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Annual Stockade Tree Lighting Ceremony

Sunday, December 6, 5pm at The Indian Circle

Reception to Follow at St. George's Great Hall

The Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held at the circle of Lawrence the Indian on Sunday, December 6, 2009 at 5:00pm. The event is the beginning of our Stockade's holiday celebrations.

Pastor Paul from St. George's Episcopal Church will bestow the blessing on the tree. The choir from The First Presbyterian Church will be singing Christmas carols. The tree has been donated by The Colangelo Family in memory of the 5th Anniversary of the passing of Nick Colangelo.

Special thanks to the City of Schenectady and employees of the Parks Department crew in helping to get the tree and with decorating it, to David Savignano from the Bureau of Services for the barricades, to Donna Vrooman at St. George's Church for her help in making the arrangements for the reception, to Pastor Paul for the blessing, to Joe Fava for the loan of the speaker system, to Chris Waldron, George Marshall, Jeremy Tindiglia and his daughter Aubrey for the ringing of the bells, and to the many

neighbors for their help and donations to make this annual event a success.

Mayor Brian Stratton has been invited to bring greetings for the holidays to the residents of the Stockade.

A Holiday Food Collection of canned or other non-perishable food goods are being collected to help those less fortunate. Grocery gift certificates accepted. Please bring donations to the reception after the tree lighting ceremony.

Jennifer Wells will be in charge of the kitchen and ask that all those attending the event donate finger food to share with your neighbors. Food can be dropped off any time after 3:30pm at St. George's Great Hall (please mark your plates/containers with your name so that we can return them to you.) Coffee, tea and cider have been donated.

Volunteers are needed to decorate the Great Hall, serve the food, set up for the event and to help clean up after the event - many hands make easier/faster work.

- Connie Colangelo

Arthur's Public Market . . .

New Look, New Plans & Pizza Too! - John Diesso story & photos

For the past few months, proprietors Artur and his wife Joyce have completely rearranged and redecorated Arthur's Market. I think the changes look wonderful. Everything seems to look and work better. For one thing, the seating area feels more comfortable.

Besides the regular deli sandwiches, they have added rubens and extremely delicious Philly cheese steak sandwiches. Take out platters such as meats, cheeses, salad and assorted sandwich platters can be ordered for special occasions. A new service for winter shut-ins is also available. These special deliveries will be done at the end of each business day. Years ago, I am told, original owners Arthur and his son Peter, served pizza. Well, good news! Pizza lovers, a new pizza oven has been installed and soon you will be able to sit down and enjoy a piping hot slice. Pizza selections will include all cheese, pepperoni, sausage, and vegetarian. You will also be able to order a full pizza to take home for lunch or dinner. I am sure the kids will love that.

A few days ago Artur was discussing with me some of the other plans that he and Joyce are working on. Beginning in December, he plans on going back to longer hours. **The new hours will be 7AM to 7PM on weekdays and 7AM to 4PM on weekends.** The market will be **open the night of the Christmas Tree Lighting.**

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Schenectady Heritage Foundation News



Historic preservation can be a challenge anytime, but there are a few scenarios that can make preservationists run into a stone wall. One particularly vexing situation is foreclosure. Even after significant financial investment, historic property owners can lose their house to a bank for any number of reasons. The bank may be located far away, thus becoming an absentee landlord, depending on hired help to manage and maintain their property, often with mixed results. When a property is in foreclosure, there is little the City can do to control damage that may occur in the interim. This is the unfortunate current situation with one house in the Stockade Historic District. Schenectady Heritage Foundation has been advocating for the upkeep of this particular property and will continue to stay in contact with Schenectady's code enforcement department and also plans to contact the bank to see if anything can be done to mitigate further "demolition by neglect" during foreclosure proceedings.

A second problematic scenario is when houses are involved in estate situations. Frequently, elderly home owners are not able to keep up with preventive home maintenance, exacerbating small repairs which then become major problems. After the owner passes away, their house can sometimes be "in limbo" for years, if their estate must wend its way through the legal system for any number of reasons. In the meantime, the house suffers "demolition by neglect." Unfortunately, this is the situation with another house in the Stockade. One of the architects on the Board of Directors of the Foundation has inspected water damaged areas at this house, and has made recommendations to the caretakers to prevent further damage while the estate is settled.

