



VIEWS

FROM THE HEIGHTS

December 2011

A Parish Newsletter for Members and Friends

Fletcher Place Shopping Saturday, December 3

Fletcher Place Shopping – Join us Saturday, December 3rd at 12:15 in the church parking lot to travel to Fletcher Place. We will be helping parents pick out Christmas gifts for their children and they will be able to get a few things for themselves. We will be helping from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

UHUMC Pack the House Night at UIndy

The University of Indianapolis is having their Pack-the-House Night on December 3. This is much earlier than it usually is; however, the reason is because that is their only evening home game all season. We will check with UIndy and see if we can attend another game and let you know as soon as we have a date. We might even combine it with a chili dinner of our own!

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Upcoming Events

- Carols, Choirs & Candlelight - Dec. 11 at 6 pm
- Christmas Eve Services - Dec. 24 at 6 pm
- Christmas Day Service at 10 am
- See insert - Bishop's Christmas Offering & Mission Heart Form



**Carols, Choirs and
Candlelight**

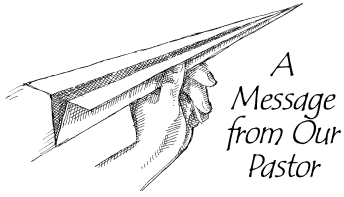
Sunday, Dec. 11
6 pm

Childcare will be available.
Punch and cookies following the service.
Offering will go to BIBs.

Mission Hearts Available

Mission Hearts will be available Sunday, Dec. 4 and 11, during the 10 am hour. You may purchase a heart for \$5 in honor or memory of someone special.

This year's Mission Heart money will be divided between the Indiana United Methodist Children's Home in Lebanon, Bashor Children's Home and the United Methodist Youth Home.



Believing Alone.....

Next to the infant Jesus, Mary is one of the central characters in the stories about the birth of the Messiah. Our image of Mary has been shaped by Christmas cards and pageants that depict her humbly looking into the manger of her newborn child. The Gospel of Luke pictures her as a model of subordinate service, displaying such virtues as patience, gentleness, submissiveness and attentiveness.

Rarely do we reflect on how Mary felt when she discovered that she had conceived and would bear a son.

Luke says that she was perplexed, afraid, and full of questions about how such a thing could be. In her first appearance on the stage of history, she is not the calm, strong, young woman of faith. In the beginning she cannot sing. She can only question in her heart. She is "afraid," says Luke.

Having heard the message that she would be the mother of the One who would be called the Son of God, Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth. When Mary came to her cousin's house, Elizabeth confirmed

what God was doing in Mary's life. Elizabeth interpreted for Mary, confirmed for Mary, and helped Mary to understand the action of God in her life. Elizabeth said, "*Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb - and blessed is she who believes that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken by her Lord.*" It was Elizabeth who helped Mary to see what God was doing in her life.

It is worth noting that Mary sang the "Magnificat" not before, but after Eliza-

beth had helped her to see and understand what God was doing through her.

As we move closer to the Manger, we need to remember that *alone* we cannot always believe there will be a fulfillment of God's promises. We need to come together like Mary and Elizabeth did. We need our brothers and sisters in the faith to believe that the promise is with us, for us, and through us. At times we need others to help us understand.

*The Joy Continues,
C. Archibald Hawkins*

DECEMBER'S LOOSE COIN



The Loose Coin offering for December will go to Fletcher Place Loaves Meal. Remember it is only the loose coins in the offering plate that count toward this special offering.



**Monday,
Dec. 26
1:00 pm**

Taking the Greens Down

Mark your calendars for Sunday, Jan. 8, following the 11:05 am service when we will be taking down our Christmas decorations. It is always fun to be together and not much work when we all pitch in!

December Birthdays

1	Geraldine McBride	15	Georgia Hottell
2	Donald Woodley		Christine Roberts
	Hannah Neuman	17	Ashleigh Schoelch
3	Sierra Haviland		Matthew Shepherd
4	John Kindred	18	Steven O'Hare
6	Shirley Green	19	Gale Stohler
	Michael Hart	20	Benjamin Barhan
	Beverly Parham		Roger Crouch
7	Lynn Bowles	21	Richard Melick
	David Morgan		William Riffle
	Nigel Shoaff	22	Harriet Barrick
	Colton Phillips	25	Gelaine Smock
9	Melvin Mosier		Christie Viewegh
	Brittany Birt	26	Kathryn Decker
10	Debbie Kappus		Danielle Phares
	Alice Swaim	28	Wesley McCrary
	Mary Crouch	29	Phyllis Dumm
12	Kristen Johnson	30	Margaret Long
13	Martha Morris		Thomas Garrabrant
	Kristi Zunis	31	Brian Bravard
	Marilyn Reid		Camille Fowler
14	Erin Barnes		Steven Smock

