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From Your Pastor

As I write this it seems as if winter has finally arrived. Of course, there are many things we can do outdoors in the winter, but we tend to spend more time inside. I invite/encourage/challenge you to turn off the TV and use some of that inside-time to grow closer to God. It can be a time to begin or recapture a life of prayer.

Over five Sundays in January and February we will be focusing on prayer, how the Lord's Prayer is a model for our prayers and our lives as followers of Christ. Prayer is not just something we do but who we are. E. Stanly Jones said, "When prayer fades out, power fades out."

This is true for our personal lives and our life as a church. We cannot give to others what we do not have ourselves. If we want to be faithful as a church we must become a "house of prayer for all nations" (Mark 11:17) not simply a house *with* prayer for people like us.

This focus on prayer (both talking to *and* listening to God) will continue through Lent which begins February 22 with our traditional Ash Wednesday service. Lent is the 40 days (excluding Sundays) that lead up to the celebration of Easter. We will again have daily devotionals to help all of us live more and more in a vibrant relationship with our loving Lord.

Fasting and prayer go hand in hand. Those who are physically able can fast from food. Others might choose to fast from TV or computer games or some other favorite activity. This not only frees up time for prayer and devotion, but enables us to grow in solidarity with and in greater appreciation of Jesus' suffering for us.

Join me in making prayer a greater part of your life. Pray for the church. Listen to what God is saying. Share what you hear with me and others. Let's see what great things God will do in and through us as we become more and more a "house of prayer." We have a time of prayer each Sunday morning from 8:00 — 8:30 AM in the parlor. We'd love to have you join us. There will also be a prayer vigil in March on Good Friday, which is another good opportunity for prayer. But there's no need to limit prayer to a time or even a place. Take every opportunity everywhere you go to pray, pray, pray.

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Blessings and prayers,

Anne

Our Ministry of Concern

People are added and deleted to our ongoing prayer list on request.

Please call the church office if you have other names that need to be added or re-instated to the list or removed from the list.

If you have a prayer request, please call Barbara Robinson at 227-7845.

Hospitalized: Valerie Eckels - Unity

Recovering at home: Al Antczak, Mavis Beers, Frances Crabtree, Tom Marsh, Debbie Simm, Tom Simons

Those with ongoing health concerns: Vonnie Ackerman, Hayden Armendinger (father of Debbie Kennedy), Denise Bayer, Nancy Beers (granddaughter of Mavis and Malcolm), Kathy Brandt (sister-in-law of Robin Fox), Ursalee Crepinsek (cousin of Myrle/Beverly Johnson), Sarah Crough (niece of Doug & Nancy Jones), Logan Desmone (child of friend of Lisa

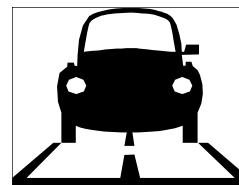
Deutsch), Carol Finch (friend of the DeVincentis Family), Stella Gagliano, Patty Geier (daughter-in-law of Ed & Shirley Geier), Jay Glowinski (friend of Denise Sayre), Greg Heizyk, Becky Hess, Vi Hutchins (friend of Chris Palmer), Vince Jowett (friend of Hal Wagner family), Bonnie Kennedy (former member), Madeline Larabee (great granddaughter of Nancy Wayne), Lynn Linder (sister-in-law of Tammy Ruiz), Ruth Loomis, Steven Lynch (son of Sylvia Lynch), Natalie & Jamie Manfredi, Gary Martin (brother of Carole Jermyn), Tom Marsh, Charlotte & Patrick McCabe (daughter & son-in-law of Betty Baybutt), Lea McQuown, Joe Metzger (father-in-law of Candy Metzger), Craig Michaloski, Bill Miller, Denise Montgomery, Charles Peyser (father of Bobbi Mohrmann), Mark Payton, Kathy Peck, Kamran Pickering (grandson of Donna Colangelo), Barbara Robinson, Bill Shirk (friend of Evelyn Welker), John Sobus, Jr., David Stanley, Bill Teasdale, Hal Wagner, Mark Williams (son-in-law of Bob Wiederhold), Alan Wiley, Debbie Wolfe, Pat

Wolfrom (friend of Candy Metzger).

