The month of January is named for the Roman god Janus, protector of gates and doorways. Janus is depicted with two faces, one looking into the past, the other into the future. That’s worth noting as we stand at the gate of a new year and look back one last time at 2014, a year of significant change at BBC. I want to express my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to Secretaries Cindy Caldwell and Sandy Light, Financial Manager Bill Morrow, Church Administrator Jane Wallbrown, Lead Sexton Joanne Bassett, and Pastor Patti Ricotta who all served BBC well for many years and whose time of service on our staff concluded in 2014. These individuals all invested significantly of themselves in the life and ministry of our church and helped BBC to be the church it is today. Most recently, Patti completed her time in December to devote herself to the work she has done in Africa for over a decade and she is in our prayers this month as she works in Uganda.

Joanne Bassett completed eleven years at BBC at the very end of 2014. I asked Joanne about her time at BBC and she said, “I’ve had so many wonderful years here and met so many wonderful people. I’ve grown in my spirit, in love, and in helping people. The staff has been awesome, I just love everyone.” Joanne began her work at the church in January 2004, when her husband Al was on the Building and Grounds Team. One day Al asked Joanne, “Why don’t you give up your beauty shop and come work at the church?” Joanne’s first thought was, “I’m going to go from washing heads to cleaning toilets.” Reflecting on her time with those she worked with the longest, Joanne said, “I enjoyed Sandy’s positive spirit and infectious laugh and Cindy was so calm, gracious and loving. You could almost say they were like sisters, right off. Jane and I always made a good team and Bill held us together. He will never be forgotten.”

One of her favorite memories was the staff Christmas parties, usually held in the first week of January after we all had a chance to catch our breath. “I enjoyed the Christmas parties at the Scalise’s with the good food, to be together as a staff and the fun of the Yankee swap. All the people who’ve worked with me on the Sexton team have been terrific.”

Those of us who worked with Joanne appreciated her “can do” attitude, her gracious hospitality in baking cakes for staff member’s birthdays and hosting meals and other celebrations. Joanne enjoyed working with everyone on the Holiday Fair each year and being a part of all the activity and life of BBC. We’ll miss Joanne very much and pray the Lord will bless her and Al for their faithfulness.

We were glad to welcome to our staff: Sharon Kautz and Carol Zavesky in the office, Pastors David Pranga and Barbara Burrill, and new Lead Sexton Chet Robinson. We’re grateful for their presence and service. We also added a third worship service on June 15 and had a successful Fund Raising campaign that raised over $466,500. Tuesday, January 27 will be the Annual Meeting at which we’ll review the past year and all that was accomplished as well as vote on the 2015 budget and the slate of new leaders and officers brought by the Nominating Team.

As we look forward to 2015, we’ll welcome some guest preachers including Rev. Steve Youd, who has preached at BBC before and was well received, and Rev. Sandra Dorsainvil, TABCOM’s Minister of Mission and Stewardship. In February and March during Lent we’ll do an All Church Worship and Small Group Series called Finding God in Unexpected Places that you can read more about in this newsletter. During 2015 we’ll also be having some “Invite A Friend” Sundays to encourage us to be praying for and inviting other people who don’t attend a local church to check out BBC.

We never know as we pass through the doorway of a new year what that year will hold, but I’m glad to be entering 2015 with all of you.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Doug Scalise
Campaign Exceeds Goal

The "Preserving our Past ... Building our Future" fund-raising campaign has exceeded its goal. $466,500 has been pledged against a goal of $455,000 for a sensational result of 102.5%. Plus $299,000 or 64% of those pledges have already been paid in full. Thanks to all who pledged and contributed the Church was able to do the restoration work and will be able to implement the Bill Easum strategy recommendations while maintaining BBC's strong financial integrity.

Worship in January

Contemporary, 8:00 a.m.
Contemporary, 9:30 a.m.
Traditional, 11:00 a.m.

