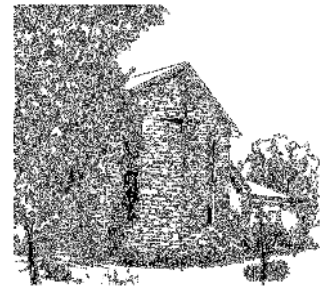


# FRIENDSHIP

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
FAITH ~ FAMILY ~ FELLOWSHIP



## *The Voice of Friendship, January 2012*

### Hope for a New Year

[Ephesians 1:1-14]



A certain king had two servants. To the first he said, "I want you to travel for six months through my kingdom and bring back a sample of every weed you can find." To the second servant the king said, "I want you to travel through my kingdom for six months and bring back a sample of every flower you can find." Six months later, both servants stood before the king. To the first, the king asked, "Have you carried out my command?" The first servant answered, I have, and I was amazed to find there were so many weeds in the kingdom. In fact, there is nothing but weeds in this kingdom!"

To the king's question the second servant also answered, "I have, and I am amazed how many beautiful flowers there are in the kingdom. In fact, there is nothing but beautiful flowers in this kingdom!"

These two servants each found what they were looking for. So do we. Are there no blessings in your life? Do you have no one who loves you, no beauty outside your window, no strength left in your body, no mind to guide you to new pleasures and opportunities, no faith to bear you up when circumstance weighs you down? Are you really without any resources for making 2012 a wonderful year? Count your blessings, says the old hymn.

As Abraham Lincoln pointed out, "It is difficult to make a man miserable while he feels he is worthy of himself and claims kindred to the great God who made him."

As we look into this New Year, why shouldn't we see great and wonderful things? We have been blessed, we have been chosen, we have been predestined to be children of the most high God.

*Pastor Stu*

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### *2011's New Members:*

*Linda Allgeier  
Kelly Barnett  
Judy Buhr  
Leslie Gaudreau  
Sarah & Jason Greene  
Emily & Joseph Kettula  
Erin and Teo Osben*

*Welcome to Friendship!*

Here is the Chapel schedule for sermons beginning 2012:

We will be reading the epistle of James and basing our messages on the truths found in James' writings.

- January 8th - When Faith is Tested
- January 15th - Put Your Words into Deeds
- January 22nd - The Pitfall of Favoritism
- January 29th - Watch Your Mouth
- February 5th - The Cause and Cure of Conflict
- February 12th - How Fragile Life Is
- February 19th - All for One

### JUST A THOUGHT by Walt Wyatt

There is a principle in management that states, "IF YOU HAVE MORE THAN ONE BOSS, YOU HAVE NO BOSS." The next time you make a request to a staff member or committee chair it would be good to remember that there is only one of them and 500+ of us. Before your request is granted it is important to think about how the other 500+ would react.

- ☛ Ginny Mund
- ☛ Cornelia Nash
- ☛ Joan Arbogast
- ☛ Bill Huffines
- ☛ Nola Godfrey
- ☛ Mary Groen
- ☛ Chris Goldman
- ☛ Orpha Boyer
- ☛ Jack Schooley
- ☛ Walter Lindley



**Children’s Christmas Play a Huge Success!!**

Many thanks to all the parents and children who gave of their time and talents in this year’s play, “A Simple Homecoming.” It did indeed feel like a family homecoming with lots of food, noise and a crowded atmosphere. A special thanks to those who helped the kids in costumes, directed entries at the door, and especially to Al and Anne Short for doing a terrific job as “Grandpa” and “Grandma.” I also would like to thank Sharon Meyer for her hard work and dedication.

**Did You Here About the Visitors We Had In Sunday School?**

During Advent, the Sunday School children were taken by surprise when two special visitors dropped in for a visit. John the Baptist (Chris Draper) and Simeon (Tim Flem) portrayed through drama the excitement of Christ’s coming and his important prophetic role as the Messiah. It was wonderful having these two men involved in our Sunday School Department. They brought a great deal of fun and excitement...and a few surprises. (like eating “bacon and cheese” flavored crickets)

**Sunday School Offering:**

Starting this year, all children are encouraged to bring an offering to Sunday School. It is important to develop a sense of responsible stewardship in early childhood. Children are asked to bring small change and nothing larger than a dollar bill. The money collected will be used to support various mission projects that would be of interest to the kids.