Our home-bound: Jean Frey, John Sobus, Leonora Tyler

Nursing Homes/Living Centers: Jeanne Barr - Hilton East; Mavis Beers, Ted Coburn - Villages; Malcolm Beers, Phoebe Brown - Edna Tina Wilson Living Center; Rosetta Knapp, Jean Smith, Marion Voglesong - Crimson Ridge Meadows; Maxine Pollock - Blossom View Nursing Home in Sodus, NY; John Hayashi, Len Mack, Martha Thomson - Woodlands; Evie Souve - Emeritus at West Side Rochester

Christian sympathy is extended to Pauline Ashley and family on the death of her husband, Milt.



Please call the church office, if you need a ride for a doctor's appointment at 663-3665.

PARISH VISITATIONS

Please advise the church office when someone enters the hospital (or is discharged). This will help in providing better pastoral care and help avoid unnecessary trips. If you, or someone of whom you are aware, desire a pastoral call, please advise the church office. Arrangements for the Sacrament of Holy Communion are encouraged. Both pastors and the lay visitation ministers visit regularly and would be happy to include others in the visitation schedule.

George Sluman passed away in Naples, Florida on December 27, 2011. George and his wife, Do-reen were originally charter members of Aldersgate.



There are two prayer chains at Aldersgate. Each is coordinated by Barbara Robinson. One is for daytime calling. The other is for calling in the evening. Each member of the prayer chain has only one person to call and everyone will lift up the prayer requests in his or her own way. This can be a very rewarding experience, especially when concerns turn into joy. We invite you to be part of this care team. Call me at 227-7845.

~Barbara Robinson



ALL items for the March
Hinge are due
February 12

From the Pastor of Visitation and Membership Care

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Dear Aldersgate Family and Friends,

Since this is my first message for the New Year, I'd like to share with you two items from the The Joyful Noise-letter (used with permission). They are as follows:

A New Year's Resolution

*"I won't look back; God knows
the fruitless efforts,
The wasted hours, the sinning,
the regrets;
I'll leave all with Him
who blots the record,
And mercifully forgives and
then forgets.
I won't look forward; God sees
all the future,
The road that, short or long,
will lead me home,
And He will face with me its
every trial
And bear with me the burdens
that may come.
But I'll look up into the face of
Jesus,
For there my heart can rest, my
fears are stilled;
And there is joy and love, and
light for darkness,
And perfect peace, and every
hope fulfilled."*

~Annie Johnson Flint
via *Gleanings*

A New Year's Benediction

"Grant us, O Lord:

- ♦ *The hope to envision new dreams;*
- ♦ *The strength to rise above our limitations, our fears and whatever hold us down;*
- ♦ *The courage to stand on our own, to stretch our imagination and to experience being fully human, fully alive;*
- ♦ *The faith to live our lives in your image and likeness. Guide us, O Lord this New Year, every way, every day. Amen."*

~Fr. Brian Cavanaugh
Steubenville, OH

Blessings on you for the New Year of 2012! We're thinking of you as we are relaxing in Florida.

Sincerely,

Jerry Wolter
Visitation Pastor



PARKING REMINDER:

Please pay attention when you are going in and out of the parking lot (one way north to the Lake and one way south to Meadowbriar). and how you park your car. Please do not pull through any of the parking spots. Thank You!

Sunday School News:

The 11:00 AM Adult Sunday school class, lead by Sara and Eric McHugh, just started reading and studying the book, Three Simple Questions (Knowing the God of Love, Hope, and Purpose) by Rueben P. Job . His book shows us how what we believe in, how we live, and how we relate to other people is based on our understanding of who God is. Please stop in on a Sunday morning or join this interesting class!

