

St. John's United Methodist Church

Tidings

February 2011

10TH ANNUAL JAZZ AND JUST DESSERTS

FRIDAY, FEB. 11th



It is nearly here! On Friday, February 11th we are celebrating our 10th annual Jazz and Just Desserts. If you haven't attended before, you are in for a real treat. The doors open at 6:30 with desserts being served at 7:00. We have 13 different scrumptious dessert choices along with punch and coffee. Once again, Ray Wierson and the Celebration band will be providing the program. This is one of our United Methodist Women's fund raising projects, and all of the proceeds go to meet our pledge to missions; here, around the nation

and worldwide. We will also have some wonderful gift baskets for you to bid for, including Hawkeye, Iowa State and Illinois. We also have a night at the Clarion Hotel in one of their suites. There will be many other baskets for your to choose from. If you haven't bought your "favorite someone" a valentine gift, here is your chance. The tickets will be on sale on Sunday mornings January 30th and February 6th and they are only \$10.00. You may also get them in the church office during the week. Please plan to come. Ask anyone who has attended previously and they will tell you how much fun and what a delicious time they had.



2011 celebrates St. John's 175th Anniversary

The logo at the left has been designed by a member of the church with the assistance of the History Committee.

Each month in worship leading up to the celebration week in May, special dramas, promotional and information pieces will occur during worship and in the bulletins.

Iowa Annual Conference Bishop Julius Trimble will be joining us for our celebrations in May.

In advance, we thank all those involved in this monumental event, the History Committee under the leadership of Eleanor Mooney, the drama writers and actors and the many people "behind the scenes" who are leading this joyous celebration.

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CONGRATULATIONS NEWLY MARRIED

Jessica Johnson and Derek Fulton who were married on December 31st.

In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.

Matthew 5:16 NLT

One Church, Many Worship Opportunities

(Sanctuary of church, unless otherwise noted)

Classic worship (traditional) Sundays @ 8:30 a.m.

Living Faith! worship Sundays @ 9:45 a.m.
(The Center)

Celebration worship @ 11 a.m.

The Edge Youth worship Sundays @ 6 p.m.

Jesus Country worship Saturdays @ 5:30 p.m.

SkateChurch (skaters) Fridays @ 6 — 10 p.m. at
The Center

SkateChurch (bikers) Saturdays 5 — 9 p.m.
at The Center

FINANCIAL UPDATE

The year-end statements of giving are expected to be mailed by January 28th. Monthly financial reports are available in the church office for both the church and The Center.

St. John's United Methodist Church Foundation wish to thank the following members who have contributed in December to the Birthday Fund: John Davis, Veneta Ewen, Don Foreman, Joan Fulton, Gary Jantz, Sandy Koester, Doug Koester, Sandra Macumber, Eleanor Mooney, Marilyn Springer, Lavonne Stapp, and Wayne Wagner.



RECENT BAPTISMS

Leo Cabrera son of Christa Mesplay and Alex Cabrera was baptized November 21st.

Gabriel Brent Giese son of Brent and Molly Giese was baptized December 12th

Max Deiter Rebitzer son of Ted and Amanda Rebitzer; Cash Allen Gravert and Peter Matthew Gravert, sons of Matthew and Cathy Gravert; Kinnick Jordan Virtue son of Adam and Ashley Virtue; Liam Daniel Garvin son of Gregory and Michele Garvin all baptized December 26th

Ada Claire Kaffenberger daughter of Aaron and Courtney Kaffenberger was baptized January 9th



AN AMAZING DISCOVERY

by Pastor George

When Phebe Sudlow hand-wrote the first history of St. John's, she had very little information on the very first preachers Elnathan C. Gavitt and Chauncey Hobart. When we opened the sanctuary cornerstone in 2002, we still knew very little about them. We had nothing on Gavitt, except his name.

Then while researching for our 175th anniversary, we made two amazing discoveries. We found, online, autobiographies by both Gavitt and Hobart. Gavitt's 298 page autobiography, "Crumbs from My Saddle Bags, Reminiscences of Pioneer Life" was available on Amazon.com. It is now a part of our church history collection. We were able to print off a copy of Hobart's 409 page autobiography called, "Recollections of my Life, fifty years of itinerancy in the Northwest."

