



Pastor's Page

What Will 2012 Bring? How Will We Respond?

Brenda and I were blessed to see the Celtic Women in concert at North Central College in December. It was a great evening. Honestly, when I've watched them on TV, I can only take about fifteen minutes of them, but at the live concert they kept my attention for a full two hours. During the mostly Christmas concert, they included a number of Irish and Scottish tunes. It was there that I learned that our familiar New Years Eve song, "Auld Lang Syne" is old Scottish for "days gone by" or it could even be translated "once upon a time."

That is part of the purpose of our New Year observance, to look back and remember "days gone by." It is also to look forward and make plans for the future.

It is true that there are some things that will come in 2012 that is out of our control. It is in that sense that we can ask the question, "What will 2012 bring?" However, we are not the victims of a random future. We shape much of our own future by how we respond to the situations of the world and of our lives. That is why I believe the tradition of New Year Resolutions is a good tradition to hold on to. It encourages us to take responsibility for our futures, and to be unwilling to take on the role of a victim. There are some who are saying that the church is a victim of changing attitudes in America. It is true that American attitudes are changing regarding religion. The Barna Research Group has studied how Americans are struggling with the idea of faith. George Barna said, "Americans are struggling to determine how faith, Christianity and church fit into contemporary life." Barna's research showed that 41% of Americans are unable to identify any individual who they consider to be an influential Christian. Those who were able to name someone most often named, Billy Graham, the Pope and Barak Obama. We can say that it was "once upon a time" (auld lang syne) when America was solidly influenced by Christian values and Christian leaders.

Despite the fact that Christianity's role is changing, Barna discovered that there is a great deal of openness among millions of Americans to the Christian message. Barna also reports that 75% of Americans have a positive view of the church.

So that is what 2012 brings to the church. But the question is how will we respond? Will we enter into the dialogue as the people of our community, even our own church members, struggle with a new definition of how church fits into their lives? Or will sit back and let that re-definition happen without us?

It would be easy to hark back to "once upon a time" when it was easier for churches to thrive in America. But God calls us to be in ministry in this present day to the people who are around us now. That is why our all-church planning retreat is so important. We will be gathering together on January 28 (see details inside) to talk about how we will respond to what the world brings us. We won't be victims; we'll make choices together about how we will move into the future. I hope you will join us as we make important decisions about how to respond to our world today.

Happy New Year!

Jay

January Sermon Series:
The Uniqueness of Jesus
Legend, Lunatic, Liar or Lord?

There is a lot of confusion in the world today about Jesus Christ. In a world that increasingly suggests that all religions are equal, does Jesus offer anything unique?

Jesus made some fantastic claims. He claimed: to be the “Son of God,” to exist before Abraham, and to be the judge of all mankind. Was he telling the truth when he made these claims about himself? It is up to each individual to make that decision for themselves.

Topics Will Include:

What Do Others Say?

How do Jews, Muslims and Mormons view Jesus?

What is Unique About Jesus?

Is he just another prophet?

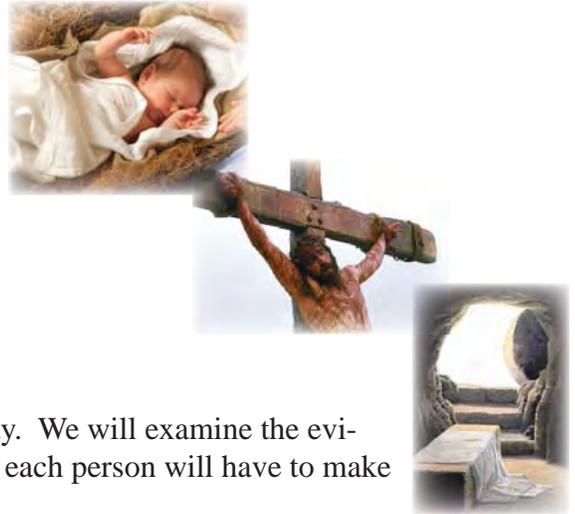
For Whom Did Jesus Die?

Can you get to heaven without Jesus?

Is Jesus Necessary?

