



# The Good News

December 2010

## Love Offering for Pastors and Staff

Each year at this time the Staff/Parish/Relations Committee asks members to show a token of their gratitude for the Pastors and staff members by contributing to a Love Offering between December 1 and December 22.

You may place your gift in the offering plate on Sunday or bring contributions to the church office. Please note "Love Offering" on your check.

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## CHRISTMAS CANTATA: "We Have Seen Him"

Our Christmas music this year is going to be very exciting. On December 11 and 12 our choirs will present the world premier of a new Jazz Christmas cantata called "We Have Seen Him" written especially for us by our good friend Dan Knight. Dan will be joining us as the pianist for these programs along with drummer Steve Wilkes from Fayetteville, bassist Mike Johnson from Siloam Springs and an array of guest vocalists and instrumentalists.

I'm sure many of you will remember the jazz programs that Dan and these fine musicians presented in Becker Hall a few years ago. At that time I asked Dan if he would consider writing a jazz piece for the church. Well, he has really come through for us. I don't think there's anything else quite like this piece in the entire choral repertoire. Although Duke Ellington and Dave Brubeck have both written sacred music using the jazz idiom, neither of them has written a Christmas cantata.

The choirs have been working on the music for several weeks now, and I have to say it's going to be spectacular! Not only is the music very well-written for the singers, it's also very accessible for the audience.

It's not often that anyone gets to take part in a world premier. We're very excited about this opportunity to present a new and meaningful expression of the Christmas message to our community and congregation.

We'll be taking an offering at the performance on Saturday December 11 at 7:30 p.m. to benefit the church's mission and outreach programs. I hope you will all help us to spread the word about this throughout the community. We'd like to have an overflow crowd for both performances.

*Larry Zehring, Ph.D.*  
Director of Music Ministries

**There will be only one traditional worship service on Sunday December 12. Join us at the 10:45 service to praise God and hear the Cantata.**



# CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Can you believe that Christmas is almost here? It really blows my mind how fast time flies! In Sunday School we are studying the Christmas Story. Even though most of the children have heard the story, I urge you to ask them questions about what they are learning. It keeps them on their toes.

The 5th and 6th grade children have decided on a name, The Friday Night Club! In November they had special guests Dave and Andrea Hanson help teach them about being healthy in mind, body, and soul. They exercised, prayed, did mind bender puzzles and ate a veggie pizza with a smoothie. What a great way to spend a Friday night! If you would like to be a part of this at any time please don't hesitate to ask either myself or Jon and Jessie Mendoza.

On behalf of the children, I would like to thank everyone who helped with Trunk or Treat. We had a great turn out with about 650 plus and a wonderful evening. Thank you again and again.

As I close, I hope over the next few weeks leading up to Christmas, you will keep Jesus in your heart. I ask you to pray for the children in this church and around the world that they may remember the reason that we celebrate Christmas and what the meaning of it is. And as you travel to be with family and friends, I pray that you are safe! Have a very Merry Christmas.



In God - Carrie Drish, Director of Children's Ministry



## TRUNK OR



## TREAT





## CROSSWORDS YOUTH

**Awards** - On September 26, Methodist Family Health presented the teens with an award during the 2nd service for traveling the farthest to participate in the *Walk Across the Bridge for Children* on their mission trip.



**Service** - I want to recognize those many youth that give up many hours serving either inside our church or representing our church in the community. The youth have numerous responsibilities ranging from college level classes while still in high school to jobs, to orchestra to traveling teams, to performing arts. And they still manage to do a lot here for our church and others and I want them to know that they are **SUPER** for what they do.....Here is where they have helped, worked, and served....

**UMW Bazaar** - On Oct. 2 - Devon Presley, Kamryn and Kaci Baker, Morgan Blevins, and Kolby Williams all volunteered their day to help at the Bazaar. I know their hard work was appreciated.

**Fall Festival at Cooper Elementary** - Alexis Jorgenson and Madi Klein helped Sandy Lamberty work our church's booth and pass out flyers for Trunk or Treat that Friday night.

**Trunk or Treat** - many many youth worked and helped make it a success. CrossWord also put on a table at the event with our own "Harry Potter and Hermione" serving 'butterbeer' to all the Muggles.

