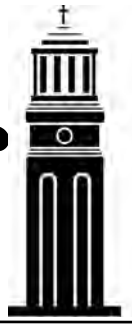


The Broadcaster

Rose City Park Presbyterian Church

November 2009



Christians are called to have an attitude of thankfulness. This gratitude is shown in our giving thanks to God for the abundant grace shown to us. It is God who is the object of our thanksgiving.

In many of Paul's letters he begins the letter with thanksgiving to God for the people to whom he is writing. Note that he does not thank them. He thanks God for them:

"I thank God every time I remember you. . . ." (Philippians 1:3)

"We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers. . . ." (I Thessalonians 1:2)

"We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right. . . ." (II Thessalonians 1:3)

When we were children, we were taught to say "thank you" when someone gave us something. An adult would prompt us with, "Now, what do you say?"

Saying "thank you" is a mark of good upbringing and having manners. But our thankfulness to God is more than manners and politeness. Our thanks to God shows that God is the source of all of our blessings. The faithfulness of Paul's congregations in Philippi and Thessalonica was not an achievement of the people themselves, but the Spirit of God at work and alive in them.

In November we begin and end the month focused upon thanksgiving. November 1st is All Saints' Day. Then, the fourth Thursday in November is Thanksgiving Day, our national day to give thanks to God for all of God's blessings.

All Saints' Sunday is a time we remember those who have died in the Lord. We have begun a practice of bringing a photo of a friend or loved one who now is a part of the Communion of Saints to place on the 'Day of the Dead' table. Those who have died, though gone from our sight, are still seen in the mind of God. We give thanks to God that "death has lost its sting" and death does not have the last word over our lives.

On November 26th, Thanksgiving Day, as a nation we are called to give thanks to God by a Presidential Proclamation. It is a day for us as a nation to give credit where credit is due. It is a day for us as a nation to show humility and reverence to the One whose blessings and providence have kept us and maintained us. The prophets of Israel called the people to task to show, in all of their activity, the justice and mercy and love that God had shown to them.

In November, from the beginning to the end, let us all rejoice in the blessings given to us. How wonderful it would be if we could see this as a model for all the months of the year!

Thankfully in Christ,

David

The Rev. David C. Dornack



ROSE CITY FAMILY NEWS

Weddings

Victoria “Tori” Amling and Greg Field were married on September 12th in the Mt. Hood National Forest with Rev. Dornack officiating. Tori’s parents are Ray and Kris Amling.

Sarah Wilson and Derek Hopkins were married on September 12th in Estacada, Oregon on with Rev. Burkert-Kerr officiating. Sarah’s parents are George and Serena Wilson; grandmother is Sally Haggart.

Becky Smith and Joshua Walker were married on October 11th in Lithia Park, Ashland, Oregon with Rev. Dornack officiating. Becky is Steve Smith’s daughter.

New Babies in Our Church Family

Akuot Ajak was born on September 6th in Clackamas, Oregon. Parents are Paul Ajak and Elizabeth Marol. She joins brothers Deng and Ajak.

Thank You

Thank you so much for the \$250 gift for college [from the Deacons’ Student Aid Fund]. I am here at Beloit College and so happy! I love my life here and am so thankful and appreciative of all of those who are supportive of me at home, too! Thank

you so much to the entire RCPPC community which has been such a huge, amazing part of my life!

— Clara Baker

We would like to say a warm thank-you for all the cards, calls, visits and flowers we received after our recent surgeries. A huge hug for the choir for the cards with all of the healing messages. You made our day!!

— Bob and Irene Wininger

On behalf of the Worship and the Arts Committee, I want to give a big thanks to all the talented musicians who participated in our Music Sunday, October 25th. We are blessed in our congregation not only to have so many different talents – vocals, bells, instrumental, organ, piano, but also that these musicians want to share their talents with us. Music is a big part of our worship each Sunday. Throughout the year, it requires dedication and commitment from all the people who participate. This year we highlighted the “Music Through the Decades” in conjunction with our 100th Year Anniversary, but we need to appreciate the music we have every week. Remember to thank your favorite musician!

