

## December 2010 Shared Life of Old First Presbyterian Church

- December 4 Decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas, beginning at 10 a.m. until 12 Noon  
December 5 Name Tag Sunday. Wear your own tag and take a look at others.9  
December 5 Christmas Gift and Alternative Gift Market  
December 12 Children's Christmas Pageant (during regular service)  
December 12 Adult Ed: Discussion of Hemingway short story. 12:30 Diane Molberg  
December 20 Senior Center Christmas Party.  
December 24 **Christmas Eve**  
5:30 pm – Festive Potluck at the Tabers' home  
8:00 pm - Christmas Eve Communion ending with passing the light and singing "Silent Night"

### **Shared Life Schedule -- e-mail articles to [molberg@earthlink.net](mailto:molberg@earthlink.net)**

- January Issue**                    **Sunday January 16: deadline for all submissions.**  
   **Wednesday, January 19: Final deadline for changes/revisions**  
**February Issue**                **Sunday, February 13: deadline for all submissions**  
   **Wednesday, February 16: Final deadline for changes/revisions.**

### Lectionary

- Second Sunday of Advent    Isa. 11:1-10; Ps.72:1-7, 18-19; Rom.15:4-13; Matt.3:1-12  
Third Sunday of Advent     Isa.35:1-10; Ps.146:5-10 or Luke 1:47-55; James 5-7-10; Matt.11:2-11  
Fourth Sunday of Advent    Isa.7:10-16; Ps.80:1-7, 17-19; Rom.1:1-7; Matt.1:18-25  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday After Christmas    Isa.63:7-9;Ps.148; Heb.2:10-18; Matt.2:13-23  
Christmas Eve:                Isa.9:2-7; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)  
Nativity of Jesus/Christmas    *Dawn* Isa.62:6-12; Ps.97; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2 (1-7)8-20  
   *Day* Isa.52:7-10; Ps.98; Heb1:1-5 (5-12); John 1:1-14

### *Birthdays – A month in advance, giving you plenty of time to send a card*

- January 1 – Forrest Cummings  
January 2 – Pam Free  
January 5 – Yvonne Cheng  
January 9 – Joshua Cheng  
January 10 – Samuel Cheng, Jennifer Wilson  
January 17 – Shirley Buono  
January 22 – Rod McPherson, Ellen Milligan  
January 24 – Michael Wilson  
January 26 – Jon Blackner, Jan Hammock  
January 29 – Rose Marie Springer



The Holiday Greeting boards are UP! It's time to send your Holiday Greeting card to Old First for all to enjoy. The money saved on purchasing individual cards and postage will be given to the church. Please write on your check: "For Holiday Greetings" as we revive another Old First Tradition. Please see Mary Lou Wilson for details.

Lost and Found - We have collected a rather large amount of eye glasses that have been left at the church by various persons. Maggi would like a blurb in the next SL stating that the lost and found has accumulated many pair of glasses. Please come see if any of them are yours. All glasses not claimed by Monday, December 13th will be donated to Community Thrift.

Advent, a treasured time for Christians, begins December 28. Advent announces the beginning of our Christian year which we mark by studying in depth the Gospel of Matthew beginning on November 28, 2010 and continuing through November 20, 2011. Advent, the four Sundays before Christmas, is a time of waiting, anticipating, longing for the coming of Christ, not just 2000 years ago with the birth of Jesus, but also anticipating and longing that God will help us this year, renew us to be disciples of Jesus here and now. Advent is our time to say no to the commercialism, the Santa's, the singing Christmas trees, and the idea that a certain gift will make us really happy, will truly express our love, or make us feel truly loved. Only God can do that! The infant Jesus was born into a simple, poor family who had to flee their home soon after his birth and yet from such a humble birth the world has never been the same. This season is not just about making people kinder and gentler during the month of December for it has the power that changes lives, to speak of peace, hope and new life to a tired, hopeless, needy and longing world. Our challenge, our gift, our hope is that during this Advent we will set our hearts anew on Jesus. During this Advent Season Old First provides you with places to glimpse, taste and live into that love: special liturgical signs which point us on the path of Christ, selected reading from Isaiah (see the list of Lectionary passages), \*Sunday Advent worship services, an **Advent** devotional booklet and an Advent Sunday school class at 9:30 a.m. **Advent Devotionals** will be available in Church Starting December 28th. If you cannot get to church call the church office and one can be mailed to you. I offer you an Advent reading by the Iona Community in Scotland as you begin your advent journey. Peace

Pastor Maggi

And Did it Happen?

