

The Vine "together our ideas bear fruit"

December 2011

Proverbs 15:30 "Light in a messenger's eyes brings joy to the heart, and good news brings health to the bones." (NIV)

Time to embrace the hustle and bustle of the season. Remember to savor time with family and loved ones. Soon the fellowship hall will become festive for the season and poinsettias will fill the Sanctuary! Have you heard the Legend of the Poinsettia? Poinsettia plants are native to Central America especially southern Mexico and grow wild. They are often referred to as the "Flowers of the Holy Night" The legend dates back several centuries to a Christmas Eve in Mexico when a little girls named Pepita had no gift to present to the Christ Child at the Christmas eve service. Her cousin encouraged her to give a humble gift, for even the smallest gift given out of love will make Jesus happy. So on the way to the church she gathered some weeds along the side of the road. As she approached the alter, a miracle happened and they blossomed into brilliant flowers. Tis the season to enjoying giving the simple gift of love. Merry Christmas !

Diane



People forget how fast you did a job, but they remember how well you did it.

- Reminisce

Dates to Remember

- 12/10 Dinner & Christmas Party
- 12/17 Nativity Exhibit 2-4pm & 5-7pm
Christmas Cantata 4pm
- 12/18 Sunday Nativity Exhibit 10-4pm
- 12/22 Thursday ~ Nativity 2-4pm

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Our newsletter has a name!

Thank you everyone for submitting ideas for our newsletter.

Christine's submission "The Vine" has been chosen as it best exemplifies our mission of working together and growing together, and she said it best, "because, together our ideas bear fruit!"

Coming Soon!

Test your Bible Knowledge

Christmas Candlelight Service

Winter Supply Closet Ideas

New Outreach Tracts

December Outreach Project

Our first Christmas Nativity Exhibit is December's outreach community project. We've gathered 50 nativity scenes representing the early 1930's though today. From paper, plastic, cornhusks and banana fiber to stone, chalk ware, porcelain and clay,

several different countries will be on display. Thank you to all who loaned their family Nativity for our exhibit. New tracts and Bibles will be available to the public. We are planning to serve light refreshments on Sunday, if anyone would like to help, see Diane.



Haiti Orphanage Project
Pen Pal Project

Steeple Repair discussion

History of "The Christmas Crèche" Exhibit

Operation Christmas Child

Our first year working on Operation Christmas Child was a success. We assembled and shipped 13 shoeboxes. Thank you to all that helped with boxes, supplies, wrapping, packing, labels and shipping costs. While this year was a learning process, it can only make next year operation run super smooth!



News Bites

Special thanks to the keepers of the heat. It sure is wonderful walking into a warm church now that the weather has changed.

Barbara is in the process of securing our snow plow company "Tom" for another year. Lets hope there is a lot less snow this year!

Work will begin on the third apartment after the holidays for a June occupancy. We have a young professional couple looking forward to helping out with their family. Thank goodness we have talented members with many skills, we should be able to keep the cost of repairs to a minimum.

Do you make a special trip to the post office to pick up Christmas stamps? How about picking up a few extra "Forever" stamps for Georgia. She greets our members regularly through the mail and brings smiles to many faces. A special box for collecting stamps will be placed in the Library area. Every little bit helps.

Nativity Exhibit Great for Families Too!

The Nativity Exhibit will have three activities for kids of all ages. As you walk through the exhibit search for items on the scavenger hunt list : a star that lights and a big black sheep, or test your Bible knowledge on the birth of Christ together.

There will also be a nativity set that the little ones can touch and set up. One Nativity set will be given away on the last day of the show, remember to enter to win.

Diane



Memory Verse Program 2011-2012

The scripture memorization program is in full swing with this years theme, "Are you Ready?" Families can work together to memorize the verses, as each age group works on part or all of the same verse. Each of the nine passages are checked off after you demonstrate that you can recite them, or you can memorize all of 1 Thessalonians 1. The scripture quotations are listed from the English Standard version of the Bible. The program runs from September

through May, and Cindy Nadeau is in charge. I will print each months verse in the newsletter and have included the previous month verse in case you have to catch up! It's never too late to begin!

Primary Group:

November- 1 Corinthians 3:2

December- 1 Thessalonians 2:8b

"We were ready to share with you."



Junior Group

November- 1 Corinthians 3:2

December- 1 Thessalonians 2:8

"We were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves."

Holiday Traditions

Annual Christmas Party

The December Fellowship dinner is a week earlier as is tradition. Look for skits, an instrumental sing along, Christmas decorations and perhaps a visit from Santa. Speak with Barbara if you would like to be of assistance this year in the set up, and Christine to assist in the dinner.

Christmas Caroling

Christine was wondering if there would be enough interest in an afternoon of Christmas caroling this year. Anyone want to give it a try?

Thanksgiving Dinner

Hope everyone enjoys the Turkey dinner today. Steve can sure roast a mean turkey! But, it takes a "village" to put our fellowship dinners together each month. We work well together.

Advent

The season of Advent begins November 27. The time of expectant waiting

and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity at Christmas. The banners in the sanctuary reflect the lighting of the candles. The theme of readings and teachings during Advent is often to prepare for the second coming while commemorating the first coming of Christ at Christmas. Special readings are prescribed for each of the four Sabbath's in Advent.

Cantata Rehearsal Dinner

The Friday night before the Cantata, our church will once again host the rehearsal dinner.

Barbara and Cindy will work in the Kitchen putting together and cleaning up for this large group, no small task! Each participant brings a dish to pass for the buffet. The dinner starts a 6pm, the rehearsal begins at 7pm.

Helpers will be needed to help set up the risers and to rearrange the poinsettias for this event.

Perryville Bible Church

Live Nativity

Christmas

Tableaus

Dec 3&4 6pm-7pm

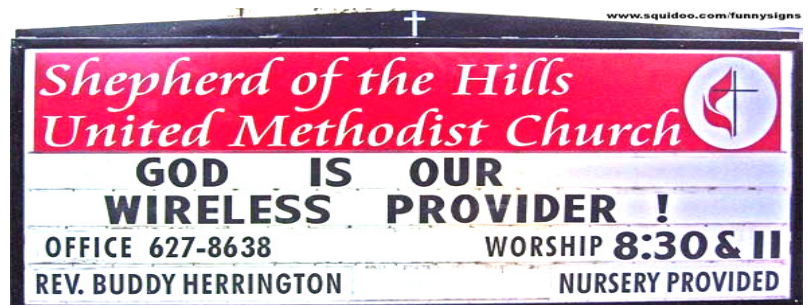


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More Great Church Signs



Working Together by Georgia Young

I was thinking about a name for the SDB newsletter. How about; *The S.D.B. Compassion Collabo-*



ration ? There is one important thing church can do, and that is find the needs in your town and

fill them if you can, (we do that). There are agencies to call like the senior center or aging services, social services, to name a few. If everyone collaborates in and outside the church, it can fill the needs of the people and bring the town together with the church. Outreach will bring people in...when they see and feel the genuine love of God for them. "No one cares what you know, until they know you care."

"Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground"

PASLM 143:10