



# VIEWS

FROM THE HEIGHTS

January/February 2011

A Parish Newsletter for Members and Friends

## *Nothing But Nets - Get Your Game On!*

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Nothing But Nets is a global campaign to save lives by preventing malaria, a leading killer of children in Africa. It only costs \$10 for the purchase of an anti-malaria bed net to save the lives of four children. The people of The United Methodist Church are raising funds to purchase bed nets to end malaria.

So, now that you

know what Nothing but Nets is, the Mission Committee will let you know what our church is going to do to help. We will be playing our third basketball game between University Heights and Rosedale Hills United Methodist Church. The saying is "Third time is the charm" so that means we are due for a win!

The game will be

played at St. Roch's Parish Life Center on the corner of Sumner and Meridian. A free-will offering will be taken at the door and all money will go toward buying bed nets that will save the lives of children in Africa. The game will be on Sunday, Feb. 13, at 2 pm. If you would like to play in this game, sign up at the Welcome Center.

## *New Ideas to Help Fletcher Place*

During the Christmas season, some of our church family helped the families that came into Fletcher Place pick clothes and presents for their children. Fletcher Place had a new room this year where parents could come in and pick a gift for themselves. They did not know they were going to get to do this and it was fun to see their excitement. Popular items were tools, towels, candles, body lotions, and small appliances. One mother was thrilled to receive a toaster because they had been without one for six months. When you are out shopping and see really great deals on these items, consider purchasing it and placing it in the Fletcher Place bin outside of the office. Fletcher Place collects these items through the entire year.

## *"Souper" Bowl Sunday Coming - February 6*

February 6, is Super Bowl Sunday. Here at UHUMC we have "Souper" Bowl Sunday. The youth will be collect-

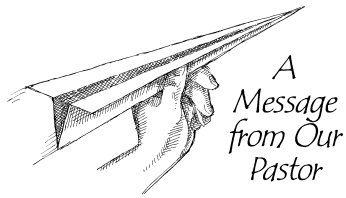
ing an offering at the end of the service that will go to benefit our community outreach lunches.

Bring an extra dollar or

two on Feb. 6 to help feed our community. We will also be collecting canned food items on that Sunday as well for our own B.I.B.'s pantry.

### **Upcoming Events**

- Men's Bible Study, Saturday, Jan.
- "Souper Bowl" Sunday, Feb. 6
- UIndy Pack the House Night - Saturday, Jan. 29
- Kids' Night Out, Saturday, Feb. 12
- Nothing but Nets, Sunday, Feb. 13



## New Year Leads.....

The date of this writing is January 6<sup>th</sup> which, on the church calendar, is the Epiphany of the Lord. Some traditions have it as the day when Wise Men arrived in Bethlehem. The story of the coming of the Wise Men is a commentary on the reality of divine revelation. In this story, a star leads the astrologers to behold the newborn king. Herod, on the other hand, hears about the birth, but elects to thwart its meaning for the world.

Thus, Matthew gives us two responses to divine revelation. The one response, as seen in the Wise Men, is to pay homage, to wor-

ship, and to bring gifts that represent faith. The other reaction, as seen in Herod, is to try to put to death the One who brought God's supreme revelation.

That seems to be the way it is with the appearance of the Holy. Some respond with faith while others reject. And it is often that way in our lives. There are times when we affirm the Christ, and there are moments when we reject. Most of us are a combination of acceptance and rejection, faith and disbelief, trust and fear.

Though our response to revelation is more mixed than true,

God continues to lead us even as the star brought Wise Men to Bethlehem's manger.

The question is not, "Will God lead us?" Without a doubt, God will guide us. That is for sure and certain. The real question is, "Will we follow when God leads?"

This year God will come to us in many ways and will offer to take us in new directions. God will appear to us. God will lead us to see the Christ. Some of us will see and turn away because we do not want the love of Christ invading those kingdoms that we have set up for ourselves.

When the Wise Men saw the Christ they returned to their own country by another way. Let us not miss the symbolic "rerouting" that comes from the intervention of the divine revelation in ordinary life. The Biblical word about revelation is that when it is real, it always calls us and produces changes in our lives.

We know that we have seen the Christ when we find ourselves living and loving a different way.

*The Joy Continues,  
C. Archibald Hawkins*

## Trustees Report for 2010

The Trustees have approved the following four (4) projects that will improve the exterior of our church building and require less maintenance.

1. Replace the west entrance concrete steps and railings – completed.
2. Replace the six (6) exterior doors for the Sanctuary.
  - Double doors at Otterbein entrance
  - Double doors at west (alley) entrance
  - Two single doors at the stair cases on each side of Sanctuary.
3. Canopies over entrances on west side of building.