Christian Education meeting

will be held on **Sunday, February 5, 2012** at 12:15 PM. Hot pizza and drink will be served. We will be discussing our upcoming Lenten /Easter activities and curriculum. All are welcome to attend.

Please let Colleen or Rhonda know if you plan on attending.



The 11:00 AM, K-3rd grade Sunday school class just started their new video series from *The Fantastic World* "The Odyssey of Tiny Pirate." This is a five week curriculum study of friendship, respect, responsibility, and acceptance from a biblical perspective. The characters are zany and full of adventure!

SAVE-THE-DATE!

Our annual church picnic at Braddock's Bay will be on Sunday, June 10, 2012 following the 11:00 worship service. More information will follow at a later time.



THANK YOU!

A big thank you to those who helped with our Indoor Family Winter Carnival. A special thank you to our helpers: Gordon & Nick Spicer, Mike Simonelli, Tracy Maggio, Amanda Farrell, Doug Jones and Tim Kephart. It was a cool time.

Aldersgate Youth Fellowship News

Flower City Work Camp 2012

Four students from Aldersgate will be participating in Flower City Work Camp this year from April 9-13. This is a ministry of our entire church. Here's how you can get involved:

Volunteer

By March 1st we need volunteers to apply for the following:

One male and one female overnight base leader for each night of FCWC

A crew to prepare lunches for one site each of the three work days

Other adult volunteers (shower drivers, gofers, food prep, prayer walk supervisors)

Donate

We want to sponsor all four of our students for part of their work camp fee. Individuals, families or small groups might consider donating to sponsor a student. See Derek if you're interested.

Pray

Even if you can't volunteer or give you can be in prayer for this ministry and our students.

Any questions about FCWC can be directed to Derek Hansen or Paul Brown.



3 - AYF Live!, 7-9pm (Ide)

5 - Super Bowl Sunday (collecting for Souper Bowl of Caring before and after both services)

10 - AYF Live!, 7-9pm (Ide)

12 - Middle School Youth Fellowship, 5-7pm (YR); High School Youth Fellowship, 6-8pm (YR)

17 - AYF Live!, 7-9pm (Ide)

19 - Middle School Youth Fellowship, 5-7pm (YR); High School Youth Fellowship, 6-8pm (YR)

24 - AYF Live!, 7-9pm (Ide)



Kingdom Bound 2012

It's time to start thinking about Kingdom Bound. This year we will be camping at Darien Lake from August 5-8. Deadline to sign up and make first deposit will be February 26.

8th-12th graders and current 7th graders who went last year are eligible to go.

[NOT] Aldersgate

Aldersgate Youth Fellowship activities and events are open to all youth, grades 6-12, in the church and community. Please contact Derek Hansen if you know of any students who would benefit from a ride to and from youth group or church.



We will again be collecting money donations for Mission Share before and after worship on Super Bowl Sunday (February 5). Please support this ministry!

Birthdays and Anniversaries in February

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS		Vince Acciaio	February 9	Ethan Cary	February 18
Jackie Hogestyn	February 1	Ryan Kennedy	February 10	Jean Frey	February 20
Joan Michlin	February 1	Ray LaFlair	February 11	Dave Stanley	February 20
George Shukitis	February 2	Scott Wiley	February 11	Helen Allen	February 21
Dominic DeBell	February 2	Doug Jones III	February 13	Harry Muthersbaugh	February 24
Patrick Byrnes	February 4	Mike Dunn	February 15	Jessica Christie	February 26
Todd Farrell	February 5	Fran Baird	February 15	Sue Accapezzato	February 26
Ed Geier	February 5	Ken Sisson	February 17	Grace Watts	February 27
AnnaMarie Sims	February 6	Gretchen Hughes	February 17	Elijah Tyler	February 27



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Bob Wiederhold & Bette Edgett	February 10
Dean & Jackie Hogestyn	February 13

White Gifts Thank You

Many thanks to all who helped with the White Gifts program at Christmas time. We were able to provide food and gifts for 32 families. That's more than we started out intending to cover. We planned on 15 families, but when we had the opportunity to add 17 more, we were blessed to have so many people step forward and provide additional labor and financial support.

