



- ♦ January 1st @ 11:00a– Youth Sunday
- ♦ January 8th @ 11:00a– Wesley Covenant Service
- ♦ January 11th @ 5:00p– Wonderful Wednesday/Youth Resume
- ♦ January 11th @ 6:00p– Family Night Supper
- ♦ January 11th @ 7:00p– Choir Practice Resumes
- ♦ January 15th @ 12:00p– Annual Planning Meeting
- ♦ January 25th @ 6:00p– Family Night Supper
- ♦ January 29th @ 4:30p– Youth Parents’ meeting



## SOME THINGS ARE JUST RIGHT!

Somewhere between a long time ago and a really long time ago Inez Mize came to serve God and this congregation as Church Treasurer.

However, she has not limited her loving service to a job description. Instead she has offered her hands, her feet, her eyes and ears, her car, her time, and her money to anyone and everyone in need. We have all been blessed by her untiring faithfulness to God and to us.

Inez has given her notice that she will retire at the end of January 2012.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee has set aside Sunday, January 29, 2012 as a day to honor Inez. We will meet in Fellowship Hall at 10:00 a.m. for a “come and go” time to have some refreshments, brag on Inez, give her a hug, and celebrate with her and her family.”

You are also invited to contribute toward an “HONOR INEZ” fund that will be given to her on the morning of January 29 during morning worship.

Wouldn’t you agree that this is just right?

Blessings,

*David*



Two simple words, “Thank You” are hardly enough to express the gratitude felt by each of us for the kindness of our FUMC Church family. Even during these difficult times, your generosity endures. THANK YOU for the blessings bestowed upon us through the Christmas Love Offering. We are grateful for the opportunities we have to serve our Church and its Congregation and looking forward to the new year. If we can be of help to you, please let us know. Thank you and God Bless!

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| David Bowen     | Johnnie Blair   |
| Trish Edwards   | Al Fleming      |
| Lynn Gibson     | Dynelle Johnson |
| Shannon Knutsen | Janni Martin    |
| Inez Mize       | Kaysi Mize      |
| Renee Moon      | Chris Sales     |
| Kim Savage      |                 |



**Our Annual Calendar Planning meeting will be held on Sunday, January 15th at 12:00p in the Family Life Center.**



**Adult Choir Practice will resume on January 11<sup>th</sup>.**



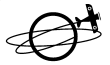
**Monday, January 9th @ 6:00p-** UMW Executive Committee meeting  
**Tuesday, January 10th @ 7:00p-** PPR Committee meeting



**Circle 5 will be on January 17th at 7:00p in the Fellowship Hall.**



We are in the midst of redesigning the church's website which currently is at [www.CommerceFUMC.org](http://www.CommerceFUMC.org). Please take a look at the current website. If you feel we need to add or delete some information somewhere, better organize information, or if you would like to help manage the website, please contact Tom Murphy, [murcon@murcon.com](mailto:murcon@murcon.com) or 706.693.7126.



**Sponsors of children in Guatemala:**

There are two opportunities to travel to Guatemala, visit the ministry and meet your child.

MISSION TRIP

**Summer Envision trip**--leaves 7/16/12 and returns 7/25. Cost is \$400 + the cost of your plane ticket. The \$400 covers all room, board and transportation within Guatemala. This trip will allow you to see various aspects of the ministry. The highlight of the trip will be meeting your sponsored child. I have 6 available slots on a "first come, first served" basis. This is a wonderful and rare opportunity. Most adult trips leave during the school year and I've been on the list for a summer adult trip for 3 years!

**Construction trip**--There is an opportunity for healthy men with the ability to assist in construction to travel with the construction team. These men must raise their funds in order for the group to cover the cost of construction materials. I do not have dates or exact cost on these trips. If you are interested please let me know and I'll get you in touch with the construction director.

Thanks for all you do for the kids in Guatemala,  
 Janni (770.605.3812)



Members of the body of Christ will be joining together with members of Commerce First United Methodist Church, to serve on a mission team to Honduras . We will be returning to La Higuera. **The team will be serving in Honduras from February 4th through February 11th.** In order to prepare for this mission trip, team members are asking for donations of supplies for this trip. Supplies needed include:

**School/Craft Supplies** - Any Books in Spanish, Glue Bottles, Pencils, White Paper, Construction Paper, Cardboard Puzzles, Crayons, Tape, Colored Tissue Paper, Small Scissors, Paper Plates, Cotton Balls, Googly Eyes, Spanish games: Memory Game/ Bingo/Flashcards, Stamp Pads, Bubbles, Pipe Cleaners, Stickers, Yarn, Clothespins, Paper Lunch Bags, Play Dough, Paint Sponges, Aluminum Foil, Hard Candy, Leather Necklace Cord, Colored Beads, and Popsicle Sticks.

