

Thank you

Marge Tuck would like to thank Pastor Ed Longabaugh for his visit and prayer while in the hospital. Also, for the cards and prayers she received from dear friends!

2010 Offering Envelopes

Are now ready to be picked up on the table outside the Church office. There are plenty of envelopes available, so let us know if you would like to use a set - just add your name to the list. They will be ready the following Sunday.

Finance Committee Update

This past summer, our congregation responded with prayer and action to prevent a negative cash-flow result in the financial position of our church. Prayers have been answered and actions have been blessed! At the close of November the year-to-date cash flow is positive \$16,720. There will be extra expenses for insurance and missions commitments in December, however projections are to finish 2009 with positive cash flow. Thank you to the church staff and leaders for being diligent about postponing spending and careful to contemplate each dollar that was spent, and thank you to the members of GPC for responding in such a supportive way to the financial needs of the church. We ask that you continue to pray for the church as we consider the budget needs for 2010. We anticipate a close budget again in 2010 and would like to remind you that it is not too late to turn in pledge cards. Thank you for your support of the ministries at GPC. - The Finance Committee

Fellow Deacons

We will not have a meeting on Monday Dec 21. We will meet again on January 18, 2010. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Stuff-a-truck

Team effort by the GPC folks was wonderful. Can't thank you all enough for those who participated with the Stuff A Truck for City Union Mission Program on November 14th and to those who purchased meals for this Program at the cash registers at Hy-Vee for those few weeks in November. This year, City Union raised \$44,000. Deacons

Northland Christmas Store

What a wonderful surprise to see all the bags of food collected for the Northland Christmas Store. Just know that all of the food donated is a great blessing and much appreciated by the folks at the Metropolitan Lutheran Food Pantry for their giving out to folks in the Northland this Christmas who need help. Thank you very much!!! WMT Missions

Have you seen it?

We're talking about the beautifully decorated City Union Mission Christmas Tree (thank you Decorating Committee) that is located in the hallway by Fellowship Hall. We are collecting in December socks (any size) gloves and mittens (any size) for all ages at City Union Mission. Thank you and God Bless You! WMT Missions

December Mission Collection

We are collecting Peanut Butter and Jelly this month. We ask that you please bring a jar(s) of Peanut Butter or Jelly or both to the kitchen upstairs (put on cabinet by refrigerator - right side) by the fellowship hall. This will help restock the shelves for our sandwich makers to continue making Sandwiches for City Union Mission the 2nd Tuesday Morning of every Month. A big **THANK YOU** goes out to the Sandwich Team for their faithfulness each month! We're sure that the Sandwich Team would always welcome more folks to help make these sandwiches, meet at 9:30 a.m. the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you and God Bless You! WMT Missions

At this special time of year
we are reminded to covet God's presence
more than presents!

Gashland Elementary

A male role model or a couple is needed to help tutor basic math (counting, simple addition/subtraction..) for first graders a couple times a week around 1-1:30pm - any day. For more info, please contact Dave Schirmer 436-3583.

Our prayers are with:

Arcie McCue with the passing of her brother John Smith on December 16, 2009.

Wednesday prayer

Please don't allow yourself to miss out on the opportunity to pray for your church and your church family. Corporate prayer is *essential* for the health of a church body. On Wednesday we still meet in Room 219 at 9:00am - please come and pray with us!

Prayers for Healing:

Earl Iverson; Rosalee Tyson (Kathy Ellison's mother); Kathy Clower (Eileen Ford's sister); Bob Wester (Don Wester's brother); Clyde Holmes; Eva Simmons; Edee Mollnow; Lisa Miller; Edith Holmes; Jean Bouas.

Prayer For Missions & Missionaries:

Christian Workers Fellowship Fund -

Ron & Nancy George
PO Box 1117 Lawrence, KS 66044

Prayer Chain:

*If you have a prayer request/concern for our Prayer Chain, please call Rosemary Norton 454-0930, Betty Farmer 436-2380, or Ruth McCaskey 436-0964. To hear prayer requests, call 436-3583 during office hours, and extension #4 after office hours.

On-Line Prayer Request:

*All requests called in to the Prayer Chain go on-line also.

To submit a prayer request send to:

myprayer@gashland.org

To receive prayer requests send to:

iwillpray@gashland.org



Please remember to switch your cell phones to vibrate or turn off before worship service. Also, please no texting - thank you for your help in this!

