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NEW LIFE NEWS

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United
Methodist
Church



***“Here there are no strangers;
only friends we have not met before.”***

From The Pastor

I am writing this article at the end of a day spent decorating our church for the season of Advent and Christmas. An entire crew worked together: **Elaine Buhrlage, Bill Casto, Marlene Haught, Michael Haught, Mona Haught, Lamar Johnson, Brian McKnight** and **Ellen Page** to fill the church with the symbols and beauty of this holy season. Trees were assembled and decorated throughout the building, lights cover the bushes in the front yard, banners were hung which announce the central themes we celebrate this season: hope, prepare, joy, and peace.

On the Christmas tree in the sanctuary we see “crismons,” white and gold ornaments in the form of the symbols of our faith in Christ:

Manger: *the Cradle that first held Jesus.*

Star: *The light that led the way to the Christ Child.*

Challis: *the cup of salvation, the gracious gift we receive through Christ's sacrificial death.*

Shell: *remembering our baptism into Christ through faith.*

Cross & Crown: *celebrating Jesus as our Savior and King.*

Butterfly: *Christ came to bring us new life!*

In these symbols, we see reminders of God's love for us that came to earth at Christmas. In this wondrous season of Advent and Christmas, I invite you to reflect on the meaning of these symbols in your own relationship with Jesus. To look for signs of hope (they ARE there!); to prepare your hearts to make room for Jesus once more; to rejoice in the blessings of God that fill our lives; to find peace in the midst of the chaos of the world, and the distractions of the season. And, I invite you to worship with us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m., and on **Christmas Eve at 7 p.m. for our Candlelight Service including the Sacrament of Holy Communion**, as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, and the light and love he came to bring into our lives, and into all the world.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Jennifer



From the Minister of Youth & Families

Friday Night Live

The kids at New Life have a special treat this winter. We started up a Marshall Arts class for them every Friday night. The first night we had 8 in attendance, and they had fun! Additionally we had 7 younger children who went to Short Stop. This is an art and recreation center that provides several activities for the kids to participate in. Our new volunteers, **Rebecca**, **Jaclyn**, and **Wes** were fantastic, and the kids really seemed to enjoy them.

December 4th, Make and Take.

The kids are invited to come to New Life to receive craft lessons. They will have the opportunity to visit a dozen tables set with materials ready to make a craft. They will be taking the things they make home to give as Christmas gifts for their families. We are still looking for craft ideas, and adults who are willing to “staff” a table and provide enough materials needed for the craft for 25 kids. The table leader will be guiding the kids in how to make that particular craft. It’s a fun filled day for all. Lunch will be served. Please come join the fun!



The Big Adventure

Today the Youth at New Life surprised us all on November 14th, as together, as a team they rolled up their sleeves and helped **Pastor Rosie** start the bus! Everyone had piled on the bus and was heading for home. Seat belts were on, all systems were go, but the bus wouldn’t start. A dead battery...but wait...no fear **Pastor Rosie** has jumper cables and knows how to use them... Off she went, and returned in her car and cables in hand. She pulled her car up to the bus, but to her dismay they were too short to reach from either side. From out of nowhere who should appear? A bird? A plane? No it’s Super Teen! It was **Kendra Booker** who explained, “Let’s push the bus back to make room for your car get in front of the bus.” “Great idea!” said **Pastor Rosie**. “Everybody off the bus!” “Everybody in front of the bus!” “On the count of three, everybody push the bus!” “One, two, three!” Shocked and amazed as **Pastor Rosie** was, the bus started moving. The kids pushed the bus back about seven feet...a space large enough for the car to fit. The jumper cables went on, and with the assistance of **Tom Householder** who pointed out the inside cable that was suppose to connect to the negative post was off, was reconnected and the bus started up! Hooray! “Everybody, back on the bus!” “Everybody, home!”

