

**First United Methodist Church of Lockport  
1000 S. Washington St., Lockport, IL 60441**



# THE METHODIST CHIMES

**January  
2010**

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## **THOUGHTS FOR THE NEW YEAR!**

### **A prayer for the new year**

Eternal God, thank you for bringing us once again to the threshold of a new year. Help us dedicate each day of 2010 to following your will for our lives. Guide us, Lord, in all our decisions and actions, day by day and hour by hour. Help us accomplish all that you desire for us to do, until our mission on earth is finished. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

### **Ways to start off the New Year**

According to historians, the celebration of the New Year is the oldest holiday. Ancient Babylonians first observed it in the spring about 4,000 years ago. In 153 B.C., the Roman Senate declared January 1 as New Year's Day.

The early church started to hold religious observances that coincided with pagan celebrations. Some denominations still mark Christ's circumcision on New Year's.

The tradition of making resolutions dates back to the Babylonians, who often promised to return borrowed farm equipment. Using a baby to symbolize rebirth and the new year dates back to the ancient Greeks and Egyptians.

Modern-day New Year's customs often focus on prosperity. In Spain, people eat 12 grapes at midnight, hoping to have 12 happy months to come. The Dutch eat donuts because another year has come full circle.

One of the best ways to start off the New Year is by spending time in prayer. Look back on God's many blessings during the completed year and ask for his guidance in the one to come. Also consider starting the tradition of praying for people around the world on New Year's Day.

### **What awaits us?**

We're at the starting gate of a new year. What will it hold for us? Only God knows. Yet if God knows, why not try to discover his plan for us each day?

We should carry on a daily dialog with God. Following his lead is always interesting and challenging. And much of the time it's filled with wonder and joy.

I remember the story of a small boy who prayed to God at the end of a fun, interesting Monday: "It's been a wonderful day, God. What do you have in mind for Tuesday?"

What does God have in mind for you in 2010? Keep in touch with him, and you'll enjoy the trip around the sun. — Charles Ferrell



**Saturday, January 2 - Saturday Praise & Worship - 5:00 p.m.**

Pastor Noah preaching; Music by: Eric Oberg

**Sunday, January 3 – 10:15 a.m.;** Pastor Noah preaching

***Epiphany Sunday***

Lectionary Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (UMH 795);  
Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

***FISH Pantry Collection; Sacrament of Holy Communion; Coffee Hour***



**Saturday, January 9 - Saturday Praise & Worship- 5:00 p.m.**

Pastor Noah, preaching

Music by: Kristin Price

**Sunday, January 10 - 10:15 a.m.;** Pastor Noah, preaching

***First Sunday after the Epiphany***

Lectionary Readings: Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 29 (UMH 761);  
Acts 8:14-17 ; Luke 3:15-17, 21-22



**Saturday, January 16 - Saturday Praise & Worship- 5:00 p.m.**

Pastor Noah, preaching

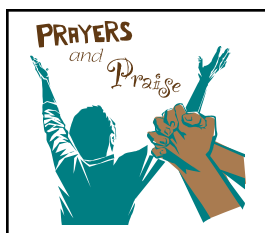
Music by: Eric Oberg

**Sunday, January 17 - 10:15 a.m.**

***Second Sunday after the Epiphany***

Lectionary Readings: Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10 (UMH 771)  
1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

***Circle of Love Collection; Sacrament of Holy Communion  
Human Relations Day Offering***



**Saturday, January 23 - Saturday Praise & Worship- 5:00 p.m.**

Pastor Noah, preaching

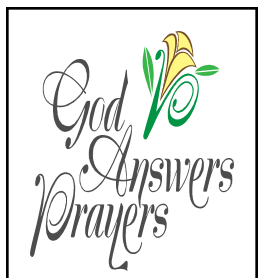
Music by: Mary Beth Davidson

**Sunday, January 24 - 10:15 a.m.**

***Third Sunday after the Epiphany; Ecumenical Sunday***

Lectionary Readings: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19 (UMH 750)  
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

