

January

2012

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- January 1  
**New Year's Day Services**  
9:30 & 10:45 Only!
- January 8  
De-Decorate Church  
9:30 AM
- January 15 & 16  
Ten Commandments  
from the Backside Classes  
Sundays 5 PM  
Mondays 9 AM
- January 16  
Church Council  
7 PM
- January 27  
Mission Spaghetti Dinner  
4:30-6:30 PM

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Chesterton United Methodist Church

*"Transforming Lives in Christ"*



*Epiphany is the day Christians celebrate the journey of the Wise Men to find the Christ child. They also gave gifts that were precious and of great value. As you begin your New Year, may the gift of the Christ Child be yours and may you offer the most "precious and valuable" of who you are to the world around you.*

Happy New Year!



**May Your New Year be filled with Joy and Good Things!**

*Pastor Chris Newman-Jacobs      Lori St. Pierre*  
*Marijo Novinger      pastor Cathy Allison*  
*Margret Brenn      Sue Harris*  
*Szu-Ping Chang Wong      Chris Cloud      Deborah Beard*  
*JoAnn Cundiff      Toby Guill      Bill Woods      Kevin Novinger*

**Lori St. Pierre**

It is with sadness that the Staff Parish Committee announces the resignation of Lori St. Pierre, our Children's Ministry Director. Over the past 13 years we have witnessed her unwavering love for God demonstrated by her love and nurturing of our children. She began working with the children as a volunteer in 1998, and later joined the staff as Children's Director in 2002. She has embodied Christ and we are blessed by her service.

This has not been an easy decision for Lori, but she feels that God may be calling her to do something else. Lori still plans to be actively involved and is hoping to be the *"the best volunteer ever"*. We honor her decision to resign as Children's Ministry Director effective January 31, 2012.

**Lori will be honored at all three services January 22. We ask for your prayers for her and the church as we seek God's discretion.**

# January Worship Schedule

- January 1      9:30 and 10:45  
**Please note there are only 2 services today**  
 “New Beginnings”  
 Ecclesiastes 3:1-13  
 Pastor Cathy is preaching  
 Communion will be served at both services
  
- January 8      8:15, 9:30 and 10:45  
 “The First Step”  
 Mark 1:4-11  
 Each service will include a renewal of our Baptisms  
 Communion will be served at 8:15
  
- January 15     8:15, 9:30 and 10:45  
 “How to Look Forward to a New Year”  
 Romans 5:1-5  
 Toby Guill will be preaching  
 Communion will be served at the 8:15 service
  
- January 22     8:15, 9:30 and 10:45  
 “Deciding Faith”  
 Psalm 62:5-12  
 Communion will be served at 8:15  
 Baptisms will be celebrated
  
- January 29     8:15, 9:30 and 10:45  
 “Timing is Everything”  
 Mark 1:14-20  
 Communion will be served at 8:15



*It's a New Year!*

*Invite a friend to church!*

*We all need to hear the Good News of Jesus!*



Thank You Friends,

*Thank You!*

Thank you Chesterton UMC friends for your thoughtfulness once again this Christmas. Your cards, gifts and Love Gift are so generous and appreciated! We are very grateful for all that you do to help us feel welcome and a part of the Chesterton community!

I am proud of the church’s 2011 accomplishments but also know that 2012 will bring new challenges and opportunities! I look forward to working together with staff and leaders of the church to develop vision and plans for the coming year. We will get to work soon! ☺

May your New Year be filled with the goodness life brings and may our New Year together be filled with the joy of sharing Christ through all that we do. This is a wonderful season for each of us to renew our relationship with the Savior who came that starlit night in Bethlehem. As we do, we will be showered with the blessings of the Holy Night! Let’s spread that Good News all over town!

Gratefully and Fondly,  
Pastor Chris, Paul, Hilary and Hannah

## UMW Christmas Dinner

Each year at our annual UMW Christmas Dinner, the United Methodist Women honor special people from our congregation with a Special Mission Recognition Pin. These are people, who throughout the years, have done a great job of helping our church be a wonderful place to live, love, laugh, and learn.

