

December

Seymour News

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**2011
SEYMOUR
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH**

**Final
Printed
Newsletter!**

**SPECIAL POINTS
OF INTEREST:**

- **Gifts for the Christ Child**
- **Angel Tree**
- **Newsletter Announcement**



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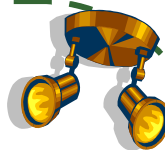
I offer you a story from *Chicken Soup for the Christmas Soul* as an opportunity for reflection during this Christmas Season. It was the only Christmas gift I had ever received, and I remember it still. I was six years old, and my mother handed me the brightly wrapped box, explaining it was from her boss at the office where she worked. I nervously held the package in my lap, almost too afraid to open it. Why had a complete stranger given me a present? My mother was a single parent and often worked several jobs to make ends meet. There usually wasn't much money left for extras. But that wasn't the reason why we never owned a Christmas tree or any gifts beneath it. I'd never received a Christmas gift because we are Jewish. "He couldn't believe you didn't have anything to open on Christmas morning," my mother told me. "He wanted me to give this to you." Although she explained to him that we celebrate Hanukkah and I'd receive presents then, he insisted that all children should have a gift to open on Christmas. I could tell she felt uncomfortable, and I did, too. Still, I was only six and couldn't wait to see what was inside. I carefully unwrapped the box and found a Raggedy Ann doll. Her red yarn hair was soft, and her black button eyes shone. I held her close, and she soon became my favorite toy. I may not have been able to describe the feeling then, but now I know what I felt—it was the Christmas spirit. Growing up Jewish in a world that celebrates Christmas wasn't always easy. No colorful lights, decorated trees, or trips to see Santa Claus. Our Hanukkah celebrations were fun—lighting the menorah, spinning the dreidel, and having the benefit of eight nights on which to open gifts. Still, each December we were reminded of our differences. But to my mother's boss, our differences didn't matter. What mattered was the magic of the season and the sharing of joy, and those don't differentiate between Christian

and Jewish children. He just wanted to share his joy with me. So, even though I don't celebrate the holiday, I understand what the Christmas spirit is all about. It's the spirit that prompts people to buy a toy for a child who may not receive any others. It's the spirit that brings Jews into soup kitchens to serve Christmas dinners, or drop coins in a tzedakah box for the needy. It's about sharing your own joy with others, no matter who they are. I don't remember if I wrote the giver a thank-you note, but I hope I did. More than thirty years later, while I don't know what happened to that doll, I still have the most important gift he gave me—the gift of Christmas spirit.

The Spirit of Christmas comes from God. And yet, is not that Spirit the SAME spirit that is ALWAYS with us every day? A Spirit of constant offering and giving so that Christ will be made known to all we encounter? As people of the Wesleyan tradition, we are charged to neither speak nor do harm EVER, and we are to speak and do good ALWAYS.....not just during the holiday season. A good question for us to ask ourselves is, "What is it about the Christmas Spirit that gets us going for a month?" And the follow-up question: "Why is the Christmas Spirit so often contained to only one month?" Please do not get caught up in the frenzy of cultural Christmas.... get caught up in the Spirit of Christmas, a Spirit of giving (and I am not talking about presents) and love. And remember God's gift (or shall I say gifts) to us. Jesus. Sacrifice. Forgiveness. Power. Love. Peace. Mercy. Justice. Commitment. Freedom. Joy. This is Jesus' birthday....not ours! So let us give to Jesus, remembering that if we have "done (or given) it to the least of these, my friends, you have done it (or given it) to me!"

Grace & Peace, Brad





SPOTLIGHT

Loving People Through Action

“Gifts for the Christ Child” is almost here! This is an annual event with proceeds going to missions supported by our church. Seymour UMC does not have a line item in our budget for missions, so we rely heavily upon the proceeds of this event which is our largest fundraiser of the year. This year it will be held on Wednesday, **December 7th** after the Wednesday night dinner. There are two parts to this event. The silent auction of individual contributions will begin at 6:45 pm and will run for 20 minutes in the sanctuary. Immediately following the silent auction is the raffling off of themed baskets in the fellowship hall. These baskets are donated by Sunday School classes and other church groups. Tickets for these baskets are a dollar each and can be purchased either the Sunday before or at the door that evening. Please be creative and use your special gifts to give a Gift for the Christ Child. In the past donations for the silent auction have included gifts of time for tutoring, babysitting, yard work, and riding lessons, the use of a condo at the beach, plants, products bought and sold from home, and crafts of all sorts – afghans, quilts, jewelry, baskets, soap, cards, dolls, toys, ornaments, birdhouses, canned goods and baked goods such as fudge, pies, cakes, and bread. Please try to have the baskets ready to display on Sunday, December 4th. You can bring the items for the silent auction at that time also, or anytime by 10am on the 7th. Please call Michelle Hurton at 573-9711x11 with any questions. Thank you in advance for all the contributions and donations that always make this event a huge success!!!

