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Church of Leavenworth

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Children's Ministry Update



Wonderful Wednesday has been having a great time so far this year! We have discovered the power of God through Creation, the plans of God with Joseph, and the mercy of God with the Tabernacle. **This month we will prepare for the birth of Emmanuel, God with us!** As part of our Kids in

Mission, we have begun collecting socks and gloves/mittens on our Christmas tree. We will pack them up to deliver to various charities in need on December 15th. If you'd like to help us keep our community warm this winter, please bring new socks or gloves/mittens to hang on the tree. Please bring the size you would wear!

Donations Needed for Our Children's Ministry

- ◇ Pastel fabric (cut into 3" squares please)
- ◇ Plastic Christmas ornaments.
- ◇ Wrapping paper tubes

These items may be dropped off at the Church Office.

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Our purpose:

*"We are a Church of the Ages,
Serving the Present Age by making
Disciples of Jesus Christ for the
transformation of our community
and world"*

Our vision:

*Being a spiritually dynamic, outward
focused United Methodist
Congregation enlivened by
passionate worship, equipped
discipleship and compassionate
service.*

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An Invitation
For You!

Please come join us for Love Came Down at Christmas

A presentation by our Sunday School



Sunday, December 12

10:00a.m.

In Fellowship Hall

A Reception will follow.



Congratulations to Ron and Phelba Wecas upon the birth of a new grandchild. *Steven David Baehr* was born to *Mark and Amy Baehr* on November 20th in Yokosuka Japan. Steven was welcomed home by brother Zachary.

Proud Aunt, Uncle & Cousins are *Chris, Aaron, Emily & Garrett Wecas.*



Our Sympathy is extended to friends and family of *Madge Vigneron*, who passed away last week.

“Bringing Christmas Home”, A Story of Hope



Perhaps some of you noticed the lovely fireplace scene in the narthex this past Sunday? This beautiful scene is part of the set for our Christmas Cantata, which will be presented this Sunday, December 12th at 7 pm.

We all get a little busy this time of year: shopping, gift giving, and even spending time with family. We get so busy, in fact, that we sometimes forget why we are even celebrating. We lose focus on what is really important and why we have reason to celebrate.

We hope that “Bringing Christmas Home”, A Story of Hope will help remind all of us the true reason for the season. Throughout this presentation, you will have a chance to laugh and to cry, but most of all you will have a chance to remember what Christmas is all about.

The musical drama, written by Dave Clark and Tony Wood and arranged by Mary Hamby, combines traditional Christmas carols, beautiful new songs, moving drama and the Christmas scriptures so we can experience the Bethlehem story—the story of a Savior who understands our pain and feels our heartache. He came not only offering healing and forgiveness, but redemption. It was God’s way of “*Bringing Christmas Home*”.

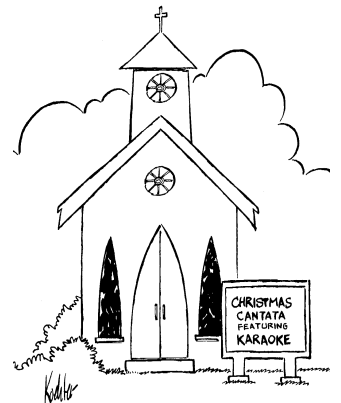
We hope that you will include “*Bringing Christmas Home*” in your Christmas plans.

Wesley Ringers will start the evening off with a prelude starting at 6:45 pm. A reception will follow the performance in Fellowship Hall, hosted by the members of our Worship & Music Work Area.

Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors to join us for this inspiring presentation. You’ll be glad you did!

Check Out These Important Events Coming Up!

