

Central Baptist to hold holiday festival

Central Baptist Church will hold its annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, Dec. 2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Among the many offerings will be holiday greenery, coffee and bagels, baked goods, Christmas decorations, local photography, and lunch at the CBC café. New this year will be offerings of crafts

from around the world and all proceeds from this fair support local, national and international charities.

The church is excited about their new relationship with Aid to Artisans, which allowed us to purchase crafts from various artists throughout the third world. Aid to Artisans is a nonprofit organiza-

tion dedicated to creating economic opportunities for craftspeople in developing countries. Purchasing their products directly supports the artist who made them. We selected about 100 of their items to sell, including ceramics from Bolivia, beaded ornaments from South Africa, spectacular gourds from Columbia, bake ware from Morocco, iron trees from Haiti, and much more.

Holiday meal is free

Seamen's Church Institute, 18 Market Square in Newport, is serving a festive Thanksgiving Dinner from 1 to 3 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day. All are welcome and there is no charge. For more information, call Jack Grant at 847-4260.

Davidson Receives sailing award

US SAILING staff member Karen Davidson of Jamestown, coordinator for the keelboat program and the National Sailing Programs Symposium, has received US SAILING's C.R.E.W. Award.

Davidson was presented with the award on Thursday, Nov. 16, during US SAILING's House of Delegation meeting at the organization's annual meeting in Newport. The C.R.E.W. award recognizes US SAILING staff and volunteers who effectively set clear expectations, show mutual respect, and are committed to collaboration within the organization. Being presented with the award was a pleasant surprise for Davidson, who was not told about being selected for the award ahead of time.

Davidson has been with US SAILING for over five years and has held various positions during that time in different departments, including finance, publications, and training. She has taken advantage of each job assignment to hone her essential skills, which has allowed her along the way to recommend or make numerous process and service improvements across the organization. She has become, as a result, one of the most versatile people in the organization.

In the parlance of sailing, Davidson would be equally adept and comfortable as a skipper, tactician or in the pit.

For more information on the award and to make a nomination online, go to www.ussailing.org/awards/crewcard.htm.

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