



The Trumpeter

December 2011 and January 2010

MISSING THE MESSIAH

And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because There was no room for them in the inn. **(Luke 2:7)**

A Christmas story of our day tells about “The Man Who Missed Christmas.”

George Mason’s life was centered in his business. He lived alone, and he refused all invitations. His brother’s family had urged him to visit, but the children always made too much noise. Besides, he didn’t want to buy presents for his nephews and nieces. Instead he bought some good CDs for himself and planned to listen to them alone and enjoy them.

On Christmas Eve, after his employees had left, George Mason went into the office vault to get a little extra cash. Soundlessly, on newly-oiled hinges, the great door swung shut behind him. Sudden darkness and the final click of the automatic lock startled him and he panicked.

Desperately he pounded on the door before he realized no one would hear him; everyone, even the cleaning woman, had gone. He recalled that people had suffocated in vaults.

Surely he could make it overnight, he consoled himself; in the morning his employees would arrive and open the vault. Then he remembered that tomorrow was not a working day, it was Christmas! His heart pounded with fear, and he wondered if he would have enough air to last two days. He calmed himself and tried to think. It was a new vault. Hadn’t he heard something about a safety hole? Feeling around in the darkness, he finally located it at the top of the back wall, too small for burglars but big enough for air.

He sat down on the floor of the vault to wait out the endless hours. Christmas Eve and Christmas Day passed. He was alone as he had planned. But he was uncomfortable, hungry, and thirsty in darkness so dense he could almost feel it brushing his face.

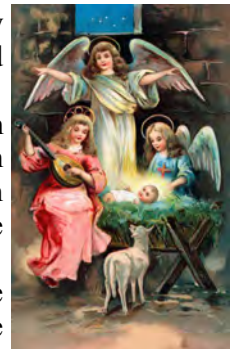
The day after Christmas the chief cashier arrived and unlocked the vault, but did not open the door. Without anyone’s seeing him, George Mason staggered out and tottered to the water cooler. Then he took a taxi to his solitary apartment and freshened up. Back at the office, nobody had missed him. After that experience, he placed a card high on the wall of the vault to remind him: **“To love people, to be indispensable somewhere, that is the purpose of life. That is the secret of happiness.”**

George Mason’s experience was more dramatic than most. But he was not the first person—nor the last—to miss Christmas. We may miss Christmas in many ways. We may miss it in the welter of tinsel, trees, and symbols. We may miss it in the songs we sing out of the depths of memory rather than out of the depths of sincere reverence.

We may even miss Christmas at church. Christ said, “God is a Spirit; and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in truth” (John 4:24). Perhaps everything about the Christmas celebration is so familiar we have lost the wonder of it all. We no longer give out of spontaneous love. Many of our Christmas songs that include Christ, have been replaced by “Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer” and “I’m Dreaming of a White Christmas,” miss the **CHRIST** of Christmas altogether.

My prayer is that none of us will miss the **MESSIAH** this Christmas!!
EDITH AND I WISH EACH OF YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

God Bless, Athon



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ChristCare News



24:7 CC Group

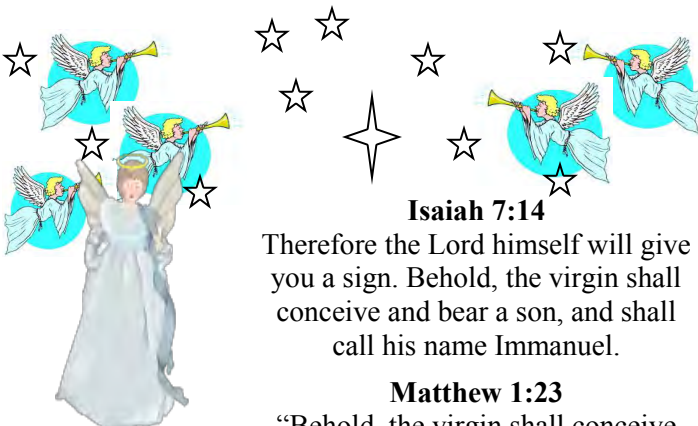


Our study of *God's Psychiatry* by Charles Allen was completed at our meeting on November 13. When we met on November 27, our group spent time planning for 2012 and putting the finishing touches on our Thanksgiving Dinner at Bell Ridge that was held on Tuesday, November 29 – with turkey and all the trimmings! At our November 27 meeting, we also made plans for wrapping Christmas gifts for our Bell Ridge friends. The Mental Health America of McCormick County Board will provide their traditional Christmas Dinner at Bell Ridge where each resident will be given a small monetary Christmas gift from the Board. Members of our Christ Care Group are also invited to attend the dinner, and those who can attend will give our Christmas gifts to all of the residents at that time.

