

PERRYVILLE CIRCUIT NEWSLETTER

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OUT WITH OLD, IN WITH THE NEW! That, of course, is how many view the end of one year and the beginning of a new year. It also carries over to many of the situations in our lives: old clothes, dirty cleaning cloths, the car or truck, the way we treat our friends, and maybe even our spiritual life.

Then there are the resolutions: lose weight, stop \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in the blank), begin an exercise program, read the Bible every day, or whatever you have decided on for your resolution. Sometimes they are just a different way of saying "out with the old, in with the new."

I will be preaching a Series of Sermons during January on Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness—our membership vows. I want to invite you to plan to be here for each of these sermons. This would also make a good time for you to invite persons to come with you to Worship and Sunday School.

I plan to include the meaning of our church membership related to the vows of membership.

The content of our membership vows has



January 2—Epiphany Sunday—Holy Communion—Isaiah 60: 1-6; Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3: 1-12; Matthew 2: 1-12.

January 9—1st Sunday after Epiphany—Isaiah 42: 1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10: 34-43; Matthew 3: 13-17.

January 16—2nd Sunday after Epiphany—Isaiah 49: 1-7; Psalm 40: 1-11; 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9; John 1: 29-42.

sometimes been used in relationship to a stewardship campaign. In fact this church has used the vows to enlist persons in ministry through the church. We have asked you to make your commitment to pray, to be present, to give, to serve, and to tell of your faith.

Unfortunately, we received so few responses last year that there was very little we could do with the responses we received. We did not attempt the same program this year. You will be given the opportunity to make your commitments during each worship service.

The church is both dependant on and responsible to the people. You know that. The church is not simply the preacher and what he or she does. The church is the people and what they do. The church is a place to grow in faith and also a place to share our faith. The church is about life and death issues. The church is about telling the story of how our Lord has loved us and how we love others.

Our response to what Jesus has done for us through his life, death, and resurrection, is that we will serve and praise the Lord. So the question for us is "How will we serve and praise the Lord in this year?"

We are invited to serve the Lord. We are invited to praise the Lord. Alleluia. Amen.

God Bless You, Bro. David

January 23—3rd Sunday after Epiphany—Isaiah 9: 1-4; Psalm 27: 1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18; Matthew 4: 12-23.

January 30—4th Sunday after Christmas—Micah 6: 1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1: 18-31; Matthew 5: 1-12.

(See the article on the Preaching Series for January.)

Christmas Gifts to our Church Family

The Bakers want to bless you in the new year with a stick on calendar. Our gift to you is a small calendar which you can post on the refrigerator, in the car, near the computer, or wherever you need to keep up with the date. We invite you to plan to share each of the Sundays of 2011 with your church family in Sunday School and Worship.

Also, as a gift from your church—the key chain calendars are available for everyone. Please pick up one and use it during the year.



During the month of January, the pastor will be preaching on the vows of membership of the United Methodist Church. "I will be loyal to the United Methodist Church and support it through my Prayer, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness." The schedule is as follows: Jan. 2—Prayer; Jan. 9—Presence; Jan. 16—Gifts; Jan. 23—Service; and Jan. 30—Witness.

Plan to be here for these sermons on our membership vows. And bring someone with you.

# Stewardship is HEART WORK

*I will be loyal to U.M.C and support it by my prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness."*



THOSE IN NURSING HOMES - Marge Dickson, Ann Walker

THOSE SEEKING HEALTH & HEALING - Carol Allen, Carl & Opal Boshears, Sarah Beeks, Mary Bridges, Josh Deweese Family, Annie Dodson, Tandy Jones, Tom Kelley,

Dona Laywell, Mike Martin, Carolyn & Danny Myers, James Teel, Joe Tipton, Don Weiss, David Womack  
*Church Attendance Church Finances*

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**PRESENCE:** During the four week period of November 28 -December 19,  
 we averaged 40 people in Sunday School and 70 in Worship Service.