**Children's Hygiene Supplies** - Toothbrushes/toothpaste, vitamins, band-aids, ointments, Tylenol, combs, hairbrushes, shampoos, and soaps. Donated items can be left inside the "Honduras Mission Trip" boxes located just inside the back doors of the church and the Fellowship hall. Wednesday, February 1st, is the last day to drop off items.

The mission team will be involved in a variety of construction projects including:

- Building/repairing a chimney to help reduce the incidence of upper respiratory diseases;
- Pouring cement floors to help reduce infection by parasites from dirt floors;
- Building latrines to help the fight against diseases;
- Building room additions to reduce the cross infection and provide some privacy;
- Replacing roofs to reduce the incidence of Chagas disease from thatched roofs.

# Praise and Prayer

Kathy Wolfe, request of Rose Richard, prayers for continued healing  
 Charles Matthews, brother of Carolyn Stephenson, prayers for peace and healing  
 Joe Gibson, nephew of Judy Paugh, prayers for healing, needs kidney transplant  
 Betty Kincheloe, request of Judy Paugh, prayers for healing, finished chemo  
 Mike Myers, request of Joel Beauchamp, prayers for healing, lung cancer  
 Cathy Cummings, sister-in-law of Linda Brake, prayers for healing, undergoing radiation  
 Bev Nesbit, prayers for healing  
 Doris Parr, prayers for healing, continuing non-chemo meds  
 Steve Ward, nephew of Arlene Bolton, prayers for healing, receiving treatment in TX  
 Stan Hodsdon, prayers for healing of eyesight  
 Jackie Whitfield, prayers for healing  
 Ray Wright, friend of Art & Rose Richard, prayers for healing, cancer diagnosis  
 Don Brown, friend of FUMC, prayers for healing  
 Tommy Siegel, prayers for healing, at home  
 Kay Franklin, sister of Att Stephenson, prayers for healing  
 Robert Crum, request of Betty Hoyt, prayers for peace and healing  
 Sandy and Ron Rinehart, request of Jeff Sheffield, prayers for healing  
 Danielle Frazier, mother of Jacob Bailey, prayers for healing  
 Shannon Anderson, daughter of Judy Jacks, prayers for healing  
 Ruby Huss, mother of David Huss, prayers for healing, hospitalized in ICU at Emory  
 Kale Corbett, son of Brandy and Tim Corbett, prayers for healing, needs bone marrow  
 Debra Moore, grandmother of Jacob Bailey, prayers for healing after surgery  
 Amanda Segree, request of Disciple 3, prayers for healing, battling cancer  
 Stanley Seagraves, prayers for healing, upcoming diagnostics  
 Leona and Grover Martin, prayers for healing, at home  
 Kathy Gifford, request of Sara McClure, prayers for healing  
 Thomas Bond, request of Roger and Nadine Waters, prayer for healing  
 Debra Gaines, sister-in-law of Nancy Gaines, prayers for healing  
 Rita Harris, friend of Jim and Shelley Williamson, prayers for healing  
 Jodi Rae Ingstad, friend of Jim and Shelley Williamson, prayers for healing  
 Mike Hand, brother-in-law of Brenda Meadows, prayers for healing  
 Kenneth Whitlow, brother of Billie Bowen, prayers for healing after surgery  
 Patsy Payne, BCES teacher, prayers for healing  
 Tom Williams, at home and healing  
 Donald Giddens, uncle of Gina Hagan, prayers for healing  
 Walter Cronin, father of Sandy Willkomm, prayers for healing  
 Brandi Angel, request of Rory McClintock, prayers for healing after surgery  
 Dennis Bergmann, son-in-law of Anna Diemond, prayers for healing, upcoming surgery  
 Cary Seltzer, cousin of Marty Seltzer, prayers for healing, for kidney and heart problems  
 Yolani, 8 years old, prayers for healing after surgery  
 Joel Benton, son of Lucy Benton, prayers for healing, undergoing radiation  
 Jessica Smith, request Whitney Bergmann, prayer for healing  
 Ernestine Dickerson, mother of Mackie Nix, prayers for healing after broken hip  
 Kelsey Harbin, prayers for healing after ankle injury  
 Dola Rector, prayers for healing  
 Sandra Rainey-Perry, request of Peggy Purcell, prayers for healing  
 Heather Wilkie, request of Michele Gaissert, prayers for healing  
 Mandy Prescott, niece of Chris Harmon, prayers for healing  
 Mary Corkery, request of Shelley Williamson, prayers for healing  
 Sammy Ingram, father of Samantha Whitfield, prayers for healing  
 Lynn Boyskin, sister of Sharon Williamson, prayers for healing  
 Dubose Tuller, request of Pam and Tony Barnett, prayers for healing  
 David Kee, request of Tom Murphy, prayers for healing  
 Jason Puryear, request of Jeff Sheffield, prayers for healing



## *Second Sunday Report*

### **The Results:**

#### **December 11th-**

Our Congregation brought  
 23 bags of breakfast food  
 and other assorted food  
 items!