***Change for Missions offering; Fourth Sunday Dinner***



**Saturday, January 30 - Saturday Praise & Worship - 5:00 p.m.**

Pastor Noah preaching

Music by: Jennifer Johnson

**Sunday, January 31 – 10:15 a.m.;** Pastor Noah preaching

***Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany***

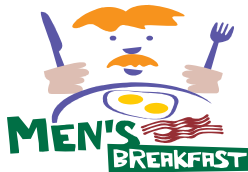
Lectionary Readings: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6 (UMH 794);  
1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30



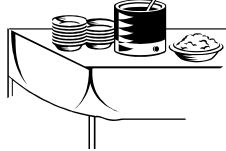
**UNITED  
METHODIST WOMEN**

*All three circles, Bykota, Rachel and Sarah do not meet in January.*

All men and their sons are invited to our men's breakfast on **Sunday, January 3 at 7:30 a.m.** Come for a hearty breakfast and fellowship.



**Fellowship  
Dinner**



Does January's cold bring a chill to you? Come and enjoy warm hearts and a hot meal at the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Dinner on January 24<sup>th</sup> after church services. It's not a potluck so nothing to bring. Just stop for a quick dose of food and fellowship before heading off into the winter weather. Everyone's invited – bring a friend!

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**Epiphany** - Greek, "to show forth." this season begins on Jan 6 and commemorates the showing forth of the infant Jesus to the Wise Men, the first Gentiles to worship him.



Thank you to everyone who continues to support Circle of Love through their time and financial gifts. Circle of Love is always in need of people to work on Wednesday mornings. Thank you for supporting this special ministry. — Jennifer Queeney



**Book Club News**

The FUMC book club enjoys lively discussions and dessert monthly. All are welcome. Our book for the January meeting is "The Shadow of the Wind," by Carlos Ruiz Zaphon. We meet on the fourth Thursday of each month, our next meeting will be on January 28, 2010.

If you enjoy reading a variety of books, along with conversation and dessert, give this group a try. We always have a great time. Questions....call Lynn Farr @815-838-8554 or email @ [RaisorFarr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:RaisorFarr@sbcglobal.net)



Please let Pastor Noah or Mary, our Administrative Assistant, know if you are in need of a pastoral visit in the hospital or at home or if you are in need to have a meal prepared because of a hospitalization. Call the church office at 815-838-1017.

**FIRST UMC  
SENIORS FELLOWSHIP**

All beautiful people 60+ are invited to our Luncheon fellowship on Saturday, January 9 at 11:30 a.m. in Yeoman Hall. This will be a potluck luncheon bringing your own table settings. But if you can't bring any dish to share, don't fret, know that you are still welcome and bring along a friend with you.



We will be collecting mittens, gloves, hats and scarves to give to the children who come to the Lockport FISH Food Pantry. There will be a box on the piano in the sanctuary for your donations. We will collect donations through January



## Chicken ala King DINNER

### Chicken ala King Take-out Dinner – Save the Date!

Save Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> if you're missing the taste of First United Methodist's traditional Chicken ala King Dinner. Last year, GO Team was assisted by the UMY in doing a drive-through, take-out version of the famous Canal Days traditional dinner in an effort to reach out to folks in the community. This year, we'll do it again on February 5<sup>th</sup> from 4-7:30, so mark your calendars for this delicious and time-saving dinner!



### Get Mugged!

Watch for the first edition of ceramic mugs for church use, and re-use, to arrive early in the new year. Have you noticed the amount of garbage waste generated by the church's coffee hours, or a breakfast, luncheon or church dinner? Have you had a hot or cold beverage in a foam or polystyrene cup? Well consider these facts:

- The U.S. averages 547, 945 tons of garbage PER DAY and polystyrene is .25 %, which doesn't sound so bad till you do the math and find that's 1,369 TONS of the stuff.
- In addition, polystyrene is hardly biodegradable. In the absence of a suitable solvent, it can last almost 500 years.
- Because it is lightweight, it blows around easily when it is not properly disposed. When ingested by land and marine animals, it can block their digestive tracts, causing starvation, and ultimately death.
- According to the environmental protection agency over 25 BILLION Styrofoam cups are thrown away a year\*.