In addition to their colorful stories and new insights into St. John's beginnings, we now have pictures of both of them (line drawings).

Hobart concludes his book with a word of appreciation to "dear friends in the ministry and laity with whom I have long toiled in love and friendship. We have labored together in these new fields..." Then he gives a challenge worthy of any age, "I charge you all before our Lord Jesus Christ....that you hold fast your faith and let nothing come between you and Christ. Put yourselves into the inner circle of His fellowship, and see to it that His atoning blood washes you clean..."

In life, there are wonderful new discoveries to make and there ancient truths to hold onto.



WHO WAS PHEBE SUDLOW?

In 1887 Miss Sudlow was appointed by the First Methodist Episcopal Church in Davenport to gather material for a history of Methodism in Davenport/Scott County. Miss Sudlow was a well-known local educator.

THE SNOW

From the Cantata "Winter's Grace"
Folding the earth in its mantle
Pure and undefiled,
Soft in its own clear whiteness
As the cheek of an innocent child,
The snow o'er the world is falling,
It floats upon the air,
Silent, yet ever restless,
As a child's hands crossed in prayer.



Like a benediction descending
O'er the sin-stained weary world,
It falls in tender pity,
Its mantle o'er all unfurled.
Oh, Father in Heaven above us,
Thy goodness and Thy love
Descend like a silent spirit,
Like a pure and spotless dove.

This world is a myst'ry of sorrow,
And dark with sin and woe;
Over its toil and sadness
Thy mantle of mercy throw.
Fold us about, protect us
In Thy garment, spotless white,
As the snow in its silent falling
Is shrouding the earth tonight.

Edith Willis Linn Forbes (1865-1945)

To the members of St. John's United Methodist Church,

Thank you for the outstanding blood drive you recently held. Your service and leadership on behalf of the community blood program is greatly appreciated.

Thirty-five units were collected at the drive, and because of your combined generosity, as many as 105 patients will benefit from lifesaving blood products. We are incredibly fortunate to have the support of dedicated sponsors like you, who believe in our mission and care enough to take an active role in the blood program.

David R. Green

President/CEO Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center



PIECES OF GRACE

We are in that in between season that is known as February. There is a lull in the calendar and there is no hope for warm weather. Easter and Spring seem far away and Christmas must have occurred 6 months ago. I think February is short because the thought of it being any longer is terribly frightening. If you can't tell yet I truly am not fond of this month, by the time it is finished I need eleven months before it comes back.

Many people experience a February in their spiritual walk. We come off the excitement of Christmas and we are not yet ready for the reflection that comes with Lent or the celebration that is Easter. There is value to be had from this time of year, though. February is when our new habits are tested, we continue to pay the Christmas bills and we gladly anticipate the coming summer. This time in our faith journey allows us to come closer to God. For warm weather people like me there is more time for personal devotions and prayer. For those people, who I will never understand, that love being outside in the cold, you have a chance to draw closer through nature too.

What I am trying to say is that God gives a limited amount of time. It is up to us to use this time as best we can. No matter what the day, or the weather, we need to give God our best and allow God to do the rest.

Grace and Peace, **RON**

MISSIONS UPDATE

by Willie Trusheim

BLANKET WEEKEND

February Manna For Missions: Blankets

February 5th and 6th is Blanket Weekend to raise \$2,000. We almost raised it last year, so we can do it this year. Pray about it. Blankets are the most needed item when disaster strikes anywhere in the world. Tornadoes, Hurricanes, floods, refugees, diseases, carry all, shade, cover for sick or injured, etc. You sleep under one every night this cold winter. So you know the need. Now we invite you to give.

What do you need to do to give? 1. Place your check or cash in the offering during worship. If you give during the week take money to the office for the financial secretary. **DO NOT LEAVE MONEY ON THE BLANKETS OR TABLE IN THE HALLWAY.**

2. On the blankets in the hallway take a slip of paper there and write the number of blankets you are planning to give at \$.5.00 each and pin it on the blanket. You can give 1,2,3,5,10 blankets with the correct money of \$5,10, 15, 25, or \$50. Its great to see those blankets covered with your indicated giving. The blankets will be up for two weeks. Pulling together we reach the \$2,000 goal.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

St. John's, we had a fantastic 2010 Food Pantry year. December count was 696 items. Our total count for 2010 was 8453 items which was up 2893 items from 2009. Pat yourselves on the back for a job well done.

