

THE VISION

"For the vision is for the days yet to come." Daniel 10:14

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December 15, 2011



Join us!

New Year's Service

We want to start the New Year with a great celebration so we are having only one service on New Year's Day. It will be at 10:00 am in the sanctuary and will be a special service to begin our new year. Please join us as part of the church family coming together to start the New Year.

Child care will be provided.

Prayer Walk

Prayer is an important part of our Christian journey and it is important that we lift our local communities in prayer. To start the New Year off right, a "Prayer Walk Around Mesa" is being organized for **Sunday, January 8**. Beginning at **1:00 pm**, various churches will take responsibility for one mile segments and walk that mile praying and singing along the way. We have accepted the joy and responsibility to walk a one mile segment of the 21 miles that afternoon. We are asking people to sign up and make a commitment to participate in this daring adventure.

It will be a slow pace so everyone is welcome. We will make arrangements for transportation for those who need it and we will have coffee and hot chocolate and refreshments at the end of the walk.

Church Council to Meet

Our Church Council, the group that leads our church, will meet on **Thursday** evening on **January 19, 7:00 pm** in **Martin Hall**. All are welcome to attend and hear plans for the coming year as well as hearing reports of the year just completed.

All leaders are urged to attend as we will also be discussing some issues for the church in the coming year as well as adopt our 2012 budget and elect our final Leadership Group.

Common Groundz

Join us as we bring back, **Mike Chamberlin, Saturday, January 21, 7:00 p.m.** in Moore Hall. Mike is immediately recognizable from his nearly two decades on Channel 3 KTVK-TV News. Along with his TV persona, Mike is also an accomplished singer. He says he's been singing as long as he's been talking. Following time in the US Army and Vietnam he resumed a music career that led to a gig as a radio DJ and eventually into TV news anchoring. Music has always been Mike's first love.

We'll also be serving up some great beverages – coffee, soft drinks – and delicious snacks. A suggested donation of \$5.00 at the door gets you in -- the fun is up to you.

AARP Driver Safety Training Saturday, January 28 8:00 am - Noon, Martin Hall

Cars have changed. So have traffic rules, driving conditions and the roads we drive on every day. Brush up on your driving skills to stay safe!

Please register by calling the church office during the week or stopping by the Ticket Booth on Sunday mornings. Financial cost is \$12. The savings could be priceless!

Computer Class Thursday, January 12 9:00 am, Library

Do you have trouble working on your computer? Are you baffled by e-mail? Do you want to know how to send a picture? If you have these or any other questions please join us for a Computer Basics Class. Pastor Stewart will lead us through some basic operations for Windows 7 or Windows XP. You may bring your laptops but you will not be able to connect to the Internet.

Space will be limited to 20 people so please sign up early. There will be no charge.

“Christian Ethics”



As we begin a new year, I take time and reflect on the year that just passed. Here at Velda Rose, we had a busy year. Classes, studies, special events, and the joy of our music program all contributed to a banner year for the church. However, we can always do better and we can find ways of growing in our relationship with God and with each other.

One area of disappointment, however, is how our ethical nature is reflected in our actions. In recent months, we have had to put a special lock on the food pantry, a special key for the supply closet where we keep paper goods and cups and condiments, we have had microphones taken from the church, as well as pieces of equipment from our sound system in both Moore Hall and the sanctuary. Most of these items were taken because someone has a key and uses it for their own benefit. For an organization that is made up of people who profess to be Christians, this is very disappointing.

I understand that we are not an organization of perfect people but I would hope that in relation to the church facility as well as each other, we would act with great Christian values. I would have to say that this is not unique to Velda Rose, as it has been something I have been aware of in every church where I have been appointed, but I expected more here.

I would imagine that in people's minds there is the idea that the church can always buy more, get more, or we have insurance. But it hurts us all because when things are missing and we have to buy more and use funds that we would rather use for ministry to change people's lives. Food taken from the food pantry means there is less to help those who are in need. To take electronic equipment, means that we may not be able to have a worship service or be able to share our joy with others.

I hope in the coming year, those individuals who have caused these problems will understand how it hurts others and is a reflection of our faith in each other as Christians. The less we have to spend on replacing items stolen, the more we will have to make disciples of Jesus Christ in this world.

May you have a blessed New Year and may God use your gifts and talents to make a difference in the lives of people.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Stewart



Church Office Closed

Monday, January 2
New Year's Day Observed

Monday, January 16
Martin Luther King Day Observed



Stewardship Sunday

This fall we celebrated Stewardship Sunday by presenting our pledges to God after a time of prayer and reflection on the meaning of stewardship. Many of the members of our winter family were not present for that time, so we are going to give them the opportunity to join us in our commitment to God and this church for 2012.

On **Sunday, January 15**, we will again celebrate our stewardship and give people the opportunity to present pledge cards. If you do not have one, cards will be available from the ushers for you to fill out and present during our special offering time

We urge you to give prayerful consideration to your gifts to the church in 2012, including our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness.