Here's what 68 filled shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child look like!

Thanks to the generosity of both the children and youth departments, as well as many others, our church was able to donate 68 filled shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child – a project of Samaritan's Purse. *“Every shoe box offers an opportunity to share the Good News of the Savior with a hurting child.”* - Franklin Graham



Angel Tree



The angel tree is back! We will once again be concentrating on children in our own community. We have obtained names from the local schools of children in the Seymour area that may not have any Christmas presents without your help. The tree with children's ages, sizes, and wishes is located in the church foyer. After taking a tag off of the tree, please fill out your name and phone number on the tear-off portion and leave it in the basket next to the tree so that we have record of who took the tag. **Please note a change from past years:** Gifts are to be returned to the angel tree or Michelle Hurton's office **UNWRAPPED in a Christmas gift bag with the angel tag attached to the bag** by Sunday, December 11th so that we can see that they get to the appropriate children. This way the parents can play a larger part in preparing their children's gifts. Thank you for showing God's gift of love in this most tangible way!

Girlfriends Unlimited

Girlfriends Unlimited invites all women ages 18-99 to our **Christmas celebration** and angel tree shopping night on **Friday, December 2nd** at the home of Kim Leake, 6118 Perry Road, Knoxville at 6:30p.m. After dinner, we will be going to WalMart in South Knoxville to shop for our angel tree family. Please join us as we celebrate this blessed season together – **girlfriend style!!!**

Contact Kim Leake at 382-1754 with any questions or Michelle Hurton at 573-9711x11 to arrange carpooling from the church.

KIDS

We had so much fun with the Christmas float in the parade last year that we are doing it again! Please plan to come to church on Saturday, December 10th @ 11am to help decorate the float for the parade. (Last year we also wore Santa hats, so if you see any or have one already, bring it to wear). We need to have the float down at Valley Grove by 2:00 pm but the parade doesn't start until 4:00pm. This will give you time to decorate and go home for lunch or to rest before the parade begins. Those of you who participated last time know we threw out a TON of candy and ran out half way through the parade. In an attempt to have enough this year, please consider donating some of your left over Halloween candy for the parade. We will be collecting it in the Computer Lab on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings until the day of the parade. This would be a huge help!! So pick out all the stuff you don't like (haha) and send it to church for the parade. I am looking forward to another fun time! Thanks! Erin



December Birthday Celebrations!



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| 1 – Charlie Smith, Bill Kee | 14 – Rick Leake, Kaytlin Rogers |
| 2 – Stewart Kee | 15 – Karl Allen, Joyce Terranova |
| 3 – Ellen Zasowski | 16 – Abigail Kenner |
| 4 – Bonnie Allen, Peyton Ficco,
Melinda Thornton | 17 – Chris Fansler, Brad Webb,
Shirley Lane |
| 5 – Linda Latham, Creed Werker | 18 – Darci Lyons, Teddy Ogle |
| 8 – Fred Hopkins, Elizabeth Hubbs | 19 – Judy McCann |
| 9 – Bennie Cruze, Brenda Cunningham,
Garrett Foreman, Becky Moak,
Sherri Franklin, Mary Swafford,
Shirley Wojtowicz | 20 – Lauren Davis |
| 10 – Patricia Huntley, Wesley Jones,
Paul Bass | 22 – Dema Huffman |
| 12 – Brad Demmitt, Doug Moore | 24 – Dave Manners, Keegan Newport |
| | 26 – Carole Zasowski |
| | 27 – Thomas Hyde |
| | 29 – Stephanie Jennings,
Tiffany Jennings |
| | 30 – Laura Ogle, Harrison Trentham |

If your birthday was not listed in the appropriate month or date, please contact Michelle Hurton at the church to make sure we have your correct birth date. We'd like to honor you during your special month!



Children's Schedules

Hello all!

