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Welcome to 2012 The Year of the Birth of **The Grove**

Many of you have waited patiently for the church expansion project to start recalling the first meetings in 2004. Many of you attended multiple meetings held to discuss the elements of this project. Some feared it would never happen. This month - all reports are very positive. For the NASA folks in our congregation - we are ready to initiate final count down for launch.

As you have read in the Outlook during the past few months, there have been many activities by many people working diligently to get us ready to build. While many tasks are done, a few remain to be completed before we can begin the bidding and construction process.

What is completed? - the landscape plan, the parking lot layout, the storm water control plan, the essential elements of The Grove structure design, a traffic study, and a soils evaluation study.

What is still in the works? Final coordination with Dominion Power, the acoustic and audio visual proposal, an abandoned fuel tank removal, and minor changes to the drawings

Once all of these open items are completed, we can go ahead with the final reviews by a church Charge Conference, by York County and by the District Board of Church Location and Building.

Church leaders continue to consider the impact of the construction phase of this project on their ministry. There will be great inconvenience for a time but not forever. The biggest challenge will be shortage of parking and access to the east side of the building [the Fellowship Hall side].

Jim Gillikin, President/COO, and Mike Smith, Project Construction Coordinator, from Myler visited on November 10. They brought a set of plans for review. They met with church leaders and the Building Committee to explain the next steps of the bidding, contract award, and construction process. During their visit, they agreed to proceed with a bid of the kitchen and sprinkler system as these packages call for design proposals by the bidders.

A single line drawing of the project with several notes is located on the bulletin board adjacent to the "T". If your group would like a presentation on the project, please contact me at GELVT64@AOL.COM or 240-5714 to set up a date and time.

We are standing at the threshold of unknown future ministries at St Luke's UMC. The future is bright. The project is on schedule and on budget. Wait patiently but be prepared - **The Grove** is coming!

~ George Leftwich,
Chair, Building Committee

Book Club 2012 Selections

Book Club meets the 2nd Monday of the Month at 10 A.M. at St. Luke's UMC
NO BOOK CLUB IN JANUARY

Feb. 13 *It's Easier to Get to Heaven Than the End of the Street: A Jewish Memoir*, by Emma Williams. pp. 412 EM

Mar. 12 *Change the World*, by Mike Slaughter. pp. 158 LD

Apr. 9 *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*, by Rebecca Skloot. pp. 382 NC

May 14 *The Death of Josseline*, by Margaret Regan. pp. 226 SA

Jun. 10 *FRANCIS The Saint of Assisi: A Novel*, by Joan Mueller pp. 320 SG

NO BOOK CLUB IN JULY OR AUGUST

Sep. 10 *The Pillars of the Earth*, by Ken Follett pp. 983

Oct. 8 *The Dovekeepers*, by Alice Hoffman pp. 528

Nov. 12 *Michelangelo and The Pope's Ceiling*, by Ross King pp. 384

Dec. 10 *The Great Emergence*, by Phyllis Tickle pp. 176

Sunday Worship -
8:30, 9:45 & 11:00 AM
Young Adult Sunday School -
11:00 AM
Sunday School, All ages -
9:45 AM
Youth Fellowship - 5:00 &
6:00 PM

St. Luke's Preschool

Our year ended with a Christmas Pageant and reception in the Fellowship Hall that was hard to beat. The children sang beautifully and Ed Fullhart did a great job as "the elf, himself." Special thanks go to "Santa" and to all the parents for the delicious goodies. The holidays passed so quickly. It is hard to believe the school year is just about half over. That means it is time to think about registration for next year's classes!

Church members and families currently enrolled in St. Luke's Preschool will be given an opportunity to register early for our 2012-



2013 school year (2013, really? *Yikes!*). This early registration will begin Monday, January 23 at 9:00. Registration for the general public will begin Tuesday, February 1. We offer classes for children between the ages of 2 ½ and 4. Our classes fill up quickly and class sizes are limited.

Please don't wait too long to register. The staff of St. Luke's Preschool would love an opportunity to help you develop a strong Christian base for your preschooler while preparing him academically for kindergarten.

