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A window to our activities, a reflection of what we're doing, and who we are. February 2010

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Remember to bring your Sweetheart to the "Sweetheart Dinner" February 21st at 5:00pm in the Fellowship Center.



Help for Haiti - March 13th we will be having a rummage sale in the Fellowship Center. Start your spring cleaning now for this event.

Fudge Easter Eggs are once again on sale! Be sure to order yours early so you don't miss out! What better way to show someone how much you care than with chocolate?

Why should we all be smiling? Check out Wey Simpsons article on page 5 to find out!

Be sure to fill out the donation form for our auction on page 9.

Let's all celebrate together! Check out page 11! Take a moment to thank some of the people that do so much for us!



Mark your calendar for our special Ash Wednesday Service February 17th

## Announcements and Events

### Prayer Focus

*“If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he is God.”*  
1 John 4:15

### PRAY:

For God to live in you and use you to love others.  
Lives to be changed through Upward Basketball.  
For our church to fulfill God’s vision.  
Wisdom for our country’s leaders.

**Auction meeting February 16th** at 5:30pm in the welcome center. All Auction team and Nurture & Education team members are invited. Call Nancy Larson with questions 928-4899. If you would like to help out come join the team!

**We received** a lovely thank you card from Lorin & Ocean. This is the family that you helped give a Christmas for!

**Don’t forget** to mark the Sweetheart dinner on your calendar! It is February 21st.

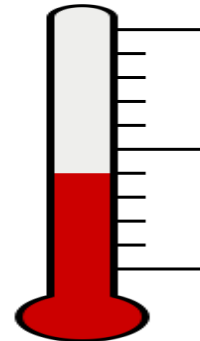
**Rummage Sale Alert!** Susan Lehman is heading up a Rummage sale with the proceeds to go to the victims of Haiti. The date is March 13th. If you have any questions, would like to help or have things to donate call Susan at 928-6687.

**SOUPERBOWL SUNDAY** for Interfaith! February 7th. See Madelyn Bafus for details!

### *The Financial Resources Thermometer Through Dec. 2009*

#### *Preliminary Summary*

Budgeted Yearly Expenditures:	\$ 272,372.00
Monthly Revenue needed:	\$ 22,697.66
<i>Dec. Revenue:</i>	<i>\$ 30,971.08</i>
<i>Expenditures thru Dec.</i>	<i>\$ 249,646.40</i>
Actual Revenue through Dec.	\$ 252,264.85
Year End Balance	\$ 3,636.42



Note: An additional \$705 was received after the preliminary summary was prepared, as was \$1,393 for World Service.

Notes to Ponder: We were able to meet our total commitment for Apportionments with over \$2,000 designated and carried over into 2010. This was due not only to the generous giving from the total congregation, but because we received two very generous gifts designated for World Service.

In addition we were able to return \$2,300 of unused Wills and Legacies to the Methodist Foundation, and \$1,600 was returned to the Designated Special Fund which has served to cover short-falls on a few occasions.

There were times the financial picture looked very bleak, yet, as we made an effort to keep you informed about the financial situation, you did respond, and in December the response was miraculous.

Even though we did not quite make the budgeted income, careful use of the resources available made it possible to spend under budget as well.

## From Our Pastor David Johnson

Dear Travelers on the journey towards Christ-centeredness,

In worship over the last few weeks we have been listening to what 16-29 year olds are saying about Christianity and the church. Our goal has not been to say we must change every thing for the 16-29 year old, but to ask ,can we learn from their perceptions so we can become better Christians? Each week as I have prayed, read, studied and written I have had my heart wrenched, as I too have experienced much of what they are saying. Yes I have experienced the true Christ-centered people of the church and would say a majority of Christians truly are Christ-centered. What I have also experienced are the minority who are closed-minded, arrogant, judgmental, hypocritical and anti-homosexual. Every church has this minority including our own. This is what breaks my heart more than almost anything else.

