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## HAPPY NEW YEAR



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AND THE  
PRESCHOOL  
STAFF!**



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## *MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DOT...*

### *LOOK BACK ON 2011 - AND THANK GOD . . .*

Every child should experience worship. This was the focus of an article in December's *Red Mountain Matters*. Being immersed in the stories of the Bible helps to shape us and make those stories part of who we are. This is what faith formation is all about. We can encounter the stories of the Bible in worship and events such as Sunday school, midweek classes, Vacation Bible School, camp, and other special events. I am thankful we have had so many creative opportunities to experience the story of Jesus' birth.



As 2011 draws to a close, I want to name a few of the many things just recently for which I thank God . . .

- ✚ for the cast and crew of *Camel Lot* for reminding us how important it is that we "Don't miss the manger!" (see pictures)
- ✚ for the planning and leadership team for our "One Starry Night" Advent Fair who helped us to experience a glimpse of what a starry night in Bethlehem may have been like the night when Jesus was born.
- ✚ for everyone who helped create the props and plan for our sermon series and children's moment series on "The Journey."
- ✚ for the dramatists, vocalists, and musicians who created the experience of *Searching for the King* -- then and now.
- ✚ for those who care and visit, bringing stockings and expressions of God's love.
- ✚ for the leaders who work behind the scenes and our church staff.
- ✚ for everyone who invites people.
- ✚ for Christmas Eve services.
- ✚ for missions, shoeboxes, many gifts, fair trade, and the hope of a well in Sudan!
- ✚ for the opportunities we look forward to when we invite others and come to be part of God's story that changes hearts, lives, and the world.



What is your hope for the coming year? As we look ahead to 2012, may we seek God's vision and add our prayers to God's vision for our lives, our church, our community, and the world.

*Peace, Dot ☺*

**Sunday Worship Services**  
7:45, 9:00 & 10:30 am

**Sunday, January 1      The Wise Men's Journey**  
**Epiphany Sunday -- Matthew 2:1-12**

Who are these people who follow a star, pay homage to a baby king, and change their plans because of a dream? As we begin 2012, may our journey bring us hope.

***Sermon Series: The Core Stories  
of the Bible***

**Sunday, January 8      Creation**  
**Genesis 1 – 3**

God speaks creation into existence and calls it good. Humans are created in God's image, reflecting God's goodness, and given a holy identity. God desires to be in relationship with humanity, yet God's good creation becomes distorted by sin.

**Sunday, January 15      God's Call**  
**Genesis 12:1-9**

God calls Abraham and Sarah (and each of us) into a relationship grounded in trust. God's call sets Abraham and Sarah walking, on a journey of faith.

**Sunday, January 22      The Exodus**  
**Exodus 3, 7-15**

God hears the cries of the people; God sets the captives free. God is a God of liberation, salvation and deliverance. No matter what happens, God saves and delivers. God seeks our good.

**Sunday, January 29      The 10 Commandments**  
**Exodus 20:1-17**

The commandments are not so much laws, as they are gifts, for how to live in relationship to God and in community with one another. The 10 Commandments represent the "bottom line" for ethical behavior – both personal and public.

**COMING IN FEBRUARY**

The bishop of the Desert Southwest Conference, **Bishop Minerva Carcaño**, will be preaching at our church on **Sunday, February 12**, at all three of our worship services. Plan now to attend that Sunday to hear an inspiring message and to give her a warm welcome.



**CORE  
STORIES  
OF THE BIBLE**

The Bible contains 66 books and thousands of stories. But among

these stories are **key stories**, stories that are so primal to the Bible and to our faith that they are the ones by which all other stories are judged and interpreted. These are the core stories of the Bible that are so important, that every Christian should have a basic knowledge and understanding of them. This sermon series will explore the core stories of the Old and New Testaments, which together form the basic story line that lies at the heart of Biblical faith.

