

January



We Three Kings

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Laura Gray, Jaunda Kneller, Shae Taylor

calendar





Happy Winter
everyone from
Discovery Days!

Mrs. Cahill and Mrs. Fuller have a lot of fun activities planned for the class when they come back from Christmas break. The two and three year olds are learning about who lives in the woods and our waterways followed up by learning about the moon and stars. The three year olds are also learning to recognize their numbers.

Mrs. Taylor's and Mrs. Cothran's class will have fun with winter and snow activities. Mrs. Taylor is also sharing some of her favorite stories written by Jan Brett and Eric Carle. The pre-k students are working hard on learning their alphabet and learning how to tie their shoes.

We hope everyone takes a few moments to enjoy the beauty of the season.

Jaunda Kneller and the
Discovery Day Staff



Rummage Sale News

Hello everyone!
It's time to start
thinking about
the Spring Fling
Treasure Sale

formerly known as Rummage Sale. The name change is in honor of Barb K. Who loves to find real treasures!

We wanted to let everyone know that the proceeds from this sale will be donated to the Friendship Hall Remodeling Fund. We are thrilled that there will be an updated Friendship Hall for all of us to enjoy.

This sale will happen on March 12th and 13th, 2010. DONATION CUTOFF WILL BE TUESDAY, MARCH 2ND. Please put the week of March 7th on your calendar so you have time reserved to help with the set up and the sale. Last year the Box Brigade worked so well. We hope there will be more of you this March so when our older folks get tired there will be someone to step up and help out.

We are going to be having a Pre-Sale on Wednesday afternoon and evening for our Church Families. There will be more on that later. We hope to have new signup sheets in the February Tower Talk, and

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RUMMAGE

A stylized, high-contrast black and white illustration. The word 'RUMMAGE' is written in a bold, blocky font at the top. Below it, there's a graphic of a car on the right and a ramp or road leading towards it on the left. The car is shown from a side profile, and the ramp has several parallel lines representing its surface.

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the Schedules will be in the hallway at the beginning of March. We are going to try to be completely ready in three days.

Please put your donations in the elevator to bring them to the 2nd floor. PLEASE SO NOT LEAVE DONATIONS AT THE ENTRANCE WHEN THE CHURCH IS LOCKED!





Youth As I write this, we're all getting ready for Christmas. The youth group is preparing for the holidays, too! And this year we are looking at it a little differently. Each week, we are discussing ways to do service projects focused on the four weeks of advent: Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace. So far, we have bagged 170 bags of groceries for the Salvation Army stuff a sleigh event to bring hope to others. We will ring the bell for the Salvation Army, visit the nursing homes, **carol, help bake Christmas cookies for parent's afternoon out, and look at alternate giving.**

As January approaches, we know the New Year always makes us think of changes. The youth group will have a new exciting change starting on January 3. The middle school grades will meet from 5 p.m.-7pm. The high school group will meet from 6pm-8pm. The hour overlap from 6pm-7pm will be a time for group building games, recreation, and pizza so that they can all spend some time together as well as have time apart for discussion.

We appreciate those of you who thought of us during the holidays and bought gift cards from us for your friends and **families. But, don't forget, we also have cards you can use every week—like gas or gro-**

Thanks
for **YOUR**
participation



cery cards. You can order them after each service on Sunday mornings. Or stop by the church and leave the order form in my slot in the office.

It's official! We are going to Tuskegee, Alabama, April 4th-10th for a mission trip. Details will be coming soon on how you can partner with us for this exciting experience.

Sunday morning we have class during the 10:30 service. We meet in the youth house. We also meet Wednes-



days during JIF from 5-**6:30**. **We'd love to have anyone from 6-12th grades** join us. And, if you feel a calling to help with the youth, there are plenty of opportunities for you to be a part of this great group—whether you would like to join us for one event or on a monthly basis. We also need drivers to help get some of the youth to various events. This would be a great way to serve and would be about 15 minutes of your time before and/or after we meet. Please call me or email if you would be willing to drive.

Have a blessed New Year!

Jennifer Casper

THANK YOU!