Changing gears . . . a positive development this year is the Foundation's plan to work cooperatively with the

Stockade Association to identify, prioritize and accomplish preservation projects in the Stockade Historic District. Our first cooperative venture in October was replanting the trees that died at the Stockade Gateway. To pursue other preservation projects, the Stockade Association has formed a committee of both Board and non-Board members from the neighborhood. Look for announcements of other projects early next year.

The Foundation spoke recently at a Schenectady City Council committee meeting, seeking answers to Stockade residents' questions about the local "Historic Property Rehabilitation Tax Exemption" law passed by the Council in January of 2000. Briefly, the law reduces the tax burden on improvements to qualified historic properties when certain criteria are met. After several Stockade home owners had difficulty accessing or understanding the law, the Foundation sought the help of City Council President, Peggy King, a Stockade neighbor, to help clarify the questions. Assessor Patrick Mastro plans to attend the Council committee meeting on November 16 (after this *Spy* has gone to press) to address these concerns. The Foundation's goal is a clear and straightforward procedure to make the tax abatement benefit more accessible. This will encourage more preservation investment in Stockade properties.

Many thanks to those who have supported Schenectady Heritage Foundation this year with donations or volunteering! To discuss the Foundation's work, or opportunities for giving, please call me, Gloria Kishton, Foundation Chair, at 377-1160. All donations fund historic preservation, can be restricted to use in the Stockade area only, and are, of course, tax deductible. Donations can be sent to the Foundation at: P.O. Box 1173, Schenectady, NY 12301-1173.





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Successful 50th Stockade Walkabout

- Joan Bessarb and Bruce Jordan, co-chairs

Perfect weather, generous sponsors, great support from "The Gazette," open houses at seldom-seen homes and a dedicated and talented group of committee heads led to a very successful "50th Stockade Walkabout" on Saturday, September 26th.

Deep discounts to "early birds" accounted for strong advance sales so that the project would have been a financial success even if the weather hadn't cooperated by providing a stunning autumn day. Sales generated over \$14,000.00 with a profit of almost \$11,000.00 shared in an newly negotiated split of 80% to the Stockade Association and 20% to the Schenectady County Historical Society.

This is the first year that the hub of activity for the Walkabout was centered at Polachek Square and the decision seemed to be a popular one. Cafe tables set around Lawrence and the garden faced the entertainment stage at the foot of Green Street. Arthur's market and four additional

(Arthur's Market continued from page 1)



Beginning in January 2010, there will be one night a week of entertainment. Some of the entertainment will be from Schenectady Community College, which will include singers and other performers. Also planned in the performance category will be our beloved Catherine Norr. During the early part of 2010, Artur and Joyce will be organizing a rental service in the market for meetings and small private parties and gatherings.

Both Artur and Joyce are very enthusiastic about their plans. As you know, the market is an historic landmark in the Stockade. It's our place as well as a place for non Stockade residents. I sincerely hope that all of you show your appreciation for all that the Wachalas are trying to do. Please support their efforts. It would be a sad and terrible thing to lose this very special place. Running this or any other business in this tough economic time is certainly not an easy task. We've got to do everything possible to keep the market going.

Now, I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a healthy and wonderful holiday and a healthy and happy new year.

vendors up North Ferry Street turned out a variety of food and drink which added an almost European flavor to the day. Strolling musicians, singers and costumed characters reinforced that feeling.

Major Sponsors for the event were "The Gazette," "I Love NY," Time Warner Cable, First Niagara Bank, Bellamy Builders, The Stockade Inn and Stewarts. Also sponsoring the event were Price Chopper, The Van Dyck, The Law Offices of Mark Sacco, The Costumer, Slick's, Metroland and The Mossey Group.

Committee heads Sylvie Briber, Beverly Elander, Rob Gavel, Maureen Gebert, Janie Hayner, Karen Mallia, Don Rittner, Marilyn Sassi and Elinore Schumacher worked tirelessly and harmoniously to bring about the success. They were aided by Jennifer Hanson of the Historical Society and Gail Kehn of the Schenectady County Chamber of Commerce.



