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December 2009



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AN APPALACHIAN CHRISTMAS

Presented by the Choir of Haslett Community Church

Sunday, December 20th, 2009 During Morning Worship

This year the choir is presenting the Christmas story through the words and music of Appalachia. The music from this culture recalls to us the simple poverty into which Jesus was born, the King of kings born in a manger. The haunting words and melodies, some of them familiar folk tunes hundreds of years old, contain a stark beauty, and gentle solemnity and acceptance seldom found in the more "traditional" music of Christmas. There is a plainness here that somehow transports the message of Christmas simply and beautifully in its (sometimes) hollow harmonies and elemental force.

Musicians from our church and

from the Circle of Friends, an acoustic folk group which meets here at our church monthly, will be providing accompaniment on mandolin, fiddle, guitar, hammered dulcimer, mountain dulcimer, flute, hand-chimes, and penny whistle, along with Barbara on the piano and wind chimes. How blessed we are to have these authentic instruments to assist us this year!

We hope you will be able to attend and begin the final week of your Christmas preparations with the simple serenity of an Appalachian Christmas. Please join the musicians after the service for mulled cider and a variety of homemade cornbreads.

A Letter & Invitation from Erin

My dear HCC family,

As I write this, I am sitting curled up on the couch in my new home. I find myself overcome with emotion when I think about the endless list of saints who gave of their time and their money to make the parsonage into an inviting and warm place for me to move into. I am at a loss of how to begin to thank this congregation for the endless amount of love and the countless hours of hard work and sweat that went into sprucing up the parsonage. We're all familiar with the saying, "home is where the heart is," and it is true, for the parsonage was home for me even before I moved my first box in, all because all of the people of Haslett Community Church poured their hearts into making it my new home.

As a token of my thanks, I invite the entire congregation to an open-house following worship on December 13th. There will be coffee and refreshments and the parsonage will be open for everyone to come and see the amazing work that was done. With much love and many, many thanks,



Pastor's Corner

Turning to God

Waiters & Waitresses

(Twentieth in a series on connecting with God in the ordinary)

We're in the Advent season, the season of the church year in which we especially emphasize the importance of waiting- waiting both to celebrate the birth of the Christ child and waiting, ultimately, to receive the gift of Christ's second coming, the final and consummate gift of God's new heaven and earth.

In thinking about that big-time waiting and trying to relate it to our daily lives, I'm led to think about those who, in a certain sense, wait for a living. Waiters and waitresses are folks who've become more and more a part of the everyday life of more and more of us as even in rougher economic times we still eat out a lot. Even if it's fast food that we eat there are still those who wait on us in order to deliver it to us. Reflecting on these workers can help bring us closer to God.

Waitresses and waiters have been a part of human society for millennia- servants in ancient palaces and medieval banquet halls, butlers and table maids in the homes of the wealthy, serv-

ing girls in taverns that have been around for centuries, waiters, waitresses, and clerks in our contemporary restaurants, fast food joints, and other eating establishments. It's easy to take such people for granted, but especially in Advent it's worth thinking about who they are beyond the role they play in getting us what we want.

Do they have spouses and children who are waiting at home for them? Do they receive good treatment from their bosses or do they work grudgingly, waiting for the day when they can find a better place of employment or a whole new line of work? Do they have customers who are good to them by being courteous and appreciative in their manner, patient with them when they make mistakes, and generous in the tips that they leave?

Whatever the answers to those questions might be for individual waiters and waitresses, these servant people in their historic role can remind us of how dependent we always are upon the service of others. They can remind us, too, that those who serve us are precious and beloved children of God, just like we are. They can remind us that all of us are at various times in servant roles to each other and that in this service we find our true and everlasting fulfillment.

The baby whose birth we wait to celebrate in this Advent time is, after all, the one who

came to be the Servant of all. He's the one who taught us that there's no better way to await his second coming than to serve each other as he has served us. When we do this, we're brought closer and closer to the God that he is. We're brought more and more into harmony with the reign of love that he still is bringing and that at last he'll bring in full.