**Mission Message** - for several months now the teens have been working with Sandy Fitch and presenting the message each month at all three services. I want to recognize the monthly speakers...Kamryn Baker, Morgan Blevins, and Devon Presley. Kamryn also puts together the videos for the mission messages.

**ECA (Early Christian Awareness)** - These teens teach the toddlers on rotation basis or volunteer in the nursery when childcare is needed outside of Sunday mornings...Carly Engle, Maddie Hamrin, Kaci Baker, Morgan Blevins, and Elizabeth McCarthy.

**PAK A SAK** - CrossWord has been assisting since May on Pak a Sak Sundays. There are many youth and families that have helped out. Thank you to Morgan Blevins, Jackie and Bradley Evans, Devon Presley, and Baker Family including little Kyler who helped sort and pack up food.

**Children's Sunday School Skits** - Each month several youth work hard on memorizing lines, creating sets, costumes, and performing for the children on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month.

### **HERE IS OUR UPCOMING SERVICE**

**Angel Tree** - youth are sponsoring 1 teen boy and 1 teen girl and will be shopping for them together on Dec 1.

**Bella Vista Festival of Trees** - CrossWord Youth is sponsoring a tree this year. Our tree is at the Veterans Wall of Honor and our lighting ceremony will be Sunday Dec 5 at 6 p.m. Please make plans to come and support our youth and enjoy some refreshments and hear them sing.

**Salvation Army Bell Ringing** - This was such a hit last year that they BEGGED to be able to do this again. Our youth will be ringing bells at Allen's on Dec 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please plan to stop by and hear them sing carols and donate some change.

### **Happenings, Etc.**

-FRIGHTFULLY FUN NIGHT IN FAITH at the Right Choices Corn Maze was a success. We had more than a bus load that went and we had such a fun time. Yes, we got lost in the maze in the dark, some had flashlights and some did not. We enjoyed a hayride and hot chocolate and a spooky time.



-We just finished a lesson on Entitlement and Materialism to go along with the holidays and will be participating in the Family Advent Wreath Night.

-We are planning on attending a conference sponsored youth group lock in and battle of the bands called Turkey Fest at Central United Methodist in Rogers.

-Christmas Party this year is on Dec. 15.

-1<sup>st</sup> Fundraiser for our Mission Trip 2011 will be Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Parents' Shopping Day - see ad on page 9.

-Mission Trip 2011- "Destination Nashville" dates: 6/12-6/17. Twelve youth are set to go plus adult leaders, so another year of a full bus!!!! Please pray for our fundraiser.

If you are able to help even indirectly, please contact me at 479-925-8210.

THANKS SO MUCH FOR ALL YOU DO FOR US!

Danette



## UMW

The United Methodist Women will hold their luncheon on Wednesday December 1. The program will be presented by a quartet from Perfect Harmony. The menu will be turkey tetrazzini and accompaniments. Price for the lunch is \$7.00.

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, reservations need to be turned in to Lynn Prueitt (876-5753) by Tuesday November 23. Circle chairs are reminded to send a list of people who will attend the luncheon to Elaine Detlefsen by Tuesday November 23, either by e-mail (be2detlefsen@cox.net) or by leaving the list in the UMW box in the office.

Payment for the luncheon and name tags will be available in the Narthex beginning at 11:00 a.m. There will be quiet time and devotions in the sanctuary at 11:45 a.m. prior to the luncheon at 12:00 noon.

*God is like. .. DIAL SOAP  
Aren't you glad you have Him?  
Don't you wish everybody did?*

### CIRCLE INFORMATION FOR DECEMBER 2010

<b>Charity</b>	9:00 a.m. Dec. 14	Christmas Brunch Chapel
<b>Hope</b>	1:00p.m. Dec. 9	Luncheon
<b>Martha</b>	9:00 a.m. Dec. 13	Christmas Lunch Fred's Hickory Inn
<b>Naomi</b>	11:30 a.m. Dec. 14	Salad Luncheon Becker Hall Prayer Pal Exchange
<b>Sarah</b>	1:00 p.m. Dec. 14	Lunch Out!
<b>Evening</b>	5:30 p.m. Dec. 16	Fred's Hickory Inn

## UMM

The United Methodist Men's Club will be having their monthly dinner meeting on December 8 at 6:30 p.m. in Becker Hall. The menu will be Papa Mike's special meat loaf with vegetables, salad and drinks. Our final program this year is still being worked on but plan to attend to enjoy the food and fellowship.