January 4
"Hate Evil, Love Good, Establish Justice"
Amos 5:14-15, 21-24

January 11
"The Sin of Standing Aside"
Obadiah 1:10-15

January 18
"What Would He Say Today?"
Habakkuk 2:1-4, 2:18-3:2

January 25
"Surprised By God"
John 4:27
Finding Your Niche
4 week class – starting Thursday, January 15 at 7:00 p.m.

God has uniquely made everyone to serve inside or outside of the church. This four week process is to help Christians understand who God has uniquely made them to be and guide them to a place of meaningful service. The class will help you identify the three elements of your unique Servant Profile: Spiritual Gifts ("what" you’re equipped to do to serve competently), Personal Style ("how" you can best serve authentically), and Ministry Passion ("where" you’re motivated to serve enthusiastically). You will also have a better understanding for God’s design for the church and your role with it. Pastor Doug and Pastor David will be teaching this class. If you have any questions, please contact David Pranga at dpranga@brewsterbaptistchurch.org or stop by the office. Hope to see you here.

White Elephant Yankee Gift Swap and Potluck Supper - January 10, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

How about that set of Leprechaun bookends from Aunt Shannon still in the box or that 5,000 piece puzzle or that once loved Knick knack souvenir you are tired of dusting? Here is your chance to "re-gift" that old, useless domestic clutter. Hey, one man's trash is another man's treasure! Bring a WRAPPED, used or unwanted gift for each person in your family...please Do Not buy a gift. Also, bring a dish (main, salad or dessert) to share. This is a fun time for all ages! Hope you can come! Questions? Contact Jenny Hilbig at mjmcc1119@comcast.net or 774-722-0939.

ANNUAL MEETING
January 27, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Annual Reports are due to the office by January 5. Email them to Sharon@brewsterbaptistchurch.org
**Winter Quarter Adult Education Classes**

**WHEN?**  Classes Begin on **January 4**

**TIME?**  Sunday classes run during the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services. See each class for scheduled time.

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**Fruit of the Spirit Bible Study Class**

Facilitators:  Steve Chapman, Bob Smith, Dave Quinones

Time:  9:15 a.m.

Location:  Room 101 “Teen Room”

This class will continue the study which began in December. It is not too late to join this study — new members are always welcome!

*LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS, SELF-CONTROL. To be spiritually mature is to show the fruit of the Spirit of Christ in our lives. These nine New and Old Testament passages highlighting each quality will allow the Spirit’s fruit to ripen in our lives. [Taken from back cover of the study guide by Hazel Offner.]*

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**More Than Twelve**

Facilitator:  Fred Downs

Time:  9:30 a.m.

Location:  Fellowship Hall

In the class in which we studied the Biblical and legendary stories of the twelve men called apostles who followed Jesus we discovered that the Bible tells us almost nothing about some of them. There were other men and women who were close to Jesus who were equally important. It is to some of these that this class will give attention. These will include his earthly parents, Mary and Joseph, the "other" Mary (Magdalen), Mark and Luke the gospel writers who were not apostles, Joseph of Aramathea and James the brother of Jesus.

As in the class on the twelve apostles we will look at both biblical and legendary sources. In the study of Jesus’ mother we will include discussion of the development of the cult of saints in the church - and Mary's special role. The study of Mary Magdalen will include consideration of the role of women in the early Christian movement - and the way in which they have been written out of the story.

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**Coming in March – New Member Class**

Watch for details in February *Beacon*

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**Women’s Bible Studies** – meet on Tuesdays


Tuesday mornings, 9:45 – 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday evenings, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

*We will begin on January 13*
Men’s Bible Studies – meet on Mondays
Meet in Conference Room all year long
Monday (7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.)
Facilitated by Dick Blaha and Dick Lersch (mornings); Steve Chapman (evenings)

Lenten All-Church SMALL GROUP Series –
February 22 – March 22

Pastor Doug will once again lead us in a 5-week series, which he describes below.