If we think of all of this the next time we're served by a waitress or waiter, it might lead us to leave a bigger tip. They would appreciate that, I'm sure, but, even more, it might cause our soul to sing. That's what happens day by day when in ordinary ways, we come closer to God.

With you in this Advent time,



ANNUAL Stewardship CAMPAIGN

The 2010 Stewardship Campaign is winding down. If you have not yet turned in your 2010 pledge card, please mail it in, drop it off at the church office, or place it in the Sunday collection plate as soon as possible. Thanks!

Paul White
Stewardship Campaign Chair



Children's Ministry

Imagine you are a shepherd in the hills near Bethlehem. The midnight air is cool and the sheep stir in the dark pasture below. Your brother, father and uncle laugh as they talk around the fireside. Every day of your life has pretty much been the same as the one before - sheep, sheep and more sheep. But on this night you are going to have an encounter of the heavenly kind. Suddenly the starry sky is split open. Bright stars begin appearing in the sky. They shine so brilliantly that it hurts your eyes. You move to run away but the angels call out, "Do not be afraid." You hear the movement of your kinfolk behind you as they stand. The angels tell you the Messiah has been born in a stable in Bethlehem. Then those amazing creatures simply disappear like the light of a falling star. Boy - there is not going to be another night like this ever!



Ever wonder why God announced Jesus' birth to a bunch of shepherds? Probably because they were humble and ordinary people who would listen. Jesus is not proud. He does not demand our love, our worship, our faith. He comes humbly, lying in a manger with animals around him. He is a person we can trust completely, because he is truly our kind of person. God uses all kinds of people to reveal his will and awesomeness to the world. And sometimes he even uses kids. Neat!

Meditation prayer: Lord, show me how you want to use me for your will. Amen.

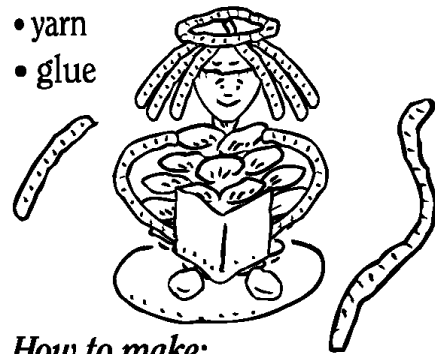
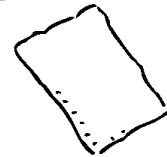
Susan ☺

Make a Pine Cone Angel



You need:

- a pine cone
- an acorn
- cardboard
- 2 beans or seeds
- black marker
- 1 white pipe cleaner
- small piece construction paper
- gold pipe cleaner or piece of foil
- yarn
- glue



How to make:

- Cut circle from cardboard for the base.
- Glue the wide part of the pine cone to the cardboard.
- Glue the beans or seeds to the cardboard for feet.
- Glue the acorn to the pine cone for the head.
- Make eyes with marker.
- Wrap pipe cleaner around for arms.
- Glue yarn on for hair.
- Use gold pipe cleaner for halo or make one from foil.
- Make book in hands from paper and glue.



YOUTH News & Events

A CALL TO ADVENT ACTION

It is Advent again, but what does that mean? Advent is the time that we wait in preparation for the coming of Christ on Christmas. But what do we do while we wait? In his book, *Action in Waiting*, Christoph Blumhardt says that in our Advent waiting we must become, "workers for God." In Scripture we read of Jesus saying, "be ready for action, and have your lamps lit" (Luke 12:35). There is work to be done before Christ comes. Blumhardt says, "God's people must be a part of this plan. There need to be men & women who give themselves up for God's kingdom and its justice." Blumhardt goes on to say that we must be workers, with sleeves rolled up, ready to work with our hands, "As long as God's kingdom has to be fought for, it is more important to be dressed for work- ready for action- to make an effort to do something in keeping with God's plan."

So this Advent, I challenge you to ACTION! What work are you dressed to do? What justice will you fight for? What part will you play in God's plan?

Our December youth groups will focus on PROJECT ADVENT ACTION. We will be doing special service projects at youth group, including shopping for families served by our church's Christmas Giving Project, making Christmas cards, collecting and packing stocking stuffers, as well as packing food for the Christmas Giving Project.