Vows for November

	General	Special	Attendance
6	20731.00	1734.00	890
13	11979.90	576.00	1075
20	12504.65	623.00	1139
27	22067.09	1159.25	1245
Total	67282.64	4092.25	4349

Making a Difference

We want you to know that you are making the difference in a lot of people's lives with your generous donations of food and money. In the month of November, we distributed 77 food boxes which made a difference in the lives of 266 people. In addition we distributed \$699.18 to people to help them with various needs. What you give DOES make a difference in a very real way in the lives of the people in need in our community.

In addition, our **Thanksgiving offering** which goes to Habitat for Humanity, was \$5340. This is an amazing support of people who are looking to get ahead in life. We give thanks to God that we are able to do these things from the many blessings we have received.

Concerned Christians

We are going to have a representative of Concerned Christians who will present a six-week study of the Mormon religion.

Beginning on **January 22, 7:00 pm** in **Martin Hall**, **Andy Poland**, a former Mormon, will lead us in this study to help us understand the Mormon religion.

There will be no charge for this class, however, please sign up for the class so we have sufficient materials.

**Missionaries David & Lorene Persons
Coming Sunday, January 29
Potluck Dinner, 5:30 pm, Moore Hall**



Come and hear all about the Persons' ministries and discuss how Velda Rose can best be of service and support in our connection with them.

David serves as dean and professor of Biblical studies and missions at the Faculte Methodiste de Theologie in Mulungwishi, Katanga. His ministry also includes training Congolese pastors for two annual conferences.

David is also the district missionary for the Mulungwishi District of the Southern Congo Conference of the United Methodist Church. His responsibilities include working with Congolese district superintendents in evangelism, church planting, pastoral supervision and development projects. He has served as a missionary at Mulungwishi since 1979.

Lorene serves as director of the Women's School of the Faculte Methodiste Theologie in Mulungwishi, Katanga in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Lori also teaches courses in English, nutrition and sewing and works with the wives of the student pastors.

**New Community
January Worship Themes
"Transfiguring Mountains"**

The season of Epiphany is the season of light and revelation. After the birth of Christ, and during Christ's life, people received new perspectives to reframe and change the way they looked at their lives and their relationship with God. Pastor Barb will explore the themes of how we might "transfigure" or change the appearance of the "mountains" of challenge in our lives.

Church Leadership

Rev. Minerva Carcaño, Resident Bishop
Pastors: Rev. Stewart Lewis, Rev. Dr. Barbara Doerrer-Peacock,
Cindy Von Bargaen, Director of Family Life Ministries

Rev. Bob Burns, District Superintendent

Rev. Bob Deits

January Sermons

Hours of Worship: Sundays at 7:50, 9:20 & 11:00 am, Sanctuary (Traditional)
New Community 9:20 AM, Moore Hall (Contemporary)

Jan. 1: Pastor Stewart preaching: "Hear the Word," John 15:1-8

New Year's Day, 10:00 am worship only

Jan. 8: Pastor Stewart Preaching: "Here He Is!," Matthew 2:1-12

New Community - Pastor Barb preaching: "The Mount of the Beatitudes - From Poverty to Presence,"
Matthew 5:1-16

Jan. 15: Pastor Stewart preaching: "The Voice," 1 Samuel 3:1-10; 1 Kings 19:1-14

New Community - Pastor Barb preaching: "Mt. Carmel - From Presence to Practice," 1 Kings 17-18

Jan. 22: Rev. Bob Burns preaching, District Superintendent

New Community - Pastor Barb preaching: "Mt. Sinai - From Purpose to Pathways," Mark 9:2-13

Jan. 29: Donna Jensen preaching, United Methodist Women's Sunday

New Community - Pastor Barb preaching: "Mt. Zion—From Pathways to Potency...and back to Poverty,"
Isaiah 35:1-16; Revelation 21:1-27



UMOM Dinner to be served by:



Tuesday, January 17, 2012
CONGREGATION VOLUNTEERS

Tuesday, February 21
CONGREGATION VOLUNTEERS

Tuesday, March 20
UNITED METHODIST MEN



Caregiver Support Group

1st, 3rd & 5th Tuesdays, 6:30 pm,
Fitch Library

Grief Support Group

Wednesdays, 4:00 pm, Martin Hall

Canterbury Bell Choir

Wednesdays, 6:00 pm, Sanctuary

Chancel Choir

Wednesdays, 7:00 pm. Choir Room



Childcare Is Always Provided

In addition to Sunday morning worship (7:50 am - Noon, Room C on Sundays), we are committed to providing childcare for **ALL ministry programs at the church through the week.** From unCommon Groundz, Coffee House, to United Methodist Women's Unit meetings and including all Bible studies and classes. You may bring your children and know that they are loved and cared for by Marilyn Orris and her crew.