But studying the Bible is more than just an intellectual exercise. For the Bible to be true, it must live in us. How are the stories of the Bible true *for you*? How do they shape your faith? How do they affect your choices and attitudes? How do they inform your view of the world and of other people? These core stories enable us to see our own life experiences and the events in the world around us in the light of God's saving activity. They are the stories we rely on in times of crisis. They are the stories that give us hope.



**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY  
SCHOOL THEMES**

**January 1:** *Wise Men -- Good News of Jesus for all people*

**January 8:** *Jesus as a Boy -- Get to know God like Jesus did*

**January 15:** *Jesus Baptized -- Follow God like Jesus did*  
**January 22:** *Following Jesus is the best thing we can do with our lives -- The Fishermen*

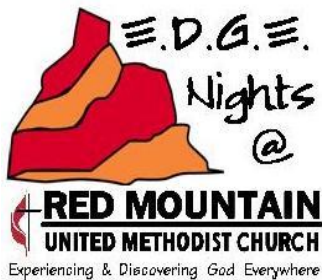
**January 29:** *Following Jesus is the best thing we can do with our lives -- Jesus Calls Matthew*

**February 5:** *Spending time with God is the best thing we can do -- Mary and Martha*

**February 12:** *Jesus and the Children -- Jesus loves children -- Jesus Blesses*

**February 19:** *Sharing the Good News that changes hearts and lives -- Disciples Sent Out*

**February 26:** *Welcoming Jesus into Our Hearts -- Zacchaeus*



**E.D.G.E. NIGHTS**  
*Experience and  
 Discover God  
 Everywhere*

**NEW SESSION OF E.D.G.E. NIGHTS  
 BEGINS**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18**

A new session of our mid-week E.D.G.E. Nights program begins on **Wednesday, January 18**, with lots of exciting classes and activities to choose from -- for children, youth and adults. ARTSedge classes begin at **4:00 pm**. Dinner is served in Madsen Hall from **5:15 – 5:45 pm**, followed by two class sessions at **6:00 pm and 7:05 pm**. Childcare is available all evening (except during dinner time). Registration forms will be available online and in the church office by **January 6**.

Here's a sampling of what's being offered at this next session:

- **4:00 pm ARTSedge** Children age 4 through 6th grade are invited to come and learn about reading music, rhythm, dance, singing, drama, art and handbells/chimes through a rotating schedule of two "creative arts" classes, each 30 minutes in duration. The children will do something different and fun each week, and will soon begin working on their next musical drama. (Professional childcare for ages 3 and younger available.)
- **6:00 pm SPK (Shout Praises Kids!)** SPK Preschool for children ages 3 to 5, and SPK Elementary for Grades 1 – 6, are interactive classes where Bible stories come to life! This high energy hour is filled with music, cooking, crafts, games and science projects as the children learn the major Bible stories of our faith.
- **6:00 pm Tween/Teen Bible Study** Led by Youth Director, John Durkin, the young people gather for a short Bible study, faith sharing, games and fellowship.
- **7:05 pm 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Fellowship** From recreational games such as hockey and bowling, to prayer labyrinths, to modeling clay, to interactive Bible stories, -- this Fellowship group has more fun than you can imagine, due to the creative genius of leader, Sue Webb. Junior High youth are also welcome.
- **Yoga – for tweens, teens and adults** Add yoga to your routine of de-stressing. Learn to stretch and relax.

- **Bible Study** Led by Pastor Mary, this DVD-based class will explore in depth what theologians call the "Core Stories of the Bible," those key stories that every Christian wants to know and understand.
- **Save Your Life, One Story at a Time** Led by Dana Tramba, you will learn to write the story of your life and create a life story book.
- **Health and Wellness** Professionals from a variety of fields will leading such topics as Walking to Wellness, Cancer Detection, Recognition and Management of Dementia, Fear of Falling, and Falling Prevention.
- **Financial and Estate Planning** What is my estate? What is the role of a financial planner? How do I make a will? What is probate? Do I need a medical power of attorney? Questions like these and many more will be covered by experts from different areas of estate planning and financial planning.

