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DAN'S DOODLES

TO KNOW CHRIST TO GROW IN CHRISTLIKENESS

TO GO IN CHRIST'S NAME

"Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be GENEROUS on every occasion, and through us your GENEROSITY will result in thanksgiving to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your GENEROSITY in sharing with them and with everyone else. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!"

(selected verses from II Corinthians 9).

Bishop Schnase reminds us that one of the signs of a vital, healthy church family that is making disciples for Jesus Christ (who will make a difference in the world) is EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY! And the Lord reminds us in the above quoted Scripture that generosity is to be thought of in terms of "a harvest of righteousness." We usually associate "generosity" with money and other financial resources and that can be an important way in which we serve the Lord; but being generous with our time, with our spiritual gifts, with our talents, with our service, and with our prayers can also be a wonderful way to share in "a harvest of righteousness."

So, as we come to the close of another year, I just want to offer a HUGE word of thanks to the members and friends of the Charleston United Methodist Church for your faithful support of the church's finances, AND your faithful support of the church's MINISTRY! Together we are making a difference in our community and beyond for the sake of Christ! Certainly, Sandy and I look forward with great anticipation to 2010 to see what God will do in our midst! Please accept our heart-felt gratitude for all of you and our sincere MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR!!!

House of Faust,
Pastor Dan and Sandy

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JANUARY GREETERS

*January 3 - Peggy McNeary &
Sally Burke*

January 10 - The Sherry Austin family

*January 17 - Becky Story &
Annette Robertson*

*January 24 - Sallyanne Naile &
Annette Robertson*

January 31 - Ronald Dodson

COMMUNION AT THE MANOR

We will serve Holy Communion at the Charleston Manor on Wed., January 6, 9:30 a.m. You are invited to come and share in the service.

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH!!!

The Outreach committee team is collecting food items like fruit and cookies, etc. to deliver to our community workers whose jobs require them to work on Christmas Day. This includes our policeman, firemen, emergency medical workers, etc. Please bring your donated items to the church by next Sunday, (December 20)! See Jim Moreton, our Outreach chairperson, if you have further questions. Thanks.

ANNUAL BOSTON BUTT SALE

ATTENTION!!! Our Annual Boston Butt Sale is Wednesday, Dec. 23. The cost will be \$20 each & they can be picked up at the church from 4:00 until 5:00 p.m. that day. To reserve yours, please call the church office (683-6188) or the Brinks (683-3733) by noon on Friday, Dec. 18.

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).

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 (January 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.

JANUARY 'HAPPENINGS'

INTIMACY WITH GOD video series study offered on Sunday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary overflow area. If you are looking for a place to grow in your spiritual journey with Jesus, this would be a wonderful opportunity. This short-term series will run for the 9 Sunday nights of January and February. Please see Pastor Dan or call the church office to register for the class. We will begin on Sunday night, January 3rd.

UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONAL FELLOWSHIP: You are invited to pick up a January issue of the Upper Room devotional and join us on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Sally Burke (803 State St.). We will go over your favorite reading for the week, look at one of the passages of scripture for the week, and spend a few minutes in prayer together. We would love to have YOU!

We are currently looking at the possibility of starting a new **Sunday School Class** for our **20 and 30 something age folks!** We will meet in the sanctuary overflow cordoned off area and hope to begin sometime in January! Please talk to Pastor Dan or to Jacqueline Willoughby if you have ideas about a topic you would like to study! Options include a Bible study, a book study, a topical study of Interest, family or parenting issues and concerns, or whatever "scratches your itch". E-mail Pastor Dan with your thoughts to: pastorcumc@sbcglobal.net.

THANK YOU!!!

The Gen. X Sunday School Class would like to thank everyone for all their support in raising money for the Mission trip to Mexico. All of their fund raisers were a huge success.

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your mid-term care package! I really appreciate the thoughts and support during this stage of my life. All the goodies were a wonderful treat!

Jennifer Miller

UMW NEWS

The **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN** will meet Wednesday, January 6 at 9:30 a.m. in the Church parlor.

THE MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 9 AT 7:30 A.M. IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER. COME & BRING A FRIEND.

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DISCIPLES**

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - Riley Brown, III
- 3 - Ellie Malugen
- 4 - Glenn Nix
- 5 - David Austin
- 6 - Jim Burke, Julie McDowell & Max Michael, Sr.
- 8 - Elizabeth Clevenger
- 9 - Charles Tinsley, III & David Malugen
- 12 - Margaret Shew, Al Drinkwater, Camille Dovin & Lane Morrow
- 13 - Marilyn Brown
- 14 - Myra Hillhouse
- 15 - Jeff Stack & Mildred Brokaw
- 16 - Charlie Harper & Justin Drinkwater
- 17 - Donna Fox
- 18 - John Drinkwater
- 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

