



# THE TORCH

ROUND LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
DEDICATED 1894  
CELEBRATING OUR 119<sup>TH</sup> YEAR  
JANUARY 2013

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## Pastoral Ponderings

When Dan and I are on a cruise vacation we enjoy sitting at the back of the ship, overlooking the ship's wake, to enjoy the view as we leave port. One trip we were enjoying the view and then began seeing something very different than we had ever experienced in the past. As we began to move sea gulls came. More and more and more sea gulls began to follow us flying over the wake. There were more sea gulls than we could count following us for at least a half hour. The gulls seemed to hover over the wake. Frequently one would swoop into the wake and be rewarded with some morsel of food.

I began to wonder, how do these gulls manage to eat when there are no ships present to stir up the water and make finding fish so much easier? I realized that most of the time the gulls must find food the same way they have always found food. The day's ships are in port and stirring up the water just makes it easier for them to feed. I also realized that the gulls were using the opportunity ships provided to make their procurement of food easier.

Then I started wondering about the church. How are we, the church, like the sea gulls? In the early centuries of the Christian era, the church had to fend for itself. Believers were often persecuted. This is still the case in many parts of the world. Gradually the church became part of society, even maintaining order and learning in Europe after the Roman Empire collapsed. Gradually, the church began to expect to be a major influence in the world. There was a time when the church's influence was great. (This was the time of the sea gulls enjoying the water being stirred up by the cruise ships.) We, the church, got very used to having the water stirred up, making life as a believer easy and seamless with the rest of the society around us. Membership and attendance reached all-time records highs. As hard as it might be to believe, historians tell us that ended sometime in the late 1800's.

Today we no longer have ships regularly coming and leaving ports of call, stirring up the water so that our membership and attendance figures climb without much prayer, effort or work on our part. The church lives in a world that does not often value or even want its input or help – except for its social service type work. In keeping with the sea gulls and cruise ship idea, today the church is finding that it has to live and function much as it did in the early centuries of the Christian era. As the gulls must continue to find food even when there are no ships to stir up the water, the church must also continue to witness to the love of God through Jesus Christ. We, the church, are called to witness to the value, worth and joy of being named Christian with our actions as we go about our everyday, routine lives. As the gulls must adapt to the lack of help in finding food, so must we, the church, adapt to life as it was before it was expected that everyone was a Christian and had Christian values.

The sea gulls don't just sit around, grumbling when there are no ships around to make fishing for food easier. They fly over the water until they are successful for the day. Friends, it will do us, the church, and no good to sit around mourning how easy it once was to fill the church. We need to continue to go about being a joy-filled living representative of the love of God and the ways of life-giving living taught by Jesus all enabled by the power of the Holy Spirit. We, the church, are making and can continue to make a difference in the world, one person at a time.

With Christ's Peace  
Rev. Jane

## Scripture in Worship

January's scriptures begin with the Wise Men arriving to worship the infant Jesus Christ. We then re-discover what it means to be called and claimed by God as we hear again the story of Jesus' baptism. The gospel lessons for the rest of the month tell us of Jesus' early ministry. Our readings from 1 Corinthians will speak to us of the various spiritual gifts given to us through the Holy Spirit for the benefit of the whole church.

### Sunday, January 6, 2013

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

### Sunday, January 13, 2013

Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29; Acts 8:14-17; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

### Sunday, January 20, 2013

Guest Preacher: Rev. Ralph Marino

Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

**Sunday, January 27, 2013** Guest Preacher: TBA  
Nehemiah 8:1-10; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31; Luke 4:14-21

## Short Term DISCIPLE Bible Study Planned

DISCIPLE Bible Study is known to transform lives and congregations. Many members and friends of the Round Lake Congregation have been a part of these in-depth studies. Now, there are short-term studies available with the same format.

Our study will be "Invitation to the New Testament." This study will explore how the New Testament writers and early Christian community wrestled with the coming of Jesus – his life, actions, mission, death and resurrection – and the implications of his arrival for their lives and their communities of faith. During each of the eight sessions, we will explore the question: "Who is Jesus and what is his significance for our lives?" The study will help us to learn more about our own callings to discipleship and to community.