Can we believe in Jesus without offending non-Christians?

Join us this January as we explore who Jesus Christ is each Sunday. We will examine the evidence about Jesus, using reason, logic and facts. And then, in faith, each person will have to make a decision about who Jesus is. It will make an eternal difference.



Worship and Sunday School each Sunday at 9am & 10:45am

Sunday School in January

During January we will have nursery care and Sunday school classes for preschool thru 6th grade at both services. There will be a class for 7th graders at the 9a.m. service only.

In January we will learn about Jesus growing up and how special he is. We read about him being tempted, performing miracles, and teaching in the synagogue. Jesus shows us we are all God’s children and that he came for all people.

We encourage every adult and older youth in the church to help in a Sunday school class. Remember to keep our teachers and children in your prayers.

LIVE - LEARN - GROW

FOLLOWING CHRIST’S EXAMPLE

Grief Support Group (An Angel on Your Shoulder)

How do you talk about death to your children and grandchildren? Starting January 12th (Thr.) 4:30-5:30 pm at Conference Room, we will share and support one another based on readings from children's bereavement books (Christian perspective). This Group will meet for 6 weeks (Jan. 12, 19, 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16) and Bonnie Ulstad will be the facilitator. Anyone who lost their loved ones or has a loved one in hospice care can join us. A sign-up sheet is available at the Fellowship Area. For more information, contact Pastor Sarah Hong.

Youth Winter Retreat (Great Escape) will be March 2-4 (Fri.-Sun.) at Spring Hill, Michigan. Registration form can be obtained at the Welcome Desk in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up deadline is Sunday January 30 with \$50 deposit. The retreat cost per person is \$125. Contact Pastor Sarah for more details.

Youth Summer Mission Trip (Rising 8th Gr. to 12th Gr.) will be July 29th (Sun.) to Aug. 4th (Sat.) of 2012. (No summer school this week.) We will do urban site mission work in St. Louis. Registration form will be available starting January 8th. The registration deadline is March 15th with the \$75 deposit. The mission trip cost is \$150 per person. We will cover the rest of the expense with our various fundraisers. Contact Pastor Sarah for more details. Space is limited (15 spots). sign up soon.

Cornerstone is back!! - Youth Sunday gathering will resume on Jan. 8th (Sun.) 6:30-7:30pm. There will be time for praise, devotion and small group prayer meeting. Come and join us!

Youth Small group meetings

Are you interested in growing in faith? Why don't you join youth small group? For more information contact Pastor Sarah (pastorsarah@umcnl.com). Here are the leaders, meeting times and places:

High School Girls ~ Leaders: Lynn Lamparski, Karin Ulstad
Meet every other Sunday 5:15 - 6:30 pm at Mary Philips Library

High School Boys ~ Leaders: Al Longtin & Devin Clark
Meet every other Sunday morning 10:45 - noon at Mr. Longtin's house

Jr. High School Girls (6-8th Gr.) ~ Leader: LeAnn McQuen
Meet every other Sunday 5:30-6:30 pm at Youth Room

Jr. High School Boys (6-8th Gr.) ~ Leader: Russ Brower
Meet every other Sunday 5:30-6:30 pm at Chapel

Jr. High Weekday Fellowship (J.A.M.U.T.C)

For all 6-8th Gr. teens, we have weekday fun and fellowship. On January 4th (Wed.), we will meet for sledding at Schoolhouse Rd. Hill from 10 am - noon. (For updated information, contact Emily Redman (mered@yahoo.com).) Hot Chocolate and snacks will be provided. Parents are asked to stay if possible. On January 18th, we will meet 6 - 7 pm at Chapel. Don't miss it!

Wildside (Youth Thursday Fellowship)

We would like to ask youth parents to be chaperones for Wildside (Thu. 7-8:30 pm).
Contact Judy Selby (815) 485-0893 if you can help. Wildside will resumed on Thursday, January 12.



Mission Trip Planned to Native American Mission Site

For the last several years, UMCNL has been sponsoring a missionary in the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference. We would like to build a stronger relationship with our missionary, Meri Whitaker and the mission center where she works, Cookson Hills.

