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**ATTENTION POSTMASTER:
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Sharing a Mission Moment from Clarksburg, WV

....“The mother and two grown children were severely mentally challenged. The roof leaked, many windows had missing panes of glass, and there were pests throughout. Although a pest control company had made monthly visits to the home for years, it had done nothing and the house had to be torn apart after fumigation. A church work team replaced the roof, furniture and household items were furnished; new dry wall will be installed. This is a story that isn't finished yet, but it is on its way.”

Gayle Lesure, Church and
Community Worker, Clarksburg, WV

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Sunday Worship Times

Heritage: 8:15

The Crossing: 10:45

CrossWalk

(A time of learning for all ages): 9:30



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**2nd Annual
FAMILY CHRISTMAS ADVENTURE**
Wednesday, December 7
6:00-7:30 pm

We encourage our church community to invite families you know to this awesome event!

It's **FREE** to the public
Fun for the **WHOLE** family!

FREE light sandwich dinner, then fun-filled stations where you will talk to Mary, Joseph, Gabriel (the angel) and maybe a shepherd or two. This allows **each of us** to live out our vision of the church during this special time of year.

Call the church office to make your reservations today!
816-380-3424

Shepherds, Sheep, and a Savior

December 21

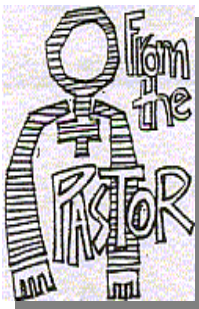
6:30 pm

Latch Key, our before-and-after school program for children K-5th grade, is excited to present their Christmas musical entitled “Shepherds, Sheep, and a Savior.” The kids have been working very hard and would love for everyone to come see this free show!

Our **mission** is to make new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our **vision** is to provide safe haven where people

- Encounter Christ's love and God's grace
- Become committed Christians
- Experience a sense of belonging



As we enter the season of Advent our hearts begin to swell with the expectation that this holiday season will be the one to truly transform our lives. Our focus begins on the Christ child and quickly turns to the chaos of all the hectic activity that surrounds this holiday season. May this Advent season be the one where we all remain focused on the coming of *Emmanuel...God with us...in the form of a baby born in Bethlehem.*

Advent is the season of four weeks and derives from the Latin *adventus*, which means “coming.” The season proclaims the coming of Christ, and Advent calls us to prepare for the arrival of the King of kings and Lord of lords. We are encouraged to achieve this by attending worship services, participating in a small group study of Rev. Adam Hamilton’s *The Journey; Walking the Road to Bethlehem*, reading the biblical stories, and being in prayer to keep us focused on the reason for the Advent season.

We invite our children in the community to participate in the *Family Christmas Adventure* on Wednesday, December 7th at the church for an evening of fun activities to enhance their Advent experience. On Wednesday evening, December 21 at 6:30 in our sanctuary, the children of our Latch Key Ministry will offer a special holiday musical to lighten our hearts and enlighten our spirits.

Saturday, December 24, on Christmas Eve we will offer three worship experiences. Our afternoon worship service will be kid-friendly “family-oriented” with a very special musical presentation by the children of Harrisonville UMC. Our 7 pm and 10 pm services will offer traditional “candle-light” worship experiences with special music offered by a variety of musicians and vocalists. All three services will offer Holy Communion.

Sunday, December 25, Christmas morning we will all gather for one spectacular worship service at 10 am with lots of Christmas hymns and a special Christmas morning message and Holy Communion. What a wonderful way to spend Christmas morning.

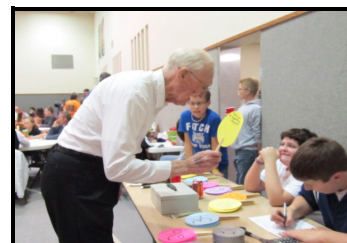
I ask that we all think about one or two people whose lives would be transformed by attending worship during this holiday season. Pray about someone you could ask to come to church with you to share in the joy of this season.