**International Network of Children’s Ministry:**

Andrea King, Director of Christian Education, received a scholarship to attend the 2012 CPC Conference in January. This is one of the premier conferences for children’s ministry and will feature multiple workshops and networking sessions. Representatives from various publishing companies will also feature their curriculum and resources. Andrea applied for the scholarship back in October and was awarded the scholarship in late November.

**The next “Voice” will be published JANUARY 25TH. Deadline is TUESDAY, JANUARY 17TH!**

**SANDWICH SATURDAY,**  
 January 7th in  
 Thomas Family Hall, 9:00 AM *Come join us!*



We offer our sympathy to the following members:

Patti Horne, and family at the passing of her mother Patricia on 11/24; to Sharon Freyhof and family at the passing of her sister Sheila on 11/27; and to John & Helen Hunter and family at the passing of their son Jim on 12/2.

**FISH Say Thanks for SOCK IT TO ME SUNDAY**



A big thank-you from Friendship FISH (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders) for your contributions to the first ever SOCK IT TO ME SUNDAY. FISH collected more than 300 pairs of socks which were given to Wyoming Middle School’s Make It Happen service club. Adult socks were donated to the drop-in center downtown. Children’s socks went to either Bethany House, Faces Without Places, or the Interfaith Hospitality Network. Thank you for your support!

**Our “Manna” List from Valley Interfaith:**

Your dedication to our mission of **"Helping our Neighbors in Need"** is so appreciated. Month after month, we are amazed at how everyone pulls together to help us stop hunger in our surrounding neighborhoods.

Valley is always thankful for both the monetary and physical contributions they receive from Friendship. At the end of November, client visits were up by 6% compared to this time last year, while donations were down by 18%. The continued support by FUMC is essential to our neighbors in need!

Please call Valley Interfaith for further information. (513) 821-3233. Items may be dropped off in the white bin outside Thomas Family Hall. Contact Bob Draeger if you have any questions. *Thank you in advance!*

**Check out Valley Interfaith on the web for household needs! [www.vifcc.org](http://www.vifcc.org)**



The Preschool staff would like to take this opportunity to express our deeply felt appreciation for Neil Notestine, who recently stepped down as Preschool Board president. Neil led the

preschool through an extremely difficult time, making the transition as smooth as possible in light of the circumstances. We have appreciated his honesty, encouragement, support and tireless efforts on behalf of the preschool. Thank you, Neil, for a job well done.

We welcome Craig Kinsman as our new Preschool Board President. Craig and Karen have been supportive of our preschool through volunteer work before even joining the Preschool Board! For two years Karen has provided a monthly library program for all of the children and Craig has orchestrated the playground mulching, which is no small task. And the Kinsmans have donated a number of items for classroom use.

***Our enrollment continues to grow!*** Beginning in January we will hold priority registration for FUMC members and currently enrolled families. Enrollment will open up to the community at our Open House, January 22. We are accepting applications for children ages 2 through prekindergarten. Children do not have to be potty trained. Thank you for referring families to our preschool! Merry Christmas

## YEAR END CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION

For a contribution to be considered a 2011 contribution, it must be **RECEIVED** by the Church by the close of business on December 31, 2011, unless it has been mailed and is post-marked in 2011 and received in 2012.

Please do not file your federal income tax before you receive your 2011 contribution receipt. These receipts will be disbursed to contributors in early 2012. Any individual contribution of \$250 or more will need to have this receipt from the church.

Any staff gifts you may make are not considered by the IRS as tax deductible contributions.

IF YOU WANT TO DONATE STOCK THAT YOU HAVE IN A BROKERAGE ACCOUNT TO FRIENDSHIP CHURCH, PLEASE INSTRUCT YOUR BROKER TO TRANSFER SHARES ELECTRONICALLY TO:

### VANGUARD BROKERAGE SERVICES

100 Vanguard Boulevard

Malvern, Pa 19355

Telephone: 800.992.8327

Vanguard Brokerage Service's Dtc Number Is 0062.