- West entrance
- BIBs room
- Boiler room

4. Brick and masonry repairs to exterior of Sanctuary and original church building including the bell tower.

With gratitude, funding for these four (4) projects was provided from the following Memorial Funds: Hiatt Memorial given by Elnora Hiatt in memory of Herbert Hiatt; Wilson Memorial given by Sharon and Chris Wilson in memory of James Wilson; Wilds Memorial given by Richard and Dortha Wilds in memory of Russell Wilds.

*Submitted by the Trustees Committee*

**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
	Robert Barnett	17	Jenna Nawrocki
	Cristy Corwin-Howard		Audra Barclay
		18	Quentin Fowler
5	Roberta Beaman	19	Suzanne Smith
7	Lisa Stapert	20	Pamela Jackson
8	Joanne Hannon	22	Myrna Crosby
9	Elwood McBride	23	Wyatt Hudson
	Richard Theil	24	Esther Coddington
	Lake Edwin Viewegh	26	Kyla Decker
10	Billy Sandall	27	Roger Roembke
	Karen Melick	28	David Burton
	Mary Wykowski		Autumn Haviland
	Kara Decker	29	Elizabeth Hudson
	Jon Elsea	30	Ruth Day

**February Birthdays**

1	Robert Barrick	19	Amy Davis
3	Marcella Wood		Stephen Richards
4	Samantha Bravard	20	Vada Berting
	Calvin Beaman		Allison Hawkins
5	Sharon Wilson	22	Kimberly Walton
6	Patricia Lucas	24	Robert Elrod
7	Matthew Curts		Abigail Gonqueh
	Brenda Viewegh	25	Wilson Young
8	Mark Braford		Eric Bearden
11	Ashton Davis	26	Marilyn Hendricks
	Peyton Morris		Jesse Hilgert
17	Nancy Alexander	27	Susan Nawrocki
	Stephen Nawrocki	28	Ray Alexander
	Linda Rodebaugh		Kevin Crouch
18	Rick Hancock		

**March Birthdays**

1	Kimberly Dykes	22	Jason Viewegh
3	Nicholas Beaman	24	Gwen Cook
3	Sara Cook	24	Vivian Ford
6	Paige Lewzader	24	Dortha Wilds
6	Joshua Fowler	24	Gene McWilliams
11	Beverly Elrod	26	Taylor Davis
11	Gabriel Neuman	27	Sharon Cesnik
12	Rebecca McClure	27	Susan Barhan
21	Patricia DeMasi	29	Ray Garrabrant
21	Bryan Rodebaugh	30	Christie Beckmann

**Views Deadline**

February 23

**Views Mailing**

March 2

**January Anniversaries**

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

**February Anniversaries**

2/1/1964	Tim & Judy Martin
2/14/1986	Loren & Wanda Hampton

***HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!*****March Anniversaries**

3/2/1962	Stephen & Janice Thomas
3/6/2001	Brian & Carla Bill
3/8/1975	Philip & Doris Fowler
3/10/1978	David & Nancy Stenger
3/12/1983	Steven & Danna O'Hare
3/15/1998	Kerry & Diana Bossingham
3/16/1996	Timothy & Penny Sue Decker
3/24/1962	Carl & Linda Fowler
3/26/1954	Richard & Mona Curts
3/28/1987	Brian & Wendy Bravard
3/31/2007	Eric Bearden & LeAnn Freeland



## University Heights United Methodist Children's Center

### Upcoming Fundraisers

#### Trash to Treasure Sale

The Children's Center is planning another sale on April 7 - 9.

Our focus will be on children's items. Clothing, games, toys, baby clothes, etc. But, we will accept all of your generous offerings. Items can be brought into the Children's Center Office or dropped off on the stage area in Fellowship Hall.

If you have any questions regarding the Trash to Treasure sale, please call the Children's Center Office at 317-787-5865.

#### Silent Auction

This year's silent auction will be May 2 - 6. So, its time to brainstorm how everyone can help to make this a success.

Here are a few ideas.

- Contribute homemade items and/or services.
- Contribute purchased items and/or services.
- Solicit contributions from local business owners you know personally.
- Contribute your time - babysitting, lawn service, house cleaning, etc.
- Make a monetary donation.

Thank you for all your support with our fundraisers throughout the year.

## Who's working in the Children's Center?

#### Marsha Petry

Miss Marsha has worked in the Children's Center for more than eight years. She has worked with all ages. She has a BSE in Library and Information Science and a CDA in Early Childhood Education.

Miss Marsha grew up in Mississippi and has lived in Indiana for ten years. She is married to Jeff Petry. She has a daughter and son, Jana and Jared. She has one granddaughter - Emme who is three.

In her free time she enjoys reading, quilting, trying new recipes and sewing.