### Look & See!!

*Don't forget:  
the FUMCBV Monthly Newsletter is always  
available online at LoveLearnLead.com.  
There is also an archive of older  
newsletters dating back to June 2009*



### Pizza winners for Methodist Men's Golf

for October from Methodist Men's Golf

#### *Monday Winners*

Darrell Bottjen, Glen Roach, Bob Sanders  
John Justice

#### *Thursday Winners*

John Justice (2), Alan Packard, James Forrest.

Closest to the Hole:

United Methodist Men Golf  
Sponsored by Papa Murphy's  
Take N' Bake Pizza



## EVERY MEMBER IN MINISTRY

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Our campaign to have all members sign up to be involved in ministry for 2011 was successful in that most of the ministries have ample volunteers to meet the needs of our programs and outreach efforts.

About thirty less people signed up for ministry this year than last year. But the number of ministries each person signed up for was down considerably. That could be good if people are now signing up for what they know they can commit to. It is only confusing if someone signs up for ministry and then is not available to serve.

This is our fourth year of Every Member in Ministry. We believe in the concept of involving everyone in the life of the church and its outreach. We've heard story after story of folks who report the rewards they receive when they serve.

As people make decisions about joining our church we will make clear to them not just what they can expect from their church, but also what they need to commit to in order to be a good servant.

### Sanctified Classifieds

Now that the dust has settled on the Every Member in Ministry commitments for 2011, there are a few ministries that have too few volunteers to be effective.

Please consider if you have the gifts and willingness to add one more thing to your commitments to help us with any of the following in 2011:

**Prayer Does Make a Difference**—we are without a Prayer Steward at this time. We know that Prayer is the most critical aspect of our church if we expect to grow and succeed in bringing others to Christ. Please re-consider if there might be areas in Prayer that you can commit additional time and contact Jan Lowe or Keith Prueitt.

**Nursing Home, Convalescing, and Homebound Visitation**—we have an average of 60 people at any given time who we need to stay in touch with; we only have 15 people who have volunteered for this ministry. Please contact Joanne Fischbach if you will consider visiting one or two people twice a month throughout the year.

**Media—all areas**—we need volunteers to video tape, run videos, and learn to run the sound and lights both in the traditional and contemporary worship services. Contact Troy Jorgensen if you will help.

The **Coffee Ministry** is important—it gives our members an opportunity for fellowship, meet new members, and make plans to get together during the week. We have enough signed up for after the 8 a.m. service, but we need volunteers to come in at 7 a.m. to get coffee made and set up. We also need volunteers for the contemporary service and following the 10:45 a.m. service. See or call Jan Lowe to see if you can volunteer one Sunday a month for any of these coffee times.

**Coffee Set-Up, Sunday morning** (one Sunday a month, two people come at 7 a.m. to brew the coffee, transfer to airpots, and prepare snack trays. Done in time to attend 8 a.m. worship).

**Coffee for Contemporary service**—need two people to come one Sunday a month through the year, attending the coffee table, clean up and prep for the last service.

**Coffee after 10:45 a.m. service**—need two people to come one Sunday a month through the year, attending the coffee table, clean up and put away following the last service. Usually done in 1/2 hour.



## EDUCATION

### WOW Wednesday Update

As we go to press, Our Fall WOW Wednesday program and Wednesday Night Alive calendar has been completed. We want to thank all of the participants and, in particular, those who functioned as "Facilitators." All who attended the classes were pleased with what they learned and experienced. Cliff Jenkins did a great job teaching guitar to a couple of budding musicians, and we can't say enough good things about Reverend Verle Shoemaker and his "Humor in Religion" program.

We plan to have an "all new" Spring program. We may even choose a different evening for our "Alive" program. If you have any ideas for us to consider for presentations or classes, please contact Jan Lowe at 855-1158.

See you in 2011!!

### CHURCH STAFF TAKES A HOLIDAY

The church office will be minimally staffed after Christmas until Monday January 3 so that the staff can enjoy the holiday season with their families and friends.

The church will be unlocked for scheduled meetings. The phones will not be answered, but messages will be checked daily.