The moral of the story is this: “There is more than one way to skin the cat!” (I don’t know who came up with that, nor how it came about. I don’t think I want to know!) Or, “When we all work together, how happy we’ll be!” Or, “Don’t give up” Or, “We can do all things through Christ!” It’s amazing how challenges of life, provide so many life lessons! All you have to do it look for the lesson! Thanks Kiddos!

Be Blessed!

Children’s Christmas Program

Please join us December 19th for a blessed reminder of the beauty of Christmas as the kids present “A Night to Remember.” A short play and musical about the meaning of Christmas.



- **Pastor Rosie Porambo**

Christmas Poinsettia Order Form
Due December 19



In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

To the Glory of God _____

Total number of plants ordered _____ at \$8 each

Total amount included \$ _____ (Checks payable to New Life UMC)

Name _____

Christmas Card Tradition

There has been a long standing tradition in our church family about Christmas cards. Many people bring their Christmas cards for one another to church and deposit them in marked boxes in the Assembly Room. So, if you choose to give Christmas cards, this is a great way to save postage. And everyone loves to look in the boxes on Sundays to see if there are any cards for them! **Please note:** If you are giving cards to people who are homebound and/or not usually in worship, please mail them to make sure they receive them in time for Christmas.



Welcome
Our *New*
Members

Elaine Burhlage

Cora Green

Doug Mays

David Miller

James Smith



He will be called
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.

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TO US A CHILD IS BORN

During the reign of Ahaz in 722B.C., Judah was in danger of being invaded by foreign forces, and the prophet Isaiah provided a prophesy to bring the people's hearts back to God. He said:

“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.” (Isaiah 9:2)

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” (Isaiah 9:6)

What wonderful news to them and to us! The child is both born and given – both human and divine. And He will have four wonderful names:

- Wonderful Counselor – He will be able to work miracles and do what is marvelous and astounding in the eyes of all. He will guide our ways.
- Mighty God – He will have power, strength and might.
- Everlasting Father – He will be the Possessor of Eternity. He is and always will be.
- Prince of Peace – He will not only cease warfare, but will stop the very cause of hostilities and human sin.

Some in Judah took Isaiah's prophesy to heart and began again to trust in God. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ, let us all know beyond any shadow of doubt that Jesus is the Light and our Savior. PRAISE GOD!

2010 Winter Coat Extravaganza Largest Ever



The energy was electric on the morning of the Winter Coat Extravaganza; a beautiful, crisp, Fall day brought out our neighbors who lined the outside perimeter of the church, while volunteers were ready for another exciting day of helping our neighbors stay warm this winter.

To the credit of many churches and individuals who donated a high grade of new and used coats and the many hours of volunteer service, the New Life Winter Coat Extravaganza held on Wednesday, October 27, 2010 was the most successful ever.

In addition to the many volunteers who bought or collected, delivered, sorted, sized, carried and counted coats, **60** volunteers helped **288** neighbors choose **516** of the **714** coats offered. Many men shopped this year and the few men's coats left were given the following week. (Thus, we always need men's coats).

Humbly, we thank each of you who contributed to this very important event. We pay special gratitude to Concord Presbyterian Fellowship for providing hospitality during the neighbors' waiting time in the sanctuary and for the men who watched over the crowd before the doors opened.

Our gratitude is given Battelle Warehouse for storing coats in the off season **and** delivering the coats prior to the event.

Appreciation is given AEP for including New Life in their "Make A Difference Day" by collecting coats and providing volunteers to sort and prepare coats.

We also acknowledge the enthusiasm, efficiency, compassion and cheerfulness of all the volunteers who made the event a great experience of showing Christ's love to all who entered the doors of New Life UMC.

Our needs do not end, high on the list are men's toboggans and gloves, women's gloves, razors, thermal underwear and **white crew** socks for men, women and children. As churches and various groups plan their "Christmas Sharing" projects, we hope that these items for our neighbors will be on the list.

During this sacred season may each of you know the Blessings of Christmas; love, joy, peace and hope.