She also enjoys old movies and TV shows as well as listening to NPR radio. Whenever possible

she spends time playing with her Emme. Miss Marsha is a member of Irvington United Methodist Church.

#### Jill Miller

Miss Jill is new to the Children's Center staff. She is currently attending IUPUI.

Miss Jill has been married to Gary since 1992. They have two daughters.

She has been a Sunday School teacher since 2009 at Center United Methodist Church.

Each month two Children's Center employees will appear in the *Views*.

## Come to Kids' Night Out

Calling all kids ages infant to 12 years old! The Outreach and Evangelism Committee will be hosting a Kids' Night Out on Saturday, Feb. 12 from 5:00 - 9:00 pm.

Get rid of your parents for a night and join us for fun, crafts, games, and a movie! Bring a sack lunch to enjoy dinner with your friends. No charge; however you must register by Monday, Feb. 7 either at the Welcome Center on Sundays, through the Children Center Office or in the church office.

Parents, please think ahead. You may just enjoy some time out together as well.

**NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE TAKEN AFTER MONDAY, FEB. 7.**



Thank you to all who attended our wedding on January 8. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful church family that supports us.

*Sean and Rachel George*

The Church and Children Center Staff would like to thank the congregation for our gift cards and the wonderful luncheon. We greatly appreciate all of you as well!

Thank you to everyone for the beautiful cards and notes that were sent after my fall and my hip operation. The cards made such a difference in the long days in re-hab. A big thank you to Rev. Arch for his visits and prayers.

*Phyllis Austin*

The Mission Committee would like to thank everyone who purchased Mission Hearts during the Advent season. The money will greatly benefit the United Methodist Children's Homes in Indiana.

Thank you to all who participated in the Angel Tree project, which included shopping for and delivering gifts.

*Myrna Crosby*

Thank you everyone for the wonderful goodies and gifts for Christmas.

*Cristy Roleson*

## Memorials.....

In Loving Memory of Mary Blubaugh

– *Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Richwine, Undesignated*

In Loving Memory of Mr. Jim Wilson

– *Mrs. Sharon Wilson, Trustees*

In Loving Memory of Louise Barnett

– *Ms. Nigel Shoaff, Undesignated*

In Loving Memory of Ruth Campbell

– *Ms. Nigel Shoaff, Undesignated*

In Loving Memory of Malcolm Crosby

– *Ms. Nigel Shoaff, Undesignated*

In Loving Memory of Glenna M. Benbow

– *Ms. Nigel Shoaff, Undesignated*

In Loving Memory of John Weaver

– *Ms. Nigel Shoaff, Undesignated*

In Loving Memory of Phil Wesner

– *Ms. Nigel Shoaff, Undesignated*

In Loving Memory of Pauline & Dudley Workman

– *Mr. and Mrs. David Morton, Undesignated*

## All Men's Group Meets Again

The All Men's Group will meet Saturday, Jan. 15 at 9 am.

They will meet at Madison Grill which is located at the Southeast corner of Troy Ave. and Madison Ave. Discussion this meeting will be on the first chapter of the study book.

If you would like more information about this group or have any questions or concerns, please call the church office at 787-5347.

## Check Out the New Arrivals at Inspiration Station

Are you looking for a book, CD to listen to, or a DVD to watch? You should warm those winter chills and curl up to some Christian Inspiration. Located on the second floor by the stained glass windows you will find just the encouraging words you need in your Christian walk. How about the book *Power Thoughts* by Joyce Meyer? The basis for this book is

“Where the mind goes, the man follows. Twelve strategies in this book will outline for you how to control the way you think and positively affect every area of your life.

Come by and browse the display. You can sign out your selection, enjoy it, and then return the item for others.

Thanks for using the Inspiration Station.

## News From University Heights United Methodist Women

Following are the updated Executive Officers for 2011 as well as a calendar of meetings and events for UMW and Ruth Circle:

### UMW Executive Committee Officers 2011

President: Marylyne Winslow; Secretary: Doris Fowler; Treasurer: Peggy Richwine; Secretary of Program Resources: Marty Bennington; Mission Coordinator for Spiritual Growth: Shirley Green; Mission Coordinator for Social Action: Mary Fox; Publicity: Joanne Hannon; Mission Coordinator for Membership Nurture & Outreach: Phyllis Webster; Ruth Circle Leader: Marty Bennington; Historian: Dorothy Weaver BIBs Pantry Coordinator: Marilyn Reid; Committee on Nominations 2011: Vicky Swank; Reading Circle Coordinators: Charmain Mosier, Martha Morris, Marty Bennington

### **UMW Executive Committee Meeting Dates 2011**

*All meetings are at 5:30 in the*

*Shalom classroom unless otherwise noted*

Monday, Feb. 14; Monday, April 11; Monday, May 9; Monday, August 8 (Future of UMW to be discussed); Monday, Oct 10; Monday, Nov. 14 and Monday, Dec. 12