Each pastor and staff person will come in as needed to handle their own necessary routine work, prepare bulletins and process anything of an important or urgent nature.

Emergency contact numbers will be provided in bulletins leading up to Christmas.



*Special Offering on Christmas Eve for  
Methodist Family Health Foundation*

## Mark your Calendar!

**Saturday December 11** – Christmas Parents' Shopping Day / Kids' Fun Day from 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. sponsored by CrossWord Youth Ministry. Bring the children ages 2 -11 for a day packed full of ornament making, cookie decorating, a movie and games. Bring a sack lunch. Price is \$12 per child or \$30 per family. Hosted by 4 of Santa's elves. Contact Danette Baker at [www.bv1stkids@blogspot.com](mailto:www.bv1stkids@blogspot.com) / email at [fumcbvcrossword@cox.net](mailto:fumcbvcrossword@cox.net) to reserve attendance.

**Saturday December 11** – The World Premiere of Dan Knight's Christmas Jazz Cantata, "We Have Seen Him" at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Benefit performance for United Methodist Hospitals - \$10 per person.

**Monday December 13** – "Handling the Holidays": video and discussion with Rev. Audie Long, Chaplain at Circle of Life Hospice, from 10:30 a.m.–Noon in Becker Hall.

**Sunday December 19** - Third Annual Children's Christmas Play in Becker Hall at 3:30 p.m.

**Christmas Eve, Friday December 24 at Noon** – Join us for Midday at the Manger, a 1/2 hour service in the Sanctuary featuring a medley of favorite carols, special music, an inspiring message, and Holy Communion for all. Those who wish may stay for a Soup and Salad Luncheon in Becker Hall. Call 855-1158 for lunch reservations. No charge.

**Christmas Eve, Friday December 24 at 5:30 p.m.** – Hear the story of the Christ Child's birth and rejoice with familiar Christmas Songs set to a contemporary beat at Family Contemporary Carols & Communion. This service will feature praise music, drama, & a big surprise for the children.

**Christmas Eve, Friday December 24 at 7:30 p.m.** – Come and be a part of Candlelight Communion. Familiar carols, special music, an inspiring message of hope and a sharing of the Lord's supper.



## CALENDAR

**Check this page for non-routine meetings and activities. Check the bulletin and the website ([www.lovelearnlead.com](http://www.lovelearnlead.com)) for a complete list of meetings and activities.**

### DECEMBER

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|----|--|----|---|
| 1  | UMW Luncheon at 11:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary & Noon in Becker Hall  | 13 | Alzheimer's Support Group in Rm. 6 at 9 a.m.                                  |
| 1  | S.A.L.T. at 7 p.m. in Room 5   | 13 | "Handling the Holidays" at 10:30 a.m. in Becker Hall                          |
| 1  | Guest Follow-up Mtg. at 1 p.m. in Room 6   | 13 | Martha Circle at 11 a.m. in the parking lot to car pool to Fred's Hickory Inn |
| 3  | The Friday Night Club at 6 p.m. in Becker Hall   | 13 | Abrams S. G. at 5:30 p.m. in Becker Hall                                      |
| 5  | Children's Christmas Play Practice at 1 p.m. in Becker Hall  | 13 | Finance Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Room 6  |
| 5  | Festival of Trees lighting ceremony at Veteran's Wall of Honor at 6 p.m. (FUMCBV Youth decorating this tree) | 14 | Care & Share Van - all day  |
| 6  | Nativity Display and Soup Supper from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Becker Hall  | 14 | Charity Circle at 9 a.m. in the Chapel  |
| 7  | Board of Directors' Meeting at 4:15 p.m. in Room 6   | 14 | Naomi Circle at 11:30 a.m. in Becker Hall                                     |
| 8  | Member Meeting at 9 a.m. in Room 6   | 14 | Sarah Circle at 1 p.m. "Lunch Out"  |
| 8  | Missions Meeting at 9:30 a.m. in Room 23   | 14 | Steward Meeting at 2 p.m. in Room 6   |
| 8  | Worship Committee at 1:30 p.m. in Room 6   | 14 | Agape S. G. at 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel  |
| 8  | UMM Dinner Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Becker Hall   | 15 | S.A.L.T. at 7:00 p.m. in Room 5   |
| 9  | Hope Circle at 1:00 p.m. - "lunch out"   | 16 | Evening Circle at 5:30 p.m. at Fred's Hickory Inn                             |
| 10 | Christmas Cantata Potluck at Noon in Becker Hall   | 18 | Angel Food Distribution at 9 a.m. in Becker Hall                              |
| 10 | ForGod Shepherd Group Christmas Dinner at 5:30 p.m. in Becker Hall   | 19 | Children's Christmas Play Practice at 1 p.m. in Becker Hall                   |
| 11 | Parents' Day Out at 9:30 a.m. in Becker Hall   | 19 | 3rd Annual Children's Christmas Play at 3 p.m. in Becker Hall                 |
| 11 | Christmas Cantata: "We Have Seen Him" at 7:30 p.m. in Sanctuary  | 19 | Pak-A-Sak Sunday  |
| 12 | Only ONE TRADITIONAL SERVICE at 10:45 a.m. with presentation of Christmas Cantata "We Have Seen Him"         | 24 | Midday at the Manger at Noon in Sanctuary followed by lunch in Becker Hall    |
|    |  | 24 | Contemporary Carols & Communion at 5:30 p.m. in Becker Hall                   |
|    |  | 24 | Candlelight Communion at 7:30 p.m. in Sanctuary                               |
|    |  | 25 | Christmas Potluck at 11:30 a.m. in Becker Hall                                |
|    |  | 26 | Only ONE Service at 10 a.m. in Sanctuary                                      |
|    |  | 27 | Alzheimer's Support Group at 9 a.m. in Rm. 6                                  |