Faith factor

(All kids going into 3rd-4th-5th-6th Grades)

We're building faith wherever we go!

Sunday, Jan. 8, Noon: Join us for lunch and a prayer Walk in Mesa..

Sunday, Jan. 22, Noon: We're getting a visit from some fun friends.

Saturday-Sunday Jan. 28-29, 5:00 pm: DIGG-In Retreat.

Come on over and join for some amazing fun! Questions, please contact Cindy at cindy@veldarose.org or the church office.

Got Puppets Wednesday's, 5:00 pm Upstairs Moore Hall



God's MP3's (God's Mighty Powerful Puppets and People) have a HUGE season ahead with LOTS of ministry opportunities. For anyone Third grade to adult!

Come and join us for practices and see how God can speak to people through puppets! We are preparing for our Dinner Theater production of "Dr. Newheart's Neck-up Check-up" in February.

Resources for Parents

Stop by the Gazebo on Sunday mornings and pick up some resources that can help carry your GOD conversations with your kids into your week. We have some items for children and teens as well as their parents.

We believe that what happens at home is more important than what happens in the church...so we want PARTNER with you to make a much greater impact on the spiritual lives and faith development of your children and youth. Stop by and see if there is anything that can encourage you and your families.

"Great Christmas Giveaway" Cast Party



Join us for dinner and an evening at Amazing Jake's on Tuesday, January 24th for all those who participated in our wonderful Christmas Musical!

Please call or email Cindy with your reservation. Tickets are \$10 for the whole night of fun! Thanks for sharing your musical talents!



Youth Ministry

Dec. 20: Tuesday, 1:00 pm, Cook & Serve at UMOM

Dec. 21: Wednesday, 5:00 pm, Puppet Ministry
6:00 pm, Dinner for a Dollar
7:00 pm, CRAVE Small Group

Dec. 22: Thursday, 1:00 pm, Elfing!

Dec. 23: Friday, 10:00 am, Elfing! and Lunch

Dec. 24: Saturday, 4:00 pm, Light, light, light up the sky!
Come light the way for all to see the baby Jesus! A special mission with 300 luminaries!

Dec. 27: Tuesday, 10:00 am, Mystery Trip

Dec. 28: Wednesday, 5:00 pm, Dinner at Cindy's house

Dec. 29: Thursday, 10:00 am, CRAVE Small Group Outing

Jan. 1: Sunday, Winter Camp Deadline!

Jan 4: Wednesday, 5:00 pm, Puppet Ministry
6:00 pm, Dinner for a Dollar

7:00 pm, CRAVE Small Group-**Generation Change**

Jan. 8: Sunday, Noon, Lunch and Prayer Walk
5:00 pm, Youth Ministry, 2012 Mission Trip Planning

Jan. 11: Wednesday, 5:00 pm, Puppet Ministry
6:00 pm, Dinner for a Dollar

7:00 pm, CRAVE Small Group-**Generation Change**

Jan. 14-16: Saturday-Monday, 8:00 am, Winter Camp at Mingus

Jan. 18: Wednesday, 5:00 pm, Puppet Ministry
6:00 pm, Dinner for a Dollar

7:00 pm, CRAVE Small Group-**Generation Change**

Jan. 22: Sunday, 5:00 pm, Youth Ministry

Jan. 25: Wednesday, 5:00 pm, Puppet Ministry
6:00 pm, Dinner for a Dollar

7:00 pm, CRAVE Small Group-**Generation Change**

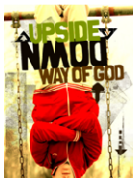
Jan. 22: Sunday, 11:15 am, FX
5:00 pm, Youth Ministry

Jan. 30: Friday, 5:00 pm, Francis Can & Rend Collective

Questions???? Contact Director of Family Life Ministries, **Cindy Von Barga**, at cindy@veldarose.org or 832-2111, ext. 204.

Check out our websites for youth and children's ministries. You can connect with us at www.veldarose.org. Get all the weekly email updates...so be sure to get signed up for that one too!

Winter Camp is HERE!



All youth in **7th – 12th grades** are invited to join us on Mingus Mountain January 14 – 16, 2012 for the Conference Winter Camp "UPSIDEDOWN"...seeing what God has to say about poverty and those in need. We have a blast up there on the mountain so get registered fast! Space is LIMITED!