Now the challenge - 9000 items for 2011. I know as a church, as a congregation and as an individual we/you can do it. **EVERYONE** bring at least **ONE** food item each month and we will more than beat the challenge. I am ready to start counting but you need to bring the food for me to count.

Food Pantry is the third Sunday of each month. Baskets are placed at 14th Street and Perry Street doors.

Remember **ONE** item per person. We/you can do it.

CHRISTMAS EVE 2010



Thanks to Kim Chant for sending us these pictures of Christmas Eve 11 p.m. service. Sincere appreciation to everyone who made all the Christmas Eve services spectacular and especially to Glenn Wilkerson and his crew for their continuous snow removal efforts in the parking lots and sidewalks that began at 6 a.m. on Christmas Eve and lasted well into Christmas Day!





**PICTURES FROM
THE CENTER DINNER THEATER
FUNDRAISER
JANUARY 15th**



THE CENTER FUNDRAISER REPORT

Our Silent Auction Brought in 710.00; we had donations of 170.00 and had 136 people attend with 1360.00 in tickets sold. 2240.00 Total raised with fundraiser so we consider this a success.

THANK YOU to everyone that helped make it a success. All the ministries at The Center helped. Jane and Mary Lange for doing the food that was fantastic. Alive for putting on the Theater.

Maggie and ladies for donating desserts. And everyone that came to the event to support The Center and what we do.

Some pictures are above from the evening

ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST
2010 CHURCH OFFICERS
(Feb. 1, 2011 - Jan. 31, 2012)

Elected at Charge Conference

REV. November 30, 2010

The Church Council

Chairperson: Neil West
Vice Chairperson: Angie Brand
Secretary: Patti Tisinger
Treasurer: Richard Day

Church Council at Large:

Charles Bracey
Aubrey Cover
Irene Hope
Keith Osborn
Jay Campagna
Marsha Findlay
Aaron King
Alexus Rogan
Ann McGlynn
Lisa Henry-Vasquez
Chuck Mooney
Don Timmermann

Lay Leaders: Jim Meehan (8:30)
Carl & Bonnie Boehl (11:00)
Vern Stille (Jesus Country)
Carolee Stanley (Living Faith!)

Also includes: Lay members to conference & work area/committee chairs or representatives.

Steering

Chair: Carl Boehl

Andrea Otten, Secretary (Lay member to Conference)

Vern Stille (Lay Leader – Jesus Country)

Jim Meehan (Lay Leader-8:30)

Carolee Stanley (Lay Leader 9:45 Living Faith!)

Carl & Bonnie Boehl (Lay Leader-11:00)

Neil West (Church Council Chair)

Rick Day (Treasurer)

Linda Jantz (UMW President)

Jane Lange (Trustee chair)

Angie Brand (Lay member to Conference)

Staff: George White, Ron Carlson

Bill Porter (The Center)

Scott Schroeder (SPRC Chair)

Lay Members to Annual Conference

2011	2012	2013
Angie Brand	Andrea Otten	Jason Otten

Committees/Work Areas

Center Ministry Team: Chairperson: Bill Porter

*Dick Phelps Vice Chairperson

*Pennie Kellenberger (Director)

*Jane Lange (Trustee)

*Willie Trusheim

*George White (Staff)

Scott Schroeder (Staff Parish)

Mary Downing

Willie Ellis

Bob McCoy (Food Pantry)

Carolyn Keeney (Friendly Thrift Center)

Scott Schaefer (Quad Cities Prayer Center)

John Kessler (QC Kids Against Hunger)

Sue Davison (Safer)

Joshua Ngao (Fishers of Men Ministry)

*denotes Center Management Group

Jane Lange

Dawn Luna

Chuck Mooney, ex officio

Eleanor Mooney

Missions – Local and Global

Chairperson: Willie Trusheim

InGathering – Wanda Cover

Blood Drive- Kay Hobbs

VIM – Sandy Koester

Food Pantry – Sharon Imming

Habitat for Humanity – Cliff Cole

Café on Vine –

Palmer Program - Katie Manley-Buser

CU Meal @ Salvation Army - Bill & Marcia Geisler/Pat & Keith Osborn

Staff: Ron Carlson

Carelink – Naomi Copeland

Crop Walk & Friendly Thrift-

Gayle Blieu

Nominations (Leadership Development) Chairperson: George White

2011	2012	2013
Nancy Meeker	Pat Burroughs	Merlin Brubaker
Jim Fugate	Marlin Cook	Ted Hathaway
	Carol Hathaway	