**THE CHURCH'S VANGUARD BROKERAGE SERVICE ACCOUNT NUMBER IS 16364788.**

*SEPARATELY, PLEASE NOTIFY US TO EXPECT THE TRANSFER USING THE FORMS LOCATED IN JANET WELLS' (THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY) MAILBOX OR HAVE YOUR BROKER SEND A LETTER WITH THIS INFORMATION TO:*

**Janet Wells - Financial Secretary  
Friendship United Methodist Church  
1025 Springfield Pike, Wyoming, Oh 45215**

*EITHER OR BOTH WAYS OF NOTIFYING JANET ARE SATISFACTORY.*


## Friendship's Finances

### STEWARDSHIP/PLEDGE UPDATE

Through November 2011 FUMC expenses exceed income by over \$40,000, despite expenses being \$70,000 under spent. We will need about \$90,000 in December income to break even for the year. Over the past 5 years, an average December has been about \$70,000.

Our 2012 Pledge Campaign continues. We now have 134 Pledges totaling \$527,000. This compares to 148 Pledges and \$588,000 after 4 weeks last year. If you have not yet made a Pledge, please consider doing so. Pledge cards are available in numerous locations throughout the church, and in the office in the pledge team mail folder. They may be returned via offerings during service, or returned to the church office.