I love the church. The church is the hope of the world when it is working right. It is a foretaste of the Kingdom of Heaven and yet Christians make choices that are “Unchristian” based on what Christians call the attributes of Christians.

Of course that is where grace comes in. God is kind, merciful, loving and compassionate and he has created every man, woman and child in His image with sacred worth. God extends his grace to you and me and we are commissioned to extend that grace to every child of God. That means if we are hurt, angry, bitter, prickly then we examine our heart, seeking forgiveness and reconciliation and move on. Otherwise we will be seen as the 16-29 year old sees us as “Unchristian.”

We will soon be entering the season of Lent starting with Ash Wednesday on February 17<sup>th</sup> and a 7:00 pm service. It will be a service where we can bring our hurt, anger, bitterness and prickliness, humbly laying it before God and receiving forgiveness. Then on each Sunday we will be

traveling with Jesus through the last 24 hours of his earthly life.

Here is our plan for Lent:

**February 14 - The Last Supper**

**Mark 14:12, 22-25**

**February 21 - The Garden of Gethsemane**

**Mark 14:32-42**

**February 28 - Condemned By the ‘Righteous’**

**Mark 14:53-72**

**March 7 - Jesus, Barabbas and Pontius Pilate**

**Mark 15:1-15**

**March 14 - The Torture and Humiliation of the King**

**Mark 15:15b-23**

**March 21 - The Crucifixion**

**Mark 15:25-39**

**March 28 - One special service at 10 am led by our musical teams**

**April 1 - Maundy Thursday**

**April 2 - Good Friday**

**April 4 – Easter - Christ the Victor**

**Mark 15:42-47, Mark 16:1-6**

As we travel together experiencing the darkness of Jesus last 24 hours we will be prepared to receive the victorious light of Easter.

On the journey,  
Dave



## STEWARDSHIP - Planned Giving

### A Car Without a Battery? The importance of your financial gifts to our church

Picture this: with great diligence you've worked and saved up money for a brand new car. It has all of the bells and whistles you've been hoping for—a well-built body, the best engine available, a very comfortable interior, great fuel efficiency, and the latest in navigation and entertainment gadgets. But, on the day you go to pick it up, you discover that it doesn't have a battery. This one omission means that you won't be able to drive your dream car off the lot.

The "car" in this scenario represents all of those life-giving organizations and institutions we know to be a blessing to God's world. These efforts are definitely worthy recipients of the financial fruits of our labors and good stewardship.

Recently, following an endowment workshop in one of our local churches, a generous United Methodist commented that he didn't know he could leave money to his church through his will. He went on to share how he and his wife had included Deaconess Family Services, the University of Puget Sound, and Heifer Project (three great examples of the "car") in their estate plans, but not their church. Following his comment someone else in the group raised a hand to ask, would any of these great institutions exist without the church?

In the previous car analogy, local churches are the "battery." After all, it was local churches who generated the vast majority of educational, health, and other beneficial institutions in existence today. If the church ceases to exist, who will power these crucial institutions and generate new ones? Indeed the local church remains the heart and soul of countless charitable efforts that the world desperately needs.

If the solution for our car dilemma is to invest in a battery, then the solution to our charitable

Institution dilemma is to give effectively to our local church. It doesn't take a lot of money from any one individual—but it does take *all* of us investing in our generative "church" together.

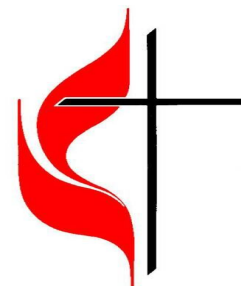
Here are some of the simple things that we can all do to keep our ministries running for generations to come:

If you're creating or revising your will, consider naming our church as a beneficiary. Consider giving a gift, of any amount, to help birth or grow an endowment fund for our church. If you're 65 or older, and in need of an annual income, please consider the benefits of a Charitable Gift Annuity (with our church as the name "charity").