It is titled FINDING GOD IN UNEXPECTED PLACES

We expect to find, sense, or experience God in certain places like in the church sanctuary when we gather for worship or while watching a beautiful sunset or listening to inspiring music. However, sometimes we may find God in unexpected places and people; that’s what this series will be about.

2/22 Hagar – When You’ve Been Mistreated  Genesis 21:8-21
3/1 Samuel – When You Can’t Sleep  1 Samuel 3:1-10
3/8 Jeremiah – In the Welfare of the Place You Live  Jeremiah 29:1-7
3/15 A Woman Caught in Adultery – When You Feel Guilty  John 7:53-8:11
3/22 The Centurion – In Someone You Don’t Expect  Matthew 8:5-13

Sign-Ups – for Hosts and Participants - will begin on February 1. – watch the bulletin and lobby TVs for details.

If you have not previously hosted a small group, this is an excellent time to give it a try! This 5-week series will be put together by Pastor Doug, with excellent support and guidance for hosts. Each study will follow the content of the Sunday sermon.
If you are not currently part of a small group – this is an excellent opportunity to join a group!

New Class for Student and Parent Ministry
Join us Sunday Nights 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.  Starting January 11.
Thank you to everyone that made this a special Christmas season here at Brewster Baptist Church.

Recipients of the proceeds from the Holiday Fair:
Transitions Centers, Habitat for Humanity, Faith Neighborhood Kitchen & Lower Cape Outreach Council
Music 101: Guitar & Vocal Lessons

BBC Student Ministries is offering **FREE** beginner guitar and vocal lessons. Are you interested in learning how to play the guitar or improve your singing? These beginner sessions run for 6 weeks beginning January 11. 1 hour group lesson Sunday evenings from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Programs are open to students in grades 6-10!

**Guitar 101**
Lessons are led by Mitch Summey and David Condon! **Students must provide their own acoustic guitar!**

**Vocals 101**
Lessons are led by Nancy Sveden and Shauna Condon!

Space is limited for both sessions and signup is required.
Contact Sharon Kautz
Sharon@brewsterbaptistchurch.org
and reserve your space today!!

This year’s **Deep Freeze theme at Berea**
is **Upside Down**: Instead of King, Servant; Instead of First, Last; Instead of Taking what’s deserved, Giving it all away.

The perspectives and priorities of the world turned Upside Down.
The Deacons and Caring Ministry Team are very grateful for ministry Patti Ricotta served as Minister of Visitation. Patti’s love for people is evident to all and her ability to engage everyone is a true gift from God. She was able to bring the presence of God into every home she visited. And we are thankful to her.

Many folks have asked what we will do when Patti ends her ministry as a pastor here at BBC so she can devote more time to her passion and work in Africa.

One of our Deacons, Judy Turpin, has recruited some people who will do lay visitation with our folks who are homebound or recovering from surgery, illness or other situations where a caring visitor would be welcomed.

We will have an Information Meeting on January 24, 2015 from 10:00-12:00.

If you would be interested in sharing some of your time as a friendly visitor, please contact Deacon Judy Turpin (508) 255-7303.

Thank you very much.
Pastor Mary Scheer

J.U.L.I.E.T.s
(Just Us Ladies Interested in Eating Together)
Happy New Year!! The first get together of JULIETs in 2015 will be Monday, January 5 at 9:00 a.m. at Hearth & Kettle in Orleans. Come join us for breakfast. We can confess how many resolutions have already been broken...maybe not.

Help Wanted!!
We are in need of several people to serve in the nursery area in the coming year. We have openings on Sunday mornings at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. We are also looking for 2 paid ($25/day) nursery people for Thursday mornings during Mom2Mom 9:15-11:30 (These positions offer compensation of ($25/day). If you an interest in helping with any of these needs, please email Jeni Byrne at jenib423@gmail.com or contact Pastor Barbara Burrill. Thank you!!