Staff: George White, Ron Carlson

Small Groups Coordinator

Staff: Ron Carlson

Staff/Parish Relations

Chairperson: Scott Schroeder

2011	2012	2013
Clara Haack	Mike Brand	Sharon Virtue
Kelly Willet	Rachel Lanning	Larry Keller
Jeanne Wolf	Bill Muehlbauer	Roger Anderson

Staff: George White & Ron Carlson

Tender Loving Care (formerly MemberCare & Nurture)

Chris Ittenbach

Maggie Gillespie

Bob & Jan Smith

Chuck Mooney (CD Ministry)

Linda Jantz (Casserole ministry)

Elaine Horton

Verna Cudmore

Joyce Tupper

Staff: George White, Naomi Copeland

Louise Schmidt

Larry & Carol Sharpe

Penny Maltby

Nancy Newton

Teresa Keller

Vera Hansen

Children's Council:

Chris Banker

Cristian Carlton

Crystal Donald

Emily Doxsie

Kathy Fugate

Mary Gravert

Staff: Beth Martin

Beth Leibold

Lanette Paper

Diane Rogan

Angie Brand

Chad Wolfe

Rachel Lanning (SPRC rep)

Rob Bruce

Creative Worship Arts

David Burke, Coordinator

Scott Schroeder

Marcia Schroeder

Possible resource persons:

Dan Burich

Betsy McLeland

Kristin Meyer

Ann Hartje

Steve Sands

Evangelism Coordinator

Rosannah Winter

Vanessa Haberman

Carolee Stanley

Marti Puls

Jay Williams

Staff: Ron Carlson

Finance Campaign Committee Chairperson: Willie Ellis

Maggie Gillespie

Ann Hartje

Elaine & Bob Horton

Amy & Bill Klutho

Tim Leibold

Staff: George White, Ron Carlson, Pennie Cady, Naomi Copeland

Clair Odell

Amy Pearson

Mary Lou Petersen

Jeremy Snook

Fine Arts

Ad-Hoc, meets as needed

(Refer needs to Trustees)

St. John's Foundation

Chairperson: Betty Breaw

Treasurer: Stan Goodyear

2011

Darrell Lietz

Jan Becker

Betty Breaw

Staff: Pennie Cady, George White

2012

Bob Fulton

Stan Goodyear

Laura Lang

2013

Don Bardole

Ted Hathaway

Karen Weimar

History

Chairperson: Eleanor Mooney

Robert Horton

Ann Lietz

Carol Kniep

Suzan Miller

Ex-officio: Marj Hier Staff: George White

Trustees:

Chairperson: Jane Lange

2011

Sue Day

Jane Lange

Don Timmermann

Staff: Glenn Wilkerson & George White

2012

Paul Holzworth

Bob Karwath

Teresa Keller

2013

Mike Herman

Lynn Dvorak

Scott Pearson

Worship Coordinating Committee

Lay Leader Coordinated

Acolytes: Pat Burroughs

Altar Guild: Liz Jansen

Flower Committee:

Ardis Babcock

Cindy Carpenter

Nellie Quinn

Barb White

John Kuhn

Dorothy Burkhardt

Kay Hobbs

Joann Teeselink

Deb Buchanan

Clair Kuhn

Worship Enhancement Committee: Chair: Liz Jansen

Linda Jantz

Chad Wolf

Mike Thomas

Staff: Pastors

Communion Preparers: Lavonne Stapp (JC); _____ (8:30);
_____(LF); Kate & Craig Heuer (11)

Sound System: Dave Meumann, lead; Dean Teeselink (8:30) &
John Chant (11)

Ushers: Gordon Fordyce (8:30) and Erich Matteson (11:00),

_____(Funerals); Dick Phelps (Christmas and Easter)

All staff part of worship coordinating committee



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

By Linda Jantz

Unit meeting: There will be no regular meeting.
Executive Committee: Will meet in the conference room at 10:45 a.m. on February 9th.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S CIRCLES

