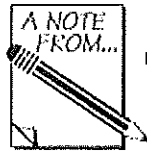


December, 2011



## The Pastor

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Sharon Wulff, newsletter editor



VIENNA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# The Messenger

*Dear Friends:*

*By the time you receive this newsletter, we will be in the season of Advent. In the secular celebration of Christmas, Advent is left out. I have noticed this year that shortly after Halloween the Christmas trees came out and the Christmas songs started in the stores. I don't want to be a scrooge, but this is all about increasing sales for Christmas. I guess I am telling my age, but I can remember when we actually celebrated Thanksgiving before the stores started pushing for sales for Christmas.*

*Advent is the beginning of the Christian year. Advent has a dual purpose; Advent is a time of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Christ. It is a time to talk about and think about how we can rightly celebrate the birth of the Christ Child, but it is also a time of preparation for the second coming of Christ. It is a time of examination, soul searching, and making sure that we are ready for Christ to return. For the Christian, the celebration of the birth hasn't come yet, but it is right around the corner, so this year, let's make sure we leave time to do a little soul searching and examination as we come into Advent. Let's sing songs that cause us to look with anticipation to the birth of Christ and cause us to search our hearts and prepare for Christ's second coming. Then and only then, when we come to the later part of Advent and the Christmas season, can we sing the songs of Christmas with celebration and joy because our hearts will be ready and our minds will more fully grasp what it is that we are celebrating! God bless you as we prepare for one of the great celebrations of the Christian year!*

*Your pastor, Mike*

Calendar items:

- Dec. 2—Pantry Visioning meeting at the pantry, noon.
- Dec. 3—Rader Christmas Party, 5 p.m.
- Dec. 9—Holy Hatters Christmas lunch, noon.
- Dec. 9—Rader Friday after school program, 4-7 p.m.
- Dec. 11—Vienna Christmas program, 10:30 a.m.
- Dec. 19-- Vienna Church council meets, 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 24-- Rader Christmas eve. Service, 5:30 p.m.
- Dec. 24-- Vienna Christmas eve. Service, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 28-- No Youth meeting

MORE CALENDAR NEWS INSIDE!



**ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**October 10, 2011**

**ATTENDEES:**

Pastor Mike, Frank Charleson, Stefanie Feeler, Robin Helton, Gail Howard, Ellie James, Terry Snodgrass, and Sharon Wulff.

**DEVOTION and PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Frank mentioned his younger brother, Donald, was not doing well. Also Sharon Bramlett was to have a procedure and was not present. 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 is going well. She is considering trying to do an Advent study for the younger children on Wednesday evenings when the older youth group meets. Materials were discussed and Stefanie was going to wait to see what interest might develop among the younger children and their parents. The Christmas program will be Sun, Dec 11<sup>th</sup> during the regular worship service, if that is alright with Pastor Mike. He approved.

**NURTURE COMMITTEE:**

No report.

**OUTREACH MINISTRIES:**

Sharon Wulff reported the number of families for the first day of pantry distribution in October had been 165, which was 155 Maries County families and 10 out of county. The numbers equated to 446 people. (The second distribution day was a few days later.) Sharon reported that she, Kay Wieberg, and Jan Wenzel had met and organized a letter requesting donations for the food pantry. These funds would be used for vouchers for the Maries County recipients to purchase food from the local grocery store. Sharon made a motion for a donation of \$500 be given again by our church. Stefanie Feeler seconded the motion and the Council approved the motion. It was reported that the Butcher Shop had already donated about 100 packages of different meats (especially pork) to the Food Pantry. Share the Harvest meat will probably be available again this year. She and Bob will go the Sedalia to pick up beans and rice for the pantry on Oct 15<sup>th</sup>.

**WORSHIP:**

No report.

**PASTOR PARISH:**

No report.

**TRUSTEES:**

No report.

**FINANCE:**

Financial reports were issued to board members for approval. It was mentioned that Rader had presented the Vienna church with a donation of \$500 for the building addition. It will be applied to the principal on the loan. The balance of the loan is approximately \$17,000. Extra monies donated are applied to the principal, while the weekly and monthly pledges are applied to the regular loan payment.