— Karin Novitsky, Chair

Graduates

Alexander Wiese graduated from Naval Submarine School in Groton, Connecticut on October 23rd. Parents are Bill and Kathy Wiese.

Directory Changes

Nicole Amling, 17766 SW Troutman Ln., Beaverton, OR 97006, 503-806-4480, anicole23@gmail.com

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Bob and Arlene Patten, bapatten@verizozn.net

Grace Shibley, 3645 SE Yamhill, Portland, OR 97214

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Jim Richen in the Middle East: Spc. Richen, James HHC 41 STB Camp Liberty APO-AE 09344

ONGOING GIVING

Mid-Year Giving reports for all pledgers were sent out at the beginning of October. (Delayed by anniversary events from the usual July date.) Please contact Romalia in the church office if you note an error or if you have questions (503-282-0965 or romalia@rosecityparkpres.org). Year-end reports will be sent in January. The Stewardship Committee and Session appreciate your ongoing gifts towards the ministry of the church.

THANK OFFERING BENEFITS DEACONS’ FUND

At its October meeting, the Session designated the Thanksgiving Offering to benefit the Deacons’ Fund. Envelopes for the Thanksgiving Offering are found in pledgers’ envelope boxes. Funds received will help support Deacons’ gifts to 15 area helping agencies.

VETERAN’S DAY PARADE

Wednesday, November 11th marks the return of the annual Veteran’s Day parade along NE Sandy Boulevard. The parade begins at 9:45 a.m. and travels along Sandy Boulevard between 40th and Hancock and 48th and Sandy, culminating with flag raising and speakers at the Ross Veterans Memorial. Access to the church from the north may be limited throughout the morning.

PLEDGING OUR STEWARDSHIP FOR THE FUTURE

Rose City Park Presbyterian Church is celebrating her 100th Anniversary this year, and our theme of “*Blessed By the Past, Promise For the Future*” reminds us that while looking back, we need to also be looking forward.

Our past is prelude, in each of our lives to be sure, but certainly in our life together. But God is also calling each of us, and more so together as a body in Christ, to where the journey might continue with faithfulness and joy.

Our predecessors at Rose City Park were saints and pioneers whose gifts of energy, intelligence, imagination and love leave us filled with gratitude. They were peacemakers, fought for women’s rights, battled racism, and supported the elderly, the hungry and farm workers. And they did modest things too – they discovered mates, got married and baptized babies here. They found and lost jobs, served on committees, and buried parents and children. And they grew old and died here, knowing fully the love of God, experiencing that love in the blessing of this wonderful community.

Each of us now takes our place in the rich history of Rose City Park – not the history of the past, but that of the **present** and the **future**. Our stewardship of this through our faith, talents, time and financial support will set the course for this vibrant community of faith for the next 100 years.



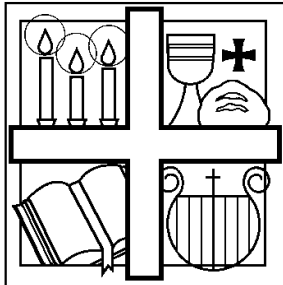
Blessed by the Past, Promise for the Future

100 Years of Generous Giving

On November 15th, we will dedicate our pledges of financial support for next year. We encourage each of you to pray and carefully consider your own stewardship pledge as both an act of faith, and as a catalyst for creating an abundant and vibrant community of faith that is blessed in the future.

Please join us as a steward through your 2010 pledge to create great promise for the future.

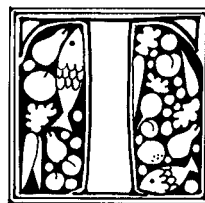
— Peter Bilotta, Roger Price, and John Thoma
for the Stewardship Committee



CHANCEL IMPROVEMENT UPDATE

At a meeting on October 14th, the Chancel Improvement Committee met with architect Dennis Thompson and approved the conceptual design for the chancel area. Dennis has sent this design to three building contractors who will provide us with projected costs for the work. Once we have modified the design, plans will be finalized and a contractor will be selected. The conceptual design was shared with members of Session at their October meeting. During Adult Education on Sunday, January 31st, architect Dennis Thompson will make a presentation to the congregation. The design and the scope of the work we plan to complete in 2010 will be outlined.

