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DAN'S DOODLES

“Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

TO KNOW TO GROW TO GO

One of the evidences of a vital, healthy church family is their involvement in RISK-TAKING MISSION! That means going beyond what is expected and comfortable to serve the mission of Jesus Christ! It means going beyond showing the love of Jesus Christ in random acts of kindness, to talking with others about our personal faith! (Please see the November Upper Room, page 20). And hey, I know that seems really risky to many Christians. But it is worth the risk, because as the book of Romans reminds us, “faith comes from HEARING the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.” (Romans 10:17).

Let me make a simple suggestion in this regard. Would you take a few minutes to write down “your testimony”? That is, how did you come to give your heart to Christ and what difference has that made in your life? Practice sharing that testimony in front of the mirror or with a good friend until you can tell your story in 3 minutes or less. Find a verse of scripture to include in your story that is especially meaningful to you. (The Word of God never returns in void). Then begin to pray for opportunities to share your story with those who have not yet discovered the love of Jesus Christ for themselves. When you do so out of a heart of compassion, which was Jesus’ motivation for mission, then wonderful things begin to happen!!! Is it RISKY? Sure, it is! Is it REWARDING? Absolutely!

The birth of Jesus which we celebrate at Christmastime has changed the world forever! What a wonderful month to share “the GOOD NEWS OF THE GOSPEL with others! God bless you as you find ways to “show and tell” the love of Christ this Advent season. And from THE HOUSE OF FAUST, Dan and Sandy wish you a blessed and joyous Christmas season!!!

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NOVEMBER GREETERS

December 6 - Annette Robertson & Martha Ann Keener

December 13 - Dorothy Reed & Suzanne Boren

December 20 - Linda Ault & Bettina Moxley

December 27 - Carletta Samons & Brenda Bone

COMMUNION AT THE MANOR

We will serve Holy Communion at the Charleston Manor on Wed., December 9, 9:30 a.m. You are invited to come and share in the service.

CAROL SING

An all-church “**CAROL SING**” is being planned for Sunday, November 29 at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary overflow. It will be followed by refreshments in the Family Life Center. Make plans to attend!

UMW NEWS

The **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN** will meet Wednesday, December 2 at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

You are invited to make reservations, in the church office, for a **LUNCHEON AT RIVERLORE**, in Cairo, IL, on Friday, December 4, 2009. The cost is \$15.00 per person and must be paid by November 26. (Please note that this is a change of date.)

YOUTH NEWS

Any youth wanting to go to **WOW** needs to let Kelly Howard (or the church office) know by December 7. We also need some parent volunteers to attend as well.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM & POTLUCK DINNER

The Children will present a “**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**” on Sunday, December 6 during the morning worship service. The program will be followed by an “**ALL-CHURCH POTLUCK DINNER**” in the Family Life Center. The meat, bread & drinks will be provided by the church.

THE MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 AT 7:30 A.M. IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER. COME & BRING A FRIEND.

CHRISTMAS EVE PLANS

We are really excited to announce that the Chancel Choir will be sharing their “**CHRISTMAS CANTATA**” for the Christmas Eve program this year! The musical presentation of the gospel is about 30 minutes in length and will be followed by the observances of Holy Communion and the traditional candle-light service to conclude the evening. **PLEASE NOTE THAT** this year the time will be **4:00 p.m.**!!! We hope this will allow time for families to enjoy a Christmas Eve dinner and celebration at home!

In addition, Pastor Dan will be at the church from 10:30 p.m. to midnight on Christmas Eve to serve individuals or families the sacrament of Holy Communion for those who cannot make the earlier “church community” service of worship. This is a special time for him to be able to offer a word of prayer and a word of thanks for individual families in an intimate Christmas Eve setting. (If you have questions about this, please feel free to talk to Pastor Dan).

CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT CHARLESTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Please plan to join us for a special afternoon “**CHRISTMAS MUSIC CONCERT**” on the afternoon of December 13th at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Terry Parker and Mrs. Sallie Goodin will present the Christmas music. In addition, our own bell choir will be performing. This will be a great way to “ring in the season of Christmas”!

FUND RAISER

Maggie & Mari McNeary are raising funds for a trip the Summer of 2010 to England, Ireland, Scotland & Wales. On the first Saturday of each month (November through June) the girls will host a “**PARENTS NIGHT OUT**” here at the church. It is open for ages 3 – 10 and runs from 7:00 until 10:00 p.m. The fee is only \$10 per child for 3 hours of fun. We will have seasonal crafts, a movie and a fun time. Registration is limited to 20 children per event, so sign up soon. Call 683-3050 to register.

Also, do you need help “**WRAPPING**” all of those “**CHRISTMAS PRESENTS**”? Let the McNeary twins help you out. On Sunday afternoons between Thanksgiving and Christmas they will be wrapping presents, in the UMC Family Life Center, as another way of raising funds their trip. They will be there from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m. Just drop off your packages and they will do the rest.

And, need help decorating your home for the holiday? Let the girls help you put out your holiday hangings! Just call them at 683-3050 and we’ll arrange a time to come and help you “**DECK THE HALLS.**”

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Andrew DeField
- 2 - Allison DeField & Pierce Huls
- 3 - Jr. DeLay
- 4 - Annie-Mollie DeLay & Claudia Arington
- 5 - Alice Burke
- 6 - Dee Harper
- 8 - Gretta Goodin, Kelly Hunter, George Simmons & Carl Gary Lathum
- 9 - Connie Michael
- 10 - Elizabeth Smith
- 11 - Pat Williams & Julie Combs
- 13 - Clay Hillhouse, Peggy Joslyn, Phil Atteberry & Sara Jane Goodman
- 14 - Bruce Austin & Sallie Goodin
- 15 - Buck Farmer, Elliott Simmons & Kristi Hamrick
- 16 - Bob Jackson, Katie Hunter & Leslie Fox
- 17 - Evelyn Ponder
- 18 - Greg Banta
- 19 - Byron McDowell, Caroline Burke, Iona Ledesma & Sarah Thurmond
- 20 - Martha Jane Evans
- 21 - Landyn Scott
- 23 - Charles Tinsley, Jr. & Courtney Beth Jones
- 24 - Mihoshi Yamashita
- 25 - Megan Luehmann Priday
- 26 - Julie Burke & Pierce Hamrick
- 27 - Edward Goodman
- 28 - Dorothy Cullison, Mark Dugan & Mary Ella Yamashita
- 29 - Shelly Seabaugh
- 31 - Lynn Brown

POINSETTIAS

Purchase a **POINSETTIA** or donate to the **POINSETTIA OUTREACH FUND**, you decide. This Advent Season you can give a poinsettia or donate (\$15 or more) to the Outreach Fund in memory or honor of loved ones. The flowers will be placed in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 20. Please bring your name & donation to the church office by December 16. Thank you!

