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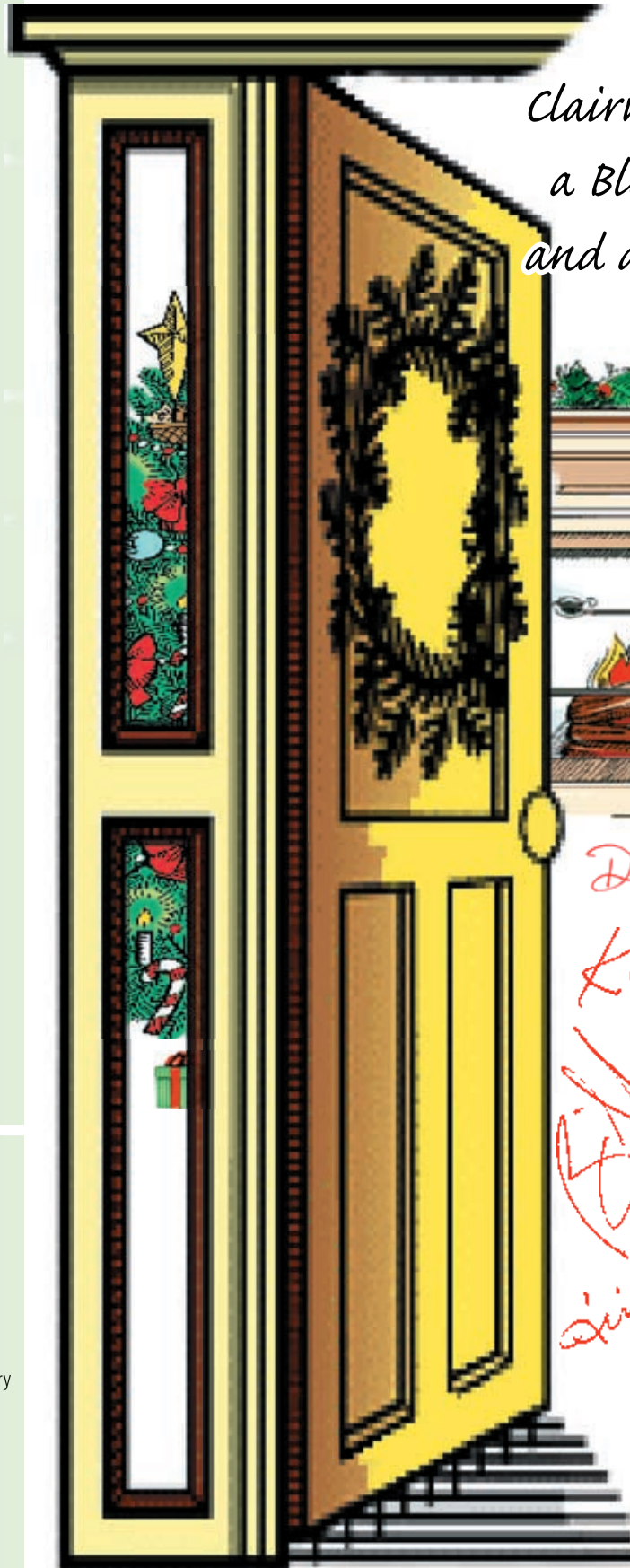
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THE Clairmont

CLAIRMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The staff of
Clairmont wishes you
a Blessed Christmas
and a Happy, Healthy
New Year



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Agatha
Allison

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December 21, 2008 - 4th Sunday of Advent
11:00am Combined Worship Service
in the Sanctuary.

Choir Christmas Cantata "Gloria Deo"
 WORSHIP SERIES: MAKING ROOM . . ."
 "Making Room . . . to Celebrate"
Luke 1:39-45
 Dr. Tom Pipkin

Wednesday, December 24
Christmas Eve Worship Services
 "Making Room . . . to Worship"
Luke 2:8-20
 Dr. Tom Pipkin

- **5:00 p.m. - Candlelight Service with Children's Nativity.**
 Music led by piano and organ.
 Special music by Tim Lloyd.
- **7:30 p.m. - Candlelight Service with Lessons and Carols and Communion.** Music led by the Chancel Choir, brass and percussion ensemble, and organ.