— Wayne Knepper, Co-Chair



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THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

Sing, celebrate, listen.

Prepare for the feast day.

Eat a cookie.

Gather for Thanksgiving Eve Worship, Wednesday, November 25th at 7:30 p.m. Hosted by Rose City Park United Methodist Church: 5830 NE Alameda Street. The Rev. Donovan Burkert-Kerr, RCPPC Program Coordinator will preach the sermon.

This ecumenical worship service includes representatives of five congregations: Augustana Lutheran, Fremont United Methodist, Our Lady of Lavang at the SE Asian Vicariate, Rose City Park United Methodist, and Rose City Park Presbyterian.

NEXT BROADCASTER DEADLINE: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15.

Brief articles may be submitted in person, via e-mail to romalia@rosecityparkpres.org, or by mail and must be in the church office by the end of the day Sunday, November 15.



CALENDAR

Sun. 1st

All Saints' Day

Daylight Savings Time Ends

10 am Communion Worship
10:20 am Church School
11:20 am HS/MS Youth
11:30 am Anniversary Comm.
12 pm Holiday Orchestra
2 pm Bach Choir Concert

Mon. 2nd

Women's Retreat Final
Payment Due

Tues. 3rd

7 pm Personnel Comm.

Wed. 4th

10 am Martha Service
7 pm Worship & Arts
Comm.

Thurs. 5th

6:30 pm Christian Ed. Comm.
7:30 pm Chancel Choir
8 pm BroadArts' "Fat &
Sassy"

Fri. 6th

8 pm BroadArts' "Fat &
Sassy"

Sat. 7th

9 am – 1 pm Hollywood
Farmers' Market (HFM)

Sun. 8th

9:30 am Once-a-Month Choir
10 am Worship & Study
12 pm Holiday Orchestra

Mon. 9th

9 am Women's Retreat
Comm.

Tues. 10th

7 pm Sarah Circle
7 pm Build. & Grnds. Comm.
7:30 pm Social Act. Comm.

Wed. 11th

Veteran's Day

9:45 am Parade on Sandy
1:30 pm Searchers ChristCare
7:30 pm Chancel Improve.
Comm.

Thurs. 12th

4 pm Rose City Writers
8 pm BroadArts' "Fat &
Sassy"

7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Fri. 13th

10 am RCPPC serves Loaves
& Fishes (L&F)
8 pm BroadArts' "Fat &
Sassy"

Sat. 14th

9 am – 1 pm HFM

Sun. 15th

*Stewardship Commitment
Birthday Sunday*

9:30 am Chancel Choir
10 am Worship & Study
12 pm Board of Deacons
12 pm Holiday Orchestra

Tues. 17th

7 pm Session

Wed. 18th

1 pm Lectio Divina

Thurs. 19th

7:30 Chancel Choir
8 pm BroadArts' "Fat &
Sassy"

Fri. 20th – Sun. 22nd

Women's Retreat @
Menucha
CPYA @ Macleay in Salem

Fri. 20th

8 pm BroadArts' "Fat &
Sassy"

Sat. 21st

9 am – 1 pm HFM
(closing day)



Sun. 22nd

9:30 am Men's Choir
10 am Thanksgiving Worship
10:20 am Church School
11:20 am MS Youth
12 pm Holiday Orchestra

Mon. 23rd

10 am RCPPC serves L&F

Wed. 25th

7:30 pm Thanksgiving Eve
Worship @ RCPUM

Thurs. 26th

*Thanksgiving Day
Building Closed*

Fri. 27th

Church Office closed

Sun. 29th

First Sunday in Advent

9:30 am Chancel Choir
10 am Communion Worship
10:20 am Church School
11 am Advent Festival
12 pm Holiday Orchestra

TAKE A DEEP BREATH—A RETREAT FOR WOMEN AT MENUCHA

~ renew your body and spirit before the holidays ~

The retreat is nearly here, and we have a full house. Activities are planned, carpooling is organized. Your final letter will be arriving soon, including all last minute information; final payment is due Monday, November 2nd.