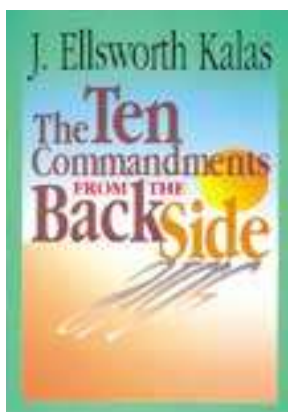
This year United Methodist Women are very proud to honor Anne Hokanson and Mary Dold as recipients of this award. These gals have served our church for a combined total of over 150 years, and have been UMW members for over 100 years. They both have been (and still are) an inspiration to each of us, and through their work in the church and through UMW missions, have touched many lives.



And with the pin which they received, they also continue touching lives through many missions, because a "love donation" is given in their names to be used to help others.

**CONGRATULATIONS and MUCH LOVE to Anne and Mary!!**

### *The Ten Commandments from the Back Side*



**\*\*Sunday Evenings**

**5:00p.m.—6:30p.m.**

**January 15, 2012—March 25, 2012**

**(will not meet Super Bowl Sunday February 5th)**

**Terry Rhine Hall**

**Led by Pastor Chris**

**\*\*Monday Mornings**

**9:00a.m.—10:30a.m.**

**January 16, 2012—March 19, 2012**

**Terry Rhine Hall**

**Led by Pastor Cathy**

Author, J. Ellsworth Kalas opens new possibilities of insight into the familiar Ten Commandments. Restating them in the positive, Kalas explores how these "prohibitive" laws actually are our dear friends, intended to make life richer and more fulfilling. Kalas uses contemporary illustrations and personal experience to show how these timeless laws give us an appetite for divine excellence.

- Discover how the law was meant to make life richer and more fulfilling;
- Gain new insights into positive possibilities for holy living.

There is a sign-up sheet in the main hall under the Adult Ministry bulletin board. Please sign up or contact the church office if you are interested in this group so that we have enough books for everyone. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Allison.

*A big thank you to all that helped with the Advent dinners. Your help was appreciated more than you will ever know.*

*Cathy Fitzmaurice*

### **Recognizing New Babies on Sunday, January 8**

About once each quarter, we like to recognize and celebrate new babies and children born or adopted into our congregation by placing a silk rose on the altar in the Sanctuary for each new child. If you have had a child or grandchild born this fall, please make sure the church office has the name of the child, his or her birthdate, and the names of the parents or grandparents. You can contact us at 926-1478 or [chesterton.umc@frontier.com](mailto:chesterton.umc@frontier.com). We will be placing either a blue or pink rose on the altar in honor of your new little one on Sunday, January 8, which you may take home with you after worship on that Sunday.





## Pizza & Pipes

Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at Noon for this fun event where kids will eat yummy

pizza & our organist, Szu-Ping Chang Wong will show the kids how the organ works! Kids will be able to play **the organ too!** Your child won't want to miss this awesome opportunity! Parents are welcome to attend too!

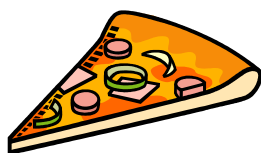
Please let us know if you are able to come, RSVP on the website at

[www.chestertonumc.org](http://www.chestertonumc.org) **children's home**

page, email me at

[lstpierr@frontier.com](mailto:lstpierr@frontier.com)

or call the church office at 926-1478.



## Children's Ministries



The Best Kept Secret of Happy, Stress free Moms:

### Mom's Morning Out

This program allows parents, grandparents or other caregivers to bring their children to this structured program. Kids play, hear a Bible story, sing songs with guitar & drums, make a craft and share a snack! This program is offered for children ages 18 months to 5 years old on Friday mornings from 9 until 11:30am. The cost is \$28 per month, \$48 per month for 2 children. Visit our website at [www.chestertonumc.org](http://www.chestertonumc.org) for more information or to register your child(ren) for this program!



### Needed: Sunday school teachers for children grades 1-4!!!!

- ⇒ Lessons are prepared for you
- ⇒ Supplies are gathered for you
- ⇒ During the class, Shepherds offer support for you
- ⇒ Only 3 Sundays are asked of you!

Think about it, pray about it, and then talk to Lori St Pierre about it!

Many thanks to the children for their wonderful performance of **"Bethlehem's Little Boy"**. The angels were especially precious too!



The Co-directors, **Mandi Givens** and **Dolly Coppes** are very much appreciated for their dedication to making this a very special evening!

Music direction, sound technician, and our photographer, and usher were outstanding; **thank you's to Marilyn Spencer, Larry Lutrick, Karen Messler and Melanie Allison** for sharing their time & talents! Other helpers were equally priceless: Melissa Cundiff, Jennifer Smock, Connie Hamilton, Katelyn Woods, JoAnn Cundiff, Donna Silvonek and all parents & grandparents that provided and served food for the rehearsal lunches and fellowship time!