November '11 YTD	Actual
Income	563,418
Expenses	604,431
Net Income/(Loss)	-41,013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>9:00 AM - 9:10 AM</b> Prayer Vigil - C/L  <b>9:30 AM</b> No Sunday School  <b>10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ALL CONGREGATION</b>  <b>Worship Service - TFH</b></p> 	<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>7:30 PM - 8:30 PM</b>  Webelos Den 4 meeting - EW, Rm 104</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>11:30 AM - 1:00 PM</b>  Double lunch, Sr. High - Sr. High Cafe  <b>7:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b>  Church Growth Committee - TR  <b>7:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b>  Cub Scouts, Den 2 - Ew., Rm. 103  <b>8:00 PM</b> AA/AIAnon - EW Rm 103 (no other EW events)</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>7:00 AM - 8:00 AM</b> Women Share group - Narthex  <b>9:30 AM - 10:30 AM</b> Infant/Toddler playgroup - Nursery  <b>10:00 AM - 11:00 AM</b> UMW Craft &amp; Chat - LL Rm 21  <b>3:45 PM - 4:45 PM</b> Youth Choir - C/L  <b>4:45 PM - 5:30 PM</b> Friendship Ringers - MR  <b>5:15 PM - 6:30 PM</b> Wednesday Night Dinner - K, TFH  <b>6:00 PM - 7:00 PM</b> Spirit Wind - MR  <b>7:00 PM - 8:30 PM</b> Chancel Choir - C/L</p>
<p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>9:00 AM - 9:10 AM</b> Prayer Vigil - C/L  <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School  <b>9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Traditional Worship - S</b>  <b>10:30 AM - 10:55 AM Children's Choir - LLA, Rm 20</b>  <b>10:30 AM - 10:55 AM</b> Preschool Choir - EW Rm. 106  <b>11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Chapel Worship - C/L</b>  <b>11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Connect Service - TFH</b>  <b>11:00 AM - 12:00 PM</b> Education meeting - EW, Rm. 103  <b>12:00 PM - 1:30 PM</b> Higher Ground - C/L  <b>12:15 PM - 2:00 PM</b> Trustee Meeting - TR  <b>5:00 PM - 6:00 PM</b> Righteous Ringers - MR  <b>6:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Cast in Bronze - MR</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>7:00 PM Admin Council - C/L</b>  <b>7:15 PM - 9:45 PM</b>  Color Slide Group - LLA  <b>7:30 PM - 8:30 PM</b>  Webelos Den 4 meeting - EW, Rm 104</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Andrea King at Education Conference offsite  Conference offsite  <b>11:30 AM - 2:30 PM</b>  League of Women Voters - EW Rm 103  <b>3:30 PM - 5:00 PM</b>  G.S. Tr. 43330 - EW, Rm. 103  <b>8:00 PM</b> AA/AIAnon - EW Rm 103 (no other EW events)</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Andrea King at Education Conference offsite  <b>7:00 AM - 8:00 AM</b> Women Share group - Narthex  <b>10:00 AM - 11:00 AM</b> FUMW monthly meeting - TR  <b>3:45 PM - 4:45 PM</b> Youth Choir - C/L  <b>4:45 PM - 5:30 PM</b> Friendship Ringers - MR  <b>5:15 PM - 6:30 PM</b> Wednesday Night Dinner - K, TFH  <b>6:00 PM - 7:15 PM</b> G.S. Tr. 41966 - EW Rm. 103  <b>6:00 PM - 7:00 PM</b> Spirit Wind - MR  <b>7:00 PM - 8:30 PM</b> Chancel Choir - C/L</p>
<p><b>15</b></p> <p><b>"Voice" deadline</b>  Andrea King at Education Conference offsite  <b>9:00 AM - 9:10 AM</b> Prayer Vigil - C/L  <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School  <b>9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Traditional Worship - S</b>  <b>10:30 AM - 10:55 AM Children's Choir - LLA, Rm 20</b>  <b>10:30 AM - 10:55 AM</b> Preschool Choir - EW Rm. 106  <b>11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Chapel Worship - C/L</b>  <b>11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Connect Service - TFH</b>  <b>12:00 PM - 1:30 PM</b> Higher Ground - C/L  <b>5:00 PM - 6:00 PM</b> Membership Committee - TR  <b>5:00 PM - 6:00 PM</b> Righteous Ringers - MR  <b>6:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Cast in Bronze - MR</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>  <p>No Preschool  OFFICE CLOSED  <b>7:00 PM - 8:30 PM</b> Cub Scouts, Den 12 - EW, Rm. 105  <b>7:15 PM - 9:45 PM</b>  Color Slide Group - LLA  <b>7:30 PM - 8:30 PM</b>  Webelos Den 4 meeting - EW, Rm 104</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>9:00 AM - 3:00 PM</b>  Stu @ Clergy Cluster  <b>2:00 PM - 4:00 PM</b>  Cook/Set up f/Prime Time - K, TFH  <b>8:00 PM</b> AA/AIAnon - EW Rm 103 (no other EW events)</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>7:00 AM - 8:00 AM</b> Women Share group - Narthex  <b>9:30 AM - 10:30 AM</b> Infant/Toddler playgroup - Nursery  <b>11:30 AM - 2:00 PM</b> Prime Time - TFH, K  <b>3:45 PM - 4:45 PM</b> Youth Choir - C/L  <b>4:45 PM - 5:30 PM</b> Friendship Ringers - MR  <b>5:15 PM - 6:30 PM</b> Wednesday Night Dinner - K, TFH  <b>6:00 PM - 7:00 PM</b> Spirit Wind - MR  <b>7:00 PM - 8:30 PM</b> Chancel Choir - C/L</p>
<p><b>22</b></p> <p><i>Carrie Short-Lippert on vacation</i>  <b>9:00 AM - 9:10 AM</b> Prayer Vigil - C/L  <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School  <b>9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Traditional Worship - S</b>  <b>10:30 AM - 10:55 AM Children's Choir - LLA, Rm 20</b>  <b>10:30 AM - 10:55 AM</b> Preschool Choir - EW Rm. 106  <b>11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Chapel Worship - C/L</b>  <b>11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Connect Service - TFH</b>  <b>12:00 PM - 1:30 PM</b> Higher Ground - C/L  <b>2:00 PM - 4:00 PM</b> Open House/Community Registration - Narthex, Preschool  <b>5:00 PM - 6:00 PM</b> Righteous Ringers - MR  <b>6:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Cast in Bronze - MR</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><i>Carrie Short-Lippert on vacation</i>  <b>7:00 PM - 8:30 PM</b> Cub Scouts, Den 12 - EW, Rm. 105  <b>7:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Cub Scouts, Den 2 - Ew., Rm. 103  <b>7:30 PM - 8:30 PM</b>  Webelos Den 4 meeting - EW, Rm 104</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p><i>Carrie Short-Lippert on vacation</i>  <b>3:30 PM - 5:00 PM</b>  G.S. Tr. 43330 - EW, Rm. 103  <b>5:45 PM - 7:15 PM</b>  G.S. Tr. 47608 - EW, Rm. 104  <b>8:00 PM</b> AA/AIAnon - EW Rm 103 (no other EW events)</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p><i>Carrie Short-Lippert on vacation</i>  <b>7:00 AM - 8:00 AM</b> Women Share group - Narthex  <b>10:00 AM - 11:30 AM</b> Ladies Book Club - Library  <b>3:45 PM - 4:45 PM</b> Youth Choir - C/L  <b>4:45 PM - 5:30 PM</b> Friendship Ringers - MR  <b>5:15 PM - 6:30 PM</b> Wednesday Night Dinner - K, TFH  <b>6:00 PM - 7:00 PM</b> Spirit Wind - MR  <b>7:00 PM - 8:30 PM</b> Chancel Choir - C/L</p>
<p><b>29</b></p> <p><b>9:00 AM - 9:10 AM</b> Prayer Vigil - C/L  <b>9:30 AM</b> Sunday School  <b>9:30 AM - 10:30 AM Traditional Worship - S</b>  <b>10:30 AM - 10:55 AM Children's Choir - LLA, Rm 20</b>  <b>10:30 AM - 10:55 AM</b> Preschool Choir - EW Rm. 106  <b>11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Chapel Worship - C/L</b>  <b>11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Connect Service - TFH</b>  <b>12:00 PM - 1:30 PM</b> Higher Ground - C/L  <b>5:00 PM - 6:00 PM</b> Righteous Ringers - MR  <b>5:01 PM - 7:00 PM</b> Sr. High Mission Trip dinner - TFH  <b>6:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Cast in Bronze - MR</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p><b>6:45 PM - 8:15 PM</b> Cub Scouts, Den 3 - EW, Rm. 103  <b>7:00 PM - 8:30 PM</b> Cub Scouts, Den 12 - EW, Rm. 105  <b>7:15 PM - 9:45 PM</b>  Color Slide Group - LLA  <b>7:30 PM - 8:30 PM</b>  Webelos Den 4 meeting - EW, Rm 104</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p><b>8:00 PM</b> AA/AIAnon - EW Rm 103 (no other EW events)</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>7:00 AM - 8:00 AM</b> Women Share group - Narthex  <b>9:30 AM - 10:30 AM</b> Infant/Toddler playgroup - Nursery  <b>10:00 AM - 11:00 AM</b> UMW Craft &amp; Chat - LL Rm 21  <b>3:45 PM - 4:45 PM</b> Youth Choir - C/L  <b>4:45 PM - 5:30 PM</b> Friendship Ringers - MR  <b>5:15 PM - 6:30 PM</b> Wednesday Night Dinner - K, TFH  <b>6:00 PM - 7:00 PM</b> Spirit Wind - MR  <b>7:00 PM - 8:30 PM</b> Chancel Choir - C/L</p>

