

January, 2012



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Dear Friends:

By the time you receive this newsletter, you will be in the midst of the celebration of Christmas which for the Christian begins on Christmas eve and continues for 12 days through Epiphany. I hope you will do something in your family Christmas to really drive home the true meaning of Christmas! When the children leave a note for Santa, have Santa write back and say something about the true meaning of Christmas and that being why he gives gifts! Read the Christmas Story as you celebrate Christmas, and for young children, take a nativity and move the figures around! Have a birthday party for Jesus during the 12 days of Christmas, complete with birthday cake and games! Talk about the symbols of Christmas with your children: tell them why we have angels or stars on our trees (by the way, make sure you have some angels and stars on your tree), tell them we use an evergreen to remind us that Jesus brings us everlasting life, tell them we use lights to remind us that Jesus is the light of the world, and tell them the candy canes remind us of the shepherds staff. Maybe you can think of other creative ways to keep Christ the center of your Christmas? Most importantly, develop a tradition in your family Christmas that reminds everyone present why we celebrate, and have a Very Merry Christmas!

Now, a word about the New Year! The New Year gives us a natural time to begin anew. Many of us will be making New Year's resolutions that we won't keep! I challenge you to think of one that really matters and determine to keep it! Maybe you could resolve to be more active in your church: to attend more faithfully, or to become more involved in the ministries of your church? Make some changes that matter! That is how we grow as Christians: one step at a time. Having said that, here is hoping you have a very Spirit led and productive New Year!

Your pastor, Mike

Calendar Items:

- Jan. 8—Victorian Manor Service, 1 p.m.
- Jan. 11—Pantry Bd. Meets, 9:30 a.m..
- Jan.13— Rader Friday after school program, 4-7 p.m.
- Jan.16— Vienna UMC Church Council meets, 6:30 p.m.
- Jan.23— Red Cross Blood Drive at Vienna UMC, 2:30-6:30 p.m.

MORE CALENDAR NEWS INSIDE!



VIENNA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Messenger



ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING
November 21, 2011

ATTENDEES:

Pastor Mike, Frank Charleson, Beth Clinkenbeard, Stefanie Feeler, Gail Howard, Terry Snodgrass, and Sharon Wulff.

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Pastor Mike gave an update on Carter Chance and Millie Neal. We need to keep these persons and their families in our prayers. Pastor Mike opened the meeting with a prayer.

MINUTES:

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved as presented.

HOLY MATTERS:

No report.

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Stefanie Feeler reported that the Sunday School material for next quarter has been ordered. New candle lighters have also been ordered. The money for these will be taken from the Memorial Fund. Maggie's Wish is going very well, and the congregation will have an opportunity to buy snowflakes for Christmas that will benefit this mission. There is going to be an Advent study for K-5 on Wednesday evenings, meeting the same time as the youth group. Stefanie says the teachers for Sunday School are good and doing a great job. She reminded us that the youth will be doing their Christmas Program on Sunday, December 11 during the regular church service.

NURTURE COMMITTEE:

No report.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES:

Sharon Wulff reported that the Food Pantry is having another envisioning meeting on December 2, 2011. They have received packaged deer meat and expect more. Total number of families for November is 254, with 213 being from Maries County. This equates to 678 people, with 574 being from Maries County.

WORSHIP:

No report.

PASTOR PARISH:

No report.

TRUSTEES:

No report.

FINANCE:

Beth Clinkenbeard and Gail Howard reported on the income and expenses. Frank asked about getting a Proposed Budget for 2012. Terry agreed to work on this for our December meeting. There have been several Sundays when our offerings did not meet our budget requirements. Overall, the church is still doing okay.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor Mike discussed the United Methodist Church 101 study that meets on Sunday evenings. He reported that of the 15-16 people coming, several of them are already members. As with other studies, there is always something to be learned.

Advent Study will be starting soon.

The youth group will be making cookies for the Food Pantry when they meet on Wednesday, November 30, 2011. Pastor Mike says attendance for the group has been good.

The next Ad Council meeting will be December 19 at 6:30 p.m. With no further business, the meeting was closed with a prayer by Pastor Mike.

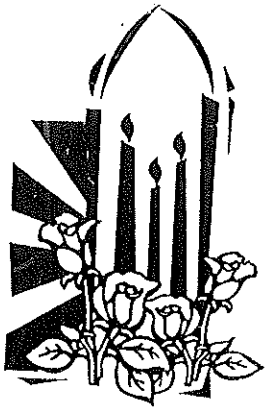
Respectfully submitted,
Terry Snodgrass

THANKS!