**FIRM FOUNDATIONS  
 THE HEART OF FAITH**

This class will be offered for anyone who would like to know more about the Christian faith -- new members, long-time members, regular attendees or seekers. Topics include basic beliefs, worship and the sacraments, and spiritual gifts. The class is led by Pastor Mary and other church leaders and will prepare you for membership. The class will be offered several times during the next few months, either on Wednesday evening as part of E.D.G.E. Nights, or on Sunday afternoon after the worship services. Please let Pastor Mary know which day/time you prefer: [mary.bullis@rmumc.com](mailto:mary.bullis@rmumc.com).

**SEEKING SUPPORT**

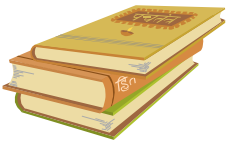
You don't have to go through it alone. Divorce Care offers support to those who are in the middle of separation or divorce, or who have recently gone through a divorce. Grief Support offers help and love to those who have suffered a loss in their lives. There are others who can offer support and help. Call or email the church office for the day and times of these and other support groups being offered.

**STEPHEN MINISTRY**

Are you going through a crisis in your life? Did you know that RMUMC offers a special ministry to those who are? Stephen Ministry is a caring, Christ-centered ministry of trained persons who offer help in times of need. If you feel you might need a Stephen Minister, please call the church office or speak with one of the pastors.

# January!

## RMUMC BOOK CLUB



The book club meets on the first Monday of each month. This month, because of the New Year holiday, the group will meet on **January 9, at 2:00 pm**, in the Gathering Room.

The first book to be discussed in this year is "Enrique's Journey" by Sonia Mazario. The book is based on the Los Angeles Times newspaper series that won two Pulitzer Prizes, one for feature writing and another for feature photography. "Enrique's Journey" is the timeless story of families torn apart, the yearning to be together again, and a boy who will risk his life to find the mother he loves. It is an epic journey, one thousands of immigrant children make each year to find their mothers in the United States. On **February 6** the group will discuss the book "Walking in Two Worlds: Mixed Blood Indian Women Seeking their Path" by Nancy Peterson. Child care is available on request. Contact Bobbi Heppe at [heppeb@yahoo.com](mailto:heppeb@yahoo.com).

## ADULT FELLOWSHIP "CLASSICS" DEAD TIRED PARTY!



It is a new year and the Adult Fellowship is celebrating with a "Dead Tired Party" on **Saturday, January 14, at 5:30 pm**. It's another 'party' night, but this one is for all of the tired, worn out holiday adults. We will share a pot-luck dinner in Madsen Hall so bring a dish to share. We will also have a white elephant gift exchange. This means you bring a wrapped (not necessarily neat!) "white elephant gift" (something sitting around your house that is perhaps no longer needed, but could be very valuable to someone else!). After dinner, we will exchange these unique gifts. Beverages are provided, so come and enjoy an evening of fun and laughter. We can catch our breath and relax together after a hectic holiday season!

## "FUN AND FELLOWSHIP" DINING GROUPS



Do you want to meet new people? Make new friends? Renew old friendships? Well, Fun and Fellowship groups are a great way to do all of these! The groups consist of six to eight people who meet monthly,

January through April, to share a meal together. It is not too late to sign up. The deadline has been extended to **January 9**. To sign up, you can use an online form at [www.RMUMC.com](http://www.RMUMC.com), fill out a form located in Madsen Hall or the Welcome Center, or call the church office. You may also contact Maxine Rathjen at [nealmax@msn.com](mailto:nealmax@msn.com), Bobbi Heppe at [heppeb@yahoo.com](mailto:heppeb@yahoo.com), or Kay Ulmer at [ulmer1909@msn.com](mailto:ulmer1909@msn.com).

## ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

RMUMC will hold its annual blood drive on **Tuesday, January 10**. The van will be in the church parking lot from **2:30 to 8:00 pm**. Last year with your support, we exceeded the goal that had been set for blood donations in the Phoenix area by more than 20%. We thank you for participating and hope that all will participate again this year. We also hope for new donors so that the demand for blood during the winter season can be met. Sign-ups will take place following worship services. You may also contact coordinator Courtney Smith at [clsmit34@asu.edu](mailto:clsmit34@asu.edu) or go online to [www.bloodhero.com/index.cfm?group=op](http://www.bloodhero.com/index.cfm?group=op).



## HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE 2011



Each year the boutique just keeps getting better! Even as this article is being written (December 15), our sales total from the boutique in November is not final. Some of the Red Mountain Crafters are even finishing up special orders that were made. Our two-day event was a huge success, thanks to the enthusiasm and hard work of the crafters and others in the congregation who helped in so many ways. A special thanks goes out to all who came and shopped. We are very pleased to announce that we have donated \$5000 of our proceeds to The Preschool in support of that very important children's ministry of our church!

However, we are not satisfied with resting on our laurels. We will begin again, starting this month, working and planning for next year's event. The Red Mountain Crafters will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month beginning on **January 12**. Meetings take place at Penny Gumser's home beginning at **6:30 pm**. We extend an open invitation to anyone who has an interest in crafting to come and join us! We also have a great time in fellowship with each other. Email Penny at [pennygum@cox.net](mailto:pennygum@cox.net) if you would like to join the group. Rides can be arranged for those who do not like to drive at night.



## HABITAT PROJECT

A family has been selected for the 2012 Habitat build. Suje Rodriguez, a single mother, and her son Jadal from South Phoenix will be the tenants. The build will begin on **January 28** and finish about **May 12**. The Superstition Coalition will sponsor about one third of the build. Our church is scheduled to work on **February 4 and March 17**. We will need at least ten people each day. We will be providing coffee (free from Starbucks) on one of the work days and lunch (sandwiches, fruit, and juice for 35 workers) on the other. We would like to have a mix of experienced and new volunteers. Signups will begin this month. You may contact Dick Murphy at [rlm64@cox.net](mailto:rlm64@cox.net).

# And February

## CENTRAL EAST DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Workshops are being offered this year for Staff Parish, Trustees, Finance Lay Leaders, United Methodist Men, Christian Education and Social Media and Networking at the Leadership Training event on **Saturday, February 4, from 9:00 am – 2:30 pm.** The training is being held at First United Methodist Church in Mesa, 15 E. First Ave. Keynote speaker is Central East District Superintendent Rev. Dr. Robert Burns. Registration is required. The cost of \$10 will cover a catered lunch. Register by **January 24** to save \$5. Cost will be \$15 after that date. The registration website is [www.desertsouthwestconference.org/east](http://www.desertsouthwestconference.org/east). You may contact the East District office at 480-854-1217 or [april@desertsw.org](mailto:april@desertsw.org) with any questions. Free childcare and children's programs will be available for infants through the 6<sup>th</sup> grade.



## VALENTINE DINNER AND DANCE

The annual all-church Valentine Dinner Party and Dance will be held on **Saturday, February 11,** from **6:00 to 10:00 pm** at Terrace Green at Viewpoint. A wonderful dinner will be served, followed by music for listening or dancing. April Stevens, whom we enjoyed last year, will be performing for us again. Tickets will be on sale this month. Contact Paul and Linda Thistlethwaite at [thistle@macomb.com](mailto:thistle@macomb.com) for information.



