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◆ FROM THE PASTOR

This past week as I was thinking about the various ways we can express our thanks, I happened to read an interview with Carrie Newcomer, one of my favorite songwriters.

Carrie is one of those artists who defies easy categorization. Her music ranges from folk to rock to country. Her songs touch on serious subjects but with a good measure of humor.

What I appreciate most about Carrie is her ability to cross the boundaries between sacred and secular in her life and work. Perhaps it would be more accurate to say that she erases those boundaries.

Carrie describes her goal as “to be able to see the sacred in the most ordinary experience, person, or thing. When I can experience that of God in a beautiful church service or on a walk in the woods, that is a wonderful thing. My life is so much richer when I remember to experience the sacred when moving through my daily life—washing dishes, talking to people I meet, the smell of the autumn air, standing in the grocery line, or having a bowl of soup with my daughter.”

Carrie captures this approach to life in her song *Holy as a Day Is Spent*. It

● Upcoming

Play-reading
Group

TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 8
AT 7 P.M.



Yellowman

Details inside.

opens with these lyrics:

Holy is the dish and drain
The soap and sink,
and the cup and plate
Warm wool socks,
and the cold white tile
Showerheads and good
dry towels
And frying eggs sound
like psalms
With bits of salt measured
in my palm
It's all a part of a sacrament
As holy as a day is spent

And it closes with these lines:

Unknowingly we slow our pace
In the shade of unexpected
grace
And with grateful smiles
and sad lament
As holy as a day is spent

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► PASTOR *cont.*

And morning light sings,
"Providence"
As holy as a day is spent

Carrie's songs often tell stories—
authentic, honest, human stories.
Carrie says these stories often grow
out of her finding something sacred in
an ordinary day.

"We live such busy lives that it's
very easy to not be present in our
own life," she explains. "We're all so
busy, but then when we're here in the
present moment, that's when your life
happens. That's when I see miracles.
That's when the story happens."

In her song *Geodes*, that story
grows out of discovering that those
unassuming brown and gray rocks
contain a sparkling center of quartz
crystals. In this song, she writes:


And all these things that
we call familiar,
Are just miracles clothed
in the commonplace.
And you'll see if you try
in the next stranger's eyes,
That God walks around in
muddy boots, sometimes rags,
and that's the truth,
You can't always tell, but
sometimes you just know. . . .

Though you can't always tell
one from another.
And it's best not to judge a
book by its tattered cover.
I don't open them to see,
folks 'round here just like me,
We have come to believe
there's hidden good
in common things.

As we enter the season of
thanksgiving, may we look at the
common things in our daily lives with
new eyes. And, as a result, may we
be amazed and truly thankful.

Kathryn

✪ *Courier* material is due Sunday,
November 20.

Within Our
Church Family 



Congratulations to Kerri Lee
Dennis and Carmine Christopher
Cozzolino, who were married on
October 8.



► CBC to Host Guest Preacher

Harry Bronkar, pastor emeritus of
East Greenwich's First Baptist
Church and a familiar face at CBC,
will be our guest preacher on
November 13 and 20 while Kathryn
is on annual leave from November
10-26.

Advent Series to Explore Images of God

The Advent season is a time during which we anticipate the coming of the
one who is "God with us." This year during Advent we will explore different
images of the God who comes to be with us.

During our worship services we will focus on:

- November 27 *The Potter Who Shapes Us*
- December 4 *The Shepherd Who Leads Us*
- December 11 *The Gardener Who Nurtures Us*
- December 18 *The Rock Who Steadies Us*
- December 24 *The Good News Who Comes to Us*

Our Wednesday-morning Bible study also will explore *Imagining the God
Who Comes to Be with Us*. Our texts will be:

- November 30 Isaiah 40:1-11
- December 7 Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
- December 14 Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26



CBC Christmas Fair

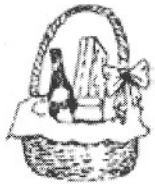
Yes, there will be

angels at our Christmas Fair this year. We will have heavy ceramic pieces as well as delicate hand fashioned fabric ones suitable to be hung or included in a basket. All these carry out our theme of an angelic holiday fair. Save the date of December 3, 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

New this year is a popular doll boutique with handcrafted doll beds, bedding and clothing suitable

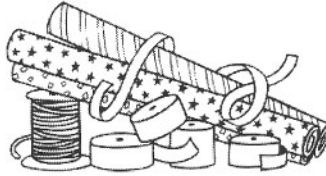


for night wear. The beds are canopy style and bunk beds. We have very talented seamstresses and knitters preparing the clothing for 18-inch dolls.



