



**WOMEN'S MINISTRIES . .**

**. . HEAR OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTMAS GIVING**

Twelve members of the Women's Ministries met at the church on November 8. Ilah Logston gave an interesting program on the 50th anniversary of Global Service of the Women of the Church entitled, "For All That Has Been, Thanks." Ilah discussed the work of Women's Ministries throughout the globe over the past 50 years and served birthday cake to the group in honor of that observance.

Betsy Hodson reported that our giving to Salvation Army (SA) this year is over \$500; Betsy reminded the group that our church is responsible for 300 cans of sweet potatoes for the Christmas food baskets which must be delivered by Dec. 10 (note: we have met that total; extra cans will be given to the SA food pantry for later use). The Toy Store at SA is in need of new toys before Dec. 19, and an Angel Tree is available at WalMart. Meat certificates for the SA Christmas food baskets may be purchased at Apple Mart prior to Dec. 19.

Lana Buhrmeister reported that the 2007 program booklets would be ready for the December meeting with the help of Barbara Porter, church secretary.

Moderator Louise Reno asked the group to divide up the shut-in list so that each of our homebound or nursing home residents would receive a Christmas remembrance from the group.

Jane Bartlett announced that the Potato Bar/Mission '06 Report was well-attended and \$404 was donated for MacKenna Franklin's medical expenses with another \$50 in quilt

donations also going to MacKenna's expenses. Jane asked that all tickets and money be turned in to the church office by 9:00 A.M. December 10 since the quilt will be given away during Church School that morning.

All women of the church are invited to participate in one of the three circles: Rachel, Esther or Priscilla which meet the first week of each month and in Women's Ministries which meets every second Wednesday morning.

**OCTOBER TREASURER'S REPORT**

Balance Oct. 1, 2006	\$13,942.89
Receipts	+ 16,373.50
Disbursements	- 17,815.92
Balance Oct. 31, 2006	\$ 12,500.42



**ATTENDANCE NOVEMBER**

<b>Worship.....</b>	<b>81</b>
<b>Sunday School.....</b>	<b>22</b>

**DO YOU HAVE SPARE DVD's?**

If you have DVD's around your house that you no longer use, they may be left at the church office. Jane and Bruce Bartlett have sent several dozen to the troops in Iraq and have found that they are greatly appreciated. They would like to send more and would be happy to accept your contributions.



**HELP US KEEP THE PRAYER LIST UP TO DATE**

We often have church members ask us to add names to the prayer list in the newsletter and Sunday bulletin, but then fail to let us know when those names can be removed. Please help us keep the prayer list current by calling us and giving us the information. Thank you!

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES NOVEMBER**

- 1 Randall Bondurant
- 2 Jim Green  
J Wendell Jones
- 5 Rachel Douglas  
Marsha Young
- 6 French Kirkland
- 7 Justin Green
- 9 Brogan Millsap
- 12 James Lewis  
Janet Lee Crowley
- 13 Roy Fehlman
- 15 Dale Pence  
Dustin Lewis
- 17 Jean Hurst
- 18 Wilbert Matthews  
Shannon Buhrmeister Maxwell  
\*Mr. & Mrs. Burt Harrison
- 22 Thelma Wilson
- 23 James Rice  
\*Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Simpson
- 24 \*Mr. & Mrs. Bill Hodson
- 25 Monica Shane  
Debbie Hoefflicker
- 26 Susan Fray  
Brianna Kathleen Kindley  
\*Mr. & Mrs. Tom Adams
- 28 Tami Blair  
Tyler Clark
- 29 Christie Sartain  
Lindsey Hicks
- 30 Lana Burhmeister  
Katie Hutchings  
Caley Lynn Blair  
Caitlin G. Crowley

Please contact the office if you know of corrections or of anyone that has been

inadvertently omitted or needs to be added to the birthday/anniversary list.

If you have an e-mail address, send it to the church office via e-mail at: [unitedchristpres@sbcglobal.net](mailto:unitedchristpres@sbcglobal.net).

**BOARD HIGHLIGHTS**

The United Christian Presbyterian Church met November 13, 2006.