And did it happen  
that in a stable long ago,  
a weary couple,  
who no wanted to know,  
should choose a manger,  
in spite of the danger,  
to hold and hallow the Lord below?

And did it happen  
that in the stillness of the night,  
the women labored to let God see the light,  
and bathed and dressed him,  
breastfed and blessed him,  
the word incarnate whose time was right?

And did it happen  
that the news so first reached the poor,  
compelled by angels  
to tip toe to the door  
and see not trappings  
just linen wrappings  
a baby for certain and God for sure?

And did it happen  
that all of this was meant to be,

that God from distance  
should choose to be set free  
and show uniqueness  
transformed in weakness  
that I might touch him and he touch me?

**Presbyterian Compassion-Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)** My heart and mind cannot even begin to apprehend the recent tragedies which have taken place in Indonesia and Haiti during November and December. I find myself thankful that we are a part of a connected church that through the PDA (which we support in our One Great Hour of Sharing gift at Easter) is helping long before I became aware of the problem and long after it falls from my awareness. You can read more about our work and make donations at the [PCUSA.org](http://PCUSA.org), and of course, you can search for PDA. I urge you to keep the people of Indonesia and Haiti in your prayers this Advent season and maybe even include them in our Christmas giving. Pastor Maggi

**PDA responds in Indonesia** Presbyterian Disaster Assistance responds to two disasters that struck Indonesia in rapid succession: an earthquake-triggered tsunami off the west coast of Sumatra on October 25 that killed at least 154 people and left several hundred missing; and the October 27 volcanic eruption of Mt. Merapi about 30km north of Yogyakarta, which has caused severe burn injuries and the displacement of hundreds of families. <http://gamc.pcusa.org/donate/DR000146/>

**PDA responding to cholera outbreak in Haiti** is responding to help prevent the spread of the cholera that has been identified in the Artibonite and Central provinces of Haiti. According to the Haiti Ministry of Health, more than 3,000 people were hospitalized, and more than 250 people have died as a result of the outbreak. Even before reports begin to appear about the outbreak in October, preventive measures were being taken in project areas where PDA-supported work in collaboration with our ecumenical partner, ACT Alliance, was underway to prevent the infection from spreading in the capital, Port-au-Prince, and other metropolitan areas. The PDA-supported ACT Alliance response efforts are focused on supporting water, sanitation and hygiene promotion. ACT personnel say the most effective ways to prevent the disease from spreading are clean drinking water and basic hygiene practices, such as active hand washing and cleanliness of sanitation facilities.

### **Still have that pledge card?**

If you haven't turned in your pledge cards for the 2011 Stewardship campaign please do so as soon as possible. If you need a new card just call the church office and one will be sent to you. Thanks to all those who have already gotten their pledges in to the church!

### **Christmas Gift Market, December 5-Fellowship Hall**

Please mark your calendars for some very special Christmas shopping opportunities again this year, presented by the Peace & Justice, and Mission & Giving Committees. Your purchases from the items provided by Old First Deacons, the Doris Krauss Senior Center, and the Peace & Justice Committee's Fair Trade products (coffees, teas, chocolates, olive oil, etc.) will directly benefit their programs. Larkin Street Youth Services will also participate and will receive their full benefit from your purchases. (see below)

Again this year, you'll be able to make contributions to two Presbyterian-supported organizations. You can select from some of Alternative Gifts International's diverse list of programs in the U.S. and other countries, providing assistance for farming, education, medical and other needs [www.alternativegifts.org](http://www.alternativegifts.org), and select a gift card with information on that gift to send to the person(s)

you're honoring (the cards and envelopes are large enough that you can include a couple of precious family photos also!) Returning this year will be handicraft gifts created by Palestinian craft producers in and near Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Ramallah, Galilee, etc., supporting women, refugees and people with disabilities ([www.sunbula.org](http://www.sunbula.org)). You can read more about each of these organizations at their websites, and also on the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) website, [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org).

Children's Library Donations through Alternative Gift Market – On December 5, after worship, the Alternative Gift Market will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Please come by the Alberto Barrios Memorial Children's Library table, where you can "purchase" a book to donate to the library, in honor of a child, family member, friend or loved one.

Volunteers are needed to help with Alternative Gifts International tables – set-up and clean-up, pasting program information into gift cards, collecting money/checks, and keeping track of the gifts purchased. We also welcome any special Christmas treats you'd like to bring to be served at the coffee table. Any questions, please see Mary Russell.

