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The Steeple Bell

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### Christmas Poinsettias



You may still reserve a poinsettia dedicated in memory or in honor of someone. There are only 25 poinsettias - so if you want one be sure and let the church office know very soon. The cost of a poinsettia is \$10.00

or you have the option of choosing to make a dedication and your donation of at least \$10.00 will go to support our goal to the Capital Fund at Camp Galilee. With either choice, all dedications will be printed in the Christmas Eve bulletins. Contact the church office by eMail to Wanda Shrimplin at [wshrimplin@umcn.info](mailto:wshrimplin@umcn.info) or call the church office at 667-5435.

### Children's Christmas Program

All children are invited to participate in the Children's Christmas program that is being performed on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Practices are scheduled for Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> all beginning at 4:00 pm and lasting about an hour to an hour and a half. Any questions call the church office at 667-5435.

### Christmas Caroling

Join your Church Family for caroling on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. After singing, enjoy some refreshments back at the church. Everyone is invited to join us! Please consider adding this event to YOUR schedule. Our shut-ins love having a BIG group carol to them. Be at the Church by 5:30 pm that evening and dress warmly! This event is sponsored by the Youth Group.

### Youth Group

The Youth Group will be having a Christmas Party at Jessica Harrison's home this evening at 5:30 pm. Please bring a snack to share and a \$5 - \$10 gift for the gift exchange. This will be the last youth group meeting for 2011.

### Holiday Dates For Your Calendar

- Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
 Christmas Eve Communion, 7:00 pm
- Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
 Christmas Eve Service, 11:00 pm
- Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Worship, 10:00 am

### Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study group **will not** be meeting on Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> or Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>. They will start again for the new year on Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon. Any woman is welcome to join this weekly study group.

### Christmas Luminaries



Lighting of the Luminaria

We are needing a Sunday School Class, a family or any group of volunteers to light the Christmas luminaries before the 11:00 pm Christmas Eve service. Call the church office at 667-5435 for more details or to volunteer.

## Thanks to you...



We are in mission. The 2011 Bazaar is over. The bills are not yet all turned in, but we did very well and it is thanks to you that we did. We have been asked several times just how the money will be spent. The Budget of the Nevada UMW is set every year based on our income which, in turn, is based on local pledges from members and the profits from the Bazaar and Basement Sales. The money goes across the state and world to pay our pledges to our District Missions, Central Methodist University, Della Lamb, Spofford Home and Epworth Children's Homes (for emotionally troubled children and youth) NEW House, Red Bird Mission, Prison Ministry, reStart, UM Commission on Disaster Relief, Hispanic Ministry, Quadrennial Emphasis, Mozambique Scholarship Challenge, District and Conference Ingatherings and PET (Personal Energy Transportation) vehicles.

Local Community Missions include the Pastor's Discretionary Fund, Ministry to Older Adults, Ministry to College Students, Festival of Sharing, Habitat for Humanity, Community Outreach, The Neighbors-Respite Care, Women in Crisis-Moss House, Salvation Army, Western MO Children's Center, NHS Scholarship Fund, Girls' EmPOWERment/ Moss House Meals, and the Smile Clinic.

Local Church projects include: Work Camps, a Youth fund to help with Church Camp expenses, Vacation Bible School, 3rd Grade Bibles, After School Program meals, Dependent Care, Memorials, Bazaar Supplies, Local Church Miscellaneous expenses and Memorial Dinners.

We also support UMW membership development by providing literature, programs, recognition pins, registrations for School of Christian Missions, the UMW Annual Meeting, Conference retreats, Jurisdiction Quadrennial meetings, Assembly Delegates, Legislative Events, cards and postage.

Our goal is to "be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church." How are we doin'?

We sincerely hope we are being good stewards of the money we receive and invite all United Methodist women to come be a part of this exciting and important work. If you are not yet a member of UMW, or just want to be a part of these activities, what are you waitin' for? This is your chance to make a difference in God's world.