December and January dates for our group are as follows:

- Sunday, December 11, 6:00 pm – 24:7 Christmas Dinner at The Kidds
- Tuesday, December 13, 5:30 pm – Christmas Dinner at Bell Ridge
- Sunday, January 8, 2012, 2:30 pm – 24:7 Christ Care Group Meeting
- Sunday, January 22, 2012, 2:30 pm – 24:7 Christ Care Group Meeting

Linda Kidd



Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Matthew 1:23

“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).

Prayers & Squares CC Group



Our group continues to offer quilts as an expression of the prayerful caring for the person who will receive the quilt. We are a praying church; the quilts are an example of one of the many ways prayer can be part of our lives. If this avenue of service appeals to you, please join us for one of our meetings and see what we're all about. We meet the first and third Mondays at 2:30. In December, our schedule may be altered, so check with a member as to what is happening in December. In January, we will return to our regular time.

We also meet at 1 PM on our meeting days to work on Bobbie's quilt. This is a time of good conversation and we welcome people who would like to quilt along with us. We are making progress!

In November, a quilt was tied for Betty Roe. Please remember Betty in your prayers.

We thank you for your support in so many ways this past year. And, we offer to you our best wishes for a wonderful Christmas season and New Year.

Onalee Green

ANNUNCIATION (1438-45), Fra Angelico Museo de San Marco, Florence

Gabriel appears to Mary and announces that she will give birth to a son by miraculous means.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/art/great-works/great-works-annunciation-143845-fra-angelico-2027376.html>



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Lay Leadership Chr	Rev. Athon Arant		

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 Edith Arant (*MAL*)
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 Bob Schade (14)

Worship

*Lindy Stahlman (13)
 Rick Lindley *8:30 am Usher Chr (13)*
 Byron Thompson, *11 am Usher Chr (13)*
 Jeanne Thornburg, *Choir Director*
 Madge Wideman, *Flower Comm Chr*
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- Rev. Mary V. Teasley

***Pastor, McCormick United Methodist Church** - Rev. Athon M. Arant, Sr.

A Grace for Christmas Day Dinner

Father, We thank Thee for this day.

Bless all we do and all we say.

May we each enjoy Thy blessings great

As Jesus' Birth we celebrate.

And may the love that we share here
 Remain throughout the coming year.

Amen!

Gertrude B. Byram

DECEMBER 2011 BIRTHDAYS

Dec 2 Beulah Richardson
 Dec 2 Cartha Robinson
 Dec 3 Bill Skelton
 Dec 3 Laurie Slimm
 Dec 4 Daniel Lagroon
 Dec 4 Bill Richert
 Dec 4 Jeff Lewis
 Dec 4 Ron Taylor
 Dec 6 Heyward Brown
 Dec 6 Irene Crowley
 Dec 8 Frank Clayton
 Dec 8 Toni Graham
 Dec 8 Frances Lewis
 Dec 9 Martha Wideman
 Dec 13 Norma Cooper
 Dec 13 Nick Knuycky
 Dec 14 Shirley Garling
 Dec 15 Johnny McCracken
 Dec 16 Larry Ream
 Dec 17 Barney Lindley
 Dec 17 Mary Eddie Lindley
 Dec 22 Dewey Jennings
 Dec 22 Inez Reifsnnyder
 Dec 23 Dan Cotcher
 Dec 27 Alyson Glidewell
 Dec 28 Becca Lagroon
 Dec 30 Dee Caudle
 Dec 31 Jerry Nettles

DECEMBER 2011 COUNTERS

December 04—Carol Bailey
December 11—Betty Smith
December 18—Shirley Garling
December 25—Dave Kloppenburg



