



The Journal

Volume 1, Issue 79

JANUARY, 2009

DAN'S DOODLES

“When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.” (Matthew 2:10).

Well, here we go again—a new year! Have you made any resolutions for this year? Honestly I have given up on that. My resolutions usually last about 2 weeks, you know! So I just don't make any! How is that for an effective strategy? UGH!

But this verse from the second chapter of Matthew's gospel does challenge me. Would you allow me to suggest that “the star” could also be thought of as “the light.” And then the verse would read, “When they saw the light, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy.” It was the light that gave them direction to the Lord! I would like to ask God to help me be a source of light to others in 2009. I would like to think that God could use my witness as a means of bringing others to Himself this year. Would you join me in that prayer for your life as well?

And then would you pray that prayer for the Charleston United Methodist Church? We want everything we do to honor Jesus Christ and serve as a “beam of light” to others. Would you pray that our WORSHIP, our OUTREACH, our SUNDAY SCHOOL, our EDUCATION, our FAMILY LIFE, our STUDENT MINISTRY, and all that we do will bring others to the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ in 2009?

And finally, on a personal note, Sandy and I would like to thank you for your witness of faith to us during our first 6 months in Mississippi County. We are very blessed to live and serve with you in this wonderful place. We are excited about the coming New Year and look forward to what God will do in us and through us as we join you in ministry in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ! God bless you!

Thought for the day: I am not very good at keeping RESOLUTIONS, but I know that God is very good at the continuing REFORMATION of my life! Thanks be to God!

Pastor Dan

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

<u>Worship Time</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Confirmation</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>January Birthdays</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Thank You!</u>	<u>3</u>

JANUARY GREETERS

*January 4– Martha Ann Keener &
Annette Robertson*

*January 11 - Dorothy Reed &
Phyllis Halliday*

*January 18 - Linda Ault &
Bettina Moxley*

*January 25 - Carletta Samons &
Brenda Bone*

COMMUNION AT THE MANOR

We will serve Holy Communion at the Charleston Manor on Wednesday, January 7, 9:30 a.m. You are invited to come and share in the service.

2009 PREPARATION

THE WORSHIP SERVICE TIME BEGINNING IN JANUARY AND FOR THE YEAR OF 2009 HAS BEEN SET AT 9:30 a.m.! There will be a time for coffee and fellowship in the overflow area between 10:30 and 10:45 a.m. each Sunday! This is an exciting time to be a part of Charleston UMC!

CONFIRMATION REMINDER

Just a reminder that Pastor Dan would like to know ahead of time how many he can expect in the confirmation class beginning in January during the Sunday School hour. The class is open to adults as well as students who are 6th grade or older. Please register your plan to attend the class by calling the church office as soon as possible. Thanks.

NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome our new members, Don & Janice Merideth & Mac McClanahan.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Riley Brown, III
- 3 - Ellie Malugen
- 4 - Glenn Nix
- 5 - David Austin
- 6 - Kelsey Redfering, Jim Burke, Julie Summers & Max Michael, Sr.
- 8 - Elizabeth Clevenger
- 9 - Charles Tinsley, III & David Malugen
- 12 - Margaret Shew, Al Drinkwater, Camille Doven & Lane Morrow
- 13 - Marilyn Brown
- 14 - Myra Hillhouse
- 15 - Jeff Stack & Mildred Brokaw
- 16 - Charlie Harper & Justin Drinkwater
- 17 - Donna Fox
- 18 - John Drinkwater & Shelby Fox
- 19 - Laura Moore
- 20 - Vena Daughhettee
- 21 - Catie Austin, Cole Moxley & Scott Boren
- 23 - June Drinkwater
- 25 - Janeen Hankinson
- 27 - Julie French & Alex Austin
- 28 - Ted Hunter
- 29 - Dan Faust
- 30 - Jennifer Miller
- 31 - Melissa Moxley, Emma Jones & Christy Foley

THANK YOU

Dear Outreach Committee & Church members,

I just want to say thank you for reaching out to our group as we prepare for the mission trip to Mexico. These trips are expensive as you have to pay your own way. We pay for all building supplies, room and board, airline tickets and are expected to buy \$300 worth of items to decorate the little house. We wanted to take our own interpreter since Roland said we needed one. Thanks to all of you, we can afford to pay this couples way and have their expertise at our disposal. Thank so very much. We so appreciate your help.

Sincerely,
Bonnie Story

Many thanks for the prayer shawl which I have used numerous times during this cold spell. Thanks for all the prayers said in my behalf. I am getting better each day and with God's help I will have my strength back soon. Thanks again for everything.

God bless,
Carolyn Burcks

Dear Church Family,

The care package was a very nice surprise. I enjoyed all of the snacks and goodies inside of them. I shared a lot of them with my new friends at college and they loved it! I really appreciate your thoughtfulness. Thanks again.

Love,
Lindsay Burke

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the college care package. The snacks and school supplies were such a wonderful surprise. I really love being at college and it is so nice to remember what wonderful people I have supporting me back home. Thank you so much for all you do.

Love,
Virginia Burke

Prayer Shawl Ministry,

Thank you so much for the beautiful Prayer Shawl. Thank you for remembering me.

Mary Bonifield

**Charleston United
Methodist Church**

P.O. Box 351
1700 Marshall Street
Charleston, MO 63834

Phone: 573-683-6188
Or
573-683-6033

Fax: 573-683-3988

Email: pastorcumc@sbcglobal.net
Or
cumcsally@sbcglobal.net

*Open Hearts, Open
Minds, Open Doors*

*MAKING
DISCIPLES*

*

*MAKING
A DIFFERENCE*

www.umccharleston.org

www.umc.org



SEASONS GREETINGS

FROM THE STAFF OF THE

CHARLESTON

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:

**Pastor Dan
Sally Michael, Church Secretary
Bob & Wilma Shively, Custodians
Kevin Miller, Music Director
Suellen Fenton, Organist
Terry Parker, Organist
Kim Klunk, Nursery Attendant
Katie Hunter, Nursery Attendant**