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Little more happenings at **the Beemons for Ginny's** 83rd birthday. She went in for one blocked artery and came out with three and two new stents. One artery making its own new way. The Lord has blessed us in so many ways, plus all of our great friends. Thank you again **for Bill's card. You would** have thought he had been given \$1,000.
Ginny Beemon

Dear Church Family,
I thank all of you who **signed the "Thinking of You" page and sent it to** me recently. What a pleasant surprise. I enjoyed reading every name and thinking of each of you. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated. Thank you again, and God Bless.
Julie Merow

Hello to all our Friends at FUMC,
We arrived in Crystal River, Florida a few weeks ago and are getting **settled in our daughter's** house for the time being. We miss all of you but have visited a nice warm, friendly church here and have already been called by the pastor and invited to several events going on this week. Tell the Praise Team we think they are absolutely unsurpassed in talent, program and presentation though we enjoy the Contemporary Service here too. If any of those FUMC Snow-Birds head south near us this winter we hope they will give us a call at 813-423-0685 for we would welcome a visit. God Bless You All.
Lamar & Jim Koontz

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Dear Church Friends,
Thank you so much for the amazing finals pack! It certainly made my day—and will make the next two weeks much more bear-

able. I can't wait to be home and see you all!
Thanks again.

Love,
Megan Masterson

Dear FUMC,
Thank you for the care package I just received. It is always wonderful to receive something from home, especially during this stressful time of year. I have greatly enjoyed the contents of the package and I really appreciate it! Thanks again,
Liz Hajek

Thank you to all who

helped decorate the church for the Christmas season. Also, thank you to those who helped transport poinsettias.

Teri Burkhart

La Porte FUMC,
Thank you so much for my Christmas care package! It was very thoughtful, and I will certainly enjoy all the treats.

I am finishing up my family medicine rotation in a small town practice, and then I am looking forward to two weeks off! When I return, I start my 8-week surgery rotation.

Thank you again and I hope you have a Merry Christmas!
Deana Hadley

All in our Church Family Life

We celebrate
the lives
Triumphant of
Earline Evans
who died on
October 30
Millie Condon
who died on
November 28
Dorothy Mayer
who died on
December 7

We gratefully
acknowledge the
following gifts

In Memory
of
Dorothy Johnson
Julie Becknell

In Memory
of
Mark Aldrich
Joyce Cooper

In Memory
of
Muriel Thistle
Janet Reider

In Memory
of
Millie Condon
Joyce Cooper, Becky
Read, Robert &
Pauline Powell, Seth &
Rose Philbrook, Paul &
Joyce Diesslin, Leona
Collins, Larry & San-
dra Trueblood, Nancy
Geisler, Marian
Lehker, Eleanor
DeMarco, Don & Mary
Welch, Jay & Barb
Kelley, Connie Shaw,
Paul & Joan Graham,
John & Sheila
Noveroske, Tim &
Sharon Daniels, Lyle
Smith, Dorcia & John
Bradley, James &
Kaye Miller, Jr., Sheila
Herczey, Debra Ryan,
Arlene & Jim Hacker,
Pat Spahn, Lorraine
Jones, Jack & Betty

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Trickler, Bill & Virginia
Seitz, Anne Wegner,
Jackie Brooks, Lester &
JoEllyn Chadwick, Linda
Hock, Carol LeeJoyce
Cooper, Joe & Jeanne
Murdock



CURRENT EVENTS CLASS GIVING 2009

La Porte Hospital Foundation Cancer Patient Assistance Fund	\$100.00
Arts In the Park	100.00
Lend A Hand Fund	100.00
Food Pantry, Salvation Army	53.65
Replace 3 Venetian Blinds in Library	23.75
Total:	\$377.40

Welcome to our
Newest Members!

Esther Kendall

and the
2009 Confirmation Class



Rafael Casper

Cassie Dragos

Elle Dragos

Alex Friedman

Halie Hajek

Hannah Hubble

Ben Huff

Alison Karagory

Megan Martin



Wellness
Committee

"There's a word that describes a perfect state of balance: **equipoise**. It's a state we strive for in every aspect of our lives.

We have families to care for, homes to maintain, careers to pursue, and personal needs to meet. We work, play, eat, and rest. And we try not to give anyone part of our lives so much time, energy, or feeling that another part **suffers**. **We're all aware of the pitfalls of putting career too much ahead of family or of all work and no play. Balance is better."**

Our health is the same way. The key to staying healthy is to keep all the aspects of our selves—the physical, emotion, and spiritual—in balance. . . . When we do, we feel and function at our best. **We're happy, creative, and productive. We have lots of energy, enjoy strong relationships, and are more able to handle the stressors in our lives. In short, we're healthy. Everything is in equipoise."**

This message taken from the book Growing Younger by Prevention Health Books is the perfect sentiment as we prepare ourselves to enter a new year. **We look back at last year's resolutions and re**

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-assess them. We resolve to do better in the areas where our lives have gotten out of balance.

Hopefully, you've decided to be more proactive in becoming healthier in 2010. You plan to cut down on salt and sugar , add fruits and vegetables to your menus, and incorporate an exercise program into your busy schedule.



In La Porte there are several exercise centers, offering various services, to help you succeed at making the new year a healthier one.

