

January Newsletter

Missions

Our Mission project for Jan. will be the African University again this year (please put advance sp. # 5106 on your check) The students of Africa University must arrange basic support for their families before enrolling in case of an emergency - this fund is available so the student can stay in school!

And then we are asking the church to "adopt" Paul Webster, our missionary in Mujila Falls, Zambia. Paul's work as a rural economic development specialist serves the needs of the poor, rural people. This Advance Special is #3640 and can be used throughout the year!

Adult Fellowship

Adult Fellowship will be gathering at Neighbors Pub in Suamico on Tuesday Feb. 3, 2009. Gather at 6:00 order off the menu at 6:30. In December we had 20 adults. Our youngest was 22 years of age and many were more mature! Singles and couples are welcome. Our only project is to come up with a name for our group. Please make your reservation and send group name suggestions to Jane Deuster 434-1168 or jdeuster@new.rr.com by Sunday, Feb. 1, 2009. Hope you can join us!

United Methodist Women

We want to send a Big Thank You to Donna Schneider for planning and cooking for our Christmas Party.

Many thanks to Pastor Dee for opening her home to host the Party!

Jan 4th is the next Booyah, so we will be baking for that morning.

Our next meeting will be in the a.m. on Jan 13th at Donna Schneider's home.

We will be planning our 2009 schedule.

Book Club

January 4 6:00 pm Please bring your favorite poem and author information.

Education News

Reminder: there will be NO Sunday School on January 4th.

A HUGE Thank you to everyone who helped with the Christmas Program. We hope you enjoyed the music and the reading of scripture from Luke and Matthew. Outreach-The Sunday School children and teachers made over 100 Christmas cards. Many of them were delivered to the Longview Terrace nursing home in Suamico. The youth group and church members delivered them when they went caroling. Thank You!!!!

Seasoned Seniors

Seasoned Seniors will not meet in January. We will resume February 5 with an International Feast

SUMC Youth Group

The SUMC Youth Group will meet every Wednesday at the church from 6:30-7:30 pm (unless otherwise specified). Our Group is open to Youth grades seven to twelve from all schools, all churches, all faiths, all genders, and all areas. No one is excluded. If you know of a Youth that would like to join us, please have them call Dominic and Niki Petit at 434-1168 or stop by on a Wednesday night.

Youth Group and Club 56 January Newsletter notes:

As the New Year begins, we thought members would appreciate knowing what it takes to operate our Youth Group and Club 56. This will help clear up any misconceptions about how we financially run this group.

Youth group meets every Wednesday night September-May. On any given night we average 15-20 kids. Some nights we focus on worship and bible discussion. Other nights we run a mission, field trip or other fun activity. Some of the events cost money and others are free.

Overall it costs approximately \$2000 a year to run our group (above and beyond what the kids pay). This includes our ever popular Winter Retreat, Convos, Walks and Trips. For most of these events the kids pay the vast majority and we supplement the rest. The church supports Youth Group with \$1000 a year and the other \$1000 short fall we need to raise as a group. We do so with ongoing fundraising events. Our three main fundraisers are the Cookie Sale in December which raises \$350, a Chili Dump in February which raises \$250 and the Palm Sunday Brunch which typically brings in \$300.

Your support of these fundraisers helps us keep the cost to our Youth kids down so that all may participate regardless of their ability to pay. Youth Group is a vital part of this church and its mission. We thank you for your support.

Our January schedule:

Wednesday, January 7th .Club 56.Beat the Winter Blues Party @ Tundra Lodge Party. Leave church at 5:30. Return at 8:30pm. Cost is \$10 and includes food and drink.

Wednesday, January 14th .Plan a church mission for this summer. We'll review our mission options, travel plans and pick a date. Cook extra chili for fundraiser?

***** Friday, January 16th-17th.** Junior and Senior High Lock In at Bethany. Arrive at Bethany at 8pm and pick following morning at 8am. Cost is \$5 plus a bag of chips or a liter of soda. We will keep the Junior and Seniors separate. Senior High is doing a Mystery Game. Available to 5th grade and up.