Consider donating stock and/or assets (e.g., life insurance) that you no longer need to our church. Seek out members of our church's Endowment Team for more information and ideas.

*For information on these and other effective giving ideas, contact:*

The Northwest United Methodist Foundation  
(800) 488-4179  
Umfnw@nwi.net



## Living our Faith - Thoughts from Lay Leader Wey Simpson

*"Instead, be very glad--because these trials will make you partners with Christ in his suffering, and afterwards you will have the wonderful joy of sharing in his glory when it is displayed to all the world."*

1 Peter 4:13

When I stop to look back I realize the church I grew up in is not the church I am growing in today. My early view of God was an angry, vengeful entity who was more interested in imposing his will on me and punishing me when I made a mis-step than anything else. Unfortunately, there are still Christians who hold this image of our Creator. I often wonder why we didn't take time to study the Bible more carefully to see all the reasons to know that God is loving, compassionate, caring and wishing to have a personal relation with us. How could God be viewed as this stern taskmaster when He came to earth in the form of Jesus Christ, made a new covenant with mankind and then sacrificed his life in order that our transgressions may be forgiven and the doors to an eternal life with Him were thrown wide open? Isn't that a cause for joy instead of fear?

We often hear that we should fear the Lord. That is true, but fear in this instance does not mean to stand quaking in our boots but rather to show the love and respect that God deserves for all he has done in our lives. I believe that many of our misconceptions of our Lord are due to the fact that we have been prisoners of terms we did not fully understand.

If we think about it, a God that would make the kind of sacrifice that Jesus made just so we could have eternity with him is hardly the picture of a vengeful God. It is true that there will be consequences for the way we live, but as long as we have breath we have an 'escape hatch'. We can turn to God, accept his offer of forgiveness and make a commitment to believe and live the kind of life he wants us to live, and Voila! the past is forgiven. But, this can't be a 'Sunday only' commitment, it has to be 24/7 commitment.

Is that not a reason to live with joy rather than a long face because we expect to be 'zapped' at

anytime for our transgressions? If we truly believe that Christ gave his all so that our sins may be forgiven, shouldn't there be a smile on our face?

Don't misunderstand me. To follow the path of Christian faith is no 'yellow brick road'. We will be challenged because of the very fact that we must daily deal with the human desires that all too often come to the surface. We will face challenges from those who do not believe and question the wisdom of our faith. We may well face challenges from those who wish to destroy our belief system. And, there will always be those outside forces that tug at us daily, making the faith journey a challenging trip. But, there is help available, if we will use it. That's why as Christ returned home to heaven He sent us the Holy Spirit. So, when the going gets tough, there is a guide, a support, a comforter available.

As in everything we may exercise our 'free will'. God wants us to make the decision. He will not impose it on us. We may choose to accept the offer of eternity with Him but we must also be willing to accept the new covenant He offers through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Or we can turn our backs. The decision is ours, shouldn't we choose the path that guarantees a joy that lasts forever.

**Footnote:** We are all aware of the devastation caused by the quake in Haiti. And we know that the Methodist arm of care and compassion, UMCOR, is on the ground offering aid in the name of Jesus Christ. If you are moved to support that effort, your gifts can be given through SVUMC if you so designate the funds.

**Footnote II:** Just as the above opportunity is offered for us to reach out and help the needy and desperate in another country, as a church we need to rekindle our desire to be *CHURCH* to our congregation, to our community, to a world that desperately needs Christ. By *CHURCH* I mean becoming a vibrant community that strives daily to be the hands and feet of God, always open to new ideas and new challenges. Let us look for ways to go beyond the comfortable to be that *CHURCH* and all it can mean in building the Kingdom of

## Senior & Junior High



**SUPER BOWL SUNDAY, February 7!** We will not have Youth Group that day so that all Youth can spend this time with family and friends.