ELIZABETH: Wednesday, February 16th at 12:00 noon in the Parlor
Hostess: Mary Ross

JOANNA: Tuesday, February 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in the parlor
Hostess: Kathy Byers Co-Hostess: Carolee Stanley

MARTHA: Wednesday, February 16 at 1:00 p.m.
Meet in the Northridge Party room at Ridgecrest

NAOMI: Wednesday, February 16th at 12:00 noon in the Wesley Room
Hostess: Kay Belt Co-Hostess: Chris Ittenbach

DEBORAH: Tuesday, February 16th at 7:00 in the parlor
Hostess: Jan Carlton

DORCAS: Tuesday, February 16th at 6:00 in the Wesley room
Hostess: Cheryl Milder

VOLUNTEERS



NEEDED

There are many opportunities for people to become involved in many different ministries here at St. John's. Two of the ministries that we provide are both of these are hospitality centered. We are always looking for people to be involved as a greeter or usher, particularly at our 830 and 11 worship services. People can commit for as little as one week at a time and it only takes fifteen minutes to a little over an hour of your time. Plus it happens right here in the church and is centered on our worship services. If you like people, want to meet more people, need a way to be involved or just want to try something to further your own ministry please let me know. Ushers provide service during worship and greeters greet people at one of the doors before worship. I have more information if you need it. We need ushers and greeters for both services along with a coordinator of greeters or two. If you are led to this type of ministry please call me at the office at 563-324-5278, and I will get you signed up. Pastor Ron



Celebration Service to introduce several new worship songs in 2011

by Dave Meumann, Director of Worship and Media

A definition of worship that I appreciate for its simplicity and clarity is by Warren Wiersbe, who writes: "Worship is the believer's response of all that they are - mind, emotions, will, body - to what God is and says and does." As I celebrate full two full years of being here at St John's, and as I look back and reflect on what God is calling me to as far as new goals for 2011, I feel called to introduce a lot of new worship music this year.

I have spent the last six months talking to several people in the Celebration Service about what worship means to them at St John's and how the music that the band leads them works and doesn't. I, as you can imagine have had several different responses. Style, too loud, not loud enough, too rocky, not rocky enough, and so on. Enough to completely confuse me. But two of them have become the very common answers. One being: "we need new songs." The second one being: "we need songs that are easy to sing to." These are two goals that are being set. Beginning in March, these new songs are going to roll out per say. It will take a little bit of patience because new songs take time to become comfortable with. One of the ways that we hope to achieve this is by taking a little extra time to learn them. The other is to be repetitive enough with them to become comfortable. In corporate worship we need to all engage together and go beyond observers. I want to focus more on songs of participation and less on songs of performance.

So off we go! I look forward to continued worship together in song in 2011!



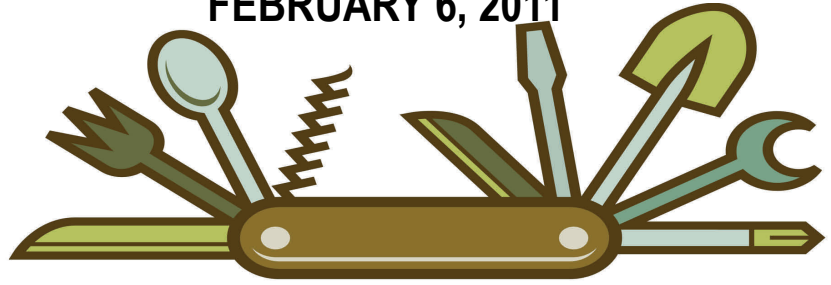
The Edge Youth Ministry is looking for people to cook a light supper for students on Sunday's and Wednesday evenings. We have an average of 20 students either night. If you would like to help this ministry please Contact Jamie Nielsen by email or phone call. nielsenlv@yahoo.com or 515-890-0439.

TROOP 6



ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
DAVENPORT, IOWA

FEBRUARY 6, 2011



Boy Scout Sunday



Opportunity Available – Do you have an interest in books and other educational resources? Our St. John's library is in need of a volunteer librarian. Responsibilities include cataloging and shelving new books, DVDs, and audio sermons, and maintaining records regarding the resources that are available. If you are a person who is organized and search for a ministry here at the church, this is the perfect chance for you. Contact the church office at 324-5278.

