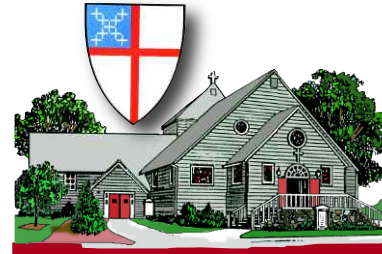


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# Trinity Chimes

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## UPCOMING



**Annual Meeting &  
Vestry Elections**  
Sunday, January 29, 2012  
following the 10:30 service  
(only one service that day)



**Fellowship Brunch**  
**“Thanks for  
Having a Heart”**  
Sunday, February 12  
at the Legion Hall  
(details on page 15)



**The Institution  
of Our New Rector**  
Wednesday, February 15  
(see back cover)



**Shrove Tuesday  
Pancake Supper**  
Tuesday, February 21  
Houghton Hall

From Fr. Michael:

### Lenten Program 2012: The Ladder of the Beatitudes

Matthew 5:1-12: “When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

*‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.*

*Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.*

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.*

*Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.*

*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.*

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.*

*Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

*Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.*

*Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.’”*

Even in a society filled with the unchurched, the non-Christian, and the anti-Christian, if you say, “Blessed are,” someone is likely to add, “the poor in spirit”. These words of Jesus are easy to remember, although hard to understand. St. Matthew records eight beatitudes, yet there is really only one, for all describe aspects of life in relationship with God.

And they are pivotal. In Matthew’s Gospel the first four chapters come at the reader like a whirlwind, telling the stories of his birth, baptism by John and temptations in the desert, and then quickly recounting that his ministry began as he called four disciples and began to heal the sick and exorcise demons. But as yet there were no recorded teachings of Jesus.

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The Wardens and Vestry  
of  
Trinity Episcopal Church  
invite you to join in  
The Celebration of a New Ministry  
and Institution of  
The Reverend Michael Edward Bartolomeo  
as Rector  
on Wednesday, the fifteenth of February  
Two thousand and twelve  
7:30 pm  
at  
Trinity Episcopal Church  
Northport, New York

The Right Reverend Lawrence Provenzano,  
Bishop of Long Island, presiding



REJOICE  
WITH US!



A Celebration for our Seven Confirmands was held on Sunday, October 23.

# Rebuild Our Church in Haiti

The earthquake that struck Haiti in January 2010 wrought horrific damage that continues to be felt today. The Episcopal Cathedral, Holy Trinity, was reduced to rubble, along with seventy percent of all diocesan-run schools, clinics and hospitals. In addition to serving as the spiritual anchor of worship in Port-au-Prince, thousands flocked to its grounds for education, health care and culture.



Bishop Provenzano has asked diocesan parishes to participate in the Rebuild Our Church in Haiti campaign, specifically for the construction of a new Cathedral. The new Cathedral will offer worship space for 1,000, housing diocesan offices and a rectory, and incorporating the former cathedral ruins as an historic memorial garden. Working together with other Episcopal organizations, the plan is to rebuild the Cathedral brick by brick. In considering the amount of an individual contribution, think of \$10 as representing the cost of a brick, so that a \$30 gift would buy 3 bricks. A diocese-wide ingathering of our gifts will take place on World Mission Sunday, February 19, so Trinity's contribution must be collected by Sunday, February 12. Checks should be written to Trinity Church, designated for Haiti Relief.

**Brick by brick, you can help create a new spiritual home for thousands of Episcopalians.**

## The Annual Meeting and Vestry Elections will be held on Sunday, January 29, 2012

...following the 10:30am service (only one service that day). Your attendance is always important and requested.

Last year, the Vestry voted to change the By-Laws to reduce the size of the vestry, to a total of 12 (including two wardens and the rector). We have 4 vestrypersons whose terms are ending and are eligible to run again. Of those four, the Nominating Committee will be looking to fill three Vestry positions.