## MISSIONS

### Shoebox Ministry



#### Boxes Delivered

562 shoeboxes have been delivered September through November. Deliveries were made by Bobby & Diane Cox, Ralph Johnson, and Bud Henke to NW Arkansas Children's Shelter, Youth Bridge, Peace at Home Family Shelter, Salvation Army-Rogers, and Samaritan Center—Rogers.

#### Volunteers

Thank you to Chuck Hurl, Carlene Jerman, Angie Jones, Diane Miller, Pat Young, Diane Cox, Karen Roenfeld, Cheryl Campbell, Vicki Schroeder, Shirley Weed, Joyce Horle, Millie Davidson, Joan Shively, Jan Abbott, Wanda Abbott and Charlene Irwin for their hard work to pre-pack and pack 50 boys' and 50 girls' shoeboxes; Martha Circle for packing 100 plus Sunshine Sacks during their October and November meetings. The Wednesday Night Youth Group led by Danette Baker for packaging detergent.

#### Special Request

100 storage bags containing soap, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, a shower cap, and a note pad or note card were sent to the Women's Minimum Security Correctional Facility in Fayetteville. We are so glad your donations made it possible to fill this one time request.

#### Thank you!

All of the anonymous donors who drop off donations to Becker Hall or downstairs on the Shoebox table. God Bless you for your continued support. Deloris Sernett for 32 knit caps just in time for the cold weather. They are beautiful. Abrams Shepherd Group for their Christmas donation; Bella Vista Lions Club; Jolly Roger's Good Sam Club; Bella Vista Presbyterian Church, St. Bernard's Catholic Church; United Methodist Men. Thank you!

#### Needs:

Disposable razors, snack-size and gallon-size zip-lock bags, full size toothpaste and bath soap, feminine products.

#### *Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.*

In His Service,  
The Shoebox Ministry Team

### MISSION OF THE MONTH METHODIST FAMILY HEALTH



Established in 1899 by the Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church, the Arkansas

Methodist Orphanage addressed the need for care of orphaned and dependent children. The orphanage served the need well for many years, but as attitudes and regulations about homes for orphans changed, so did the services provided, and the name changed to Methodist Children's Home. In the decades that followed, the agency grew into a comprehensive residential treatment facility with youth group homes throughout Arkansas.

Today Methodist Family Health provides the only comprehensive behavioral healthcare system to children and families of Arkansas, through myriad services. It brings value to the state and the communities it serves in many ways.

It offers levels of care ranging from the most restrictive service level (Acute Psychiatric Hospital Care) to the least restrictive service level (outpatient counseling), simultaneously providing all intermediate residential levels of care. Youth receive all educational requirements while in residential placement at Methodist Family Health. Methodist Family Health also offers treatment for mothers with addiction disorders, and for their children through the Arkansas CARES program.