I would like to thank everyone who helped with the 2011 Christmas program. Every year I am amazed how everything comes together! There are many jobs and all of you have helped in some way if only by your prayers. As the song said, "God chooses who he uses and he uses everyone!" I am especially grateful to all of the children who put on an awesome performance!!! Thanks also to the parents for bringing your children to practice during this busy time of the year! We need to remember Jesus all year long, not just at Christmas and Easter, by making sure our children attend Sunday School, VBS, and Youth group. Our children, just like Jesus depend on their parents for so much. I know I did!

Thanks again and Happy New Year to the great cast and crew of the Vienna and Rader United Methodist churches!

Becky Steffen



In Our Prayers

PRAYERS and CONCERNS

Our prayers are with these folks who suffer health problems.

Sam Adkins; Joan Allen; Jim Anderson; Betty (Barb Shockley's sister); Jim Bingaman (Barb's son diagnosed with cancer); Carol Bock; Craig Brandriff; Billie Bray; Angie Capps; Donald Charleson; Darlene Curtis; Ted Davis's Girlfriend; Tanner Day; Diane Deaton; Ellen Duke; Dottie Ewers (friend of Judy S.); Lynne Farley; Susan Forester; Katie (French) Gibson; Sylvia Gilbert (Sharon B's friend); Rachel Goecke; Delores Hempe; Liam Hick; Carolyn Holt; Vernon Holt; Lloyd Honse; Georgia Hood; Leroy & Pauline Hoss; Trish Hull; Nancy James; Daryl Kuehnc; Buck Love; Andrea McCarty; Millie Neal; Ray Nelson (Derek Chance's uncle); Doris Otten (Jamie Falter's cousin); Esther Oviatt; Bill & Patsy Parker; Idelia Parker; Steven Parker; Lisa Patterson; Ken Reed; Katie Rodriquez; Brenna Rogers; Patsy Rollins; Warren Rollins; Clayton Rustemeyer; Connie S; Diane Sax; Carol Smith; Ann Terbrock (Diabetes); Harold Terry; Monroe Uptergrove; Karleigh Vincent; DeWayne Wagner; Scott Wagner; William Wilkinson; Ann Winkelhake; Lydia Wulff; Sue Yowell; Chris Zamarripa.



Thanks for your help in keeping our prayer list updated.

Rev. Hargraves, Judy, and Sharon

Serving in Middle East: COL Gregg Thompson, Kim Elrod, John Green, and Steve Hargraves.

Military people serving elsewhere: Nick Davis, Shawn Davis, Andy B. Elrod, Kevin Green, Dustin Hill, Jessica Hollis, Dennis Hutchison, Tony James, Craig Justus, Sara Justus, Stephen Neubert, Michael Slone, Dana Squires, Melissa Terry, Troy Vandever, Casey Wagner, and Denise Wilkinson.

Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of:

Everett Hollis, Tom Swarthout, Joe Copeland, Catherine Bade, Bernard Fitzpatrick, and John Gale Copeland.

CHANCEL FLOWERS



Since the last newsletter, chancel flowers have been provided by:

Nov 27 Berniece James in memory of husband, Norman

Dec 4 Les, Ginger, Tobias, & Kaden Moreland in honor of Kayci's 8th Birthday

Dec 18 Poinsettia Sunday - Dedications are listed elsewhere in newsletter

The 2012 Flower Calendar is on the old office door. Many dates for the new year are available for honoring or remembering someone in your life. Choose the dates in which you wish to provide altar flowers, fill out the dedication slip, and remember the price is \$25.00. The available dates for January include the 22nd, and the 29th. All of February and March are available.



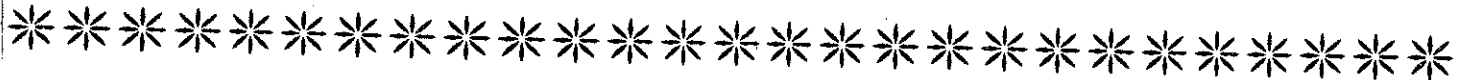
RADER REVIEW

Welcome to the Rader United Methodist Church's "Rader Review". We encourage you to read along with us every month about all the big things happening at our tiny church. This is a month full of holiday celebrations, the biggest celebration being the day Christ was born. In preparation for Christmas, advent candles are lit at the front of the church - each candle symbolizing its own week in December. The first candle was lit by the Kidwell family. The second candle was lit by the Bland family and most recently the Falter family. Our church is our family, so involving everybody is important. Along with the candles being lit, a scripture is read closing with a prayer.

At the annual Christmas party, Santa stopped by. He gave out gifts and all the children were able to sit on his lap. Everybody had a great night singing holiday hymns, eating delicious food, and spending time together. Santa isn't the only one good at giving. Don't forget to do your part and donate chili beans to the food pantry in town and help feed the less fortunate. The youth group is a good example of helping others. They spent their time baking cookies of all types for the food pantry. We hope this inspires you to do what you're able to do for others, especially during the holidays.