A section of the Youth bulletin board has been designated as the ADVENT ACTION section. Stop by the board and write your ADVENT ACTION projects, or hang pictures from your experience.

In peace,

On Dec. 6th it is important to arrive on-time for youth group!



We will be heading to Target to buy Christmas presents for families served by the food bank's Christmas Giving Project. We will return to the church to wrap all the gifts.

DRIVERS NEEDED!
call Erin at 339-8383 or
230-8713

**NO YOUTH GROUPS
ON
DECEMBER 27TH!**

YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTIES!

On Dec. 13th we will gather for our own Christmas celebration!

Please bring a **goofy gift** for our gift exchange. You are encouraged to look around your house for a gift you can **re-use** rather than spending any \$. The point is for it to be funny!

Also, we will be taking a **youth group "family portrait"**, so please wear funny Christmas clothes. Or at least red & green if you are not lucky enough to own a Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer shirt or striped elf socks!

Youth are also asked to bring yummy treats to share!



REMINDER:

Mission Trip 2010.

*\$100 deposit is due with your signed contract by
December 6th!*

This is important as it secures your spot on the list!

Getting Ready for



Here in December as our Advent season continues with our preparations for Christmas time our Spiritual Life Committee will again provide **several mid-week meditative services** as opportunities for deepening our Advent experience. Those services will be on **Wednesdays, December 2nd, 9th, and 16th from 6:15-6:45pm** and will offer simple times for seasonal readings, contemplation, and prayer.

Then as we begin our actual celebration of Jesus'

birth with **Christmas Eve**, we'll again offer two different types of worship. Our **4pm service will be oriented to our children** with Nativity character costumes available for them to wear to help us tell and rejoice in the great gospel story. The later **7 & 9pm services** will provide our **traditional candlelight worship** in which we'll once more feature classic Christmas Scriptures and carols. **Infant and toddler care will be provided at the 4pm & 7pm services** but not at the 9pm worship.

Pledged Giving Update & the Gutter Project

In 2009 we've needed \$4458 each week to remain current in our pledged giving receipts. As of the end of October we're **\$13,730 behind** in the amount of those gifts we've received. As we reported in last month's newsletter we've recently drawn on reserves to complete a major gutter repair project that we hadn't budgeted for. This makes it all the more helpful if we can avoid a deficit in our receipts as we meet the rest of our obligations for this year. Therefore any effort we can make to meet our pledges as this year comes to a close will be especially appreciated. Thanks again to all whose gifts make possible the ministry of HCC!

Safe Church Trainings

The Safe Church Policies our church has adopted require a **Safe Church Training** for anyone who hasn't yet received it and has been or is working this year as a teacher, leader, or caregiver with our children and/or youth. The next dates for that training will be **Sunday, December 6th** after worship down in the Church School wing. Depending on how many folks are at the meeting and how many questions are asked, we expect it to be about 45-60 minutes long. If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch with Stefanie Zin, our Safe Church Training Leader, either at 347-1182 or zinst@ceicmh.org or freondsis@yahoo.com. **If you need the training, but are unable to attend on December 6th, it will be offered again after worship on Sunday, January 10th.** Thank you to all who serve in ministering to our young ones and for your commitment to making our church a truly safe place for them.

Word of thanks to:

In October the Haslett Community Church children collected baby items to be donated to Hannah's House. It is my pleasure to share the following letter with you:

Dear Children,

Thank you so much for choosing to bless Hannah's House with the diapers and baby items that were gathered by the children's ministry of your church.

Children, you've probably been learning that it takes a lot to take care of a baby. The ladies who come to Hannah's House to live do not have much for their babies when they arrive. We try to help them by giving them baby things that people give to us. So, your gifts were very important in making these mothers happy that their babies will have some of the things they need.

May Jesus bless you for sharing with us. Thank you again.

*Sincerely yours in Christ,
Stephanie Johnson
Director of Hannah's House.*

Women's Coffee

All women of the congregation are invited to join in the fun and fellowship at the occasional gatherings of the Women's Coffee. These get-togethers are held on the first Tuesdays at 10:00 AM when hostesses sign up.