If you are interested in registering your child or want to know more

about our program, feel free to stop by the church any time Monday through Friday between 9:00 and 1:00. I'd love to answer any questions you might have and give you a tour of our school. If this isn't convenient, just give me a call. You can also find lots of information about our program on the church website. Just look for "St. Luke's Preschool" under "Ministries" on the home page. If you would prefer, I'd be glad to mail or fax you an informative brochure.

As always, thank you for your continued support and prayer for this valuable ministry.

In God's Love,
Josie Anderson, Director

Wednesday Night Suppers

Join us every Wednesday, 5:30 – 7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Reservation cards are in the pew racks and on the kiosk and you can register ONLINE. Please make your reservation by Sunday 5pm. Reservation cards may be placed in the offering plate or

turned in to the church office. Cost is \$5 per adult, \$3 for children under 10 (with a max charge of \$20 per family). Please pay at the door. Questions: contact Karen Kern at 659-0231 (gkkd@cox.net) or Michele Hurst at 868-1195 (hurstm@msn.com).

January Menu:

- January 11: Brunswick stew, corn bread, salad, chocolate pudding
- January 18: Polish Sausage, red potatoes, sauerkraut, green beans, cake
- January 25: Baked chicken, stuffing, broccoli, rolls, brownies

News from Nate (aka Youth Activities)

Hi Everyone,

It's the start of a new year, and the start of the new semester, and that means it's time for a new parent meeting! On January 8th, we'll be having a brief parent meeting (6:30 – 7:00pm) to let get you some important information about the upcoming semester and gather any feedback you may have.

Please plan for at least one parent from each family to attend!

January 26th – 28th is the Youth Ski Trip. If you are not already signed up, spaces may still be available (call Nate). We will be departing on the 26th and spending the night at Camp Overlook. We will ski on Friday, tube Saturday morning and return to St. Luke's on

Saturday evening.

As I write this, we have not yet had our December Youth Council meeting, but many new events will be decided at that meeting, so head over to our website stlukesyouth.wikispaces.com for many newly posted events!

Thanks,

Nate DeHart, Youth Director



Finding Peace as St. Luke's United Methodist Women

CALENDAR

- Tues. Jan 3rd, and Tues. Jan. 17th, the MOMS Circle (Mission of Motherhood & Service) meets at the church from 9:45 to 11:15 a.m. in room 15. The program on the 3rd will be a book discussion on Real World Parents and on the 17th they will be preparing Valentines for the Nursing Home. Moms are encouraged to participate in this circle. Child care is provided. Contact Amy Brice if you need a copy of the book, at 240-4933.
- Mon. Jan. 9th, the UMW Executive Board meets at 6 p.m. at the Church.
- Mon. Jan. 9th, the Sisters in Christ Circle meets at the church at 7:00 p.m. They will continue discussing the book Having a Mary Spirit by Joanna Weaver.
- Tues. Jan. 10th, at 10:00 a.m. the Sarah Sudduth Circle meets at the church and then out for lunch.
- Tues. Jan. 10th, the Gertrude Carmines Circle meets at 10:00 a.m. at the church.

- Thurs. Jan. 12th, at 10 a.m. the LIFT circle meets at the Church. For the program they will continue using the UMW Response Magazine. Copies of the magazine can be found in the Library or a subscription to this monthly publication can be ordered. The project for the month will be to collect containers of hand wipes for Natasha House.
- Sun. Feb. 12th is the first meeting of the entire unit of St. Luke's UMW. It will be a brunch hosted by the Sisters in Christ Circle and held immediately after the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service.

MISSION RECOGNITION PINS

On Sunday, November 20th, at the 8:30 and 9:45 Worship Services, three persons that had been nominated in 2011 by those who attend St. Luke's church were awarded Mission Recognition Pins by the United Methodist Women. They are: Margaret Mason, Joe Posey, and Gayle Stortz. Congratulations to them for their faithful work in our church. Their names have been added to the list of 140 persons who have been awarded pins since 1970.