This will always be a great year to remember. Thanks again to all who donated to this program in any way. Your support was greatly appreciated by all those who were touched by the program.

Tracy and Jan Winter

Mission Share Thank You

...When you search for Me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:13

All of us at Mission Share would like to say thank you for your thoughts, prayers, time, and gifts this past year. God has provided for our needs and the needs of those in our community, through the generosity of people like You!

You have helped us serve enough food for over 73,000 meals. Thank you!

READING CIRCLE

Join the members of Reading Circle on Thursday, **February 2**, as they discuss a Christian classic, *Through Gates of Splendor* by Elizabeth Elliot. She was the wife of one of five young missionaries killed by the fierce Auca Indians they felt called to reach for Christ. The impact of their martyrdom was felt among Christians around the world and led to many others making a decision to become missionaries.

The March selection is *Angel Watching Over Me* by Michael Phillips. Each month copies of the book to be read for discussion are available in the Church Library.

Reading Circle meetings start at 1:00 PM and newcomers are always welcome. Hostesses each month prepare beverages and a dessert to be enjoyed during the discussion. For further information about Reading Circle, call Frances Crabtree (392-0772).



UMW END-OF-YEAR GIVING

All UMW units are encouraged to “spend down” at the end of the calendar year rather than keep money in their treasuries that should be put to good causes. At the November 19 General Meeting, the members were happy to be able to give \$300 each to the Greece Food Shelf and White Gifts; and \$100 each to Cameron Community Ministries, Mission Share, Cookson Hills Center and Two Doors Community Resource Center.

Thanks again to personal pledges and very successful fundraisers this year, we were also able to pay our Pledge to Mission of \$2500, money which supports District, Conference, and Women’s Division programs and the work of Women’s Division with women, children, and youth through national and world missions.

SEW ‘N SEW’S

The newest project of Sew ‘n Sew’s is making “pillowcase” dresses. These are simple dresses for young girls made from new materials. This effort is a response to the focus of Women’s Division and the Genesee Valley District UMW on combating human trafficking. We are told that young girls living in developing countries are less likely to be kidnapped if they are wearing “new clothes” because they look cared for. Other church women in the area are working on this project; so you may have read about it in the newspaper.

Sew ‘n Sew’s would welcome donations of bright-colored fabric for dresses, sturdy fabric suitable for school bags; light-weight yarn for baby caps, sweaters, and afghans; and fabric suitable for baby gowns and children’s quilts.



This “crafty” group continues to meet at 1:00 PM in Room 1 (the old church office) on the second Monday of each month to work on needlecraft projects together. **February 14** is the next meeting. Newcomers are always welcome.

If you are unable to attend daytime meetings, but enjoy sewing or other needlework, we would welcome your help with any of the projects underway. Simple patterns and instructions for the pillowcase dresses, school bags, and baby gowns are available.

Talk to Betty Hild (663-5032) or Gege Dunn (663-9235) for more information.

2012 SCHOOL OF MISSION ANNOUNCED

“That All May Have Life” is the theme for this summer’s School of Christian Mission. The three study topics will be “Immigration in the Bible,” “Poverty”—both new—and “Haiti: Challenges and Hopes”—repeated from last year. There will be three locations, but the closest to us will be the sessions held at Camp Asbury on Silver Lake on July 26-28. Teachers and registration information will be available later this spring.

UPCOMING DATES:

February 19 – UMW Sunday

February 21 – Morning Circle

March 2 – World Day of Prayer Celebration with Church Women United

March 26 – Aldersgate General Meeting at 6:15 PM with Mary Anderson speaking about Project Chacocente, an annual mission trip from the Genesee Valley District to serve people living in the city dump outside Managua, Nicaragua.