The insurance, approximately \$6000, for the buildings is due. The Council approved \$5000 to be taken from the Performer MMDA and \$1000 to be taken from the Bldg. Addition fund, which the church had given to open the building fund account when it first started. These amounts will be transferred to the checking account.

The Council approved the purchase of four additional tables for the Fall Supper.

**CHAIR REPORT:**

Frank mentioned the Bible Study group is studying Bishop Schnase's book Five Practices for a Fruitful Congregation and had discussed the church's need to have some signage for restrooms and classrooms for visitors. We discussed some visitor parking spots and some visitor cards for the pews.

The classroom doors in the new addition do not have windows. This will need to be looked into and taken care of. Frank said he would visit with Mike Terry to see what he thought we could do.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:**

Pastor Mike made a motion for the Council to approve the local church officials for the coming year, 2012. This will be presented at the Charge Conference on Wed, Oct 19<sup>th</sup>. The motion was seconded by Sharon Wulff, and the Council approved the motion.

The next Ad Council meeting will be November 21 at 6:30 p.m. With no further business, the meeting was closed with a prayer by Pastor Mike.

Respectfully submitted,  
Terry Snodgrass

**ADVENT BIBLE STUDY**  
Tuesday Nights  
7:00 p.m.



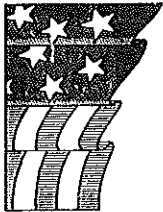
## PRAYERS and CONCERNS

Our prayers are with these folks who suffer health problems.

Sam Adkins; Joan Allen; Jim Anderson; Frank Barnes; Norris & Steve Bassett (Steve is donating a kidney to his father, Norris, on Nov 22); Betty (Barb Shockley's sister); Carol Bock; Craig Brandriff; Billie Bray; Katie Brunner; Angie Capps; Carter Chance (concussion due to fall); Donald Charleson; Frank Charleson; Joanne Charleson; Tanner Day; Diane Deaton; Rachel Doeke; Ellen Duke; P.J. Evans; Dottie Ewers (friend of Judy S.); Lynne Farley; Susan Forester; Cloris Gant; Katie (French) Gibson; Sylvia Gilbert (Sharon B's friend); Delores Hempe; Liam Hick; Everett Hollis; Carolyn Holt; Vernon Holt; Leroy & Pauline Hoss; Trish Hull; Nancy James; Jim Juergensmeyer; Daryl Kuehne; Buck Love; Andrea McCarty; Millie Neal; Ray Nelson (Derek Chance's uncle); Doris Otten (Jamie Falter's cousin); Esther Oviatt; Bill & Patsy Parker; Steven Parker; Lisa Patterson; Ken Reed; Katie Rodriquez; Brenna Rogers; Patsy Rollins; Warren Rollins; Clayton Rustemeyer; Connie S; Diane Sax; Bill & Brenda Skouby; Diana Skouby; Carol Smith; Ann Terbrock (Diabetes); Eleanor Terry; Harold Terry; Monroe Uptergrove; Karleigh Vincent; Scott Wagner; Mary Ann Wildhaber; William Wilkinson; Ann Winkelhake; Lydia Wulff; 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:  
**Jim McKinney, Fanny Blankenship, and Owen Redel.**



## CHANCEL FLOWERS

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

Oct 30 In honor of Bob & Peggy Simoneaux's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Nov 6 Cindy Hollis in honor of Larry Hollis and All Veterans

Nov 13 Richard & Karen Parker in honor of Idelia Parker's 91<sup>st</sup> Birthday

Nov 20 In honor of Bob & Sharon Wulff's Anniversary

The 2011 and 2012 Flower Calendars are on the old office door. A few dates are available for remembering someone this year and many dates for the new year. 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 the remainder of the year include Dec 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.