THANK YOU

St. Luke's UMW wishes to say thank you to all the hard workers who prepared the Snowballs we offered last month and to those who contributed to our Mission Project. The York River District UMW will have Abuse Awareness as one of the mission focuses in 2012.

SUN CATCHERS

There are still a few Sun Catchers left of St. Luke's church the way it looks now. Soon construction will begin on the addition to our church and these Sun Catchers are a wonderful remembrance of the way the church looks now. This is a United Methodist Women's fundraiser for Missions and the cost is \$18 each. Contact Marian Thome at 969-5880 or redbud30@cox.net.

TIME FOR A CHANGE

I am sad to say this is the last UMW news article I will be submitting to St. Luke's Outlook. I am thankful I have been able to serve the Lord this way and I know some very talented person will be taking over this assignment beginning in February. *Marian*

PORT Homeless Shelter Program

Monday, 23 Jan 2012 at Tabernacle Baptist Church, 401 Lucas Creek Road, Newport News. We need volunteers to help with Guest In-processing (7), Over-night Duty (4),

Out-processing (4). To volunteer, please sign-up at the Hospitality Center in the Narthex, or call Rich Zeimet at 877-0753. We will have additional PORT Homeless Shelter service

opportunities in February and March 2012. *Matthew 25:40 "...whatever you have done for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."*

Graduating Seniors!

Congratulations will soon be in order! Register NOW for the High School Senior seminar designed just for you! Facing your Future with a Faith that Lasts (or, How to Graduate from Youth Group!) It'll help you prepare for the challenges and choices that will face you next year, whatever your

plans may be. We will have the 4th Annual Senior Retreat April 13, 14, 15 at Camp Overlook near Harrisonburg, VA Details aren't final yet, but the cost will be around \$80 for food transportation and Swank Retreat. We'll leave Friday after school and return Sunday afternoon. Sign up at www.stlukesyouth.wikispaces.com

Deposit of \$30 confirms your spot and is due when you sign up. Do NOT miss this fun weekend of hanging out, movies and think-sessions. For info see/text Mrs Murphy @ 208-1061 or see/call Nate @ 693-7001

