



December 10-11, 2011

• FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LOCKPORT •
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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CHURCH



The Cookies by the Pound Sale will be Saturday, Dec. 17th, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. We are hoping for more bakers as we ran out of cookies in an hour and a half last year. We are asking for 8 to 10 dozen Christmas cookies which is about three batches. We plan to share our profit with the church. Cookies can be brought to the church Fri., Dec. 16th between 6 to 8 p.m. and from 8 to 9 a.m. on Saturday.

A big thank you to all of our Internet shoppers. From your use of Good Shop we raised \$206 in 2011. Keep up the good work - Christmas is coming!

The good news is that the church has all the money it needs; the bad news is that it's still in your pockets. — **Unknown Source**



BIRTHDAYS:

- Dec 11 Doris Hubbs
- Dec 12 Ruthi Bosserdet
Adam Brown
Jan Koger
Donald Smith
- Dec 13 Tom Burnett
Addyson Hill
Alex Wigton
- Dec 14 Michael Piotrowski
- Dec 15 Jillian Queeney
Gabrielle Voulgaris
- Dec 17 Steven Walker

ANNIVERSARIES:

None this week

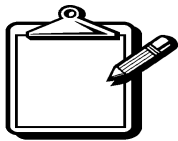
HELPFUL INFORMATION

- Childcare is provided—ask an usher.
- The nursery/cry room is located in the balcony of the sanctuary.
- Restrooms are located on the lower level—down the stairs to the right.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

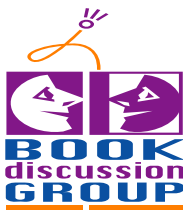
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OF INTEREST TO ALL



CLIPBOARDS AVAILABLE FOR SIGNUP THIS WEEK

Clipboards for signups will be available in the narthex and downstairs in Yeoman Hall after worship or you may contact the person in charge for signups for events. **Signups for events currently are: volunteers for Circle of Love, liturgists and bakers for the Cookie by the Pound Sale.**



Book Club - The FUMC book club enjoys lively discussions and dessert monthly. All are welcome. Our selection for December is "Change of Heart" by Jodi Piccolt. We will be meeting on December 16, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Goldie Lorenzen for our Christmas appetizer potluck and book discussion. 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.



Please let Pastor Joe 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.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT ADVENT BIBLE STUDY - An Advent Wednesday night Bible study began on Wednesday, Nov. 30 and will meet every Wednesday until Wednesday, December 21 at 7 p.m. Pastor Joe will be leading the Bible study. This 4 week course will be based on four themes and will be held in Yeoman Hall. Please see Pastor Joe if you are interested in attending the study.



Christmas Eve, Saturday, Dec. 24 at 5 p.m.— We will have our Family Christmas Eve Service for young children.

Christmas Eve, Saturday, Dec. 24 at 11:00 p.m. — We will have our traditional Christmas Eve Service with candlelighting.



1st NEW YEARS EVE PARTY - The Choir Director, Paul Farr, will be hosting a 1st New Years Eve Party **from 6 pm to 8 pm** on December 31st (right after the 5 pm service) Just think, you can come and join your friends here at church for a few hours and still be home in time to DVR the big event in New York. (Cause I will be snoring) Paul might even bring his tuba. Each person donates \$3 for soft drinks. Snacks--A thru M; Desserts--N thru Z; Every couple brings a board game; singles bring decks of cards and we will be the first to wish the New Year in.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT— Kristin Young will be presenting a Christmas concert with some of her students on Saturday, December 17 at 1 p.m. in the sanctuary. All are welcome to attend.

OF INTEREST TO ALL



We will be collecting hats, mittens and scarves in December and January for the children whose parents come to the FISH Food Pantry.

COLLECTION FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS - We will be collecting an offering today for our college students. We will be purchasing gift cards to give to the students to help them along and to let them know that we have not forgotten them.

BIBLE STUDY FOR 2012 - Sean & Kim Kelly will be leading a Bible study beginning in January of 2012. The study will be on "Wesley's Simple Rules for Money" - Gain all you can, Save all you can, Give all you can. The study will be meeting on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. and will begin on January 4, and every Wednesday thereafter through January 25. Please let Pastor Joe, Sean or Kim know if you will be attending the study.

INSULATED GROCERY BAGS - First United Methodist Church still has reusable, insulated grocery bags for sale and here are a few suggestions on how to make the most of them: "Wrap" an odd-sized Christmas gift in one; Use for take-out to keep food warm on cold winter days; Give as a Christmas gift; Keep a few in each car you own so you're never without; Replace the bags you bought years ago which are looking a bit worn. Purchase through the church office or after Sunday worship for \$3.00 each.

OF INTEREST TO MEN



THE UNITED METHODIST MEN (UMM) - The next meeting for the UMM will be **Sunday, February 5** at 7:30 a.m. - see you there! Come for a hearty breakfast and fellowship! **THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN JANUARY!**

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN



Bykota Circle - Tues. Dec. 13, 12 noon; Bykota Circle will have their Christmas luncheon at George's Restaurant at twelve noon. We will meet at Harriet Hamilton's home after lunch.

Sarah Circle - Sarah Circle will not be meeting in December.

STEWARDSHIP POSSIBILITIES

CIRCLE OF LOVE MINISTRY The First United Methodist Church of Lockport provides feminine and incontinence products and diapers to families who are registered with the Lockport Food Pantry. The ministry is located at 1000 S. Washington St., Lockport. Open every Wednesday, two volunteers are needed to assist clients from 9AM to noon.

THE PRAYER CHAIN is a very important ministry at First United Methodist Church. If you are interested in becoming a member of this team, see Paul Farr, or phone Paul at (815) 838-8554.

UPCOMING SERVICES

SATURDAY, December 17: 5:00 PM Praise & Worship Service
Music: Eric Oberg Pastor Joe, preaching

SUNDAY, December 18: 10:30 AM - Pastor Joe, preaching
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Lectionary Readings: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Romans 16:25-27;
Luke 1:47-55 (UMH 199); Luke 1:26-38

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism; Circle of Love collection;
Coffee Hour**



Welcome to
Worship

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sat, Dec 10: 10:30 AM - Kristin Young, Ed. Bldg.
5:00 PM - Praise & Worship Service

Sun, Dec 11: 9:00 AM - Sunday School classes for all ages
10:30 AM - Worship; Sunday School Christmas program; Stewardship Sunday
11:45 AM - Coffee Hour; Choir rehearsal

MARCY NEWBERRY GIFTS DUE

Mon, Dec 12: 7:30 PM - Dartball at St. Joseph's

Tues, Dec 13: 12:00 PM - Bykota Circle Christmas outing at George's Restaurant
NO TRUSTEES MEETING IN DECEMBER

Wed, Dec 14: 9:00 AM - Circle of Love
7:00 PM - Advent Bible Study

Thurs, Dec 15: No events scheduled

Fri, Dec 16: 6:30 PM - Book Club at the home of Goldie Lorenzen

DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR THE JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Sat, Dec 17: 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM - Toys for Tots Distribution in Yeoman Hall
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM - Cookies by the Pound Sale in Fellowship Hall
1:00 PM - Christmas Concert in Sanctuary, Kristin Young
5:00 PM - Praise & Worship Service

NO MOVIE NIGHT IN DECEMBER

Sun, Dec 18: 9:00 AM - Sunday School classes for all ages
10:30 AM - Worship; Holy Baptism
11:45 AM - Coffee Hour; Choir rehearsal

CIRCLE OF LOVE OFFERING

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Church Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM. You may leave a message any time.
Circle of Love Ministry is open Wednesdays from 9AM to noon.