March 31 – District Communion Breakfasts

May 5 – Genesee Valley District Spring Event at North Chili UMC

July 26-28 – School of Christian Mission

CHRISTMAS OFFERING REPORT

We were able to complete our commitment to supporting a doctor at Ganta Hospital in Liberia and to help Gateway-Longview in Buffalo with the **\$705.00** contributed to our Christmas Offering. Both are important ministries of the United Methodist Church that change lives by providing caring Christian service. Thank you for your generosity and willingness to help people you will likely never meet.

MISSION SHARE REPORT

Mission Share has had a very busy season of ministry this fall. The director Tom Hakes sent the following report to participating churches:

- We distributed 525 backpacks in early September to Greece school children.
- We gave out 112 Thanksgiving food baskets.
- We gave out 121 Christmas food baskets.
- We matched 70 families with sponsors for our Christmas Hope program.
- We took on three small home projects for one widow and two grandmothers who are caring for their grandchildren.
- We remodeled 2500 square feet to open Crossroads Pregnancy Care in October.
- We distributed enough food for over 73,000 meals.

In the middle of all that, Tom went with his family on a mission trip to Costa Rica!

We have been supporting Mission Share with an annual commitment of \$1200 from our General Benevolence Fund, collection of school supplies, sponsoring Christmas Hope families, and volunteers. Our year-round emphasis is on collecting **feminine products** and **toilet tissue** and other personal hygiene supplies. Your donations of these latter items may be placed in the blue box for Mission Share behind the Welcome Table. Items in the box are taken there nearly every week.

AFRICA UNIVERSITY SPEAKER COMING

On March 25 Aldersgate will be one of twelve churches across the Upper New York Conference to host a speaker representing Africa University. A long-time supporter of the university, The Rev. Joseph Abram, Jr., is a pastor in the South Carolina Annual Conference and a member of the Africa University Advisory Development Committee. He will speak in both services. Mark your calendars now so that you are certain to be present that Sunday to hear more about this unique educational institution established by The United Methodist Church in Africa for Africans.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH IN GLOBAL MINISTRIES

There are four programs that give young adults a short-term opportunity to find out about mission service through the Board of Global Ministries.

- US-2s are 20-30 year-old adults who serve two years with one of hundreds of UM-partnered organizations living out faith through social justice in the United States.
- Mission Interns, also 20-30, spend 16 months in an international community and 16 months in their home country.
- Global Justice Volunteers, aged 18-30, connect faith and social justice by serving abroad for eight weeks with UM-partnered grassroots organizations.
- Summer Interns, ages 18-25, spend 10 summer weeks learning and serving in UM-partnered organizations around the U. S.

The **deadline for applications** for US-2s, Mission Interns, and Global Justice Volunteers is **February 15**. Summer Interns must apply by **March 1**.

For more information go to <http://gbgm-umc.org/youth/serve>. You may also send an e-mail to youngadults@gbgm-umc.org or call 212-870-3620.

**Come to Aldersgate Night at
APPLEBEE'S on Ridge Rd.**

Monday, February 6

4:00-9:00 PM

**Applebee's donates 10% of the food
receipts we collect to our
Building Fund.**

GAME NIGHT

Saturday, February 18

at 6:00 PM.

Come join us in the Ide Family Life
Center for Euchre, board games or
other card games.

Table Tennis is also available.



Please attend the ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT **SHROVE
TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER** on **February 21, 2012**
from 5-7 PM. We will be serving blueberry, chocolate
chip, and regular pancakes along with hot sausage! Chil-
dren can make a Mardi Gras mask and play a pancake
game.

We are looking for people to prep, help serve, and
clean-up. See Rhonda or Colleen, if you are interested
in any of these tasks. The cost is \$5.00/single and
\$10.00/family. This year's proceeds will go to Flower
City Work Camp and our Sunday school program.

Chili cook-off info: The cook-off is be-
ing postponed. Keep an eye in your
bulletins for the new date!

SPRING AHEAD!

Attention all LADIES....Are you ready for
another night out?

Are you striving to be a happy, healthy, woman
of God?

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, **March 20**
from **7-9 PM** and join us for a night of fun &
fellowship! Stay tuned for more details.