## From the Finance Team

Dear Church family,

We are well into December and while our hearts grieve at the passing of Pastor Ralph, our hearts also rejoice that this year he will spend Christmas in the arms of Jesus. What greater JOY could there be? Pastor Ralph taught and trained us and God sent the Holy Spirit to be with us, to bring comfort in time of need, but also to be with us as we continue on with God's plan and the work that we as His disciples need to do. That work requires our time, our energy, or availability, our wisdom, and our finances.

During the past two months we have not had Pastor Ralph reminding us that our apportionments have not been paid and that we still have financial commitments to be met before the end of the year. Please prayerfully consider your financial gifts to the church between now and the end of the year.

We have recently hired new Youth and Children's Ministry leaders! Jessica and Lindsay are already in full force working with our young people (our future) and for that we are grateful. If you would like to support these staff positions, and would be willing to make an extra gift(s) during the year to assist in paying their salaries, please call me at 667-7100 or 667-7416 or just mark your check and drop it in the offering plate. I would ask that you hold these two ladies up in your prayers and offer your gifts and service to them as needed this next year.

No gift is too big or too small when it comes from the heart. I don't understand the economy, but I do understand its impact on those of us in the middle class, those of us who count on investments in our retirement and those of us that work hard to make ends meet. Of one thing I am sure though, when we work hard to strengthen our relationship with God, and when we give with open hands and open hearts, all else falls into place and our needs are met. Like Alice's example last Sunday, when we give it away, there is always something left and more and more receive the benefits.

May God Bless each of you in His season and throughout the year!

Erica Skouby  
Finance Chairperson



**This is the last Steeple Bell for 2011.  
You can expect the next Steeple Bell to be  
published on January 8<sup>th</sup>.**



## January Birthdays

01/01 Steve Brier  
 01/01 Abigail Heathman  
 01/02 Don Hillier  
 01/03 David Litten  
 01/03 Kim Gean  
 01/03 Jennifer Heckadon  
 01/04 Sherry Bickel  
 01/04 John Litten  
 01/05 Andrea Gregory  
 01/06 Terry Rich  
 01/08 Taylor Hall  
 01/08 Bryan Campbell  
 01/09 Gwen Dreyer  
 01/09 Megan Messick  
 01/10 Gelina Kafer  
 01/11 Robert Palmer  
 01/11 Christy Gray  
 01/12 Jodi Jackson  
 01/12 Olivia Skeans  
 01/13 Sharon Beisley  
 01/14 Ivy Arnett  
 01/14 Marilyn Garnett  
 01/15 Jarod Schmidt  
 01/17 Sam Morgan  
 01/17 Beth Dreyer  
 01/17 Taven Brockmeyer  
 01/18 Joe Bush  
 01/18 JR Anderson  
 01/18 Jessica Gray  
 01/19 Kimberly Ross  
 01/19 Craig Thorpe  
 01/20 Scott Hall  
 01/20 Jason Meisenheimer  
 01/21 Trent Mann  
 01/22 Nick Swischer  
 01/22 Sarah Walker  
 01/23 Tyler Jones  
 01/23 Nicholas Crawford  
 01/24 Stephen Schultz  
 01/24 Norman Garton  
 01/24 Keith Short  
 01/24 Gina Kafer  
 01/25 Marion Shrimplin  
 01/28 Marlene Kenyon  
 01/29 Carol Heathman  
 01/29 Shawn Briscoe  
 01/29 Clare Quitno  
 01/31 Gina Naas



## Prayer Concerns



Add  
your  
prayer  
list

The Family of Sue Bothof, Jay Bower, Leonard Ernsbarger, Charlotte Hirni, Steven Peelen, Betty Bright, Ann Wolfe, Bob Hood, Ron Schulze, Brenda Skouby, Marilyn Greer, Mary Ann Clark, Norma Cowan, Frank Lurten, Gina Mueller, Gary Hollenberg, Becky McGee, Mary Alice Shannon, John Roussin, Lindsay Hollenberg, Bobbie Whitson,

Jennifer Hancock & Denzail Cunningham.