December 28, 2008
8:30am First Light Worship Service
in Milligan Hall.
11:00am Worship Service
in the Sanctuary.

WORSHIP SERIES: MAKING ROOM . . ."
 "Making Room . . . to Listen"
Matthew 2:1-12
 Rev. Megan Johnson

January 11, 2009
"LAST CALL" - 7:00pm
in the Sanctuary
(each Sunday beginning January 11)
 Rev. Bobby Hulme-Lippert

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE



There will be no Wednesday Night Alive on December 24 and 31.

Regular dinner and programming for children and adults will resume on January 7, 2009.

Please direct questions to Rev. Bobby Hulme-Lippert at (404)634-3355 or bobby.lippert@clairmontpres.org.

FYI



The Sunday Bread Visiting Team for Sunday, December 21 is Shelby Davis and George Castleberry. The bread baker is Linda Massey.
The Sunday Bread Visiting Team for Sunday, December 28 is Bob and Carol Siegmann. The bread baker is Ann Costa.

Please be good stewards of the church's postage and retrieve your **2009 Offering Envelopes** in the hallway by the church offices. Please use the new envelopes after the first of the year.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



You are cordially invited to the Presbyterian Women's January Luncheon with Jody McGill, Missionary in Malawi and Anna Baksheeva, violinist at Petite Auberge Tuesday January 6, 2009 12:00 noon

Cost is \$15, includes tip and tax

Please call the church at (404)634-3355 by Tuesday, December 30



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MORE CHRISTMAS AT CLAIMONT ACTIVITIES

We need Christmas Baskets for needy families in the Atlanta area chosen by Darrell Jones. Please fill a box with the following items and bring the to Clairmont by **December 23rd**:

Christmas Food Baskets



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|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| bacon | milk (1 gal) |
| sausages | regular soft drink |
| sausage patties | orange juice |
| hot wings | apple pie |
| hamburger meat | candy |
| sweet cereal | pancake mix |
| (2 boxes) | peanuts |
| eggs | peanut butter |
| potato chips | jelly |
| cookies | popcorn |
| pinto beans (1 bag) | |
| kidney beans (1 bag) | <i>Please No
Diet Food</i> |

Angel Tree - Pick an 'angel' (child's name) from the Angel Tree in the foyer of the Education Building.

Wrap and secure a label to the gift(s) (you may give one or more of the suggested gifts listed on the back of the "angel") and bring it/them to the reception desk in the Education Building anytime before **December 21st**. The angels on the tree are members of families chosen by Darrell Jones and who will also be receiving Christmas Food Baskets



No First Light Service.

Choir Christmas Cantata "Gloria Deo"

*Sunday, December 21, 2008
During 11:00am Worship*

This special combined worship service will feature music of praise by the First Light Band and also a Christmas cantata by our Chancel Choir.

The choir, soloists, orchestra, and congregation will join to present "Gloria Deo" by Benjamin Harlan, a heartfelt offering of beloved carols of the season.

Reception to follow in Milligan Hall.

Christmas International House Dinner • Dinner Guests Coming on December 23

We've got 40 dinner guests coming to Milligan Hall on **December 23**. They are college students coming from all over the U.S. - from the University of Montana, Kansas State University, Jacksonville State University, Coe College, Illinois Wesleyan University, and many more. Our guests range in age from 18 - 30 and are studying in areas such as accounting, fashion merchandising, math, psychology, business and biology. All are coming to Atlanta to join in a program called Christmas International House, sponsored by the Atlanta Ministry for International Students.

Please join us at **6:00pm on Tuesday, December 23** to welcome these students to Clairmont Presbyterian. We will have a great dinner but we need you to bring a little something, too. Please come and bring a side dish - vegetable, potato, pasta or a dessert. We will provide a meat dish, salad, rolls and beverages.