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>5</b>  <b>11:00 AM - 1:00 PM</b> Staff Meeting - TR  <b>7:00 PM - 9:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts - TFH  <b>7:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Cub Scouts, Den 5 - Ew., Rm. 104  <b>7:00 PM - 9:00 PM</b> Pack 82 Committee meeting - Jr. High Rm.</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b>  <b>9:00 AM - 10:15 AM</b> Sandwich Saturday - TFH, K</p>
<p><b>12</b>            Andrea King at Education Conference offsite  <b>6:30 PM - 8:00 PM</b> I, II Corinthians class - TR  <b>7:00 PM - 9:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts - TFH  <b>7:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Cub Scouts, Den 5 - Ew., Rm. 104</p>	<p><b>13</b>            Andrea King at Education Conference offsite  <b>3:00 PM - 5:00 PM</b> Sr. High cooking - K</p>	<p><b>14</b>            Andrea King at Education Conference offsite</p>
<p><b>19</b>  <b>3:45 PM - 5:00 PM</b> G.S. Tr. 47609 - EW, Rm. 103  <b>6:30 PM - 8:00 PM</b> I, II Corinthians class - TR  <b>7:00 PM - 9:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts - TFH</p>	<p><b>20</b>  <b>4:00 PM - 11:00 PM</b> Brotherhood of Christ - TFH, Sr., Jr. High, K</p>	<p><b>21</b>  <i>Carrie Short-Lippert on vacation</i></p>
<p><b>26</b>  <i>Carrie Short-Lippert on vacation</i>  <b>5:00 PM - 9:00 PM</b> Boy Scout Family dinner/Court of Honor - TFH  <b>6:30 PM - 8:00 PM</b> I, II Corinthians class - TR</p>	<p><b>27</b>            Boys' FISH event - offsite  <b>6:30 PM - 9:00 PM</b> Girls' FISH Night - K, TFH</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>
<p><b>2</b>  <b>6:30 PM - 8:00 PM</b> I, II Corinthians class - TR  <b>7:00 PM - 9:00 PM</b> Boy Scouts - TFH  <b>7:00 PM - 8:00 PM</b> Cub Scouts, Den 5 - Ew., Rm. 104  <b>7:00 PM - 9:00 PM</b> Pack 82 Committee meeting - Jr. High Rm.</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b>  <b>9:00 AM - 10:15 AM</b> Sandwich Saturday - TFH, K</p>