*.Submitted by Marilyn Husted,  
Co-Chairperson of Stewardship Committee*

Our Stewardship theme for 2011-12 is "Making a Difference . . . Reaching Out." Penny Gumser's story exemplifies how our actions can profoundly affect the lives of others, both within our church and in the community-at-large. Thank you, Penny, for sharing your story:

## A LABOR OF LOVE

Penny Gumser has been a member of our church for twenty-five years, dating back to when the worship service was held in Madsen Hall. She and her husband had moved here from Ohio, where they had been very involved in their church's building fund campaign. They visited several churches in Mesa, including Red Mountain UMC where they discovered the church was raising money to build a sanctuary. "Not another capital campaign," they said, and continued their search for a church home. Fortunately for us, they returned to our church where they felt welcome and could participate in many activities. And participate Penny has! She immediately joined the choir where she has been a member ever since. She was a member of Staff Parish for three years, two years of which she served as chairperson. Penny has been on the Board of Trustees, the Internet Ministry, Planned Giving Ministries, and was part of the Christmas project of Caring Ministries. Shortly after the planning stage of The Preschool began, Penny became a member of its board and represents its interests on the Finance Committee.

While Penny pursued her career as the Human Resources Supervisor for the Mesa Public Schools, she had a dream of starting a church-sponsored Holiday Boutique, featuring hand-crafted items. She retired in 2005, and presented her proposal to the Administrative Council. Penny relates, "There were three goals. #1--This would be a chance for women who love to do crafts to meet and form friendships. #2--The Boutique would attract people to the church from the community. #3--Money raised would be donated to The Preschool. With the approval of the Ad. Council and with the help of three or four women, the Boutique was inaugurated in 2005 and \$1,000 was donated that year."

Penny also shares, "All the goals have been met. Each year the Boutique just keeps getting bigger. We now have 14 to 16 crafters who meet in my home starting in January on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. By the beginning of fall, we will meet every week. This year the Boutique became a two-day event and our net proceeds were \$5,000 which will go to Children's Ministries. There are also several people who make items at home for the Boutique or donate supplies to the group. You don't need to be a member of Red Mountain to help. One of my good friends who formerly worked for the Mesa Public Schools became a regular member of the Crafters even though she lives in Chandler. Her husband had died and she was reluctant to go out. She told me that by participating in the group she now has her life back."

Penny's work has touched the lives of many people by providing opportunities for service, fellowship, and raising funds. She sums it up this way, "Red Mountain UMC is a great place to be. I'm amazed at how many people give their time and resources. I've been blessed and I'm glad to share what I can. It's been a labor of love."



# UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)

Submitted by Sue Killebrew

## OUR UMW PURPOSE

The organized unit of United Methodist Women is 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.

## UMW EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

President – Bonnie Smith – [user240546@aol.com](mailto:user240546@aol.com)  
Co-Vice Presidents – Linda Munsil – [linda@munsil.org](mailto:linda@munsil.org)  
Linda Thistlethwaite – [thistle@macomb.com](mailto:thistle@macomb.com)  
Secretary – GayLynn Brewer – [brewerinaz@cox.net](mailto:brewerinaz@cox.net)  
Treasurer – Carolyn Miller (call office for phone)

*All women are invited to all UMW events and Circle meetings, whether a member of the unit or not. Contact any of the officers listed above about any of our programming.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 7, 9:00 am** – Executive Council meets in Room 202

**January 22** – UMW Sunday

**January 28** – District Leadership Training

**February 18** – Fourscore and More Luncheon

## ARE YOU 80 OR MORE?

Those who have reached this milestone – **Men and Women alike** -- are invited to attend the Fourscore and More luncheon at **11:30 am on Saturday, February 18** in Madsen Hall. **Beginning in February**, check your mailbox for your special invitation to this special event. The UMW will be your hostesses and the Saturday morning United Methodist Men’s group will be serving you. You won’t want to miss out on the fun, food and music! If you do not receive an invitation, please call the church office.