United Methodist Women (UMW)

Potluck Luncheon/Unit Meeting
Thursday, January 5, Noon, Moore Hall

January Circle Meetings

- Circle 1** Wednesday, Jan. 18, 9:30 am, Martin Hall
- Circle 2** Wednesday, Jan. 18, 1:00 pm, Martin Hall
- Circle 3** Thursday, Jan. 19, 1:00 pm, Martin Hall
- Circle 4** Thursday, Jan. 19, 1:00 pm, Moore Hall
- Rebecca Circle** Thursday, Jan. 12, 7:00 pm, Rm 305

UMW Selling Square Footage of the Rummage Building

The United Methodist Women introduce a great opportunity for everyone in our church. You are invited to purchase square footage of our new Velda Rose UMW Missions Warehouse and help us pay off our indebtedness at the same time. You may purchase as many square feet as you desire at a cost of only \$40.00 per square foot. You will be given a certificate of purchase plus have your name inscribed on our Wall of Honor to be posted in the new building. UMW will also regularly post the names of donors and honorees in *"The Vision."*

Purchase of square footage may be made through **Nadine Lieske**, 854-4478 or **Priscilla Jones**, 218-0065. Please consider this purchase and help us pay off our indebtedness as quickly as possible. Thanks for your consideration. For more information, please call Nadine Lieske.

UMW Unique Boutique

The UMW **UNIQUE BOUTIQUE** was such a big success in 2011 that we are going to start planning for 2012. Come and join us at a meeting Thursday morning, January 12 & January 26 at 9:00 am in Room 305 at the church. We can use your thoughts and ideas toward making the next Unique Boutique even better. For questions call **Dot Michaelis** 656-3393.



Brown Bag & A Book (BB & B)
Tuesday, January 3
11:00 am, Martin Hall

We meet the first Tuesday of the month. All are welcome to join us.

January 3, 2012: "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett.

Need more information, please call Donna Jensen at 984-0171 or email djensen50@msn.com.

Broadway Palm Dinner Theater Sunday, January 8

We have a limited number of tickets available for the musical *"Brigadoon"* with dinner at 5:30 and show time at 7:00. **Tickets are \$30** and include dinner, show and gratuity. Wonderful music, delicious dinner...and now some good church friends to go with!

You may get your tickets by calling the church office during the week or at the Ticket Center on Sunday Mornings. Any questions, please contact Cindy in the church office.

Attention: Red Hat Ladies



The Red Hatters will be going to lunch at Mimi's Café on Jan.13. Please call Karen Butler at 635-8624 for reservations and additional information.

Please meet at the church at 11:00 if interested in car pooling.

Entertainment Books - Last Chance



For only \$30, the books are loaded with discounts and coupons for places all over the valley - over \$21,000 worth! This year you can even order your books online and get access to even MORE coupons and savings. PLUS, you can order books for family and friends in other cities and the Velda Rose Youth still get the benefit of the sale!

Books are available on Sunday mornings on the patio or in the church office during the week. Thank you for supporting the Youth Ministry!

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Elijah Ruppert



Our own eleven year-old Elijah just WON the Spelling Bee for Augusta Ranch Elementary School! Next stop...Gilbert District Bee in January. Way to go Elijah! We will be cheering for you! How do you spell awesome? E-L-I!



Breakfast: 7:30 am
Tuesday, January 3
Moore Hall



Fitch Library

Sundays: 8:00 - 12:00 AM
 Wednesdays: 9:00 - 11:00 AM

But, but, don't delay. Do it now.

Fitch Library beckons you to borrow a book or take a magazine. Everyone is welcome.

Missions Committee



Toothbrushes and Toothpaste

Thanks for the toothbrushes and toothpaste we have enough to send some to Mexico. Missions will be sending some to Wesley Medical Center soon. If you're going to the dentist, please don't forget to ask for an extra set for missions. Thanks for your support on this project.

Global Ministries

The December special offering is going to support of the Global Ministries. We are supporting David & Lorene Nelson Persons in Africa, and Terry & Murial Henderson in Mexico. We are supporting them at \$1,500 per person or \$3,000 per couple each year. Thanks for your support.

UMOM Meals

Thanks Youth for serving the December UMOM meal. Volunteers are needed for the UMOM Meal February 21. If you would be able to help cook, serve, or drive church bus for the UMOM New Day homeless shelter on either of the days, please call **Lois Benson** 981-5612.

Mission Committee needs YOU! We need people to help with the planning and overseeing projects. Come join us in Room 305 on Friday, Jan 6, 9:30 am. Everyone is welcome, even if you're only here for a few months. Some of the projects we're working on is a food drive for the Food Pantry, UMCOR project, UMOM.

Members Removed

Peggy Dittberner - Withdrawn
 Lori Makeever - Withdrawn

100 Faces of Faith

The Youth Ministry project to interview 100 people from our church family is continuing. We would like to discover how you keep your faith strong and how God has led you on your journey of faith.

Most of the interviews will take place on Sunday mornings, but other times are available as well. If you would be willing to sit with three to four youth and share your experience of faith, please sign-up with the youth on the patio on Sunday mornings at 10:30 or contact Cindy in the church office at cindy@veldarose.org. Thank you for sharing your faith and encouraging our youth.

God's Great Gallery

The children of Velda Rose have created masterpieces, their "Portrait of God", and would like to share them with you in the form of a greeting card. More than 50 pieces of original artwork created for our Children's Sabbath, have been reproduced on individual cards in packs of 12. The **packs will be sold for \$10** with all the proceeds going to the ministry of Sidewalk Sunday School.