**CHURCH FACILITY LEGEND:**

SANCTUARY -	S
CHAPEL/LOUNGE -	C/L
CHAPEL -	CHAP.
TRAINING ROOM -	TR
NARTHEX -	N
LOWER LEVEL ACTIVITY -	LLA
KITCHEN -	K

THOMAS FAMILY HALL -	TFH
EDUCATION WING - N	EWN
EDUCATION WING - S	EWS
FRIENDSHIP CENTER -	FC
MUSIC ROOM -	MR
JR. HIGH CLASS -	JR. H.
SR. HIGH CAFÉ -	CAFÉ

**FROM SR. HIGH:** Since 1982 Friendship has been telling the story of Jesus' birth through the **Drive Through Nativity**. Each year I get to see something different with the same story. One year we had heavy rain all through the weekend. The amazing gift we were given that year was to see the weather pattern on a radar screen. At 5:45 it stopped raining. The clouds moved to the south for over three hours. Long enough for the entire DTN and some clean up. The year we were building Thomas Family Hall we covered loads of bricks and lumber with tarps and then it snowed that night and as we drove through, we felt transported to a different place. We saw obstacles that Mary and Joseph had to endure in their journey. Last year Mary and Joseph had an arm around each other as they were cold. It was a very touching scene. In the past the teens stood apart from each other, but seeing Chris and Erica huddled close together brought the realization that, YES - Mary and Joseph really did have to rely on each other in such difficult physical and emotional circumstances. Mary and Joseph were real people.


As we were preparing for this year's DTN, a mom shared with me that she was a bit skeptical about a Drive Through Nativity. They were new to town last year. She thought it would be hokey, but drove through anyway. She loved it. She was touched by the beauty. It was as if she were confessing all this to me. Another blessing from this year was having Steve and Jennifer Blow help with the DTN. Steve was in the first DTN 30 years ago when he was 14. Their son, Zach, was in the DTN for the first time and was very excited to help in every aspect - set up, being with the sheep and enjoying the fun inside. As we all realized that we were a part of a 30-year long tradition, we cheered.

Isn't it amazing how God uses the same story to teach different lessons? Isn't it amazing how God confronts our doubts and shows us the beauty in His story? Isn't it amazing that when we least expect it, God shows us more beauty.

All of this is to say thanks to everyone who helped with the DTN. Over 120 kids were out in the elements. Just as many adults built, served, costumed, baked, and cleaned up. Blessings upon blessings!

Mark your calendars for **JANUARY 29th for the Mission Trip Dinner** to support the Youth going to Pine Ridge, South Dakota. Dinner will be served at 5:30. Diane Sawyer reported from Pine Ridge on 20/20 in October as one of the poorest areas of the United States. Please help the youth and folks in Pine Ridge who need our support.

If you are contemplating Spring Cleaning as a New Year's resolution, Please hold on to some items for the **Youth Garage Sale to be held on May 4 & 5th**. We will be accepting items starting in February. If you need help moving large items or LOTS of items, please contact Carrie & we can get a crew together to help you.