-Vickie Moseley
Clothing Room Steward



Advent Schedule

****We gather to Worship God each Sunday morning at 10:30AM****

Sundays: Breakfast Ministry, Clothing Room, Church School, Worship,
Young Disciples Church

Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (1:30PM & 7:30PM)

Narcotics Anonymous (7PM)

Mondays: Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (8PM)

Tuesdays: Clothing Room*, Hospitality Breakfast, Plugged In (6-8PM),

Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (8:30PM)

Wednesdays: Clothing Room*, Bible Study (7 PM),

Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (8 PM)

Thursdays: Breakfast Ministry Preparations,

Drummers Alcohol Anonymous (8PM)

Fridays: Cocaine Anonymous (8PM),

Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (10PM)

Saturdays: Drummers Alcoholic Anonymous (8:30PM)

*** Clothing Room hours: 9-11:30 AM**

In addition to our weekly scheduled ministries, as listed above, please note the following activities for December:

1	7:00 PM	Bible Study
3	4:00-6:00 PM	Friday Night Live
4	10:00 AM-2:00 PM	Christmas Make & Take Event for kids
5		Second Sunday in Advent
	10:30 AM	Worship—Sacrament of Holy Communion
8	7:00 PM	Bible Study
9	6:30 PM	New Life Community Outreach board meeting
10	4:00-6:00 PM	Friday Night Live
12		Third Sunday in Advent
15	7:00 PM	Bible Study
		Deadline for January newsletter
17	4:00-6:00 PM	Friday Night Live
19		Fourth Sunday in Advent
	10:30 AM	CHRISTMAS PAGEANT!
21-22		Clothing Room closed; NO Hospitality Breakfast
22	7:00 PM	Bible Study
24	7:00 PM	CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
25		MERRY CHRISTMAS!
26	3:00 PM	Sunday Family Dinner
28-29		Clothing Room closed; NO Hospitality Breakfast

FINANCIAL



NEWS

Report of the Treasurer as of October 31, 2010

Checking Account	
Beginning Balance	47,659.88
Deposits	15,417.37
Withdrawals	<u>19,461.53</u>
Balance	\$43,615.72

—Steve Waldron, Treasurer

Receipts in	October	and Year
Total Plate	9,282.87	73,249.57
Friends	1,452.50	20,106.39
Partner Churches	1,250.00	22,661.93
Breakfast Ministry	1,030.00	17,846.73
Youth Ministry	100.00	17,972.00
Clothing Room	375.00	5,347.86
Parsonage Rent	595.00	2,560.00
Healthcare Ministry	200.00	4,238.00
Memorial Fund	0.00	42,755.00
UMCOR	0.00	929.00
Misc. (inc. ins pymt)	425.00	39,197.93
CROP Walk	207.00	207.00
Group Meeting	420.00	4,300.00
Youth Ice Skate Party	0.00	1,566.00
Pastor Discretionary	0.00	876.00
Easter	0.00	541.00
Easter Flowers	0.00	277.50
Bluegrass Concert	0.00	5,868.50
Buckeye Tailgate	<u>80.00</u>	<u>21,403.75</u>

Total **\$15,417.37** **\$281,904.16**

—Tom Householder,
Financial Secretary

Balance Sheet as of October 31, 2010

Assets

City National checking acct	\$43,615.72
Savings & Investments	<u>276,710.21</u>
Total	\$320,355.93

Liabilities & Fund Balances

Withholdings	4,414.54
Operations	167,468.21
Youth Ministry Fund	12,459.14
Misc. Ministry Fund	(12,775.63)
Memorial Fund	66,482.00
Health Ministry Fund	14,899.64
Breakfast Ministry Fund	46,591.89
Clothing Room Fund	9,978.86
Pass Through Fund (flowers, etc)	(2,906.62)
Congreg. Benev (UMCOR, etc)	2,020.02
Lillian Skeelee Fund	<u>11,723.88</u>
Total	\$320,355.93



October, 2010

Hours of Operation:
 Sunday 7-9:30 am
 Tues. & Wed. 9-11:30 am

Weekday Guests	2389
Sunday Guests	<u>766</u>
Total	3155

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