COME TO THE FRIENDSHIP DINNER ON FEBRUARY 11

Bring your sweetheart or a good
friend to this special "**FRIENDSHIP
DINNER**" being held here at Aldersgate
on Saturday, **February 11**, from 6:00 -
8:30 PM. Your choice for dinner is: Gar-
lic Shrimp with Pasta for \$13/person,
\$25/couple or Rice and Beans with Baked
Chicken for \$10/person, \$20/couple. All
dishes include salad, bread, desert, and
drinks.

Children are free and their menu
choices are: pizza, macaroni and cheese
and a drink. They will be eating down-
stairs in Fellowship Hall so you may enjoy
your meal upstairs.

Tickets will be sold after the services
and in the office during the week. Pro-
ceeds will go toward the ministries of
Emmanuel.

EASTER LILIES

Time will be flying by now as we prepare for our Christian Observance of the Lenten Season and resurrection of Jesus Christ! East Sunday is April 8th, and it is now time to consider placing a lily in the Chancel and Worship Center in memory or in honor of a loved one on that glorious day!

As of this writing, we have not received a price from our vendor, but we plan to have order blanks inside the Sunday bulletins beginning March 4th. The information will be on them and the deadline for ordering a plant will be March 18st.

If you have any questions regarding this traditional display, please call Carole Jermyn at 225-8956.



Inside the Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is responsible for the financial management of the church. ***But, no, we do not spend our meetings trying to find more ways to ask for more money.*** We watch where the money goes, review the income, and discuss any financial issues which need to be discussed.

Although the discussion may vary from month to month, we are always discussing, viewing and analyzing the church income and expenses. We have a church operating budget of nearly \$350,000 which includes everything from salaries to paying for the heating or cooling of the church, from Sunday School materials to buying office supplies. There are many expenses which go into running a church our size. In addition, we also need approximately \$215,000 each year to cover the cost of the repayment of the church mortgage.

All of that is quite a challenge! When enough funds to cover the expenses come in, the job is fairly simple. But, the last couple of years have been quite a challenge. Income has been less than needed to pay all the bills, so we've had more work to decide how to handle the situation.

Want more info? We meet the second Thursday of most months at 7:30 – we'd welcome new members – or just a visit.

More Mission News

GREECE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

The time to start work on our fifth project will come more quickly than we expect. This year we will again invite you to take "Habitat House" boxes with you for Lent in which to collect your change to help us grow closer to the \$65,000 needed to build. (We are more than half-way there.) Those coins add up. Last year they totaled over \$600—a nice chunk of change!

In addition to the sale of BBQ tickets and pies, Aldersgate gave \$4885.40 toward the Greece Churches Habitat for Humanity project in 2011.

Dear Sisters and brothers at ALDERSGATE UMC:

The best season of the year to give thanks and recognition to the people that have been a blessing in our life is Christmas. Here at Iglesia Metodista Unida Emmanuel, we are very thankful for your ministry choosing us as a recipient of Aldersgate UMC's generosity. We want to say: "GRACIAS" for being partners with us during difficult times. With your missionary offering we accomplished part of the 15% of our yearly budget, our faithful budget.

Thank you and FELIZ NAVIDAD!

Carlos M. Rosa-Laguer Pastor Local
IMU Emmanuel

I don't remember where I put the form to sign up for automatic withdrawals for my weekly tithe. Can I still sign up? How do I get another form?

Good Intentions

Dear Good Intentions,

How easy it is to let things get away from us even when we have good intentions! That's one of the advantages of making arrangements for your regular offering to be automatically withdrawn from your account and sent to the church: once done you can fulfill your good intentions and free up your mind to deal with other important matters.

Many of us have already learned that signing up for Electronic Funds Transfer payment of our utilities and other bills means we have fewer things to think about when we are planning a trip. With EFT of your regular offering, you won't have to fuss about whether you have enough in advance to cover the regular offerings in the services you'll miss when you travel or enough left when you get back to catch up. It will just come out of your bank account on a regular schedule that you can plan for. Needless to say, that regularity helps the church. Church bills come in regularly, whether you are in town or not.