Peace. Quiet. Stop. Pause. Games. Companionship. A glass of wine. Conversation. Read. Origami Doves. Writing. Knitting. A Short Program. Yoga. Walk. Wandering. Time for yourself. No requirements. Worship. Movies. A Tea Party. Laughter.

Friday, November 20 (Arrive between 5 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m.) - **Sunday, November 22** (Departure at noon)

OFFICE CLOSURES AND STAFF VACATIONS

The church office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 26-27 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Program Coordinator Donovan Burkert-Kerr will be away November 12-13; Office Manager Romalia Stickney-Shibley will be away November 11.

BIRTHDAY SUNDAY IN NOVEMBER

We will celebrate birthdays in November on the 15th. There will be a birthday blessing during worship and, this month only, cake for all.

LOOKING AHEAD

December 13 Advent Carol Sing

December 18 Bach Choir Christmas Cantata Concert, tickets required

December 20 Christmas Program with Holiday Orchestra

December 24 Christmas Eve –

Worship at 5:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m.

January 3 Epiphany Worship

January 31 Chancel Improvement Adult Ed. with Architect Dennis Thompson

February 7 Peacemaking Event for all ages Souper Bowl of Caring

February 14 Annual Meeting

February 17 Ash Wednesday

February 21 Lenten Pancake Breakfast

ADVENT

This year Advent begins on Sunday, November 29th. We will light the first candle in the Advent wreath, celebrate communion, and gather for the annual Advent Festival (please turn to page 8 for more information).

HOLIDAY ORCHESTRA TUNES UP

Holiday Orchestra will begin rehearsals on November 1st and continue each Sunday from 12:00-12:30 p.m., usually in the chapel. All instruments and abilities are most welcome to join us in learning a piece to be played as the prelude December 22nd. Music is available from Glenda McKibben. This is a great opportunity to dust off the old instrument and join in the fun.

ADVENT DEVOTIONS

Each year our Adult and Christian Education Committees provide devotional materials for the Advent Season. This year families with elementary aged children and younger will receive *Symbols Tell the Story: Devotions and Stickers for the Days of Advent*. A committee member will personally hand these out to the parents of our younger set. And for adults and families with older children, *Love Finds a Voice in Bethlehem: Daily Passages and Prayers* will be available on the table in the upper narthex. Only one booklet per family, please.

CHRISTMAS JOY

Presbyterians celebrate the birthday of Jesus by giving to an Advent offering. The 2009 Christmas Joy Offering continues the 70-year tradition of supporting two needs: Board of Pension assistance programs for church workers and retirees and racial ethnic education. Our gifts to the Joy Offering help supplement incomes of church retirees who are unable to support themselves at a modest level and supply grants for current church workers who find themselves in financial need or in an emergency. Our gifts provide scholarships to deserving students, as well as helping with basic operating costs at the six schools supported by the offering: Barber-Scotia College, Menaul School, Cook Native American Ministries, Presbyterian Pan American School, Knoxville College, and Stillman College.

Throughout Advent, bulletin inserts and Moments for Mission will highlight the Joy Offering. An envelope for your gift is tucked inside this issue of *The Broadcaster*. Last year our congregation's generous gifts totaled \$2,384. We will dedicate our offering on Sunday, December 20th.

ALL CHURCH PROJECT BENEFITS SNOW-CAP

At our Old-Fashioned Advent Festival on November 29th, the Christian Education Committee invites you to bring items to fill boxes for Snow-CAP Community Charities. Please gather and bring any of the following on November 29th: can openers, canned soup, baby formula, baby food, fleece blankets, gloves, hats, socks. If Thanksgiving travels will keep you away from the Advent Festival, please consider dropping your donation off in the church office before Wednesday, November 25th.

YOUTH NEWS

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Nursery/Preschool: (Ages infant to preschool) Preschool children are encouraged to stay in worship through the children's time and then be escorted to the lower level nursery. There will be a story and a take-home sheet every week.

Elementary: (Grades K through 5th) Children will leave worship after children's time and move upstairs to the space prepared for **The Way of the Child**. Parents will pick up their children there at noon.