Last week's attendance was 33 with an offering of \$479.00. This week we had 25 people attend and gave \$207.00. Thank you for worshipping with us.

God Bless,
Amanda Justus



A view from the pew

The end of calendar year 2011 is rapidly approaching and I am reminded that there are many tasks I had hoped to tackle in 2011 that are still on my "to do" list. Each Sunday morning as Donna and I arrive at our church we know that the morning will be an exciting and fulfilling experience.

It is then that I am reminded there are many others at work behind the scene that help make each visit to our church an enjoyable experience. Oftentimes this work is done at their own expense with little or no recognition for their efforts. And so this year Donna and I say "Thank you" to each of you who give of your own time and talent so that Donna and I, and all the rest of our congregation, can come into our building for a worship service that has been organized and prepared to give us an opportunity to draw nearer to God

This Christmas Season join Donna and I in thanking each of these unseen volunteers for their work that permits us to enjoy our spiritual journey toward God's Kingdom. You may not know them all and I wouldn't dare to try to identify all of them because I would miss several. Just express your thanks to as many as you can and perhaps this recognition will be spread to all. THANK YOU !!

Frank and Donna Charleson



FALL SUPPER - 2011



Income:

Proceeds from dinner	\$ 3,608.00
Proceeds from carryouts	2,792.00
Proceeds from adv. Tickets	224.00
Proceeds from items purchased for dinner (turkeys, donations from leftovers on Sunday, etc.)	2,017.00
Proceeds from Bazaar	<u>1,081.22</u>
Total income	\$9,722.22

Expenses:

Sam's Club	\$ 192.74
Butcher Shop	1,347.50
G & W Foods	1,060.74
Fick Distributing	1,575.04
Advertising	179.50
Clorox Wipes	<u>15.91</u>
Total expenses	\$4371.43

Profit from Fall Supper & Bazaar **\$5,350.79**



VIENNA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

The mission statement for Vienna United Methodist Church is:

- Bringing new souls to Christ.
- Bringing the word of God to the unchurched.
- Being with God and knowing our place in God's world.
- Living by the teachings of Jesus Christ, and leading lives guided by Christ's teachings, values, and ideals, so as to be examples to others.
- To know Christ and to help make Christ known to the world by being a congregation that exemplifies God's love so well that this love of God shall find the lost.
- To fellowship together as a congregation of Christians, following our spiritual journey.



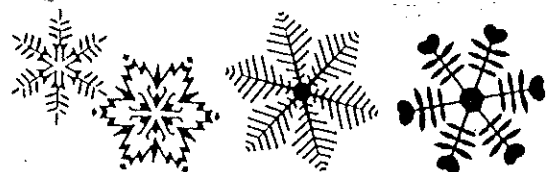
Dedications for Christmas - Poinsettias

- In memory of Joshua & Brian Stratman, George & MaryLea Davis, and Ray & Selma Hollis given by Johnnie & Barbie Hollis
- In memory of Jay & Lottie Tackett given by Rodney, Sharon, and Jonathan Bramlett
- In memory of Willard, Fay, & Terry Hollis, Oma Parker, MaryLea & George Davis, Charles Williams given by Larry & Cindy Hollis (2)
- In honor of Ron & Liz Rowden and in memory of Alice Rowden given by Tyler Rowden
- In memory of Jay Hutchison & Marjorie Howard given by Richard & Gail Howard family
- In memory of Eric Curtis given by Gayle Curtis family
- In memory of Terry Hollis given by Jessi Hollis & Cindy Schmitz
- In memory of Imogene Gray & Dene Workman given by David & Judy Honse (2)
- In honor of Richard & Gail Howard given by Tyler Rowden
- In honor of Mozelle & Jim McKenzie and in memory of Jay Hutchison given by Tyler Rowden
- In honor of Bill Parker and in memory of Terry Lindeman (son) given by Patsy Parker (2)
- In honor of Colleen Fannon given by Paula Fannon-Meyer and Adam Meyer
- In memory of Bonnie Neese given by Nancy Ragan