#### Mission Statement

With God's guidance and within the Wesleyan focused healing and caring tradition, we will express God's love by providing quality compassionate behavioral healthcare to those we serve.

To those served, we will:

- show concern for the whole person: socially, emotionally, and spiritually;
- creatively and wisely use resources and talents to provide cost effective service; and develop relationships in the communities we serve to help us carry out our mission.





### Pak A Sak

On Sunday December 19 we will be collecting non perishable food items for N.W. Arkansas Children's Shelter. The shelter is a temporary home for children from infants thru the teen years. They are in need of all types of food including, canned fruit, milk, vegetables, cereal, juice, and food for infants and toddlers. Thank you in advance for all your donations to the Pak a Sak Program that helps so many in Benton County. May you all have a Blessed Holiday Season.

Thank you to all the teens that are helping us this year on Pak a Sak Sunday. . We have at least two each month which is a big help to all of us.



In October we even had Danette Baker's youngest who was a HOOT. She really got into the sorting, but EXCELED in the bagging by cutting in front of the teens and going for the items.

### Missions Ministry Team Bake Sale for United Methodist World Missions

Pastor Sara challenged everyone to be part of "Seeding Missions" and the Missions Ministry team just had to take up that challenge.

Diane Wimberley is a missionary with the Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. She will be with us December 5 to share her ministry with us at all three Sunday services. Diane is "our" covenant missionary which means we have a financial obligation (\$2500.00 annually) to help meet the needs as she witnesses in Bolivia.

We are having a bake sale December 12 in Becker Hall to raise funds for helping us fund the covenant we have with Rev. Diane Wimberley. We could help you do less baking for Christmas since we will be selling cookies, breads, fudge and peanut brittle. The bake sale could help you, but we know it will help win disciples for Christ which is our mission.

## CHRISTMAS PARENTS' SHOPPING DAY/ KIDS' FUN DAY

Saturday December 11 - 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Ages 2-11

\$12 per child or \$30 for family

Ornament making  
Reindeer games

Cookie decorating  
Christmas pictures

Christmas flicks  
Experiencing the Polar Express



### The Nativity Story

Emceed by 4 of Santa's elves :

Buddy the Elf - Santa's best elf for raising Christmas spirit.

Sugarplum Mary - Head of the Sweet Treats.

She is an assistant to Mrs. Claus and helps her in the kitchen.

Anna Snowball - Keeper of the Naughty and Nice List

Minty Mistletoe - Head North Pole decorator

Registration Deadline is Sunday December 5. Contact Danette Baker - Director of Youth Ministries  
fumcbvcrossword@cox.net or register at [www.bv1stkids.blogspot.com/](http://www.bv1stkids.blogspot.com/)



## BOOK NOOK

### JUVENILE FICTION:

**DINNER IN THE LION'S DEN** by Bob Hartman  
(donation)

Daniel is cast into a den of lions. He prays and an angel appears. Will the angel be able to help Daniel fend off the hungry lions?

### AUTOBIOGRAPHY

 by Irving Deihl (donation)

An autobiographical collection of Irv's memories and genealogy.

### FICTION:

**MCNALLY'S CHANCE** by Lawrence Sanders  
(donation)

When Sabrina Wright, bestselling author of Tales of loves lost and found, asks for Archy McNally's help in finding her missing husband, Archy discovers its not a simple domestic case.

**THE INHERITANCE** by Tamera Alexander (donation)  
An unexpected inheritance. An unknown future.  
An unending love.

### LARGE-PRINT FICTION:

**CALL ME MRS. MIRACLE** by Debbie Macomber  
(donation)

Mrs. Miracle works in the toy department of a major department store in New York in this sequel to "Mrs. Miracle". Enjoy!

**1022 EVERGREEN PLACE** by Debbie Macomber  
This book marks her 10<sup>th</sup> return to Cedar Cove, where some old friends are having a difficult time.

**THE THORN** by Beverly Lewis  
"Don't worry, Mamm, I'd never marry someone who's not really Amish". My mother gave me a fleeting glance, then turned away.

**THE DESIRES OF HER HEART** by Lyn Cote  
(donation) (Book One of Three)  
From the high society of New Orleans to the wilds of Texas. Can a spirited young woman find what she never dreamed possible?

