

Fairhaven Community Concert Series Presents

Local Singer/Songwriter
Susan Lainey

Sunday, November 15, 2009
2:00 p.m.

Tickets \$10 for adults
students are free with paying adult.



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Series

<http://fhnccs.googlepages.com/>

2009-2010 Season

November 15, 2009 2:00
Susan Lainey, Vocalist

January 31, 2010 7:00
Original "Dissonance"
Jazz Band
Mardi Gras Dinner 5:30

March 7, 2010 2:00
Boston Guitar Quartet
with Jim Robitaille

May 16, 2009 7:00
Daniela Chirigotis String
Quartet with Fhvn/NB Youth
Orchestra Students
Pasta Dinner 5:30

Concert tickets are \$10.
Children are FREE with an
adult.
Dinner tickets are \$10 for adults
and \$5 for children.

Susan has been performing in New England since the early 1970's in all kinds of venues, including a talent show at the famous Ryman Auditorium in Nashville. Her cover song "Those Were The Days" was featured on an episode of the popular television series "Nip/Tuck" in 2006. She also provides entertainment for senior facilities throughout the Southcoast. Joining Ms. Lainey will be her two sisters Carrie & Sharon with a debut vocal performance as "The Lainey Sisters".

Advent is Coming!

In the church, Advent is the beginning of a new year. The word **Advent** means "coming" or "arrival." The focus of the entire season is the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent. Advent begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day which is the Sunday nearest November 30 (November 29th this year), and ends on Christmas Eve (Dec 24).

While Advent was originally meant to be a season of reflection and contemplation, for most of us it is usually a time of hectic preparation, endless shopping, baking, wrapping and planning. We seldom find time to remember "the reason for the season."

This year we will be providing each of you with an **Advent Kit** to help you slow down and spend some time with God. Watch for yours at the end of November!



**Worship and Bible
Adventures Sunday
School take place each
Sunday at 10:00 a.m.**

Please Join Us!!

Sunday School News



Susan Burr and Linda Ferland (with help from others) continue to lead our youngsters each Sunday morning in learning all the lessons that Jesus teaches us. Using stories, scripture, games and crafts, the children grow in faith and learn more about Jesus. In this one room schoolhouse

format, older children help out the younger ones and all of them experience what it is like to be part of the family of God.

Barbara Mills meets twice a month (2nd and 4th Sundays) with youth in grades 8 and up in a discussion group format. Young people in that age group are welcome to attend the group or to remain in church and worship with their families.

As we have been doing for some years now, on the first Sunday of the month our younger children go right downstairs for class before the service begins. They come up to the sanctuary during the Offering to join their families for the sacrament of Holy Communion.

We can always use more help with teaching Sunday School. Please speak to Sue Burr if you can help out even for one week.



A Baptizing Month

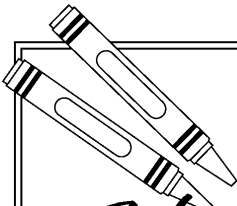
We baptize lots of babies here at First Congregational Church but this November seems to qualify as a real “baptizing month”!

On Sunday, November 8th, two month old **Mylez Michael Scholz** will be baptized. Mylez is the son of Sara and Justin Scholz of New Bedford who were married here in September 2008. The Scholz’ are friends of Jean Arbec.

Nathan James Sears, son of Kelley and Jamie Sears will be baptized on November 15. The Sears live in Dartmouth and worship with us regularly; their older son Nicholas was baptized here in February 2007. Celebrating with Nathan that day will be his extended family including cousins Reagan and Rachel Morton and their mom Jackie as well as great-aunt Roberta Tripp.

On November 29th, we can award a prize for the child who has traveled the farthest to be baptized here! **Isabel Rose Kirkendall** from Fairbanks, Alaska will be welcomed that day into the church of Jesus Christ. Isabel will be here with her parents John and Kathleen Kirkendall who have family and friends in the area.

Please join me in welcoming all these families into our midst!



Just for KIDS

He gave thanks

This Thanks giving, you may share a special meal with family and friends. Do you remember the time when Jesus shared a meal with thousands of people and gave thanks?

Use the clues to find important words from Matthew 14:19 (NIV).