## UMW READING PROGRAM

The 2012 Reading Program has arrived and we have a new, wide-selection of interesting books which will encourage us to be aware of the current issues of our world while also deepening our spirituality. Remember to check out one book at a time and return them in a timely manner. Here are some reviews:

*“Rediscovering Values: On Wall Street, Main Street, and Your Street” by Jim Wallis.*

Getting back to “the way things were” is not an option. It is time we take our economic uncertainty and use it to find some moral clarity. Too often we have been ruled by the maxims that greed is good, it’s all about me and I want it now. Those can be challenged only with some of our oldest and best values: enough is enough, we are in it together and thinking not just for tomorrow, but for future generations. “Rediscovering Values” shows that the solution to our problems will be found only if individuals, families, friends, churches, mosques, synagogues and entire communities wrestle with the question of values together.

*“Old Testament Prophets for Today” by Carolyn J. Sharp.*

Prophets can be mediators who connect us to the holiness of God. They can be idealists whose desires for humanity call us to new heights of God’s desire, and they can be companions for us in the confusing journey through our complicated world. In this book the author offers a lay-friendly introduction to some of the Old Testament’s most interesting – and often overlooked – prophets.



United Methodist Women and Circle meetings are a great place to make new friends, develop a spiritual link with each other, and provide outlets for valuable service projects. If you would like to be a part of a special group of women, contact any Circle chairperson listed below and join us at a meeting. We offer two evening groups and four daytime Circles.

## JANUARY CIRCLE MEETINGS

- Doves** – **Thursday, January 19, 1:00 pm** – Jan Crippen, hosting – Jan Crippen at [crippenaz@hotmail.com](mailto:crippenaz@hotmail.com)
- Faith** – **Tuesday, January 10, 6:00 pm** – Cindy Schott hosting -- Carol Taylor at [caroltmesa@cox.net](mailto:caroltmesa@cox.net)
- Grace** – **Tuesday, January 10, 6:30 pm in Rooms 203/204** – Lori Blankenship hosting -- Sue Killebrew at [skillebrew@gmail.com](mailto:skillebrew@gmail.com)
- Hope** – **Thursday, January 19, 9:15 am in Madsen Hall** -- Maxine Rathjen hosting – Evelyn Methfessel at [demeth@msn.com](mailto:demeth@msn.com) and Enez Litchfield at [enez@cox.net](mailto:enez@cox.net)
- Rebecca** -- **Thursday, January 19, 9:30 am** -- Roberta Rickey hosting – Program by Justa Center-- Verna Berndt at [cberndt2@cox.net](mailto:cberndt2@cox.net)
- Irene** – **Wednesday, January 18, 9:30 am in Madsen Hall** -- Betty Rose at [tombettyr@yahoo.com](mailto:tombettyr@yahoo.com)



Submitted by  
Phil Hartley,  
Treasurer



It's that time of year when your Finance Committee is full of hope. We are like the Magi of old who followed the star in the East hoping to discover the one who is to become the King of Kings. So we look to the generosity of all those who attend our church to, again, open their hearts and discover the joy of giving.

As you can see from the figures below, we are in need of a financially good December. The committee hopes that the church will recover our financial posture so that we can close the year on a positive note. And, remember, last year we were able to send a check to the Desert Southwest Conference to help make up the deficit caused by several churches that were unable to pay their full apportionments.

**General Ministries Fund**

	<u>Nov '11</u>	<u>Nov '10</u>	<u>Total to date '11</u>	<u>Total to date '10</u>
INCOME:	\$ 41,807	\$ 43,031	\$518,266	\$490,485
EXPENSES:	\$ 47,096	\$ 44,198	\$530,875	\$492,248
CHANGE:	(\$ 5,289)	(\$ 19167)	(\$ 12,609)	(\$ 1,763)

The Mortgage/Columbarium Fund has also gotten into the red. I understand that Estimates of Giving for this fund are up for next year. Hopefully, we will be able to get ourselves back into the black in 2012. It is exciting to watch our outstanding principal falling so rapidly. Because of our new lower interest rate, much more of our payment is going to reduce our debt.