Savanna Costello as Mary

Aidan Potts as Joseph

Olivia Potts as an Inn Keeper





## Deep Waters!

If you have completed Confirmation or are in 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade – if you enjoy talking with youth your age about real life issues such as peer pressure, alcohol and drug addiction, or sex – Deep Waters is a great place to grow spiritually and build relationships with others just like you. Enjoy food and fellowship – check out some cool music videos – and listen to and sing along with the youth band – 2 Days Today!

### Our schedule...

- JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup> – STUMP THE PASTOR – meet at TRH
- JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> – CLUB TEN!
- JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> – “THE TRUTH ABOUT SEX” part 1
- JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup> – “THE TRUTH ABOUT SEX” part 2
- FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> – “THE TRUTH ABOUT SEX” part 3
- FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> – “THE TRUTH ABOUT SEX” part 4

Please visit the “Youth” page on the church’s new website for upcoming meeting dates. Deep Waters is open to all youth in our community – so invite a friend! For more information on Deep Waters...see Toby or Zach Guill and check us out at [www.chestertonumc.org/Youth.html](http://www.chestertonumc.org/Youth.html).



Follow us on  
Twitter - @Netcumc

“LIKE” The NET Youth  
Ministry page on  
Facebook to stay  
informed on what’s going  
on in the life of the youth ministry.



The NET Youth Ministry is looking for a group of youth to serve as members of the **TECH TEAM**. This team’s main purpose will be to serve as projectionists during the church services. Those who successfully complete the training will receive a special TECH TEAM badge with their name and photo. After the completion of 3 services, the team member will be awarded with a TECH TEAM DIPLOMA and will be recognized on the NET Youth Bulletin Board. If you are interested in being part of the TECH TEAM – please sign up on the bulletin board!

## The NET YOUTH MINISTRY



Listen to Music...  
Hang out with  
friends...  
Play games...

### CLUB TEN



MEETS AGAIN ON  
**January 11th!**

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT  
CLUB TEN AT DEEP WATERS!

### Mark Your Calendar!!!

- January 1<sup>st</sup> – NO YOUTH GROUP – Happy New Year!!!
- January 4<sup>th</sup> – STUMP THE PASTOR
- January 8<sup>th</sup> – Youth Group – 2:30 till 4:00
- January 11<sup>th</sup> – CLUB TEN – 5-7pm at the NET Youth Center
- January 15<sup>th</sup> – NO YOUTH GROUP
- January 22<sup>nd</sup> – Youth Group – 2:30 till 4:00
- January 29<sup>th</sup> – Youth Group – 2:30 till 4:00

Please refer to the Youth page of the church’s website for updates and further information on what is happening in the life of the NET Youth Ministry

[www.chestertonumc.org/Youth.html](http://www.chestertonumc.org/Youth.html)



The NET Youth Ministry is currently accepting donations of canned soda (pop) to stock the fridge at the MAC. Remember to pick up an extra 12 pack next time you’re at the grocery store. Donations can be left in Toby’s office – or bring them to Sunday school, Deep Waters, or youth group. Thanks so much!

## Chesterton UMC Church Partners for 2011

- **Vicki & Gary Stephenson:**  
Henderson Settlement Missionaries—\$2,500
- **Reverend Todd Wilson:**  
Ukraine Missionary—\$1,200
- **Haitian Support:**  
New Life Orphanage—\$720
- **Grace Network:**  
Floski Family Missionaries—\$500
- **Missions:**  
Red Bird Mission Trips—\$1,500



**Total Support Given for 2011 Partners.....\$6,420**

### 2011 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraisers

The following is a breakdown for 2011 of what was raised for each of the dinners:

- **January:** Bake Sale \$168.00 **Ronald McDonald House—\$2,127.00**
- **February:** **Helped Weekday Preschool—\$1,626.00**
- **March:** Bake Sale \$301.00 **Chesterton Fire Department—\$1,282.00**
- **April:** Bake Sale \$231.00 **Broadway Methodist Church—\$1,132.00**
- **May:** Bake Sale & Auction \$870.00 **Red Bird Mission Trip—\$855.00**
- **July:** **Meals on Wheels St. John—\$1,036.00**
- **September:** Bake Sale \$50.00 **Men's Overnight Shelter—\$795.00**
- **October:** **Frontline Foundations—\$1,020.00**
- **November:** **"Shop With a Cop"—\$1,750.00**