Erin Webb, Director of Children's Ministries

This is the Children's Church Schedule for December 2011. Please make a note of the dates you are scheduled to volunteer. If you need to switch dates with someone, please take care of this in a timely manner and notify me, Erin Webb, at 573-9793. I would like for everyone to prepare the lesson that they would like to teach. If you need any ideas or materials, the children's library has several to choose from and I have some as well. Thanks for all your help!!!

Children's Church Schedule

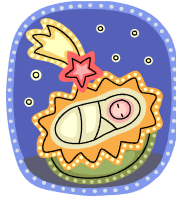


December 4 th	8:45 am 11:00 am	NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH ON COMMUNION SUNDAY
December 11 th	8:45 am 11:00 am	Erin Webb Angie & Bethany Stafford
December 18 th	8:45 am 11:00 am	Karl Allen Erin Webb
December 25 th	8:45 am 11:00 am	NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH ON CHRISTMAS SUNDAY

Nursery Schedule

8:45 Service
Nursery Room #101

December 4 -- Mary McBride & Hannah South
 December 11 -- Mary McBride & Robin Venner
 December 18 -- Mary McBride & Hannah South



10:00 Sunday School Hour

December 4 -- Laura Ogle & Danni Stahlke
 December 11 -- Laura Ogle & Danni Stahlke
 December 18 -- Laura Ogle & Danni Stahlke

11:00 Worship Service

Infant Room #101

12/4 -- Tiffany & Stephanie Jennings
 12/11 -- Tiffany Jennings & Bethany Stafford
 12/18 -- Claire Moser & Tiffany Jennings

Walker/Toddler Room #108

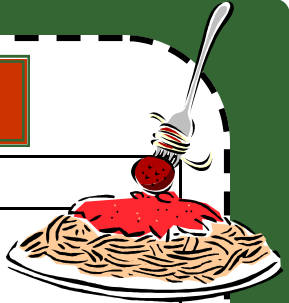
12/4 -- Renee Stafford & Leslie Weller
 12/11 -- Stephanie Jennings & Michael Fitzgerald
 12/18 -- Stephanie Jennings & Michael Fitzgerald

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES BASKET for "Gifts for the Christ Child"

Attention all parents of children ages birth - 5th grade: It is almost time for our traditional "Gifts for the Christ Child" service to be held on Wednesday, December 7th! This special silent auction benefits missions, so we are asking all parents to bring in at least one children's item to contribute to our "Family Night" basket and drop it off either at Erin Webb's office or in the Computer Lab by Sunday, December 4th. Some ideas for this themed basket are children's DVDs, board games, popcorn - anything you might use during a fun family night at home! Be creative! Thank you.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE



DATE	SPEAKER	MENU
7th	Worship Rev. Brad Hyde	Spaghetti, Garlic Toast, Salad, Rolls, Dessert & Drink
14th	Small Group Studies	Ham, Sweet Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, Dessert & Drink
21st	No Services	No Meal
28th	No Services	No Meal

Wednesday Nights *(Please meet in Room #110)*

December 7 – Tiffany & Stephanie Jennings
 ** Nursery available from 6:30—8:00 for infants during
 Gifts for the Christ Child events **

WILL YOU (in this last month) TAKE that 13th STEP of FAITH?

The “13th Step of Faith” program was first announced in church on September 11th with regular reminders ever since. This program asks all individuals and family giving units to prayerfully consider giving an extra (13th) month’s worth of regular monthly giving – thus taking that much-needed “13th Step of Faith.”

Some of our church family responded quickly and within one month SUMC had reached 25% of the goal of \$50,000 (an average month’s income). We have slowed down considerably in giving to the “13th Step of Faith” in the months of October and November. The progress chart (displayed weekly in church services) shows we currently stand at 33% of meeting our goal which is short of the goal necessary to meet our obligations.

We encourage those who have not yet responded to prayerfully consider this Step of Faith. In those prayers, thank GOD for the many blessings HE has so freely given to you. Remember that we actually possess nothing other than what GOD has placed under our stewardship and care. GOD does not need anything “material” from us, but simply asks that we worship HIM and as a part of that worship give back to GOD’s uses a small portion of our blessings.

Mark or denote “13th Step” (or “13th Step of Faith”) on every such extra donation, or use the special pre-printed envelopes at the back of the sanctuary.

We are down to that last and crucial month of the year. It is now or never in terms of being able to continue operating and functioning as a church should – supporting our GOD-inspired core values - supporting our worship services and our facilities and our Bible studies, our many ministries and missions and our many community and worldwide outreaches.