The study will begin the week of February 3. There will be eight sessions to this study. Each session is approximately an hour and a half. Day of week and time will be determined by availability of those who sign up to attend.

Because short-term DBS, particularly those who are curious about what the New Testament says, is a wonderful way to help nonmembers get to know member of the congregation, we must have at least eight persons from the congregation participate. Non-member are welcome, spread the word. ***Please make your commitment to this study known to Rev. Jane no later than January 16<sup>th</sup> so an adequate number of study books can be ordered in time for the study.***

## Trustees

The year 2012 has been a busy one for the Round Lake UMC Trustees. We would like to thank all those who have helped us with the many projects we have undertaken this year. Without your assistance they would not have been completed.

- Installation of new floor in basement – new doors, all classrooms painted
- New baseboard and sheet rock where needed to eliminate mold
- Installation of drain system and dehumidifier
- Replacement of faulty ballasts in Fellowship Hall lighting
- Gas meter raised to accommodate re grading
- Old bushes removed from around the church building
- Handicap ramp stained and repaired.
- Light above handicap entrance replaced
- Compilation of information for a five year projection of expenses for the church and parsonage.
- Estimates gathered for tree removal at the parsonage. Job completed.
- New patio door installed at the parsonage.
- Trees around parsonage sprayed for ants
- Contract for snowplowing secured
- New contract for office copier negotiated.
- All utilities put on a budget plan

We look forward to next year and wish everyone a very Blessed Christmas. Our January meeting will be on Wednesday January 2, at 7pm. Please come and join us.



## Lay Leadership at Round Lake UMC

At the Church Conference held on December 18, 2012 Lay Leadership of the congregation was elected. The list of Lay Leaders of the Round Lake UMC is included in this issue of the Torch.

As you look over the list you will notice that there are several vital leadership positions lacking someone who is motivated to serve the congregation in one of these areas. Is God calling out to you to use your gifts and talents in some way as a leader of the Round Lake UMC?

**LOCAL CHURCH LEADERSHIP 2013** (Committee on Nominations and Personnel)

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Church: Round Lake

Date: December 18, 2012

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## COMMITTEES

Pastor Parish Relations	Trustees	Lay Leadership
13 Marilyn DeLorio	13 Barbara Gregorek	13 Doug Madigan
13 Bob Washburn	13 Thomas Russell	13 Dominick DeLorio
13 Barbara Baker	13 Daniel Baker	13
14 Tim Guile	14 Douglas Madigan	14 Dave Meurs
14 Tamara Russell	14 Donna Alaskey*	14
14*	14 Terry Reynolds	14
15* Nancy LaPine	15* John Davey	15*
15* Dave Meurs	15* Jean Halme	15*
15* EuGene LaDue	15* Helen DeVoe	15*

\*Indicates these persons are to be elected.

### MEMBERS AT LARGE, ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Mary Kopp

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chair:

Treasurer: Dom DeLorio

Assistant Treasurer: Katie Madigan

Trustee Representative:

Stewardship:

Financial Secretary: S/PPRC Representative:

At Large Members:

Financial Manager: Kathy Washburn

### PARSONAGE COMMITTEE

Representatives of Trustees and S/PPRC

### COMMUNION STEWARD

Donna Alaskey

### USHER COORDINATOR

Bob Kopp

### AUDITOR

Larry Brehmer

### PRAYER MINISTRIES

Nancy LaPine

### WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Pastor, Director of Music

Gail Dean, Barbara Gregorek

### FLOWER MINISTRY

Gail Dean, Carol DeMartino

### COORDINATOR OF COFFEE HOUR

Tamara Russell

### SAFE SANCTUARIES

Dominick DeLorio

### TRUSTEE EMERITUS

Bob Kopp. Gerry Winters, Eleanor Tobin

## UMW

We would like to thank everyone for the support you have given us in 2012. I can't begin to express how extremely proud we are of the ladies in our UMW group for giving from their heart. The unselfishness of our members of their time is overwhelming. And a personal THANK YOU to their husbands and other men of our church who have always been at our events to support us. Thank you to all our church family for their help and bottomless pockets in all our endeavors.