A sign-up sheet through May 2010 is in the display case next to the church office. We encourage those who wish to host to sign up soon. Twelve to twenty women (and Pastor Kurt) attend. The next Women's Coffee will be held on **Tuesday, December 1st** and hosted by **June Peabody**. If you have not been to this get-together before, think about coming. The conversations are delightful!

Social Calendar

Dates to look forward to . . .

December

27th - Ski Weekend Final Meeting after church

January

1st - 3rd - 13th Annual Ski Weekend at TreeTops

23rd - Adult Game Night



Thanks to these individuals who have recently served the church in special ways:

Commendations to...

- **Becky Harris, Mike Mahon & Kirk Riley** for driving up to Uncle John's Cider Mill with the high school youth.
- **Rachel Linnemann, Claire Livezey, Brisban Roupz and Mary & John Trebilcock** for participating in the Trick or Treat for the Food Bank.
- **Stefanie Zin, Barb & Steve Decker, Jewell Muller-Gornick, Faith Scott-Briner, and Katie & Kirk Riley** for teaching in the nursery, Kingdom Maker's Workshop and FaithSpeak for the month of November.
- **Kim Carnes, Zsa Mahon** and the whole **Youth Ministry Team** for organizing the sale of Apple Pies for the mission trip.
- **Karla Hiller, Barbara Freeman, Shannon Murton, Ruth Linnemann, Rich Baumgartner, Kathy Campbell, Katie Riley, Nancy Musolf, & Kelly Flagg** for driving, chaperoning and baking yummy treats for the high school overnight.
- To **Kim Carnes** for answering the church phone on game night, connecting with Melissa Simpson, and bringing her as a guest to our church the next day.
- To **Paul White** for leading the Stewardship campaign, and **Mike Dixon** and **Sue Poppink** for giving their testimonials in worship as part of the campaign.
- To **Donna Ellis** for all of her good work as our new Members in Ministry coordinator.
- To **Mary Trebilecock, Lisa Swan, and Carolyn Swanson** for distributing blood drive posters for not only the Nov. 20th drive, but also many past blood drives.
- To **Barry Sedgwick** for helping unload the truck and set up equipment for the blood drive, and all who take down pack up and clean up after the last donor leaves.



This column is left blank intentionally to protect the privacy of our members.

Spiritual Life

Opportunities for Adults

The adults of the congregation are invited to join in these many activities sponsored by the Spiritual Life Committee. You are encouraged to take advantage of these opportunities for personal and spiritual growth.

The Spiritual Life Committee members are Becky Leefers, Joyce Bischoff, Michele Booher, and Don Ricks. Please contact any of us with questions about these programs and events.

New Programs This Year

Wisdom Heart: This is a facilitated group experience designed to help you connect with your deepest wisdom about what is important in your life and how to line your life up with your core values. This group will continue to meet in the Sanctuary on **Sunday evenings, 6:00 – 7:30pm, December 6th and 13th**. Questions can be addressed to the facilitator of this group, Lisa Davidson, at 517-749-4075.

Bible Study: The UCC Bible study based on the Book of Acts will be used for these sessions, meeting after worship (**11:00am**) on **December 6th, 13th, and 20th**. Kim Huston is the organizer of the group and she can be contacted at kimahuston@gmail.com or 339-2610 (before 3:00pm or after 7:00pm).

Religion and Science: Based on a DVD that considers the question of whether we must reject belief in God to accept the findings of science, the first

meeting of this group will be Sunday, **February 7, 6:00 – 7:30pm**. Participants at the first meeting will decide the frequency and number of further meetings to be held. Questions can be addressed to the facilitator, Jim Linnemann, at 339-6138.

The Power of Forgiveness: Based on a DVD that considers the psychological and physical effects of forgiveness, this group will meet on **Sunday evenings, 6:00 – 7:30 pm, beginning in late April**. Participants at the first meeting will decide the frequency and number of further meetings to be held. Questions can be addressed to the facilitator, Joyce Bischoff, 339-9935.