January Calendar

Sunday, January 1

UMVIMS Mission Trip to GA

8:30 AM Worship

9:45 AM Sunday School

9:45 AM Worship

11:00 AM Worship

Monday, January 2

Holiday - Church Closed

Tuesday, January 3

9:00 AM Preschool

9:30 AM Crazy Quilts

9:45 AM MOMS Circle

11:00 AM Staff Meeting

6:30 PM Service Ministry

7:00 PM Trustees meeting

Wednesday, January 4

9:00 AM Preschool

6:30 PM The Faithful Chorus rehearsal

7:00 PM Lay Leader Council

7:15 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 5

9:00 AM Preschool

4:30 PM Education Ministry Area Meeting

6:30 PM Disciple 2 Class

7:00 PM Worship Ministry

Friday, January 6

9:00 AM Preschool

Saturday, January 7

7:00 AM God & Grits Men's Bible Study

Sunday, January 8

8:30 AM Worship

9:00 AM Children's Choir

9:45 AM Sunday School

9:45 AM Worship

11:00 AM Worship

4:00 PM Confirmation Class

5:00 PM Middle School Youth Group

6:00 PM Women's Bible Study/Daniel, part 2

6:30 PM Parents of Youth Meeting

6:30 PM High School Youth Group

Monday, January 9

9:00 AM Preschool

6:00 PM UM Women Board meeting

7:00 PM Sisters In Christ Circle

Tuesday, January 10

9:00 AM Preschool

9:30 AM Crazy Quilts

10:00 AM Gertrude Carmines Circle

10:00 AM Sarah Sudduth Circle

11:00 AM Staff Meeting

6:30 PM Finance Committee

7:30 PM Council on Ministries Planning Session

Wednesday, January 11

9:00 AM Preschool

5:30 PM Fellowship Dinners

6:15 PM Discovery Kids

6:30 PM The Faithful Chorus rehearsal

6:30 PM Youth Bible Study 6-8 grades

7:15 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 12

9:00 AM Preschool

10:00 AM L.I.F.T. Circle

6:30 PM First Place 4 Health

6:30 PM Disciple 2 Class

6:30 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry

Friday, January 13

9:00 AM Preschool

Saturday, January 14

7:00 AM God & Grits Men's Bible Study

4:00 PM Real People Class Party

Sunday, January 15

7:00 AM United Methodist Men's

Fellowship Breakfast

8:30 AM Worship

9:00 AM Children's Choir

9:00 AM Youth Choir

9:45 AM Sunday School

9:45 AM Worship

11:00 AM Worship

4:00 PM Confirmation Class

5:00 PM Middle School Youth Group

5:00 PM New Comer Seminar

6:00 PM Women's Bible Study/Daniel, part 2

6:30 PM High School Youth Group

Monday, January 16

9:00 AM Preschool

7:00 PM Nurture Ministry

Tuesday, January 17

9:00 AM Preschool

9:30 AM Crazy Quilts

9:45 AM MOMS Circle

10:00 AM Preschool/Chapel Time

11:00 AM Staff Meeting

1:00 PM Preschool Staff meetings

Wednesday, January 18

9:00 AM Preschool

10:00 AM Preschool/Chapel Time

12:00 PM Preschool/Stay and Play

5:30 PM Fellowship Dinners

6:15 PM Discovery Kids

6:30 PM The Faithful Chorus rehearsal

6:30 PM Middle School Bible Study 6-8 grades

7:15 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 19

9:00 AM Preschool

6:30 PM First Place 4 Health

6:30 PM Disciple 2 Class

Friday, January 20

9:00 AM Preschool

Saturday, January 21

7:00 AM God & Grits Men's Bible Study

5:30 PM Kids Night Out

Sunday, January 22

8:30 AM Worship

9:00 AM Children's Choir

9:00 AM Youth Choir

9:45 AM Sunday School

9:45 AM Worship

11:00 AM Worship

4:00 PM Confirmation Class

5:00 PM Middle School Youth Group

6:00 PM Women's Bible Study/Daniel, part 2

6:30 PM High School Youth Group

Monday, January 23

9:00 AM Preschool

10:00 AM Warwick Gardens

Convalescent Worship Service

1:00 PM Bee-Attitude Quilters

Tuesday, January 24

9:30 AM Crazy Quilts

11:00 AM Staff Meeting

Wednesday, January 25

5:30 PM Fellowship Dinners

6:15 PM Discovery Kids

6:30 PM The Faithful Chorus rehearsal

6:30 PM Middle School Bible Study 6-8 grades

7:15 PM Chancel Choir

Thursday, January 26

Youth Ski Trip

6:30 PM First Place 4 Health

6:30 PM Disciple 2 Class

6:30 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry

Friday, January 27

Youth Ski Trip

Saturday, January 28

Youth Ski Trip

7:00 AM God & Grits Men's Bible Study

Sunday, January 29

8:30 AM Worship

9:00 AM Children's Choir

9:00 AM Youth Choir

9:45 AM Sunday School

9:45 AM Worship

11:00 AM Worship

4:00 PM Confirmation Class

5:00 PM Middle School Youth Group

6:00 PM Women's Bible Study/Daniel, part 2

6:30 PM High School Youth Group

Monday, January 30

Tuesday, January 31

9:00 AM Preschool

9:30 AM Crazy Quilts

11:00 AM Staff Meeting

For an up to the minute calendar
check our website
www.stlukesyorktown.org



Thank You for Your Support!!

"The Gift," St. Luke's Drive-Thru Nativity was a wonderful success yet again this year. In total, 198 cars/vans/buses experienced the story of Christ. Thank you to all who drove through and a big thank you to our wonderful volunteers. It takes hundreds of volunteers to provide this wonderful outreach to our community. Thank you for all of your time and hard work. Despite the inclement weather the first evening, we had 31 cars (including the Warwick Forest bus) come through in just under an hour. The sets were all broken down, props gathered, and brought inside undamaged within 10-15 minutes of the last car. It was an amazing effort, one that exemplified the meaning of teamwork. Thank you again for another wonderful Drive- Thru Nativity experience. We look forward to seeing you all again next year!

