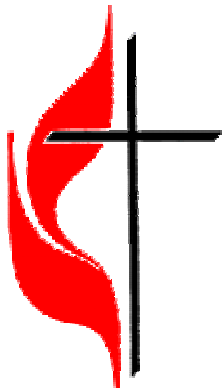


The Good Views

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Church Family

Today is the last day of November so it is only natural that I reminisce over the past month.

Did we not have a grand time at Willie and Linda Anderson's house for the Harvest Festival? It was great gathering around the fire chatting and laughing while we roasted hot dogs and marshmallows. Furthermore, the hayride beneath the bright stars gave us the opportunity to stop long enough to enjoy just one small portion of God's wonderful creation. Therefore, Willie and Linda, we want to say thank you for your generous hospitality.

Additionally, the Thanksgiving Meal and Auction went well for the food was tremendous, the fellowship was spectacular and the money raised will make a huge difference in the operation of the church. However, I know that this event took a great deal of planning and hard work with much of it being done behind the scenes. Therefore, I just want to say a hearty thank you to anyone who helped make it

happen for it was indeed a special time.

Of course, we cannot forget two major community events. At the first annual Community day of Prayer, there were church leaders from six denominations leading prayers from the front steps of the city hall to a crowd of just over a hundred. Then, there was the Thanksgiving Community service that Westview hosted where seven pastors led the service with 230 in attendance (12 churches (10 denominations) represented). This was indeed a glimpse of heaven – brothers and sisters in Christ in one accord – in worship.

But, November is quickly drawing to a close so what does December have in store for us?

Well, this coming Saturday is the Fairview Christmas parade and I so look forward to seeing the Westview float that the youth designed and built.

I also look forward to the Cantata on the 20th when the

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Church Family, continued.

choir and the children of Westview will be sharing their God given gifts with us.

Actually, I am looking forward to the entire month of December with all of its

festivities. Nonetheless, I believe that we all need to stop to take a breath and be careful that we do not get so caught up in the busy-ness of the season that we miss the celebration of the birth of the

one who is the reason for the season – our Lord and our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Merry Christmas!

Pastor Marti

Sunday Night Gatherings

Everyone is invited to a special time of fellowship at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday nights. Please join us for a variety of gatherings including; special singing and music, speakers

of interest, discussion of Christian events, outings and much more. Please feel free to invite a friend or family to the gathering! Following the main topic/ event of the evening we

have a time of fellowship downstairs.

We ask that everyone bring their favorite snack/finger food for all to share.

December 6 @ 4:00 – 6:00pm - Christmas Cantata Choir Practice. The practice is open to anyone who would like to participate in the cantata.

December 13 @ 5:00pm - Christmas Caroling – EVERYONE is welcome, you do not need to be a member of the choir or even have a singing voice! All that is needed is a joyful voice. There will be a time of fellowship after the caroling – bring finger foods to share.

There will be no Sunday Night Gatherings on December 20 or 27, Christmas Break – family time.

Family Night at Westview.

Come join in our Wednesday night fellowship with friends and family. Let us do the cooking and cleaning! All you have to do is enjoy the time with your family and friends. Dinner is \$5 for Adults, \$4 for youth & children, \$20 Max for a family.

Starting at 5:30 we will have a fellowship meal then continue

at 6:30 with activities for all ages.

Activities include Choir Practice, Youth, Sprouts, Happy Hands, Adult Classes. Nursery care is provided so bring the whole family!

December 2, 9, and 16 Family Night will go on as usual.

There will be no Wednesday

night activities on December 23 or 30 for Christmas Break.



“Dear Santa I Want it All”

By Donna Kay Owens

I want warm shoes on cold small feet
whose's only home is a lonely street

I want soft blankets on cardboard beds
as on bended knee they bow their heads

I want good food for them to eat
as now they “Lay me down to sleep”

I want hope and joy in hearts made blind
thru fear, distrust and those unkind

I want forgotten the tears they shed
for even the “Babe” had no crib for a bed

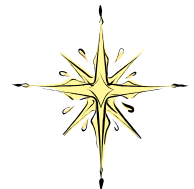
I want their eyes all shiney bright
on Christmas morn at dawn's first light

I want no riches on me to fall
but for them “Dear Santa I Want It All”

Advent and Christmas Activities at Westview

December 6

8:30 & 10:30 Services—Second Sunday of Advent
4:00 pm Cantata Choir practice, all are welcome.