*Dodgeball*  *Tournament*

**BROTHERHOOD-IN-CHRIST**  
*friendship united methodist church*

We invite all 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys to attend Brotherhood-in-Christ on Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012, 5:30-11 PM. The program provides an opportunity for the young men in our church and community to come together for an evening of friendship, fun, and food. The evening will demonstrate how each person is the architect for their own decision making whether in the classroom or in the community. It only takes a second to tear down everything that a young person has built. God can make available the building blocks to provide a solid foundation. We look forward to seeing you on 01-20-12. Registration forms are located in the educational wing. The cost is \$15.00. If you have any questions, please contact Trent Richardson, 521-6107, TJZHCR@AOL.com.

***“Don't Dodge God”***

Thanks for your support.

**HIS FLOCK NEEDS SOCKS!** It is our dream to have enough socks for all the folks at Nast Trinity to have a new & clean pair of socks when we go. Please donate socks to the HIS FLOCK program.

Finally, as I reflect on the past year and look to the new year, I am grateful for the vision that this church had so many years ago to wisely invest in its youth program. Your examples of service, grace, kindness, generosity and love have helped countless youth in the area. Thank you for your continued support and prayer.

Carrie Short-Lippert

## 'TIS THE SEASON TO CARE AND SHARE!!

### SHARING TREE

THANKS, THANKS, THANKS!! Our Sharing Trees were laden with gifts for others! 110 gifts, and around \$200 cash were given.



Your loving care for our special neighbors truly illuminated Our Trees and this wonderful Season of Joy!

## FUMC Progressive Dinner March 3, 2012

We will be having a progressive dinner similar to the ones we used to have years ago. Hopefully, some of you may remember the progressive dinners we did 15 to 20 years ago. At that time we did them every other year.

The idea will be to meet at the church at 5 p.m. for appetizers and you will receive your name tag with instructions for the rest of the evening. Then we will go to a house for the salad course. We break into smaller groups of 8 to 12 for the main course. After dinner we will all gather at one house again for desserts.

You will need to bring an appetizer, salad or dessert and let us know which one you will bring when you RSVP. We will need a balanced amount of each dish.

As this will be a couples/adult event there will be babysitting available at the church.

Now, we need some volunteers to host the various courses of the evening. Would you be able to host either the salad course or the desserts? Would you be able to host 8-12 people for a sit down main course? How many will be at your house for the entrée will all depend on how many RSVP. If you would like to volunteer or have questions about the progressive dinner contact Esther Charlton at 513/923-3798 or [esther-sofn@aol.com](mailto:esther-sofn@aol.com). If you remember attending one of our progressive dinners in the past, please contact Esther as we are still working out some of the details and your thoughts may help.

### LADIES BOOK GROUP

Please join us for our January 25, 2012 meeting when we will be discussing Heaven Is For Real, by Todd Burpo. This New York Times Bestseller is an amazing, true story. When almost four year old Colton Burpo made it through an emergency appendectomy, his family was overjoyed at his miraculous survival. What they weren't expecting, though, was the story that emerged in the months that followed-- a story as beautiful as it was extraordinary, detailing their little boy's trip to heaven and back.



If you would like to borrow a copy of the book, please contact Karen Kinsman at 521-1635. Hope to see you on Wed. Jan. 25th at 10 AM in the church library/lounge.

Karen Kinsman, Church Librarian



### **NEW Beth Moore Bible Study:**

James: Mercy Triumphs – Thursday mornings, 9-11:00 AM in the Training Room. Begins January 12, 2012-8 March 2012  
Price of Optional Book - \$17.00

Bible scholars compare James to the prophet Amos. In other ways, James more closely resembles the Book of Proverbs than any New Testament book. Come along with Beth Moore on a journey to get to know both the man and the Book of James. You will never be the same again! Sign up outside Thomas Family Hall or call Andrea King (821-5725, x12). For more information, see Sharon Freyhof.

**Pastor Wells will be leading a six-week class on 1st and 2nd Corinthians beginning January 12th at 6:30 PM. The cost of the book is \$9.00. Sign up sheet is in the foyer of the Education wing.**

### **UPCOMING CPR DATES**

January 11, 6-9 PM  
February 9, 6-9 PM  
March 13, 6-9 PM

Cost is \$20./person. Call 821-6836 to register.  
Special classes for groups of 10 or more can be arranged.

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Wednesday, January 18, 2012  
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

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Phone \_\_\_\_\_ # in Party \_\_\_\_\_

**RSVP by Noon, Monday, JAN 15th**  
**513-821-5725 x10**

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