Church School Notes:

The elementary children and their teachers are settling into the new program, **The Way of the Child**. The sand garden station is especially popular, as are gazing (quiet reflection sitting on a small rug, with an object and a light) and art (where the children are encouraged to create a prayer using art materials).

The children also have 20 minutes of music with Glenda McKibben every Sunday. They are learning the sung responses that we use after the assurance of pardon. Many of them can now sing the *Gloria Patri*, the October response. In November, the congregation will be singing *Seek Ye First*, and the children are learning it. Every time we make it possible for a child to participate in worship, we are including our youngest in our community of faith.

Calendar Updates: November 29th is the Advent Festival. There will be a shortened Church School time so that children can participate in the festival with their families. Children will be escorted to the fellowship hall to meet their parents.



MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

All meetings begin at about 11:20 a.m. and finish by 1 p.m. Lunch is provided.

Nov. 1st – Rose City Park Scavenger Hunt

Nov. 8th – Knitting/crocheting scarves for homeless youth

Nov. 15th – Knitting/crocheting scarves for homeless youth

Nov. 22nd – High School Youth at CPYA; Middle School Youth baking Thanksgiving treats

Nov. 29th – Advent Festival for all ages in the fellowship hall. No lunch this day.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

The holiday season is upon us. The children's library has many, many holiday books.

Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza... read a book with your child. Even though my children are well grown, I still get out the holiday books every year. It helps me get ready for the season to read the old favorites. Here are a few suggestions.

For Thanksgiving:

- *An Old-Fashioned Thanksgiving* by Louisa May Alcott
- *Gracias, the Thanksgiving Turkey* by Joy Crowley.

For The Advent and Christmas Season:

- *Holly, Reindeer and Colored Lights: the Story of the Christmas Symbols* by Edna Barth
- *A Gift for the Christ Child* by Linda Schlafer
- *Christmas Eve* by Edith Thatcher Hurd
- *Country Angel Christmas* by Tomie de Paola (new in the library)

—Donavan Burkert-Kerr

THE DEACONS' CORNER

Did you know there is a "Ride-to-Church" account line item in the Deacons' Fund? Several of our members no longer drive. Sometimes they are able to carpool to worship or church meetings with fellow parishioners, but that is not always possible. The "Ride-to-Church" account helps Rose City Park Presbyterian provide some of our church members with much-appreciated taxi cab vouchers to use when other transportation is not available.

I am grateful; I can depend on myself to bicycle or drive to church. But I expect someday I will need to ask for help to safely and reliably get to church. If you wish to contribute to this important ministry, simply make a donation to the Deacons' Fund and clearly indicate it is to the "Ride-to-Church" account. Also, if you are available for occasional carpool driving, let Deacons Donia Groff (503-284-3589) or Jeremy Shibley (503-233-2165) know of your interest. Let's assure everyone gets to church!

— Jeremy Shibley, Deacon

A big "thank-you" to all who helped with the gleanings at the Farmer's Market and set-up of the Produce Table. We were able to involve up to ten vendors and help distribute extra fruits and veggies to the Blanchet House, Loaves & Fishes and St. Francis Dining Hall. This is a big weekly project, and it took many hands to help make this successful. As with any opportunity at Church, it takes many souls to make this take flight; we are hopeful that next year more people will be willing to step up and lend a hand to this mission. Please be open and willing to step forward next spring and summer when we try to resume the Table for next year.

— Becky Duncan, Deacon

ADULT EDUCATION IN NOVEMBER

November 8 and November 15 – Come prepared to learn and discuss *Bullying*. Did you know it's against the law in Oregon?

Dr. Debra Harris, Assistant Professor at the University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh will present a two part series about *Bullying*. Dr. Harris holds a Ph.D. in School and Community Health from the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque.

Bullying is defined as the repeated health-harming mistreatment of one or more persons (the targets) by one or more perpetrators that takes one or more of the following forms:

- Verbal abuse
- Offending conduct/behaviors (including nonverbal) which are threatening, humiliating or intimidating
- Work interference – sabotage – which prevents work from being done.