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Doing Outside Repairs and Painting? Need to fill out an application?

If you are planning outside repairs and painting, including those that are **identical** to what was there before, you may need to file an application. Any repairs, painting, or sidewalk replacement **seen from the public right of way** must have approval from the Schenectady Historic Commission. Applications, full deadline and meeting schedule, and further information are available from Jesmarie Soto, Economic Development Programs Coordinator, Department of Development, Room 14, 105 Jay Street, City Hall, Schenectady, 12305. Phone: 382-5199 ext. 5393; fax: 382-5275; email: Jsoto@schenectadyny.gov www.sgedz.org. Fees for Historic Commission applications are \$10 for residential applications and \$20 for commercial applications. Here is the schedule for application deadlines and review meeting dates for 2009. Review meetings are in Room 209, City Hall, 7pm.

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Neighborhood News

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Summary of Stockade Association

Board Meeting Actions Sept.- Nov. 2009

- Sylvie Briber, Spy editor reported on selection of Parcel Post Plus as new printer and Spy income projection for the year.
- Treasurer responsibilities transferred to Karen Mallia who has set up new account categories to simplify income and expense reporting. Committees submitted budget for 2009-2010 which was reviewed by Finance Committee members. The Board discussed budget at November meeting and approved budget after revisions made. The Board discussed a plan to address the funding of preservation projects during the coming year. Lyn Gordon will create an ad hoc Historic Preservation Committee with 3 Board and three at large members.
- Membership Committee has set membership goal for year to maintain numbers from last year. As of November meeting have 102 paid memberships. Karen Mallia has created a new database.
- Event Committee received reports from Walkabout and Soiree. At October meeting Board approved motion to approve proposal from Schenectady County Historical Society to share 20% of net proceeds from 2009 Walkabout. Soiree was a successful event and net income will be reported when all expenses completed. A committee has been formed to develop a proposal to use Soiree funds from

two years for an improvement project.

- Infrastructure Committee reported on efforts with city and Niagara Mohawk during summer related to Washington Ave. project. Progress continues on plan for burying of wires on Stockade streets.
- At the request of Historic Preservation and Zoning chair, board approved expenditure to share in 50% of cost with Schenectady Heritage Foundation to replace three dead trees at Stockade Gateway.
- Committee of Safety is working on plan for block captains. Plan will include responsibilities, recruitment of volunteers and outline of how to activate in time for snow removal.
- Garden Group has identified Susanna Sherwood as chairman, and Rob Gavel as Chair of Secret Garden Tour set for June, 2010. Garden Group awarded 10 Stoep awards.
- Board approved appointment of Greg Sauer as new webmaster of Historic Stockade website.
- Bill Ackerman has volunteered to maintain the Community Bulletin Board outside of Arthur's Market.
- Board reviewed proposal for street banners mounted on poles at Stockade Gateway. Board reviewed design suggestions with Rob Gavel. At October meeting Board approved \$783 expense for two double-sided banners with Stockade logo. Gloria Kishton has been appointed to review designs and make design decision.

The Stockade Association Membership 2009 - 2010

Membership: September 1, 2009 to August 31, 2010. \$15 per person, \$20 per household.

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- Art Show Membership Riverside Park Walkabout Neighborhood Watch
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A Light of the Past Returns Home

On Monday, November 2, First Presbyterian Church of Schenectady installed its recently restored stained glass window. Like six other windows in the historic Stockade church, the east transept window had severely deteriorated since its 1880's installation, suffering bowing and cracking due to the gradual embrittlement of the supporting lead over the years. The window was removed to Cohoes Design Glass, a local Schenectady studio in February of this year, where it was cleaned, resealed, and edge-glued as necessary. The wood frame of the window was also restored and repainted, and a new protective glazing system sympathetic to the lines and silhouettes of the window was designed to replace a dated, yellowing Plexiglas storm window.