DECEMBER 2011 RESPONSIVE READERS

8:30—Bob & Carol Wieboldt
11:00—Toni Graham



DECEMBER 2011 ANNIVERSARIES

Dec 3 Jan & John Galligan
 Dec 11 Frances & Archie Lewis
 Dec 13 Martha & Roger Wideman
 Dec 15 Linda & Ronnie Kidd
 Dec 21 Faith & Dick Killius
 Dec 22 Elaine & Curtis Baggett
 Dec 24 Carolyn & Bill Skelton
 Dec 24 Betty & Bryan Standridge
 Dec 27 Maryanne & Lyn Bourne
 Dec 27 Beth & Tom Downtin

DECEMBER 2011 NURSERY SCHEDULE

December 04—Toni Graham, 3914257; Faye Cotty, 391-5904

December 11—Lois Waugh, 391-3123; Jan Hoag, 391-2801

December 18—S. Culpepper, 229-1786; Nancy Richert, 391-5611

December 25—Sue Mitchell, 852-1023; Edith Arant, 852-2137



DECEMBER 2011 FLOWER CALENDAR

December 04—**ADVENT**

December 11—**ADVENT**; Frances & Archie Lewis

December 18—**ADVENT**

December 25—**ADVENT**



DECEMBER BIRTH MONTH FLOWER

The narcissus, aka, daffodil and jonquil, signifies devoted formality, foresight, and good wishes.



USHERS: 8:30 Service—DECEMBER 2011
Bet & Rich Dombrowski

USHERS: 11:00 AM Service DECEMBER 2011

December 04—*Bill Richert, Dot Bandy, Arvid Perez, Jimmy Smith

December 11—*Frank Chewning, Sam Krotzer, Mary & ByronThompson

December 18—*Don & Toni Graham, John & Faye Crotty

December 25—*Frank Chewning, Byron & Mary Thompson, TBA



DECEMBER 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>COMMUNION FIRST SUNDAY EACH MONTH Lead Usher plans. Ushers assist.</p>	<p>"The hinge of history is on the door of Bethlehem's stable." <i>[Ralph W. Stockman]</i></p>		<p>Coffee & Fellowship every Wed @ 10 am</p> 	1	2	3
<p>4 ADVENT</p> <p>COMMUNION SUNDAY</p> <p>8:30 Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:30 Men's Prayer Group</p> <p>2:30 Prayers & Squares CC</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8:30 Welcome Group CC</p> <p>4:45 Cut Above CC 6:00 UMM Mtg/Dinner</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:00 Coffee & Conversation</p> <p>4:00 Bell Choir 6:30 For Heaven's Sake 7:15 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:00 Stephen Ministry</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00 Morning Glories Circle</p> <p>4:00 Mary & Martha CC</p>	10
<p>11 ADVENT</p> <p>8:30 Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 4:00 Change of Heart CC 6:00 24/7 CC Dinner</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:30 Men's Prayer Group</p> <p>6:00 Annual Church Pot- luck Supper</p>	<p>13</p> <p>5:30 24/7 CC- Bell Ridge Dinner</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10:00 Coffee & Conversation</p> <p>4:00 Bell Choir 6:30 For Heaven's Sake 7:15 Chancel Choir</p>	15	16	17
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<p>25</p>  <p>8:30 Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 2:30 24/7 CC 4:00 Change of Heart CC</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7:30 Men's Prayer Group</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10:00 Coffee & Conversation</p> <p>4:00 Bell Choir 6:30 For Heaven's Sake 7:15 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>  <p>NEW YEARS EVE</p>

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jan 4	Rosemary Knuycky
Jan 5	Lauren Baggett
Jan 5	Bob Cooper
Jan 5	Charles Shealy
Jan 5	Ken Grim
Jan 5	Don Youngs
Jan 7	Bobbie Lewis
Jan 9	Nancy Rennie
Jan 10	Bob Rennie
Jan 11	Wayne Reifsnnyder
Jan 11	Bill Jeffries
Jan 14	John Preston Lewis
Jan 14	Rosemary Pettus
Jan 15	Chris Hogarth
Jan 17	Barbara Burleson
Jan 17	Jessica Kidd
Jan 20	John Galligan
Jan 20	Nelda McCracken
Jan 20	Sis Peterson
Jan 21	Leonard Lindley
Jan 21	Don Rek
Jan 25	Ken Green
Jan 31	Catherine Hanna