You will have a great time meeting these young people and hearing about their student life in Montana, Kansas, Iowa, Illinois and - did you know - all of these students are international, so they will also have much to share about their home countries, too - Japan, China, S. Korea, Taiwan, Vietnam, and Oman.

Please call the church office to make a reservation. If you would like to help host the evening, please call Karen Turney, 404-370-8984 or e-mail kturney55@hotmail.com.

PRESBYTERIAN RALLY DAY AT THE CAPITOL

Thursday, February 12, 2009

9:00am – 2:00pm

Central Presbyterian Church

What are the biblical and theological foundations of our call to public policy advocacy as Presbyterians? How will our country's current economic troubles impact the state budget and the funding of critical services for the most vulnerable among us? Join the Public Policy Advocacy Committee of the Greater Atlanta Presbytery to learn about Presbyterian concerns and how you can be an effective advocate in our State.

9:00am - Registration

9:15am - "Why Presbyterians are called to Public Advocacy"

10:00am - Small Group Sessions & Advocacy Strategies:

- Fair Wage
- Juvenile Justice Code Reform
- The Economy and the State Budget

12:00pm - Singing at the Capitol

Individual meetings with State Legislators

12:30pm - Lunch and Keynote Presentation - "The Budget as a Moral Document"

Recognition of Presbyterian Citizen of the Year 2009

For PCUSA statements about economic/budget issues, go to <http://www.pcusa.org/acswp/> and click on Social Witness Policy Compilation. For the Federal Budget Primer for Presbyterians, go to <http://www.pcusa.org/washington/resources>. Since parking is limited, please e-mail Karen Turney at kturney55@hotmail.com if you are interested in carpooling.

To register, please fill out and send this form to Gay Alston, along with a check for \$10 payable to the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta at 1024 Ponce de Leon Ave., NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30306. Your envelope with registration form and check **MUST** be postmarked no later than January 29. Questions? Contact the Rev. Caroline M. Kelly at 404-601-3134 or ckelly@cpcatlanta.org.

Name: _____

Street/City/Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone number: (____) _____

Check all that are applicable:

for purposes of communicating with you about Rally Day

to receive legislative reports during the legislative session

(if you are already in our database, check this space to continue receiving them)

Church: _____

Lunch - please check one of the following:

sandwich vegetarian

CONTRIBUTIONS TO CLAIRMONT

Special Charitable Contributions for Certain IRA Owners

An IRA owner, age 70 ½ or over, can directly transfer tax-free up to \$100,000 per year to an eligible charitable organization. This option, created in 2006 and recently extended through 2009, is available to eligible IRA owners, regardless of whether they itemize their deductions. Distributions from employer-sponsored retirement plans, including SIMPLE IRAs and simplified employee pension (SEP) plans, are not eligible. To qualify, the funds must be contributed directly by the IRA trustee to the eligible charity.

Amounts so transferred are not taxable and no deduction is available for the amount given to the charity.

Transferred amounts are counted in determining whether you have met the IRA's required minimum distribution rules. See Publication 590, Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs), for more information on qualified charitable distributions.

SOURCE: IRS NEWSWIRE, DECEMBER 9, 2008

Guidelines for Monetary Donations

Your gifts to the church are tax deductible if you itemize your deductions. In order to be deductible when filing your 2008 tax return, we must have your contribution in hand by December 31, or if mailed it must be postmarked by that date.

The church office will be open on December 31 this year.

AROUND TOWN

Alzheimer's & Dementia Family Support Group meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 4:00pm.

The purpose of our support group is to provide opportunities for family members, friends, caregivers, and others to meet regularly for mutual emotional support and to exchange life experiences with one another in matters relating to Alzheimer's disease and dementia. The Court at Decatur, 475 Irvin Court, Decatur, GA. For directions and more information call (404)299-6600.