### **Bring a Gift to the Christmas Gift Market and Brighten the Holidays for Homeless Youth.**

Please help brighten the holidays for over 400 young people that Larkin Street serves by bringing a new, unwrapped gift to the Christmas Gift Market on Sunday, December 5. Founded 26 years ago, Larkin Street offers a host of innovative and effective programs that provide homeless and at-risk youth ages 12-24 the tools they need to reclaim their lives and exit street life. Some items on the young people's wish lists:

Gift cards	Jackets	Toiletries
Phone cards	Ponchos/umbrellas	Beauty products
Muni tokens/BART passes	Hooded sweatshirts	Hair dryers/straighteners
MP3 players	Shoes/sneakers	Alarm clocks
Home electronics	Knit caps/gloves/ scarves	Towel sets
Small appliances	Purses/wallets	Dishes/pots/pans

For more gift ideas, please go to <http://larkinstreetyouth.org/donate/wishlist.php>.

**Children's Christmas Pageant – December 12** This year, we are bringing St. Nicholas to church! Everyone can then understand that Santa Claus and Jesus are two different persons who lived long ago and that we celebrate both in the interest of Christian kindness and Charity from Santa, the promise of hope and salvation from Jesus' birth. St. Nicholas (a/k/a Erwin) will enter sit and tell everyone a brief history of St. Nicholas (Sinterklauss/Santa Claus) and then tell his favorite Christmas story which, of course, is the birth of Jesus. The younger children, and if we have any 'middle' age children, will dress in costume to enact the pageant while recruited returning from college and older high schoolers will read scripture from Matthew and Luke with, perhaps, Angels speaking directly to the pageant-enacting-children. We will need to recruit a few adults to be wise men and shepherds to help keep the children involved with the story. There will be short 'singing moments' for all the participants of simple chants emphasizing the drama.

### **Christmas Joy Offering Collected December 19**

We will join with Presbyterians everywhere again this year to bring our Christmas Joy Offerings in December. The theme this year is "What Child Is This?" giving us the joy of contemplating the arrival of the Infant Jesus with hope for the world, and celebrating the children who bless our lives. In this season when we celebrate the child born in Bethlehem, we also realize that the birth of Jesus ushered in a new realm of God's love at work in the world. This love causes us to recognize the image of God

embedded in all humankind. It compels us to reach out with charity, justice, and grace, when we honor every child of God. This, too, is how we celebrate the child born on that first Christmas day.

Presbyterians can respond to that love at Christmas by giving generously to the Christmas Joy Offering. Fifty percent of the Offering helps students at racially ethnic schools and colleges develop their gifts and find their calling to serve God through serving their community. The other 50% of the Offering helps families of both active and retired church workers to meet unexpected needs. As we celebrate Jesus' love in our lives this Christmas, our gifts bear joyful witness to the power of that boundless love that changes lives.

A Presbyterian tradition for almost 70 years, the Christmas Joy Offering is one of the four special offerings designated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to provide congregations direct ways of supporting specific causes that help those in need. You can learn more about these offerings at [www.pcusa.org](http://www.pcusa.org).

### Christmas Eve Party at the Tabers'

Members and friends of Old First are invited to the annual Christmas Eve party on December 24 at the home of Steve and Sarah Taber, from 5:30 to 7:45 p.m. (prior to the Christmas Eve service). Steve and Sarah will provide ham, turkey and scalloped potatoes and guests are invited to bring other dishes (such as appetizers, vegetables, salads and desserts). The location is 1170 Green Street, near the corner of Hyde. Please contact Sarah either after church on Sundays or by e-mail: [sarah@sstaber.com](mailto:sarah@sstaber.com) to let her know that you can come and what dish you will be bringing.

### Greeting from the Doris Kraus Senior Center

We want to thank Pastor Maggi and so many from the Old First Church community for their support of the Senior Center this past year. On December 20th we will be celebrating the end of a successful year together with a noontime Christmas Dinner. We invite everyone from Old First to attend and encourage any seniors (over 62) from our surrounding community to come celebrate with us this day (or on any Monday!) Some of you who remember Doris Krauss will be interested to know that her grandson, Sean Smith has continued to support the Center both financially and in many other ways to honor his grandmother's memory.

Our seniors have been busy creating items for sale and sorting contributions for our annual fundraiser at the Mission Fair which will take place after church on December 5. We would appreciate any additional contributions of nice White Elephant gifts and costume jewelry before that date.