## Committees

### Charge Pastor Parish Relations Committee

2012	2013	2014
Dave Garro, Chair	Robin Helton	Lori Ann Chance
Alice Holmes, Rader	Gail Howard	Frank Charleson
Sarah Stratman	John Tremain, Rader	Nicki Hollis

### Board of Trustees

Gary Clinkenbeard	David Honse	Becky Peterman
Sonny Helton	Richard Howard	Mark Pottorff
Jeremy Smith	Mike Terry	Elizabeth Rowden

### Nominations and Leadership Development Committee

2012	2013	2014
Mike Hargraves, Chair	Barry Hutchison, Lay Leader	
Sonny Helton	Tammy Kleffner	Sheila Murphy
Jessica Stricklan	Laura Patton	Becky Steffen
Judy Sutterfield	Patrick Wilkinson	Dana Wansing

### Finance Committee

Robin Helton, Chair	Mike Hargraves	Ellie James, Lay Mbr. Ann. Conf.
Dave Garro, PPR	Trustees, TBA	Ellie James, Ad. Coun. Chair
Gail Howard, Treas.	Barry Hutchison, Lay Leader	Terry Snodgrass, Coun. Secretary
Mick James, Stewardship Chair	Beth Clinkenbeard, Finance Sec.	

### Worship: Sharon Bramlett, Chair

Communion Steward: Mel Stricklan	Children's Christmas Program: Becky Steffen
Ushers: Ann Bennett	Acolytes: Laura Patton
Bulletin Folder: Sunshine Class	Primary Sound System Operator: Sonny Helton
Children's Church: Sharon Wulff	Handbell Choir: (Vacant)
Liturgist Coordinator: Sharon Bramlett	
Music: Sharon Bramlett, Beth Clinkenbeard, Barry Hutchison, Terry Snodgrass, Choir	

### Nurture/Form Team:

Meals: Dave Garro	Dwayne Elrod	Richard Howard	Faye Hutchison
Karen Logan	Becky Peterman	Bob Simoneaux	Peggy Simoneaux
Ann Winkelhake	Debbie Wiczorek		
Christmas Decorations: Kay Eads, Tammy Kleffner			

### Christian Education:

SS Superintendent: Stefanie Feeler  
VBS 2011: Becky Steffen and Stefanie Feeler  
Methodist 101  
Confirmation: Pastor Mike and to be arranged  
Tues. night Bible Study Leader: Shared leadership  
Youth Group: Pastor Mike, Debbie Wiczorek, Donna Hargraves, Rowena Uptergrove

### Send/Outreach:

Funeral Dinners: Viola C., Billie E., Sheila T., Berniece J., & Jane H.  
Care Package Coordinator: Larry & Cindy Hollis  
Food Pantry Board Member: Pastor Mike & Sharon Wulff  
Holy Hatters Women's Group: Sheila Terry & Jane Dothage  
Blood Drive: Berniece J., Jane D., Jane H., Jack Feeler, Pat S., Mike T., Debbie A., and others  
Community Halloween Party & Easter Egg Hunt: Malinda Howard and Sarah Rowden  
Russell House Benefit: Sarah Stratman, Board Member  
Flu Shot Clinic: Becky Peterman

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Administrative Help:

Office Secretary: Judy Sutterfield

Newsletter: Sharon Wulff

Webpage: Lisa Garro



## RECENT BAPTISMS

On Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> Jett Humphrey, son of Jared & Sarah (French) Humphrey was baptized at the Vienna United Methodist Church. Also, Jett's father, Jared, was received into the church by his profession of faith. Great-grandmother, Louise French, holds a special place in the lives of this family.

Jayden Joseph Garro, son of Rebecca Garro, was baptized on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> before a host of friends and relatives. Rebecca also rededicated her life to being a member of the Vienna United Methodist Church.

Congratulations to both of these families!

## THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Dear Vienna Church Family,

Thank you for the cards, gifts, and words of encouragement during Pastor Appreciation Month. We appreciate all of you and are proud to be able to serve here among you.

God bless you,  
Mike, Donna,  
Wesley, & Amanda

Vienna United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for thinking about the Russell House by donating the sewing machine, electric typewriter plus accessories, and the typewriter stand. The ladies at the Shelter and the Russell House staff appreciate your generosity.