The children have given us this wonderful gift of artwork, and now they will be giving the gift to the ministry with other children.

Special order forms and packs of cards are available on Sunday mornings at the Welcome Center and during the week in the church office.



Velda Rose and the Superstition Coalition are once again planning for a building project this winter. If all goes well, we will be building a house in Mesa starting in late January. Once the details are finalized we will be scheduling volunteers. Our church is one of the largest contributors of manpower and funding in the coalition. Thank you to everyone who supports this annual project with your prayers, time and donations.

For more information or if you are interested in helping please contact **Roger & Debbie Plessner** at 981-1753 or rpplessner@yahoo.com.

Wednesday Night PATHWAYS:

Join us for our Wednesday Pathways, our multi-generational education and fellowship evening! Both youth and adults are invited to participate in various classes (listed below), with a light supper in Moore Hall in between the class sessions at 6:00 pm. (No classes on December 28.)

Advent Study

Wednesdays, Dec. 21, Jan. 4 & 11
6:45 pm, Martin Hall

"A Thrill of Hope" is a study of the Christmas event and beyond. It will look at the different aspects of the birth of Christ and events that followed as well as the people involved. Pastor Stewart will lead this study.

Books will be \$5.

"Our Sacred Symbols and Sacred Spaces"

Pastor Barb will lead a class to explore both traditional sacred symbols of our faith, and also how personal symbols can be created and used to create sacred spaces in our homes and in the midst of our daily lives.

This class will meet on Wednesdays from **Jan. 4 – Feb. 15, from 5-6 pm, in the Library.** No cost, nothing needed- except your imagination. Yea!

Watercolor and Transformation Class Starting & Continuing...in January



A new W & T class series will begin from **3:00-5:00 pm, Fridays, Jan. 13-Feb. 17, Martin Hall.** People who have taken one of the two previous W & T classes before are welcome to sign-up and come for some new projects and playing with watercolor, as are **first-time participants.** Beginners are welcome, no watercolor experience is necessary.

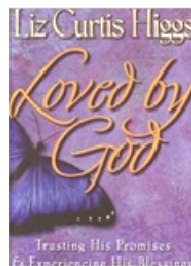
For more info, talk to Pastor Barb. **Sneak Peak: A SPECIAL FIELD-TRIP is planned for the January 27 session! Suggested donation is \$25 for materials.**

"Living Gray"

On **January 18,** we will begin a new study during our Pathway class time at **6:45 pm, Martin Hall.** Pastor Stewart will lead us in a study of **Adam Hamilton's** book **"Living Gray in a Black-and-White World."**

This will be a four session study. People are welcome to buy this book ahead of time and read it for the class. Cost is \$8.00.

Loved by God - Trusting His Promise & Experiencing His Blessings



What does it mean to be loved by God? Does the Lord love us when we fail him? Love us when we run in the wrong direction? Love us even when we're unlovable? When others reject us, is God's love enough?

Liz Curtis Higgs, best-selling author and award-winning speaker, answers those vital questions in a unique, heart-changing way, bringing to life the ancient stories of Jacob and Leah for 21st-century women.

Join us Tuesday's at 1:00 pm beginning on January 10, Room 305. Led by **Cindy Von Bargaen.** Books are \$10 and are available in the church office.

Generation Change

Beginning Wednesdays, January 4
7:00 pm, Youth Center

Some teens will deal with sex. Some teens will deal with alcohol and drugs. But all teens will deal with money. We will be building lifelong confidence in our youth with some biblical principles for winning with money and skills to spend and live wisely. You cannot afford to miss this Bible Study!



Gift Cards — It Pays to Use Them!

Shopping with gift cards is an easy way to support the Youth Ministry every time you shop. We offer a great variety of brands in addition to your weekly gas and grocery purchases. From dining



and entertainment to home improvement and beyond, we have all your shopping needs covered! Orders for gift cards placed by Monday morning will be ready for pick-up on Sunday.

Use them for your usual shopping or get them as gifts! Whatever! It's all free money for the youth!

We have some common ones in stock. Pick up an information packet at the Gazebo on Sunday mornings or in the church office.

Any questions, please contact **Cindy Von Bargaen** at cindy@veldarose.org.



Dear Friends, I have so much for which to thank you. Most recently, the reception for Carole and me was wonderful! Thank you for being there and special thanks to Stewart for putting it together.