**Total raised through our Mission Dinners for 2011  
\$11,623 & Bake Sale/Auction \$1,620**



### *LOVE CARES*

This account is used to give assistance with rent, utilities, food, gas cards, etc...to those in our community who need the assistance. This account is strictly funded through donations and fundraisers:

Individual Donations Received.....	\$2,358.93
Assistance given for 2011.....	\$2,805.42
Number of Families Helped in 2011.....	27
Emergency Food Baskets.....	8
Gas Cards (\$20).....	22

• Supporters of the Military.....	\$500.00	
• New Creations (sleeping pads).....	\$500.00	
• Lucille Raines.....	\$400.00	
• UMCOR (Poverty & Hunger).....	\$200.00	
• UMCOR (Japan Emergency).....	\$3,561.00	
• Broadway S Bend UMC—Soup Kitchen.....	\$100.00	
• Gideon’s International.....	\$1,408.00	
• Relay for Life.....	\$356.84	
• UMCOR (Spring Storms).....	\$100.00	
• Westchester Food Pantry—(Freezer).....	\$325.00	
• Bashor Children’s Home.....	\$482.00	
• UMCOR (Kenya).....	\$20.00	
• Campus Crusade for Christ.....	\$250.00	
• Church World Service.....	\$525.00	
• Christa Cundiff.....	\$250.00	
• Evan Holsapple.....	\$250.00	
• Hilary Newman-Jacobs.....	\$250.00	
• Billy Ard (Education).....	\$605.53	
• Prayer Shawl Ministry (fleece).....	\$415.01	
• Royal Family Kid’s Camp (fleece).....	\$250.00	
• Water Bottles for Mississippi.....	\$95.72	

**Total Other Mission Support for 2011.....\$10,844.10**



**Missions Provided  
Thanksgiving  
Baskets  
For 6 Families**



Christmas  
Baskets

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In 2011, Jacob’s Table served dinner for 48 weeks with an average attendance of 50 people. We want to Thank all of our volunteers who tirelessly, shop, setup, cook, clean, and serve week after week at Jacob’s Table.

There are far too many of you to name everyone individually. We “THANK YOU” for your dedication to the church and to the community.

*The Missions’ Team*



A huge “THANK YOU” to everyone who purchased, and/or wrapped gifts for the Angel Tree this year. There was a total of six families which consisted of 23 individuals (eight adults and fifteen children). We couldn’t have done this without your care and generosity.

*The Missions’ Team*



## Your Extravagant Generosity for 2012

Thanks to the “Extravagant Generosity” of so many of you, we have received to date a total of 111 Estimates of Giving for Church Ministries for 2012 with a total pledged amount of \$317,127.30. Additionally, 63 of you filled out cards letting us all know *Things I Love About My Church* including 16 from children. 27 of you shared your *Visions and Hopes for Our Church* and 52 of you listed an amazing 104 different names of *People Who Made a Difference in My Spiritual Life* plus numerous unnamed teachers, parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, brother & sisters and members of small groups, circles and choirs. Youth shared What I Love About My Youth Group. What a heartwarming experience of sharing how extravagantly we have been blessed by each other.



## Preschool News!

The preschool children had a wonderful Christmas Program. Thanks to Ms. Frankie for accompanying the children singing with her guitar. Thank you to the parents for donating plates of goodies for the reception.

January will be a busy month for the preschoolers. We will be focusing on literature with a wide variety of winter books including Brown Bear, Brown Bear, and Polar Bear, Polar Bear by Bill Martin Jr.

Our bear unit will include a Teddy Bear picnic. The children will be bringing in their favorite stuffed animals

and their lunch. They will also be graphing and sorting gummy bears and making their own stuffed brown bear.

The children will be learning about snowmen and snowflakes with the stories Snowman at Night and Snow Music.

The preschoolers will be visiting Lakeshore Gymnastics for some gross motor activities with Mr. Rob. This is one of their favorite field trips!



Want to *Do* something at church, but don't know what????

Feeling God tugging on your heart and you're not sure what it means?

Maybe it's an opportunity for YOU to be involved in making a difference!