Sincerely,  
Peggy Simoneaux  
Maries County Women's

## HOLY HATTERS' LUNCHEON

Friday, December 9  
12:00 noon



The Holy Hatters are sponsoring this luncheon for everyone who is interested - not just for Holy Hatters. Come enjoy a good meal and loving fellowship.

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Becky Steffen has made arrangements and plans for the Children's Program to be held on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> during the regular church service time. She will be contacting you for practice times and wants you to be ready to participate.

On the morning of the program, please be at the church by 10:15 and ready to get your costume on, if one is needed, and get lined up for your entry into the sanctuary for the performance.

Be ready to start practice in a few days!

Thanks,  
Becky Steffen



# POINSETTIA SUNDAY

Dedication for bulletins on Dec 18<sup>th</sup> and Dec 24<sup>th</sup>

If you wish to place a poinsettia in the church for the above dates, you can do so in one of two ways:

\_\_\_\_\_ I will place my order for \_\_\_\_\_ (number) poinsettia(s) with the Flower Basket at \$12 each. The Flower Basket will deliver them by Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.

or

\_\_\_\_\_ I will purchase and bring \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettia(s) on my own to the church by Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.

I want the Dedication(s) to read: (Due by December 14<sup>th</sup>)

\_\_\_\_\_ In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ In celebration of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Your Name

# MAGGIE'S WISH

If you wish to purchase a snowflake for Maggie's Wish at a cost of \$10.00 each, please indicate below and include your payment - checks payable to Vienna United Methodist Church.

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to buy \_\_\_\_\_ (number) snowflakes. My payment of \_\_\_\_\_ is attached.

I want the Dedication to read: (Due by December 14<sup>th</sup>)

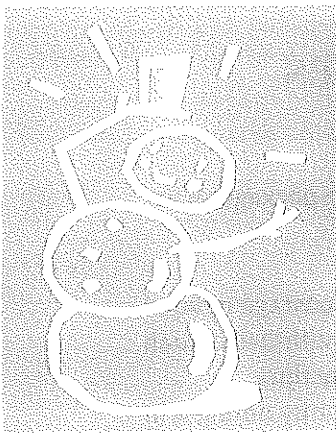
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\_\_\_\_\_ In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ In celebration of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Your Name





## Jesus is the Reason For the Season!

### Christmas Gifts That Won't Break! Hope-Love-Joy-Peace

Christmas Program  
Sunday  
December 11th  
10:30 a.m.

Join Stefanie and Nicki at our  
children's Advent study beginning  
Wednesday, November 30th at 6:30 p.m.  
Children -Kindergarten-5th grade

### Snowflakes Are Kisses from Heaven

Purchase a snowflake for \$10.00

to Honor or Remember someone during this Holiday Season!

All proceeds will go to our SS Mission "Maggie's Wish".

Your dedication will be listed in the bulletin and newsletter.

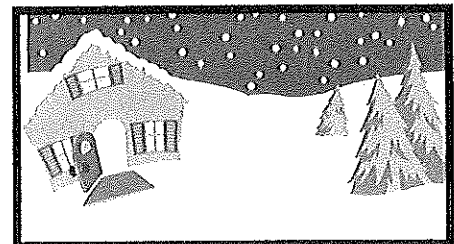
Dedication slips will be available at Vienna & Rader Churches.

### **Please Join Us!!**

Join us at Sunday School  
as we learn about the  
Birth of Our Savior  
Jesus Christ!!

\*9:30 a.m. each Sunday\*

There is a class for everyone!



I'll Be Home for Christmas-  
You Can Count on Me!



## COLLEGE/MILITARY CARE PACKAGES

The second mailing of Vienna United Methodist Church college and military care packages was sent at the end of November to the following fifteen (15) recipients.

Thank you for your continued donations to help purchase the contents and the postage needed for delivery of the packages. You may donate toward this very important and continued church connection to those attending college or deployed overseas in the military at any time throughout the year by noting **College/Military Care Packages** on an envelope or by noting it in the "FOR" section of a check – and placing it in the collection plate.

Also, please remember those on the Vienna United Methodist Church Care Package list during the holiday season with a card or friendly greeting to let them know you're thinking of them!