### **Ruth Circle Meeting Dates 2011 and Events**

*Meetings are at 7:30 in t*

*he church parlor unless otherwise noted*

Monday, Jan. 10  
Thursday, Feb. 10  
7 pm at Rosedale Hills for Call to Prayer and Self Denial  
Monday, Feb. 28  
Pre-Lenten Workshop at St. Andrew UMW  
Tuesday, March 8  
Bethany Lutheran Tea  
Saturday, April 9  
Southport UMW Lenten Breakfast  
Monday, April 11  
BIBs Shower  
Saturday, April 30  
St. Andrew UMW Brunch “Under the Sea”  
Monday, May 9  
Saturday, June 18  
at Arch & Becky’s home  
Monday, Aug. 8  
Meeting at the home of Peggy Richwine  
Monday, Sept. 10  
Monday, Oct. 10  
Monday, Nov. 14  
World Thanks Offering and Pledge Service  
Monday, December 12

### Sunday School Classes - What Can You Bring to Your Child’s Class

Parents, have you asked your child’s Sunday School teacher what Sunday would be a good Sunday for you to bring in the snack for the class? The children love having ownership in their Sunday School class and the teachers really appreciate it.

## New Community Gardens Coming This Spring

The Evangelism and Outreach Committee is always looking for ways to reach out to our community.

Our newest outreach is the establishment of the University Heights United Methodist Church Community Garden.

A Community Garden is a plot or plots of land that are made "garden ready" and rented to members of the community for growing vegetables and/or flowers. What better use of our vacant lot at the corner of the Windermire Av-

enue and the alley west of the Church!

Our committee has secured donated concrete blocks and soil and will erect 5 to 6 raised beds measuring 4 feet by 16 feet. Another 2 to 3 raised beds will be 4 feet by 8 feet.

These beds will then be rented to community or church individuals or families next spring to grow vegetables or flowers. Our water supply will come from two 50-gallon rain barrels positioned on the two sides of the existing shed and con-

nected to the downspouts. Gardeners will be able to draw water from the barrels and water their plants.

The rent charged (from \$10 to \$15 per plot) is not to make money but rather to encourage care of the space the renter is using. We want the gardens to be weed-free and attractive throughout the gardening season. We will ask each gardener to sign a contract and pay the fee so that he/she is committed to tending his/her garden space. Members of the



committee will assist gardeners with planting and caring for their spaces.

Community Gardens are more than learning the nuts and bolts of gardening; they are about how we as a community work together.

## Gifts for a loved one

Are you interested in publicly honoring or memorializing someone special? Would you like to support BIBs, a ministry of UHUMC that provides layettes and healthy foods to low-income pregnant women?

If so, you may place a statement in the Sunday morning worship bulletin that might read like this: "In lieu of flowers, a monetary gift has been given to BIBs in honor of my mother with love from her daughter."

You may, of course, list the name of the person being honored and sign your name or remain anonymous. Simply notify the office of the amount of money your wish to donate.

Thank you for considering this new way of supporting the BIBs Panty.

## Ulndy Alumni Super Supper and Pack-the-House Night

On Saturday, Jan. 29, 2011, get out of the cold and come enjoy a super supper of fabulous eats from your favorite local eateries.

Following the Super Supper, all are encouraged to Pack-the-House as our women's and men's basketball teams take on St. Joseph's College.

4:30-7 pm Alumni Fan Buffet: Ruth Lilly Fitness Center, lower level

5:30 pm Women's Basketball tip-off; Nicoson Hall

7:45 pm Men's Basketball tip-off; Nicoson Hall

Sign up at the Welcome Center for these free games. Tickets to the Buffet are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under before January 25. After January 26, \$7 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under.

December 2010 Statistics				
	Attendance			General Fund
Date	9 am	11 am	Total	Envelope, Loose, Misc.
12/5	126	36	162	\$ 10,856
12/12	154	40	194	\$ 6,208
12/12	179	CCC		\$654.05 (BIBs)
12/19	134	34	168	\$ 7,357
12/24	188			Christmas Eve
12/26	101	23	124	\$ 4,561

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

**Special Offerings:**

Loose Coin: 104.98 (Bashor Children's Home)

Bishop's Offering: \$343.00

**End of Year Offering:** \$1,722.

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**Lenten Bible Study**

Would you be interested in leading a Lenten Study during this upcoming season? If you would, let Rev. Arch or Susan Hancock know at 317-787-5347.

**Volunteers Needed for  
Kids' Night Out**

We are hosting a Kids' Night Out program on February 12 from 5 - 9 pm. Please sign up at the Welcome Center to volunteer to help watch children ages infant - 12 years old for this evening. This is always an enjoyable and fun evening.