<p>Across</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. opposite of down 3. opposite of up 4. more than one loaf 6. penniless 8. place where God dwells 9. bass, halibut, salmon and others 10. past tense of give 11. a command you give to a dog 	<p>Down</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. another name for humans 3. twelve of Jesus’ closest friends 5. what a lawnmower cuts 7. _____ giving 9. odd number after 4
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Across: 1. up, 3. down, 4. loaves, 6. broke, 8. heaven, 9. fish, 10. gave, 11. sit
 Down: 2. people, 3. disciples, 5. grass, 7. thanks, 9. five

Cupboard Corner

Our pantry served 12 families again this month. Thank you to all who continue to donate food to keep our pantry stocked. Needed items this month are: ramen noodles, rice, boxed potatoes, hearty soups / stews, stuffing, canned meats, cake mixes, jelly, and soap.



Thanksgiving Baskets

Action for Christ will be having a food drive to help fill Thanksgiving Baskets and stock the food pantry. **On Sunday, November 1st** bags with a list of suggested items will be available. **Dedication of our gifts will be on November 22.** If you know of anyone in need of a basket please see any member of Action for Christ.



Samaritan's Purse: Operation Christmas Child

The Action for Christ Committee is sponsoring Operation Christmas Child again this year. This outreach program, a project of Samaritan's Purse, delivers shoe boxes to poor, sick, and suffering children worldwide at Christmas time. These shoe boxes are filled with toys, school supplies, candy, and other gifts.

If you are interested in helping us out, **pamphlets are available as are shoe boxes in the William Street entrance.** These pamphlets include all the information needed about packing a shoe box, suggested gifts, and also a list of what *not* to include. It will be fun to see how many small gifts you can fit inside a shoe box knowing that this gift will bring joy to children around the world.

The **collection week for the shoe boxes is November 16-20** and we are also planning a dedication Sunday in November. Last year we collected 36 shoe boxes. Let's see if we can collect even more this year!! If you have any questions, please call Lee Ann Wood at 508-997-3851.

Box Tops for Education

Would you throw a dime in the trash? Then don't throw away those box tops. Clip and save box tops before you throw them in the trash or recycling and help support Fairhaven schools!



There is a collection box in the William Street entrance or just hand them to Sharon or put them in the Sunday collection plate. Each box top is worth \$.10 and can be found on a wide variety of products from cereals to toilet tissue and Kleenex. www.boxtops4education.com

October Donations

Interchurch Council \$300

Providence Ronald McDonald House \$100

Andover Newton Theological School \$100

**December 15, 2008
Erwan, our sponsored
child, turns 8 years old**

Write to Erwan our sponsored child at the following address

Erwan Ramadhani
132/059533/01079
Putro Linuwih/4244
Christian Children's Fund
P.O. Box 1364
Jakarta 10013 Indonesia

**OR YOU CAN E-MAIL!
sr132@ccfindonesia.org**

Wish List

Electric Weed Trimmer, Electric Edger, Leaf Blower, Rakes, Shovels, Hand Gardening Tools



Thanks & a Tip of the Hat to...

To the Concert Committee and all who helped with the October 18th dinner and concert.

To All who have volunteered at the Heavenly Treasures thrift shop, and to Bev Johansen & Peg Rogers for coordinating volunteers.

To Donna Perry & LeeAnn Wood for coordinating the Old Time Holiday Fair.

To Joyce Simon for filling in as our worship accompanist while we get ready to welcome our new organist.

To Dave Touchette and the concert committee for coordinating

a successful choir workshop and to Carol Gage, Sue Burr and Bette McClure, Marian Purington & Ruth Cree for coordinating and serving the luncheon.

To all who have helped at Market Ministries and to Alan Waddington for continuing to coordinate volunteers.

To Rev. Bette for putting together an informative workshop series on planning for the time of death.

To Carol Gage, Marian Purington, Barbara Mills and John Rogers for their worship leadership in October.

To Bette McClure, Cindy LeBlanc and Debbie Poitras for greeting and hosting coffee hour in October.

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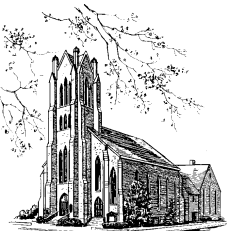
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