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Jan 6	Madge & Sam Krotzer
Jan 12	Susan & Jim Segars
Jan 19	Chase & Ken Grim
Jan 20	Imogene & Dick Sterling

BIBLE VERSES FOR HOPE IN THE NEW YEAR

John 14:27 (NIV): ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

John 16:33 (NIV): ³³ "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

JANUARY COUNTERS

January 01—
January 08—
January 15—
January 22—

**TO BE
ANNOUNCED
IN CHURCH
BULLETIN.**



JANUARY NURSERY SCHEDULE

Jan 01—Emilee Groh, 391-4393; Shirley Garling 391-3605
Jan 08—Cheri Kelber, 391-3512; Madeline Toland, 391-5300
Jan 15—Nancy Richert, 391-5611; Marcia Brown, 852-2769
Jan 22—Mary Thompson, 391-5644; Sally Culpepper, 229-1786
Jan 29—Carol Struck, 391-8494; Lois Waugh, 391-3123



Please find a sub if you are unable to serve. Reminder: The secondary attendant is listed in case we have children in the nursery. We are required to have 2 adults in the nursery when children are present.

JANUARY FLOWER CALENDAR

January 01—
January 08—
January 15—
January 22—
January 29—



JANUARY BIRTH MONTH FLOWER

The carnation signifies devoted love, consolation, and a friend in adversity.



JANUARY RESPONSIVE READERS

8:30—Barb Shelly
11:00—Madge Wideman



USHERS: 8:30 AM Service
JANUARY 2012

Ken & Onalee Green

USHERS: 11:00 AM Service
JANUARY 2012

*** Lead Usher**

January 01—
January 08—
January 15—
January 22—
January 29—







**COMMUNION
FIRST SUNDAY
EACH MONTH**
Lead Usher plans.
Ushers assist.

January 2012



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1  COMMUNION SUNDAY 8:30 Worship 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	2 7:30 Men's Prayer Group 2:30 Prayers & Squares CC	3 8:30 CC Welcome 6:00 UMM Mtg/Dinner	4 10:00 Coffee & Conversation 4:00 Bell Choir 6:30 For Heaven's Sake 7:15 Chancel Choir	5	6	7
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CHURCH HOSTESS NEWS

**ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS POTLUCK SUPPER**

Monday, December 12th 6:00 p.m.

Cost \$1.00 per person for meat & drinks

Emilee Groh will provide her wonderful rolls.

A to H Bring SALAD

I to P Bring Vegetable or Potato Dish

R to Z Bring Dessert

**See you on December 12th at 6:00
for the
Christmas Pot Luck!**

MORNING GLORIES CIRCLE



Christmas Brunch

December 9, 9:30 am

**12 Overlook Point
Savannah Lakes Village.
Home of Nancy Richert**

MEMORIAL & ENDOWMENT CONTRIBUTIONS

Remembering is an act of resurrection,
each repetition a vital layer of mourning, in memory of those
we are sure to meet again.

~Nancy Cobb, in "In Lieu of Flowers"

**2011 ALABAMA MISSION
OUTREACH TRIP
PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS**

OCTOBER 2011

ED MITCHELL

Memorial:

Ken Wentz & Linda Zaratina

Bruce & Judy Motsinger

Ken & Onalee Green

Shirley & Daniel Tigges

Ronnie & Linda Kidd

JOHN SPENCE

Memorial:

Dot Bandy

NOVEMBER 2011

ED MITCHELL

Endowment:

Marilyn Meyer

RON WESTERN

Memorial:

Bud & Lindy Stahlman

Right:
Dave
built this
little shed
to live in
until his
home
could be
rebuilt.

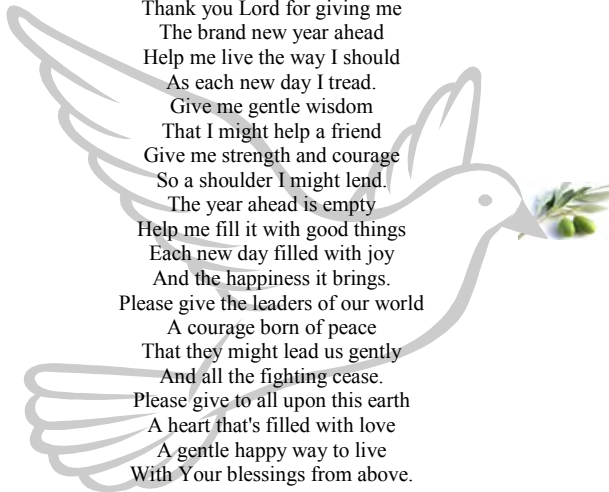


Left:
Dave's
new home.