May God bless each and every one of us as we prepare to receive from God the greatest gift ever given to humankind.

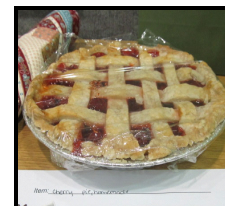
Blessings,
Pastor Scott

Youth Ministry

Youth Auction



Getting a bid paddle



Pies for Sale



Lots of BLING!



Money adds up to \$3010

Thank you for all of your support!

Confirmation Gathering— Dec 4 Noon –1:30
For youth (6th grade and above) and their parents/guardians to discuss the upcoming Confirmation class starting in January. Lunch will be provided. RSVP to Lois

Operation Christmas Child

Youth helped with receiving OCC boxes after school and on the weekends.

These photos are not included in the online newsletter for privacy purposes. See our youth Facebook page for the latest pictures.

Schedule

Sunday, **4:00-5:30 pm**
Mid-Hi & Senior Hi at Same Time, but meet separately

Dec 4: Planning Night

Dec 11: Shopping & Ice Skating at Crown Center in Kansas City
Noon until 4:30 Bring money for ice skating, lunch and shopping. Sign up on bulletin board by my office or Facebook me. Adults needed to drive.

Dec 18: Christmas Party

Dec 25: Christmas Day, No Youth

WOW

Sat-Sun, January 21-22, 2011
Springfield, MO

UMC Conference Worship Event includes Gungur in concert and great session leaders plus inflatable's 6th-12th graders

\$30 deposit due **Dec 4**
Contact Lois for details or check it out at www.wow2012.org

Save the Dates—2012 Mission Trips
Mid Hi—Joplin, MO July 29-Aug 3
Senior Hi—Joplin, MO July 8-13

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Be my friend on facebook

Prayers for Church Family

Please let us know when someone is ill, hospitalized or in need of pastoral care by calling the office.

Prayers for Military Members

2175th MPW	Unit of James Jacobs
Brandon Almquist	Great nephew of Ed Roberts
Brian Bell	Grandson of Vera Bell
Stephen Black	Son of Jeff & Michelle Black
Andrew & William Cobb	Sons of John & Debbie Cobb
April & Becky Cobb	D-I-L's of John & Debbie Cobb
Brent Farnen	Cousin of Debbie Wood
Brian, Erik & Patrick Feild	Nephews of Helen Famuliner
Jim Fields	Brother of Jenny Allen
Father Robert Glasgow	Nephew of Lee Kingery
Guye Gulickson	S-I-L of Darryl & Vickie Lawrence
Alex Hunter	Grandson of Jay & Helga Hunter
Derek Hunter	Grandson of Cecil & Alice Law
Timothy J. Hunter	Son of Jay & Helga Hunter
Brian Huttinger	Son of Allison Huttinger
James Jacobs	Husband of Tracy Jacobs
Bryan Johnson	Nephew of Charla Yoder
Megan Kennington	G-daughter of Cecil & Alice Law
Michael Kinnaman	Grandnephew of Wanda Morris
Todd Lincoln	Husband of Kim (Cobb) Lincoln
Evan & Zach Marconett	Sons of Glen & Clara Wolf
James McGee	Son-in-Law of Ruth Lehr
Brandon Nash	Great Nephew of Edith Davis
Milt Nation	Nephew of Karen Olson
Loren Newkirk	Son-in-law of Glenn & Clara Wolf
Bailey Norton	Son of Rev. Scott & Rev. Melissa Bailey-Kirk
Jason & Carolyn Price	Grandchildren of Onalee Price
Nathan Rutherford	G-son of Ben & Velma Fletcher
Travis and Beth Ryan	Nephew & Niece of Ed & Gail Roberts
Jennifer Schmidt	Daughter of Robert & Donna Schmidt
Rusty Scott	Son of Delene Scott
Kevin Taylor	Grandson of Geraldine Pirtle
Chap Major Sam Tucker	Friend of Udell & Nancy Wolff
Matthew Umland	Great-Nephew of Fannie Sanders

Names will be left on extended family prayer list for three weeks. If you would like them to remain on the list or to be put back on, please contact the church office or list them on the prayer request form located in the Sanctuary pews.