As I mentioned at the reception, in my 21 years at Velda Rose, the congregation and staff has been so caring and supportive, especially during some of the more stressful times, such as Alli's and my cancer. I cannot say enough about the dedication of those in the Chancel Choir, many of whom sing 3 services every Sunday, in addition to special services throughout the year. Velda Rose is truly blessed with these dedicated volunteers who give so freely of their time and talents. Special thanks to choir for your friendship, and this year's cantata, was absolutely stunning!! Kathleen Norby is a gem...I hope you all appreciate her as much as I. I am so glad that Jim Yancey will be directing the Chancel Choir, he has been an incredible friend and accompanist...and did a great job of covering all my conducting mistakes. As Carole and I begin this new chapter of our lives in Gig Harbor, WA, we will be looking for a new church family, and will always cherish our church home at Velda Rose. Thank you so much, and wishing you all a blessed holiday season.

Ed

Christmas Giving

Thanks for opening up your hearts and helping to make Christmas special for lots of kids. We helped 25 Foster Kids, 27 Angel Tree Kids, Maricopa County Hospital, and Child Crisis Center. You do make a difference! Your giving has touched the lives of many.

Missions Committee & L

Thank you to all who helped make the 1st sale in our new missions building a great success. Special thanks to **George Bakle** and **Joe Goodman** for donating the meat for the luncheon food.

United Methodist Women

Thank you for making Richard's Memorial Service a true celebration of his life: **Rev. Bev Ritland** and **Rev. Bob Deits** for their inspirational message; Kathleen, Jim & Eileen, Margie and Laura for wonderful music; Marian and families for a delicious reception; and family and friends for participating. You all made this difficult time filled with celebration and comfort. Thank you.

Karen Jensen

Your thoughtfulness during the loss of my wife and our mother **Lillie Mae Preston** was appreciated. Thank you.

John A. Preston and Family

It is with a very grateful heart that I say THANK YOU to everyone for their generous donations of food, time and money that made the annual Thanksgiving Dinner a huge success. Over 250 people were served. As a novice at coordinating, I am grateful for all the help I received; especially on Wednesday and Thursday. I could not have done it without everyone's help and donations. Bless you all.

Kate Haase

Thanks for the sweet treats to all of you who provided our delicious cookies and cupcakes for our Christmas season! What a gift you provided for us through your homemade deliciousness as well as a few extra pounds! Thank you to all our wonderful bakers!

Cindy Von Bargaen

Thank you to everyone who has continued their support of the Food Pantry and Holiday Bags. We could not continue this ministry without your help. Many families will have a little more to feed their loved ones because of you. Thank you **Peggy Scott** for doing a lot of the shopping for us. What a gift you are to this church.

Melody Evans & Peggy Snowdall, Food Pantry

Coming soon to a church near you!

All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, February 4

7:00 am - 11:00 am, Moore Hall



As part of the Souper Bowl of Caring weekend, the Youth Ministry is going to TACKLE HUNGER by sponsoring this crowd pleaser of a morning with pancakes, sausage, orange juice, milk, coffee and tea.

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased in the church office during the week, at the Ticket Booth on Sunday mornings or at the door. 100% of the proceeds will go to our Velda Rose Food Bank and to the United Food Bank. So, grab your family and friends and come hungry!

SouperBowl of Caring

Sunday, February 5



Our youth will hold soup pots at church doors. They will join young people in churches across the country to collect money for those who are hungry and hurting.

In 2011, \$10 million was collected by SouperBowl of Caring participants for local charities. All of the money collected is donated to a local charity and our donations are going to the Kid's Café at the United Food Bank. Since the Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990, more than \$71 million has gone to help people in need.

Please support the youth of our church in this effort to "love our neighbors" by dropping your dollar in the soup pot on February 5.



OUR VOWS

" We will be loyal to Velda Rose United Methodist Church and uphold it by. . ."

Please Remember These People in Your Prayers

Agnes Alldredge
 Alice Annear
 Alice Atkinson
 Alvin Crandall
 Ann Greenberg
 Barry Jensen
 Betty Barger
 Betty Myers
 Budd Allen
 Charlotte Saum
 Dawn Norman
 Diane Fischer
 Dillon Owens
 Don Larson
 Donna Collins
 Doreen Ingham
 Dorothy Peterson
 Dorothy Troute
 Dorothy Wirtz
 Dottie Barnes
 Dylan Ellefson
 Edith Moyer
 Eileen Jackovich
 Elizabeth Genevese
 Elsie Thomas

Esther Powers
 Esther Sundberg
 Ethel Burlingham
 Fay Ganzerla
 Frances Eaton
 Geneva Richardson
 Gerry Primus
 Greg Stervinou
 Guyneth Gottschalk
 Hannah Turowski
 Harmony Williams
 Harold Swanke
 Helen Davies
 Helene Keller
 Jan Bennett
 Jane Black
 Jean Bennett
 Jean Vinson
 Jim Kirk
 John Quade
 John & Arlene Spykerman
 Joyce Bennett
 Judy Rhinehart
 Justin Collins