In closing, I want to personally thank the Doris Krauss Senior Center volunteers who have made our program possible this year: Sarah Taber, Jan Hammock, Fernando Gonzales, James Uren, Cynthia Kang, Rafael Ahedo, Matthew Wanlin, Jack Rozzell, Don Pender, Chicko Osgaard and Michael Norton.

Rev. Genie Kinney  
Director



### **The Book Nook**

What better gift to give someone you care for than a book? For children and young people especially, a book is a life-long treasure. Read years later, it can offer the adult a memory of a special time, a special Christmas. Listed here are some current suggestions from The New York Times for children's books.

The Big Red Lollipop by Rukhsana Khan, illustrations by Sophie Blackall. Ages 5-8. \$16.99

Bink and Gollie by Kate DiCamillo and Alison McGhee, illustrations-Tony Fucile. Ages 6-8. \$15.99  
The Little Prince written and illustrated by Joann Sfar, translation: Sarah Ardizzone. Ages 10-up.\$19.99  
(Note: this month's Rediscovering Fiction will discuss the original The Little Prince; this is an outstanding "re-telling" of this classic book).

Children of God, Archbishop Desmond Tutu's collection of more than 50 Bible stories from around the world.

### **Remembering Old First**, Dan Joraanstad

On All Soul's Day we remembered those who have united with God in the past year. Sometime we will all cross over, and as we leave the earthly realm behind we can inspire good for those people and institutions we love in our departure.

There are several ways that you can help Old First through your Will and Trust documents. Most straight forward—bequeath a cash gift to the church in your Will and Trust. Or to track with inflation as well as the value of your estate assets, leave a percentage of your wealth and not a cash gift. In either style of gifting, an unrestricted gift is the most useful to the church.

A style of gift giving that might be attractive in a time of such low interest rates is making a gift to the church via a Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT). Such an approach combines income for you now with gifts to the church family later. A CRT is based on your gift of a highly appreciated asset, for example, a chunk of stock purchased long ago or a piece of real estate.

The stock or piece of property, to meet the characteristics of a successful CRT would be highly appreciated. If sold by you for gift making purposes to raise cash you will send 15% of the asset or more to the government. Instead a CRT receives your gift and sells it within your CRT account, sheltering you from taxation. In addition, because you have made such a gift you receive tax credits that can be used in other ways. The cash from such a sale remains in your CRT and is invested, with the account designed to provide you anywhere between 5%-8% interest depending on your age. The income stream will reduce the value of the gift over time, but at your passing the beneficiary of your CRT receives the remainder of the account.

Note that these suggestions are made from my perspective as a financial advisor, not as an attorney. To create a CRT you will need to work in conjunction with the necessary legal talent. Involving an estate planning attorney is necessary to implement your wishes, and to plan and consider all choices with care. Whatever the path you take if you choose Old First as a beneficiary your good works will continue long after you have left the family locally to join the heavenly throng.

### Sessions Report for 2010

Regular session meetings are scheduled for the 4th Tuesday evening of each month. It is our practice to have a "vacation" in the summer - this year we didn't meet in August. We also have special session meetings as needed. These are usually called for the purpose of interviewing new members before they are presented to the congregation or to deal with time sensitive decisions that can't wait for the regular Tuesday monthly meeting.

Each meeting begins with devotion led by Pastor Maggi as the moderator. A prayer ends the devotion and the business section of the meeting begins. Routine issues and reports include a membership report as well as a report from each of the session committee moderators. Any communications sent or

received are noted. Three commissioners are elected to attend San Francisco Presbytery meetings that are held 5 times a year.

The structure of our meetings is guided by *Robert's Rules of Order*. This is a parliamentary style which allows for introduction of issues, time for discussion and resolution. The resolution can be an up or down vote or a motion to table the issue until more data can be gathered. We follow the Book of Order (G-10.000 through G-10.0401) which outlines the duties and responsibility of a session.