In addition, there is an opening for one warden position. If anyone is interested in running for the Vestry, please contact someone on the Nominating Committee – Michael Irizarry, Bill Marsden, Pattie Seitter,

Barbara Wasilausky and Bob Wolpert. The Committee will be gathering names of persons who possess the leadership characteristics needed to be an effective representative of the parish at large and who can be faithful in carrying out the responsibilities. Those characteristics include: a calm, confident demeanor; able to follow rules and maintain boundaries; act responsibly for the good of the congregation; be clear about their skills and ask when they need help; be a team player. The role involves: envisioning; engaging; empowering; energizing; and modeling.

**Please note: Nominations to vestry can be made on the floor at the annual meeting.**



## The Minstrel Players

*Committed to Bringing World Class Affordable Theatre to Long Island*

The Minstrel Players continued their 2011-2012 with the return of our holiday production of "A Christmas Carol". In the Spring, we will be staging the comedy, Larry Shue's "The Nerd", followed by "It Happened One Act", a one act weekend of original writings this summer.

At this time, we are appealing to you to consider becoming a Minstrel Benefactor. As a community theatre group, we are facing many challenges (rising costs of materials, licensing fees, advertising fees, etc.). Additionally, we are upgrading our sound board and headsets. **We are NOT raising**

### our ticket prices this year.

The following are the donation levels for The Minstrel Players:

- Angel Benefactor \$100**
- VIP Benefactor \$100**
- Chief Benefactor \$75**
- Contributing Benefactor \$50**

### Benefactor \$25

In order to continue to bring such entertainment in the future we are asking for your assistance by becoming a benefactor. Please make donation checks payable to: The Minstrel Players at 23 Franco Ave., Selden, N.Y. 11784. ([www.minstrelplayers.org](http://www.minstrelplayers.org))

### Auditions for roles

in Larry Shue's "The Nerd" – Tuesday February 7th at 7:30 PM. Celia – Female, Mid 40's to early 50's. Must have good comedic timing – and Thor – A boy between the ages of 6& 12. Rehearsals will either be on Sun. afternoons, Mon. or Tues. nights. Performances will be on Sat., April 21, 28, and May 5 at 8 PM, and Sun., April 22 and May 6th at 3 PM in Houghton Hall. Please bring a resume and a headshot. For more information, please call 631-732-2926 or visit us online at [www.minstrelplayers.org](http://www.minstrelplayers.org)

# Important News from Our Rector

## The status quo:

- Sunday church services are at 8am and 10:30am. There is no parish activity from 9am to 10am.
- Sunday School begins at 10am, and the classes then join the 10:30am Eucharist at the Peace.
- Coffee hour takes place following the 10:30am service.

## Why it is problematic:

- The parish is effectively broken up into different groups who do not interact on Sunday mornings, to wit:
  - There is no fellowship time for the 8am congregation, and no contact with the later parishioners.
  - Sunday School begins in a vacuum that is not inviting to newcomers.
  - There is nothing being offered to the parents of students as they drop them off at 10am.
  - Many parents, understandably, drop their children off late, if at all, as they are themselves going into church.
  - In order to be a Sunday School teacher, a position which is of the utmost importance and which requires faith and dedication, every teacher must “give up” worship time, including hearing Scriptures read and sermons.
  - The above applies also to all students, who can effectively go until their high school years without hearing a gospel or a sermon.
  - Students miss out on seeing what acolytes do, and therefore are not attracted to the position.
  - In order to be acolytes, students must be pulled out of classes, thereby disrupting teacher lesson plans.

- There is no time to train acolytes, excite them, or encourage them.
- There is no time for the rector to visit classrooms and get to know the children (to this date, the rector knows far fewer of the children by name than he knows the adults).
- There is no opportunity for “children oriented sermons”.
- Most parents and Sunday School teachers avoid Coffee Hour because they have already had their full worship day.
- Those whose children have grown often attend Coffee Hour wondering why the teachers, parents, and children don’t often stay.
- The older generation of church leaders are not connecting with the younger families, and so replenishing the natural life cycle of parish involvement.
- **Simply put, the family is not spending time together.**

## The change:

- **EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 26TH COFFEE HOUR WILL BE DISCONTINUED AND REPLACED BY A WEEKLY PARISH BREAKFAST FROM 9am TO 10am.**
- **SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL BEGIN AT 9:30am AND CONTINUE UNTIL 10:15am.**
  - The first 15 minutes of Sunday School will be in Houghton Hall, where the children will gather with their teachers for breakfast.
  - The teachers have agreed to sit together as a group in the front pews of the church.
  - Parents will choose whether their children sit with them or with their teachers.
  - Breakfast will be served by a crew of parishioners who accept this as their ministry.