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## GIFTS



### Month of 11/28-12/19

Operating Fund  
 \$10,992.63  
 Building Fund  
 \$1,430.00  
 Designated Giving  
 \$3,262.83

### **Our Mission Statement**

The mission of the Perryville United Methodist Church is to make followers of Jesus Christ through Bible Study, Worship, Fellowship, Service, and Witness, and we are to serve as a Connection Center between God, Church, and Community.

## SERVICE & WITNESS

### **YOUR GIFTS ARE IMPORTANT**

As we approach the end of the year, how have you been meeting your personal commitment to give to the church? Although our church did not have a commitment campaign for 2010, you have made your own personal commitment for how much you will be returning to God through the church. How well have you met your commitment. As you receive this edition of our newsletter, please examine your giving during the year. The last Sunday of the year will be December 26th. Your gifts may also be mailed to the church to be received before the end of the year.

All commitments to the 2010 apportionments have to be turned in to the Conference Treasurer's office before January 5, 2011.

Thank you, and God bless.



## IN LOVING MEMORY

*Ricky Garrison (Carolyn McCallister's brother)*

Arnie & Eleanor Jester (operating fund)  
 Liz Lee (operating fund)

# Children's Sunday School



*God gave each of us two hands. The Followers and Little Followers need some more adult hands to help them grow in their faith. What will yours do for our children in the new year?*

*Thank You*

To Melinda Collins, who always keeps our bulletin boards up to date.

To Cindy Langston for the new name tags. ( If you don't have one, let the office know.)

To the cooks for the wonderful Christmas breakfast.

To Ms Nancy for the Nativity at the Barn. And all she does with our Children.

To the Bakers for being who they are.

And to our Church Family, which made Christmas a place to come home to.

*Happy New Year!*



**We were blessed with wonderful Christmas music by choir, soloists, hand bells and flutists. Thank you for sharing God's love through your music! Practice for hand bells will start again on Wednesday, January 12, 2011.**



## ANGEL FOOD

**Last day to order - Jan. 14th**

**Distribution Day - Jan. 22nd**

Bit O'Blessing Box	\$21.00
Bread of Life Signature Box	\$31.00
Bountiful Blessing Box	\$41.00
Just 4 Me After School Box	\$24.00
Just 4 Me Fruit&Veggie Box	\$16.00
Just 4 Me No Child w/o Box	\$24.00
Fast & Flavorful Cuisine	\$28.00
Special #1 Steak Box	\$24.00
Special #2 Steak & Chicken	\$23.00
Special #3 Fruit&Veggie	\$23.00

*(plus tax)*

## Delivery Schedule- Meals on Wheels

1-24	B. Hyatt
1-25	B. Hyatt
1-26	R.A. Smith
1-27	K. Keough
1-28	R.A. Smith
1-31	K. Keough
2-1	I. & L. Rose
2-2	I. & L. Rose
2-3	L. Wolf
2-4	L. Wolf

## Food For Thought

### Meals On Wheels

Perryville UMC is actively involved in delivering Meals on Wheels and we are in need of more volunteers. *If there is anyone interested in volunteering their time to this cause, please call Katherine Keough at 889-3271.*

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**December's food offering - We donated 163 pounds of misc. items this month.**

**January Third Sunday Food Offering:** Just pick up a bag in the Narthex - and Thanks!



# U.M.W.

*We're sorry - due to the Holiday rush and deadline due dates - the U.M.W. page will be in next month's issue.*

## Church Activity Highlights 2010

Praise and Worship service  
Church budget was revamped and reorganized  
Collected money and food for Partners for Progress  
Donated money to go to Jenni Gudahl's project in the Dominican Republic  
Purchased phone cards to be given to military personnel overseas  
Easter services and cantata  
Continue our relationship with Heifer Ranch and its volunteers  
Welcome wagon gift bags  
Easter egg hunt  
Blood drive  
Teacher appreciation  
Dinner theater  
Aluminum drive  
Fried pie sale  
Young adult class is growing and reorganizing  
Sunday school classes are growing  
Vacation bible school  
Fifth Sunday potlucks  
Hosted Circuit Riders  
Various clean-up days were organized  
Grounds mowing and weeding is always ongoing  
UMW have reorganized and met  
New church members accepted and received  
Baptism performed  
Hosted "Rethink church presentation"  
Our mission statement was revised  
Revised building use policy  
Installed new sound system  
Angel Food distribution