Tickets for the **SWEETHEART DINNER** on Sunday, February 21 will be on sale before services and during coffee chat beginning 02/07/10. The cost will be \$10.00 per person. Prime Rib will be the highlight of the meal. The Youth will be preparing and serving the dinner. The *"Mike King Sing Along"* will be the entertainment for the evening. Good company, great food and awesome entertainment in one place at one low price. If you have questions, please contact Kyra.

All Youth that work at the dinner will have their \$5.50 admission paid for ice-skating at Eagles Arena on March 7. They will have to pay \$1.50 for skate rental.

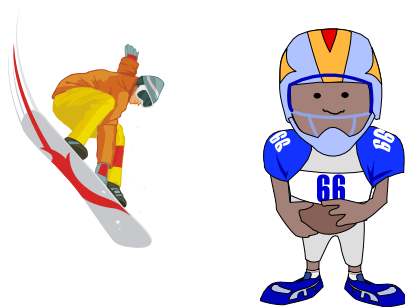
**CONFIRMATION 2010** begins on Sunday, February 28. Class begins at 12:30 p.m. in Kyra's Office and lasts until 2:00 p.m. Bring your lunch. This class is for any and all Youth (8<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade) that would like to learn about the United Methodist Church. At the end of the class, they will have the opportunity to join the church. Be sure to sign-up with Kyra for the class no later than February 14!

The **Annual Auction** will be held on Saturday, March 20. Be sure to sign up to work at the

auction. This activity is a great asset to our campers.

**CHRISTIAN SKI NIGHT @ MOUNT SPOKANE** was held on January 17. Those that attended had a great time on the mountain – snowboarding, skiing and hanging out in the lodge. Pizza was served at the Cheney Restaurant at the bottom of the hill on the way home from the evening. Thanks to Craig Partridge and Adam Bassett for driving the Youth to the mountain and to Roberta Headley for setting up the pizza feast!

**CONVO 2010** is coming this Memorial Day weekend. All Senior High Youth need to start planning for this once a year event. Cost is \$150.00 registration and an additional \$25.00 for transportation to and from Tacoma.



### February Sunday and Wednesday Schedule

02/03 Teen Choir @ 5:30 p.m.  
DEEPER @ 6:00 p.m.

02/07 Sunday School for Junior & Senior High @ 9:00 a.m.  
**NO UMY – SUPER BOWL** with Family & Friends

02/10 Teen Choir @ 5:30 p.m.  
DEEPER @ 6:00 p.m.

02/14 **PRESIDENT'S WEEKEND**  
**NO** Sunday School for Junior & Senior High  
**NO UMY**  
**Valentine's Day – be nice to your Sweetie!**

02/17 Teen Choir @ 5:30 p.m.  
DEEPER @ 6:00 p.m.

**ASH WEDNESDAY Service @ 7:00 p.m.**

02/21 Sunday School for Junior & Senior High @ 9:00 a.m.

**SWEETHEART Dinner - ALL YOUTH** should be in work clothes in Room 115 by 2:00 p.m. Bring nice clothes to serve dinner. Youth will prepare the Sweetheart Dinner - set-up tables - serve dinner and clean-up. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. and all should be ready to leave the church by 8:00 p.m.

02/24 Teen Choir @ 5:30 p.m.  
DEEPER @ 6:00 p.m.

02/28 Sunday School for Junior & Senior High @ 9:00 a.m.  
**CONFIRMATION** 12:30 p.m. – 2:00p.m..in. Kyra's office  
UMY at 6:00 p.m.

## Children's Sunday School

### Easter Fudge Eggs...

The children have a chance this year to join in the fun of making and selling the Fudge Easter Eggs. The children will have envelopes and order sheets sent home with them on 2/21/2010. Two or three children at a time will be able to sign up and sell them on Sunday mornings here at church. We will begin selling Sunday February 21<sup>st</sup> and will need all the orders in by Sunday March 7<sup>th</sup>. The cost is still \$5.00 each. In order for this to be a success, we will need all parents of our children to sign up to help make the eggs. It is done on two or three Saturdays and is a lot of fun. Please see Stephanie Fisher to sign up to work. We will be distributing the eggs on March 28<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday. The proceeds will go to help our Children's Ministries.