- ◆ **The United Methodist Men** will be meeting Saturday 11 Dec at 7:30 A.M. at Pullman's Restaurant at 230 Cherokee St. Our reservation is listed under Bill Kidder's name or the United Methodist Men. We hope to see you there. Come join us for fellowship and some laughter.
- ◆ **Esther Circle** will have their Christmas luncheon at Luigi's Restaurant on December 14 at 11:00 a.m. We hope all members will plan to be there. We will donate sweatsuits to the Alliance Against Family Violence.
- ◆ **Volunteers needed!** Our church will host the Community Blood Center's blood drive on Tuesday, December 14, 2010, from 11AM to 6:30 PM. The center is very appreciative of our help in past years to serve refreshments and greet and direct donors. This is an easy and rewarding way to spend two hours of your time. The New Life Seekers are serving Sloppy Joes in Dave Serena's memory. Please call Maryann McAfee at 651-2484 if you are willing to help. Thank you.
- ◆ Our Children's Library, located in Wesley Hall has numerous Christmas-themed books and videos on display for children pre-school through 5th grade. Feel free to come during our church office hours to check out one or more to share with your family.
- ◆ Come join the **United Methodist Men** as we ring bells for the Salvation Army. We will ring on December 15th from 5 - 9 pm at Dillon's. Contact Bill Wood at 306-3720 for a one hour shift.
- ◆ **End of Year Note from your Financial Secretary** Please take into consideration the holiday office hours when turning in your end of year pledges. The church office will be closed on Monday, December 27th and will close at noon on Friday, December 31st. Thank you, Teresa Hicks
- ◆ **FRIENDS OF JESUS CIRCLE** will have their annual ornament exchange at the home of Melodie Warner on Monday, December 13th at 6:30 PM. Please call Teresa Hicks for details, 727-2694 or e-mail: hickst@kc.rr.com.



Advent Happenings at FUMC

Sunday, December 12th

- 10:00 a.m. Children's Sunday School Christmas Program in Fellowship Hall Reception to follow.
- 7:00 p.m. Christmas Cantata "*Bringing Christmas Home*". Come early for the prelude by Wesley Ringers at 6:45 p.m.

Sunday, December 19th

- 12:00 p.m. "*Share the Love*" Soup Luncheon, Christmas Card making, Christmas Caroling and Hot Chocolate! You are welcome to join us for lunch and/or Caroling if you wish.

Friday, December 24th

- 5:30 p.m. *Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*
This service will feature our Cherub Choir, Kids Praise Choir, Genesis Chimers, and Celebration Bell Choir. Alisha Holyfield will be singing "*This Gift*" and Brian J. White will sing "*O Holy Night*".
- 8:00 p.m. *Christmas Eve Candlelight Service*
This service will feature our Young Christian Singers, Youth Bell Choir, Sanctuary Choir and Wesley Ringers. Brian J. White will be singing "*O Holy Night*". Be sure to join us at 7:30 for a prelude by the Brass Ensemble, coordinated by Bob Cowan.

We hope you will be able to join us as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Can you think about both Advent and Lent???

Sandy Simmons, ssimmons7@kc.rr.com



It's that time already! We are compiling a list of 'writers' for the **2011 Lenten Devotional**. This will be our 49th annual book!

Please let me know if you are willing to write a short (not a

word over 370 words!) devotion. This year's theme is "God Moments". Pastor Kevin shared several "God moments" during his first sermon, and all of us have certainly had some of those moments too. You have a LOT of flexibility within that theme to share your thoughts with others in the congregation!

As you know, the Lenten Devotion Booklet (in the

format of The Upper Room daily devotional) is always inspirational, and warmly received by everyone.

Please prayerfully consider this...and **let me know if you are willing to write this year**. I can email you the guidelines or print you a copy and also provide you with an example if you are new to FUMC and did not get a copy of the booklet last year.

Your final devotion will be turned in later in January, but this is a good time to begin thinking about what you want to share.

Thanks very much!

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Share the Love



Sunday, December 19, 2010

Come join us immediately following the second service for a homemade soup luncheon.
We will make Christmas cards to share with others, go caroling,
and return to the church for hot chocolate.

"Share the Love" Registration

_____ I (We) will attend "Share the Love" (#) _____

_____ I (We) _____ will _____ will not be going Caroling

_____ I (We) would be willing to provide a pot of soup
(Type) _____ # of servings _____

_____ I (We) would be willing to provide transportation
for Caroling (#) _____

Names(s) _____

Phone # _____

E-Mail _____

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