District Leadership Training

Saturday, February 4, 2012

9am – 12pm

Chestnut Memorial UMC

1024 Harpersville Road

Newport News, VA 23601

www.yorkriverdistrict.org

Course catalog, information, and registration at the

York River District website!

If you're new to your leadership role or just need a refresher check out the course catalog to see what is available for you.

St. Luke's Celebrations & Concerns

Prayers & Sympathy to

Mike and Caroline Mellen and family on the death of her mother, Faye Cartin, December 15, 2011.
 Anne Graber and family on the death of her husband, Dan Graber, December 10, 2011.
 Tom and Anne Wozniak and family on the death of his sister and brother-in-law Michele Musselman and Todd Musselman, December 2, 2011.
 Rex and Louise Carpenter on the death of his mother, Leta Carpenter, November 29, 2011.
 Henry and Trish Connell and family on the death of his father, Allan Connell, November 16, 2011.
 Whitey and Bev Walters and family on the death of his daughter, Joanne Pineda, November 14, 2011.

Congratulations to

Jake and Caroline Pinegar on the birth of a son, Henry Blair Pinegar, December 14, 2011. Blair and Mary Ellis are the proud grandparents.
 Ted Leonard and Loretta Ray-Stokes who were wed November 26, 2011.
 Wally Hunt and Marie Cleary who were wed November 23, 2011.

Look Who's New at St. Luke's

Charlie and Phyllis Krieg - 919 Prestige Court, NN, VA Ph: 877-2953

Our Military Especially our Deployed:

Jason Collins, Jeff Prindle

Memoriam

Donations were made to the York Co. Church Women United Food Closet in memory of Eleanor Misner by:
 Deborah Smith, Sue Wilmarth, Mr. & Mrs. Sam Rundell, Mr. & Mrs. Blake Rundell
 A donation was made to the Good Samaritan Fund in memory of Eleanor Misner by Phyllis Simonetta.
 Donations were made to the York Co. Church Women United Food Closet in memory of Ed Brummer by:
 Nancy Clark, Marjorie Osborne, Bonnie Willis, Norma Wembish, Jim and Doris Eagle, Phyllis Simonetta, Ted and Sue Dearnley, Ann Spivey, Joan Quass, Sid and Carole Barrett, Joe and DeAnn Posey

Honoraria

Donations were made to the York Co. Church Women United Food Closet in honor of Ted and Loretta Leonard's recent marriage by:
 Dave and Kenna Rusk, Jerry and Amie Ansama, Joan Comeaux, Donna and Ron Dorenbush, James and Amelia Arthur
 A donation was made to the York Co. Church Women United Food Closet in honor of: The Helping Hands ministry by Ted Leonard.
 Lee Person's induction into the Virginia Aviation Hall of Fame by Ron and Donna Dorenbush.
 Murray and Jean Evans by Mary Wooddell.
 A donation was made to the York Co. Church Women United Food Closet by Tom Kelly as his Christmas present to honor his children and rememberance their mother Ann W. Kelly – Children: Patrick Kelly, Susan Protzman, Nancy Nelson and Kitty Kelly.

January Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 1 | Roger Dalton
Yuri Frazier
Merf & Angie Heist(A)
Glenn Hostetter
Carole Lawrence
Allen Pate
Julie Smith
Warner & Vivian Smith(A) | Hannah Guardia
Nancy Sayre | Vivian Smith (Warner)
Laura Welch |
| 2 | Brad Barnes
Rachel Campbell
Helen Dalton
Nate DeHart
Pastor Doug Gestwick
Rod Huskey
Mallory Rusk | 13 Vivian Smith(Ernie)
John Taylor | 26 Hank Burnette
Linda Jennings
Suzie Jones
Raye Respress
Steve Robinson
Tony Zebrowski |
| 3 | Eric Dorenbush
Terry & Renee Mayo(A)
Olivia Sevfer | 14 Henry Bates
Tom & Terrie Conner(A)
Nicholas Kelly
Roby & Vanessa Knight(A) | 27 Susan Beckman
Mark Kincaid
Deborah Moore
Frances Sandiford
Bo Walkley |
| 4 | Susan Donston | 15 Jason Albright
Erick Grube
Jeff Holbrook
Beth Knox
Kent Leonard
Karin Messenger
Ginny Potts | 28 George & Ginger Boyles(A)
Jarrod Budzik
Kathy Dunaway
Pat Mosier
Kendall Stinson
Wes & Karen Wagner(A) |
| 5 | James Rhoads | 16 Jon Austin
Gary & Heidi Derby(A)
Brad & Debbie Frecker(A)
Abigail Gregory
Helen MacCartney | 29 Kelsey Bullock
Dennis & Teresa Crocker(A)
Roger & Lois Fuhrman(A)
Debbie Fullhart
Denise Hardwick
Helen Hughes
Tyler Jewel
Ken King
Woody Pierce |
| 6 | Todd and Cathy Barnes(A)
Kelly Blackburn
Jillian Honig
Caroline Mellen
Brooke Rowe | 17 Allison Holcomb
18 Richard Connelly(missionary)
Preston Kiedinger
Tracy Mercier | 30 Gay Andrews
Dan Butler
Kendall Denny
Cheryl Guardia
Thomas Lienard
Margaret Pate
Kim Person
Christopher Puffenbarger
George Sallwasser |
| 7 | Doug Comer
Bobby Furtrell
Jim Smith
Joe Smith
Teresa Van Ness | 19 Amy Brice
Lynn Carson
Robert & Kelley Phaup(A)
Bradi Smith
Jeffrey Taylor | 31 Jerry & Amie Ansama(A)
Shannon Blount
Erin Heath
Matthew Johnston
Robert Knight
Kaleb Nelson
James Smith
Mike Woltman |
| 8 | Pete Clement
Charlie Evans
Kevin & Marsha Kilburn(A)
Aaron Tragle | 20 David & Dottie Ford (A)
Kylee Frye
Dianne Robbins
Rob & Suzanne Smith(A) | |
| 9 | Ann Chesley
Vivian Edwards
Sam Holter
Christine Lively
Judy Mitchell
Marilyn Morrison
Ken Young | 21 Berkeley Brandt
Eric Cooper
Lisa Gregory
Jim Morrison
Robyn Sumner | |
| 10 | Jerry Ansama
Larry Blanchfield
Jason & Megan Collins(A)
Michael Glass
Bob & Kelley Phaup(A)
Donny Rice
Kim Sobkowicz | 22 Hank Burnette
Rhonda Guilliams
David & Linda Hampton(A)
Brett Morrison | |
| 11 | Theresa Butler
Cole Francum | 24 Wells Bates
Tom Brewer
Joshua Jones
Andy Robinson
Elton Smith | |
| 12 | Diane Doggett
Kelli Forrest | 25 Phil Comstock
John Dunning
Dick Lane
Jenna Mercier
Jeanne Motley | |

If we have missed a birthday or anniversary please let us know.

As I See It

On Sunday evening I got to sit in the pew at Saint Luke's as a worshipper. This is a rare moment for me, usually only coming once a year on Laity Sunday. But again this year we offered a "Blue Christmas" service. Having lost my mother in February, it has hit me hard this Advent season that this is the first time in 53 years that I am celebrating Christmas without my mother

around. It was comforting to sit in the subdued light, with candles all around. Soft music played. Scriptures were read and prayers were offered, and there was a time to participate as there were four "stations" that one could go to to be a little more involved in the proceedings. This service really helped me in my celebration of Christmas and gave me the opportunity to feel

the loss of my mother in a profound yet comforting way. I can now look forward to Christmas Eve and day with a little more joy. I would recommend this service to all of you next year.
Still in One Peace,