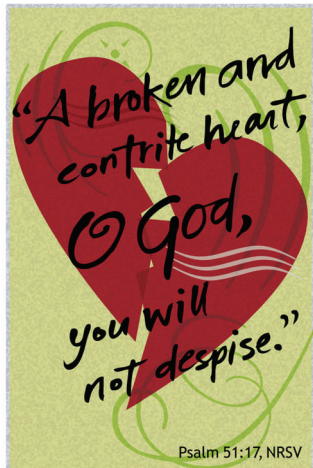


P.U.N.C.H.

by Maggie Gillespie

Despite the weather, 125-150 were served after the Martin Luther King service held at St. John's on Monday, Jan. 17th. Many members of P.U.N.C.H. brought soups and desserts. A special thank you to Mary Downing for all of her help to get the coffee made and just helping with all the set up work to get ready for the lunch, and to Jan Becker who was recruited to help serve soup and then found her running the dishwasher in the kitchen. Than you so much Jan. Special angels volunteered to help with the dishwashing chores and we thank them for cleaning off all the tables and helping Jan in the kitchen. We had several comments on our beautiful kitchen at St. John's.

It is always amazing to me, how these P.U.N.C.H. projects bring the churches together and everyone just pitches in to help where needed. This is an amazing group and all of you are so special.



ST. JOHN'S LAUNCHES WORSHIP ARTS WEBSITE

by Dave Meumann, Director of Worship and Media

Here at St John's, there are several opportunities in the worship Arts. There are always a lot of questions about how people can become involved in either the traditional choirs, handbells, contemporary bands and drama teams both for adults, youth and children. In an effort to inform the congregation and potential members of these numerous teams, a dedicated website has been established. There you can get an overview of each team, find out what is required to join and apply for membership or an audition for groups. We hope this helps in the journey of those interested to become involved with St John's worship arts programming. The web address is www.stjohnsworshiparts.com

Life on the EDGE!

Volume 2, Issue 2

February



Welcoming in the New Year

Dear Friends,

Though February is the shortest month of the year the EDGE Youth Ministry is jam packing with awesome lessons, a super bowl party, and an All girls retreat.

First, Jamie Nielsen will be taking a group of girls to an all girls retreat in Kansas City, MO. This exciting event will allow girls to grow closer in discipleship.

Then we move to the first Sunday of February which just so happens to be Super Bowl Sunday. The EDGE Youth Ministry will be hosting a Super Bowl Bash. This event will be close to our usual Sunday Youth Group time starting at 6pm. But in-

stead of ending at 7:30pm we will watching the game until it ends (normally be-



tween 9pm and 9:30pm). At Halftime the Youth Praise Band will play music. There will also be prizes awarded for correctly answering statistic questions about the game.

After Super Sunday
The EDGE

Youth Ministry will starting a new curriculum Titled C.H.U.R.C.H. In this curriculum we will delving into what Church means. This curriculum splits the word church into an acronym. C is for Christ. H is for Holiness. U is for Unity. R is for Rejoice. The second C is for Covenant. And the Final H is for Hospitality. This Curriculum is intended to create an understanding of why Youth should go to church and join a church family.

We hope everyone enjoys this Valentine season as we grow stronger in our love for God

God Bless

Youth Director

Michael Slininger

Super Bowl Party

When: February 6th, 2011
from 6pm-until the game is over

Where: Fellowship Hall

January

Super Bowl	6
Christ	13
Holiness	20
Unity	27

Schedule of events:

- Wednesday High School Service 5-6pm @ Skate-Church Rec-Room
- High School Skatechurch 6-9pm (Wednesday)
- Skatechurch 6-10pm (Fridays)
- Bike Night 5-9pm(Saturdays)
- Edge Youth group 6-7:30pm (Sundays)

Don't Forget About The Youth Band

If you are interested in joining the Youth Praise Band practices are Thursday nights at 7pm.

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Director of Youth Ministry
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Jamie Nielsen
Youth Discipleship
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FIND US ON FACEBOOK!!!

This page created especially for Youth Ministries

All Kids for Christ!