January Birthdays

3	Wilma Allen	13	Inaclaire Moore
	Doris Hedges	14	Marsha Hart
	Thomas Hickman		Amanda Slauter
	Terri Harold	15	Sandra Smith
4	Mark Barhan	16	Margaret Booher
	Cristy Corwin-	17	Jenna Nawrocki
	Howard		Audra Barclay
5	Roberta Beaman	18	Quentin Fowler
7	Lisa Stapert	19	Suzanne Smith
8	Joanne Hannon	20	Pamela Jackson
9	Elwood McBride	22	Myrna Crosby
	Richard Theil	23	Wyatt Hudson
	Lake Edwin Viewegh	26	Kyla Decker
10	Billy Sandall	27	Roger Roembke
	Karen Melick	28	David Burton
	Kara Decker	29	Autumn Haviland
			Elizabeth Hudson

Happy Birthday!

December Anniversaries

12/3/1949	Benton & Inaclaire Moore
12/16/1967	Bill & Mary McMillan
12/19/1952	Richard & Dortha Wilds
12/19/1964	Phil & Karen Melick
12/23/1950	Jesse & Jeanne Hilgert
12/23/1978	Rick & Susan Hancock
12/24/1950	Charlie & Anna Stotts
12/26/1956	Pete & Martha Morris
12/28/1962	Jack & Phyllis Austin

January Anniversaries

1/2/1998	Arch Hawkins & Rebecca McClure
1/4/2003	Shadrach & Ruby Gonqueh
1/8/2011	Sean & Rachel George
1/12/2002	Robert & Lynn Bowles
1/30/1955	Randall & Marilyn Hendricks

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Christmas gift suggestions: to your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect.



University Heights United Methodist Children's Center

Evening with Santa

The Children's Center invites you to attend our "Evening with Santa" on Friday, Dec. 9. The program will begin at 5:45 pm in the sanctuary.

Come and listen to the beautiful voices of the children in our Joey's Classroom, Pre-K Purple and Pre-K Orange classes.

After the program, join us in Fellowship Hall for activities including refreshments, cookie decorating, face painting, Holiday craft making, and visits with Santa. Come join the fun and festivities.



Children's Center Christmas Schedule

**Closed December 24 -
January 1**

**Center reopens at 7 am on
January 2**

Who's working in the Children's Center?

Katelyn Hickey

Miss Katelyn Hickey is a 2010 graduate of Southport High School. She currently attends University of Indianapolis. She is majoring in psychology and pre-occupational therapy. Her parents are Kammie and Ronnie Hickey. She has one brother Ryan. In her free time, she enjoys going to church, playing with her dogs and playing the Wii.

Heidi Jackman

Miss Heidi Jackman graduated from Warren Central High School. She lives with her parents and two sisters. She began working at UHUMCC in 2010. In her free time she enjoys writing songs, singing and shopping.

She is a member of Faith Temple Pentecostal Church #2. She loves working here and with children.

Thank You to the Volunteers of UHUMC

We wish to express our thanks to those members of University Heights United Methodist Church who volunteer their time and talents to benefit the Children's Center.

To those who:

- ** Drop items off to be used by the children in the classrooms
- ** Think of us when cleaning out- "your trash might be our treasure"
- ** Support the "Paper Recycle" program
- ** Support our functions and fundraisers throughout the year by your attendance or financial donations
- ** Work constantly to keep the facility running, whether by changing light bulbs or trying to make updates to the building itself
- ** Help put together new pieces of equipment, move old

pieces out, or make new pieces from scratch

** Keep the grounds outside the church building looking beautiful

** Believe, support, and understand that the work we do at the Children's Center Monday through Friday is a mission because the children we teach and play with everyday are the future.

Even though we could not attend the November Sunday morning Volunteer Recognition Service we want everyone to know how much you are all appreciated. The Staff who work here at the Center and the Children attending are blessed by your generosity. We offer our heartfelt thanks to all.

Debbie Kappus, Chris Roberts, and all the Staff of the Children's Center



The stocking has been hanging during November gathering socks to help children, youth, and adults have warm feet this winter. Thank you for your donations of 150 pairs of socks!

Thank you for all of your cards and prayers during my hospitalization and period of recovery. I am still not where I would like to be; however, I hope to be better in a couple of months.