Kristen Walker
 LaDeen Shepherd
 Lenore Ravert
 Libby Lewis
 Linda Bates
 Lloyd Waltrip
 Lois Schoech
 Lorraine Coffey
 Louise Green
 Lowell Stock
 Lydia Kratzer
 Marian Pilkington
 Marion St. Peter
 Marise Sanborn
 Marjorie Corr
 Mark Florey
 Mary Donohoe
 Mary Ann Chelf
 Mary Hummer
 Mathew Hale
 Maxine Galland
 Melva Metzger
 Nadine Rothrock
 Nell Marsh

Parker Holm
 Paul & Pauline Warg
 Phyllis Snowden
 Randy & Joan Bailey
 Ray Kerr
 Reese Cole
 Richard Miller
 Rob Young
 Robert Willhoit
 Ron Freemole
 Ruth Bulfinch
 Ruth Eldred
 Sadie Wolfe
 Sarah Swaim
 Sheri Richardson
 Steve Wanner
 Suzi Reed
 Tom Partington
 Tommy Forsberg
 Virginia Frey
 Virginia Reedy
 Walter Pease
 William Brooks
OUR TROOPS



CALL: Marian Lorenz - 807-9739

Prayer Request Book

You will find the Prayer Request Books on the podium in the Narthex on Sunday mornings. The books are open to everyone who has a loved one or friend they would like to be remembered in prayer.

*Please keep in our prayers
 the people of
 First United Methodist
 Church, New Orleans.*



Hyacinth Kroepler - Memorial Non-Designated Fund
 Given by: Lloyd Kroepler

Robert Smerud - Memorial Non-Designated Fund
 Given by: Charles & Janet Hooper

Mary Zeller - Memorial Non-Designated Fund
 Given by: Elwin Zeller



We extend our Christian sympathy to all of the families of our members and friends listed below on their deaths.

Frank Ford - September 25
Muriel Price - November 26

**Church Office
 closed
 Friday, December 23
 Monday, December 26
 in observance of Christmas**



Our Sunday Morning Classes



Focus on Sundays: In addition to coming to worship God on Sunday mornings during one of our four worship services....why not also spend one more hour to gather with other friends of faith for learning and discussion, reading, discussing more about scripture and issues of faith in our daily lives!



J.O.Y. Class (Jesus, Others, Yourself)

Sundays, 9:00 am, Martin Hall

One of two opportunities on Sunday morning to engage in general bible study and reflection using the Cokesbury Adult Bible Study series. For more information, call **Ginny Vaughn** at 832-1795.

New Horizons

Sundays, 10:45 am, Martin Hall

They continue to use the book, "*Laugh Your Way to Grace*" by **Rev. Susan Sparks** for discussions. New class members are always welcome. For questions, call **Pat & Lee Nixon**, 985-0839.

Journey through the Bible

Sundays, 9:20 am, Rm 610

"More Bad Girls of the Bible" is the study. Join Mary Joseph as she leads this class.

Christian Forum

Sundays, 10:45 am, Room 305

See J.O.Y. Questions, call **Donna Jensen** at 984-0171.

The Middle

Sundays, 10:45 am, Library

Discussions reflecting on current events in our world in light of lessons and our understanding of faith, led by **Howard Orr**.

Christian Awareness

Sundays, 10:45 am, Room A

Rev. Ernie Bringas, who teaches Religious Studies at Glendale Community College, leads the class. They are studying a book by **Marcus J. Borg** called "*Speaking Christian: Why Christian Words Have Lost Their Meaning and Power—And How They Can Be Restored*". Class members are all over the theological spectrum. Bring an open mind and accepting attitude. Questions, call **Jan Stallard** at 830-9173.

Sr. High Atmosphere

Sundays, 10:45 am, Upstairs Moore Hall

For students in grades 10 - 12, take your understanding deeper and your faith higher. **Dave Monk** leads the class. We will be doing **100 Faces of Faith interviews** during this time as well.

Jr. High Atmosphere

Sundays, 10:45 am, Youth Center

For students in grades 7 - 9, come "grapple" with the challenges we face and see how God answers our questions like "now what?" **Deirdre Poyer** leads the class.

The Faith Forest

Sunday Mornings for Children PreK-6th Grade



During the month of January, the Children's Ministry will be learning about **Self-Control** — **choosing to do what you should do, not what you want to do.** We are so excited about this month in Proverbs with a different principle each week addressing real life situations where we need self-control. Isn't it great to know that God's given us everything we need to live a godly life and to grow in **wisdom?** We can't wait to hear what you think about **Self-control: Changing the way you play!**

Children begin in worship with their families at the 9:20 Worship Services until the Time with Children.

They then gather together for an opening celebration in the YOUTH CENTER with singing and praying and celebrating. From there, they will join their age group and travel to one of our ministry centers: Amazon Art, Rainforest Café, Canopy Computers, Swing Vine Science, Scavenger Service, Sky High Stories, Monsoon Movies or Green Tree Games. Each week they will visit a different location and learn God's truths in new ways!