New Years Prayer

Thank you Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And the happiness it brings.
Please give the leaders of our world
A courage born of peace
That they might lead us gently
And all the fighting cease.
Please give to all upon this earth
A heart that's filled with love
A gentle happy way to live
With Your blessings from above.

~ Charlotte Anselmo ~



Right: The
MUMC
crew!



McCormick UMC 2012 Budget

	2000 Finance Committee			2500 Children & Youth	
2001 - 23	Apportionments	29,253		2501 Children & Youth	200
2050	Lake Junaluska Dam	34			
2060	Delegates to A/C	500		2600 Kitchen Supplies	
2080	Contingency	1,000		2601 Kitchen Supplies	1,500
	Finance Total	30,787			
				2700 Office Expenses	
2100 Trustees				2701 Office Equip & Software	1,200
2101	Pest Control	660		2702 Office Supplies	2,500
2102	Cleaning Supplies	500		2703 Postage	1,500
2104	Insurance	5,900		2704 Copier	5,000
2110	Lights and Water	9,400		2705 Honorarium/ Confirmation	500
2111	Gas	3,200		Office Expenses Total	10,700
2112	Telephone	1,300			
2120	Heating & Cooling	1,000		2800 Min. of Education	
2121	Church Repairs	1,000		2803 Library	200
2122	Paronage Repairs	1,000		2804 Christian Education	3,500
2123	Carpet Cleaning	500		2805 ChristCare	400
2130	Grounds & Parking Lot	3,100		Min. of Ed. Total	4,100
2131	Parsonage Grounds	1,600			
	Trustees Total	29,160		3000 Music	
				3001 Piano	400
2200 SPPRC				3002 Music Program	2,300
2201	Pastor's Salary	71,616		Music Total	2,700
2202	Pastor's Accts Reimburse	6,000			
2203	Continuing ED. - Pastor	750		3300 Worship	
2204	Pension - Pastor	12,300		3301 Worship Committee	500
2230	Choir Director	7,383		3302 Flowers	200
2231	Organist/Pianist	7,383		Worship Total	700
2232	Sub. Organist/Pianist	1,600			
2233	Organist/Pianist Travel	567		3400 Bereavement	
2240	Custodian	5,500		3401 Bereavement	250
2250	Admin. Assist.	13,500			
2260	Health Insurance	9,168		3500 Nurture	
2270	FICA Taxes	2,500		3501 Stephen Ministry	1,000
2280	Annual Confer - Pastor	500			
2290	Payroll Contingency	500		3600 UMW School of Missions	
2251	Office Subd.	900		3601 UMW School of Missions	130
	SPPRC Total	140,167			
				3700 Outreach	
2300	Communications Coord.			3701 Outreach	9,000
2301	Communications Coord.	1,850			
	Communication Total	1,850		3800 Nehemiah Project	
				3801 Nehemiah Project	3,000
				Budget Grand Total	235,244

OUTREACH MISSIONS

MISSION TRIP PLANNED FOR 2012



As we experienced our first Mission trip to Alabama, we received blessings beyond measure from those we helped. Everyone was so gracious. As we saw all of the devastation, listened to people's stories and heard that they were still finding people six months later, living in tents and cars, I asked myself, "What can we do to help them?" I prayed about it and now I feel God wants me to take on a bigger roll for 2012.

So, here is my plan. I would like to build a complete house, about 1000 square feet, from foundation to handing keys over to the homeowner. I have already made contact with the Upper Sand Mountain Parish coordinators. I feel this can be done with your prayers and support. My goal is to raise \$5,000 from our church for this project. The other funds would come from homeowner's insurance (if any), FEMA (if any) or other churches and individuals.