**Spend Your Bible Bucks.....**We are having our Bible Buck Sunday, **February 28th**, from 10:20 a.m. -10:40 a.m. The children can redeem their Bible Bucks upstairs across from the elevator. Marlene McCoy will be by the glass case where the prizes are on display.

### Parenting Tip: Dealing With Fear After Tragedy

Day to day life provides opportunities to teach children about God. It's the job of parents to frame the picture of world events, to help children understand life from God's point of view. Teachable moments become available in times of crisis. That doesn't mean that you preach or lecture. It means that you ask questions and carefully share information that can guide your children to right thinking.

So what do you say? How do you respond to their questions? How can you draw your children into productive discussions? What kinds of things can you do that will help your kids during this time?

Here are some things to consider when helping children deal with fear and questions about world events:

- Be careful about lying to your children by saying, "It's all okay." Your children can see that things aren't okay. In fact, this kind of statement can be counterproductive and cause children to feel like they can't trust you, further increasing feelings of insecurity.
  - Explain that the world isn't out of control and help put these events into perspective. Pray with your kids about those directly involved in the tragedy.
  - God is with us always. We can trust him. His angels protect us. God loves us and cares for us and he is in charge (Psalm 46).
  - Answer your child's questions. Explain the details briefly in clear terms and then focus on the good that we see in God and in the people who are helping.
  - The solution for fear is to learn to trust. Trust is the ability to release control to another. Children can learn to trust when they take small steps of risk and have positive experiences over a period of time. Gently encourage children to take small risks of separation and then provide the comfort they need. During that process children need a lot of parental love, patience, support, encouragement, and Remember, it's God's presence that helps us through difficult times.
- For other suggestions about helping children deal with anger, fear, and grief, consider the book Parenting is Heart Work. After all, emotions reside in the heart, and learning to connect with kids on a heart level can help them explore emotions in a healthy way.

## February Kids Korner Schedule

2/07 8:45 am – 12:15 pm Nursery  
9 & 11 Kids Zone

2/21 8:45am—12:15pm Nursery  
9 & 11 Kids Zone

2/14 8:45 am – 12:15 pm Nursery  
9 & 11 Kids Zone  
Happy Valentine's Day

2/28 8:45am—12:15pm Nursery  
9 & 11 Kids Zone  
10:20am—Bible Bucks

# MISSION & OUTREACH

## News from Twinlow Camp

Attending summer camp was always the highlight of my summer. It was a time for outdoor adventure, a time to see friends and meet new friends, and a time to learn about my faith in Jesus Christ. I have fond memories as a Junior High youth of the music at camp, treasured leaders, and sitting in a boat out on the lake with my friend—who is still close to me today.

While at summer camp I learned how to make friends, I fell in love with the natural world, and I accepted Jesus Christ into my life. Sure I had thoughts of going to basketball camp or tennis camp to improve my skills to become a better athlete. However, I am so glad that my parents and my church helped me go to church camp because I continue to use my faith each and every day. Although I am not a professional athlete, despite my childhood longings, my training in being a Christian has proven to be much more valuable.

1 Timothy helps us understand this message when Paul says, "...train yourself in godliness, for, while physical training is of some value, godliness is valuable in every way, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come." (1 Timothy 4:7-8). Our learning and training in being a Christian—knowing the Bible, reading scripture, sharing our faith with others, doing good, avoiding harm, praying, being generous—are gifts from God that will last a lifetime. Twinlow Camp is committed to providing that type of spiritual education for every child that enters our sacred space this summer. How would you like to help train our children?

Blessings,

Brian White, Director



Plan ahead to be a part of our Spokane Valley UMC Annual Auction on March 20th, where a major portion of the proceeds to camp Scholarships.

