

January - February Newsletter for Deansboro United Church of Christ

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	Greeters	Flowers
January	Noreen Machold	Noreen Machold
February	Alice and Stephanie Yoxall	Mary Lou Rosecrants
March	Sarah Cotter	Joyce Ingraham

*** The best thing about hugs is that every time you give one, you get one in return***

Thank you to all who helped, furnished or bought at the Womens Fellowship Holiday Cookie Sale, Luncheon & Mini Bazaar on Dec.12 as we earned \$ 1012.31. During the month of January, I will give to the church our pledge of \$1000. from the Womens Fellowship. Our next meeting will be Feb. 2 at 7 pm.

Our Christmas Eve program at 6 pm was well attended and with Rev. Ed's expertise was different than our usual service and was enjoyed by all. The altar was impressive with the many poinsettias of red, white & pink.

With the blizzard conditions very few people attended church on Jan. 3 and many more were present for communion on Jan.10. Next communion will be on Feb.14

During November the Food Pantry had 23 clients including 74 individuals who were given food. There were 45 Thanksgiving baskets given out Nov.21. The Pantry provided food for the 45 families of 130 people that the Waterville Community Program provided with clothing and gifts at Christmas time.

The Annual Clothing Give-Away in St. Bernard's basement will be on Feb. 5 & 6 from 10 am to 1 pm. This effort is coordinated by the Pantry and the local Senior Citizens group. Articles will be accepted and sorted Feb.1 to 4 from 9am to noon.

The end of year report filed by treasurer, Ed Bishopp, showed an income of \$34,408.79 and expenses of \$31,070.64; we are in the black for now.

A mission of the Oneida Association is to help our congregations come together for fellowship and service while doing something good for others and they want to raise \$3100. to help Church World Service place a well in Kenya. More information will be available on International Water Day March 22. It will also be discussed during the Oneida Spring Meeting April 25. We need to lift up the concern, raise awareness and inspire individuals and churches to find ways to conserve, renew and share clean water- a limited natural resource. We need to provide a means by which our churches can actually help our sisters/brothers in another part of the globe with a natural resource that we have in abundance. We want to join with Three Steeples and Trinity UCC[Rome] to share in a fundraiser to donate \$\$ to this mission. Our Lay preacher, Myrt, [from Trinity] is coordinating this effort and will set up dates when we can meet for further plans. The fund raiser event will be at our church sometime this spring. More details in my next news letter.

God Bless my church family, Edie