Prayers for Extended Church Family

Names on the prayer list are not included in the online version of the newsletter for privacy purposes. Please see your weekly bulletin or contact the office at 816-380-3424 for information about our prayer list.

Advent Study

You are invited to join a new 4 week study of Adam Hamilton's *The Journey*, which began on November 27, the first Sunday of Advent (a time of preparation for Jesus' birth). The author takes you on a journey to explore what it would have been like for Mary and Joseph as they journeyed from Nazareth to Bethlehem for Jesus birth. There are several CrossWalk (Sunday School) classes for adults and youth that will be participating in the study at 9:30 am on Sunday mornings. It will begin with a video in the sanctuary, and then move to individual classrooms.



There will also be an evening class beginning this Thursday, December 1 at 6:30 pm at Thomas and Kristi Meeks' home. Sign up to attend at the *Ways to Serve* table. Book fee is \$12 or scholarships are available.

If you are interested in joining a class, contact Lois Green at lgreen@hvilleumc.org or 816-380-3424.

Strategic Planning Day

About thirty people turned out for an interesting afternoon of strategically planning ministry for 2012. Our Health Church Initiative coach, Kay Kotan, facilitated our time of learning and dreaming and she encouraged us to stretch beyond our comfort zone as a church in our community. We understand that we are Christ-centered, Board-governed, Pastor-led, Staff-managed, and Lay ministry-driven in all that we do to make new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

In order to fulfill our mission in 2012 we are committed to improving our "Bridge Events" in our community, increasing our worship attendance, and witnessing more baptisms of faith. In addition, we will offer more small-group learning opportunities providing for relationship building, and we will offer intentional faith-development through discipleship pathways and leadership development. The next edition of this newsletter will elaborate upon the values and goals for how we will live out our mission. Thanks to all who participated in this very important and exciting event!

Extravagant Generosity: The Heart of Giving

Our Stewardship Ministry

We are blessed that thus far more than one hundred pledges totaling more than \$255,000 have been committed toward God's ministry in our congregation for 2012. If you have not yet been able to make a commitment, please pray about how God is calling you contribute to how we will make new disciples next year through the offerings of our many ministries and missions.

The last newsletter of 2011 will be sent out Tuesday, Dec. 13 (the following issue will be mailed Jan. 10). Deadline to submit for the next issue is Dec. 9.

There Is Joy in the Air! December 13 10:30 am

Everyone is invited to the next United Methodist Women meeting to hear stories about Christmas' past shared by our senior members. Then join us for a traditional Christmas feast. Ruth Circle invites everyone to stay and watch the movie, *The Other Wise Man*, immediately following lunch. We would love to see you there.

Lunch Bunch December 20 11:30 am

We will be meeting at Wendy's in town and everyone in the church family is invited to come eat with us!

Children's Christmas Program December 24 4 pm

The children are practicing for their Christmas program during CrossWalk hour on each Sunday. They will perform on Christmas Eve. We would love for all children to join us as we celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Cat's Closet

Harrisonville Middle School provides a space called Cat's Closet for students who are in need of clothing items. Now that colder weather is here, the following items need to be stocked:

Jeans (boys: size 14 or larger; girls: size 9 or larger), hoodies, tennis shoes, new socks and new underwear

If you could provide any of the items, either new or gently used, they would be greatly appreciated. The clothing can be taken to Harrisonville Middle School or brought to the church. Collection will take place through December 11. If you have any questions, contact Lois Green or Ann Morse.