## JANUARY ACTIVITIES

Sun. Jan. 2 9:45 am - Sunday School  
 11:00 am - Worship Service  
 Wed. Jan. 5 6:00 pm- Handbells  
 7:00pm - Choir Practice  
 Thurs. Jan. 6 9:00 am - U.M.M. Coffee

Sun. Jan. 9 9:45 am - Sunday School  
 11:00 am - Worship Service  
 Wed. Jan. 12 6:00 pm - Handbells  
 7:00 pm - Choir Practice  
 Thurs. Jan. 13 9:00 am - U.M.M. Coffee  
 7:00pm - Church Council

Sun. Jan 16 9:45 am - Sunday School  
 11:00 am - Worship Service

Mon. Jan 17 - **Office Closed**  
 Thurs. Jan 20 7:00 pm - **Church Council**  
 Fri. Jan 21 10:00 am - Newsletter Dead  
 line  
 Sat. Jan 22 10:00 am - Angel Food  
 Dist.

Sun. Jan. 23 9:45 am - Sunday School  
 11:00 am - Worship Service  
 Tues. Jan 25 1:30 pm - Mary Martha's  
 Meet

Wed. Jan 26 7:00 pm - Choir Practice  
 Thurs. Jan 27 9:00 am - UMM Coffee

Sun, Jan. 30 9:45 am - Sunday School  
 11:00 am - Worship Service

**NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE  
 IS: FRIDAY                      JAN 21st**



Melinda Collins	1-3		
Glen Boshears	1-5	Ben Rives	1-20
Ana Gudahl	1-6	Nancy O'Such	1-21
Phillip Gattis	1-19	Catherine Carter	1-28
Joel Gill	1-19	Lindsey Smith	1-28
Robert Lee	1-19	Harlan Gattis	1031
Cliff Smith	1-20		



Luke & Becky Camp	1/9
Ben & Sarah Hyatt	1/15

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**Our Staff:**

**Pastor..... Rev. David E. Baker**  
**Minister of Youth.....**  
**Minister of Music..... Steve Collins**  
**Pianist..... Lee Kelm**  
**Secretary..... Becky Camp**  
**Custodian..... Nate Spinks**

*Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors*  
*Sunday School 9:45 AM*  
*Worship service 11:00 AM*

**Human Relations Offering—January 16**

On Sunday, January 16th, we will receive a special offering for Human Relations Day. This offering is received on the Sunday before Martin Luther King, Jr. Day each year. The offerings received will support the ministries of Community Developers and United Methodist Voluntary Services programs of the General Board of Global Ministries, and the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program of the General Board of Church and Society.

**JANUARY WORKERS ARE:**

C.H.I.M.E.S

LITURGIST

2nd Greg Spinks  
9th Linda Wyatt  
16th Rick Fletcher  
23rd Linda Musselman  
30th Kate Cole

USHERS

Nick Spinks Lester Rose  
Bob Wyatt John Hopper

COMMUNION WORKERS

Lynn Baker, Kate Cole, Melinda Collins

GREETERS

Edie Knight  
Carol Minchew

*January's Bread Angel is Cindy Langston*

Snacks for January: 2nd - McCallister 9th - Keough  
16th - Cole 23rd - Myers 30th - Musselman



**BREAD ANGELS**  
**2011**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Bread Angel</b>
January 2	Cindy Langston
February 6	Carla Kelley
March 6	Ana Gudahl
April 3	Patsy Womack
April 21 Maundy Thursday (?)	Cindy Hopper
May 1	Nancy O'Such
June 5	Lynn Baker
July 3	Linda Musselman
August 7	Patsy Womack
September 4	Carla Kelley
October 2	Ana Gudahl
November 6	Cindy Hopper
December 4	Nancy O'Such
December 24 Christmas Eve Service	Cindy Langston

Thank you for preparing bread for communion service.

Please make sure bread is at the church one hour before the worship service begins. If you cannot provide bread for the date assigned, please make arrangements to have someone bring in your absence or call Cindy Langston 889-5426.