Our Senior Pastor, Jay Carr, has volunteered to lead this group. We have tentatively identified April 15-21 or April 22-28. If you are interested in participating in this trip, please let Jay know (seniorpastor@umcnl.com or 815-485-8271).

The Cookson Hills Center has been a very significant part of the mission work of the United Methodist Church in Oklahoma since 1948. The presence of the UMC among rural low-income people in Northeastern Oklahoma has shown an important aspect of the way we care for others as concerned Christians. The primary target group of the center's services is Native American people, most being of the Cherokee tribe.

While there, our group will do a variety of work, both big and little projects. People of all skill levels are encouraged to participate. We will be assigned specific jobs based on the skills we bring. There are jobs for all capabilities. Because of the dates, this will primarily be an "adult" trip.

The cost per person will vary depending on the number of people going on the trip, but will probably be between \$200 to \$300 per person for the week. Financial aid may be available for those who need it.

We can take a maximum of 20 people. We will firm up dates in mid-December based on those who have expressed an interest, so hurry!

Midwest Mission Distribution Center Workcamp

We are planning our tenth workcamp to Midwest Mission Distribution Center. We will leave February 12, 2011 and return February 17, 2011. Some jobs we might do are pack cleaning buckets to reach out to some one with a moldy, sagging home. Pack health kits to help someone after an earthquake. Make school desk to inspire someone to learn. Sew hospital gowns that can be used as clothing and taken home with a child after spending time in a hospital. Repair a bicycle or a sewing machine to help someone have a better future. We would like you to consider being a part of this team. You may contact Don or Anna Melton for more information.



All Church Planning Retreat Scheduled for January 28

At our Annual Church Conference on November 16, the report of the Appreciative Inquiry team was adopted, setting priorities for our ministry together. The AI report also called for an all-church planning retreat on January 28. Please get this date on your calendars now!

The three priorities the Appreciative Inquiry process identified are: Ministry with Children and Youth, Spiritual Growth through Small Group and Service Opportunities, and Becoming a More Welcoming Community.

This planning retreat will be an important time in the life of our congregation. Together, we will map out specific goals around each of these priorities. God is calling us into a new season of life together. We need to listen to God and to one another as we move boldly into the future. Arrange now to be part of this important planning event.

A big **“Thank You”** to all who supported the Dick Swanson Scholarship Fund by purchasing firewood from the church. We raised approximately \$1200.00.

The next breakfast meeting for the United Methodist Men will be Saturday, January 7, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. Please join us as we plan out the new year.



Women's News



United
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Women
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

Women of the church, please consider joining a circle. It's a great way to meet new friends within the church family as well as to serve God and others in the community and around the world.

Women interested in joining a Women's Circle who aren't sure which one they may enjoy the most, please contact Ruth Johnson or Wendy Miller at the church office (815) 485-8271. They will be able to explain the age groups and meeting times of the various circles and the contact name of the person for that circle.

Rebecca Circle will meet on the 2nd Wednesday at 7 p.m. every other month. Contact Amie Burgess at 815-834-6295 for more information on the next meeting.

Ruth Circle will not meet in January.

Sarah Circle will on Friday, January 13, 2012 at the home of Sarah Hong. Contact Emily Redman.



The Cookbooks Are
HERE!!!

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The “Celebrate 175 Years” Cookbooks are here! If you were unable to purchase one in May, you may purchase one in the church office. Cookbooks are \$10 each.

UMW is seeking a Chairman of Social Action. Please contact June Miller.

Our Purpose

The organized unit of the United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

TWG Fund Account as of November 30, 2011



October 31, 2011 balance	\$600,177.09
November receipts from pledges	14,686.50
Interest	0.00
Other Receipts (Recycle)	83.93
TWG Other Income	0.00
November expenditures	0.00
November mortgage & interest payment	-12,415.88
TWG Fund balance as of November 30, 2011	\$602,531.64



Becoming a More
Welcoming Community



The EMCC and TWG Committee's would like to thank the congregation for their support and for celebrating our giving on Consecration Sunday. As our church year comes to a close and we work on finalizing our budget for 2012 we would like to remind those that haven't turned in a pledge card to please do so. Remember; when you give, you are growing ministries, changing lives, and changing you. This is the transformative spirit of Christ and our church.