Our Sympathies...

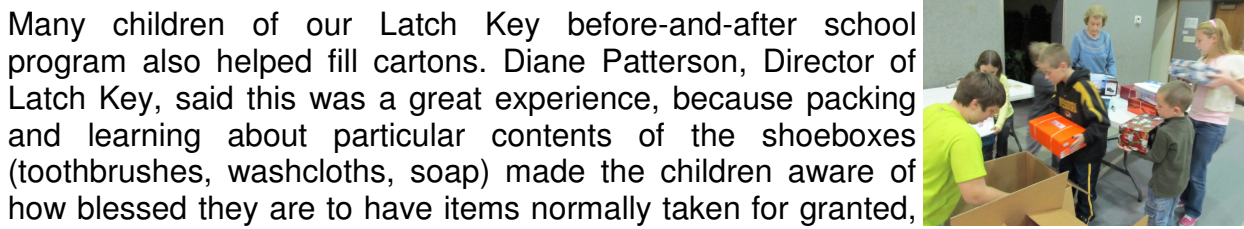
...to the Sallee Family on the loss of a family member, Shirley Sallee.

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Sun. School</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>
11/20	99	193	\$5,441	Dec. 4 Maggie & Theresa
11/27	102	213	\$5,828	Dec. 11 Bethany & Theresa

Operation Christmas Child Report

What a week! 2,694 shoeboxes (each of which is a fantastic gospel opportunity) including the 145 HUMC collected, were packed into cartons in our gym are now on their way to processing centers for final check and then off to change lives around the world. Thirty-eight churches dropped off their shoeboxes throughout the week. Many thanks to the 21 church members who volunteered time to pack with a special thank you to Cecil Law, truck driver, Jeff Bruens for use of his trailer, Jay Patterson, my right hand man, Ben Oryall for his daily muscle moving cartons and to Latch Key for lending us their play area.

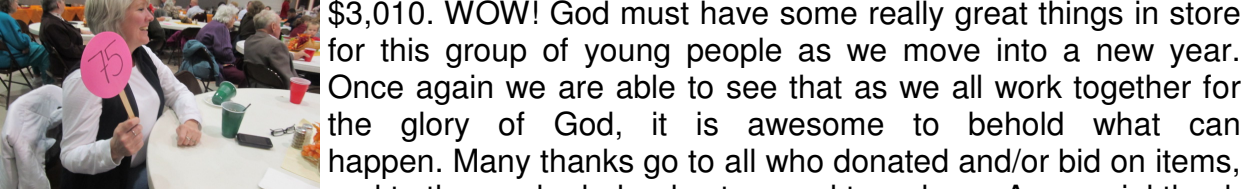
Many children of our Latch Key before-and-after school program also helped fill cartons. Diane Patterson, Director of Latch Key, said this was a great experience, because packing and learning about particular contents of the shoeboxes (toothbrushes, washcloths, soap) made the children aware of how blessed they are to have items normally taken for granted, like beds with sheets and a sturdy home.



Liz Morse, Director of Outreach Ministry

The Results Are In!

What a successful evening at the youth auction! After a spectacular Thanksgiving Dinner, videos were shared of the youth mission trips taken to Oklahoma and Tennessee this past summer. It was also revealed that the youth will be going to Joplin in 2012. Jason Winters, our auctioneer, kept the bidding lively and interesting. Who knew that a jar of peanut brittle or a beautiful afghan could bring out the spirit of competition between people? The final tally for the auction was \$3,010. WOW! God must have some really great things in store for this group of young people as we move into a new year. Once again we are able to see that as we all work together for the glory of God, it is awesome to behold what can happen. Many thanks go to all who donated and/or bid on items, and to those who helped set up and tear down. A special thank you goes to Jason Winters for donating his time as the auctioneer and Gary Green for producing the videos and setting up audio/visual and sound equipment.



Lois Green, Director of Youth Ministry