I'm glad, too, to see that you are planning to

tithe. Giving a tithe means giving ten percent of your income to God upfront—before you pay your other bills. By committing to a tithe through EFT, you will be doing just that—giving to God of your “first fruits.” (Remember that phrase from the Old Testament and our capital campaigns?) If you haven't tried tithing before, you are in for a most excellent surprise. God is just waiting to bless you financially and spiritually for it. Check out Malachi 3:8-10 (last book in the OT.) Those verses tell us that God even challenges us to test him on that point!

Oops! (Where have I heard that lately?) I just got so excited about all the good stewardship messages I could pack into this answer—the importance of regular giving and of giving a full tithe, I almost forgot to answer the basic question! Yes! You can sign up anytime. There will be a form with your Report of Giving, which comes each quarter, and forms are available in the church office anytime. Just fill one out and return it with a voided check in the offering plate or mail them back to the church. If you have any questions, talk with Jan Winter at 225-4927 or jwin-ter@frontiernet.net.

I can hardly wait to hear your tithing story!

Feeling blessed already,

Sally Stewardship

2011 CHRISTMAS THEATER

THANK YOU ACTORS

HAPPY New Year! And Thank You for the lovely flowers and centerpiece and thank you, cherubs, for my “loud cheer card?” You are all special.

It was great this year to see new actors on stage ~ Rich Mohrmann, Mark & Juli Payton, Linda Uebelacker and Warren Barwald. Newbies ~ you did a wonderful job! And, Veteran actors ~ you were superb! Rich Keller, Rich Edgett (Yes, we have a lot of wonderful riches!) and Chitie Edgett, Mary Sims. The Carolers ~ Marisue Caupp, Gege Dunn, Ed & Shirley Geier, Kathy Peck. The family: Carol DeCann, Tom O'Connor, Marie Sims, Jared Jones ~ you were terrific! The talking animals with narrator Sara McHugh, Emma Byrnes, Michelle Maggio, Allison McHugh, Briana Kephart, Marie Sims and Jared Jones were great! Thank you to Tammy Kephart for being an understudy to Shirley Grierson as the innkeeper's wife! And thank you to Amy Tubiola who enjoyed doing the commercials ~ especially the music store with Jared and Lucas. Thank you to three other people in The Nativity Tableau not yet mentioned: Marita & Doug Jones (Doug loves parts with no lines!) and Rich Caupp (yep—another Rich) Thank you, Gretchen Hughes, for providing the caroler music! Many people commented on the fun of singing all the carols.

A round of applause to the deserving people behind the scenes: If you needed a costume, you needed to see Pat Holmes, who fitted, found and/or made what was needed! Thank you, Roy, for helping move costumes to and from various places! Lights and sound ~ Thank you Juan Ruiz, who came early to set up and late to leave to pick up! You are a gem! And to all the help from various areas: Kathy Pearson, Tom O'Connor, The Groves, Candy Metzger, Nancy Bader, Cindy Purzycki, Marilyn Sobus and Gretchen Hughes, the Artists Barb & Jimmie Condon, and the Skit writer (LOL) Rich Keller!

The best summary of the 2011 Christmas Theater on “surfing the channels” is found in one of the skits: “Christmas is a time for loving—not that we loved God, but that he first loved us so much that he gave his only son for us, that through him, we might have life—life abundant and life without end. Now, isn't this what Christmas is all about?”

Thank you for everything and God Bless!

