

† Holiday Greetings from the Deacons at †
First Baptist Church In Dorchester
Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas 2019



We had a banner year. We added 9 new members, James & Stacie Edwards, Al Eisan, Lynnette Frazier, Jessi Krsticevic, Maryse "Osanne" Mapaga, Regina Mungo, Adam Sudduth, and Russell Weiss-Irwin. We had 6 Baptisms; and have seven new candidates on their way to membership

The Baptismal still needs to be repaired so we have been Baptizing at the Castle Island lagoon in South Boston (formerly Dorchester). One of the new candidates, Nancy, was just a spectator who was so moved that she asked to be Baptized then and there!

We were saddened to see Kathy Smith move out of state to be closer to her daughter but we send her all our love. We were also saddened by the death of Bill Doherty's mother, Nancy; and, we still miss our beloved Lois Eames who passed away last year.

We continue our mission work at Standish Village where once a month we perform a service for the senior citizens and give Bibles to those who request them. We also continue to work with Pilgrim Church to provide clean socks to the homeless. This Christmas we are also collecting hats, scarfs and gloves for the homeless. Our yard sale was a success and we are looking forward to a hymn sing in March.

Pastor Gonsal, who has been with us for two years, has established a Bible Study on Tuesday evenings at 6:30PM and a Church Study discussion group after services on Sunday. The Church Study group is especially popular.

Three sides of the building have now been painted and we hope to begin the Adams Street side in the spring. The front walkway has been repaired and the boiler room chimney repointed. The other chimney needs to be done as well as major repairs to the side entrance and stain glass windows that are in sad shape.

All enjoyed the family Church Thanksgiving,. **The Christmas Decorating Party is on Sat Dec. 14 at 7 PM; the Christmas Party on Sat. Dec 21 at 7 PM,.**

We hope to see you at our Candlelight Service on Sunday Dec. 22 at 7 PM.

We wish you and your family Blessings as we head into the new year.

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