Created by Beth Martin

TRACKS

BE MY VALENTINE!



Sunday School

STEWARDSHIP!

Sunday School students will be taking a field trip to visit the Food Pantry at *The Center* on Sunday, March 6th, during Sunday School time (9:45-10:45). Parents wishing to accompany the group are welcome, just contact Beth.

We have begun collecting school supplies for Washington, Sudlow and Madison schools. Many "First Day Fund" supplies are depleted by the 2nd semester. Both items and money will be collected for this cause. School supplies that are especially needed are dry erase markers, post-it notes, spiral notebooks, pocket folders, glue sticks, 3-ring binders, pencils, boxes of facial tissue, Trapper Keepers and book bags. Please bring your contributions to the Hub or put them on the table inside the lower level Gathering Area. Sign our Offering Book with your name and school item/s to help us with our count!

Children's Church

Is held for children age 3 through 3rd grade during 8:30 & 11:00 Worship. At this time, children in 8:30 meet in ML107 and the Nursery. 11:00 Children's Church meets in the Chapel with Beth and dismisses from LL08 and LL06 downstairs. A volunteer schedule for leaders of classroom time from 11:40-12:00 is being prepared. Please call Beth to help. The more people involved, the fewer times each person will be scheduled. Everything is prepared for you: children have a table activity and a snack. Communion Sunday is Movie & Popcorn Day.

"Jesus and the Children"

...is the unit that Sunday School ended up using for the first 8 weeks of the new year. Thank you to teachers Mary Gravert, Rachel Lanning, Chad & Becca Wolf, Angie & Mike Brand, Jennifer Bradley, Kim Corts, Jennifer Miller and Bethany Leibold, and to shepherds Nicole Leonhardt, Tony Ryan and Bob Zeidler. Becky Leonhardt and Michael Slininger teach 6-12th gr. SS in the Wheel. Mitzi Harris leads music in the Hub for PS-5th each week. Preschoolers continue the *HeartShapers* lessons in ML107. All 3/4 year olds are invited to join that class. Call Beth at church (324-5278) with any questions, or to volunteer to teach, shepherd, or help with special projects.

"GOSPEL GAMES"

Is our mid-week program for Kindergarten through 6th grade. The name "Jam Kids" will no longer be used. Currently all ages meet together in Fellowship Hall, but will eventually split when more adult leaders are signed up to help. Parents, please watch for the new *Gospel Games Gazette* which will be sent home with the children or mailed to participating families each month through March. Adults, please call Beth if you can give some time to Gospel Games: Help is needed!! There will be NO GG session on Ash Wednesday, Mar. 9th. The program will run as long as Children's Choir practices in the Spring. Please watch for the date of our final night! Thank you to UMW for providing meals!

February Birthdays!

- 2/3 David Willaert
- 2/4 Scott Smith
Andrew Burton
Scott Smit
- 2/5 Hanley Schmidt
- 2/6 Aiden Sammon
- 2/7 Mason
Broemmer
- 2/8 Cameron Guest
- 2/9 Esmee Belzer
- 2/12 Estelle Tieber
Hanna Romero
- 2/13 Dalton Donald
- 2/14 Austin Sloan
- 2/16 Zach Slavish
Megan Mitchell
Andrew Parker
- 2/20 Desira Sloan
- 2/21 Cordell Patrick
- 2/24 Amanda Baldry
Andre Taylor
- 2/26 Hayden Sollars

"Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'" Mt. 19:14

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Hospitalized as of January 19, 2011

Genesis West: Joan Miguel and Robert Meeks

Genesis East: Patricia Odell

Released: Lisa Gomez, Duane Langtimm, June Stimac, Cindy Carpenter, Sandy Carpenter, Keith Fulton, Marj Hier, Deanna Craft, Cora Bruce, Steven Britcher, Linda Massie, William Timmerman, and Wayne Tisinger

For a complete listing of those in local assisted living centers, please contact the church office. An up-to-date Member Care list is available at the Perry Street entrance or by contacting the church office at 324.5278.

to the family and friends of Dr. Charles "Gene" Linke upon his death since our last publication

"The Lord is near to those who call upon Him"

Prayer requests may be called into the Church Office during office hours at 324-5278. After 5 p.m. please contact Jan Becker at 355-3981.