



Portola Church Newsletter



Jan. 1st, 2011

**Office Hours
10am – 1pm
Tues. through Fri.**

Weekly Schedule

1. Jan. 3rd. Tue.
T.O.P.S 8:30am
Worship Team, 2pm
2. Jan. 5th, Thurs.
Kids Activity, 4pm
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4. Jan. 11th, Wed.
PPRC meeting, 3pm ?
5. Jan. 11th, Wed.
Chimes 4:30 pm
Choirs 5:30 pm

- **Cover Picture:** A New Beginning

Announcements

1. **Happy New Year** to all. ☺
May God bless you richly this year with His Grace and Love!
2. **Worship Team** meets on Tue. 2pm.
3. **Kids Activity** is on Thursday, 4pm to 5pm.
4. **Chimes and Choir Practice** will begin on next Wednesday (1/11), at 4:30 and 5:30pm.
5. We need more people to sign up for **Fellowship Snack** on each Sunday. I suggest that those who have a birthday on the week will prepare the fellowship, and we will celebrate their birthdays. ☺
6. The **New Church Directory** was distributed at the church conference on in Oct. Those who did not have it yet but want, talk to the pastor or email to portolaumc@hotmail.com

Birthdays in Jan.

Jacob Shipley 1/3
 Victoria Gomez 1/6
 Paul Melicker 1/9
 San Kang 1/9
 Gary Reid 1/10
 Ron Eaton 1/24
 Kathryn Headley 1/29

Special Prayers are needed

- Prayer for Donna Caldwell.
- Prayer for Jeremy's Family.
- Prayer for Victoria Gomez's cousin

If you have any prayer request, email him, pastorhayeskang@hotmail.com, or fill out the prayer request form and put it in the offering plate or in the Agape box.

Bible Study will be back Feb. 2012



Happy New Year

HAPPY NEW YEAR ☺

I Am the New Year.

I am the new year. I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.

I am your next chance at the art of living. I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned about life during the last twelve months.

All that you sought and didn't find is hidden in me, waiting for you to search it but with more determination.

All the good that you tried for and didn't achieve is mine to grant when you have fewer conflicting desires.

All that you dreamed but didn't dare to do, all that you hoped but did not will, all the faith that you claimed but did not have—these slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened by the touch of a strong purpose.

I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to Him who said, "Behold, I make all things new."

Music Note by Andy Johnston

Today's second hymn (*Twas in the Moon of Wintertime*) may well be the oldest North American Christmas carol in existence. Jean de Brébeuf was a Jesuit missionary who worked among the Huron Indians in the early 1600s. He wrote the carol to explain the Christmas story in images and ideas that the Hurons understood. It seems likely that de Brébeuf remembered the music from his childhood in France. Canadian writer J. E. Middleton wrote the English version of the carol in 1926. So this carol has crossed cultural and language barriers from the outset.

Weekly Report from Last Sunday

Total Deposit: \$2,112.00 Total Attendance: 28 (Adults 20, Children 8)

General Fund \$2110.00 *

Heifer 2.00

* \$1100.00 from Pre-School Rent

Christmas Eve Service 41 (Adults 32 Child 11)

Do you have something to put in the Church Newsletter?

Email it to portolaumc@hotmail.com