\*Source: US EPA - The throwaway generation.

# THANK YOU!

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To All Friends at Lockport FUMC,

I would like to express my deepest appreciation and gratitude for extending your love and care during the typhoon that hit our country causing floods in our place and several towns and cities. I am doing well by God's grace. Again thank you so much for your help. I look forward to see you all again, God willing. Love and prayers,

Mrs. Filomena Panlilio (Pastor Noah's mother)

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To First United Methodist Church,

Our Thanksgiving service at the First United Methodist Church went off beautifully. Thank you, Noah, for your congregation's wonderful hospitality.

Lockport/Homer Ministerial Alliance

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As the Brauch family goes over the things for which we are thankful, our First United Methodist Church family is high on the list. We thank you for all your prayers, support, and love. The last two years had some challenges for us, but you have truly shown us God's love. Thank you again. May God Bless you all.

The Brauch's

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Many thanks to all who bought a gift for a child at Marcy-Newberry. They are always so grateful for all the help various churches can give.

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The Cookies By the Pound Sale on Saturday, December 12 was a success. We made \$510 for our missions fund. Thank you to all our great bakers and candy makers.

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I would like to thank those for their cards and prayers during my hospital stay. And special thanks to Jan Koger, Joyce Volling, and Barb Stein who provided meals after my return home. I am very grateful and feel blessed to have such a caring church family. God bless all of you!

Eric Oberg

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Dear Choir Members,

I want to thank everyone for a very successful 2009 and may God continue to bless all of you in your ministry to this church. May 2010 will be the best year ever.

Paul Farr - Director

## 2009 Mission Team Report

The rainbow is God's promise to us. Our giving to the Rainbow Covenant is our promise to God.

There are nine bands for our second mile giving.

### **Burgundy Band**

African Church Growth & Development \$100  
Maua Hospital, Kenya \$100  
Senegal Urban Advance, Dakar \$100

### **Red Band**

Nothing But Nets \$100  
Tree of Life Ministry, South Dakota \$100

### **Orange Band—UMCOR**

World Hunger \$100  
Grace Children's Hospital, Haiti \$100

### **Yellow Band**

Children's Fund \$100

### **Green Band—Northern Illinois Conference**

Prison Release Ministry \$100  
Volunteers in Mission \$200

### **Blue Band—Aurora District**

Will County Habitat for Humanity \$100  
Ridgewood United Community \$100  
Ministries—Joliet

### **Indigo Band—Missionary Personnel**

Larry Kies, African University \$500  
Jane Kies \$500  
Clara Biswas \$100

### **Purple Band—Local**

We do not need to declare our giving, but we give generously to FISH Food Pantry, Circle of Love, Lamb's Fold, Marcy Newberry, SOS Children's Village and the Back to School Fair

Pastor Noah, VIM in 2010 \$400  
Gary Marinellie, VIM in 2010 \$400  
Jim Koger, VIM in 2010 \$400

### **White Band—Sister Church Relationship**

Christ United Methodist Church

We gave a total of \$3600 to the Rainbow Covenant this year. All this could not have been done without this congregation's generous support. Many heartfelt thanks.

## **LAITY CONVOCATION For all Laity and Clergy "Show Me The Way"**

When: January 16, 2010

Where: Sycamore UMC, 160 Johnson Ave., Sycamore, IL

Time: Registration 8:00 a.m. Program: 8:45 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Keynote Speaker: Bishop Felton E. May

Cost: \$12.00 (including breakfast & lunch) if pre-registered, or \$15.00 at door. Mail-in registration: download at [umcnic.org](http://umcnic.org).

The council of Bishops of the UMC has led the church in concentrating upon four area of focus for the church's mission. Two of them will be addressed at this event:

- 1) Engaging in ministry with the poor.
- 2) stamping out killer diseases of poverty by improving health globally.