Some of the items session dealt with in 2010:

- On-going building maintenance.
- Arranging for a summer seminary intern to serve with us for 10 weeks –Arlo Jones.
- Consideration to continue the Saturday Food Pantry, this time joining with other local congregations.
- Evangelism: elders, deacons and all members of the congregation - we all have a part in reaching out to visitors. Please talk to visitors before worship, start the friendship pad down your pew, greet visitors as well as friends during the Passing of the Peace, invite visitors to coffee hours, and speak with visitors during this social time.
- Initiating a 5 year Stewardship study and actions which include tracing changes in our demographics, financial analyses, and confidential interviews.
- Approval for WELCOME to send a letter to the congregation explaining the programs they sponsor and soliciting financial support.
- Review of Wedding and Memorial Service procedures. Kristi Hoerauf has taken over as Wedding Coordinator.
- Arranging for the annual Leadership Retreat which provides training and social time for sitting elders and deacons. It was at the 2010 retreat that we formed a statement describing Old First: “Following the Way of Jesus; Flourishing in the embrace of God’s Love; Forming a spirit-led faith community.”
- Adjourning the April session meeting in order to re-convene as the Corporation of Old First Concerts. As this entity, we reviewed the OIC budget and heard about their activities for the year as well as their plans for the future.
- Interviewing and welcoming elders and deacons for the new classes: Saskia de Vries, Greg Free, Sidney Hollar, and Steve Taber as elders; Harriet MacLean, Glen Potter, and Annie Scott Rogers as deacons.
- Interviewing and welcoming our confirmands Samuel Cheng, Camryn Hollarsmith, Jemma Fagler, and Logan Donaldson as members of Old First.

Current committees and sitting elders:

- Christian Education – George Yu and Sidney Hollar
- Community Building – Bob Hermann
- Finance – Barry Clagett, Kristi Hoerauf, and Greg Free
- Mission and Giving – Mary Russell and Michael Berg (Stewardship)
- Operations – Steve Taber
- Personnel – George Becker
- Planning – John Sebastian
- Session liaison to Deacons – elder of the month (rotating)
- Worship – Christopher Bert and Saskia de Vries

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Kirkwood, Clerk of Session

**Christmas Eve and Christmas****Christmas Eve**

5:00 pm join our neighbors at St. Luke's Episcopal Church (corner of Van Ness and Clay) for a children's pageant with live animals.

8:00 pm Candle Light Communion Service, OFPC

**Christmas**

10:00 am Christmas Morning Mass with Choral Eucharist at St. Luke's, Maggi Henderson will help lead worship with Rev. Dana Corsello and Ricardo Avila, Manger of the Interfaith Food Pantry, will be preaching.

**Excerpts from Maggi's November 20th sermon**

Ben Campbell Johnson wrote in his article, Joy-God's Unexpected Gift, that joy is not dependent on circumstances but flows from a relationship from God. Joy and happiness are not the same thing.

Joy: 1. Flows freely, is received as a gift. 2. Is characterized by relinquishment and embracing.

3. Adapts to the unexpected. 4. Changes us.

Happiness: 1. Depends on changing our circumstances. 2. Is characterized by grasping, clinging and depending. 3. Gets what we feel is deserved. 4. Seeks to change circumstances.



**Old First Concerts** - \$17 general admission, [www.oldfirstconcerts.org](http://www.oldfirstconcerts.org)

**Friday, December 3 at 8 PM**

**Sqwonk & ZOFO**

A split bill of two groups both exploring contemporary works for unusual instrumentation.

**Saturday, December 4 at 8 PM**

**Ben Brussell's KLEZMANIA!**

Traditional sing-a-long Chanukah songs, klezmer, Yiddish folk songs, some Israeli, and some original klezmer songs

**Sunday, December 5 at 4 PM**

**Ragazzi Boys Chorus**

Ragazzi's choruses of young men and boys join with the Sonos Handbell Choir in this program of special holiday carols

**Friday, December 10 at 8 PM**

**Oakland Jazz Choir**

Accompanied by their trio, performing original and contemporary arrangements

**Sunday, December 12 at 4 PM**

**Piedmont East Bay Children's Choirs**

**Candlelight Concert**

Presenting their annual holiday Candlelight Concert, featuring a blend of fascinating new music, holiday themes, and family favorites.

**Friday, December 17 at 8 PM**

**Golden Bough**

**Christmas in a Celtic Land**

Brings olde worlde cheer and the warmth of family gatherings together in a musical setting



Rediscovering Faith through Fiction:

Diane Molberg

The Little Prince, Antoine de Saint-Exupery

“If you come at four o’clock in the afternoon, then by three o’clock I shall begin to be happy.”

In 1943, Antoine Saint-Exupery, pilot and author, was forced to land his aircraft in the Sahara Desert. Alone, and a thousand miles from any help, he spent that first night sleeping on the sand under the brilliant stars feeling “more isolated than a shipwrecked sailor.” To his amazement he was awakened at sunrise by “an odd little voice asking, ” ‘If you please, draw me a sheep!’” Thus he met the Little Prince, whose history he was to learn little by little in the days that followed, and with each story the Little Prince told, Exupery learned more about himself and what is really important in life.