This restoration project was a significant investment in the heritage of First Presbyterian Church, the Stockade neighborhood, and the larger Schenectady community. First Presbyterian is one of the three original churches in Schenectady's oldest settlement, and its 1809 building, which evolved with the changing tastes and patterns of its constituents, tells the story of a vibrant community across

two centuries. Over the years, the congregation has included Schenectady's prominent citizens, many of whom are memorialized in the church's stained glass windows. The windows commemorate the lives of such men as John Ellis (1795-1864) who organized the Schenectady Locomotive Works, which later became the American Locomotive Company (ALCO) and put Schenectady on the map as "the city that hauls the world." John's son, Charles Ellis, whose bequest established Schenectady's primary and reputed Ellis Hospital, is memorialized in a second window. Charles and his brother Edward lived in two Richardsonian Romanesque mansions built in 1885 that still stand adjacent to First Presbyterian Church. The physical proximity is a reminder that First Presbyterian Church has historically been interwoven in the fabric of its community. From its earliest years, the church has been tied to Schenectady's traditions and institutions, hosting important corporate civic events and serving - in its very architectural elements - as a record of Schenectady's important citizens.

A committed steward of Schenectady's past as well as its present, First Presbyterian Church has undertaken this major restoration project while not flagging in its support of local institutions like the City Mission and the Alpha Pregnancy Center while maintaining its own missions and education programs. The \$87,500 project was generously supported by contributions and bequests from within the congregation as well as a \$4,000 grant from the Sacred Sites Program of the New York Landmarks Conservancy. Six other windows await restoration.

- Keith Creasey, anniversary committee

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Winter Parking in the Stockade

The Stockade is a wonderful place to live . . . but it was built for carriages, not cars. Parking and driving in the Stockade will be more challenging with the advent of winter. This reporter met with Carl Olsen, the Director of General Services for the City to discuss how we can collectively minimize the disruption due to a major snow storm.

The most important thing that we can do is get our cars off the street during or after a major storm. That allows the city to plow not only the traffic lane but also the parking lane so vital to the majority of us without off street parking. But where do we put the cars!!

If the three church lots are plowed, and they agree, cars can be temporarily put in their lots so long as there are not services scheduled. We will be working to get their agreement and will keep you posted via the Stockade Yahoo group and/or by posting signs at the entrances.

When either the storm or plowing is imminent, you can put your car in the covered city lot near the corner of State and Broadway . . . perhaps you and your neighbors can work out a car pool arrangement to avoid the 4 block walk . . . or you can enjoy the winter walk and avoid scraping and digging out your car . . . either way you win!

The City will plow the lot by the Front Street pool as soon as possible to make those parking spaces available. If you have extra off-street parking perhaps you can make it available on a temporary basis to your neighbor . . . that would be real neighborliness as many people will benefit from the improved plowing that will result. Mr. Olsen noted that the folks on Ingersoll have long worked together to

facilitate snow removal on their block. Why can't we all do the same on our block?

The City has a well defined order for plowing or removing snow from Stockade streets. They first do Front, College, and Union Streets. Then they do the cross streets: Ferry, Church, Washington, North streets, Ingersoll Avenue and Governors Lane. The order is largely dictated by the need to provide access for the big equipment.

We have often complained because the City posts "no parking" signs for snow removal and then does not arrive to plow. What I found out in my interview is that we, the Stockade residents, are causing the problem. If the people in a block scheduled for plowing or snow removal before us do not get their cars off the street, what would have been a one hour job quickly turns into 5 or 6 hours as the City tries to track down the car owners or reluctantly has them towed. Given the number of blocks in the Stockade, the delays and costs quickly mount up.

As a final observation, how our driveways are plowed affects the winter driving in the Stockade. When private plows put snow in the public roadway, the city plowing is undone. Try hard to keep the snow off the public way. If that is impossible, feather it into the mounds at the side of the road and don't leave it in the traffic or parking lane.

We can make this situation better if we work together. We are all in this together.

- Greg Sauer

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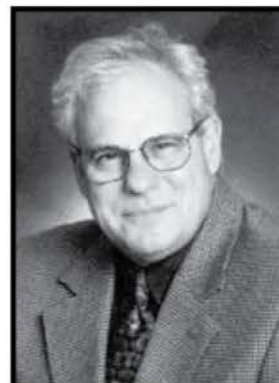
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From the New Rector of St. George's Episcopal Church
Institution Mass - Saturday, December 12 **30 North Ferry Street**



Hello! My name is Fr. Paul Blanch and with my wife Maggie, we have recently moved into the Stockade from the City of Stoke on Trent in England. Long before we moved here we had heard of the legendary friendliness of the Stockade district and its folk. On our two previous visits we had seen some evidence of this, but now we are resident in The Rectory on Front Street, we have experienced for ourselves the friendly welcome and kindness of neighbors and residents alike.

