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**December 22, CHRISTMAS SUNDAY MORNING; 9 & 10:30** There will be inspiring music at both services, a children's message (since there is NO Sunday School on this day), and poinsettias will adorn the sanctuary! I guarantee that you will leave the services in the Christmas spirit, for sure!

**December 24, Christmas Eve; 4 & 11 P.M.** a service planned especially for children and their families will be held in the afternoon, led by Sandy Dudek. This is a very popular service – unique from year-to-year!

*The later service has lots of carols, special music, candlelight, and a message. Plan to join the celebration; worship with people from many surrounding towns who always seem to find their way to the "city" on this special night.*

There is NO worship service on Christmas morning; and there is only one service on December 29, beginning at 9 A.M. Please note: the Sunday School will NOT be in session on this day, but a wonderful family service is already "in-the-works!"

I wish you a meaning-filled Christmas!



See you in church!  
*Rev. Stan*  
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### +++ DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER...

**WE WELCOMED** the following people into the membership of the church on Thanksgiving Sunday: Claude Flory, Susan Gee, Angelika Larkin, Joanne MacDonald, Tammy Sabados, and Jennifer & Eric Vickers. Get to know these wonderful people. *Welcome to the church!*

### +++ THIS JUST IN...

We recently learned that *Nathanael Lee* married *Emilee Boulay* on September 13, 2013 on the beach in Biloxi, Mississippi. We congratulate the happy couple who returned home for a visit recently. Nathanael is in the United States Air Force. *Congratulations!*

### +++ CHURCH FINANCES

As of November 17, we have received \$196,919.14 towards our budget of \$224,943.00. This amount comes from pledges, loose collections, miscellaneous items and special events such as suppers, yard sales and the Scarecrow Festival. That leaves us with a balance of \$28,023.86 to raise in the remaining 6 weeks of this year.

Is your pledge up-to-date? If you're not sure please call me (860.376.0568).

Pledge envelopes for next year will be available December 29<sup>th</sup>. Please return your pledge form

prior to Christmas so I can get the envelope boxes ready for that date.

Be sure to read all the pages of the Stewardship letter; it explains next year's budget, the breakdown of expenses, and how the pledge system works in our church.

Thank you for ALL you do for your church family. Merry Christmas to all!

*Mary Ann Coughlin,*  
Financial Secretary

### +++ THANK YOU

We say thanks to the Jewett City Savings Bank for sending the *Two-Can Food Pantry* a check for \$175.33 – the result of their fall "Give Back" campaign. Five area pantries received this amount. "Give Back" was created to raise awareness of local food pantries. JCSB has been a faithful and generous supporter of our pantry through the years. We are fortunate to have them help us do a lot of good for a lot of people!

### +++ PICTURE DIRECTORIES

They have finally arrived! The long-awaited church directory is now available; 1 copy per family photo. Multiple families in one photo will receive only one directory. We have ordered extra copies of the directory which are available for purchase during the coffee hours for \$20. A HUGE thank you goes to Sue Brosnan, Partick Magowen and Barbara Perry for serving on the directory committee. It was a challenging adventure all along the way, but the end result was worth the wait. *Great job!*

### +++ HAVE YOU SEEN...

the newly "spruced-up" church history wall on the mid-level? A beautiful watercolor portrait of our church (*from a different angle*) is now on display. We thank artist Dan Kenyon for this impressive piece of artwork. Check it out!

### +++ SENIOR LUNCHEON

The next luncheon is planned for Tuesday, December 10, starting at noon in the Sunday School hall. Don't wait too long to sign up, space is limited to 60 people. Not only is it a delicious meal, free of charge, but a great opportunity to meet and fellowship with some truly wonderful people. The program that follows each meal is always interesting and entertaining as well! Plan to be part of the fun!

### +++ 2014 "Proposed Budget" \$229,162.00

Have you offered your pledge of support? Pledge forms are available on the Information Center table. Thanks for your faithfulness!

