

UPCOMING ADVENT EVENTS

TAIZE SUNG PRAYERS **THURSDAYS, DECEMBER 1, 8, 15 & 22, 12:15 PM**

all things... peace, joy, simplicity and mercy

Come join us for a mid-week Service of Meditation and Music in the Chapel. Songs of the Taize community will be our source of worship.

UMW CHRISTMAS PROGRAM **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 6:30 PM**

There will be a spiritual message on the Life of Christ presented through art and Scripture. Chloe Sundberg will present the art works through PowerPoint. Donna Hirtle will read appropriate Scripture verses accompanying each painting.

BOARS HEAD FESTIVAL 2011 **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 4:00 PM**

Celebrate the winter solstice and welcome the yuletide with this Renaissance-styled pageant! Brass and organ will accompany traditional carols as well as modern and ancient choral music for the season. This year's guest performances will include the Worcester Children's Chorus, a Morris Dance troupe, the Shrewsbury Ringers, and an armored guard from Higgins Armory. Much of the repertoire is on the Master Singers' newest recording, available for purchase at this year's event. The festival will conclude with a jolly reception in Brewer Hall.

Advance purchase of tickets is recommended for this popular event that our own organist, Brett Maguire, will be playing in. Tickets: \$25 general admission & \$20 for seniors and students, \$10 for children 16 and under (children's tickets are available at the door only). Call 508-842-1349 for tickets or visit www.mswma.org.

MECHANICS HALL **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 12:00 NOON** **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

A new tradition in Worcester, several area choirs - including the Wesley Choir - will be coming together to sing an enjoyable and upbeat collection of Christmas music. It is also a wonderful opportunity to hear some of the organists from neighboring churches perform on the mighty Hook organ. The concert is free and open to the public, and you're welcome to bring a lunch or even buy one there!

**HANDBELL EXTRAVAGANZA
AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 7:30 PM

First Baptist Church will be hosting the third annual Handbell Extravaganza, featuring handbell choirs from the greater Worcester Area performing pieces individually and as a collective whole. The Wesley Ringers will be participating, playing a piece that incorporates new handchimes and the “singing bell” technique. Curious to know what those both are? Come hear the Wesley Ringers to find out! The concert is free and open to the public. First Baptist Church is located at the corner of Park and Salisbury at 111 Park Avenue, Worcester.

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 9:30 AM

“The Evening News Hour”

Brewer Hall Stage

Join us for tonight’s top news story from the reporters at Channel 7, as they take us live to Bethlehem for the birth of our Savior.

WESLEY CHRISTMAS CANTATA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 10:30 AM

This year we will be celebrating the 4th Sunday of Advent at the 10:30am service with a cantata. The Wesley Choir, joined by guest singers and musicians, will be presenting the Christmas Oratorio by Camille Saint-Saens during worship. This would be an excellent Sunday to invite some extra friends and family along to experience hearing beautiful music in our incredible sanctuary.

SILENT NIGHT SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 7:30 PM

“A Time for Reflection and Hope”

Come for a time of quiet reflection, scriptures. Special music will be offered by the Wesley Ringers and others. Fellowship & refreshments will follow in the Formal Parlor.

CHRISTMAS EVE EARLY SERVICE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 4:30 PM

**CHRISTMAS EVE COMMUNION &
CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 11:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 10:30 AM

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 12:00 NOON