Please consider this step of faith during this last month. Also, if you made a financial commitment for the 2011 ministry year and cannot remember your pledge amount or are not sure where you stand in fulfilling your pledge for this year, feel free to contact Carol Dunbar at (865) 310-2050, and she will provide the financial information that you need.

THANK YOU for the many ways you support Seymour U. M. C.

DECEMBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>27</p> <p>8:45 AM Traditional Worship</p> <p>9:45 AM Fellowship Time</p> <p>10:00 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:45 AM Fellowship Time</p> <p>11:00 AM Praise Worship</p> <p>5:30 PM Youth Snack</p> <p>6:00 PM Youth Parent Meeting</p> <p>6:15 PM Youth Parent Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 PM Youth Activities</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:00 AM PDO (Parent's Day Out)</p> <p>10:00 AM Women's Bible Study</p> <p>6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 585</p> <p>6:30 PM Alleluia Ringers/Adult Handbells</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:00 AM PDO (Parent's Day Out)</p> <p>4:00 PM Righteous Ringers</p> <p>4:50 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>5:30 PM Meal & Sharing Time</p> <p>5:45 PM Kids of the Kingdom</p> <p>6:15 PM Lost Sheep Ministries</p> <p>6:30 PM Hanging of the Greens</p> <p>6:30 PM M & Ms</p> <p>7:45 PM Praise Band Rehearsal</p>	<p>1</p> <p>10:00 AM Christian Friends</p> <p>John Bawcum's Rehearsal</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00 AM Parents Day Out</p> <p>6:00 PM Cub Scouts</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p> <p>8:45 AM Traditional Worship</p> <p>9:45 AM Fellowship Time</p> <p>10:00 AM Sunday School</p> <p>10:45 AM Fellowship Time</p> <p>11:00 AM Praise Worship</p> <p>5:30 PM Youth Snack</p> <p>Supper</p> <p>6:00 PM Youth Activities</p> <p>6:15 PM Youth Parent Bible Study</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00 AM PDO (Parent's Day Out)</p> <p>10:00 AM Women's Bible Study</p> <p>6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 585</p> <p>6:30 PM Alleluia Ringers/Adult Handbells</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:00 PM Cub Scout Meeting</p> <p>6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00 AM PDO (Parent's Day Out)</p> <p>10:00 AM Staff Meeting</p> <p>4:00 PM Older Adult Ministries Council Meeting</p> <p>4:00 PM Righteous Ringers</p> <p>4:50 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>5:30 PM Meal & Sharing Time</p> <p>Spaghetti</p> <p>5:45 PM Kids of the Kingdom</p> <p>6:15 PM Lost Sheep Ministries</p> <p>6:30 PM Gifts for the Christ Child</p> <p>6:30 PM M & Ms</p>	<p>8</p> <p>John Bawcum's Rehearsal</p> <p>Praise Team Rehearsal</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00 AM Parents Day Out</p> <p>6:00 PM Cub Scouts</p> <p>6:00 PM OAM Annual Christmas Banquet at Connie's Restaurant</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10:00 AM Christmas Concert Rehearsal</p> <p>5:00 PM Christian Fellowship Class</p>

Living to Show Jesus

<p>11 8:45 AM Traditional Worship 9:45 AM Fellowship Time 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Fellowship Time 11:00 AM Praise Worship 2:30 PM Monthly Order of the Arrow Scout Meeting 5:30 PM Youth Snack Supper 6:00 PM Youth Activities 6:15 PM Youth Parent Bible Study 7:00 PM Christmas Concert</p>	<p>12 9:00 AM PDO (Parent's Day Out) 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 585 6:30 PM Alleluia Ringers/Adult Handbells</p>	<p>13 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>14 9:00 AM PDO (Parent's Day Out) 10:00 AM Staff Study 4:00 PM Righteous Ringers 4:50 PM Youth Choir Rehearsal 5:30 PM Meal & Sharing Time Ham 5:45 PM Kids of the Kingdom 6:15 PM Lost Sheep Ministries 6:30 PM M & Ms 6:30 PM Caroling 7:45 PM Praise Band Rehearsal</p>	<p>15 John Bawcum's Rehearsal</p>	<p>16 9:00 AM Parents Day Out 6:00 PM Cub Scouts</p>	<p>17 9:00 AM Grounds Keepers</p>
<p>18 8:45 AM Traditional Worship 9:45 AM Fellowship Time 10:00 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Fellowship Time 11:00 AM Praise Worship 2:00 PM Monthly Pack Meeting 5:30 PM Youth Thieves Christmas 6:15 PM Youth Parent Bible Study</p>	<p>19 9:00 AM PDO (Parent's Day Out) 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study 6:00 PM Boy Scout Troop 585</p>	<p>20 6:00 PM Cub Scout Meeting 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>21 9:00 AM PDO (Parent's Day Out) 10:00 AM Staff Meeting & Christmas Lunch 6:15 PM Lost Sheep Ministries 7:45 PM Praise Band Rehearsal</p>	<p>22 John Bawcum's Rehearsal</p>	<p>23 Office Closed</p>	<p>24 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Communion 11:00 PM Christmas Eve Communion</p>
<p>25 9:45 AM Fellowship Time 10:00 AM Worship 5:30 PM No Evening Youth Activities</p>	<p>26 Office Closed</p>	<p>27 6:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>28 4:00 PM Righteous Ringers 5:00 PM Ice Skating 6:15 PM Lost Sheep Ministries 7:45 PM Praise Band Rehearsal</p>	<p>29 John Bawcum's Rehearsal</p>	<p>30 Office Closed</p>	<p>31 10:00 AM Senior Singles Group</p>