- Breakfast crews will not have to set up or break down tables and chairs (as they have had to do for Coffee Hour).

## **THIS YEAR’S LENTEN PROGRAM WILL OCCUR DURING BREAKFAST.**



## Why it can be a solution:

- Everyone can be together every Sunday at one point or another, as parishioners can come and go at any point during the hour and get breakfast.
- Virtually every concern raised earlier can be addressed, fixed, or erased.
- The 8am and 10:30am services become options that can “meet in the middle”.
- Sunday School students or families who attend other activities on Sundays at times can attend the 8am service, still attend breakfast and Sunday School, and leave church as early as 10:15am.
- Breakfast time becomes a “beehive” of activity that can be welcoming to newcomers.
- Various programs can occur at this time (see above), as well as presentations, side meetings, and other creative possibilities.
- All Sunday events (except special occasions) will end before 12 noon, making the day more available for families to pursue other interests.
- While it does add 30 minutes to a family’s worship day (assuming they did not attend Coffee Hours!) this time will be well spent, and will actually allow for a more relaxed schedule, as children are not rushed from activity to activity.

- In a day and age where families are often so busy that they often do not eat dinner together, the church family will have a chance to sit at the table weekly and eat in a way that mirrors the spiritual meal of the Eucharist.
- The Eucharist at 10:30am becomes the climax of the morning’s activities, as it should be.

## What is needed:

- Charlie and Jane Kaiser will NOT be expected to do this alone. We are looking for a crew of about 8 people to work in rotating shifts of about one Sunday a month.
- These people should see this as a major offering of ministry, as fellowship is more than just socializing, it is a very important time of sharing among believers.
- All involved must accept and realize that the changes people are making in their routines are for the good of all, and that their willingness to do this is MUCH appreciated.
- Hot food; for this to truly work, breakfast must be breakfast, and not just coffee and cake. *However, for the first few months, as we get used to the new routine, breakfasts may be a bit continental.*
- Faith, hope, and always ... charity.

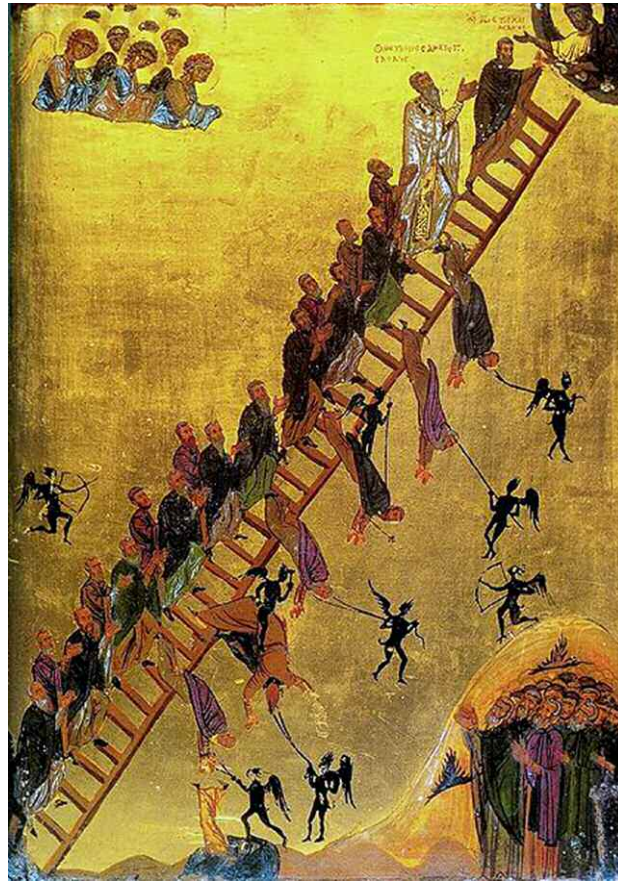
*("From Fr. Michael", continued from front cover)*

When Jesus "saw the crowds" we realize that many people were there, and that this teaching was not just for some inner elite, but for everyone and anyone, even you and me. "He went up the mountain" evokes memories of Mt. Sinai, at which the Jews received the Ten Commandments of God, and alerting us that something as important was being said here. "When he sat down" was the posture of a teacher, and so Moses is again brought to mind. In short, this is Jesus' inaugural address.