The date I have selected is May, 2012. If you would like to be a part of one of the teams, let me know by email (schewning50@yahoo.com) or phone 864-378-1448. Give me a call also if you have any questions.

Here are some ways you may contribute: support special fund raisers; give a gift in honor or memory of someone; instead of giving Christmas gifts or Birthday gifts to family members, make a donation in honor of them to the fund and let them know they will be helping build a person's home. You could also send E-cards for Christmas and give what you would normally spend on postage as a donation. There are probably other ways



that you can come up with. Be creative! To donate, make checks to: MUMC and place ATR on the memo line.

I encourage you to take a moment and go the following web sites to view the footage the local televi-

sion stations shot and aired while we were there since it was the six month anniversary of the April 27 tornadoes. Look at the devastation. Listen to the people. You will feel very blessed and thankful for your home.

<http://www.waff.com/story/15895755/people-still-struggling-to-rebuild-in-dekalb-county>

<http://www.whnt.com/videobeta/dd110d61-4de9-4324-bd53-035fe374e2aa/News/Still-Volunteering-After-the-Storm>

Serving Our Savior,
Outreach Chairman - **Frank Chewning**

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UMW READING CHALLENGE



All United Methodist Women! YOU are being challenged to complete Plan 1 of the United Methodist Reading Program! Plan 1 includes: reading a total of 5 books, one from each of these categories: Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community, Social Action, and Spiritual Growth. Selections from previous years, 2008-up to 2012, are accepted.

Does some of that sound dry and boring? Consider reading about Nujood, Age 10 and Divorced! (Yes, a true story!) She won national acclaim when she found her way to a Courthouse in the country of Yemen and demanded a divorce from her cruel and abusive husband! Unheard of in Muslim country!

Or, Just Choose Happiness, a book by Nell Mohney which is a book of how to experience deep personal happiness with inspiring stories, encouraging scriptures, and suggestions of how to choose practical positive traits which will help enhance your happiness! (One Christ-Care group enjoyed the book so much that they chose another book by the same author to study next!)

What about The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks...a TRUE story of a poor tobacco farmer whose cells (for DNA study) were taken without her knowledge or permission and are still studied today, sixty years later?!

Another good one—Allow God to Wear Your Face—an inspiring simple guide to offer a non-anxious presence when visiting the sick.

These are only a few of the offerings we have in our Church Library. Just imagine those rainy and cold days ahead when it's too cold to play golf or to get out! A perfect time to curl up on the sofa with a steaming mug of hot spiced tea or coffee, and READ! This will enhance your own Spiritual Walk as you hear the voices of those within the pages of the book you read.

Onalee Green and Becky Bushling are in charge of the UMW Reading Program. But as President, I encourage and challenge you to READ, READ, READ! Instead of being the 3rd highest in the District with 71 books, let's be the highest! Thank you!

Sally Culpepper

UMW REPORT



On October 21, 2011, our UMW Unit met in the Fellowship Hall with 25 women present.

Our theme was "Finding Peace in Missions." Our speaker was Frances Gilliam from the Anderson District. She gave a fabulous testimony to the Power of Christ in her life after a most difficult childhood. She exhorted us to continue to be faithful in our call to be a daily missionary for Christ in whatever circumstances we find ourselves. She reminded us that we are not allowed to say, "I've already done that, let someone else do it" if Christ is calling YOU to do it. Again, a wonderful testimony!

We also had our Pledge to Missions. Nancy Richert gave us very good information about where our pledge money goes and the importance of keeping up with our pledges. Our money goes to support five missions which are all helping to reach others with education, food supplies, health needs, housing, helping abused women and children, and the list goes on. Thanks to Jeanne Thornburg who played, "Let There Be Peace on Earth" on the piano while pledges were being made.

Before installation of officers, Carol Baily was presented with a "Special Mission Recognition Award." This award is presented to someone who has shown outstanding effort in both domestic and foreign missions.

New and returning officers were installed. Returning officers are Sally Culpepper, President and Penny Sockman, Spiritual Growth Leader. Our new officers are Edith Arant, Vice-President, Carol Struck, Secretary and Pat Sharpe, Treasurer. We thank outgoing officers Nancy Richert and Madge Krotzer for their faithful service.