Spiritual Growth
Through Small
Groups and Service

Laura Christiansen
EMCC Chair

Dave McCune
TWG Chair

Food for Thought

Every memory is precious. Whether it is a bad one or a good one, they overall shape us for who we are today. Precious memories. Think of a memory as a power, only you can relive the experiences that you have been through, whether to please you aesthetically, to grab wisdom by using your past experiences to help you make new decisions, help interact with other people, or to help with problem solving. We keep memories for a variety of reasons sometimes to hold on to the things we love the things that have made us who we are and who we never want to lose. Not every memory will be pleasant because it is not just good things that make us who we are, we are molded and shaped by the bad things that happen in our lives as well. It is kind of like how Oscar Wilde says "memories are small diaries that we will keep in our heads always." Never let memories go, but never let our past determine our future either.

~ Jerosse



Thank you for your kindness and prayers at the time of the loss of our son, Freddie.

Muriel and Fred Mooney, Sr.

Thank you everyone who contributed dishes and/or served, set-up and tore down the tables for the funeral luncheons for Freddie Mooney, Jr. and April Carson this past month. Everyone was very complimentary about the food and the care in which it was prepared and served. The families were most appreciative of your contributions to the meals.

The Funeral Committee

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who kept me in your prayers for strength and healing. Your beautiful cards and delicious food have really been appreciated.

Thank you for everything!

Peg Bryan (Lois Briddick's Daughter)

Many thanks to all who donated the delicious Christmas cookies for our shut-ins on December 11! Thank you to all who helped package and deliver the cookies. A special thanks to our youth, our Praise Band, and adult chaperones and drivers who provided a wonderful Christmas program for the residents of Joshua Arms which included reading Christmas scripture, singing Christmas carols, rockin' with the Praise Band, and sharing cookies and punch with the residents. What a great way to share the Christmas spirit!

Thank you to the youth parents who donated deserts for the Youth Christmas Party on December 9th. We had 37 youth and 11 adults chaperons who had a great time of celebration and fun.

Thank you to those who donated Christmas gifts & toys for Ford Heights Elementary School students. All gifts were delivered on December 16th. Special thanks to the Mission Committee members for organizing this meaningful event!

Thank you to those who donated various items for Lamb's Fold (Women & Children's shelter). We delivered more than 100 wish lists to the site on December 14th. Big thanks to Rebecca Circle and Amie Burgees, Susie Jasurda and Frank (Sue) Kemp for organizing the event and delivering the gifts. Blessings on your caring hearts!

Thank you to the Tullos family and the Marchert family who volunteered at the Morning Star Soup Kitchen on December 4th. The Morning Star site handed out coats and winter gears on that date and had more people lined up for the dinner. If you would like to volunteer for the Soup Kitchen program, please contact Lisa Tullos (815-463-0786). Our church is responsible to have 5-6 volunteers for the first Sunday of every month.

Thank you to Cari Floyd, Josh Gardner, Jessica Gardner, Lindsey Murphy, Kirk Lever, the Katey Power family who volunteered to teach and help at the 10:45 service Sunday School.

Thank you to Bonnie Patrick, Bobbie Baird, Chuck Baird, Jim Speicher and Chuck Kozielski for setting up the Memorial Christmas Tree, Memorial ornaments and outdoor manger set.

Thank you to my church family for all your thoughts and prayers during my back surgery. Thank you for the cookies, gifts, and many cards and visits from Pastor Jay and Pastor Sarah.. My family and I are very blessed to have you in our lives. I could never thank you enough.

God Bless You.

Cindy Lockhart and Family

Dear anonymous donor(s),

Thank you for the two gift cards for our family. With each card, my husband and I would turn to each other and say, "I love our church!" In the spirit of your generosity, we've decided to give the cards to people in serious need - not only in need of life's basic necessities but also in need of Christ. Please know that your gifts have made a real difference in spreading the message of hope and love.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!
Heather, Ed, Mia and Noah Goewey

Thank You

Brenda and I want to thank all of you who remembered us at Christmas. Your cards, cookies, candy, and gifts were wonderful reflections of the love we feel from this congregation. We are grateful to be among you.