You will learn how to:

- Start new health and poverty ministries to reach out to your community
- Develop the internal framework needed to support health and poverty ministries
- Engage and mobilize community leaders to promote and support your ministry
- Identify resources in your community to support your health and poverty ministry

## **Christian Symbols**



### **Olive Branch**

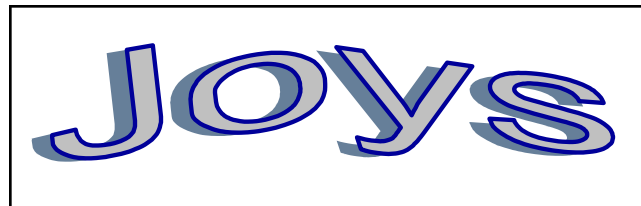
The Olive Branch is a symbol of peace, harmony and healing. Olive trees provide shelter, as well as oil used for ointment and consecration. The Olive Branch also represents deliverance from hardships and anxiety because a dove brought an olive leaf back to Noah's ark after the flood ended (Genesis 8:11).

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- Jan. 2 - Phil & Kim Winters (1983)  
27 - Douglas & Penny Sartori (1968)

**BIRTHDAYS**

- Jan. 3 - Holly Carter  
Paul Navin  
5 - Bruce Davis  
Christie Greenway  
6 - Virginia Coffeen  
7 - Maxine (Mrs. Don) Smith  
Sue Taylor  
8 - Jorja Burek  
Michael Visser  
9 - David Skoryi  
11 - Natalie Crane  
LouAnn Revelle  
12 - Raymond Pahl IV  
13 - Samuel Dorion  
Danny Taylor  
17 - Michael Crane  
Haley Markham  
Elizabeth Wigton  
18 - Iris Chapp  
Jane Shinn  
19 - Jennifer Brown  
Marissa Tlanda  
22 - Thomas Greenway  
Zara Voulgaris  
23 - Mallory Hollatz  
25 - David Weyant  
27 - Jacob Meyer  
28 - John Glover  
29 - Charles Llewellyn  
Marie Seginus  
31 - Ken Clark  
Jimmy Taylor



- Litany of prayers from the children: Thank you for Jesus, who died for us, so we could live, you are awesome, thank you again, I love you! Amen.
- Mike and Amy Visser's baby, David Michael, is doing well.
- Virginia Coffeen, Sylvia Wynveen and Bruce Davis were honored at the City Council Meeting on 11/18/09 for their service to the FISH Pantry.
- Chevron made a generous donation to the FISH Pantry.
- F.I.S.H. Pantry has enough money to buy turkeys for Christmas.
- Barb Stein is home from the hospital.
- Virginia's family was here for Thanksgiving.
- Joy from Jim Shinn – Both the father (donor) and baby with donated liver are doing well. The baby is learning eat – loves Cheetos!
- \$2,108 was donated to the F.I.S.H. Pantry by our church and \$170 was donated to the UMY in November.
- \$3,700 has been raised toward missions throughout this year, thank you to Joyce Volling for her leadership.
- 15 children have joined the Community Children's Choir, although none are from our church.
- Thank you to Linda Cozzi and Kim Winters for putting on the Gingerbread House making on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Over \$500 was made from the "Cookies by the Pound" Sale! Special thanks to Jean Shinn and Barb Stein!
- Eric is back!
- Many people attended Janine Mahalick's Christmas concert.

If you have any additions or corrections, please notify the church office, 815-838-1017.

**NOW AVAILABLE—N.I.C. UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION & GUIDELINES FOR APPLYING (POSTMARKED DEADLINE OF APRIL 1, 2020)**

There are a number of ways to receive the application: Download a copy from the Conference website: [www.umcnic.org](http://www.umcnic.org) (Click on "Ministries", then click on "Higher Education & Campus Ministry") (Note that the eligible Year in School Status is as of Fall 2010) Request an e-mail attachment be sent to you. Request a copy be faxed to you. Request a copy to sent to you via snail mail.