**Mortgage/Columbarium Fund**

	<u>Oct. '11</u>	
INCOME:	\$ 11,631	Fund Balance: (\$ 3,650)
DISPERSED:		
Interest	\$ 3,470	
Principal	\$ 9,800	Total Mortgage
Columbarium	\$ 91	Principal: \$ 908,702
TOTAL	\$ 13,361	
SHORTAGE:	\$ 1,730	

As I write this, I recall the wonderful Christmas programs that so many have put so much effort and time into. We are truly blessed with devoted and talented people who unselfishly give of themselves so that we can all enjoy and grow in our knowledge of the true meaning of this special season.

This is also a time when your Finance Committee tries to develop the budget for next year. We use the estimate of giving cards to predict our total income. From input received from committee chairs and other persons with financial responsibilities, we estimate what our expenses will be. When we put it all together, we take the proposed budget to our Administrative Board for approval. One item in our budget this year that will be different is the inclusion of an item requested by the Staff Parish Committee to include a Family Ministries person to be paid from moneys that have accumulated from previous years that ended with an excess. These monies will be used to support a long-standing belief that Red Mountain UMC needs to do more in reaching out to serve families. This is an exciting venture that our church is undertaking.

The Finance Committee hopes that you all have a Happy and Healthy New Year.

**YOU ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

Submitted by Marilyn Husted, Stewardship Committee

Thank you for your very generous response to our 2012 pledge drive for both the General Ministries and the Mortgage Reduction Funds. Even with the downturn of the economy affecting many of our members and friends of the church, we estimate that total pledges will surpass those of last year.

However, financial resources are only part of what is contributed each year. Have you ever thought about the value of the time and talent contributed so freely by our congregation? Stop for a moment and think what it would cost if we had to pay for members of the Choir, the Bell Ringers, ushers, greeters, lay readers? How about those who organize and direct events such as Vacation Bible School, the Advent Fair, the spring BBQ? Consider the value of those who teach Sunday School (children and adult), classes at E.D.G.E. nights, including SPK and 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade fellowship? What would it cost to hire a van driver each Sunday or to operate the AV equipment during each service? Consider the work that goes into mission projects, including chaperoning the youth group trips to build homes for the less fortunate, raising money for a well in Sudan, or collecting needed items for homeless and low-income children. Then there are those who faithfully work in the office recording data, preparing mailing, answering the phone. Don't forget those who oversee our finances and donate their time auditing the church's books. The upgrading and on-going maintenance of our buildings and grounds depends so much on those volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes. The list can go on and on. We are so grateful to each of you for using the gifts that God has given you. As we continue to expand our ministries, let's not forget to thank those who make Red Mountain United Methodist Church such a vital force in the lives of each of our members, our community, and in the world around us. (see article on page 6)



## **MISSION MOMENTS**

*Submitted by Carolyn Ball,  
from the Prayer Calendar*

When I began the process of becoming a United Methodist deaconess in 2008, I could not have foreseen how much I

would learn. Before doing coursework in United Methodist doctrine and polity, I never knew of the important role women have played in the social justice movement in the United Methodist Church and in the world. I had never heard of a “social justice movement,” nor did I know that Methodist women have been instrumental in bringing social justice issues to the forefront. For 300 years, these women and their male counterparts have founded and instituted numerous organizations that have served marginalized people in every walk of life. I look forward to joining the ranks of Methodist deaconesses.

***Deaconess Lisa Bachman, employee welfare facilitator with Measurement Inc. and evangelism group leader with new Sharon United Methodist Church, North Carolina Annual Conference***

As a deaconess, I often share stories of my work in inner-city schools. One of the United Methodist Women units I visited meets the needs of many students by donating belts. The students come to school with hand-me-down pants from older brother or a parent, and they are often embarrassed! It takes only a belt to make students who can keep their heads- and their pants-up. Who could imagine the myriad ways United Methodist Women reaches out to eradicate the ravages of poverty!