I have already been involved with the Neighborhood Watch committee and am slowly beginning to get to know people around the Stockade. I can tell you that life is very different here from that of England, and my parish duties will also be quite different, but I thrive on change and new challenges, and coming to the US has been a great excitement.

I come to St. George's with some twenty five years experience of ministry in the Church of England and the Scottish Episcopal Church, having also served in Edinburgh the great Scottish Capital City. I have served as a parish priest and a prison and hospital chaplain, so I guess I have seen and experienced most things in life, nothing much shocks me these days. Yet I come to St. George's aware that I follow in a long and noble tradition of Rectors dating back to the early 1700's. I am humbled that one day my name will be added to that long list of clerics who have served St. George's, and what an honor indeed.

On December 12th the Bishop of Albany, The Right Reverend William A. Love will institute me as the 18th Rector of St. George's and I would like to personally invite all residents of the Stockade to this historic and solemn occasion. The Institution Mass will begin at 4pm and this will be followed by a meal in the Great Hall. If you can be with me on this special day, I would love to meet you and your family. Simply inform our Parish Office on 374-3163 and we will include you on our invitation list.

Living in the Stockade means a great deal to both Maggie and me, and we endeavor to play our full and active part as good citizens and residents of the Stockade. Let me also say that I am always available to all the folk of the Stockade whether they are Episcopalians or not, our doors here at St. George's are always open.

Thank you for your warmth of welcome and have a great and blessed Christmas.

- Father Paul F. Blanch

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Stockade Neighborhood Watch News

- Beverly Elander



Success Recording Studios & Production owners Marcel Roberts and James Krakat donate two reflective vests to Stockade Neighborhood Watch

The Stockade Neighborhood Watch is truly a community organization, comprised of Stockade residents, churches, and businesses within the neighborhood. Recently, NW Walking Committee head Linda Muralidharan requested funds for two reflective vests for night patrols. The next morning, I received an email from Success Recording Studios and Production (249 Green Street) owners James Krakat and Marcel Roberts offering the Watch two new vests. Both James and Marcel regularly attend NW meetings, and have on at least one occasion hosted our meeting. A hearty thank you to Success for the vests and for being such great Stockade neighbors!



Linda checks in with radio wearing new reflective vest

First Presbyterian Church Celebrates 200 Year Old Building With an Ornament

A replica of the church has been made into a resin ornament sized about 2 inches square. It is a very close likeness to the 200-year old colonial building. The ornaments are available from the church office in Goodrich House, 115 Union Street, during the hours of 9AM to 4PM, Monday - Friday for a donation of \$12. If you have questions, call 374-4546.

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...serving - in its very architectural elements - as a record of Schenectady's important citizens.

On 3 July 1809, the cornerstone was laid for the new Presbyterian church building in Schenectady. The unusual structure had as its basic plan the church in Philadelphia where the General Assembly met. The sidewalls were joined by front and rear walls of semi-circular shape, giving an oval interior. (This shape survives to the present day in the back balcony.) The balcony went around the entire church, with steps that came down on both sides at the front to the raised pulpit. The original church had white interior walls and blue woodwork and box pews. The front was squared off in 1834 and the transepts added to the east and west sides in 1859. The church windows, which were originally clear glass with small panes, were replaced by stained glass in about 1880. A new pulpit was installed and new semi-circular pews were added to the front, as they are at present.

- Keith Creasey



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-- T I D I N G S --

• Congratulations to **Werner Feibes** who recently celebrated his 80th birthday!!!! Werner is one of our founding fathers of The Stockade Association and *The Stockade Spy!* Best wishes for many great years ahead!