December 13

8:30 & 10:30 Services—Third Sunday of Advent
5:00 pm Christmas Caroling with finger food and fellowship after.

December 20

10:30 Combined Service with Christmas Cantata

December 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service at 6:00 pm.

December 27

8:30 & 10:30 Services First Sunday after Christmas



December Birthdays

2 Andrea Sanders
 3 James Fischer
 4 Kayla Gulley
 5 Daniel Penner
 7 Leah Thornhill
 7 Camron Sexton
 8 Kevin Osborn
 9 Paul Newman
 11 Janet McQueen
 11 Eric Fold
 22 Josh Leek
 25 Karen Renner
 27 Alma Binkley



27 Frankie Bourgoyne
 27 Brittain Mangrum
 29 Kayleigh Handy



December Anniversaries

12/12 Roger & Susan Gulley
 12/27 Jim & Jeanie Handy

November Report on Our Faithfulness

Worship Attendance

November 1st	8:30 am	40	10:30 am	96	No Gathering	Total:	136
November 8th	8:30 am	51	10:30 am	72	6:00 pm	21	Total 144
November 15th	8:30 am	52	10:30 am	96	6:00 pm	34	Total 182
November 22nd	8:30 am	33	10:30 am	90	6:00 pm	230	Total 353
November 29th	8:30 am	42	10:30 am	93	6:00 pm	30	Total 165
Average Sunday Services		44		89		79	

November Giving

AA	20.00	Angel Tree	350.00
Art Academy	40.00	Family Night Meal	1,072.00
Fellowship Meal	187.00	General Fund	13,368.15
Graceworks	25.00	Heifer Project	54.95
Helping Hands	701.31	Miriam's Promise	10.00
Poinsettias	165.00	Preschool Tuition	1,641.00
Roof Fund	60.00	Sunday School	84.12
Thanksgiving Auction	2,736.50	Thanksgiving Dinner	515.00

November Total Giving: 21,087.03—Year to Date Total: \$162,473.06
 Monthly Budget Goal: \$18,900.00 Monthly Budget Giving: \$13,472.27

Budget Goal YTD: \$181,440.00 YTD Budget giving: \$117,213.90

Remember Our Military Friends Protecting Our Country

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PFC Brittain Mangrum
 CSC Cedar 2
 F/1-77AR
 COB Adder
 APO AE, 09331
 Serving in the US Army, deployed
 to Iraq

PFC Chad Hitzeman
EFSC 208 CAV IBCT ICD
APO AE09344
 (Rose Kephart's brother)
 Serving in the US Army, deployed
 to Iraq

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Remember loved ones far away.

With the holiday season upon us, take time to share our Christian fellowship with others who are apart from their loved ones. Remember those serving in our military, reach out to relatives in other parts of the country. Volunteer your time in our community to help others.

Lectionary Readings for December

December 6, 2009 Second Sunday of Advent

Malachi 3:1-4
 Luke 1:68-79 (UMH 208)
 Philippians 1:3-11
 Luke 3:1-6

December 13, 2009
Third Sunday of Advent
 Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6
 Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

December 20, 2009
Fourth Sunday of Advent
 Micah 5:2-5a; Luke 1:46b-55 (UMH 199)
 Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

December 24, 2009
Christmas Eve Isaiah 9:2-7
 Psalm 96 (UMH 815)
 Titus 2:11-14
 Luke 2:1-20

December 25, 2009 Christmas Day

Isaiah 52:7-10
 Psalm 98 (UMH 818)
 Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12)
 John 1:1-14

December 27, 2009
First Sunday After Christmas Day
 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26
 Psalm 148 (UMH 861)
 Colossians 3:12-17
 Luke 2:41-52

December 31, 2009
Watch Night/New Year's Eve
 Ecclesiastes 3:1-13
 Psalm 8
 Revelation 21:1-6a
 Matthew 25:31-46



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Mission Statement:

***"We envision Westview United Methodist Church as a
place that equips disciples to change lives."***

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Sunday Activities

8:30 AM Southern Folk Worship

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship

4:30 Teen Bible Study

6:00 PM Sunday Night Gathering

Wednesday Activities

5:30—Family Night Fellowship Meal

6:30-8:00 PM - Youth Fellowship, Chancel
Choir Practice, Sprouts, Happy Hands, and
Adult Activities

Thursday Activities

6:30-8:00 PM WUMC Men's' Group
First and Third Thursdays