And don't forget the Bible Bucks in the Reward Zone! Kids get a GodTime Card each week to let parents know what we've been learning that morning! Then, the next week, stop by the Reward Zone table on the patio and get a Bible Buck for knowing the monthly virtue and definition, Bible verse, Bottom Line, a GodTime Card signed by your parents, or bringing a friend! The Bible is FULL of treasures for us to bury in our hearts!

The Faith Canopy

Sunday Mornings for Children ages 2-3 in Room B

After the Children's Time in worship, children ages 2-3 have a very special time just for them. With singing and learning for some of the smallest of God's children, join Miss Teri for a wonderful time of learning about God's BIG, BIG love.

Children's Rainforest Rhythm

Sundays, 10:45, Room D for children age 3-6th Grade

If you love to sing and you love to dance, come join us as we begin to prepare for our next musical production. We'll be singing in worship and taking our musical on the road this year.

FX - Family Experience is FULL OF HONOR this month!



Join us **Sunday, January 29, 11:15 am in Moore Hall** for our – HONOR FX! This is a worship experience the whole family – parents and kids and all ages! The Youth LEAD the worship time the last Sunday of each month – and you can't even believe how much fun you will have! ALL are invited!

Our next FX will be Sunday, February 26.



- 01/01 Connie Zimmerman
Elisabeth Szabo
Millie Quade
Laura Kuegemann
Georgia Musselman
- 01/02 Edward Spiegeler
- 01/03 Phyllis Dunn
Ardis Long
Fern Killgrove
Joshua Richardson
Dick Melling
Lee Nixon
Bonnie Frandson
- 01/04 Dorothy French
Marian Bentz
Barbara Myers
Marge Isakson
- 01/05 Ronnie Nevarez
Judy Christgau
Dorothy Wirtz
- 01/06 Larry Hill
Bill Cook
Sharon Daigle
- 01/07 Phyllis McKee
Harold Swanke
John Preston
Maynar Christgau
Irene Niles
- 01/08 Bonnie Misch
Michelle Hoy
Bette Liljedahl
Joshua Ruppert
Leona Vander Vorste
- 01/09 Alyssa Villa
Katie Mulry
Omar Hager
- 01/10 Barb Smerud
- 01/11 Joleen Poe
Marilyn Schlieper
Howard Style
- 01/12 Ashleigh Orr
Bob Lane
Betty Hensler
Rita McDaniel
John Burley
Cliff Lowum

- 01/13 Pat Schmitt
Arlene Fick
Nadine Sutton
Walter Pease
Aaron Harris
- 01/14 Brian Hill
Gene Clabaugh
Paul Latu
- 01/15 Delores McLean
Sharon Erskine
Samantha Hertel
Bill Cropper
- 01/16 Joyce Damron
Suzi Reed
Carol Ball
- 01/17 Kerri Fletcher
Gayle Ottman
Diane Fischer
Bobby Canfield
Ronald French
- 01/18 Lois Rowe
Orville Landaal
- 01/19 Jesse Hupko
Jan Best
- 01/20 John Kleinbach
Laurel Lynch
- 01/21 Wes Roose
Rhonda Morgan
- 01/22 Hal Hartley
Courtney Davis
- 01/23 Virginia Neal
Joan Penton
- 01/24 Nancy Goudy
- 01/25 Seth Veik
Rollin Rice
- 01/26 Roblee Johnson
- 01/27 Emil Reider
Richard Miller
- 01/28 Jim Nissen
- 01/30 Deirdre Poyer
Barbara Walker
Shirley Coats
- 01/31 Kristina Misch
Shawn Nagel



Anniversaries to Celebrate



70 or More Years

01/18 John & Millie Quade (71)

60 or More Years

01/12 Fred & Phyllis Huskey (66)
01/26 William & Jean Corkill (60)
01/28 Roger & Lois Carson (62)

50 or More Years

01/07 Orville & Jessie Landaal (54)
01/10 Stan & Marge Ehlers (59)
01/13 Don & Dee Moffatt (56)
01/29 Richard & Virginia Williams (56)
01/30 Dick & Judy Melling (52)

Also Celebrating

01/02 Bill & Elizabeth McCarthy (7)
Dick & Linda Norgaard (20)
01/06 Floyd & Carolyn Parker
01/07 Bill & Delores Denny (23)
01/18 Howard & Shirley Nutter (49)
01/20 Donald & Barbara Runyon (7)
01/21 Paula & Seina Latu (25)
01/22 Eldon & Gladys Cooke (18)
01/25 Calvin & Janet Cassaday (48)
01/27 Keith & Nancy Goudy (34)

✠ Christian Symbols ✠

"Ecce Agnus Dei"

Latin for "Behold, the Lamb of God," this is the phrase John the Baptist used twice to point out Jesus to others (John 1:29, 36). It marks Jesus' Epiphany (manifestation, revelation) as the Anointed One (Christ, Messiah).