### Extended Prayer Concerns

Laura Brewer Ackerman, Violet Adams, Sharon Beisley, Christina Booth, Lawrence Bower, Margie Breneman, Norine Brewer, Mabel Brown, Marty Caldwell, Lynne Logan Clawson, Wilma Coffman, Betty Easley, Marlene Folsom, Adam Gullett, Lance Hackleman, Wills Hensley, Steve Hertzberg, Cindy Johnson, Sandra Lang, Mary Madill, Charles Nash, Pudgie Ogle, Jennifer Shepherd, Edoline Smith, Rev. Lester Thornton, Dorothy Tyer, Eli Braswell Wilkening, Sonja Wells, our Church, our sister church in Canda, Pastor Ester Jossias Guambe at Canda, our Bishop, our Nation and the world.

### Serving Our Country

Adam Appleberry, Rodney Bastow, Diana (Palmer) Gabel, Wade Key, Matthew Rainier, Kevin Reed, Anton Skouby, Rachel Wells, Tim Wells and the US Armed Forces.

### Those We Hold in Loving Care

Barone Center (2102 N Ash) - Pat Haggans, David Franz  
 Culpepper Place (640 E Highland) - Ruth Munz, Edoline Smith  
 Christian Healthcare (700 E Highland) - Vivian Burris, Ann Wolfe  
 Moore-Few Care Center (901 S Adams) - Marty Caldwell, Dorothy Tyer, Evelyn Emery



## Future Worship Service Positions

### December 18<sup>th</sup>

Liturgist . . . . . Bill Denman  
 Greeters . . . . . Dale and Helen Brockmeyer  
 Head Usher . . . . . Mike McCaffree  
 Ushers . . . . . Erica Skouby, 2 Volunteers Needed  
 Acolytes . . . . . Ben Sommer and Keaton Brockmeyer  
 11:15 Greeters/Ushers . . . . . Bill and Andrea Gregory

### December 25<sup>th</sup>

Liturgist . . . . . Alice Boehs  
 Greeters . . . . . Jan Thompson and Nadine Killmer  
 Head Usher . . . . . Bill Denman  
 Ushers . . . . . Kitty Scarborough, Steve Reed and Deb Ernsbarger  
 Acolyte . . . . . Emma Denman



## Calendar at a Glance

Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Cantata

9:00 am Traditional Worship  
10:15 am Sunday School  
11:00 am UMW Planning Meeting  
4:00 pm Children's Program Practice  
5:30 pm Youth Group Christmas Party

Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>

12:00 pm Women's Bible Study  
5:30 pm Habitat Board of Directors  
6:30 pm Kindermusik

Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

2:00 pm Prayer Shawl  
6:30 pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am TOPS  
8:30 am Vernon County UM Clergy  
12:00 pm Helping Hands Circle  
4:00 pm Children's Program Practice  
6:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am HCI Mentoring Group  
6:00 pm Lay Leadership Development

Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

1:00 pm Senior Fun

Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

4:00 pm Children's Program Practice

Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

Children's Christmas Program

9:00 am Traditional Worship  
10:15 am Sunday School  
11:15 am Contemporary Worship  
5:30 pm Christmas Caroling

Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

12:00 pm Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

2:00 pm Prayer Shawl  
6:30 pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>

8:00 am TOPS  
6:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>

1:00 pm Senior Fun

Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

7:00 pm Christmas Eve Communion  
11:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Day  
10:00 am Traditional Worship

Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am TOPS  
6:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup>

1:00 pm Senior Fun

Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

10:00 am Traditional Worship

Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>

2:00 pm Prayer Shawl  
6:30 pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am TOPS  
9:30 am Quilt Guild  
6:00 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>

1:00 pm Senior Fun

Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Traditional Worship  
10:15 am Sunday School  
11:15 am Contemporary Service