***Deaconess Mary Melvin, counselor, School District of Hillsborough County, Florida***



My heartfelt “thank you” for all who helped with the Thanksgiving Dinner. Thanks to all who worked in the kitchen, set up tables and chairs, provided pies, served the food, and then cleaned it all up

afterwards. The help and effort volunteered is greatly appreciated by all of our church! It truly is an “all church” event and wouldn’t be a success without each and every one of you!  
*-- Carol Byerley*

Thanks to all of you for the socks and underwear! We really appreciate your donations.

*Sincerely, The Jefferson School Staff*



## ***Recently In the Hospital***

***Karen Peterson  
Shelley Bott  
Susan Thorpe  
JoAn Coffey  
Georgia Mills  
Jennifer Baptist***



### **IN MEMORIAM**

***Wally Abraham  
8/26/1936 – 11/24/2011***

***Del Flear  
12/20/1924 – 12/11/2011***

***Cynthia Armstrong, death of her father  
Walt Bartlow, death of his father  
Heather Duncan, death of her father***

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# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

<b>1</b>	Sara Gewarkis Kaylie Maldonado Fred Nicola	<b>17</b>	Joshua Richardson Ginny Shriver
<b>2</b>	Jacob Maldonado	<b>18</b>	Chip Cooper Judy Dunn Penny Gumser
<b>4</b>	Marian Bentz Laura Lucas Mike Reardon	<b>19</b>	Jean Miller Matthew Reardon Jon Woodyard
<b>5</b>	Andrew Enos	<b>20</b>	Dustin Dalmacio Myron Williams
<b>6</b>	Kayla Griffin Nicole Moses	<b>21</b>	Rachel Brackney Elisia Cabrera Elias Cabrera Dorothy Kroeger Brady Willis
<b>7</b>	Michael Brooks Will Cullins Paige Downin Richard McGee Nick Pulizzano Abigail Warnick	<b>22</b>	Susan Knott Paul Prinsloo
<b>8</b>	Brenda Ellis	<b>25</b>	James Downin Terry Johnson Todd Wooton
<b>9</b>	Ruth Buescher Karen Rauls	<b>26</b>	Shane Taylor Donna Wolfe
<b>10</b>	Tessie Adams Marilyn Kingma Jimmie Payne	<b>27</b>	Fred Byas
<b>11</b>	Kristina Arnold Roberta Rickey	<b>28</b>	Raven Godfrey Myra Moir
<b>12</b>	George Blare	<b>29</b>	Ginger Abraham GayLynn Brewer
<b>14</b>	Benjamin Blankenship Liam Enos	<b>30</b>	Elsie Tennant
<b>15</b>	Holly Moore	<b>31</b>	Jim Hedges Carol Redmore
<b>16</b>	Eugene Ball		



*We apologize for missing an anniversary in December:  
December 26 -- Gene and Carolyn Ball – 41 years*



<b>1</b>	<i>Clint and Verna Berndt -- 57 years Dwight and JoAnn Epperson -- 32 years Paul and Anita Prinsloo -- 14 years</i>
<b>2</b>	<i>Jeff and Seema Ferm -- 32 years</i>
<b>5</b>	<i>Robyn and Dorothy Tangeman -- 55 years</i>
<b>6</b>	<i>Andrew and Melissa Enos -- 11 years</i>
<b>7</b>	<i>Ken and Mary Hershner -- 31 years</i>
<b>22</b>	<i>Larry and Mary Kay Lininger -- 1 year Charles and Bonnie Smith -- 53 years</i>
<b>24</b>	<i>Larry and Sonja Coffelt -- 48 years</i>
<b>29</b>	<i>Harris and Dorothy Albright -- 68 years</i>



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