

January 1, 2011

Sunday worship schedule: 8:30 A.M. & 10:40 A.M.



From the Minister's desk

I don't know how it has been for you and your family this Christmas season, but here at the church Margaret and I have talked about how this year it just seemed so busy and how difficult it has been to get rested in order to start off the new year fresh and ready to go. We think this has something to do with the days on which Christmas Eve, Christmas and New Year's Day fell this year. We're looking forward to seeing how it plays out next year.

We had a number of people involved in decorating and "undecorating" the church building this year. What a great job inside and out! Tasteful, delightful, festive! Thanks so much!

As I mentioned in the sermon Sunday, building use is on the increase. Be aware that this could involve minor parking inconveniences at times and other small issues, but we are finding ourselves able to say "yes" to so many more events and activities, thereby increasing our ministries and potential for ministry. It's going to be an interesting year!

Ed

Please pray for ...

Ernie Murray
Vickie Simmons
Steve Taulbee
Laura Crawford
Peggy Kelly
Pat Hensley
Ozella Gilbert
Diana Berry
Charles Hughes
Wanda Moreland
Dick Howser
Janie Taulbee
Glen Reed

In recent weeks we have had members who have lost loved ones. Please remember these members and families in your thoughts and prayers:

The Family of Bettye Fraley
Sue McCracken & Family in the death of her mother.
The Family of Howard Baker

Financial Note

Please remember that our operational expenses have increased significantly with the opening of the new building.

Please remember that good stewardship is important.

Note From the Treasurer

Please remember to note on your checks where you would like your offering to go (Building Fund, General Fund, Capital Campaign).

2011 Church Officers Installation

On Jan. 9th, during both worship service we will install 2011 Church Officers.

Dorothy Wagers "Sisters of Spirit"

The DWSOS are planning a "Kitchen Shower" on Feb. 19th. Planning session and Game/Movie Night is Jan. 28th.



CWM

FCC Cook Books are on sale for \$5.00 each (that's half-price).

February Birthdays

Allison Barnard	February 2
Emily Heiser	February 4
Glennis Weston	February 4
Gwynne Griffith	February 6
Hayden Halstead	February 6
James Moore	February 6
Judy Musick	February 6
Joan McGlone	February 7
Chris Pennington	February 8
Logan Boggs	February 10
Lowell Moore	February 11
Jean Clark Engle	February 12
Billy Wagers	February 12
Ozella Gilbert	February 14
Todd Holbrook	February 16
Jason McGill	February 16
Sally Pennington	February 17
Jeremiah Smith	February 18
Patrick Greene	February 24
Anita Barker	February 25
Catherine Grandgeorge	February 25
Taylor Greene	February 25
Susan Taulbee Cintra	February 27
Ethan Gordon	February 27
John Pennington	February 27
David Grandgeorge	February 29

Wed. Evening Meal

Wednesday Evening Meal will resume Jan. 5th. They will resume with a "Pot Luck" and a different format. It will be called "Wednesday Family Night", there will be dinner at 5:30 followed by time for visiting & fellowship in the Fellowship Hall or free time in the basement of the New Building.

Sunday Family Time

Starting, Jan. 2nd, the Multi purpose room will be open on Sundays from 2-5:00 pm for **families**. For this to be successful, we need to have an adult willing to unlock the facility; and to lock when everyone is left – which could be before 5:00. Sign up sheet for volunteers is located in the Narthex.

Youth News

The next Youth Sunday date has changed to Jan. 23rd. Sign up sheets will be in the Fellowship Hall & Narthex.

Chi Rho—Who is up for Laser Tag? Jan 8th?

JYF 1—What are you up for?

JYF 2 (pre K to K) - Monkey Joes? Jan 15th?

All groups, please let me know who is interested in attending these activities.

Thanks to ALL the Youth who stepped up and helped with Advent Readings during the worship services. Also to the Sunday School teachers who worked to prepare the children for the readings and such.

As our Youth Space takes shape, I would like to thank those who are helping define our space.

Ken Griffith, Dinah Hall, Jerry Workman & Carl McCray, Chris Kelley & Jim Scully (our movers and shakers), Mark Workman (furniture repair)

Spring Children's Program

Miss Lisa is planning a Spring Children's program, "Down By the Creek Bank". The date is set for Mar. 27th, with practices starting Feb. 6th. Practices will be on Wednesdays and Sundays. Children ages 5 & up are welcome to participate.

Sanctuary Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers in honor or memory of someone, please contact the office. The cost of flowers has increased since we last provided this service. The cost now is \$40.00, you may bring money for flowers to the office or place it in the offering tray **CLEARLY** marked "FLOWERS".

Giving with Your IRA

Have you ever wished you could stretch your dollars a little farther, or find a way to do more for the people and causes you love? If you are fortunate enough to be over 70 ½ and have a traditional IRA, our government has again opened a window of opportunity for 2010 and 2011 to allow you to easily make your wish happen.

The Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010 restores provisions that allow individuals at least 70 ½ to request their IRA administrators make distributions directly to their favorite charities, including our congregation. This distribution can be counted against your required minimum distribution if you choose; it will *not be counted as a taxable distribution* to you; and you are allowed to make distributions to charity of up to \$100,000 in any given year. In some states, making your charitable gifts through your IRA will save you state taxes, since this income will not be included in your Adjusted Gross Income. The combined impact of saving state, local and federal taxes is most dramatic for non-itemizers, who are now able to give tax-free dollars to charity – stretching their dollars by 25, 30, or even 35 percent! This opportunity can allow people to give more to our congregation at the same or reduced "out-of-pocket cost" to them. You might consider fulfilling your normal support of our operating budget with a gift from your IRA, or use this opportunity to stretch your gift to a capital campaign.

This act is retroactive to Jan. 1, 2010. Because it is so late in the year, the provision allows individuals to make a qualified charitable distribution from their IRA trustee to a charity any time during 2010 or during January 2011 for the 2010 tax year.

If you are over 70 ½, or will be before December 31, 2011, feel free to contact the church treasurer, Carl McCray, for additional details.

Thank You Notes

Thank you so much for sponsoring six of our Silver Creek and Shannon Johnson students for Christmas. We are pleased that we can always depend on your caring and compassionate members to help families in need.

*Lisa Gay and Janice Easterling
South Madison Family Resource Center*

Please express our thanks to the congregation for the gift of \$3,283.17 to the Christian Church (DoC) In Kentucky. This over and above outreach gift will help strengthen and expand our service to congregations.

We appreciate the many ways that the church is involved in witness and serves through the Christian Church In Kentucky. We claim your ministry as our ministry together in the name of Jesus Christ.

*Greg Alexander
General Minister*

(This gift to the Regional office is part of the Outreach Disbursement from interest on our Permanent Fund)

Announcements for Newsletters & Bulletin

Please be aware of the time deadline for announcements to the weekly bulletin and newsletter:

Weekly Bulletin:

Wednesday by 12:00

Monthly Newsletter:

12:00 on the 20th of Each Month

It would also be most helpful if the individual Committee Chairpersons would pass on any Committee announcements to the office. Thank you for your help in these matters.