power or transportation. Recipients may also sell excess at market. Participating families are required to "Pass on the Gift" by giving at least one female offspring to a neighbor who has undergone Heifers training. And the cycle continues.

We are very proud and grateful for the generosity of the congregation and the Sunday School in helping us reach this ambitious goal.

## Stewardship

Many thanks to all who submitted a pledge to the Brookline Community Church for 2012.

## Annual Meeting

Thank you to all who attended the Annual Meeting on January 29<sup>th</sup>, and thank you to the Youth Group for providing a delicious luncheon again this year.

If you were unable to attend the meeting, take a look at the church website to see the updated list of church officers and committee members:

[www.bccnh.org/Committeemembers.html](http://www.bccnh.org/Committeemembers.html).

*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.  
~Philippians 4:13*