Upward Basketball Games are going on now!

Upward Basketball started off their first week of Saturday games on January 9th. The season started smoothly with excited parents and kids. We have a new inflatable tunnel this year that is awesome. The kids really get excited to run through the tunnel and run down the line of friends and family giving them encouragement. Thank you to our wonderful volunteers who gave up 6 hours of their Saturday to ensure everyone had a great time.

Games continue every Saturday with the first game at 9:00 and the last game starting at 1:00. Games continue for 8 weeks with the final game on February 27th. Please volunteer to give a short three minute devotion, assist with traffic flow, or just come and watch a game or have a bite to eat in the Upward Café. The café has Great food at very reasonable prices.

On Sunday afternoon February 28th all Upward participants and member of the sponsoring churches will join for the Awards Ceremony at University High School.



**Exercise daily – walk with the Lord**

## MISSION & OUTREACH

### 19th Annual Auction! To support children & youths Ministries

“Building on the Memories”

Saturday March 20<sup>th</sup>

Doors open 4:30 pm & Silent Auction begins

Dinner 5-6

Loud Auction 6:00 pm



Do you have some repair work around the house that just hasn't gotten done? Bid on the "Thursday Crew" to come and take care of it at a mutually agreeable time and mark it off your list!

Do you love pie but have no time to bake? Bid on Bea Wilsons pies. She will make 6 pies for you over the coming year!

This is a great event to bring your friends to. Who have you been meaning to connect with but been too busy??? Invite them to the auction!

Please send Nancy Larson any pictures that you took while at camp. The team will make sure that the pictures are returned. If you have any stories or anecdotes call Nancy so that she can share them the night of the auction.

Please furnish a brief description of the items you will be donating.

All items need to be new or very gently used.

We will be limiting the number of items again this year, so let your committee know your plans as soon as possible.

Turn in your donation form no later than Feb 4<sup>th</sup>

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

If you have questions or need more information call Nancy Larson at 928-4899 or [nlarsvinski@yahoo.com](mailto:nlarsvinski@yahoo.com) More forms and business procurement forms can be picked up in the church office.

### UNITED METHODIST WOMENS INFORMATION

2/11 Executive Board Meeting in FPR @ 9:00am

Circle Meetings:

2/8 ESTHER Circle in Fireplace Room @ 12:30pm.

2/16 REBEKAH Circle @ Bea Wilson's Home @ 11am.

2/17 PRISCILLA Circle—To Be Announced

2/17 MARY Circle—in FPR @ 5:30pm.

2/25 RACHEL Circle in FPR @ 12pm.

Special Events:

Saturday 2/20 UMW District Meeting in FPR @ 9:30am

Prayer and Self Denial in CIRCLES during the month of February.



## Looking Ahead.... Preaching Schedule for February

### A new message series... "24 Hours That Changed The World"

Jesus is believed to have died at the age of 33 after a life of approximately 12,000 days. The Gospel writers devoted most of their work to just 1100 or so of those days, the last 3 years of his life; and the primary interest was in one particular day—the day he was crucified. They believe this 24 hour period changed the world, and each of the Gospels drives toward it.

Over seven weeks we will seek to understand the events that occurred during the last twenty-four hours of Jesus' life, see more clearly the theological significance of Christ's suffering and death, and reflect upon this meaning of these events for your life. To do this, we will look at the geographical and historical setting of the events of that fateful day; reflect theologically on Jesus' death; and, ultimately, look to see ourselves in the story, considering how we are like Pilate or Peter, Judas or John.

#### February 14, 2010

##### "The Last Supper"

Mark 14:12, 22-25

We will look at four questions,

What was really happening at the Last Supper?

When have you been Judas?

What memories define you?

Who will be at your Last Supper?

#### February 21, 2010

##### The Garden of Gethsemane

Mark 14:32-42

A look at why the Disciples fell asleep and how Judas led the Jewish authorities to arrest Jesus.

