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President's letter:

Hello to all once more!

I would like to begin by asking us all to keep the people of Newtown in our thoughts and prayers. God the Father knows best the pain they must all be in. If you need to talk, I know that any Aventurite would be glad to talk and pray with you.

But I would also like to talk about a happier time. The time when our Savior is born, as well as the new year, a time to start over. The year has not started yet, would you consider making a commitment to read the Bible in a year. Amanda and I did this, and I feel it was definitely worth it. There were some things that I did not know very well, as well as verses that I found that I really liked. This is a good resolution to start on this New Year.

As for Christmas, I enjoy participating in the different services our church offers. Amanda, Lily and I will be an active part of a Christmas Eve Service, playing the roles of Mary, Joseph and Jesus. I don't know what kind of joy Joseph and Mary were feeling at the birth of Jesus, but I know it was a great joy I felt when Austin and Lily were born. As the Angel of the Lord says, we are brought Good News of Great Joy. (Luke 2:10) And as Saint Nicholas loved Jesus so much that he gave money to the needy, so let us remember those that do not have as much as we do this season.

Happy Birthday Jesus!

Matt Johnson

Aventura President

December Reunion:

**1st Congregational Church of Thomaston
135 Main Street, Thomaston, CT 06787
Saturday, Dec 29th, 2012
Assembly meeting at 6:30**

Please consider bringing a favorite snack or soda to share! ☺

Birthdays:

Steve Canciani	December 04
Victoria Vandergrift	December 05
Victoria Rieley	December 06
Josh Gill	December 08
Shay DeRoode	December 09
Dylan Morehouse	December 11
Holly Sechow	December 13
Molly Inman	December 17
Steven Schriver	December 28

Prayer Requests:

Please feel free to send prayer requests to our ‘**prayistas**’:

- Barb Clavette (JEClavette@snet.net or 482-0172)
- Sandy Miller (SanJeanM@AOL.com or 482-5601)

They will pass the appropriate ones along to the Croaker to be listed here and send out emails to the prayer chain. Be sure to let them know if you wish to remain anonymous or if you don't want the prayer published at all.

Web Stuff to Note:

Art Richards and Rachel LePine are currently redesigning the [Aventura site](#). Let us know what you'd like to see on the new site by messaging us on [FaceBook](#)!

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