

# The Messenger

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2011

## What will you take out of the box this Christmas?

Find something new in an old story..  
the one at the heart of the season.

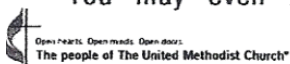
**You're invited** to a 4 week Advent  
sermon series beginning November 27<sup>th</sup>  
at Main Street United Methodist Church

**Worship Services:**  
8:00 & 10:30 AM  
**Study with Pastor Dave:**  
9:15 AM

**Join us at:**  
81 W. Main Street  
(765) 472-3323  
[www.perumainstreet.com](http://www.perumainstreet.com)



Take Christmas out of the box this year.  
You may even find yourself in the story.



RETHINKCHURCH

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### *2011 Main Street Chicken and Noodle Dinner and Market*

**Tuesday, November 8th  
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Adults: \$8.00 Children: \$4.00

Tickets for the dinner are available in the church office.

Meal: Homemade Chicken & Noodles, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans,  
Fruit Delight, Homemade Yeast Rolls, Dessert Cart and Drink

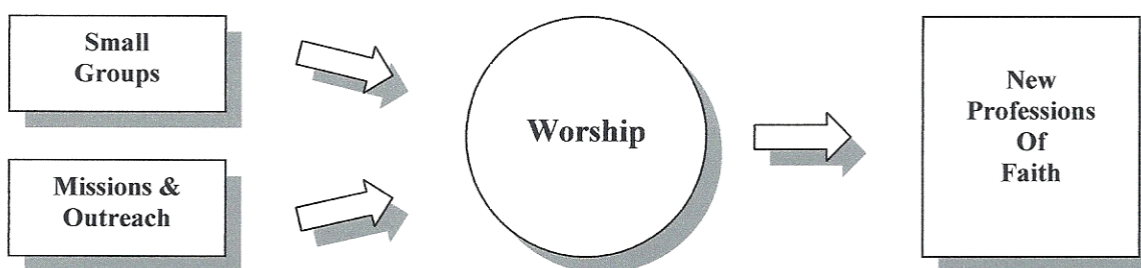
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## A Note from Pastor Dave...

*Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts. Worship the LORD in holy splendor; tremble before him, all the earth.*  
(Psalm 96:7-9 NRSV)

God constantly reminds me of how much I truly love what God calls me to do as a pastor. While presenting at our **Thursday Night Thrive** mid-week program, God reminded me how much I enjoy and need to work with people. I know about myself that I process thoughts and concepts verbally. Another way of describing this is that I like to think aloud, melding the ideas of others with my own to form new ideas through discussion.

This particular Thursday night we were discussing ideas for increasing small groups, when out of nowhere came the model below, depicting the relationships between the characteristics of vital congregations around which we have developed our goals as a church for the next 5 years.



This model is quite simple, and the concept almost goes without saying. Through small groups, missions, and outreach we nurture each other and connect with our community. Through worship, we witness to our faith in God the Father, and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I am convinced that all of this will quite naturally lead to new professions of faith, true kingdom growth, and growth within our church.

What this all might look like at Main Street Church is still unfolding, yet I pray you are beginning to ask yourself, **“What role might I play?”** There will be many opportunities, and participating in our Thursday night discussions would be a great place to start! Yet, just as worship is at the center of the above model of a vital congregation, our participation in weekly worship will always be central to our role as members of this congregation.

To that point, I invite you to make worship a priority each week. I invite you to *“Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength... Come into his courts... Worship the LORD in holy splendor”* as we join each Sunday in bearing witness to our faith.

Blessings and Joy,

*Pastor Dave*

*Thank You!*  
**THANK YOU!**

A very special thank you to all who offered prayers, those who sent cards and those who came to visit. Also to our Sunday School class who brought meals to us.

A special thanks to Pastor Dave for showing up at St. Vincent Hospital at 6:30 the morning of my surgery, to have prayer with me, and also for staying with Jack during the surgery. We do have a very caring Pastor.

Also, thank you to the Prayer Shawl Ministry for the beautiful Prayer Shawl that was given to me.

God bless you all,  
 Pat & Jack Young

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and flowers after the passing of my mother, Rosanna DeWald Purvis.