- The Richmond Chamber of Commerce has decided on quarters elsewhere as there was an unknown time period until they can return to their building.
- Ellen Franklin needs a couple of new Sunday School Teachers in December for the winter quarter.
- We are working on a new Church Brochure for visitors and also a Web site for the church.
- The Festival of Sharing received the following from our church: 111 health kits, 2 layettes, 11 school kits, 34 dental kits, 3 backpacks of love, 28 hygiene kits, 125 paperback books, 83 hardbound books, 23 reference books, and a Quilt made by Pastor John that sold for \$100.00. Total value of our gifts \$3,188.50 plus extra shampoo etc. Everybody deserves a big pat on the back for their generosity.
- The nominating committee has recommended the following candidates for General Board at the December 3, 2006 Congregational Annual Meeting: Jerry McCarter, Betsy Hodson, Wesley Maxwell, Kenneth Buhrmeister, and Dennis Blair. Denise Bowman as Financial Secretary and Marsha Young as Treasurer.

- Bill and Betsy Hodson and Bruce and Jane Bartlett have purchased a flag pole for our church and it is in the process of being installed.
- Hanging of the Greens December 3<sup>rd</sup> and we are scheduling a Christmas Eve Communion Service at 5pm.

Larry Maxwell General Board Secretary

The drawing for the quilt will be held next Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, during Sunday school. Please turn in all donations and tickets by 9:00 a.m. that morning.

#### DO YOU RECYCLE?

Recycling is one easy way to help protect the environment and practice good stewardship of the earth's resources. For those who may not be aware of it, Ideal Industries accepts a variety of items for recycling, such as cardboard, plastic jugs and bottles, newspapers, and magazines. Ideal is located at 601 N. Thornton.

Aluminum cans may be brought to the church. Richard Young collects cans and sells them, giving the money to the KFC Kids group.

#### SALVATION ARMY PREPARES FOR HOLIDAY SEASON

**GIFT CERTIFICATES FOR MEAT** in the amount of \$10 to \$15 may be purchased at Apple Market or Wal-Mart and dropped off at the church office. These are needed by December 12th.

**TOYS** may be dropped off at the Salvation Army Thrift Store, or left at the church.

**VOLUNTEERS** are also needed to work at the Thrift Store, sorting clothing and other donations, and other work as needed. In addition to week days, the store is also in need of help on Saturdays from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Extra help is also needed on each third Friday of the month, 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon, to unload government commodities.

#### SHIRKEY'S CHRISTMAS GIFT SHOP

Please consider supporting the Shirkey Christmas Gift Shop. Any type of gift that you would like to receive for yourself. Some suggestions: stationery, gloves, lotions, perfume, cologne, handkerchiefs, dress or work socks, jewelry, candles, knickknacks, after-shave, kitchen towel sets, candy, nuts, etc. No perishable food, please. The shop is a way that the residents can select gifts for their loved ones.

The store will be held on **December 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** This does not cost any money to the residents and it gives them a good feeling of Christmas. You can drop your donations off at the Main Office. Thanks for your support.

Pat Clevenger, Activities Director

The **SECRET PLACE** and **ADVENT DEVOTIONALS** are available on the table in the narthex.

The United Methodist Women Friendship Circle is offering **NUTS, CANDIES AND DRIED FRUITS** for the holidays to our congregation **only through December 10<sup>th</sup>**. These make great Christmas gifts. Barb has a selection for you in the office. If there is an item on the list that is not available let her know and she will try to have it here by next Sunday.

The list is on the table in Barb's office. Put your name on the sheet and leave it on her desk with the money or a check (payable to "Friendship Circle".)