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Springfield, MO 65802

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APO AE 09898

Gregg Thompson  
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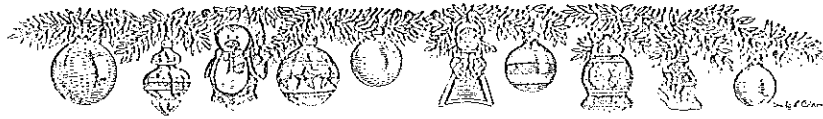
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Steve Hargraves  
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APO AE 09320





## November Finance Report and December Worship Information



### Attendance & Offerings

Offerings: All givings for Oct 30 - Nov 20  
Vienna \$ 9,500.31  
Rader \$  
Building Fund Received - \$920.00

#### Attendance:

	Vienna	Rader
Oct 23	125	
Oct 30	170	
Nov 6	109	
Nov 13	126	
Nov 20	141	

### December Acolytes

Karissa Feeler & Gabrielle Wilkinson

### BIRTHDAYS

Dec 1 Laron Hilke  
 Dec 2 Brenda Tremain, Ella Hollis  
 Dec 3 Bill Parker, Lloyd Workman  
 Dec 4 Kayci Moreland  
 Dec 5 Clifford Hayes, Daniel Thompson  
 Dec 9 Pat Hutchison, Tom Swarthout  
 Dec 10 Steven Charleson, Megan Smith  
 Dec 12 Veronica Bland, Cassandra Bullock,  
 Chad Elrod, Mike Long, David Webb  
 Dec 14 Darlene Bland  
 Dec 17 James Uptergrove  
 Dec 19 Owen Dean Kloeppe  
 Dec 22 Mary Reidmeyer, JoAnn Terry  
 Dec 23 Ace Helton, Bill Patton  
 Dec 24 Charles Oviatt  
 Dec 25 Danielle Eads, Dakota Hollis,  
 Chris Hutchison  
 Dec 26 Mike Terry  
 Dec 27 Penny Hilke, Nick Swarthout  
 Dec 29 Gregg Thompson  
 Dec 31 Denise Wilkinson



### Liturgists

Dec 4 Ellie James  
 Dec 11 CHILDREN'S PROGRAM  
 Dec 18 Ann Winkelhake  
 Dec 25 Mike Terry



### Anniversaries

Dec 10 Carl & Peggy Kidwell  
 James & Rowena Uptergrove  
 Dec 21 Bill & Patsy Parker  
 Dec 24 Kim & Doug Eads  
 Chris & Dana Wansing  
 Dec 25 Gene & Nancy Dudley  
 Dec 26 Dick & Ordith Skouby  
 Dec 31 Laron & Penny Hilke

### Nursery

Dec 4 Andrea Sharp & Jessica Stricklan  
 Dec 11 CHILDREN'S PROGRAM  
 Dec 18 Lori Chance & Donna Charleson  
 Dec 25 Lisa & Becca Garro

### AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, November 28, 2011  
 2:30 - 6:30 p.m.  
 Vienna United Methodist church

### USHERS for DECEMBER

Billie Elrod & Geneva Helstein  
 Berniece Bullock & Berniece James



## FOOD PANTRY SCHEDULE

Dec 6	8:00 a.m.	Bag Food
Dec 7	8:00 a.m.	Distribute Food
Dec 15	8:00 a.m.	Distribute Food
Dec 23	11:00 a.m.	Unload Big Truck

## CHILDREN'S ADVENT STUDY

**"Christmas Gifts That Won't  
Break"**

**Begins: Wednesday, Nov 30  
6:30 p.m.**

**Ages: Kindergarten - 5<sup>th</sup> Grades**



## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

**Vienna United Methodist Church  
Sunday, Dec 11, 2011  
10:30 a.m.**

**11:30 a.m. - Breakfast**

Vienna United Methodist Church  
P.O. Box 161  
Vienna, Missouri 65582

POSTMASTER: Dated Material  
Please deliver on or before **Dec 1, 2011**

**Address Service Requested**

Non-Profit Org.  
U.S. Postage  
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Permit No. 3  
Vienna, Missouri 65582

Sunday School  
9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship  
10:30 a.m.