You are cordially invited to an OPEN HOUSE, hosted by Jerry Fulton on Sunday afternoon, January 11 from 2:00-5:00pm – A housewarming and "lighting of the fireplace!" Everyone is invited! Address: 1102 North Jamestown Road, Apt. B (Williamsburg Apartments).



CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Brian and Jennifer Powers on the birth of their son, Dylan Charles Powers, on Thursday, December 4, 2008. The proud grandparents are Chuck and Barbara Powers.

Congratulations to Danielle Wilson, Clairmont's Administrative Assistant, on the birth of her baby girl Sanaa Sabrina-Marie Williams on Tuesday, December 9, 2008.



Congratulations to Janet Kennedy for being "Teacher of the Year" at Kittredge Magnet School.

MISSION

Sixty five guests were served on Sunday, December 14 at the **Druid Hills Community Fellowship**. Colder temperatures are making life more difficult for the homeless and they appreciated the hearty meal prepared and served by *Kristy and Sue Oltman, Karen Turney, Suzanne and Doug McNabb, Caroline Surez, and Andrea and Ray Davis.*

Teresa's Homeless Ministry is in need of canned vegetables, blankets, and old toys. Please place your donations in the marked box under the mailboxes in the Education Building.

SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP

The Senior Adult Fellowship invites you to the First Gathering in 2009 with

ERIC JOHNSON

(our own Rev. Megan Johnson's husband)

Monday, January 12, 2009
11:00 am
in Milligan Hall

Lunch will be Soup and Sandwiches from the Oakgrove Market.

Reservations are required no later than noon on Friday, January 9th.

Please call the church office at (404)634-3355.

You do not have to eat lunch to enjoy the program.

HUSBANDS

Attention Husbands – Rev. Hulme-Lippert has a New Year's resolution for you. Beginning Sunday, January 4, he is daring you to do a 40-day challenge with him – **The Love Dare**. The Love Dare, as featured in the new movie *Fireproof*, offers daily challenges to men at every stage of marriage. In a world that attacks, devalues, and redefines relationships every day, learn how to rescue and protect your marriage from the firestorm. Take The Love Dare and fireproof your relationship. For more information on the book see <http://thelovedarebook.com>.

For the month of January, there will be a weekly Friday morning men's breakfast at a local eatery (yet to be determined) at 6:30am for men doing The Love Dare. Bob Miller will be leading it. Contact him with questions at rgmiller7008@yahoo.com.



During the month of February we will include your wives with the film, *Fireproof*, and offering marriage enrichment courses at Wednesday Night Alive. We will culminate the forty days on Valentine's Day.

Contact Bobby Hulme-Lippert with questions at bobby.lippert@clairmontpres.org or (404)634-3355.



Learn About Clairmont!

We are offering a **ONE DAY Membership Class** on **Saturday, January 24, 2009** from 9:00am - 3:00pm in the Parlor

Lunch will be served.

For those joining, please meet on Sunday, January 25, at 9:40am in the Parlor.

These Classes are designed to introduce people to Clairmont Presbyterian Church by reviewing the following questions:

- ✓ What are the basics of the Christian Faith?
- ✓ What are the purposes and the vision of this church?
- ✓ How is the church organized?
- ✓ What does membership entail and how can I get involved?

For more information or to register, please call the church office at (404)634-3355 or email agatha.walker@clairmontpres.org.

IN MEMORY/HONOR

In Loving Memory of Dixon "Mitch" Mitchell:

- Ray and Andrea Davis gave to Missions

In Memory of Dixon "Mitch" Mitchell the following gave to the Memorial Fund:

- Fred & Lucille Skellie
- Anne Rush
- Sharon, Michael, Pat, Bob, Rick and families
- Northwood Miners
- Peggy Lewis

In Memory of Dixon "Mitch" Mitchell:

- Ila Shroyer gave to Senior Fellowship

In Memory of Dixon "Mitch" Mitchell:

- Edna and Paul Jennings gave to the Faulkner Maintenance Fund.

