

# NORTHERN BOULEVARD UNITED METHODIST CIRCUIT RIDER

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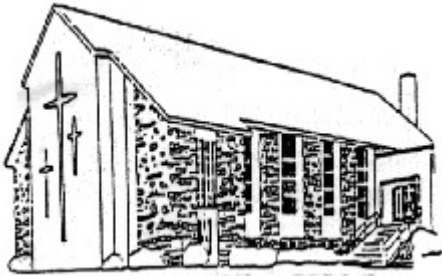
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Northern Boulevard United Methodist Church is a community of Christians serving Christ through worship, education, fellowship, and service.



December 20, 2009

## Christmas Eve Services

Please be sure to invite all your family and friends to come with you to our Christmas Eve Services. There are a couple of options for you to come to depending on your schedule.

Come and Go Communion will be from 5:00pm to 6:30pm. At 7:00pm we will have the candlelight Communion Service.

## Sympathy

We have recently lost two members of Northern Blvd. United Methodist Church.

Margaret Butcher passed away on November 29<sup>th</sup>. She is the sister-in-law of Margie Carlock and Shirley Marsh, and Dorothy Harvey passed away on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

We pray that God will comfort all who are dealing with the loss of these dear family members and friends.

## Monthly Collections

For the month of December we are collecting Facial Tissue, Bath Tissue and Wet Wipes for Crossroads Homeless Shelter. In January we will collect Baby Wipes.

For the Food Pantry in December we are collecting Canned Dinners (beef stew, chili, chicken & dumplings, etc.). In January we will be collecting soup and crackers for "Souper" Bowl.



## New Year's Potluck

Please plan on staying after church on Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> for a New Year's Potluck. We'll be bringing in the New Year and have birthday recognitions as well. Please bring a dish to share and your own table service.

### OUR STEWARDSHIP OF PRESENCE & GIFTS

#### ATTENDANCE

Worship	11/22	63
	11/29	94
	12/6	62
Sunday School	12/13	67
	11/22	30
	11/29	32
	12/6	27
	12/13	25

#### OFFERING

11/22	\$1,605
11/29	\$3,163
12/6	\$3,779
12/13	\$1,864

Noisy Offering for 11/22-12/13 \$163.48  
Budget Needed Weekly in 2009 \$2,987

ELEVATOR FUND	\$30
MEMORIAL FUND	\$295
BUILDING FUND	\$200
COOKBOOK FUND	\$20

<u>MISSIONAL GIVING:</u>	<u>To Date</u>	<u>Remaining</u>
Conference Apportionments	\$5,369	\$11,134
District Apportionments	\$1,650	\$350
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mile Goals	\$2,876	\$99

November's income was \$1,786.58 more than expenses.

General Fund Total as of 12/16/09: **\$ - 17,311.02**

## **Prayer for Christmas**

O almighty God, by the birth of Your holy child Jesus You gave us a great light to dawn on our darkness. Grant that in His light we may see light. Bestow upon us that most excellent Christmas gift of love to all people, so that the likeness of Your Son may be formed in us, and that we may have the ever brightening hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

## **United Methodist Men**

The United Methodist Men met on Sunday, November 22, for their monthly breakfast meeting. Those present were: Morris and Bettijeane Evans, Fran and Jack Curry, J.D.Owsley, Mike Amerine, Cy Fields, Chuck Harvey, Bob Becker, and Revs. Sally and Randy DeMasters. Rev. Sally asked the blessing, and all enjoyed a great breakfast.

Morris read a letter from the national organization of United Methodist Men, concerning the charter. He also read a humorous item off the Internet, about the weather conditions in hell.

We discussed the District United Men's Breakfast which we hosted on Saturday, November 14. It went very well, and about 60 attended.

Rev. Sally went over the church calendar, as well as the state of the church finances.

As this is the time of year for the disbursements to be made, that was also discussed. It was voted that the group give \$1100 to the church general fund. Thank you!

Rev. Randy spoke of a project at Mount Calvary United Methodist Church, to send Christmas presents to those stationed on the Nimitz, in the Middle East.

There being no further business, the meeting ended.

## **Thank You**

Dear friends,

Thank you for your love and prayers concerning the loss of my mother. Your friendship means a lot.

Julie Yancey

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Thank you to all for your kindness and sympathy in the death of Margaret Butcher, for the wonderful dinner served by the United Methodist Women, and to Rev. Sally for the many visits in the past two years to see Margaret and for always being there for us.

God bless you all.  
Family of Margaret Butcher  
(Margie Carlock & Shirley Marsh)

## **Office Closed**

During this holiday season, the church office will be closed from December 24<sup>th</sup> through January 1<sup>st</sup>. We hope and pray you all have a very blessed Christmas and a happy New Year.

## **Newsletter Deadline**

If you would like to put an article in the next newsletter, please make sure it is in January 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **Worship Service**

Starting in January we will go back to having the Sunday morning worship services in the chapel.

## **Something from Sally**

Dear Friends,

As we get nearer and nearer to the celebration of the birth of our Savior, we need to focus on **what** that means to us.

It is more than a birthday party. And as one church in Ohio puts it, it isn't **your** birthday.

Jesus was born into this world to be with us and to bring us salvation. The "with us" part is expressed in one name by which He is called, Emmanuel, which means "God with us." The "salvation" part is expressed in Savior, another title for Jesus.

These have been, are, and will always be great and wonderful gifts from God! We have been blessed enormously by having Jesus live on this earth, and teach us what God would have us do. And the blessing of salvation is eternal, from the moment we accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior, on into forever!

Let us keep these blessings in mind and heart as we participate in the rest of the celebration of Christmas.

May we all have a blessed and glorious Christmas this year,

*Rev. Sally*

*"And the angel said to them, 'Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.'"*

*Luke 2: 10*

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