- \* Be a greeter before morning worship
- \* How about ushering?
- \* Serve coffee in the commons or following the Open Door Contemporary Service in CPH
- \* Serve as a Sound Board Technician... it's not hard.
- \* Run Power Point during 8:15 and 9:30 services
- \* Love kids? Work in the nursery, help with *Turbocharged!* or *JAM!*
- \* How about offering to help with Deep Waters or Confirmation
- \* Sing in the Choir, or Praise Team.
- \* Help with Jacob's Table or Funeral Dinners

That's just to name a few!! The church needs many volunteers in many areas. Call the church office at 926-1478 for more info on any of these important volunteer positions! Speak with Sue Harris who would love to get you connected to the place that you will most enjoy serving!

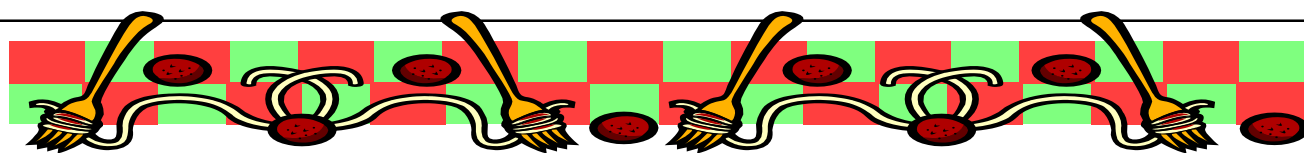




# January 2012 Birthdays!

1	Bryson Moore Tim Walsh	7	Edie Felton Natalie Iatarola Carolyn Jones	15	Isabel Durkin Joan Lowther Chuck Masterson Chris Newman-Jacobs Janenne Stuber	23	Betty Canright Dave Gordon Jim Little Andy Mix
2	Jim Holsapple Beverly Hudgins Kathy Prihode Parnell Simon	8	Andie Nevers	16	Lauren Anderson Bonnie Stolz	24	Braden Babcock Josie Futrell Janna Mullen Anthony Nelson-Brown
3	Ryan Grassel Jim Nelson-Brown	9	John Cosman Aundrea Givens Mary Jewison Claire Postelnik Nancy Weichert	17	Margaret Johnson Christine Stoit	25	Levi Simmons Paula Swenson Aleta Ailes Kelly Lahaie Eric Swanson Max Witt
4	Cathy Allison Megan Bieda Becca Colbert Meg McCarel Laura Sheldon	10	Elizabeth Canright Casey Casteel Marc Jackett	18	Leslie Chamberlain Anna Hall Megan McAllister Joe Tannish	26	Scott Beard Dick Maxey Conor Casteel Hannah Mix
5	Paul Nelson Ron Ranta	11	Troy Buckles Phil Burke Patti Castle	19	Elizabeth Lawson Brian Saffran Mikhale Stephenson Mark Wellensiek	27	Conor Casteel Hannah Mix Holly Mishler
6	Mary Grassel Braelynn Severin	12	Pat Runions	20	Kim Gaston Jim Ross	28	Holly Mishler
7	Mark Chamberlain	13	Ginger Hedrick George Price Matt Scharff Julia Whitenack Taylor Ziants	21	Jake Donley	29	Donna Silvonek
		15	Nancy Anton Thomas Bailey Matthew Bryant	22	JoAnn Cundiff Kathy Harris Judy Ross	30	Carter Charlson
				22	Liz Saffran	31	Elizabeth Marks Bob Migliorini Elijah Root

*If you know of a birthday we have not included please contact the church office—926-1478.*



## 2012 Mission's Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser Schedule

<b>MEALS ON WHEELS</b>	Friday, January 27, 2012 4:30—6:30 p.m.
<b>CHESTERTON UMC PRESCHOOL</b>	Friday, February 24, 2012 4:30—6:30 p.m.
<b>LOVE CARES</b>	Friday, March 30, 2012 4:30—6:30 p.m.
<b>BROADWAY METHODIST CHURCH</b>	Friday, April 27, 2012 4:30—6:30 p.m.
<b>ADULT MISSION TRIP</b>	Friday, May 18, 2012 4:30—6:30 p.m.
<b>SUPPORTERS OF MILITARY</b>	Friday, August 31, 2012 4:30—6:30 p.m.
<b>MEN'S SHELTER</b>	Friday, September 28, 2012 4:30—6:30 p.m.
<b>FRONTLINE FOUNDATIONS</b>	Friday, October 26, 2012 4:30—6:30 p.m.
<b>SHOP WITH A COP</b>	Friday, November 16, 2012 4:30—6:30 p.m.
<b>FREE DINNER FOR THE COMMUNITY</b>	Friday, December 21, 2012 4:00—7:00 p.m.