Contact: Mrs. Gladys King-Lucas Marcy-Newberry Association, 1073 W. Maxwell Street, Chicago, IL 60608, 312-829-7555 ext. 118, mnagkl@aol.com



# Sunday School News

Sunday School is up and running! Class for ages 2-99+ meet every Sunday from 8:45-10:00.

Our theme for Sunday School is:

“Everybody’s a Winner on the J Team!”

We hope to see you there!

***We are always in need of volunteers to help out in classrooms, substitute or even to teach. If you are interested please call the church office.***

Did you know...

Prayers should be a part of your daily life—even children should pray to God as often as they can!

Say this prayer everyday through out the coming month:

Dear God,

Thank you for all of my many blessings. Help me to be the person you want me to be. In your name I pray,  
Amen.

## Mark Your Calendars!



**January 16:**

Movie Night—6:00 PM

**January 30:**

2:30 PM- Leadership Caucus  
in Yeoman Hall



## Joyful Noise Children’s Choir

We are excited to say that we will be starting a children’s choir!! The children’s’ choir is open to children ages 4 and up. Rehearsals will be held in the singing room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Education building). The choir will be led by Kristin Price (a local musician who sings periodically at our church) and Ashley Koger will be assisting her.

**Rehearsals are:  
Every Saturday from 3:30-4:30**

We hope to see you there!

## Mission Project

We will continue to collect money for the Heifer Project during Sunday School. Information about Heifer was sent home with your child at the beginning of last month.



**REMEMBER TO KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN OUR PRAYERS:** To those that have been hospitalized and are now recuperating; all our homebound; our missionaries in Zimbabwe, Larry & Jane Kies and their four children; Ken Clark; Lois Brown; Carlton and Marilyn Baumgartner; for our Natural Church Development Health Team; people losing jobs or unemployed; homeless and hungry people; Prayers for the Kavanaugh family on the loss of their 25 yr. old son Chris; Prayers for the Drzenkowski family on the loss of the 21 yr. old daughter Nikki; Thoughts and prayers to Goldie Lorenzen on the loss of her niece to ovarian cancer, and also to Jan's family in California; Ronda Jenkins' friend, Rosemary has been taken off

chemo treatments due to a tumor in her neck and liver; Prayers for Linda Brown's co-worker, Debbie, who is having chemo treatments; Prayers for Lynn Farr's cousin Linda Vruwink, who is receiving chemo treatments; Prayers for David Shin, who is dying of liver cancer and desperately needs a liver transplant; Erin Llewellyn's Aunt Mickey Frett is battling liver and lung cancer; Prayers for Keith, a Police Officer diagnosed with MS; Traveling prayers for Selma Blackman, Holly Carter's cousin, who is heading back to Georgia; Prayers for healing for Linda Brown's brother Reid, who is in the hospital; Prayers for healing for Betty Shinn's nephew Radford, who is in the hospital; Prayers for healing for Sheriff's Deputy, David, who was in an accident; Prayers for Tom Jenkin's mother; Prayers for Kristin's brother and his wife, who are trying to have a baby; Prayers of healing for Eric Oberg, who is receiving therapy; Prayers for Maxine Smith's friend Gerri; Prayers for Debbie Beshoar, daughter of Bev and Dan Price, whose pancreatic cancer has returned after many years of remission; Prayers for Jeanette Hicks and her family as her husband Al is being deployed to Afghanistan; Prayers for people in the Philippines; for all the men & women serving our country in the military. May we keep all in need in our prayers - those who are grieving, those taking care of the aged/sick/dying, and our own special intentions that we hold dear in our hearts.

## **Leadership Caucus 2010** **Saturday, January 30**

If you agreed to serve on a committee or have taken on a special assignment (as listed in the roster in the following pages, please plan to attend!

We will be acclimating to new church council leadership and setting direction for the church for 2010! If your committee meets between January 1 and January 30, elect a committee chair, vice chair and secretary; if you will not meet in that timeframe, you will need to elect those positions at the caucus.