**HER INHERITANCE FOREVER** by Lyn Cote (Book Two of Three)  
Forced from her vast ranch into the heart of the

Texas Revolution, will a proud woman find the faith to withstand these troubling times?

**HER ABUNDANT JOY** by Lyn Cote (Book Three of Three)

In 1846, young widow Mariel survived the grueling voyage from Germany to start a new life in the promised land of Texas.

### NON-FICTION:

**HINDS' FEET ON HIGH PLACES** by Hannah Hurnard  
(donation)(242)

The original and complete allegory with a devotional for women.

**GOD GAVE THE SONG** by Gloria Gaither (donation)  
(sorry no CD incl.)(782.25)

Glimpses into the inspiration behind the songs of Bill and Gloria Gaither.

**KATHARINE GRAHAM'S WASHINGTON** by Katharine Graham(donation)(818)

A final legacy from Katharine Graham. An all-embracing, highly personal collection of writings from 1917, the year of her birth, to early 2001, just before she died.



Metfield Methodist held it's annual Game Night on November 9. James Forrest was the Farkle Champion. Ralph Johnson went from Champion last year to Farkle King this year (the player with the most Farkles). Trent even helped CoEllen Sterwald play! Cheryl Campbell fixed ham and bean soup and cornbread.



## THANK YOU

I have officially been here for one whole year and it has been awesome. It sure has flown by and the teens are more active than ever. I want to thank all the people that have made this first year a success thru assisting me, listening to me, chaperoning with me, supporting and praying for me and our youth. Without you, this year would not have been as great.

*Danette Baker  
Director of Youth*



*Special Offering on Christmas Eve for  
Methodist Family Health Foundation*

Just a reminder to all who signed up for season decorations or anyone who would like to help. We will be decorating the church for the Christmas season on Monday November 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

Hope to see you there. Jan Kolbe



## NATIVITY DISPLAY & SOUP SUPPER Monday Dec. 6 from 5-7 p.m.

**Do you have a special nativity set? Would you like to display yours and/or see many different examples on display?**

**Plan to come to our NATIVITY DISPLAY & SOUP SUPPER in Becker Hall on MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, from 5—7 p.m. You will be able to look at all of the nativity sets on display and enjoy soup and cornbread with your church family. A freewill donation will be taken.**

**If you would like to display a nativity, please contact Jean Justice at 855-0570 or [jfjustice@cox.net](mailto:jfjustice@cox.net) so we can have enough tables. Plan to have your nativity in place by 4:30 p.m.**

**This event is sponsored by the Wesley Sunday School Class and the Sunrise and Metfield Methodist Shepherd Groups as their project to multiply \$100 for the church. Bring your nativity set to display or just join us for soup.**



## **We're Here to Serve You**

Senior Pastor - Rev. Sara Bainbridge  
Associate Pastor - Rev. Verle Shoemaker  
Associate Pastor - Rev. Lee Myane  
Asst. to Sr. Pastor & Dir. of Lay Ministries - Jan Lowe  
Director of Children's Ministry - Carrie Drish  
Director of Youth Ministry - Danette Baker  
Dir. of Music Ministries - Dr. Lawrence Zehring  
Director of Media Ministries - Troy Jorgensen  
Handbell Director - Dawn Thompson  
Organist/Pianist - Roiselle Grim  
Praise Team Leader - Shannon Wicker  
Worship Leader - Garrett Greer  
Financial Secretary - Marge Smith  
Treasurer - Amy Gilmore  
Church Secretary - Barb Mauthe

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**www.LoveLearnLead.com**

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

***To the Home of ...***

## **Christmas Potluck**

Tentative: December 25 - 11:30 a.m.

**We must have someone to coordinate this event (set tables, make coffee, clean up afterwards). Please call the church office by Dec. 8 if you will be in charge of this potluck.**

The church will provide the meat.  
Bring a covered dish to share.

Contact the church office  
855-1158 by December 20  
(so we know how many to expect)

*Poinsettias to grace the church during the Christmas season*



*Plants available for you to purchase in honor of or in memory of a loved one.  
\$10 per plant*

**Come by the church office to order yours by December 20. Take with you after Christmas Eve Service, or designate them to be given to others.**