***** Sunday, January 18th.** Chili Dump Fundraiser

Wednesday, January 21st. Meet your church family. Learning about one member's faith journey.

Wednesday, January 28th. Plan Worship.

Winter Retreat Feb 13-15 at Camp U-Nah-Li-Yah. This is required for Confirmation Students. Watch for more details.

Church Family News

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Verna Ostrenga, Lois Rehn, Zerlina Valentine, Nels & Edna Hansen, Gordon Olson, Julie Gridley, Our college students (Lindsay Deuster, Stephanie Hahn, Danielle Johnson, Tim Klossner, Tyler Longsine, Lucas Molina, Aaron Rusch, Sarah Wengerter, Adam Wright)

Health Concerns

Ray Bramschrieber, Judy Longsine

Nursing Home Residents

Ione Poljack, Phyllis Lewis, Myrt McGraw

Those who are Traveling

Congratulations

On December 12th, the "Barbara Lockwood Culinary Arts Center" was dedicated in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Barbara taught Home Economics in the Broward County School District 38 years before retiring to our area. She had developed the culinary arts/cooking program at South Plantation High School, and was instrumental in the planning of the new culinary arts center that incorporates a commercial kitchen and a dining room that seats 50. Barbara taught and prepared many students for becoming chefs and some even went on to own their own restaurants. (However, one of her students chose to play football instead, Green Bay Packer Calvin Cole.) Congratulations on this honor to Barbara Lockwood.

A Note from Pastor Dee

As the New Year begins..

When I was checking out at the Ghost Ranch, I picked up a small book that was by the register. The cover had a picture of the property. I thought it would be a nice souvenir. I did not even look at the inside.

Since returning, I have discovered what a treasure it really is. Not only are the pictures reminiscent of my time at the Ghost Ranch, the writing has become my morning companion. It is a version of the Lord's Prayer.

It occurred to me as I tried to think of what I would share with you for the New Year, that this book's purchase and discovery is like the year ahead of us. We are at the beginning of the year and seeing only the cover. We have a picture of this day. We remember what has been. We have the opportunity to reflect back. Each day we are given a chance to make new discoveries about God and ourselves.

The Community Prayer of Casa Del Sol: The Jesus Prayer

Ground of all being,
Mother of life, Father of the universe
Your name is sacred, beyond speaking.
May we know your presence,
May your longings be our longings in heart and in action.
May there be food for the human family today and for the whole earth
community.
Forgive us the falseness of what we have done as we forgive those who are
untrue to us.
Do not forsake us in our time of conflict,
But lead us into new beginnings.
For the light of life, the vitality of life and the glory of life
Are yours now and for ever. Amen*

*Ground of All Being: the Prayer of Jesus in color J. Philip Newel

May God lead us into new beginnings...Pastor Dee

Kids Korner

You've all heard the story of the Wise Men's journey to visit Jesus, but do you know the story of "The Three Camels".

It is based on the story of the three wise men. "The Three Camels" by: Matney Woodward is about the camels that carried the Magi to see Jesus. You can read the real story in your Bible at Matthew 2:1-12.

You can find the story at

<http://matneywoodard.home.att.net>

Click on the Animal Parables link

Click on The Three Camels

If you don't have internet access, stop by the office and we will print a copy for you.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship Services Sunday 8:15 & 10:30	Sunday School 9:15	Child Care is available 9:15-11:30 Sunday morning		1	2	3 6-10 am Booyah Prep
4 Booyah Sunday No Sunday School	5 6:30 pm All Church conference	6 5:30 pm Yoga	7 6:00 Praise Team 6:30 Youth Group & Club 56 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	8	9	10
11 9:30-10:00 am New Member Meeting	12	13 5:30 pm Yoga	14 6:00 Praise Team 6:30 Youth Group 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	15	16	17
18 Youth Group Chili Dump Sale	19 Welcome Committee	20 5:30 pm Yoga	21 6:00 Praise Team 6:30 Youth Group 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	22	23	24
25	26	27 5:30 pm Yoga	28 6:00 Praise Team 6:30 Youth Group 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	29	30	31 6-10 am Booyah Prep