It should be noted that many of the Beatitudes are not ... pleasant. Poverty of spirit, mourning, meekness (for some), intense hunger and thirst, and persecution are not items that would make one ... happy. Clearly, Jesus is talking about a deeper level of usefulness, one that is, perhaps, eternal.

Our study will be based on a supposition. The beatitudes are like rungs on a ladder, which Jesus has arranged in an exact order with a distinct pattern. Each step builds on the foundation of the previous step, leads to it, and is indispensable in reaching it. We cannot divide them up, retaining the ones we find appealing, while leaving those we do not care for to others, as if one could specialize, "I'll take peacemaking, you can have purity of heart".

One of the Desert Fathers, St. John Climacus (c579-649) used the same metaphor in his description of the path of salvation that begins with the renunciation of the worldly life and ascension towards God through virtues. It has given rise to an icon that shows a ladder crowded with those who wish to



enter the kingdom of God, but they are under attack by small demons, and some, succumbing to temptation, fall off. The Christian life can then be seen as climbing the ladder of the Beatitudes, and when we fall off, starting once again.

This year's program will be comprised of five installments, held in Houghton Hall on Sunday mornings beginning at 9:30. It will involve a presentation focusing on each of the Beatitudes, followed by discussion and reflection ... and it will include breakfast.

*We will be using Matthew's version (although Luke's will be discussed).*



## From our former Parish Administrator, Kathy Fusaro

"I want to thank my Trinity Family for the luncheon to celebrate my recent retirement. (Ruth Ann everything was great, especially the delicious cake!). I was so privileged to work as your Parish Administrator for 28 years, first with Fr. Walworth and ending with Pastor Lynne and everyone in between. I have enjoyed all the good and difficult times Trinity has gone through during my tenure in the office. We have come a long way and the future is so bright with Fr. Michael as our spiritual leader. I will cherish the friends I have made and the families I have seen babies baptized and are now on their way to college. Where do the years go...I started out a brunette and look at me now. I love my cross and the earrings are so beautiful. I will think of you all when I wear them. I am not going anywhere so will see you all often. Faithfully, Kathy



## YFP News

Trinity's **YFP** (Young People's Fellowship) has resumed with renewed vigor this fall under the leadership of our new rector, **Fr. Michael Bartolomeo**, and with the assistance of **Ray Roel**, **Bob Savello** and parent volunteers.

So far, the YPF has held two Monday-night pizza meetings, with discussion, ping-pong, air hockey and board games, in the newly refreshed basement youth room. Trinity youth also co-sponsored a highly successful Battle of the Bands with two other Northport churches, raising money for the Ecumenical Lay Council's food pantry and for **Artists for a New South Africa (ANSA)**, a charity chosen by Trinity's most recent confirmation class. Several Trinity youth and adults met one Saturday morning this fall to rake leaves at the home of two parishioners and their neighbor to raise additional money for both ANSA and a possible ski trip for the youth group.

**The youth met at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 22**, to make a lasagna dinner for the homeless men who stayed at the **Huntington Interfaith Homeless Initiative (HIHI)** shelter that night. Fr. Bartolomeo led a group of youth that evening in setting up bedding and serving the dinner to the men at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Huntington.

Future YPF activities being planned include assisting with the annual Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner on Feb. 21 and a movie night/sleepover at the church in March.

For suggestions for future activities, youth and parents may contact Fr. Bartolomeo at 261-7670, Gina Reichmann at 351-5790 or Bob Savello at 464-7973.



# Trinity's Annual Christmas Pageant

A Christmas Pageant was presented by the Trinity Church School on Sunday, December 18th, during the 10:30 service.