Curves for Women—408 Perry St., 324-9777. Designed to meet the needs of women—circuit training—all muscle groups exercised in 30 minutes with regular heart rate checks, low impact exercises, great for rehabilitation, strength-training to keep fit, for women of all ages.

Fitness Plus Health & Wellness-1209 E. St. Rd. 2, 324-4700. Various cardio. (treadmills, ellipticals, Stairmaster) and Cybex strength machines. Two personal trainers to help with your personal health and fitness questions.

Ladies Fitness Zone-717 Michigan Av., 362-9663. Pace circuit training completed in 30 minutes. Jazz-

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ercise, yoga, Pilates classes. Personal trainers. On site childcare during certain hours. Visit their website at www.ladiesfitnesszone.com.

The Crossing-1203 Washington St., 326-2397. Affiliated with La Porte Hospital. Fitness Center has circuit and strength training, aerobics and other classes such as chair yoga, yoga, Zumba and Zumba Gold.



YMCA-901 Michigan Av., 325-9622. The Adult Wellness Center offers a variety of equipment including treadmills, elliptical machines, stairmasters, and weight machines. There is also a free-weight room. Many classes are offered in Pilates, Y-cycling, aerobics, Zumba, yoga and water aerobics. In the pool, there are lap lanes, swimming lessons, family swim times, and Aqua-burn. There are sports and Kids Club Fitness classes for children. Personal training is available, as well as fitness testing and nutritional assessment. On-site childcare during certain hours. Visit the website at www.lpymca.org.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1. Ida Nutting, Joan Welch, Nathan Werner
2. Connie Caldwell, Linda Kmitta, Steve Miller
3. Mary Paulauski, Lydia Post
4. Lauren Anderson
5. Pat Meinhard, Kathy Trevillian
6. Jeff Hundt, Roy Langford, Tom Llewellyn,
Mary Scupham
8. Macy Llewellyn, Del Major
9. Emma Caratini, John Crook, Pat Spahn,
Larry Wade, Jack Whitted
10. Mike Lachiewicz, Evan Lash
12. Mike Buckmaster, Sr., Rose Philbrook
13. Craig Stroud
14. Janet Ahlders
16. Rosalie Glanders, Pam Huff, Jill Richey,
Cathy Sweet
18. Gene Harper
19. Sue McPherson
21. Emily Keson, Sara Woodke
22. Eric Fillmore
23. Ali Huff, Allison Karagory, Beth Seifert
24. Debi Baughman, Mark Caratini, James Felton
26. Rafael Casper
27. Jena Gould
28. JoEllyn Chadwick
29. Judie Rosenow



USHERS THIS MONTH

8:00— Ron Schafer, Ray Irons, Stanley Small,
Jackie Brooks

10:30—Mel Shreve, Dom Liberatore, Ron Miller,
Scott Simerlein, Steve VanScoik

HOSTESS COMMITTEE: Jeanette Arndt, JoEllyn
Chadwick, Helen Disler, Barb Dreiner, Colleen
Fairley, Pat Harder, Julie Hilbish, Joanne Irons,
Linda Jackson, Barb Kelley, Maryann Llewellyn,
Vivian Nye, Shirley Okrzesik, Becky Read, Laurie
Reese, Jamie Ruiz, Lisa Santana, Beth Seifert, Kay
Toll, Jennifer Walker

FLOWER CALENDAR:

January 3	Available
10	Available
17	Available
24	Available
31	Howes

Year to date average attendance: 300

Year to date general budget income: \$361,517.46

Year to date general budget expense: \$356,117.35

calendar

First United Methodist Church

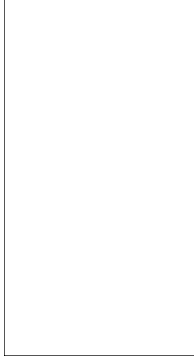
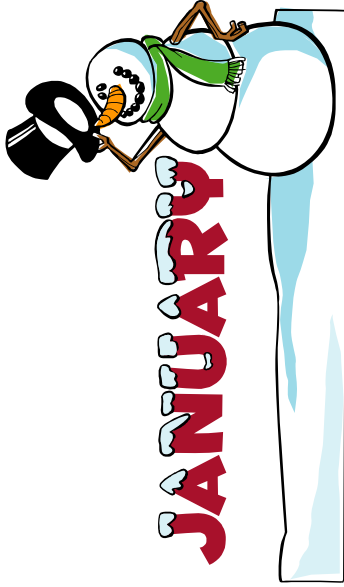
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SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 - Chapel Service
9:00 – Contemporary Service
10:30 - Sanctuary Service

OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Friday
8:00 to 4:00



Sharing Christ's Love