For years, I can’t even remember how long ago this started but I was about seventeen, I’d give a copy of Antoine de Saint-Exupery’s exquisite story, The Little Prince at Christmas to a few special people. How I chose whom I would gift with this story was random at best, but love had a lot to do with it: a special friend, a current boyfriend, someone I worked with. Mostly people I felt would appreciate it.

One Christmas I sat in the kitchen of “The Fox and the Hound,” a coffee house in North Beach (long gone now) and read the story of the Little Prince and the fox to a rather desolate looking folk singer with the colorful name of “Whiskey.” He was so moved he went to the woman selling gardenias on the corner of Green Street, bought all of them and presented them to me right there in the kitchen!

Understood correctly, the story can do that to a person. I became obsessed. I bought two copies and a third in French I was so afraid I’d lose a copy. I was so enamoured of the golden haired boy who lived alone on a planet no bigger than a house with just a single red rose, that when asked in college to do a dramatic reading of anything I wanted, I chose the episode of the Little Prince and the fox.

The fox wants to be tamed because, he says, “One only understands the things that one tames.” The Little Prince wants a friend because he misses his rose so much, so he agrees to tame the fox who requires that the Little Prince return every day precisely at four o’clock so, “I can begin to be happy at three o’clock.” Do you understand that? Have you ever loved and needed someone that much that anticipation is as important as the event?

As I reflect on my personal history with this wonderful book, I see why I gave it only at Christmas. Isn’t that what Advent means? Anticipation? Indeed, don’t we live our entire Christian lives in anticipation of that brightest of all stars, that Holiest of Holy Families? Isn’t that the epitome of love, and trust and friendship?

I haven’t given anyone a copy of this book for years now. It’s time. Are you ready?

### 2010 Nominating Committee

It is time to identify church members who might be nominated for the offices of Elder and Deacon. The people nominated will be elected to a three-year term at the Annual Meeting in February 2011. For this year, your Nominating Committee includes the following faithful servants:

Pam Byers Betsy Chiao	PamByers@CovenantNetwork.org
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Rogers John Sebastian	FeisterPhD@yahoo.com
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Deacons and Elders are chosen by the people. The Book of Order says that *Elders should be persons of faith, dedication, and good judgment. Their manner of life should be a demonstration of the Christian gospel, both within the church and in the world. (G-6.0300)* The office of deacon, as set forth in Scripture, is one of sympathy, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, of exemplary lives, brotherly and sister love, warm sympathies and sound judgment should be chosen for this office. (G-6.0400).

Please pray for the work of the Nominating Committee. Also, the Committee would like your suggestions for candidates for either deacon or elder. You can speak to one of the committee members or send them an e-mail with your suggestions. You can also use a Candidate Suggestion Form found in the Narthex on Sunday mornings. Please give your suggestions to the committee or place them in the box in the Narthex by December 5<sup>th</sup>.

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## The Officers of Old First Church

**Deacons** - **Nina Berg**, Treasurer, Communion Clean Up, Funding Requests; **Tracy Clagett**, prayer coordinator; **Mary Culp**, Funding Requests; **Dan Joraanstad** (Co-moderator); **Craig Kehne**, Coffee Hour; **Diane Lewis**, Funding Requests; **Heather Losee**(Co-moderator); **Harriet MacClean**, Nominating Committee Representative, Memorial Receptions & Meal Coordination; **Dana Nojima**, Merchandise Sales; **Glen Potter**, Transportation; **Annie Scott Rogers**, Prayer Chain Coordination; **Oliver Spencer**, Special Events & Community Outreach; **Priscilla Yu**, Memorial Receptions & Meal Coordination

**Elders** - **George Becker**, Personnel, **Michael Berg**, Stewardship, Mission & Giving, **Christopher Burt**, **Saskia de Vries**, Worship, **Barry Clagett**, Finance, **Gregory P. Free**, **Bob Hermann**, Community Building, **Kristi Hoerauf**, Finance, **Sidney Hollar**, Ad. Ed., **Jeanne Kirkwood**, Clerk of Session, **Mary E. Russell**, Stewardship, Mission & Giving, **John Sebastian**, Planning, **Steve Taber**, Operations, **George Yu**, Adult Ed.