Our kitchen and decoration crew consisted of Linda Kidd, Linda Higgins, Tillie Freeland, Edith Arant, and Dot Bandy. The fellowship hall was "decked out" in beautiful fall colors of red, orange, yellow, and gold. There were pumpkins, leaves, candles, scarecrows, and flowers as far as the eye could see! The food was melt in your mouth delicious also. We enjoyed Chicken Tetrazzini, Green Beans, Creamy Orange Salad, Rolls, and two desserts; a Chocolate Brownie Trifle and Cherry Trifle. Wow!

Other thanks goes to Penny Sockman for a beautiful devotional and Edith Arant for supplying and typing out our Program. It was a wonderful night of being together and attempting to do something glorious for others in the name of our Precious Lord.

Sally Culpepper

UMW OCT 2011 PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



Photo at Left:
Sally Culpepper, Pres. & Frances Gilliam, Speaker. Frances, from Abbeville, made a wonderful talk on "Let Peace Begin With Me."



Photo at right:
Sally presents Carol Bailey a Mission Achievement Award.



**Photo at left:
INCOMING
UMW OFFICERS
(L-R)**
Sally Culpepper, Pres; Pat Sharpe, Treas; Carol Struck, Sec; Edith Arant, Vice Pres; not shown, Penny Sockman, Spiritual Growth Leader.



**OUTGOING
UMW OFFICERS
With Sally**
Nancy Richert, outgoing Treasurer; Sally; outgoing Secretary, Madge Krotzer. Both Nancy & Madge completed two years of service.

A PRAYER FOR VETERANS

Father, in the name of Jesus, I thank you for our veterans. I thank you for their willingness to risk all so that our nation might dwell in peace and safety.

May they find the honor and recognition they deserve.

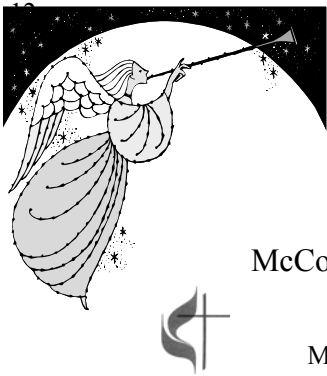
In the name of Your divine Son, I pray that You will heal the physical and psychological wounds some of these veterans have suffered. Bring peace to those who mourn the loss of comrades.

Father, I pray that our nation would learn to respect and acknowledge those who have served their county well.

Amen.

SOURCE: Pray for Our Nation, p 58. Tulsa, OK: Harrison House, 1999.

NOTE—During this holiday season, many of our veterans will be returning home from the battlefield after serving multiple tours of duty in war zones. Others will continue to stand sentinel in foreign countries, far away from families and friends, guarding our safety and peace. Please keep them all in your hearts and prayers.



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STEPHEN MINISTRY CORNER

Please join us in welcoming Edith Arant, Ronnie Kidd, August Luedecke, Rosemary Pettus, Larry Ream, Penny Sockman, and Nancy Tutt to Stephen Ministry. They have successfully completed Stephen Ministry Training, have been commissioned, and some are already serving care receivers. Keep them all in your prayers as they begin this new ministry.



This is a season of celebration for Christians. We celebrate Christ's birth with prayer, with song, with festive gatherings, and with special meals. But, though for many of us this is a time of family celebration and reunion, not everyone welcomes the Christmas season with joy. For a number of our fellow parishioners and friends it is a time of sadness as they deal with the celebrations while grieving the loss of a loved one, or continuing through treatment for a serious illness, or are suffering with physical handicaps that prevent their getting out to enjoy friends and family. The kinds of crises that people must endure are many, and they do not pay much attention to the calendar. They are just always there. We do, therefore, need to help those going through these crises all we can. Reach out and include in your celebrations those who are suffering or alone ... give someone a ride to a holiday event ... take a few moments out of your day to visit someone who is a shut in ... and by all means keep them in your prayers or, better yet, visit them and say a prayer with them.

And remember ... if you, or someone you know, should need a caring Christian person to listen and share feelings with, and a person who will give unconditional, Christian acceptance and love, please consider being in a relationship with a Stephen Minister at MUMC. To get the process started, please contact Pastor Athon Arant thru the church office (852-2394), Beverly Western (391-5967), or Ken Green (391-4197).

Sundee Luedecke