Rick Hancock

Thank you to everyone who volunteered with Kid's Night Out on November 19th and for those of you who shared your children with us. We had 25 children and 12 volunteers. It was exciting to have some families bring their children from our neighborhood and others who saw our ad in the Southside paper. A great time was had by all! Watch for our next Kid's Night out on March 17!

The Parish Care Committee would like to sincerely thank Judy Martin for the flower ministry she has created. The arrangements are beautiful and are available to Kindred Spirits as they visit those who are unable to come to worship at University Heights. Judy also makes some deliveries herself. Thank you Judy!

Parish Care

January/February Views Deadline

January 4

January/February Views Mailing

January 11

Honorarium.....

In honor of Ken & Georgia Hottell

– Mary Stahlhut, Landscaping Fund

Upcoming Holiday Schedule

December 9

Evening with Santa 5:45 pm

December 11

Carols, Choirs and Candlelight 6 pm

December 23

Last Day of Preschool

December 24

Christmas Eve Service 6 pm

December 25

Christmas Day Service 10 am
No Sunday School

December 26

Church Office Closed

December 26 - 30

Children's Center Closed

January 1 - Happy New Year's!

Regular Service Times

January 2

Children's Center Re-opens



Who's On The Calendar?

December

Liturgists

12/4 Phil Fowler
 12/11 TBD
 12/18 Jim Caughey
 12/25 Myrna Crosby

Acolytes

12/4 Jesse & Nick Hilgert
 12/11 Sandy & Rachel Osborne
 12/18 Jeff & Alyssa Alford
 12/25 John & Piper Kelly

Children's Sermon

12/4 Becky McClure
 12/11 Myrna Crosby
 12/18 Vicky Swank
 12/25 Martha Morris

Refreshment Table

12/4 Pat & Heidi Jensen
 12/11 Nigel Shoaff
 12/18 Ken & Georgia Hottell
 12/25 Vicky Swank

Sound & Audio

12/4 Bryan Hilgert
 Susan/Rick Hancock
 12/11 Susan Hancock
 David/Shannon Burton
 12/18 Matt Davis
 Matt/Amy Davis
 12/25 Elton Carr



January

Liturgists

1/1 Bob Elrod
 1/8 Marylyne Winslow
 1/15 Mike Hilgert
 1/22 Vicky Swank
 1/29 Jim Caughey

Acolytes

1/1 Jeff & Alyssa Alford
 1/8 Chris & Haley Wilson
 1/15 Jesse & Nick Hilgert
 1/22 TBA
 1/29 Grace & Alexandra George

Children's Sermon

1/1 Chris Wilson
 1/8 Vicky Swank
 1/15 Myrna Crosby
 1/22 Martha Morris
 1/29 Becky McClure

Refreshment Table

1/1 Myrna Crosby
 1/8 Dave & Linda Rodebaugh
 1/15 Pat & Heidi Jensen
 1/22 Nigel Shoaff
 1/29 Ken & Gerogia Hottell

Sound & Audio

1/1 Bryan Hilgert
 David/Shannon Burton
 1/8 Matt Davis
 Matt/Amy Davis
 1/15 Susan Hancock
 Susan/Rick Hancock
 1/22 Elton Carr
 David/Shannon Burton
 1/29 Matt Davis
 Matt/Amy Davis

Fletcher Place Food Pantry

Basics:

- Oatmeal
- Fruit – Canned or Fresh Apples (Apples have a good shelf life)
- Rice – 1 – 2 pound bags
- Bags of Potatoes
- Soup
- Cream Soup for Casseroles
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Toilet Paper
- Cans of Vegetables
- Cans of Tuna, Chicken or other meats
- Cans of Ravioli, Spaghetti O's, etc.
- 1 – 2 pounds dry beans
- Personal Care Items – Family size toothpaste, laundry detergent, dish soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, etc.

Also: Any plastic bags would be appreciated.

Next Community Lunch
Saturday,
December 17
11:30 am

November 2011 Statistics				
	Attendance			General Fund
Date	9 am	11 am	Total	Envelope, Loose, Misc.
11/6	155	47	202	\$10,960
11/13	136	37	173	\$ 7,864
11/20	125	50	175	\$ 4,378
11/27	123	35	158	\$ 3,665

Weekly Offering Needed Each Week for Budget:
\$7,637.00

Special Offerings:

Loose Coin: \$132.20 (Children & Youth Homes)


UM Student Day: \$97.00

We're on the Web

www.universityheightsumc.us

University Heights UMC

A Celebration of Life, Faith and Hope!



**SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 24, 2010
6 PM**