**\*\*No dinners are scheduled for June & July\*\***





## I Am Your Church Budget

Through me, families are launched in marriage, babies, children, youth and adults are baptized, the young are trained in Christian character.

I provide a Sunday School and youth activities for your children.

I provide music to enrich your worship, and preaching and pastoral care to help you live more nobly.

I heat and cool your church building and keep it in repair for your comfort and use. I do your custodial work.

I reach out in Christ's name to your community and country and world—preaching, teaching, healing.

I help to train ministries in the seminaries, and I provide assistance to those who retire after years of faithful service to God through the Church.

It is through me that the sick find spiritual strength, the troubled and the discouraged are steadied.

I go out into the wide world, preaching the Gospel in every language. I carry the Word to people of every race, color, and clan.

I am your operating budget. Believe in me, support me, that I may carry on in your name. With your help I make possible all of these services. As the operating budget, I am you at work.

But I do need your help. I do need your support. Without your pledges to undergird me, I am helpless. Your pledges are my foundation, my supporting walls.

I am your money, your prayers, your concern—translated into action. I can do only what you, through pledges and regular giving, make it possible for me to do.

## Duneland Boys & Girls Club

We've had a lot of great activities going on at the club recently. We held a food drive, Toys for Tots toy drive, we passed out turkeys to families in need, provided families with gift cards for Christmas and participated in the Mistletoe Market.

The club was shut down between Christmas and New Years. Being closed for a week didn't diminish our holiday spirit, though. In December, our club members put on a talent show and we had our annual Christmas celebration, with Santa Claus as our special guest.

Our Torch Club (leadership development group) is busy planning new activities for the new year. We will be raising money for the ASPCA and the Porter County Animal Shelter. We will also be participating in our annual Kickbutts Day where we will rid our neighborhood of cigarette butts. Torch Club members will

also be attending Chesterton Town Council meetings in order to participate in the process of getting a comprehensive smoking ban in Chesterton. We are very proud of the great work so many of our members are involved in doing.

Joe Juarez is the Duneland Unit Supervisor, Mary Lee Carr is our Membership Secretary. The Duneland Unit is open Monday through Friday, 2:30 to 6:20 pm. Cost for a year's membership is \$20. (Scholarships are available to those who qualify for free and reduced lunches at school.)

As always we thank every single member of the church for supporting our club. We would also like to especially thank Roger Sargent, Terry Rhine and Margaret Brenn for all they do with the upkeep of the building.

If you would like to volunteer at the Club – please call Joe at

GREAT FUTURES START HERE.



926-9770 or email

[jj Suarez@bgcpoco.org](mailto:jj Suarez@bgcpoco.org).

We are always in need of tutors!

The Boys & Girls Club of Porter County provides children ages 5 to 18 with quality programming that focuses on academic success, good character and citizenship, and healthy lifestyles.

The Boys & Girls Clubs offers affordable \$25.00 annual membership (\$20 at the Duneland Club) with Club sites located in Valparaiso, South Haven, Duneland and Portage. For more information on membership, volunteer opportunities or to make a tax deductible donation to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Porter County, please contact your local Club or call (219) 464-7282 or visit [www.bgcpoco.org](http://www.bgcpoco.org)



**Our Sympathy is extended to family and friends of:**

- ✠ Parker Holsapple December 17
- ✠ Sara Torres' grandmother December 17

*Congratulations to the following college Graduates*

- ⇒ Alayna Linsemeyer graduated from PNC with an Elementary Education degree!
- ⇒ Mark Smith received his Masters degree in Economics and Finance at VU!
- ⇒ Cassie Nay receiver her Masters in Early Childhood Education from Ball State!