We held three fund raisers last year:

- May-Garage Sale
- June-Antique Festival Breakfast
- October-Holiday Bazaar

As a result of these fund raisers we were able to fund community fellowship events:

- February-Valentine Bags for Shut-Ins
- March-Men's Dinner
- April-Ladies' Dinner
- September-Fellowship Picnic
- October-Fellowship Pot Luck
- December-Cookie Decorating/Gift Shop for children in the community
- December-Community Caroling Party

We also donated monies to:

- Saratoga County 4H Unit
- Maine Mission
- WRLS-Round Lake Library
- Helping Hands Food Pantry
- Volunteers in Missions for supplies for the hurricane reconstruction

CAPTIAN'S Cheryl's Lodge in Turf MHP

We spent monies on our church for:

- Church Guest Book
- Paints and items for the downstairs bathrooms
- Tools for the kitchen
- A portion of the Basement flooring/new doors

Thank you again! We look forward to another great year to continue our mission work. We always invite you to participate in any of our events. Please let me know if you'd like to help. Your heart will grow tenfold by touching others like we have this year.

Our first meeting of 2013 will be January 21 at 7pm. We will be meeting at 6:30pm to discuss our Holiday Bazaar for 2013. Joyce will lead our program which will include prep work for filling our Valentine Bags. Shelda will be preparing a sweet treat for our meeting. All ladies are invited to attend. Please consider joining us!

## Valentine Bags for Shut-Ins

We are collecting items for the Valentine Bags. Items needed include individually wrapped items such as candies, cookies, crackers, lotions, granola bars, pens, cards, etc. There will be a box at church to put items in. All items are due in by February 4th. If you have questions, please contact Joyce at 237-0788.

## Pampered Chef Party

The women of the church will be hosting a Pampered Chef party on Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Hostess rewards will be used to purchase items for the church kitchen. We will begin with a soup luncheon after the service. Dessert will be the result of our food/product demonstration. If you would like to place an order, but cannot attend you will be able to view the catalog online and make purchases there. A wish list will also be posted online if you would like to buy something for the kitchen. More information will be available on the church website and our Facebook page in January!

## Fuel Fund Raiser

The cost of fuel continues to rise and this year we have budgeted \$5,000 for gas and oil to heat the Church and parsonage. In an effort to supplement this fuel budget, the finance committee will be sponsoring a fund raising campaign during January, February and March. There will be special envelopes available for those wishing to contribute. We will have a poster recording our weekly progress. No donation is too small, so if you would like to donate your loose change or perhaps pay for a gallon of oil (approximately \$3.75) please consider doing so. As always your continued financial support and prayers are appreciated.

Thanks,  
Dom DeLorio



## Special Dates in January

### Birthdays

- 4 Ruth Milczarek
- 10 Scott DeVoe
- 10 Joshua Todt
- 11 Phyllis Sommerman
- 12 Eileen Guile
- 19 Barry Dean
- 21 Greg Burdick
- 23 Anthony Conti
- 27 Gail Dean
- 29 Rachel Garrison
- 31 Michael Fleming



## Thank You

Thank you to  
all who  
contributed to the  
Christmas gift I received  
from the congregation on  
Christmas Eve. Your  
thoughtfulness and  
generosity are much  
appreciated.  
Rev. Jane

### January

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### Ushers

Dan Baker

### Readers

Joyce Meurs

### Counters

Bob Washburn/Walt Agnew

13

Bob Kopp

Jean Halme

Shelda Roerig/Jean Halme

20

Eugene LaDue

Katie Madigan

Linda Milkins/Terry Reynolds

27

Dave Meurs

Steve Mitchell

Bob Washburn/C.Christopher