Dedications for Christmas 2011 – Snowflakes for Maggie's Wish

- In memory of Aunt Mary Musick, Grandma Clifford, Grandma Crum, Juanita Davis given by James & Rowena Uptergrove (4)
- In memory of my daddy, Joshua Stratman, given by Isabel Stratman
- In memory of Char Chance and Norma Rhodes given by Barb Shockley (2)
- In memory of our parents, Charlie & Hursel & Gus & Opal given by Mick & Ellie James (4)
- In honor of Richard & Shirley James and in celebration of Dakota Labbee given by Diana James (2)
- In memory of Delmar Ragan & Hursel James given by Faye Ragan (2)
- In celebration of Keith, Beth, Eva, & Ella Hollis and Shelly & Savannah Siebeneck given by Larry & Cindy Hollis (2)
- In honor of our grandsons, Troy & Wyatt Wulff given by Bob & Sharon Wulff (2)
- In honor of our children, Marilyn, Beverly, & Steven given by Frank & Donna Charleson (2)
- In honor of Blake & Chloe Sutterfield given by LeRoy & Judith Sutterfield (2)
- In celebration of Faith, Hope, & Charity given by Jack & Norma Feeler (3)
- In memory of Irene John given by Bill, Laura, Benton, & Weston
- In memory of Louise Crawford given by Idelia Parker
- In memory of Roger Bullock given by Bill, Laura, Benton, & Weston
- In honor of Steve Hargraves, Mike's brother serving in Afghanistan, given by Mike & Donna Hargraves
- In celebration of the Christmas season given by Mike & Donna Hargraves
- In honor of their daughters and families given by Gary & Beth Clinkenbeard
- In memory of Irene John and Glen Clinkenbeard given by Gary & Beth Clinkenbeard (5)
- In honor of Maggie Helton given by Nancy Ragan
- In celebration of Bethany, Maggie, Brandon, Blain, Gage, & Alexis given by PePa & MeMe Curtis
- In honor of Miriam Stricklan & Stefanie Feeler and in memory of Norma Dake given by Karen Luecke (3)
- In memory of Irene John given by Becky Steffen
- In honor of all of the children of the Vienna & Rader United Methodist churches given by Becky Steffen

44 Snowflakes × \$10 each = \$440.00




December Finance Report and January Worship Information

Attendance & Offerings

Offerings: All givings for Nov 21 - Dec 18
 Vienna \$ 8,636.75
 Rader Givings - Oct 30 - Dec 18 - \$3730.50
 Building Fund Received - \$1220.00

Attendance:

Rader				Vienna
Oct 30	27	Nov 27	33	124
Nov 6	37	Dec 4	33	133
Nov 13	29	Dec 11	25	209
Nov 20	32	Dec 18	31	122


Acolytes

Makayla Peterman & Bailey Wilkinson

BIRTHDAYS

Jan 2 Sheila Murphy, Angie Stricklan
 Jan 3 Makayla Curtis, David Honse
 Jan 6 Carl Neubert, Sr.
 Jan 7 Janet Johnson, Wyatt Wulff
 Jan 9 Charlee Chance, Amanda Helton, Alice Holmes
 Jan 11 Nora Garro
 Jan 14 Hannah Pankey
 Jan 15 Sara Justus
 Jan 16 Jane Murphy
 Jan 19 Lori Ann Chance
 Jan 20 Amanda Justus
 Jan 21 Rebecca Garro, Thomas Pottorff
 Jan 22 Lisa Bullock, Bob Simoneaux
 Jan 24 Janet Weider
 Jan 28 Terry Feeler
 Jan 29 Linda Adkins, Beth Ann Hollis
 Jan 31 Samantha Crawford, Makayla Picker



Liturgists

Jan 1 Frank Charleson
 Jan 8 Gene Dudley
 Jan 15 Gary Clinkenbeard
 Jan 22 Stefanie Feeler
 Jan 29 Peggy Wagner



Anniversaries

Jan 1 Jared & Sarah Humphrey
 Jan 8 Romie & Louise Butler

Nursery

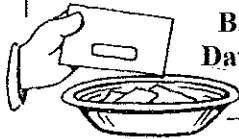
Jan 1 Patrick & Denise Wilkinson
 Jan 8 Malinda Wulff & Sarah Rowden
 Jan 15 Megan Smith & Robin Helton
 Jan 22 Tammy Kleffner & Shelly Siebeneck
 Jan 29 Becky & Miranda Peterman

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, January 23, 2012
 2:30 - 6:30

USHERS for JANUARY

Barb & Carl Neubert
 David & Debbie Pankey





FOOD PANTRY SCHEDULE

Jan 3	8:00 a.m.	Bag Food
Jan 4	8:00 a.m.	Distribute Food
Jan 12	8:00 a.m.	Distribute Food
Jan 27	11:00 a.m.	Unload Big Truck

Thank you very much!

Even though you didn't have to do it, you did it anyway. And it was much appreciated.

Thank you,
Harold & Joanne

Dear Youth Group,

Thank you so very much for the delicious cookies you prepared for the Food Pantry. The clients and volunteers loved them. Your kindness will always be remembered.

Loaves & Fishes

YOUTH SUB SANDWICH SALES

Taking Orders - January 22 and 29
\$3.50 each

Available - Super Bowl Sunday
February 5, 2012

This is the youth's major fundraiser for the year. Please support our United Methodist Youth Fellowship program!

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9:30 a.m.
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10:30 a.m.

Dave & Lisa Garro
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