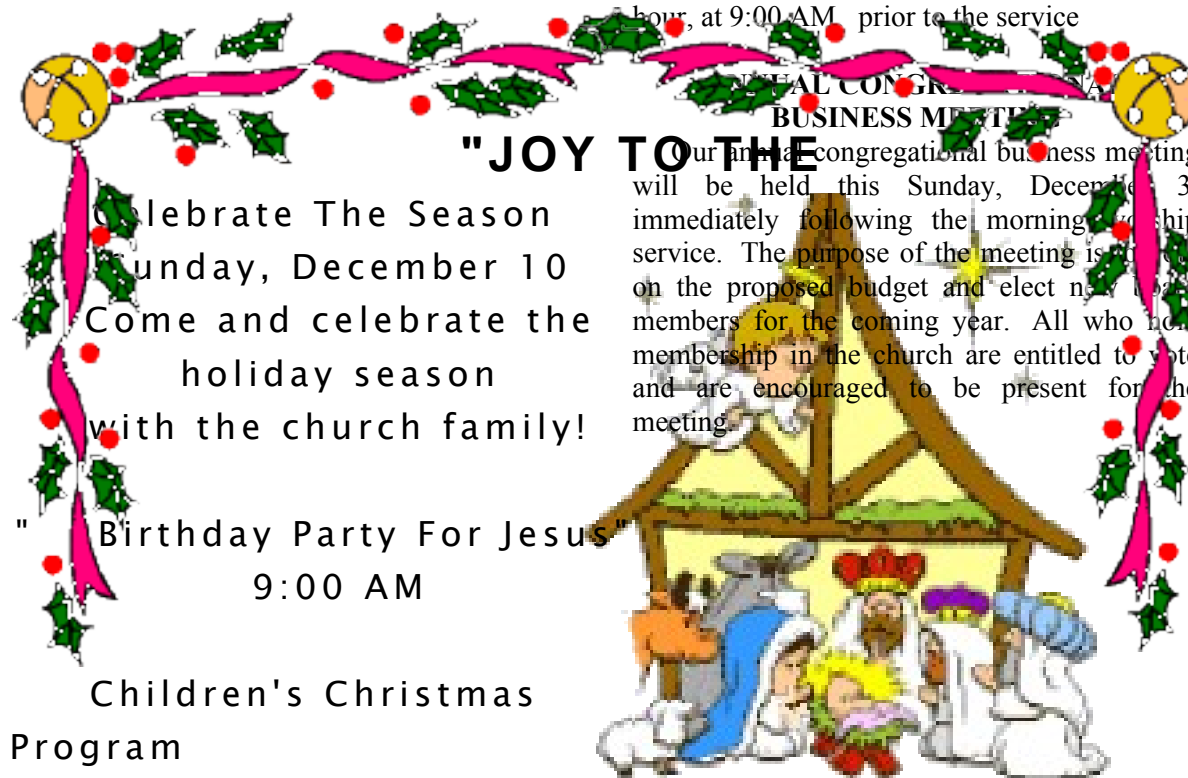
(No need to bring covered dishes, offering will be received.)

#### "HANGING OF THE GREENS," SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

This Sunday, we begin the Advent season with the traditional "Hanging of The Greens" service, which is one of the most festive worship experiences of the year. All those who are participating in the service are asked to gather for practice during the Sunday School hour, at 9:00 AM, prior to the service



will not meet in December.



### "JOY TO THE WORLD"

Celebrate The Season  
Sunday, December 10  
Come and celebrate the  
holiday season  
with the church family!

Our annual congregational business meeting will be held this Sunday, December 3, immediately following the morning worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on the proposed budget and elect new members for the coming year. All who hold membership in the church are entitled to vote and are encouraged to be present for the meeting.

" Birthday Party For Jesus"  
9:00 AM  
Children's Christmas  
Program  
10:00 AM

Christmas Fellowship  
Dinner  
Following Worship

They are beautiful additions to our new church.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

The education committee is in need of two Sunday School teachers for the winter quarter, which begins on December 3. We need a teacher for the K-1 grade, and for the grades 2-5 class. If you would be willing to accept this important responsibility, please let Ellen Franklin know as soon as possible!

### CAN YOU PROVIDE A YOUTH SUPPER?

During the month of January, it will be our turn to host the combined youth of our church and the Methodist Church. The group meets at 6:30 PM each Wednesday, and have a light meal together at the beginning of their meeting. We are in need of volunteers to provide these meals, and anyone who is willing to volunteer is asked to let Rev. Johnson know. Thank you to Judy Maxwell for her help in December!

### EMPTY POP BOTTLES NEEDED

The worship committee is in need of clear, 2 litre pop bottles to be used for luminaries for our Christmas Eve service. There is a box in the church office where bottles may be left, and it would be helpful if they are rinsed out before dropping them off.

### 2007 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Beginning in 2007, the church will no longer provide personalized offering envelopes for every member and family. In past years, many of these envelopes were never picked up at church, and many others were never used. In order to save this unnecessary expense, boxes of general offering envelopes will be made available for those who wish to use them. If you do use an envelope, please make sure your name is on them!

### CHRISTMAS PACKAGES TO IRAQ NEED TO BE MAILED BY DECEMBER 4

### BOUNDARIES TRAINING, DECEMBER 11

The pastoral relations committee will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Monday evening, December 11, at 6:00 PM, just before the monthly board meeting.