Students from preschool to middle school gathered with excitement to perform **The Christmas Story**, as a play, directed by **Mrs. Glick**, with the help of the church school teachers and parents, and **Dr. Clark** directing our music selections. This years message was that even though the Christmas story took place over 2000 years ago, Jesus is the same "yesterday, today and forever!" Thank you everyone for an outstanding job!

Congratulations to **Abigail** who was the winner of our annual Gingerbread Raffle!

## Carol Elaine Hoxie 1932-2011



Carol Elaine (Stallings) Hoxie, 79, formerly of Centerport, New York, and more recently of Charlottesville, Virginia, died on Saturday, October 22, 2011, at Martha Jefferson Hospital in Charlottesville. Mrs. Hoxie was born on January 4, 1932, in College Park, Georgia, a daughter of the late William Walker and Margaret (Brokaw) Stallings. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Isaac "Pat" Hoxie, and a sister, Laurel I. Stallings.

Carol was a homemaker and member of the St. Charles Hospital Women's Auxiliary of Northport, New York, for 26 years and volunteered over 16,000 hours at the hospital gift-shop. Survivors include three sons, Henry "Jay" Gurley and wife, Kate, of Marina Del Ray, California, Bruce I. Gurley and wife, Angela, of Keswick, Virginia, and Robert S. Gurley and wife, Dr. Susan Gurley, of Durham, North Carolina; thirteen grandchildren; three brothers, Lawrance Stallings and wife, Dales, of Scottsville, Preston Stallings and wife, Diane, and Warren Stallings and wife, Virginia, all of Charlottesville.

For many years, Carol attended Trinity Church and was a loyal member of the choir. She participated in many ladies' activities and hosted a memorable end-of-the-season choir picnic at her home, which overlooked Centerport Harbor.

A memorial service was conducted 12 p.m. Saturday, October 29, 2011, at Thacker Brothers Funeral Home in Scottsville. Interment was at the Scottsville Cemetery.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the St. Charles Hospital Foundation, 200 Belle Terre Road, Port Jefferson, NY 11777.

### I wish for you...

Comfort on difficult days,  
Rainbows to follow the  
clouds,

Laughter to kiss your lips,  
Sunsets to warm your  
heart

Gentle hugs when spirits  
sag,

Friendships to brighten  
your being,

Beauty for your eyes to  
see,

Confidence for when you  
doubt,

Faith so that you can  
believe,

Courage to know yourself,  
Patience to accept the  
truth,

And love to complete  
your life.

God Bless you!

I asked the Lord to bless  
you

To guide you and protect  
you

As you go along your  
way....

His love is always with you

His promises are true

No matter what the  
tribulation

You know He will see us  
through

So when the road you're  
traveling on

Seems difficult at best

Give your problems to  
the Lord

And God will do the rest.

- from the Internet

## The Ties that Bind...

**Carolyn Marsden**, daughter of Pam & Bill, after several years in the biomedical research field, has earned a PhD degree in Biomedical Sciences from Tulane University. Carolyn presented a formal dissertation defense titled "A New Model for the Study of Human Breast Cancer Metastasis" on December 8, 2011 at Tulane. Her grandparents, parents, brother, sister, uncle & their mates had the privilege & pleasure of being present for the dissertation and the celebration which followed!



**Dr. Erin Thomas** of Broadhollow Dentistry in Melville, just returned from a three day dental mission to Olongapol City in the Philippines. At a local church, Erin, as part of a team of 4 dentists, treated over 700 patients requiring dental surgery, exams and fillings. Erin, a graduate of Virginia Tech and Boston University School of Dental Medicine, is the daughter of **Walter and Jane Thomas**.



Dr. Erin Thomas

Grow old along with me! The best is yet to be, the last of life, for which the first was made; our times are in His hand. Who saith, "A whole I planned, youth shows but half; Trust God; See all, nor be afraid!"

-Robert Browning

Kathy Fusaro received a letter from **Jane Bowden**. The Bowden family was active at Trinity for many years before moving from this area. Their son **Mark** passed away on September 8, 2011 at the age of 56 from a massive stroke after surgery. Our deepest sympathy goes to the Bowden family. Anyone wanting to contact the them, please call Kathy.