In Memory of Dixon "Mitch" Mitchell:

- Reid and Janet Hartsfield gave to the Children's Ministry

In Honor of Nate Perry:

- Larry and Tricia Sale gave to the Youth Ministry.

DIRECTED PRAYER

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- As we enter this season, pray to the Lord and thank Him for everything you have, because what blessings we have, all came from Him.
- Pray for our leaders, both State and Federal and give them the knowledge and wisdom to make correct decisions in things that are pleasing to God.
- Pray for those that are less fortunate and lack the things and blessings we have, that we too often take for granted. Forgive us, Lord.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

CLAIRMONT MEMBERS

- | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Lois Cerine | Graham Mothershead and her family |
| Rachel Carlton | Sara Owens |
| Phyllis Davis | Lois Pruitt |
| Lillian Eddings | Dot Rebhann |
| Allee Florence | Joyce Rogers |
| Maggie Hartsfield | Judith Sale |
| Louise Hood | Anne Sheesley |
| Deb Hosford | Clyde Shepherd |
| Melba Hull | Kay Turner |
| Ray King | Jimmie Waggoner |
| Sidney Lines | Doris Whitener |
| Warren Malone | John Williams |
| Caroline MacNeill | Ken & Debbie Wilson |
| Claire Miller | |
| Carol Mitchell | |

FRIENDS & FAMILY OF MEMBERS

- Susanna Black (*Dawna Daniel's sister*)
 Claire Brannen and Peggy Dalton (*Ann Wooten's friends*)
 Tom Crumpton (*Jim Dillon's friend*)
 Billy Dunn (*Becky Fleming's nephew*)
 Lucy Gibson (*Betty Johnston's friend*)
 Rob Gordon (*Friend of Clairmont*)
 Wyatt Gray (*Anne McCoun's friend*)
 Donna Hart (*Daughter of Ed Kilgore's cousin, Anne Massemann*)
 Mitchell Hunter (*Martha Hunter's father*)
 Dr. O. B. Johnson (*Mae Aycock's brother*)
 Frank & Betty Magaro (*Former CPC members*)
 Linda Miller (*Janie Kinard's daughter*)
 Mickie Mathes (*Ben Mathes' wife*)
 Jim McCoun (*Mary Jo McCoun's son*)
 Carolyn Morton (*Rachel Carlston's friend*)
 Margaret Ohly (*Jo Hoffmann's sister*)
 Jim Renaker (*Robin Roberts' friend*)
 Stacey Roemer (*Christine Callaway's friend*)
 Dick Sanders (*Former member*)

Please pray for the people on these lists: Many are facing, or have recently faced, health problems or other challenges. To place a name on the list, please call the church office at (404)634-3355. Names will remain on the list for 6 weeks unless otherwise instructed. *Thank you.*

IN SYMPATHY

Our loving Christian sympathy is extended to Megan Johnson on the death of her dear Great Aunt, Ruth Robinson, on December 7, 2008, in Canton, OH.

Our loving Christian sympathy is extended to Warren Malone on the death of his wife, Frances Causey, on November 24, 2008 in Smyrna, GA.



December 31

December 24

Juanita Hudson

December 25

Jesus
 Bonnie Hunt
 Jean Teare
 Jonathan Rouse

December 26

Janice Hughes
 Denise Armando
 Christina Burden

December 28

Patrick Lail

December 29

Doug Singleton
 Joseph Armando

Avis King

Kay Carr

Paula Smith

Megan Dickherber

Margaret Sale

January 1

Evaughn Taylor

Bill Fleming

Tom Pruitt

Pat Kilgore

Karen Turney

Marc Ball

January 2

Edna Jennings

Dorothy Burnett

Gerry Wheeler

Amanda Morgan

January 3

Robert Watkins

Carson Overstreet

January 4

Elizabeth Hansen

Daniel Nichols

January 5

Elise Ralls

Renee Miller

Megan Johnson

Maria Weber

January 6

Elaine Beavers

Terry Scott

Hannah Choi

YOUTH MINISTRY

We at CYM are here to Catch youth, grow in our Relationships, Offer worship, Study the word, and Serve in ministry. The CROSS is why we exist!