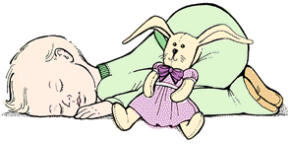
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**There will only be one service on Sunday,  
December 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup> at  
10:00 am due to the Holiday Weekends.**  
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# JANUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> Traditional Worship	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>2:00 PM</b> Prayer Shawl <b>6:30 PM</b> Boy Scouts	<b>4</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> TOPS <b>9:30 AM</b> Quilt Guild <b>6:00 PM</b> Handbell Choir Rehearsal <b>7:00 PM</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Senior Fun	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Traditional Worship <b>10:15 AM</b> Sunday School <b>11:15 AM</b> Contemporary Worship	<b>9</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>5:30 PM</b> Habitat Board of Directors <b>6:30 PM</b> Kindermusik	<b>10</b> <b>2:00 PM</b> Prayer Shawl <b>6:30 PM</b> Boy Scouts	<b>11</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> TOPS <b>6:00 PM</b> Handbell Choir Rehearsal <b>7:00 PM</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Senior Fun	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Traditional Worship <b>10:15 AM</b> Sunday School <b>11:15 AM</b> Contemporary Worship	<b>16</b> Office Closed	<b>17</b> <b>2:00 PM</b> Prayer Shawl <b>6:30 PM</b> Boy Scouts	<b>18</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> TOPS <b>6:00 PM</b> Handbell Choir Rehearsal <b>7:00 PM</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>19</b> <b>10:00 AM</b> HCI Mentoring Group <b>6:00 PM</b> Lay Leadership Development	<b>20</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Senior Fun	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Traditional Worship <b>10:15 AM</b> Sunday School <b>11:15 AM</b> Contemporary Worship	<b>23</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> Bazaar Workday <b>12:00 PM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>6:30 PM</b> Kindermusik	<b>24</b> <b>2:00 PM</b> Prayer Shawl <b>6:30 PM</b> Boy Scouts	<b>25</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> TOPS <b>6:00 PM</b> Handbell Choir Rehearsal <b>7:00 PM</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Senior Fun	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>9:00 AM</b> Traditional Worship <b>10:15 AM</b> Sunday School <b>11:15 AM</b> Contemporary Worship	<b>30</b> <b>12:00 PM</b> Women's Bible Study <b>6:30 PM</b> Kindermusik	<b>31</b> <b>2:00 PM</b> Prayer Shawl <b>6:30 PM</b> Boy Scouts	<b>1</b> <b>8:00 AM</b> TOPS <b>9:30 AM</b> Quilt Guild <b>6:00 PM</b> Handbell Choir Rehearsal <b>7:00 PM</b> Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>1:00 PM</b> Senior Fun	<b>4</b>

**Our Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.**

### New Baby



Matthew and Jenny Thompson of Leawood, Kansas would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia Ann. She was born on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. The proud grandparents are Rick and Jan Thompson.

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### Christmas Eve Service

If you are planning to be in attendance on Christmas Eve at the 11:00 pm service and would be willing to help with the service please email Andrea at [agregory@umcn.info](mailto:agregory@umcn.info) or call the church office at 667-5435.

### Worship Service Volunteers For 2012

We are wanting to fill worship service positions of Greeters, Ushers, Liturgist and Acolytes for the year of 2012. We are asking for more individuals to serve in these positions so you would only have to serve once a quarter. If you helped with this last year we will automatically schedule you again unless you tell us differently. If you are willing to help with the worship service eMail us at [volunteer@umcn.info](mailto:volunteer@umcn.info) or call the church office at 667-5435. A signup sheet is posted in the narthex on the bulletin board.

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### Wedding Pictures

There are still pictures and photo albums left in the church office that were used for the 170<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Methodism slide show. We would appreciate for the owners to pick them up. Thank you in advance for your help.

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