**News of parishioners (past and present) should be placed in the Chimes mailbox or e-mailed to Mary Jane at [mjmacart@verizon.net](mailto:mjmacart@verizon.net) to be included in Chimes.**



## Christmas at Trinity

*The Poinsettias on the Altar during the Christmas season were especially lovely this year.*

### TRINITY TREASURER'S REPORT OVERVIEW JAN. THRU DEC., 2011

Operating Revenues..... \$210,721  
 Operating Expenses..... \$232,316  
 Operating Net Income..... -\$21,595

Non-Operating Revenues..... \$39,263  
 Non-Operating Expenses..... \$49,311  
 Non-Operating Net Income... -\$10,048

Net Income/(Deficit).....-\$31,643  
 Trinity is currently running a \$31,643 deficit.

If you have any questions please let me know. Robert Wolpert, Treasurer

## A Good One from the Internet

"Each December, I vowed to make Christmas a calm and peaceful experience. I had cut back on nonessential obligations—extensive card writing, endless baking, decorating, and even overspending. Yet still, I found myself exhausted, unable to appreciate the precious family moments, and of course, the true meaning of Christmas.

My son, Nicholas, was in kindergarten that year. It was an exciting season for a six-year-old. For weeks, he'd been memorizing songs for his school's "Winter Pageant." I didn't have the heart to tell him I'd be working the night of the production. Unwilling to miss his shining moment, I spoke with his teacher. She assured me there'd be a dress rehearsal the morning of the presentation. All parents unable to attend that evening were welcome to come then. Fortunately, Nicholas seemed happy with the compromise. So, the morning of the dress rehearsal, I filed in ten minutes early, found spot on the cafeteria floor and sat down. Around the room, I saw several other parents quietly scampering to their seats. As I waited, the students were led into the room. Each class, accompanied by their teacher, sat cross-legged on the floor. Then, each group, one by one, rose to perform their song.

Because the public school system had long stopped referring to the holiday as Christmas, I didn't expect anything other than fun, commercial entertainment - songs of reindeer, Santa Claus, snowflakes and good cheer. So, when my son's class rose to sing, "Christmas Love," I was slightly taken aback by its bold title. Nicholas was aglow, as were all of his classmates, adorned in fuzzy mittens, red sweaters, and bright snowcaps upon their heads. Those in the front row-center stage—held up large letters, one by one, to spell out the title of the song. As the class would sing "C is for Christmas," a child would hold up the letter C. Then, "H is for Happy," and on and on, until each child holding up his portion had presented the complete message, "Christmas Love."

The performance was going smoothly, until suddenly, we noticed her; a small, quiet, girl in the front row holding the letter "M" upside down—totally unaware her letter "M" appeared as a "W." The audience of 1st through 6th graders snickered at this little one's mistake. But she had no idea they were laughing at her, so she stood tall, proudly holding her "W." Although many teachers tried to shush the children, the laughter continued until the last letter was raised, and we all saw it together. A hush came over the audience and eyes began to widen. In that instant, we understood the reason we were there, why we celebrated the holiday in the first place, why even in the chaos, there was a purpose for our festivities. For when the last letter was held high, the message read loud and clear:"

**"CHRISTWASLOVE"**

**St Nicholas**  
  
**Holiday Bazaar**  
**A big success!**



More photos on pages 14 and 15!



The **St. Nicholas Bazaar** was full of the holiday spirit. There was something for everyone! Hats off to the folks who worked so hard to make it a success!



**Congratulations to the Lucky Raffle Winners at the Bazaar**

Stew : **Betsy McGrail**  
 Dining Raffle: **Jack & Joan Nau**  
 I-Pad II Raffle: **Marilyn Lazar**  
 Gazing Ball Raffle: **Joan Nau**

**“Thanks for Having a Heart”  
 1st Annual Fellowship Brunch**

Sunday, Feb. 12 from 12:30-2:30 at the Northport Legion Hall. Join in to support the Ecumenical-Lay Council Food Pantry. Light brunch, dessert, slide show - and music by the Northport Jazz Band. All proceeds to the food pantry. **\$25 per person**

For more information, call Pattie Seitter @261-7016