Sermon Discussion

Continuing on **Sunday, December 27th**, Kurt Kirchoff will lead a discussion of the previous weeks' sermons. This once-a-month discussion takes place in the Sanctuary after worship. Questions can be addressed to Kurt at 339-8383.

Spiritual Development: Practicing our Faith

As of the Newsletter deadline, this group (maybe with a new name and format...) had not decided what to discuss for the coming year. We'll probably be meeting on the third Sunday after worship. Watch for more details in the Sunday Announcements. Questions can be addressed to Becky Leefers at 337-0560.

PeaceCircle

PeaceCircle was begun as a way to get to know our

neighbors, especially those from different religious and ethnic backgrounds. The premise is that by beginning peace gestures on our local scale, the ripples can be felt globally. Already, those coming to PeaceCircle have met many new friends and have learned much about other religions. World Peace is an awesome goal and PeaceCircle is reaching towards that. On **Sunday, December 6th, at 4:00pm**, Kathy Swearingen will be presenting information about her recent trip to Rwanda. Please contact Joyce Bischoff at 339-9935 or Becky Leefers at 337-0560 with any questions.

Men's Group

The Men's Group has been meeting for breakfasts, book discussions, barbecues, and a fishing trip up north. Dave Vitti has an email list of all those interested in the Men's Group. Contact him at 339-5731 or vitti@msu.edu to be included on this email list or to ask questions.



The Spiritual Life Committee has begun discussing having an adult retreat - a time for adults from the church family to get away from the daily routine and to focus on our spiritual journeys. Let us know what you think about this idea!



We welcome the following new members who joined our church on Sunday, November 15th.

RICH BAUMGARTNER and ANN PIERCE

Rich and Ann have lived in Haslett all of their married life. They have one daughter, Amy, who is in the 9th grade and active in our youth group. Rich works as a civil engineer and Ann as a systems analyst. They both enjoy traveling and downhill skiing. Rich also enjoys biking and cross-country skiing. One of the reasons they were attracted to our community is because of its proximity to their home but mostly because of the friendliness of the people here, the insightful sermons, the wonderful activities planned for all, and the music provided by the choir and accompanist. In addition to supporting the church with their attendance and offering, they expect to become involved in various aspects of service to the church. Rich is already honored to be of service on the board of directors for the Open Door Ministry in its care for the homeless in downtown Lansing.

ELLEN GLEITSMANN

Ellen is a Special Education teacher who has lived in the Haslett area for many years. She and her husband, John Root, have five children in their blended family. Ellen became acquainted with HCC through her son Jacob's involvement in the youth group since his middle school years. She says it has been such a positive experience for him and has given her many opportunities to meet many of our congregation. Ellen enjoys spending time with her family and friends, cooking, reading, and playing both card and board games. She hopes to continue helping out with youth group projects and volunteering wherever help is needed.

MARK and CAT KOERNER

Cat grew up in Wisconsin but has lived in the Lansing area since 2002. Mark grew up in Haslett and his family has long-time connections with HCC. He lived in Chicago before coming back here in 2004 whereupon he and Cat eventually met. They were married in our sanctuary this past summer and their blended family includes two sons, Jacob who is in 6th grade and Cole who is in 2nd. They both enjoy spending time hiking and being outdoors as well as traveling, reading, and music. Mark & Cat have found HCC to be welcoming and open-minded. They're also especially appreciative of the personalized attention and ceremony they received for their wedding and look forward to finding the best ways to become more involved with their boys in the life of our church.

BARRY SEDGWICK

Barry has lived in this area for forty-five years having moved from San Diego and is retired from his job as a regional sales manager. He has two sons who are two of his best friends along with the blessing of his loving daughters-in-law, four grandchildren and spouses, and four great-grandchildren with another expected in December! He likes reading, gardening, canoeing, lapidary work, hiking, and is a neophyte poet. He has friends who are members here who have made him aware of HCC's extensive community outreach. Barry says that his decision to become a member was greatly influenced by the edification and friendship of Pastor Kurt, his wife Kathy, his daughter Sophia, and many of the folks in the congregation who put out the welcome mat. He participates in many ongoing projects around our church and looks forward to continued participation and looking for new opportunities to serve.