#### February 28, 2010

##### Condemned By the 'Righteous'

Mark 14:53-72

Jesus has been bound and is being prepared to be taken to the High Priests home. He will be tried by the Sanhedrin and will tell his own testimony about his life and then Peter will deny him.

What do these stories mean for us today? What do they tell us about ourselves and what do they tell about Jesus?

#### March 7, 2010

##### Jesus, Barabbas and Pontius Pilate

Mark 14:1-5

#### March 14, 2010

##### The Torture and Humiliation of the King

Mark 15:15b-23

**Celebrating**   
*An Anniversary This Month*

2/11 Edwin & Nancy Brown

2/14 Gary & Kyra Straub

Bud Wood & Margaret

2/13 Dennis & Laura Gottberg

Royer-Wood

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 Traditional Worship - Sanctuary  
 9:00 Adult Bible Study - Fireplace Rm  
 9:00 Sr. High Sunday School - Rm 109  
 9:00 Jr. High Sunday School - Rm 114  
 9:00 Kids' Zone - Rm 210  
 10:15 Fellowship Time - Rm 115  
 10:30 Adult Bible Study - Fireplace Room  
 10:30 Senior Christian Singles - Rm 201  
 11:00 Sunday Celebration - Chapel  
 11:00 Kids' Zone - Rm 211  
 6:00 - 7:30 pm Youth Group - Rm 125 \*See Dates on Youth Page & Calendar



2/3 Norman Moss	2/11 Gene Owen	2/22 Shirley Scheller
2/5 Ida Remington	Claudia Sawyer	Carol Wilson
Muriel Liere	2/12 Norma Crull	Zella Miller
Elmer Fox	Britnee Waters	2/23 Taylor Runions
Jamie Headley	2/14 Robert Hallmark	2/23 Emily Cady
Sara Kern	2/16 Roberta Bayne	2/24 Rachel DeVlemming
2/6 Glen Rudolph	Troy Moss	2/25 Gayle Kroll
2/7 Marlene McCoy	2/19 Adin Smith	2/25 Adam Kern
Betti Gieser	Amanda Bafus	2/26 Charles Holt
2/8 Linda Eitzman	2/20 Leona Robinson	2/27 Ed R Eitzman
Ruth Johnson	Paul Bos	Mathew Montoya
2/9 Steve Ross	2/21 Danielle Read	2/28 Vicki Hynes
2/10 Irma Wormuth		
Jacque Todd		
Jennifer Gregorak		

### *We Celebrate Together*

#### **We Celebrate:**

- The continual service of the Thursday Work crew
- The 100% payment to our Common Ministry as United Methodists
- The new pledges for 2010 reaching a high for the last two years
- Almost \$1000 given in one Sunday for Haitian relief
- Upward is in full swing thanks to the many many volunteers
- Bruce Butler for uploading the Sunday Messages to our Web Site
- The baptism of Taeryn Lola Beauregard – Parents are Kevin and Chandra
- The great work of our Financial Secretaries, Glenda Lovchik, Betti Gieser and Teams
- Marie Chapman and staff who have spent hours compiling statistics for our year end report
- The enduring faithful work of our Lay Leader Wey Simpson

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**Sundays**

Worship Service 9 a.m.  
Sunday Celebration 11 a.m.  
Youth Group 6 p.m.

**Staff:**

Congregation: Ministers of the Church  
David Johnson, D. Min.: Pastor  
Brenda Anderson - Secretary  
Bob Dale: Custodian  
Stephanie Fisher: Children's Ministry  
Kyra Straub: Youth Ministry  
Sheila Giese: Nursery  
Daniel Loftin: Organist  
Heidi Reynen: Choir Director

**Volunteer Staff Position:**

Wey Simpson: Lay Leader

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**Memory Verse**

The New covenant:

God says, "I will put my law within them –Write it on their hearts! -and be their God. And they will be my people." Jeremiah 31:33 (The Message)