

### CHRISTMAS QUILT FUNDRAISER

The W.O.W. Circle's 6th Annual Christmas Quilt, with artwork by our Sunday School's 3rd Graders, will be on display in the Narthex. Silent Auction bids will be accepted through Friday, December 18th, with the highest bidder being awarded the Quilt that weekend. Take a look. It sure would make a special gift for someone on your list!

### ANGEL TREE MISSIONS

The Angel Tree Missions has a very special angel on our tree this year. His name is Colton Sheets and he is the 3 year old son of Tim and Jennifer Sheets. In August of this year, Colton was diagnosed with Leukemia. Since August, he has already had several surgeries and chemo treatments. Now through December 20th, the Angel Tree Missions will be collecting Walgreens gift cards to give to this family to help pay for medication. We will have a box located on the Angel Tree table for the Walgreens gift cards. You may contact Donna Lovelace at 895-2924 if you have questions.

### JOURNEY HOME COLLECTING TOYS

The Journey Home is collecting used toys, games, puzzles, etc. that are in good condition. If you have any items you wish to donate and that are appropriate for infant through teenage years, please bring them to the church or call Kitty Gannon at 895-9418 for pick up. The last day for collection is December 13.

### NOTEPAPER & KROGER CARES CARDS FUNDRAISER

The United Methodist Women will be selling notepaper featuring pictures of our church and Kroger Cares cards on Sundays through December 20th. They will be sold in the Narthex after early church and before late church each Sunday. The notepaper is \$10 for a box of 25. The Kroger cards are \$25 or \$5, and are worth that much in groceries. You can re-charge the Kroger cards for up to \$500 with a check or credit card either at the Customer Service desk or at the cashier before they start ringing up your order. The UMW receives 4% of everything you spend, including gasoline and the pharmacy.

### THE CHURCH FINANCIAL YEAR-END IS DRAWING NEAR

The church financial year-end is drawing near. The last Sunday offering will be December 27, 2009. In order to receive credit for your financial giving in 2009, all contributions must be received in the Finance office by Thursday, December 31, at 4:00 p.m. Any contribution mailed to the church with a postmark of December 31, 2009 will be included in this year's contribution. According to the IRS regulations, anything postmarked after December 31 will be credited to your 2010 giving record.

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### PREACHING SCHEDULE

#### December 13

8:30 am in the Family Life Center	Michael O'Bannon
8:30 am in the Sanctuary	Lessons & Carols
11:00 am in the Family Life Center	Carlos Uroza
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#### December 20

8:30 am in the Family Life Center	Carlos Uroza
8:30 am in the Sanctuary	Michael O'Bannon
11:00 am in the Family Life Center	Miriam Seyler
11:00 am in the Sanctuary	Michael O'Bannon

#### December 24

2:00 pm in the Sanctuary	Michael O'Bannon
4:00 pm in the Sanctuary	Michael O'Bannon
7:00 pm in the Sanctuary	Michael O'Bannon
11:00 pm in the Sanctuary	Michael O'Bannon

#### December 27

8:30 am in the Family Life Center	Michael O'Bannon
8:30 am in the Sanctuary	Tommy Perkins
11:00 am in the Family Life Center	Carlos Uroza
11:00 am in the Sanctuary	Michael O'Bannon

#### January 3

8:30 am in the Family Life Center	Tommy Perkins
8:30 am in the Sanctuary	Michael O'Bannon
11:00 am in the Family Life Center	Tommy Perkins
11:00 am in the Sanctuary	Michael O'Bannon

### SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES

#### Christmas Eve

2:00 PM This worship service is planned for travelers and those who need or desire a worship service that concludes before dark. Rev. O'Bannon will be preaching, and the combined Youth Choirs will be presenting Christmas music. Holy Communion will be offered.

4:00 PM This worship service is planned especially for families with small children. Rev. O'Bannon will portray a Biblical Character reflecting on the night when Christ was born. Special music will be offered by the Hallelujah and Peacemakers Choirs. Holy Communion will be offered. The service will close in candlelight.

7:00 & 11:00 PM These worship services are identical and are designed for the entire congregation. They will both be preceded by 30 minutes of music by The Cumberland Brass. Rev. O'Bannon will be preaching the same sermon as at the 2:00 PM service. Special music will be offered by the Christmas Choir. Holy Communion will be offered. The service will close in candlelight.

### CHURCH OFFICE HOLIDAYS

Please note that the church office will be closed for Christmas on Thursday, December 24th and Friday, December 25th and reopen Monday, December 28th. The office will also be closed for New Year's on Friday, January 1st and reopen on Monday, January 4th.

### ALTAR FLOWER CHART

The 2010 Altar Flower Chart is now up on the wall beside the elevator on the first floor. Please sign up for altar flowers, especially during January, February, and March.

### FIRST CHURCH WILL HOST THE ANNUAL EPIPHANY RING ON JANUARY 3RD

The Epiphany Ring is a high celebration event, in which bell choirs of the area get together to play "one last time" all the beautiful music of the season. The mass handbell group will perform four selections together and many solo selections. The concert will be held at FUMC on Sunday, January 3rd at 7:00 p.m. and is free and open to the public. We expect to have 13 handbell choirs participating in this year's concert. This concert is one to put on your calendar and is a seasonal must see!

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

#### DECEMBER 13

#### "LESSONS AND CAROLS"

### MANY GIFTS ONE SPIRIT

If you have not returned your 2010 commitment card, you may still do so by placing it in the offering plate, bringing it by the church office, or mailing it to the church office. If you need a 2010 commitment card, there are several located on the ushers' stands, welcome center, or in the church office.

### COMMUNION

Because we will have communion during our Christmas Eve services, there will be no communion in the Traditional services on Sunday, December 6th or the Open Table on Sunday, December 20th.