Our themed gift baskets which sell for \$10, \$20, \$30 are always fun to assemble. Our selection

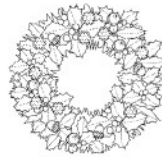
list is well on the way to being filled with names. We still have need for 10 to 15 more willing donors, so please sign up if you haven't yet. The deadline for bringing them to church is Sunday, November 13. You may leave them with Tanya, our administrative assistant, mornings until noon during the week.



Don't forget the services you or others can donate to the silent auction. For example, two hours of gift wrapping, meal preparation, yard clean-up, house cleaning, child care, dog walking, a tour of Jamestown's or Newport's finest attractions. Let's not forget snow shoveling. The season is upon us.

By the time you receive this newsletter, there will be a sign-up sheet for assisting in various areas. It is pure fun at such a joyous time of the year.

You will want to check out our custom decorated wreaths and centerpieces. Join us on Sunday, November 27, after coffee hour to help with the decorating. Some of our best have been done by men. No two alike.



Don't forget our baked goods table. Bring your own specialties. They sell out fast.

You won't leave hungry. Plan on having

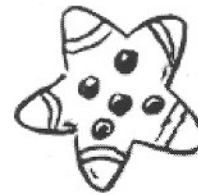
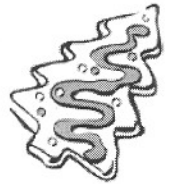


lunch from our own CBC kitchen. Lobster rolls are back and yummy soups too.

Invite your friends and neighbors to shop at the fair. Spread the word and help distribute signs and posters when they are available.

Many thanks to Pastor Kathryn who prepares our signs and posters as well as the advertising.

For more information, please speak with a member of the Christmas Fair Committee: Noel Brakenhoff, Emma Brown, Donna Chellis, Michelle Gibbs, Arlene LaBua, and Deb Nordstrom.



Group to Discuss *Yellowman*



Yellowman, a Pulitzer-Prize finalist for drama by Dael Orlandersmith, is the next selection for CBC's play-reading group.

The play traces the lives of and relationship between Eugene, a fair-skinned black man, and Alma, a large dark-skinned woman. It explores themes of race, family, prejudice, and love.

Copies of *Yellowman* are available in the church parlor. Please take a copy, read the play, and then join us at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 8, to discuss and read aloud portions of this work.

Announcement Opportunity

Since individuals within our congregation have a wide range of interests and involvements beyond CBC-related ministries, programs, and activities, the Board of Deacons has developed a new opportunity for sharing about those interests and involvements.

An "announcement" table will be available each Sunday during coffee hour. Individuals and/or groups may

use this table to display information (i.e., fliers, posters) they wish to share. A brief announcement will be made at the beginning of coffee hour to draw attention to the table.

If you have a question about this new opportunity, please speak with Lynda King, Board of Deacons chair.



Announcement!

Are you aware of a lecture that might be of interest to other folks at CBC? Would you like to announce your music group's upcoming concert and sell tickets? Do you belong to an organization that is sponsoring a fundraising event?



Gifts for Our Troops

This holiday season we will be gathering items to send to our troops for Christmas. Suggested items include:

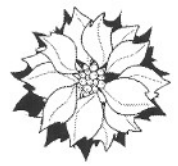
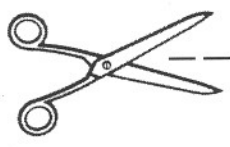


- Paperback action books
- Health/fitness magazines
- White socks ★ ★
- Note cards
- Shower body gel
- Loufa/net shower scrubbies
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste/toothbrushes
- Tylenol/ibuprofen
- Cold relief medicine
- Throat lozenges/cough drops
- Wall Street Journal & NY Times
- Snacks, including protein bars & candy

- Laughing Cow cheese & crackers
- Chef Boyardee pop-top cans of high protein meals
- Healthy Choice pop-top cans of high protein meals ★
- Christmas goodies

Please bring your items to the church by November 20.

If you have a family member who is serving in the military and would appreciate receiving a package, please speak with Pam Bush or call the church office. ★



POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Name(s) _____ Phone _____

The poinsettias will be provided by The Secret Garden. They will be available in red, white, and pink and will cost \$15 per plant. Please make checks payable to Central Baptist Church. (Payment must be included with this order form.)

Include in the Christmas insert as:

(Choose *one*) ___ In memory of *or* ___ In honor of

Given by _____

Color ___ Red ___ White ___ Pink

The deadline for ordering poinsettias is Sunday, December 4.

Please place your order form and payment in the box in the parlor, or mail them to the church office at P.O. Box 295, Jamestown, RI 02835-0295.

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