Blessings to each of you in the new Year.

Jay and Brenda Carr

HELP!!! HELP!!!

With Robin leaving at the end of December, Wendy will need help with the phones in the office during the week while she “balances the tightrope” of two people’s workload during one work schedule. Please contact Wendy in the office if you are willing to help! Help any time between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. will be very welcomed!



HELP NEEDED

Staff Parish is now accepting applications for a new Administrative Assistant. The position requires working 20 hours a week, Monday through Friday. If interested, applications may be obtained in the church office.

Friendship Group

The Friendship Group Luncheon will meet at Aurillios Pizza in Frankfort Thursday January 19 at 12:00 Noon. Please sign up at the Welcome Table or call Martha Horsley. All are invited 55+. Come and bring a friend.

Volunteers Needed to assemble the *Guide* every month on the Wednesday after the third Sunday at 9:00 a.m. every month. This is a great help to the office staff and a great time to fellowship with other members.

Attention Members...

If you have lost your name tag or never received one, please contact Marty Driscoll for a new one.

We need technical people to volunteer for the Communications Committee and to assist with running the new video equipment. If interested, please contact the church office at 815-485-8271.



Prayer Team Ministry ~

Have you ever experienced the power of prayer? Do you believe that prayer is the basis of wholesome worship? Please join the “prayer team” who will pray during the 9:00

and 10:45 worship in the Narthex. See Pastor Sarah if you are interested in joining this ministry.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

“*Meals on Wheels*” is looking for volunteers to deliver meals in the New Lenox area once a week.

Please contact Sharon at 815-838-5885 after 1 P.M. for more details and/or to volunteer.

This program is organized through the Senior Service Center of Will County.

Please pray for our Confirmation Mentors. They will prayerfully support confirmands for the next 8 months. Their names are Kristin Creech, Judy Selby, Julie Blecker, Faith Hatalla, Chris Hagen, Joyce Spalla, JoAnn Gleason, Brenda Rentfro, Al Longtin, Dennis Wychocki and Peter Bonebrake.



There are many opportunities to sign up for flowers for the altar for the 2012 worship year. Please sign up by picking up an envelope from the desk of the church office, fill out the front, place payment inside and turn in either in the offering plate or in the church office.



The Columbarium Committee

would like to remind you that columbarium niches may be purchased in the church office. Selection of niches will be on a first-come-first-served basis.

ONGOING YOUTH FUNDRAISER

Remember that the Youth will continue to sell gift cards through the SCRIP program to help fund their Mission Trip, Retreats, Events and other miscellaneous projects. Please think about what you will be spending in the coming month when working out your budget and where you will be spending your money, then purchase gift cards for face value to the places you will be spending your budgeted money - the cards you purchase will automatically earn immediate funds for our Youth while not causing you to spend any additional cash than what you were already planning on spending on your monthly budget! Use the cards for gifts, use grocery gift cards to purchase food items for the food pantry - **DOUBLE YOUR GIFTS WITHOUT SPENDING ADDITIONAL CASH!!!** (Youth AND food pantry will BOTH benefit at the same time with no additional dollars than what you would have spent for the food for the food pantry in the first place!)

A percentage goes to the church for youth ministries immediately! Order forms are available outside the church office at the information center.

Thank you in advance for your support!



**WOULD YOU LIKE THE GUIDE
IN FULL COLOR???**



WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAVE TREES???



WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAVE THE CHURCH MONEY ON POSTAGE???

Call the church office
and have us add you to our e-mail list for the Guide or
e-mail us with the e-mail address you would like us to use at
business@umcnl.com



Worried about your next big presentation? TOASTMASTERS CAN HELP!

Sponsored by the Men's Ministry of New Lenox (12 Area Churches), Toastmasters can help you develop better speaking and presentation skills, learn to think quickly and clearly on your feet AND build strong leadership abilities. On the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month, Toastmasters meets from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM in the New Life Church (**NEWLOCATION**). The Toastmasters program will help you to develop your communication skills and open doors in your personal and professional life. Instead of laboring in an academic setting, or spending up to thousands on costly seminars, you learn in a self-paced atmosphere of understanding and helpful fellowship. To learn more about Toastmasters International and our unique Communication and Leadership program, contact Nancy Dye.