Dan Baughman  
Eric Cundiff  
Beth Simmons  
Cody Simmons  
Chris Snead  
Matthew Springsteen



Nursing Home Residents

Alene Burnside  
Ethel Hake  
Donna Beth Hammond  
Martha Pattengale

**Our Prayers have been lifted up for:**

Linda Clark, Martha Rimsky, Merka Jurkovic, Jim Potts Sr., Mary Jewison, Debbie Otto, Roger, Michael, Phil Baugher, Peg Case, Zachary Fender, Corrine, Katy Nicole Rowan, Jon Anon, Aleta Ailes, John Newman, Betty Lorek, **Prayer Needs** Matt Wesley, Donna



**Remember the following who are suffering from cancer:**

Ken Anderson, Frank Blackmore, Dorothy Bohanick, Karen Brinks, Sandy Bryan, Stan Buck, Dick Cassler, Linda Clark, Jason Cotton, Gary DeFoil, Bill Ferrence, Bob Flick, Anne Fritz, Tina Gillum, Karen Giordano, Rosa Gregorezyk, April Hallberg, Steve Hancock, Meg Hanrath, Monica Hargarten, Dr. Alan Harre, Mike Hearn, Brian Henningar, Nicole Hipp, Karen Howell, Theresa Jacobs, Tom Kremer, Raymond Latchford, Thelma Luna, Shirley Lutrick, Jean McGroaty, Maya Mena, Toni Milan, Meredith Nevers, Shari Otto, Julie Palmer, Penny Pelkey, James Peterson, Sue Richmond, John Rose, Donna Seagraves, Jodi Sefner, Dwight Shumway, Linda Smith, Albert Swanson, Nancy Tuttle, Matt Wesley, Linda Whipkey, John Wilson, Loretta Wilson, Roxanne Yagelski

**We Celebrate Joys with the following:**



- ◆ Mike & Jo Hopkins are cancer-free!
- ◆ Congratulations to the cast and crew of "It's A Madison County Christmas" Great Job!
- ◆ Linda Price has completed her treatments and is cancer-free at this time!
- ◆ Congratulations to the CHS choirs for a beautiful Madrigal Dinner !
- ◆ Thank you to all those who decorated the church for Christmas! It's lovely!
- ◆ Aaron Cheeseman came home from Riley Hospital 1 year ago and has been healthy ever since!

*To the United Methodist Church,*



*Thank you for your prayers, support and love for my mother (Pat Wright). All of you were so kind to her in so many ways.*

*She treasured the time she was able to spend with all of you.*

*Thank you, Austin Wright and Family*



## Deadline for 2011 Giving!



Please note that the office can receive contributions for 2011 through **December 30 at noon.** Gifts that come in after December 30, will be counted towards 2012 contributions. It is our desire to end the year on a strong financial foundation. Thank you so much for your generosity!

## Mark Your Calendar!



- January 8 Un-Decorating the Church
- January 29 Children's Pizza & Pipes
- February 12 Boy Scout Sunday Celebration
- February 22 Ash Wednesday Service with St. Johns
- April 8 Easter
- June 17-22 Youth Leave for Camp at Epworth Forest!

### 2012 Leaders

There are copies of the Leadership for 2012 in the Church Office. We still have some holes, so if you feel God leading you to get involved please contact Pastor Chris! ☺



Are you interested in Baptism for you or a family member? On **January 22**, an opportunity for baptism is available during worship. Please contact Pastor Chris, 926-1478

### EVENING BOOK CLUB: Friday, Jan 13, 6:30 p.m. Swedish Chapel



Don't you wonder why "everyone" is reading and talking about THE HUNGER GAMES by best-selling author Suzanne Collins?! We do! So that's why Joyce Beck is leading our discussion of this extraordinary novel this month. Join us! We welcome visitors and new members. Reading blessings in 2012! Contact: Millie Samuelson, 926-8848 or [milliens@aol.com](mailto:milliens@aol.com).

*Have you considered  
the church in your  
will?*

It may be cold today...but, it's never too early to be thinking about Summer Camp! Brochures will be available soon and you can go online at [beacamper.com](http://beacamper.com) and check it out, even now!!!!



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### Open Invitation



*Companions in Christ is a group of women who meet every Friday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the Swedish Chapel for fellowship, singing, study, lively discussion & sharing prayer concerns.*

*On January 6, we will begin a new study entitled When the World Takes the Wind Out of Your Sails. We love to have visitors & new participants. For more information, please contact Sue Harris or Marijo Novinger in the church office.*

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### Please pray for the ministries, the pastors and the leaders of the churches of the "Lake Effect Cluster":

- First United Methodist Church—Michigan City
- First United Methodist Church—Portage
- Chesterton United Methodist Church
- Church of the Four Seasons UMC — Lake of the Four Seasons
- Porter United Methodist Church
- Valparaiso United Methodist Church
- Westville United Methodist Church
- Wheeler United Methodist Church