### **Saturday, January 30, 2010** **2:30 – 4:30 PM**

**Everyone invited – Committee members expected!**

# Church Council, Committees and other Church Leaders – 2010

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## The Church Council

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Church Council chair .....	Phil Winters
Church Council vice-chair .....	Peggy George
Secretary, Church Council and Charge Conference .....	Deb Chapp
Treasurer .....	Wendy Meseth
Financial Secretary .....	Peggy George
Membership Secretary .....	Mary Schehr
Connectional Leaders:	
Lay Leader.....	John George
Lay Member to Annual Conference.....	Cindy Nelson
Alternate Lay Member to Annual Conference .....	Kim Winters
Committee Chairs:	
Board of Trustees.....	
Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee .....	
Team on Finance.....	
Worship Team.....	
Christian Education Team .....	
Missions Team .....	
GO Team.....	
Stewardship Team.....	
Natural Church Development Team representative.....	
UMM President .....	Mike Visser
UMW Co-Presidents.....	Betty Shinn & Linda Brown
UMY President .....	Sean McNamara
Young Adult representative .....	TBD
Pastor .....	Rev. Noah R. Panlilio

## Other Church Leaders

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Church Historians .....	Louella Landon & Tom Jenkins
FISH Pantry Representatives.....	Betty Becker & Bruce Davis
Circle of Love Organizers.....	Sharon Petty & Jennifer Queeney
Safe Sanctuary/Youth Advocates .....	Kim Winters & Dawn McNamara
Pastoral Assistant.....	Gary Marinellie

## Board of Trustees

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• 2010 •	• 2011 •	• 2012 •
Kay Rothlisberger	Pat Burnett	Steve Kabat
Craig Gilkerson	Darren Stein	Tim McNamara
Jim Koger	Jim Endebak	

## Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee

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• 2010 •	• 2011 •	• 2012 •
Earl Meseth	Maxine (Don) Smith	Brian Smith
Pattie Piotrowski	Jim Koger	Virginia Coffeen
Bob Walker		Mike Petty

**By virtue of office:** Lay Leader; Lay Member to Annual Conference; Treasurer

## Team on Finance

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• 2010	• 2011•	• 2012•
Jim Shinn	Lynn Farr	Deb Chapp
Doug Schehr	Geri Baxter	Wendy Meseth

**By virtue of office:** Pastor; Church Council chair; Board of Trustees chair; Lay Leader; Lay Member to Annual Conference; Financial Secretary; Treasurer; Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee chair

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### Worship Team

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• 2010

Jan Koger  
Maxine (Don) Smith

• 2011•

Kay Rothlisberger  
Ronda Jenkins

• 2012•

Jim Shinn

**By virtue of position:** Choir Director Paul Farr & Organist Eric Oberg

### Christian Education Team

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• 2010

Dawn McNamara  
Kay Rothlisberger  
Linda Brown

• 2011•

Caryn Burek  
Jennifer Frayne

• 2012•

Jan Koger  
Amber Lindstrom

**By virtue of office:** Sunday School Teachers

### Missions Team

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• 2010

Roseanne Wilson

• 2011•

Barb Stein  
Mady Stein

• 2012•

Doris Hubbs  
Roger Jacobson  
Jean Shinn

### GO Team (Growth & Outreach) - Evangelism

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• 2010

Pattie Piotrowski  
Jan Koger  
Sean McNamara

• 2011•

Kim Kelly  
Keith Saginus

• 2012•

Iva Weyant  
Sue Knowles

### Stewardship Team

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• 2010

Jim Endebak  
Diane Endebak

• 2011•

Steve Kamm

• 2012•

Gary Marinellie  
Jan Rittenhouse

**By virtue of office:** Pastor; Lay Leader; Lay Member to Annual Conference; Treasurer

### Nominations & Leadership Development

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• 2010

Barb Stein  
Sandi Jacobson

• 2011•

Ronda Jenkins  
Karmen Kabat

• 2012•

Brian Smith  
Maxine (Don) Smith

**By virtue of office:** Pastor (chair); Lay Leader; Young Adult Representative

### Natural Church Development Team

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Deb Chapp  
Kim Kelly  
Sean Kelly  
Jan Koger  
Mary Schehr  
Jim Shinn