**VISIT US ON
OUR NEW WEBSITE!!!**

www.newlenoxtoastmasters.org



UMCNL is on Facebook! If you have a Facebook account, search "United Methodist Church of New Lenox." Make sure you get

to the right page – it has a picture of our sanctuary as the profile picture. Be sure to click on the "like" button on top of the page so you get our updates. And be sure to refer the page to your friends!



Cleaning for a Reason

If you know any woman currently undergoing chemotherapy, please pass the word to her that there is a cleaning service that provides FREE housecleaning - once per month for 4 months while she is in treatment. All she has to do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. **Cleaning for a Reason** will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service. This organization serves the entire USA and currently has 547 partners to help these women. It's our job to pass the word and let them know that there are people out there that care. Be a blessing to someone and pass this information along.

Visit www.cleaningforareason.org/cancer_patients_acct.html to get more information and/or sign up for this service.



Provena Saint Joseph Medical Center in Joliet is looking for **volunteer musicians** to play for our patients and their families at the bedside. Musicians can volunteer individually, in a duo, or trio. Volunteers would need to commit to volunteering once per week or once every other week in the afternoons or evenings for 2-3 hours. If interested or for more information, please contact Shannon Morgan-Jermal, Director of Volunteer Services, 815-725-7133 ext. 3466 or Shannon.morgan@provena.org



Coffee Hour in January

- 1 Administrative Council
- 8 United Methodist Men
- 15 Music Department
- 22 Staff Parish and Trustees
- 29 Ruth Circle

T-Shirts Still Available!!!

Own a piece of history! If you haven't purchased a T-shirt commemorating our 175th Anniversary and 26th Annual Campground Festival, we still have some available in the church office at a **newly-reduced price of \$10 each!** We still have medium and large in adult sizes only. They are great to wear when representing our church at the Pancake Breakfast!!!



The New Lenox Township Food Panty is experiencing high numbers of residents who are visiting the pantry. The pantry is having difficulty keeping up with the demand. Please continue to bring donations to our "pantry cart" that can be found in the Narthex on Sunday mornings. These are the food items the pantry is most in need of...

chicken noodle soup
tomato soup
tuna fish
mac-n-cheese

ravioli or spaghettios
green beans, corn, peas
instant mashed potatoes
instant flavored rice

peanut butter
breakfast cereal
spaghetti sauce
spaghetti noodles

noodle side dishes like
pasta or noodle roni

Eat Out Twice a Month at Chili's and Help Support the Church at the Same Time!!!

What a great excuse to eat out on January 4 and 18, 2012...to help support the church! Every first and third Wednesday of the month through December of 2011, take one of these vouchers with you and **10% of your bill will be donated back to the church!** The voucher is good only at the Chili's on Route 30 in New Lenox. (Give the other voucher to a friend, relative or neighbor to do the same!) **What a delicious way to help raise money for our church's General Fund.**



Pepper Profit Program

Bring this voucher when you visit (Dine In or To Go) the **Chili's** location identified below and **10% of your purchase (excluding taxes)** will benefit:

**UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF NEW LENOX**

1st & 3rd Wednesday of each Month
JANUARY - DECEMBER, 2012

Event/Exp. Date

One coupon per person, per visit at participating Chili's restaurants only. Cannot be combined with any other offer. Offer ends per expiration date above.

**2390 E. Lincoln Hwy New Lenox
815-463-8743**

Chili's Location/Telephone



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Shop & Share at Berkot's

Remember to participate in the monthly Shop & Share at Berkot's. The first Monday and second Tuesday of the month (January 2 and 3, 2012). Use one slip and give one to a friend!



2141 Calistoga Dr., New Lenox, IL 60451

Store #300 Checker # _____

United Methodist Church of New Lenox

Berkot's Community Involvement Days are good for:

January 2 and 3, 2012 (Mon/Tues)

Total amount of purchase _____

(Excluding tobacco, cigarettes, liquor, or tax)

Date of Shopping _____

Customer's Signature _____



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Welcome Home!!!