The church board will be offering a video on "boundary training" at its next monthly meeting, on Monday, December 11, at 7:00 PM. The video will help identify behavior that is appropriate and inappropriate for volunteers who are working with children and youth. All board members and Sunday School teachers are encouraged to attend.

### CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP, 5:00 PM

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be at 5:00 PM, in order to allow our members to have the rest of the evening at home with their families. This is a lovely service, which will include communion, and conclude with the lighting of individual candles.


### PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE, DEC. 11

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### THANK YOU!

Our thanks to Emma MacDonald for the cross at the north end of the building, and to Bill and Betsy Hodson and Bruce and Jane Bartlett for the new flag pole in front of the church. We also thank Ken Buhrmeister for his help in setting the cross, and Chris Simpson for his assistance in setting the flag pole. Both of these generous gifts were dedicated following the worship service on Sunday, November 26.

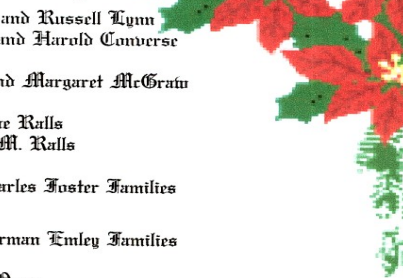
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Ron and Patricia Converse  
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Charles and Vivian McGrath  
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Mr. & Mrs. Larry Robinson, Marc & Brooke  
Mr. & Mrs. Marc Foster, Graham, Alex & Kate  
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Dale, Jill, Catherine and Jackson Pence  
Jean Weber  
Marshall and Ann Simpson  
Richard and Marsha Young  
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Lu Ann Stewart  
Tommy, Jan and Lindsey Hicks  
Bruce and Jane Bartlett  
Dutch and Denise Botman  
Jim and Dina Stoenner  
Burt and June Harrison  
Mrs. Charles Hamann and Family  
Wilbert and Donna Matthews  
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Sonya Vandiver  
Burrill and Rose Rader  
Jan Jorgensen  
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Herb and Myrna Mansell  
Linda Kruse  
James and Joan Lewis  
Dr. and Mrs. John Scotoley, Scott and Erica  
Norman and Margie Botman  
Rosemary L. Horner  
George and Mary Beth Payne  
Don and Nancy Wood  
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Curtis R. Proffitt  
Doug and Sherea Kirk  
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John Thomas and Vicki Dillon  
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**Given By:**  
Chris and Jennifer Dale and Family  
Jim and Dina Stoenner  
Ron and Patricia Converse

### In Memory Of:



Gladys and Russell Lynn  
Mabel and Harold Converse  
Herb and Margaret McGrath  
Jessimae Ralls  
James M. Ralls  
The Charles Foster Families  
The Herman Emley Families  
Loved Ones  
Duncan Weber  
Marshall O. Simpson and Bill and Isabell Handley  
And In Honor of Wayne Simpson and Sue Kull  
Roy and Carrie Lee Young  
H.F. John and Janice McCaless  
Mabel and Norval Clark  
Friends and Family  
Our Son Buddy and Our Parents  
Ray and Mary Botman  
Walter Stoenner and Charles Hamann  
Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Harrison and Bob Harrison  
Charles Hamann  
Marion Matthews  
Allen Hughes  
Roy and Judy Meadows  
Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Rader  
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rotwan  
Curtis M. Hamann  
Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Jones, Sr.  
Loved Ones  
Doug Kruse, Lloyd H. Elliott and Karen Elliott Ware  
Fred and Sadie Lewis  
Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Scotoley  
Mrs. Mary Mae Wade, Family and Friends  
Loved Ones  
J. A. and Faye Lester  
Willis and Tillith McAfee, Earl and Francis Payne  
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wood Sr.  
Mr. and Mrs. Marico Roncetti  
Janice Cox Proffitt and Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Proffitt  
Dr. and Mrs. H. O. Stoenner  
Joan Thomson  
Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Thomas  
John W. Dillon

**In Honor Of:**  
My Grandparents Curtis and Myra Hamann  
Jessamine Stoenner  
Rebecca Lynn Converse

**SALVATION ARMY NEEDS** – salad dressing, pickles, vegetable oil, coffee, tea, canned meat, Spam, Treet and salmon.