#### **Our Next Challenge:**

January 8th-

#### **Soup and Crackers**

Also, there is always a  
 need for Breakfast Items  
 and Instant Potatoes.

Please remember, if for some  
 reason you cannot attend  
 church on the second  
 Sunday, you can always  
 drop items off at the church  
 office.

Cash contributions are also  
 accepted and appreciated.

## Serving this month:

### Worship in January

**January 1st -**  
Youth Sunday

**January 8th -**  
Wesley Covenant  
Service

**January 15th -**  
John 1:43-51

**January 22nd-**  
Mark 1:14-20

**January 29th-**  
Mark 1:21-28

### Acolytes:

- Week 1- Makayla Malner
- Week 2- Rachel Aiken
- Week 3- Emily Aiken
- Week 4- Lydia Hooper
- Week 5- Logan Cassidy

### Altar Guild:

Judy Paugh, Doris Smith, Rita Farris and  
Sadie Beauchamp

### Ushers:

TBA

### Trustee:

Roger Beauchamp

### Greeters:

### Children's Church:

- Week 1- No C.C.
- Week 2- Jessica Outz
- Week 3- John & Kelly Cassidy
- Week 4- Stewart & McKenzie Smith
- Week 5- Rory & Jennifer McClintock

### Counters:

- Week 1- Dave Moon, Art Richard
- Week 2- Tom Murphy, Al Fleming
- Week 3- Jack Legg, Marty Seltzer
- Week 4- Jimmy Bolton, Lee Hagan
- Week 5- Dave Moon, Art Richard

### Kitchen Crew:

Linda Lamb (Co-chair), Lisa Maddox,  
Sadie Beauchamp, Carol McFadden,  
Barbara Sweetser, and Roger Beauchamp

## Birthdays

- 1/1 Samantha Clark, Ashlynn Harbin, Inez Mize, Caden Carlyle
- 1/4 Mary Ann Allison, Sadie Beauchamp
- 1/5 Jan Roe, Jason Phillips
- 1/7 Rita Farris
- 1/9 Scott Martin
- 1/10 Chartee Pratt, Janet Hodsdon
- 1/12 Margie Brown, Rory McClintock
- 1/16 Bill Warnell, Bryan Harbin, Zoe Phillips
- 1/19 Paul Lupica
- 1/24 April Lupica, Matt Sears
- 1/25 Lisa Marshburn, Annabel Seltzer
- 1/26 Rick Massey
- 1/27 Tyler Wilson, Tim Knutsen
- 1/29 Laura Bruce, Colin Knutsen
- 1/30 Tara Beauchamp, Starla Klugh, Sid Major, Joe Tiller
- 1/31 Marie Canady, Barbara Reid

## Anniversaries

- 1/12 Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Parham
- 1/20 Drs. Sam and Joanna Suarez
- 1/25 Mr. and Mrs. Chad Gregory





## UMW REPORT

*UMW NEWS* Our Church's Unit of United Methodist Women would like to once again thank each and every member of our congregation for all of the support and participation that you have so willingly and generously given to all of our mission projects, mission education studies, and other activities throughout this past year. With your help, 2011 was a very successful year for our UMW unit. For 4 consecutive years, our unit has achieved the Gold Mission Today Unit status, which is the highest level of achievement; and we could not have done this without you.

There is one major change to our structure that will take effect in January and that is the merging of two current circles to form one newly named circle. Deborah Circle and Circle 2 are joining together to form a stronger circle and have chosen a new name, which is "Hannah Circle".

Following the magnificent Cantata that our choir performed for us on December 18<sup>th</sup>, we held a reception, which was hosted by UMW with the help of all the women of the church who prepared wonderful goodies. I would like to especially thank Sadie Beauchamp and Gina Hagan for heading up and coordinating this reception. As usual, they did an outstanding job!