Bulletin Board Postings

The bulletin board in the Fellowship Area is a great way to let the church family know what is going on within our church and community. The posted information needs to meet the following 4 criteria so that there is a consistent guideline to follow in approving those items that are posted on the bulletin board and that these guidelines adhere to the values of our church and the advancement of our ministry purposes:



Postings should include these 4 core values of ***belonging, growing, reaching and serving***. By meeting these four criteria, we hope to further the Kingdom of God and one's growing in Christ.

To have an item posted on the bulletin board, please bring it to Robin or Wendy in the church office.

The ***Church Guide*** is published monthly for the United Methodist Church of New Lenox. The deadline for the submission for the February 2012 issue is Sunday, January 15, 2012.



Articles for the ***Church Guide*** should be put in the mailbox in the church office, or they may be e-mailed to umcnlooffice@comcast.net. E-mail is preferred, but not required. Articles may be edited for content and/or space. Questions should be directed to Wendy Miller or Robin Sommers by calling the church office at (815) 485-8271 or by e-mailing the above address.



Remember to bring your newspapers, magazines, and old phone books to the recycle bins located at the southeast corner of the church parking lot. Tell your friends and neighbors about our recycling program, too. It benefits our Together We Grow Fund.



January Birthdays



1/1 Kathryn Corradetti
Julie Miller



1/13 Debra Honzik
Emma Kelly
Adam Pepper
Vivian VanDonk

1/23 Gail Ishii
Rachel Rentfro
Jeremy Williams

1/2 John Burkholder
Sue Engelgau
Jocelyn Harbeck
Daniel White

1/14 Mary Jane Gougar
Alicia Longtin
Rosanna Schneider

1/24 Judy McCune
Michelle Sauriol

1/3 William Kokal
Ginger Rushing
Shirley Zeitz

1/15 Ron Aardema
Jessica Buck
David Roseen
Carol Seniw
Erin THomas
Devon Wheeler

1/25 Dakota Anderson
Brett King

1/4 Luke Pomes
Joyce Spalla

1/16 Melanie Nelson
Alaina Odenthal
Lauren Rentfro
Jillian Upchurch

1/26 Jacob Flamini
Tal Kalnins

1/5 Bobbie Baird
Janice Klier
Logan Murphy

1/16 Melanie Nelson
Alaina Odenthal
Lauren Rentfro
Jillian Upchurch

1/27 Keith Blecker
Sara Bogdan
Lloyd Dodds
Angela Trevillian

1/6 Laura Doede



1/17 Diane Kozielski
Chas Matesi
Frank Saletta
Lisa Tullos
Danny Vinson



1/28 Brady Brannigan
Susan Karlson
Julie Nickel

1/7 Cavan Gebar
Nancy Kapusta
Jerrold Karns
Jacob Kinsey
Abigail Nowak
Matthew Roseen

1/18 Sally Forsythe
Triston Ward
Bernadine Warning

1/29 Catrina Cimaroli
Connie Karns
Jennifer Schulz

1/8 Joselyn Delaney
Robert Smith
Aspen Whitehead

1/19 Colton Anderson

1/30 Tammy Gallagher
Jenessa Kinsey
Dean Klier
Katherine White

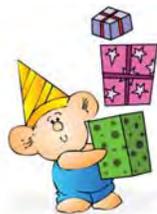
1/9 Elaine Bensema
Nicholas Swanberg

1/20 William Johnson
Katie Kelly

1/31 George cooper
Michelle Drotts
Norma Eugenides
Eric Hammond
Lillian Kendall
Cheryl Pearce
Lisa Wainwright
Shane Warning

1/10 Gregory Fritz
Jim Glazebrook
Daviud Selby

1/21 Stan Blatt
Lukas Heath
Rose Kubacki
Emily Seager
Joan Tomany
JonVeihl



1/11 Gary Goetzelman
Brandon Power

1/22 Allie DiMiele
Michael Franzese

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