Doug

Clara's Quips

The church I grew up in used the name Holy Ghost when we talked about God's Holy Spirit. I can remember searching the rafters on our sanctuary for evidence of a Holy Ghost during worship, usually just after we repeated a creed that spoke to the Holy Ghost. I'm not sure what I would have done if I ever spotted the Ghost. Now that I'm an adult, I realize that God's Spirit has no resemblance to Casper the Friendly Ghost. I may have understood sooner about God's Spirit if I didn't have to first unlearn that bit about the ghost! As an adult, I have experienced God's

Spirit in many ways, some visible and others quietly. Last month as we prepared our sanctuary for Advent in the Hanging of the Green service, the Spirit was evident as the choir sang. The congregation first began clapping – and not on my nudging, I might add! Then as the choir moved into an a cappella chorus, the congregation leapt to their feet and began - are you ready? - to dance!! The Holy Spirit was moving at St. Luke's! Then, closer to Christmas I caught site of the Spirit on the move again. This time, it was in the quiet of the Blue Christmas service.

During the service, worshippers were invited to move as the Spirit directed to various meditation stations where they could encounter God through a prayer activity. The Spirit was made known in the worshippers as they prayed and felt God's Presence. I hope this New Year, you will open yourselves to the presence and the power of God's Spirit in your life. Who knows what God may be bringing to you!
Blessings,

Clara



Doodles from the DDM:

Happy New Year!!! I hope you have had a blessed Advent and Christmas Season. I know I have. As this year starts, I want to share with you some studies, events, etc that are coming up soon....

In January....

Second Grade Bible Workshop will begin on January 15 during the Sunday School Hour. This yearly workshop for our Second Graders will begin with Bible presentation during the 9:45 Worship Service and continue for 6 weeks. In this workshop we introduce the Bible and how it is organized in a way which help our Second grade students learn to love God's Word and be able to find not only major divisions of the Bible, but individual verses as well.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University is beginning again on January 5th.

This study will help you with your finances and budget planning and is facilitated by Ron Dorenbusch.

First Place for Health is beginning a new session on January 12th. This study which combines Bible Study and small group meeting with healthy living is facilitated by Megan Collins.

In February...

I will be leading a group of brave individuals in a look into the spiritual practice of *Visio Divina*. In this study we will be looking at the art of the St. John's Bible and seeing how scripture can be "seen" through the medium of art (specifically painting and calligraphy). We will also look at the St. John's Bible as a whole.

Liz Rowe will be starting the winter session of Yoga on February 15th from 10:00-11:00 am. This great time

of relaxation and mind clearing is really worth the time to get your day off to a great start.

On the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, we will have a Sunday School Lenten Workshop for Children during the Sunday School hour. This workshop will help the children and their families have a more meaningful time during Lent. We will look at what is Lent, make a Lenten Prayer reminder and make a Passion Week Story Kit. You will hear more about this next month.

Also in February...we will have a Babylonian Party into our Vacation Bible School....more later!

~ James



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Growing to Serve



Exciting Opportunities!!

Kid's Night Out

It's time again for Kids' Night Out! Mark your calendars for Saturday January 21, 2012 from 5:30-8:00pm. Kids' Night Out features dinner, a craft, a movie (TBD), and a lot of fun. The cost is \$5.00 per child with a \$12.00 cap per family. There will be at least 3 nursery staff members working, as well as several other staff members and volunteers who have all had successful background checks. Your children will be in good hands. We had 28 kids at our October Kids' Night Out and we had a lot of fun. Please be sure to register online and complete a medical release form, available as a link on the registration page, if you haven't already done so (one form is good for a year from the date completed). We look forward to seeing you on January 21st! If you have any questions, or would like to help out, please contact Keri Houser at 369-3979 or khyde96@aol.com.

Spring Play

Since our musical performance of "Godspell" was such a huge success last year, the Outreach Ministry is preparing to host another play. This Spring's performance will be held in May, auditions/casting in March with rehearsals in between. We have selected the play "Harvey" by Mary Chase. All ages are invited to participate, no prior experience required! We will be needing actors, set designers, costumers, and a whole host of volunteers the weekend of the performance. More detail will be in the February Outlook or for specific questions, please contact Pastor Clara at the church.