There is a rule for UMW that a unit President can only serve 4 consecutive years; therefore, since this is my fourth year, my extended term will end December 31<sup>st</sup>. I would like to take this opportunity to say how much I have enjoyed serving with all the wonderful ladies on the Executive Committee and working with all of our UMW members. It has been a joy and a privilege to serve in this capacity as we have worked to fulfill our missions; and I, personally, thank each member of our congregation for being such caring, generous, and loving people.

The Executive Committee that will be leading our UMW unit in 2012 is as follows:

President:	Chris Harmon
Vice President:	Kathleen Hooper
Secretary:	Donna Wilson
Treasurer:	Gina Hagan
Secretary of Program Resources:	Stacey Oxley
Mission Coordinators:	
Spiritual Growth:	Brenda Meadows
Nurturing for Community:	Rita Farris
Social Action:	K. Ellen Hagan
Education for Mission:	Patty Griffith
Publicity & Historian:	Kelly Cassidy
Membership Chairman:	Susan Gieler
Pastor:	David Bowen
Circle Chairs:	
Hannah Circle:	Linda Lamb and Arlene Bolton
Circle III	Kim Savage
Circle V	Donna Wilson and Susan Gieler

Again, we truly appreciate all of your support. We hope your Christmas was a wonderful celebration of our Lord and Savior's birth, which you shared with loved ones, and that the New Year will be a year filled with love, faith, good health, peace and joy. May God bless you and walk beside each of you in 2012.

Judy Paugh  
UMW President



## Welcome to Our World

By Chris Rice

Tears are falling, hearts are breaking  
How we need to hear from God.  
You've been promised, we've been waiting-  
Welcome Holy Child!  
Welcome Holy Child!

Hope that you don't mind our manger;  
How I wish we would have known,  
But long-awaited Holy Stranger,  
Make Yourself at home.  
Please make Yourself at home.

Bring Your peace into our violence.  
Bid our hungry souls be filled.  
Word now breaking Heaven's silence,  
Welcome to our world.  
Welcome to our world.

**Thank you** for participating in the Mary and Joseph Traveling Doll Project during this Advent season.  
Your graciousness helped prepare us for the arrival of Baby Jesus as they traveled throughout our church community!

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### **From the Desk of Rev. Lynn Gibson, Minister to Youth & Children...**

Happy New Year!

Thinking about the concept of “new” . . . . as in the coming New Year, I just had to go to the dictionary. I found a lot of definitions for ‘new:’ (1) being other than the former or old; (2) having been in a relationship or condition but a short time; (3) different from one of the same category that has existed previously; (4) of dissimilar origin and usually of superior quality.

The definitions show us that with “new” things there is change and generally the hope of something better than the former – my new shoes will be cuter than the old ones (other than the former shoes). My new car will get better gas mileage (different from the same category - car - that previously existed). My new TV will have a bigger or better picture (of superior quality). As I write this article, the New Year is still more than a week away, but very soon, I will start wishing others Happy New Year, just as they wish me a Happy New Year. Perhaps in the New Year, you and I will get a new pair of shoes, a new car or a new TV. But will those things produce the Happy New Year we are wishing each other? I don’t think so.

God understands “new.” And God understands, better than I do, what I need that is new. The new shoes or new TV, while fun, won’t impact my life significantly. Even the new car will not have eternal significance. My “old” life is one of self-seeking . . . looking out, first of all, for my own needs. What I need is the new work Jesus Christ can do in my life. I need to be the new creation he has given his life for. I need to be one who loves God and loves neighbor out of an overflow of Christ’s love in my life. What a wonderful promise we have in Jesus Christ. In this New Year (actually anytime) “if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!” (2 Corinthians 5:17) Happy New Year indeed!

#### ***Children’s ministries:***

Wednesday, Jan 11: Wonderful Wednesday resumes 5-6 pm

We are planning a family event later in January. Watch your emails for details!



#### ***Youth ministries:***

Sunday, Jan 1: Youth Sunday (no Youth Sunday evening) Happy New Year

Wednesday, Jan 4: No Youth (Christmas holidays)

Sunday, Jan 8: no hand bells, no evening Youth (Christmas holidays)

Wednesday, Jan 11: Youth Wednesday resumes 5-6 pm – Ron Wilson will be sharing with the youth

Sunday, Jan 15: 9:30 hand bells, 5:30-7 Dinner/Bible Study

Wednesday, Jan 18: game night 5-6 pm

Sunday, Jan 22: 9:30 hand bells, 5 -7 painting the youth room (all painters welcome!!)

Wednesday, Jan 25: Mission project 5-6 pm

Sunday, Jan 29: 9:30 hand bells; 4:30 pm Youth parent meeting; 5:30- 7 Dinner/Bible Study





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