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Upcoming Events:

- 1/1 10:30 a.m. **Worship Service**
- 1/8 11:30 a.m. **Take down Christmas decorations at church**
5 p.m. **Jr/Sr High Youth Group**
- 1/9 7 p.m. **Manna Board Meeting**
- 1/10 9:30 a.m. **UMW Meeting**
- 1/17 9:30 a.m. **UMW Circle**
6:30 p.m. **Missions Committee**
- 1/19 6:30 p.m. **Alpha Group**
- 1/22 5 p.m. **Jr/Sr High Youth Group**
- 1/24 6:30 p.m. **PPR Meeting**
- 1/26 12 p.m. **Manna Meal**
- 1/29 2 p.m. **Leadership Retreat**



The Beacon

Reminder: Please turn in your contact information/permission for church call list sheets as soon as possible. It is hoped that we can be prepared to activate the church calling list soon after the first of the year in time for severe winter weather. If your contact sheet was misplaced, additional copies are available in the church office. It is hoped that we will have 100% participation to make the calling list an effective way to communicate last minute changes to schedules due to weather, etc.

Mission Team Meeting: There will be a Mission Team meeting on **January 17, 2012, at 6:30 p.m.** at the church for all those who are interested in going on a mission trip in the United States during 2012. We will discuss possible locations, funding, lodging and transportation, etc. for such a trip. All are welcome.

Leadership Retreat: Leading From Your Strengths:

Nancy Davis and Pastor Mark will be co-leading the annual leadership retreat, "Leading From Your Strengths" on **Sunday, January 29, from 2 to 6 p.m.** at the church. Everyone has a leadership role somewhere in your life – at home, with friends, in your work, and at church. This retreat is open to everyone. We will provide practical information that you can put to use right away in your "areas of influence." All are encouraged to attend and those who are serving on ministry teams and committees are especially encouraged to attend. A soup supper will be provided. Please sign up at the church.

Check out the online version of the newsletter for photos of December activities!

Congratulations to the family of Brian Curtis Russell Sherman who was baptized on December 18, 2011 at the United Methodist Church of Elmwood.

No choir practice until January 18th.

Chimes group resumes practice on January 5 at 6:30 p.m.

The Worship Committee will be taking down the Christmas decorations in the church following the 2nd service on Sunday, January 8. All are invited and welcome to help with this project. Thank you.

In Deepest Sympathy



We extend our sympathies to the loved ones of:

Raymond Blundy, father of Janet Vallas, who passed away on December 6, 2011, and

Ross Gibson, brother of Lavonne Rushing and Sonny Camp, who passed away on December 9, 2011.

Please keep these families in your prayers.

THANK YOU to the congregation for the Christmas gifts and best wishes for the Christmas season and New Year. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and look forward to another year of working together. Blessings to you all.

Kris Petermeyer

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the Stuff-A-Bus food drive, including the high school students and staff, members of the area churches, others who live in the community, the Manna staff, Karla Kane and Pastor Mark, and anyone else who helped in any way. Many families were touched by your generosity.

To my United Methodist Church Family:

Thank you for sharing such wonderful gifts with me during this most precious season. I am very grateful that I have the opportunity to share with the many volunteers in our youth ministry; to guide our children to a life rich with God's love.

There are so many ways to say thanks... "God Bless You" is the one that says it best.

Karla

SERVING ON GOD'S TEAM - 9 AM WORSHIP SERVICE
January 1, 2012 – No 9 a.m. Service

January 8, 2012

GREETERS: Betty King/Jennifer Wilson
USHERS: Kent/Georgia Stevens
LITURGIST: Michelle Dunn
NURSERY: Alana/Hannah Parm
COFFEE BAR: Potts Family

January 15, 2012

GREETERS: Norma Bowhay/Marge Camp
USHERS: Andy Bartlow/Doug Whitney
LITURGIST: Kurt Webster
NURSERY: Julie Bartlow/Alex Vallas
COFFEE BAR: **Need Volunteer**

January 22, 2012

GREETERS: Roland/Cathy Ekstrand
USHERS: Lavonne Rushing/Janet Vallas
LITURGIST: Mary Stenwall
NURSERY: Jill Crisco/Sara Kane
COFFEE BAR: **Need Volunteer**

January 29, 2012

GREETERS: Chris/Michelle Dunn
USHERS: Norma Bowhay/Sherry Powers
LITURGIST: Mandy Garrett
NURSERY: Robin Furrer/Stephanie Webster
COFFEE BAR: **Need Volunteer**

SERVING ON GOD'S TEAM - 10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

January 1, 2012

GREETERS/USHERS: Ted Mottaz/Joe Webel
LITURGIST: Connie Dalton
NURSERY: Alana/Hannah Parm

January 8, 2012

GREETERS: Dean/Becky Hunt
USHERS: Dean/Sandy Cantu
LITURGIST: Carol Kemper
ACOLYTES: Katie Parm/Nicole Shoop
NURSERY: Michelle/Ian/Taylor Armbruster

January 15, 2012

GREETERS: Chuck/Connie Johnston
USHERS: Dennis/Cheryl Whitehurst
LITURGIST: Chris Stevens
ACOLYTES: Brianna/Shelby Glover
NURSERY: Robin Furrer/Shelli Shoop

January 22, 2012

GREETERS: Ruth Arnold/Diana Ladd
USHERS: Celene Duley/Mary Howard
LITURGIST: Mary Nell Simpson
ACOLYTES: Kyle Doubet/Travis Johnson
NURSERY: Michelle/Haleigh Forrest

January 29, 2012

GREETERS: Joanne Endres/Peggy Harding
USHERS: Tom Morse/Bob Paige
LITURGIST: Wayne Callister
ACOLYTES: Emma/Kaitlynn Vallas
NURSERY: Kristi Link/Sara Kane

THANK YOU to Connie Dalton and Bobbi Staples for helping count the offering each week, to Shelli Shoop for providing support in the office as needed, to Sherry Powers for serving so faithfully as our church Treasurer, to Joey and Wayne Callister, Dorothy Clark, Carol Foster, Winifred Horney, and Mary Howard for folding our monthly newsletter, and to Karla Kane for filling in wherever and as often as she is needed. Also, thank you to Pastor Mark for leading us into a deeper relationship with Jesus and to the entire church body for everything each one of you contributes to the congregation. All of your efforts and dedication are greatly appreciated.

Decorating the tree



Pre-K and Kindergarten Singers



2nd, 3rd & 4th Grade Bell Choir





5th & 6th Grade Rappers



Stuff-A-Bus Food Distribution
December 15, 2011



Jr. and Sr. High Passing out Foot Soak for
our tired feet!







**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO MADE THE
STUFF-A-BUS POSSIBLE. MANY LIVES
WERE TOUCHED BY YOUR GENEROSITY!**