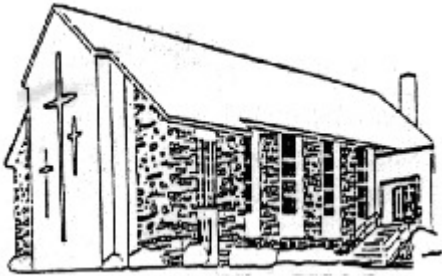


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serving Christ through worship, education, fellowship, and service.



November 22, 2009

Upcoming Events

- Advent Bible Study: Nov. 29th - Dec. 20th during the Sunday School hour in the Cook Room as well as on Tuesday mornings at 10:00am (December 1-22nd). On Tuesday, December 8th it will start at 9:30am.
- Hanging of the Greens Service: Sunday, November 29th - We will have a very special guest.
- United Methodist Women's Unit Meeting and Christmas Program: Saturday, December 5, 10am.
- Potato Bar & Work Day: Sunday, December 6th, after church.
- Administrative Board Meeting: Sunday, December 13th, after church.
- Newsletter Deadline: Tuesday, December 15th.
- New Year Potluck Lunch: Sunday, January 3rd, after church (please bring your own table service).

Community Thanksgiving Service

The Independence Ministerial Alliance is holding a Thanksgiving worship service for all the community on Sunday, November 22, at 3:00 p.m. at the First Christian Church (125 S. Pleasant). This will be a musical worship service, with the theme of thankfulness, especially thankfulness for the blessings of living in the United States of America. A combined choir from First United Methodist Church, First Presbyterian Church, and First Christian Church will sing the anthem, and there will also be lots of congregational singing of Thanksgiving and patriotic hymns and songs.

The collection received at the service will be divided between the Salvation Army Crossroads homeless shelter, Hillcrest Ministries, and Community Services League, for those in need who live in our community. The host church, First Christian, will provide refreshments afterwards.

Monthly Collections



For the month of November we will be collecting non-alcoholic allergy and cold medicine for Crossroads Homeless Shelter. In December we will collect Facial Tissue, Bath Tissue and Wet Wipes.

For the Food Pantry in November we will collect Soup and Crackers (as well as mittens/gloves or money for the special Christmas collection). In December we will collect Canned Dinners (beef stew, chili, chicken & dumplings, etc.).

OUR STEWARDSHIP OF PRESENCE & GIFTS

ATTENDANCE

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|---------------|-------|----|
| Worship | 11/8 | 59 |
| | 11/15 | 59 |
| Sunday School | 11/8 | 24 |
| | 11/15 | 26 |

OFFERING

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|-------------------------------|-------|---------|
| | 11/8 | \$1,344 |
| | 11/15 | \$1,303 |
| Noisy Offering for 11/8-11/15 | | \$76.74 |
| Budget Needed Weekly in 2009 | | \$2,987 |

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| ELEVATOR FUND | | \$25 |
| MEMORIAL FUND | | \$50 |

| <u>MISSIONAL GIVING:</u> | <u>To Date</u> | <u>Remaining</u> |
|----------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Conference Apportionments | \$5,369 | \$11,134 |
| District Apportionments | \$1,650 | \$350 |
| 2 nd Mile Goals | \$2,577 | \$398 |

October's income was \$158.19 less than expenses.

General Fund Total as of 11/17/09: **\$ - 11,448.54**

Church Finances/Electronic Pledge Drive

Last Sunday, there was a brief congregational meeting about the church finances. Right now, we are having serious problems in this area. We are taking several measures to alleviate this. We are making as many cuts in spending as possible, without harming the ministry of the church, both to those within the church membership and to those in our community. One of our measures will be to cut costs in communication, by using electronic means whenever possible. Of course, that includes this newsletter.

In order to plan financially for the church in 2010, we are asking everyone to consider their plans to give to the church. Please give this some serious thought, and please ask God's guidance. Our church really needs help in this way, and the participation of every member will be greatly appreciated. Then, some time before the end of this year of 2009, you are asked to make a pledge to give to the church next year.

Below you will find 3 boxes for this. One section is for the amount, and way you will be giving to the church. (You can specify by week, month, or year.) This section will NOT have your name on it, unless that is what you prefer. This section is to be put in the offering plate, or dropped off or mailed to the church office.

Another section is that you have made a pledge to the church, and therefore do not need to be asked about it.

The last section is for you to keep, the amount you plan to give to the church in 2010.

In this way, everyone's privacy will be protected as he or she chooses, and the Finance Committee will be able to plan better.

My commitment to the church for 2010:

_____/week or _____/month
or _____/year.

(Please turn this form in)

I/my household has made a commitment to give to Northern Boulevard United Methodist Church.

Signature: _____
(Please turn this form in)

I/my household will serve God financially for the year of 2010 by giving _____ to Northern Boulevard United Methodist Church.

(Keep for your records)

Rebecca's Vacation

Rebecca Henning will be out of the office on Wednesday, November 25th and Tuesday, December 1st through Thursday, December 3rd. Please take into consideration that the bulletins will be printed up a week in advance during her vacation time. So if you have items you would like in the bulletin, please get them to her as soon as possible. We have had all the days volunteered for except one (Thursday, December 3rd). If you can help on that day, please let Rebecca know by calling the church office at 252-7977.

Upcoming Changes

Do to the church finances, decisions had to be made on how we could cut back on spending. Here is a list of some of the things that will be changing:

- We will no longer be having Biscuits and Gravy as a fundraiser.
- We will be printing less bulletins and on less expensive white paper once we run out of the colored paper.
- The newsletter will be printed once a month starting in December. We will email it to those who have email, and will have printed copies out in the foyer for those without email to pick up when they are at the church. We will mail them to the shut-ins.
- We will not renew our subscription for the Children's Bulletins when it expires.
- We will be canceling the special Yellow Pages and Examiner Ads when time to renew.
- We are asking all who take an Upper Room Devotional to please donate money to cover the cost for those.
- We will hold the worship service in the chapel (except for November 29th through December 27th).
- We are keeping the thermostats set lower when we are here, and even lower when there are no meetings.

Something from Sally

Dear Friends,

The Evangelism Committee needs your help for a Christmas project! No, it doesn't involve crafts or cooking or music. What is needed is prayer and welcoming words.

The project is to bring as many people to our church on Christmas Eve as possible. There are two services. The Come-and-Go Communion service is from 5-6:30 p.m. Worshipers come to church during this time, receive Communion and are welcome to stay a while in the Sanctuary. The other service is at 7:00 p.m., a full worship time with candlelight, Communion, and beautiful Christmas music. Both are on Thursday, December 24.

Where you come in is that you think of someone you would like to invite to this service. Right now, write down his, her, or their names, and begin praying for this to happen. You are asked to pray about this daily, until sometime in December (say between December 10 and 23). Then, when the time seems right invite this person or persons to church.

To help you do this, there will be reminders in the bulletin and newsletter, and also a beautiful postcard to hand to whoever you are inviting. The rest of the Christmas postcards will be mailed out to others in our neighborhood. (The mailing costs for this have been covered through some wonderful generosity!)

Will you help with this? We have so much to share and offer—the celebration of Jesus' birth, the Good News he brought of God's love and forgiveness, and our wonderful Christmas Sanctuary. Let's make this a Christmas to remember, ministering to as many folks as possible—members, friends, relatives, acquaintances, neighbors, and strangers!

May God bless you,

*“Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah
took place in this way . . .”*

Matthew 1: 18a

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