



# ACTS in ACTION

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## Looking Ahead

ACTS Board Meets Dec 5  
 6:30 pm @ St. Paul's  
 Advent Prayer Retreat Dec 9  
 Men's Bagels & Bibles Sat.  
 Dec 9 & 23, 7 am

Men's Retreat May 3-6  
 Women's Retreat June 7-10  
 Teen Retreat July 26-29  
 Women's Wasilla Oct 25-28  
 Men's Wasilla Nov 1-4



*And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.*

*Luke 2:10-11*

## An Advent Day of Prayer

on Saturday, December 9th, led by Bishop Warfel, will be held at the Shrine Lodge from 9 am to 5 pm. The suggested non-refundable fee for this complete day will be \$25, which includes a simple soup/bread lunch and beverage service. Registration is required, early registration recommended, and may be made by sending payment to Shrine of St. Therese, 5933 Lund St. Juneau, AK 99801-9760. Please enclose email address, phone numbers and name/address when registering. Anyone who wishes to come Friday evening, Dec. 8 from 5:30 pm on to spend the night should indicate such and add an additional \$15. Overnighters will have a private room and use of the kitchen. Overnighters should plan on bringing their own dinner/ breakfast items and sleeping bag or linens unless they request a set of linens for \$11 from the Shrine Office. Be sure to bring your own Bible and personal effects for the retreat. Contact the Shrine office if additional questions.

## Sock it to me – Sock Drive

Mona Galletes-Fenumia'i gathered 336 pairs of socks, 12 hats, 5 pairs of gloves and 7 scarves for the Glory Hole. The items will be delivered 12/1. Our sister's sock ministry, with the help of all who donated, will bring warmth and Christmas cheer to those in need. Since this project was such a success, Mona intends to do it again to commemorate Ash Wednesday.

## Christmas ACTS of Kindness.

Advent and Christmas time are times of waiting, preparing and reaching out to family and friends we may not talk to all that often. Please do not forget your prayer partners and brothers and sisters in the ACTS community who have made ACTS so richly rewarding through their prayers, testimony and loving-kindness. If you've lost contact with your prayer partners, contact [help@actsinaction.com](mailto:help@actsinaction.com) and we will try to help you reconnect. This may take some time, as we take members' privacy very seriously. Another way to connect is by posting onto the JuneauACTS group on Yahoo. To register, log onto <http://groups.yahoo.com/> and sign up. The group you want to join is JuneauActs. It's a great way to communicate with the entire community.



## ACTS Board met November 7

at St. Paul's in Classroom 5. The board meets monthly on the first Tuesday at 6:30 PM. ACTS members are invited to attend or submit agenda items to ACTS Board Chair, [Mary Brooks](mailto:Mary Brooks).

- Some of the issues addressed by the board this month were
- 🍪 final planning for the Thanksgiving Community service and potluck
  - 🍪 sending the *ACTS in ACTION* newsletter in electronic format
  - 🍪 setting up committees to expand the ministries and get greater involvement within the ACTS community

## Director Training is moved to Sat. January 20.

This is to allow all three directors to attend as well as several board members. Shawn Nolan and Lynne Clements will be facilitating the training.

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*Hail and  
blessed be  
the hour  
and  
moment  
in which the  
Son of God  
was born!*

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## Thanksgiving Service & Potluck

was a huge success. Well over 100 ACTS members and their families attended. Robin Dale planned a beautiful service focusing on our thanksgivings for Christ's light shining through all of us, which is especially welcome during this dark and wonderfully cold time of year. The 2006 Juneau and Anchorage retreat directors were announced, including Bill Benning (men's), Heather Johnson-Smith (women's), Debbie Augustus (teen's) and Mike Monagle (Wasilla men's) and Bobby Ackley (Wasilla women's). Earthen Vessel provided joyous music during the service and after the dinner, which many stayed to hear. TeenACTS members provided babysitting services so parents could enjoy their meal and spend time catching up. Leora Houtary, spearheaded the Women's ACTS 2006 team which kept the food coming, and coming and coming. Many thanks to all who helped, and especially to all of the wonderful cooks who prepared such a delicious meal. If anyone took digital pictures, please send a few to [help@actsinaction.com](mailto:help@actsinaction.com) so we can share them in the next edition.



**Electronic Newsletter is here!** If we have your email address, you should have already received an electronic version of *ACTS in ACTION*. Our plan is to move an all (or mostly all) electronic publication.

Meanwhile, send your prose, plugs and pleas to [Margaret O'Neal](mailto:Margaret.O'Neal). We'll print as much as we can fit in 2 pages. In addition to being speedy and cheap, emailed *ACTS in ACTION* has a number of other advantages:

- ✉ Email is environmentally friendly – just print the pages you need.
- ✉ You can get it in color!
- ✉ If you can check your email, you can get the latest *ACTS in ACTION* where ever you are.
- ✉ You can easily cut and paste (save dates to your Blackberry or Palm XIIIIV).
- ✉ You can forward the whole file to spread news about ACTS to your friends and family (and future retreatants).
- ✉ The web links and email addresses cited in *ACTS in ACTION* open when you click them.

**Committees Launched.** While there was not much fanfare or discussion at the Thanksgiving potluck, several of you did sign up to work on some new committees which we hope will help to renew relationships and roles in the ACTS community. The board chose several committees

suggested in the ACTS director's manual. The point is to get more people involved in ACTS ministries. ACTS board members were assigned to act as board liaisons with the committees. Individual committees can be organized by the members, who will decide how to focus their energies and how often to meet. To date the committees are as follows: Service ([Robin Dale](#)); Community Relations/Communications ([Margaret O'Neal](#)); Retreat Supplies ([John Boddy](#)); Retreat Support ([Harold Heidersdorf](#)); Follow-Up ([Jamey Young](#) and [Marilyn Monagle](#)).

**Men's Bagels and Bibles** meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month in the temporary building at Juneau Christian Center. Men who have been on an ACTS retreat are welcome to come discuss, among other things, the Catholic Readings for the following Sunday. Meetings start at 7 am and end promptly at 9 am. The readings can be found at <http://www.nccbuscc.org/nab/>. For more information, please contact Pat Moore at [pmoore44@gmail.com](mailto:pmoore44@gmail.com) or at 523-9317.

**ACTS Marketplace** is launched! At <http://www.actsinaction.com/Notices/BuySellTrade.htm> you can now buy, sell, give away or trade with your ACTS brothers and sisters. Check this out!

## Christmas Prayer



Loving Father,  
Help us remember the birth of Jesus,  
that we may share in the song of the  
angels,  
the gladness of the shepherds,  
and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate  
and open the door of love all over the world.  
Let kindness come with every gift  
and good desires with every greeting.  
Deliver us from evil by the blessing  
which Christ brings,  
and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning  
make us happy to be thy children,  
and Christmas evening bring us to our beds  
with grateful thoughts,  
forgiving and forgiven,  
for Jesus' sake.

*By Robert Louis Stevenson*