



This Marriage Enrichment Seminar will be held Sundays at 1:00 p.m.  
in Fellowship Hall on the following Sundays:

- Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> - The Tale of Two Brains - Pt. 1
- Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> - The Tale of Two Brains - Pt. 2
- Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> - The #1 Key to Incredible Sex
- Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> - How to Stay Married and Not Kill Anyone

It will be loads of fun, child care will be provided,  
and this seminar is open to the public.

There is a sign up sheet in the back of the sanctuary  
for those interested in the seminar.

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## United Methodist Women Appreciation Dinner

after second service on Sunday, January 22nd.

We are inviting everyone to a dinner after church  
as a Thank You for the wonderful response  
to our Nov. 8th, 2011, Main Street Dinner & Market.

Please get your reservation in by Weds., Jan. 18th.

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NEW YEAR'S DAY REMINDER: There will be only one worship service on Sunday, Jan. 1st at 10:30 a.m.

## ***A Note from Pastor Dave...***

*To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings*

(1 Corinthians 9:20-23)

In 1 Corinthians 9, Paul discusses the rights of an Apostle and makes the point that he has given up many of those rights for the sake of the Gospel. Specifically, he gives them up in order to meet people where they are so that they, too, may experience the good news of Jesus Christ and be saved.

His point for the Corinthians, and his point for us, is that though they (and we) have the right to have expectations of our church and others, they (and we) need to be ready to sacrifice these rights as Paul has for the sake of the gospel. It requires sacrifice to “be all things to all people” as Paul maintains he has done.

One of the ways we will begin to become “all things to all people” is by providing distinctively different styles of worship for people to choose from. Beginning February 5, 2012, we will be making some subtle shifts in the format of our worship services. These shifts will be additive in nature, nothing will be taken away from the services.

The 8:00 AM service will move to 8:30 AM to make it more accessible to young families. The format of this service will help it become an outstanding traditional service in “high church” fashion. Elements of “call and response” will be increased, along with an emphasis on classical music, and old-time traditional hymns.

Sunday School will move to 9:30 AM, and the 10:30 AM service will remain at this existing time. The format of the 10:30 Service will help it become a lively blended worship service of both traditional and contemporary elements. “Call and response” will be minimized. Praise and worship music will be increased while maintaining some traditional hymnody and classical music.

These changes will help us appeal to a wider range of people and give people more options for worship according to their preferred style, but it will be important to remember that we make these changes for the “sake of the gospel”, not according to personal preferences. We simply want to meet more people where they are!

Peace...

*Pastor Dave*

## Youth Events

Sunday, January 8th **Youth Council** 11:45 a.m.  
Sunday, January 22nd **Movie** 5-6:30 p.m.

**LOOKING  
AHEAD**

Sunday, February 5th **Super Bowl Subs!**

## USHERS NEEDED!

Due to losses amongst our ushering staff, we have a real need for more ushers. Each team has usher duties only 3 months per year. This is an easy way to help your church and to meet people. No prior experience is necessary. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Dave Swihart at 472-4974 or call the church office.

**The new 2012 Altar Flower Calendar** is now available and is located in the main hallway on the bulletin board. The cost for flowers is \$17.00 and is payable during the month you sponsor.

*This is a wonderful way to honor or memorialize a loved one and help beautify the altar area each Sunday.*

**The 2012 Offering Envelopes** are available for pickup in the back of the sanctuary. There are both monthly and weekly envelopes. All of the boxes have names on them. If you did not receive a box of envelopes and you wish to have them, please contact the church office at 472-3323. *You may notice that your envelope number has now changed. So don't forget to discard your old & unused envelopes.*



## **Secret Prayer Partner Ministry**

It's time to begin our new prayer partner ministry! Be sure to pick up the name of your person you'll be praying for. If you desire to send cards be sure to **not** put your address on the envelope so it remains a secret! You can put the church address on if you'd like. Also, if you wish, you can give small gifts throughout the year by placing them in a marked container in the back of the sanctuary. The main idea of this ministry is to be in prayer daily for each other.

Enjoy this opportunity and watch as God is glorified in this new ministry.

Any questions, please see Dawn Scifres.

## ***PRAYER CONCERNS***

Sonja Myers	Christine Ebert	Glenn Hill	Margaret Burkhardt
Vicki Utterback	Ginny Kelley	Mardell Wayne	Judy Rice
Christy Conner	Aundrya Black	Edward Lautenschlager	Rex Lease
Dale Cook	Frances Lease	Betty Bankston	Kathryn Sholty
Joe Williams	Troy Norris	Bob Thompson	Helen Tucker
Pauline Thomas	Allie Clymer	Diana Krug	Jack Jumper
Marilyn Sutton	Jennie Stuber	Lance Yoder	Connie Mills
Brian DeWald	Brent Alwine	Darlene Crippen	Delene Ewing
Sarah Stevens	Floyd Fishburn	Meredith Zandi	Orval Garber
Ruth Yoder	Annabelle Butts	Jim Guthrie	Patty Westcott
Family of Ruth Hubbard			

## ***JOYS***

Answered prayers.

# MISSIONS NOTES

*Happy New Year to All from the Missions Outreach Committee!*

A huge thank you to all who helped and/or participated with Christmas on Main Street. There are far too many to list but each of you left a print on the hearts of many that day.

**Troop Support Card Ministry** - we exceeded our goal of 100 cards by 65. Destinations of the cards include: Afghanistan, Hawaii, Ft Benning Army Hospital, Captain's Command School at Ft Benning, and individual troops around the country for whom I received addresses. I received a thank you from a soldier at Ft. Benning for the cards he received through our son and asked me to especially thank the "Party in the back pew". That card especially caught his attention!

Missions Committee has some exciting news from our work in December. With the generous donations from the congregation, remaining funds in the Mission account allowed us to make additional separate donations of \$500.00 to Helping Hands, Salvation Army, and Birthright. This is money they were not expecting from this church and will certainly be used to provide a little extra to many in need at this time of year.

*Our Trunk or Treat and Christmas on Main Street events also resulted in some awesome outreach success* as we became aware of some families who needed a bit extra help to bring Christmas to their families. "The Church with the Warm Heart" provided gifts for each family member, food for several meals, including Christmas, and even some holiday fun with cookie mixes and games for the families to do together. In discussing what, if anything to do to help these families, several committee members spoke of how sending checks to the organizations is important but providing "things" for families to celebrate the birth of Christ brings a joy unlike any other.

*It is with great excitement that we announce the merger of Missions and Outreach committees.* Mission and Outreach work often are one-in-the-same so the merger was a logical move to enhance our already amazing mission programming and outreach efforts. The next few weeks will be crucial to our year-long planning so please submit any and all ideas you might have for this committee. Along with this planning will be a revised calendar for missions and outreach programs and events. We anticipate publishing this in the February newsletter. Watch for activities, events, and programs that are of interest - we will be needing many "hands" for all that is in the planning!!!

On a more personal note, I would like to thank the members of the 2011 Missions Committee:

**Ray and Mary Courtney, Jim and Margaret Kreag, Bill Vogus, Tami Holz,  
George and Sherry Gehring, Miles Straly, and Pastor Dave.**

The dedication and love these people share for mission work is truly a blessing. The impact they have made on this community for Main Street UMC is a testament to their love for God and His World as well as for this church.

MINISTRY OF THE MONTH - we will continue collecting warm outerwear for our youth, and food for area food pantries.

*Cindy Woloshuk, Chairperson*