JAN MASON

Jan has lived with her husband in the Haslett area for about twenty years. Between them they have ten children, thirty-two grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. She is a retired gift store owner who likes to read, do crafts, and travel with her husband. Jan tells us that she was led to become a member of our church because of the worship service, the sermons, the music, and the community service.

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MICHELE BOOHER

Michele has lived in the Lansing area for about twelve years and is a Project Manager at the American Board of Emergency Medicine. She has been searching for a spiritual community in which to grow and feels like she has found that here at HCC. She likes music, theatre, movies, reading, holistic healing, gaming, camping, hiking, and biking. Michele has been very active with choir, Social Committee, and some of our book discussions. Most recently she has started serving as an usher, a Scripture reader, and a Spiritual Life Committee member which she'll represent on the Church Council in 2010. She says that HCC feels like family.

DAVID WEIGHT and VIKI HEFTLER

David has lived in this area for around fourteen years having moved from Niger, West Africa and Viki has lived here for about four years having moved from Toronto. They both enjoy music, from "early music"

to modern, traveling, cross-words, and cooking. With both being instructors by occupation it is not surprising that they also enjoy literature, philosophy, and politics. David and Viki tell us that they feel very welcome in this community; "It is very special".

CHUCK and KAREN CANESTRAIGHT

Chuck and Karen make their home here in Haslett. Karen is a high school science teacher and Chuck is the lead operating officer /engineer of a private marine freight/mining company. They have two children, Annabelle who is in 5th grade and Virginia who is in 2nd grade. Karen grew up in this area and Chuck moved here in 1978. Karen enjoys reading, step aerobics, and bike riding while Chuck likes cross training, cooking, fly-fishing, and being a Barn Dad for 4-H. They spend a lot of time in the summer involved in 4-H horse riding. They feel that HCC meets their goals as Christians and particularly love the great kids' program, the outstanding service format, the wonderful ser-

mons, and the great all around relaxed feel. They already know quite a few members and anticipate participating in social events and helping out with the Christmas Giving Project and maintenance of our grounds.

TIM ROUMPZ and LAURA CLARK-ROUMPZ

Tim and Laura informally joined our church in October of last year and now are making it official. They have lived in Haslett for five years. Tim works as a UPS driver and Laura as an academic coordinator. They have two children, Jonathan who is a sophomore in college and Brisban who is in 6th grade. They enjoy doing house projects, entertaining, hunting, fishing, volunteering, reading, and family time. They were attracted to HCC because of what they see as its simple philosophy of "love one another". They feel very welcomed and accepted. They have already been involved in Social Committee and volunteering for church activities. They plan to take part in future fundraising efforts of the church.



**Members
in
Ministry**

The following tasks need volunteers for this month. Can you help fill in the blanks?

DECEMBER 1

Women's Coffee hosts (2): June Peabody

DECEMBER 6

READER: Danna Dixon
 USHERS:
 GREETERS:
 COFFEE HOSTS: The Deckers
 Advent Candle Lighters: Koerners

DECEMBER 13

READER: Michele Booher
 USHERS:
 GREETERS:
 COFFEE HOSTS: Erin Heisler
 Advent Candle Lighters:

DECEMBER 20

READER: not needed
 USHERS:
 GREETERS:
 COFFEE HOSTS: The Fedewas
 Advent Candle Lighters:

DECEMBER 27

READER: Cheryl Edwards
 USHERS:
 GREETERS:
 COFFEE HOSTS: Liz & Rich Newport

2009 CHRISTMAS PROJECT – WORKERS NEEDED

A great deal of help is needed to complete the all-congregational Christmas Giving Project. Mark the options that interest you. You will receive a card to confirm your work time or responsibilities.