Faith Neighborhood Kitchen
(formerly Calvary Meals/Nutrition Mission)
is committed for Jan. 12. Volunteers are needed to help prepare the meal at BBC, transport and serve in Hyannis, plus cookie bakers. Contact Linda Viprino, 508-246-8860 or lindervip2@aol.com.

Thank You!!
A warm thank you to all who helped complete the Overland White Cross quota of Women’s Fellowship for the refugee center in Lexington, MA. It was joyously and gratefully received by the pastor in time for their Christmas Party; and that was because Pastor Patti made it so. Thank you one and all!!

Elizabeth Covell, Chairman

Faith Neighborhood Kitchen

Deacon Caring Ministry News

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January

Birthdays

1 George Haller
   Gillian McGuire
   Kerry Moore
3 Sam LaBelle
   Janice Rozema
   Hannah Spaulding
4 Pam Praetsch
5 Ryan Cullinan
   Ann Wolf
   Kellie Byrne
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   Larry Jackman
7 Barbara Eldredge
   Kissi Brown
   Molly Gage
8 Sara Gage Dougherty
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9 Emily Gregson
10 Audrey Smith
   Riley Holmes
11 Janet Mitchell
13 Susan Downs
   Debra Johnson
   Caroline Roberts
14 Anne Longton
   Kylie Miville
15 Carla Jones
   Terrie Borden
16 Victoria Wanko
17 Kimberly McCullough
   Sharon Leigh
18 Patty Bartolucci
19 Claire Peck
   Aaliyah Labinski
   Jonathan Ricotta
   Jennie Amend
   Alex McWilliams
21 Dot Meier
   Sue Serluco
   Joanne Hinesley
22 Kyle Forgeron
   Matthew Bagley
   Carol Somol
24 Caitlin Gelatt
   Gemma Loamardozzi
25 Kyle Conner
   Jonathan Bull
   Donald Wallroth
26 Tim Baker
   Priscilla Carter
   Marcia Zubretsky
27 Cindy Eldredge
   PJ Becotte
   Kristi Tyldelesy
   Susanne McWilliams
28 Jay Johanson
   Arlene Richardson
29 Mary Louise Cram
   Pam Latimer
   Sophia Ryan
30 Margaret Greenwood
   Morie Burke
   Jill Caudill
31 Jason Anthony
   Lizzie Ray

Anniversaries

3 Ken and Joyce Fowler
4 John and Josie Faber
15 Kevin and Allison Saxton
24 Kevin and Michelle O’Connor
27 David and Ingrid Condon

Brewster Baptist
Women's Book Discussion Group

The next meeting will be on January 22 at 1:00 p.m. at Brewster Baptist, discussing “The Rosie Project” by Graeme Simsion. All women are welcome!

To see other upcoming titles for the Women's Book Discussion Group, visit our website: www.brewsterbaptistchurch.org/fellowship-community

FLORIDA CITRUS
AVAILABLE AT BBC
The Chatham Chorale will be distributing Florida oranges and grapefruit January, February and March from the BBC garage-rear of church.

Oranges--$23/box 25-30 count
Grapefruit--$23/box 15-20 count
Pick up dates: January 10, February 7, March 7
Call 508-896-0226 to order or for information. Half and split boxes are available.

Thank You!!

Thank you to Brewster Baptist for participating in the special offering of appreciation to the American Baptist Ministries and Missionaries who have so faithfully served here and abroad; spreading God’s love. In retirement years many need assistance when difficulties arise and the offering steps in to help when necessary. It is appreciated so very much.

Elizabeth Covell
Upcoming January Events

January 1    Happy New Year!! - Office Closed
January 10   White Elephant Gift Swap
January 19   Martin Luther King Day—Office Closed
January 19   Beacon Deadline
January 27   Annual Dinner and Meeting
January 29   Small Group Leader Support Meetings

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