Love, Gloria

SCRIPTURE READERS			
9:30 AM		11:00 AM	
2/5	Sara McHugh		Nancy Young
2/12	George Shukitis		Gary Hogestyn
2/19	Jan Rothfuss		Gege Dunn
2/26	Carol DeCann		Nick Spicer
ACOLYTES			
9:30 AM		11:00 AM	
2/5	Briana Kephart		Emma Byrnes Zachary Farrell Chase Tyler
2/12	Allison McHugh		Michelle Maggio Ryan Lindeman
2/19	Briana Kephart		Emma Bock Elijah Tyler Max Tyler
2/26	Allison McHugh		Marie Sims Renee Tibbles

USHER SCHEDULE			
9:30 AM		11:00 AM	
2/5	Myrt & Al Holmes Dan & Jan Rothfuss		John Cochran Scott Wiley Terry & Nancy Young
2/12	Al & Myrt Holmes Susan DeVincentis Evelyn Welker		Nancy Bader John & Karen Best Walt Dunn
2/19	Myrt Holmes Evelyn Welker Susan DeVincentis Gloria Montgomery		Nancy Bader Betty Hild Jackie Hogestyn Louretta Teasdale
2/26	Al & Myrt Holmes Linda Uebelacker Naomi Moss		Dean & Jackie Hogestyn Gary & Denise Hogestyn
AV			
9:30 AM		11:00 AM	
2/5	Rich Mohrmann		Juan Ruiz, Sammy Maggio
2/12	Mark DeVincentis		Dick Caupp, Ray LaFlair
2/19	Brian Jones		Eric Bock, Roger Hotchkiss
2/26	Ted Carstens		David Gray, Myles Gray

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
ALANON Monday 7:00 PM (8) GAM-ANON Friday 7:00 PM (2) GAMBLER'S ANONYMOUS Friday 7:00 PM (3/4)	AA MEETINGS (FH) Daily (except Sun.) 7:30 AM Sunday 7:00 AM. Sunday 7:30 PM (3/4) Monday 7:00 PM Wednesday 5:30 PM Thursday (Women) 7:30 PM		<i>1</i> 10:30 AM Exercise (Ide) 5:00 PM Exercise (Ide) 7:00 PM Choir (S) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (Brown) (P) 7:00 PM Emmanuel Dance & Puppet Practice (FH) 7:00 PM Basketball (Ide)	<i>2</i> 1:00 PM Reading Circle (L) 7:00 PM Trustees (4) 7:30 PM Stewardship (L) 7:30 PM Sm. Group (Sisson) (P)	<i>3</i> 6:30 PM Sm. Group (Parents) (P) 7:00 PM AYF Live (Ide) 7:00 PM Bi Lingual Bible Study (8)	<i>4</i> 11:00 AM Bell Choir (S) 11:00 AM Grief Share (P)
<i>5</i> 8-8:30AM Prayer Meeting (P) 9:30 AM Contemporary Worship 9:30 AM Adult Sunday School (P) 9:45 AM Sunday School (2, 3, 4) 10:45 AM High School Sunday School (2) 11:00 AM Traditional Worship 11:15 AM Children's Sunday School (2, 3, 4, 7, 8) 12:15 PM Education Meeting (3/4) 5:00—7:00 PM MSYF (Ide, YR) 6:00—8:00PM HSYF (Ide, YR) 6:30 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P)	<i>6</i> 4:00—9:00 PM Applebee's 7:00 PM ACWT (S) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (O'Connor) (P)	<i>7</i> 9:00 AM—2:00 PM Library Work Time (L) 12:00 PM Men's Lunch at Ezzy's 1:00 PM Sm. Group (Coburn) (P) 6:00 PM Nominations (O)	<i>8</i> 10:30 AM Exercise (Ide) 5:00 PM Exercise (Ide) 7:00 PM Choir (S) 7:00 PM Sm. Group (Brown) (P) 7:00 PM Emmanuel Dance & Puppet Practice (FH) 7:00 PM Dewey Corridor Neighbors (Ide) 7:00 PM Boy Scouts (FH)	<i>9</i> 7:30 PM Finance (4) 7:30 PM Sm. Group (Sisson) (P)	<i>10</i> 6:30 PM Sm. Group (Parents) (P) 7:00 PM AYF Live (Ide) 7:00 PM Bi Lingual Bible Study (8)	<i>11</i> 11:00 AM Bell Choir (S) 11:00 AM Grief Share (P) 6:00—8:30 PM Friendship Dinner (Ide, K, FH)
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