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TRADITIONAL SERVICE



Gaile Todd,
Director of Choirs

NEEDED:

Accompanist for Kids of the Kingdom
(Children's Choir)

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On Sunday evening, December 11, at 7:00, the youth and adult musical groups from our church will present a Christmas Concert. We will share some of the wonderful and inspiring music from the Advent and Christmas season. Participating in this evening will be the Youth Choir, Righteous Ringers, Praise Team, Praise Band, Alleluia Ringers and Chancel Choir. We will also sing some familiar carols as a congregation.

Please join us at 7:00 P.M. on December 11.

Our children's choir – Kids of the Kingdom – will sing special music at both the 8:45 and the 11:00 services on the morning of December 11, but will not participate in the evening Concert.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE:

Rehearsal times for December:

- Kids of the Kingdom – 5:45 – December 7
- Righteous Ringers – 4:00 – December 7
- Youth Choir – 4:50 – December 7
- Alleluia Ringers – 6:30 – December 5, 12
- Chancel Choir – 6:30 – December 6, 13, 20

CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR

This choir is open to anyone who would like to be a part of the Christmas Eve Communion Services, at 7:00 and 11:00. We will have one rehearsal on Tuesday, December 20, at 6:30.

USHERS



8:45 am

Vic & Patti Davis

Harry Switzer

11:00 am

Judith (H) & Randy Finchum

Jim Robb

SOME FINAL 2011 COMMENTS

Some final 2011 financial comments through Nov. 20, 2011, with hints of 2012:

Projected annual shortfall vs. 2011 requirements stands at \$9,445 with five Sundays left in 2011. Last year, we finished the year by \$12,970 – short of our budget. Good news: our Treasurer, Mike Moser, has obtained an agreement with our bank to reduce the interest rate on our mortgage loan without any refinancing charges – a blessing which happened in October and helped save us some valuable monthly expenses late this year, and on into next year.

However, we still continue to struggle to pay our day-to-day operational expenses. The “13th Step of Faith” program, mentioned often, has helped, but has not yet been fully supported. Thus, it remains far short of its “one-extra-month” goal to get us “back even” financially.

Looking Ahead: The 2012 budget has been drafted and Finance Team approved at \$628,560. That is \$333 less than this year’s. It is again a “bare bones” plan with many ministry’s needs and “wish lists” unfulfilled.

We need to reflect on our many blessings and pray about making a commitment for the 2012 budget, if you haven’t already done so. Making a financial commitment through your pledge serves as an invaluable tool for financial planning and management. Wherever we are, most of us can give a bit more to God’s many causes. For our own spiritual growth, we need to regularly make these “step-ups-of-faith” improvements.

Through our two “Commitment Sundays” on November 13th and 20th, 2011, forty-four pledges totaling an annual amount of \$200,020.00 were received. It’s a start, Praise God! We will continue to receive pledge cards through the month of December.

Pastor Brad (reference his recent letter) and your Finance Team have “challenged” SUMC to exceed SUMC’s recent stewardship efforts. Our previous “bests” of percentage of pledges was back in 2001 (67.3%). The best total amount pledged for the budget was in 2008 (\$432,982). We can (and should) exceed both goals, but ONLY together and united, as one body in Christ!

With God’s help, we can, and we shall!

Dave Manners, Stewardship

THANK YOU!

I wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you for allowing me to be a part of the ministry of Seymour UMC for the past seven years. My family and I have been blessed time and time again through the relationships that we have made at the church. So from the bottom of my heart let me say thank you and ask God's blessings on all of us as we continue to serve God and share God's love with each other and the community.

THIEVES CHRISTMAS PARTY

We will be gathering for fun and fellowship on Sunday, December 18th at 5:30pm for our sixth annual "Thieves Christmas". You will need to bring a wrapped gift, no more than \$5.00, and snack to share. The youth ministry will provide the drinks. Your friends are welcome to come and join the fun, but remind them to bring a gift, so they can join in the game. We will be done by 7:30pm. If you have any questions please ask Darren.

GIFTS FOR THE CHRIST CHILD BASKET

The youth group will doing a basket to help raise funds for missions. We will sponsor a gift card basket for the drawing following the silent auction. We are asking all youth to go donate a gift card from restaurants and/or area stores. Bring the card to Susan or Darren by Sunday, December 4th, so we can put the basket together. This basket has been extremely popular over the past few years and this year will be no different. If you need card ideas or suggestions let Darren or Susan know.

RESURRECTION 2012

Final details were not ready in time for the printing of the newsletter, so please see Darren for more information about Resurrection 2012. Information sheets will also be available outside Darren's office door and on the youth section on the church's website. Thanks you for your patience and understanding as we finalize and make plans for this wonderful event in January for our youth.

Sunday Nights

Dec. 4 – TBA
Dec. 11 – Christmas Concert (7:00pm)
Dec. 18 – Thieves Christmas (5:30pm)
Dec. 25 – No Evening Activities
Jan. 1 – No Evening Activities
Be listening for the phone tree and visit the website for more details.

FINAL REPORT FOR PUMPKIN PATCH 2011

- ◆ Over 1,300 pumpkins unloaded with over 70 volunteers to help.
- ◆ 264 hours of the patch being open and over 50 families being present in the patch.
- ◆ \$8,154.75 – Total Pumpkin Sales (Church's share after expenses \$2,273.47)
- ◆ \$172.96 – Church Tithe
- ◆ \$1,023.12 – Children's M&M Program and Youth Ministries
- ◆ Large number of returning and new visitors to our church, who got to meet our church family and experience smiling faces and warm hearts.

Thank you to everyone who prayed, helped unload, worked a shift, put up a yard sign or invited someone to the patch. It was truly a full church effort. The pumpkins that remained went to farmers, a food ministry, and other individuals in the community this year. Mark your calendar for next October for our 3rd Annual Pumpkin Patch.

**Youth Council Meeting**

The youth council will meet on Sunday, December 11th at 4:30pm in Room 209. We will cover the upcoming holiday activities and Resurrection. Please note the time for this meeting. Everyone is welcome and this meeting is open to anyone that would like to help our youth grow spiritually and have fun doing it.

MEMORIALS

In Memory of:
Rhonda Knight (Arb Russell's Daughter)

In Memory of:
Anna Mae Lane
(Mother of Becky Carr)

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Anna Mae Lane (Mother of Becky Carr)

Given By:
Eveline Irwin

Given By:
H. R. "Buddy" Greene, Jr.
David & Arlene Manners

Given By:
Cornerstone II Sunday
School Class in honor of
Martin & Becky Carr

HONORARIAMS

In Honor of:
Norma Comfort & Bonnie Allen

In Honor of:
Dema Huffman

In Honor of:
John & Janelle McBride

In Honor of:
Cleora Sanders

In Honor of:
Charlene & the late Harold McCuistian
for what would have been their 66th
anniversary on November 11th, 2011

Given By:
David & Arlene Manners

Given By:
J. C. & F. G. Haggard

Given By:
Mary Manners

Given By:
Bart McCuistian

Given By:
Bart McCuistian

MIDDLE CREEK U. M. C.

Pastor Steve Pross and Middle Creek U.M. C. has invited us to join them on December 10th, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. for a musical worship featuring HisSong. You may call Steve at (865) 216-2066 for more information.





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CHURCH BULLETIN BOARD

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EDITION



**NEWSLETTER
ANNOUNCEMENT**

In order to be good stewards of our resources, this December edition will be the final mass mailing of the Newsletter. You can still view the newsletter each month by going to our web site. If you do not have access to the internet and would like to pick up a black and white copy of the newsletter, we will have a few printed and available on the table in the hallway at the church. Only those who are on the shut-in list will receive a copy by mail.