Bullying is about what all bullies want: control. Despite the mask of bravado, they are tiny, insecure people. Bullying does not stop at the school yard gate. Adult targets are often recognized in their fields, respected by colleagues, well-liked and personable. In the workplace, keeping quiet about bullying is part of the problem; the target is usually embarrassed and feels he or she should be able to handle the situation. According to Dr. Harris, “we need to get the word out that bullying behavior is unacceptable.”



NEW IN THE CHURCH LIBRARY

These new titles are available for check-out in the church library:

- Spaces for Spirit* by Nancy Chinn (church visual art)
- Conquering the Mysteries & Lies of Grief* by Sherry Russell (understanding grief)
- Gathering of Finches* by Jane Kirkpatrick (Oregon pioneers)
- Red Azalea* by Anchee Min (a young woman comes of age in communist China)
- The Book Thief* by Markus Zusak (story of an orphan in WWII Germany) **

**Lectio Divina book group selection

LECTIO DIVINA

A wonderful thing about a book, in contrast to a computer screen, is that you can take it to bed with you.

~ Daniel J. Boorstin



The book group is going strong. We meet the third Wednesday from 1-2:30 p.m. in the chapel. We can control the temperature, and the quiet environment helps us hear one another. Upcoming dates and books:
November 18: *Tender at the Bone* by Ruth Reichl
December 16: *Ella Minnow Pea* by Mark Dunn

MARTHA SERVICE

Martha Service Group meets on the First Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. to prepare items for mothers, infants and others in need in our community. If you would like to join them, bring your sack lunch to room 8 on the lower level on Wednesday, November 4th to sort, sew and tie fabrics for quilts and other items.

SARAH CIRCLE

Sarah Circle has begun its new study, but it is never too late to join. Every year *Horizons: the Magazine of Presbyterian Women* commissions a Bible study. The text this year is *Joshua: A Journey of Faith* by Mary Mikhael. The writer is a Presbyterian elder who was born in Syria and has lived and worked in the Middle East most of her life. Her guide is packed with beautiful artwork, archeological notes, maps and other resources that will inform our study of this difficult and often violent book of the Hebrew Testament.

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 10th at 7 p.m.,
Lesson 2: “A Leader is Called.” Enter at the ramp door.

SEARCHER'S CHRISTCARE

We will continue our discussion of the Ten Commandments in November and December. Our November date is: Wednesday, November 11th from 1:30 - 3 p.m. in the church library. There will be NO ChristCare on November 25th.

In December we will meet only on December 9th. Come prepared to share a holiday treat.



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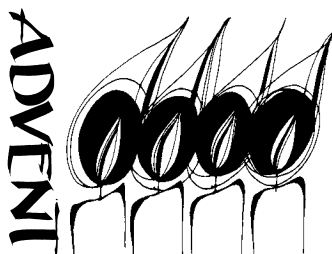
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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

WORSHIP at 10:00 AM
CHURCH SCHOOL SCHEDULE
9:30 am nursery/pre-school
10:20 am Grades K-5
11:20 am Youth and Adult

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- Sarah S. Shay, Organist
- Romalia Stickney-Shibley,
Office Manager
- Michelle Veazie, Receptionist
- Roberto Del Rio, Custodian
- Gerry Mohr, Sexton



**OLD-FASHIONED
ADVENT FESTIVAL
AND
CHARITY SHARING PROJECT**
After Worship in the Fellowship Hall
November 29th

All Ages and Abilities

- ✦ Make a wreath or a swag for your door ✦ Bake and decorate cookies ✦
✦ Listen to a Christmas story ✦
✦ Decorate wrapping paper with apple stars ✦
✦ String popcorn or paper chains, make an ornament for the Fellowship Hall tree ✦
✦ Strolling carolers to set the mood ✦
✦ Help pack canned food and warm things for those who need them ✦

**Our gifts will benefit:
Snow-CAP Community Charities**
Start collecting now and bring these items on November 29th

Food

Can Openers ✦ Canned Soup ✦ Baby Formula ✦ Baby Food

Warmth

Fleece Blankets ✦ Gloves ✦ Hats ✦ Socks