Prior to December 20, You select time and location

- Purchase socks & jeans, etc.; cash provided
- Make cookies for volunteer refreshments (bring to church by 12/20)
- Collect cardboard boxes (preferred size would hold a ream of paper; bring to church by 12/16)
- Gift wrapping (at your home or at church on 12/19 at 9 AM)

Sunday, December 20, Food Packing & Gift Sorting

- 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at church (no meal served)

Tuesday, December 21, Merge gifts with food

- 7:00 – 8:30 p.m., At church (suitable for families including elementary school aged children)
- Any time; Shop for perishables; cash provided

Tuesday, December 22, Distribution

- 8:00 – 12:00 noon, at church
- 6:00 – 9:00 p.m., at church
- 7:30 – 9:00 pm , cleanup at church

For information on specific tasks talk to Sylvia Davis, 339-6466 or Ruth Linnemann, 339-6138.

Family Name _____ # of adults _____ # of children _____
 Address _____ Ages of children _____
 Phone _____
 E-mail _____

Poinsettias



Poinsettia plants have a way of adding beauty to our sanctuary on Christmas Eve. We are asking for your help to purchase twenty-five, 6-inch pots, with foil for \$8.00 each. They may be taken home following the last worship service on Christmas Eve. This year we are hoping to get some larger flowers to further decorate the sanctuary. The cost of those will be \$27.00 each.

Please attach cash or check to this form and **return to the church office by December 13th**. Thanks!

Your name: _____

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

6" pot @ \$8.00 red _____ white _____ marbled (red/white) _____

10" pot @ \$27 _____ (red only)

Total number of plants _____ Total check _____ Total Cash _____



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December 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10 AM Women's Coffee	2 6:00 PM Midweek Advent Service 7 PM Adult Choir	3 2:30 PM Youth Choir 7:00 PM Haslett Women's Club 7:00 PM Finance/Stewardship Meeting	4	5
6 9:25 AM Worship and Church School; nursery care provided 11:00 AM – Bible Study 6:00 PM – Wisdom Heart 4:00 PM - PeaceCircle 4:00 PM – MS Youth 7:00 PM – HS Youth	7 7 PM Youth Ministry Team Meeting 7 PM Mission Outreach Meeting	8 7 PM Church Council	9 6:00 PM Midweek Advent Service 7 PM Adult Choir (Leefer's home)	10 2:30 PM Youth Choir 7 PM Social Committee	11	12
13 9:25 AM Worship and Church School; nursery care provided 10:45 AM Member Caring 11:00 AM Bible Study 3:00 PM Inquirers' Meeting 6:00 PM – Wisdom Heart 4:00 PM – MS Youth 7:00 PM – HS Youth	14	15 8:00 AM Newsletter deadline	16 6:00 PM Midweek Advent Service 7 PM Adult Choir	17 2:30 PM Youth Choir	18	19 10:00 AM Cantata Dress Rehearsal
20 CANTATA 9:25 AM Worship and Church School; nursery care provided 11:00 AM Bible Study CHRISTMAS PACKING →→ 4:00 PM – MS Youth 7:00 PM – HS Youth	21 GIVING MERCING →→	22 EVENT DISTRIBUTION	23 7 PM Adult Choir	24 Christmas Eve Worship 4 PM Family Worship 7 & 9 PM Carols & Candlelight Christmas	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26
27 9:25 AM Worship and Church School; nursery care provided 10:45 Sermon Discussion No MS Youth or HS Youth	28	29	30	31		

Newsletter articles are due the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 8:00 AM.

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Worship for December 2009

Sermon titles and Scripture readings include:

Mid-week Advent Services
Dec. 2nd, 9th, & 16th 6:15 PM
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Sunday, December 20th, 9:25 am
"An Appalachian Christmas"
Presented by the Adult Choir (see page 1)

Sunday, December 6th, 9:25 am
"Road Work Ahead"
Malachi 3:1-4 & Luke 3:1-6

Thursday, December 24th
Christmas Eve Services 4, 7 & 9 pm
(see article on page 5)

Sunday, December 13th, 9:25 am
"Born of a Virgin"
Micah 5:2-4 & Luke 1:39-46

Sunday, December 27th, 9:25 am
"Losing Jesus"
Psalm 148 & Luke 2:41-52

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