If there are church activity cancellations due to inclement weather, that information will be posted on KMBC - channel 9 and also on KCTV 5.

ATTENDANCE December 13, 2009

8:30 am: 201 11:00am: 201

Total: 402

SUNDAY SCHOOL/ADULT CLASSES:

Children: 51 Students: 51

Adult: 123

Children's Sunday School

Nursery is available during both services for Children under age 3.

Pre K - Room 121-122

K/1 - Room 110

2/3 - Room 108

4/5 - Room 123-124

Middle School

Girls - Room 107

Guys - Room 220

High School

Holy Grounds Café

Adult Sunday Classes - 9:45 am

Acts 2.0	Room 221	Amy Schirmer, Rob Rich
Growing Together Through The Bible...	Room 217-218	Jean Bouas, Ulises Acosta
Standing Firm A Study 1&2 Peter	Fellowship Hall	Nathan Edwards Cynthia Longabaugh
The Books of Samuel	Reception Room	Holly Douglass
Walking With God (men only)	Chapel	Chris Taylor Andy Gibbs Dennis O'Hara Mark Smith



Sunday, December 20

8:30 am Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
9:45 am Adult & Children's Sunday School
11:00 am Contemporary Worship, Ministry Center
12:15 pm Congregational Meeting, Ministry Center
6:00 pm Upper Room

Monday, December 21

Tuesday, December 22

Wednesday, December 23

9:00 am Morning Prayer, Room 219
7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7:30 pm Cont. Worship Practice, Ministry Center

Thursday, December 24

Christmas Eve

6:00 pm Christmas Eve Service, Sanctuary
8:30 pm Christmas Eve Service, Sanctuary
11:00pm Communion Service, Sanctuary

Friday, December 25

Merry Christmas!

Saturday, December 26

7:30 am Men's Bible Study, Library
5:00 pm Chair Set-up Team

Next Sunday, December 27

8:30 am Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
9:45 am Adult & Children's Sunday School
11:00 am Contemporary Worship, Ministry Center
6:00 pm Upper Room



Welcome to our Guests, Friends, and Members

Please register your attendance, by printing your name in the red friendship pad, then pass it on to those in your aisle.

Traditional Worship Service

8:30 am

Fourth Sunday of Advent...The Angels

Carillon Bells

Prelude

Welcome

Responsive Reading

Leader: There were shepherds keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them.

All: The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."

Leader: Today in the town of David a Savior has been born; He is Christ, the Lord.

All: And suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth, peace, good will to men."

Hymn

"Joy to the World" #270

Prayer, Confession, Assurance

Anthem

"Worship the Lord" Choir

Solo: Amy Schirmer

Hymn

"Angels We Have Heard On High" #278

Scripture Reading

Matthew 1:1-17

Hymn

"Good Christian Men, Rejoice" #273

Offertory

"He Shall Feed His Flock" *from Messiah*

Solo: Frances Gatlin

Doxology

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sermon

"Choose Your Past"

Ed Longabaugh

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn

"Hallelujah Chorus" *from Messiah*

Choir

Benediction

Postlude

(Go forth and serve Christ in the world)

Contemporary Worship Service

11:00 am

Prelude

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

Greeting & Announcements

Song Set

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"
"Joy to the World"

Scripture Reading

Luke 2:1-20

Song Set

"What Child Is This"
"O Come All Ye Faithful"

Prayer

Offertory

"Away In A Manger"

Sermon

"Choose Your Past"

Closing Song

"Silent Night"

Benediction

There is an offering envelope in the chair pocket in front of you
- for your convenience.

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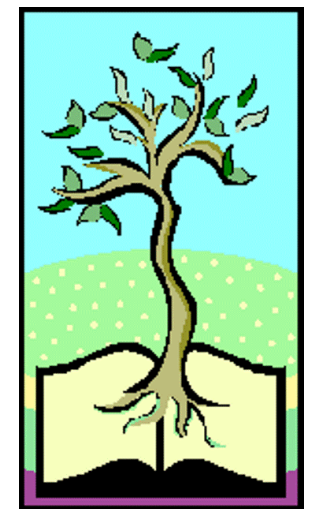
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December 20th, 2009

"Choose Your Past"



Matthew 1:1-17