Sunday School: Sunday from 9:45-10:40am

TGIF: Middle school students meet Friday nights from 6:30-8:30pm

Rope Groups: Middle School & High School students meet on Wednesday nights from 5:30 (dinner) to 7:30pm in the FLC. This is a small group setting where the youth can discuss issues with peers and adult leaders.

WoW: Senior High Youth meet on Sunday nights from 5:00-7:00pm in the FLC.

Contact Nate Perry at nate.perry@clairmontpres.org

*New Videos - Youtube.com/CYMCPC



YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTIES



Middle School – TGIF PARTY

Friday, December 19th
6:30 to 8:30pm

High School

Progressive Dinner
(attire – tacky sweater)
Sunday, December 21st
4:00 to 7:30pm



CENTENNIAL ICE SKATING FOR ALL YOUTH!

December 28th 4:00 to 8:00
Bring money to skate and money to eat @ The Varsity!



CONGRATULATIONS to Youth Leader Robert and Caddie Rankin on the baptism of sweet baby Lucy!
-Youth Ministry Team

YOUNG ADULTS

Attention Young Adults: Amy Nichols is our new service project coordinator! Be looking for emails and Clairmonitor updates from her about how you can serve. Our first service activity for 2009 will be on January 8 at the Nicholas House. We will be serving a meal to families who live in the house and are currently transitioning out of homelessness. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, contact Amy at 4evramen@gmail.com.

SMALL GROUPS

Clairmont offers over seventeen small groups. If one doesn't suit you, we'll start another. Contact Rev. Megan Johnson at (404)634-3355 or megan.johnson@clairmontpres.org for details.



WITH THANKS

Thank you for your many prayers and support. The cards have been very comforting. It is great to be part of such a wonderful loving Church family. From the family of Dixon (Mitch) Mitchell,
Carol Mitchell and family



The Worship Team would like to thank the following who helped decorate the Sanctuary and church grounds for Christmas: *David and Nancy Cullison, Tom and Mary Anna Brooks, Jim and Pat Hankins, Dave McIntyre, Reid Hartsfield, Joe and Mae Aycock, Linda Massey, Bobby Lippert, Curtis Smith, Mike Bodger, Darrell Jones, Tom Lockwood, Eric Sullivan and daughter, Savannah, Nate Perry and the following youth: Caroline Sale, Kristi Oltman, Andrea Thomas, Kate Morris, Luke Pipkin, and Josh Pipkin.*

A special thanks to *Gayle Turner, Mary Jo McCoun, Lakeside students and teacher* for helping with the ROW Christmas mailing.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Dear Clairmont Family,

What a joyous Advent Season this has been. With special programs like **Adventure**, “Christmas @ Clairmont,” the Chili Cook-off, Caroling to the Homebound, our “Making Room...” worship series, and all of the Sunday School Class Christmas parties, we have had an abundance of opportunities to get into the spirit of Christmas. Other opportunities have come in the form of service and giving - like Christmas baskets for Eastlake families, the shoeboxes of “Operation Christmas Child,” and the Angel Tree. All of these events and programs have reminded me once again that we have indeed been richly blessed as a church that is living out its missional purpose in our community. It’s great to be a part of God’s great work in celebration of his greatest gift! So please receive tidings of great joy and celebration from the Pipkin family to the whole Clairmont family. As Dickens’ Tiny Tim said, “God bless us... every one!”



O Come Let Us Adore Him,

The Pipkin Family

P.S. - Still to come... the fourth Sunday of Advent with special music from the First Light Band along with the Christmas Cantata with chancel choir and orchestra at our combined worship service this Sunday, and, of course, our two special Christmas Eve candlelight services. See you there!



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December 21, 2008



Join us for worship at 8:30am and 11:00am each Sunday!