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SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2010

**Morning Worship Services
 With Holy Communion—9 & 10:30**

Sermon: The Rev. Richard A. Weisenbach,
 D. Min

No Pain, No Gain

Scripture: Hebrews 5:1-10

Calendar for Sunday, January 3, 2010

- 10:30 am Sanctuary Worship Service
 (infant and toddler care provided)
- 10:30 am Church School Classes
 (Pre-K-Grade 7)
- 11:30 am Fellowship Hour (vestry)
- 12 n Junior Choir Rehearsal

The memorial flowers on the left will be given in loving memory of Jim and Peggy Parsons, and Wallace, Mabel, and Donald Ryan from Ken and Eileen Parsons; those on the right will be given in loving memory of William A. Rattray, and Lt. Col. William A. Rattray, Jr. by their wife and mother Esther Rattray and their daughter and sister Jean R. Fraser.

Minister's Reception Line Volunteer: Alwyn Van Cor.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2010

Morning Worship Services—9 & 10:30

Sermon: The Rev. Richard A. Weisenbach,
 D. Min.

The Real Meaning of Christmas

Scripture: St. John 1:1-18

Calendar for Sunday, January 10, 2010

- 10:30 am Sanctuary Worship Service
 (infant and toddler care provided)
- 10:30 am Church School Classes
 (Pre-K – Grade 7)
- 10:30 am Confirmation Classes
- 11:30 am Fellowship Hour (vestry)
- 12 n Junior Choir Rehearsal

Minister's Reception Line Volunteer: Joyce Langone.

Coffee Hour Hosts: Ginger and Michael McGonagle.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

	Chapel	Sanctuary	Total
December 13	35	153	188
December 20		86	86
Church School			
December 13	60		
December 20	39		

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R.A.W. MATERIAL

Giving Oneself to God

Here is how to start 2010.

I give Thee my understanding: may it be my only care to know Thee, Thy perfections, Thy works, and Thy will.

I give Thee my will. May I have no will of my own. Whatsoever thou willest may I will and that only. May I will thy glory in all things as Thou dost, and make that my end in everything.

I give Thee my affections. Do Thou dispose of them all. Be Thou my love, my fear, my joy. And may nothing have any share in them but with respect to Thee and for Thy sake.

What thou lovest may I love; what Thou hatest may I hate; and that in such measure as Thou art pleased to prescribe me.

I give Thee my body. May I glorify Thee with it and preserve it holy, fit for Thee, O God, to dwell in. May I neither indulge it nor use too much rigour toward it, but keep it, as far as in me lies, healthy, vigorous, and active, and fit to do Thee in all manner of service which Thou shalt call for.

I give Thee all my worldly goods. May I prize them and use them only for Thee. May I faithfully restore to Thee...all Thou hast entrusted me with, above the necessities of my life, and be content to part with them too, whenever Thou, my Lord shalt require them at my hands.

I give Thee my credit and reputation. May I never value them but only in respect of Thee; nor endeavor to maintain them but as they may do Thee service and advance Thy honour in the world.

I give Thee myself and my all. Let me look upon myself to be nothing, and to have nothing, out of Thee. Be Thou the sole disposer and governor of myself and all I have. Be Thou my portion and my all.

O my God and my all, when hereafter I shall be tempted to break this solemn engagement, when I shall be prest to conform to the world, and to the company and customs that surround me, may my answer be: I am not my own. I am not for myself, nor for the world, but for my God. I will give unto God the things which are God's. God be merciful to me a sinner.

R.A.W.

John Wesley, *Collection of Prayers*
Michael McMullen, *Hearts Aflame: Prayers of Susanna, John and Charles Wesley*
SPCK, 1995 [pp. 85-87]

True Words of Wisdom...our Thinking vs. God's Promises

No truer wisdom than those from His Word: For all the negative things we have to say, God has a positive for it.

- "It's impossible" – All things are possible (Luke 18:27)
- "I'm too tired" – I will give you rest (Matthew 11:28-30)
- "Nobody really loves me" – I love you (John 3:16 & 13:34)
- "I can't go on" – My grace is sufficient (II Corinthians 12:9 & Psalm 91:15)
- "I can't figure things out" – I will direct your steps (Proverbs 3:5-6)
- "I can't do it" – You can do all things (Philippians 4:13)
- "I am not able" – I am able (II Corinthians 9:8)
- "It's not worth it" – It will be worth it (Romans 8:28)
- "I can't forgive myself" – I forgive you (I John 1:9 & Romans 8:1)
- "I can't manage" – I will supply your needs (Philippians 4:19)
- "I'm afraid" – I have not given you a spirit of fear (II Timothy 1:7)
- "I am always worried and frustrated" – Cast all your cares on me (I Peter 5:7)
- "I don't have enough faith" – I've given everyone a measure of faith (Romans 12:3)
- "I'm not smart enough" – I give you wisdom (I Corinthians 1:30)
- "I feel all alone" – I will never leave you or forsake you (Hebrews 13:5)

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BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 – Paul D’Alelio
- 2 – Heather Livingston, Benjamin Parish
- 3 – Heather Hulse
- 4 – John Applin
- 6 – Paula Maxwell
- 8 – Joyce Langone
- 10 – Thomas Martin
- 11 – Herold Doherty
- 14 – Earl Sheaff,
 Amy Van Magness,
 Katherine Van Magness
- 15 – Thomas Callaghan
- 16 – Joanne Frey, Connie Mpontsikaris
- 17 – Amanda Fitzgerald
- 19 – Ethel Wallace
- 20 – Linda Byam
- 22 – Matthew Jackson, Anderson Illanes,
 Carol Callan, David Wilhelm
- 23 – Rachel Hoffmann, Jul Schofield
- 24 – Janet Martin
- 26 – Benjamin Bossi
- 27 – Madison Albushies
- 28 – Amber Jackson, Ryan Pollock, David
 Whitehead
- 29 – Brynne Curley

THANK YOU...AGAIN

Pat and I had a very enjoyable time at our Annual Christmas Open House last Sunday afternoon (December 13). Thank you for the gift of your presence, your contributions to the food table, and your gifts of love and gratitude. We deeply appreciated your support throughout these years and your fellowship as we together celebrate the arrival of the Savior, Jesus Christ.

With love, Pastor Rich and Pat

***THANK YOU**...for the beautiful flowers that Carol Callan brought last Sunday. Flowers always cheer you up—thank you for thinking of me—hope to get back to church soon.*

Yours truly, Priscilla Moody

WOULD YOU LIKE TO DONATE FLOWERS?

There are openings for flowers at our worship services on January 10 and January 31. If you would like to donate flowers in memory of a loved one, please call Linda D’Agostino at 781-245-0243 or the church office at 781-245-1539.

SNOWSTORM POLICY

If there is a snowstorm on a Saturday and 3” or more accumulates, the 9 am service will be canceled. The 10:30 am service will usually be conducted. **In the event of a severe snowstorm, it may be necessary to cancel it. Cancellation of the 10:30 service will be announced on WBZ Storm Center (TV Channel 4 in Boston; 1030 on the AM radio dial).**

The notices are listed 5 minutes and 35 minutes after the hour on the radio and after 5 am on Channel 4. You may also check their websites: WBZ1030.com or WBZ4.com. We will also change the outgoing message on the office telephone to inform callers of the cancellation.