• Several Stockade neighbors were invited by The Hudson Valley Writer's Guild to read their creative works on a recent Sunday afternoon at the downtown library. Former neighbor, **Catherine Norr**, and member of the Guild, was Mistress of Ceremonies with **Bonnie Harlen**, **Malcolm Willison**, **Sylvie Briber** and former neighbors, **Bill Buell** and **Sarah Howes** among the writers.

Stockade Bulletin Board Bill Ackerman of 212 Union Street has kindly offered to arrange notices. You can email your news to him: ackermwi@yahoo.com

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2009-2010 Season



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Calendar In and Around the Stockade

2010 Stockade Association Meetings

Thursday, January 14

Thursday, March 11

Thursday, May 13

7:00pm social 7:30pm meeting

All meetings at the First Reformed Church
entrance on North Church Street.

ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIR

First Reformed Church of Schenectady

8 North Church Street

Sunday, December 6th

12:00 - 3:00pm

Find a gift that makes a difference, a chance to buy once and give twice. Fair Trade Products and Locally Produced Goods benefiting people and our community.

Get your baked goods for Tree Lighting
Sunday night!

Schenectady County Community College

78 Washington Ave. 381-1250

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• **SCCC Chorus and Vocal Chamber Ensemble**

Mon., Dec. 7, 7:30pm. Taylor Auditorium. Free.

• **SCCC Jazz Ensemble and Percussion Ensemble.** Wed., Dec. 9, 7:30pm Taylor Auditorium. Free.

• **SCCC Woodwind Chamber Ensemble/Basic Ensemble,** Mon., Dec. 14, 7:30pm. Lally Mohawk Room, Elston Hall. Free.

• **SCCC Wind Ensemble,** Fri., Dec. 18, 7:30pm Taylor Auditorium

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December Events

Tues., 12/1 8pm - String Dusters - bluegrass

Wed. 12/2 6pm - film "rethink afghanistan" & discussion with Sch'y Neighbors for Peace

Thurs., 12/3 7pm - Have Yourself a Global Little Christmas - holiday party with treats from around the world

Thurs., 12/10 8pm - Jazz by Tommy, Tony & Scott

Wed. 12/16 8pm - Jazz by Jazzmin

Thurs. 12/17 8pm - Running the River - folk band

3rd Annual Festival of Trees

Friday, Nov. 27 - Sunday Dec. 6

weekdays & Saturdays - 10am - 4pm

Sundays - noon - 4pm

YWCA, 44 Wash Ave. &

Historical Society, 32 Wash. Ave.

ticket purchase entitles admission to both locations

\$5 adults; \$2 children 6-12; children 5 & under free

Some trees can be purchased by raffle tickets

Historical Society Open House

Wed., Dec. 2 6 - 9pm Enjoy an evening of traditional holiday festivities, music and food for young and old. Please bring a donation to benefit the YWCA - sheets, towels, pillows, personal care items for women, non-perishable food items, & new toys.

Civic Players to Present

"Little Women"

The Schenectady Civic Players will brighten the holiday season with its production of the musical LITTLE WOMEN. The show will run December 4-6 and 9-13 with performances on Wednesday and Thursday at 7:30pm, Friday and Saturday at 8:00pm, and Sunday at 2:30pm. All tickets are \$15 and are available by calling 382-2081 or online at www.civicplayers.org. The Louisa May Alcott story revolves around the joys and heartaches of the March sisters, Marmee and Aunt March. Stockade residents Duncan Morrison, Melissa Brown, and Donald Mealy are serving as Director, assistant director, and lighting designer.

The Civic Playhouse is located right in the Stockade at 12 South Church Street, next to the Witecki Law Office.

You are cordially invited to a

CANDLELIGHT

ADVENT TEA

for ladies and young ladies

Place:

First Presbyterian Church
209 Union Street

Date & Time:

Monday, December 7, 7pm



Please join us for seasonal music and inspirational scripture readings in a comfortable and relaxing atmosphere to celebrate advent. This event is free with refreshments to follow.

In the spirit of giving, we will also be collecting small mother and baby gift items to be donated to the Capital District Youth for Christ Teen Parent Mentoring Program.

For more information, please contact

First Presbyterian Church at 374-4546,

FIRSTPR@NYCAP.RR.COM or Brenda at

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