Thank you also to those who came to the viewing and funeral.

Everything was very much appreciated.  
 Don & Bev DeWald

**New Member Classes**

Classes begin on Sunday, October 30th, for 3 weeks during the Sunday school hour in the Pastor's Study. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary.

**HANGING OF THE GREENS**

on Sunday, November 20th.

A light lunch will be served by the worship committee following second service, and then we will decorate for Christmas!

**SPECTACULAR  
 SCRAPBOOKING  
 EXTRAVAGANZA**

**November 18th—19th at Main Street Church  
 6:00 p.m. Friday through 6:00 p.m. Saturday**

Cost is \$10.00 which includes dinner on Friday, breakfast on Saturday and a scrapbooking goodie bag.

Each person will have their own large table for scrapbooking.

Bring a sleeping bag if you want to spend the night or you can leave in the evening and return in the morning.

Only 20 spots are available so we can guarantee that everyone has their own table.

Make reservations by calling:

Melanie Giek 244-9595, Tresha Rice 460-5143  
 or Karen March 472-3323

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

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|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Sonja Myers              | Christine Ebert | Glenn Hill            | Ruth Hubbard       |
| Vicki Utterback          | Ginny Kelley    | Mardell Wayne         | Margaret Burkhardt |
| Christy Conner           | Aundrya Black   | Edward Lautenschlager | Judy Rice          |
| Dale Cook                | Frances Lease   | Betty Bankston        | Rex Lease          |
| Joe Williams             | Troy Norris     | Bob Thompson          | Kathryn Sholty     |
| Pauline Thomas           | Allie Clymer    | Pastor Steve Ailes    | Helen Tucker       |
| Marilyn Sutton           | Jennie Stuber   | Diana Krug            | Jack Jumper        |
| Maybell Wintrude         | K.C. Cutler     | J.D. Clark            | Connie Mills       |
| Amanda                   | Brent Alwine    | Lance Yoder           | Delene Ewing       |
| Justin Prior             | Floyd Fishburn  | Kim & Darlene Crippen | Ruth Yoder         |
| Pat Young                | Annabelle Butts | Meredith Zandi        | Kenny Hetzler      |
| Family of Rosanna Purvis |                 |                       |                    |

**JOYS**

Joe Pavlak

Answered prayers.

# MISSIONS NOTES

October was an amazing month for our Missions Committee with the many donations from all of you. But, as you know, there are still so many needs and so much to do! As I write this note, we are preparing for Trunk or Treat on October 31st. We have had tremendous support and many wonderful offerings and donations - - **thank you all so much.**

## November Mission of the Month (we actually have three this month):



### *Operation Christmas Child*

Due to the awesome support from this congregation, we have raised our goal from 100 to 150 shoeboxes! Saturday, November 5th, 4:00 p.m. is our "Packing Party". EVERYONE is invited to come and help pack the many donations we have received into shoe boxes and then stay for pizza and fellowship.

Donations are still welcome. Items can always be added or more boxes put together—even after our packing party—and can be dropped off at the Church Office anytime.

If you are not familiar with this mission project, please check out the information on the table in the sanctuary or contact one of the Missions members. We would love to get you involved!

Collection of the boxes will be during the week of November 14th. Dedication of the boxes will take place at second service on Sunday, November 20th.

*Troop Support* is ongoing and this month we will continue accepting signed greeting cards (with maybe a short note included) to send out to family and friends of our congregation who are serving our nation. Anyone who has been deployed or stationed thousands of miles from home and loved ones will tell you there is magic in the cards received from home - even from those they have never and probably will never meet.

### *Winter Outerwear for our Kids*

All sizes, new or gently used, are needed and will be appreciated. We are collecting hats, mittens, scarves, jackets/coats, snowpants and boots.

Christmas on Main Street is coming Sunday, December 4th. Please mark your calendars, invite your friends and neighbors, and check out the volunteer sheets that will be posted in the back of the sanctuary. We are planning a wonderful day of celebration for the community and hope to see many of the congregation taking part in the concert, helping with the Secret Santa Shop and supper served in the evening, or just simply sitting back and enjoying the music and fellowship.

### From the Endowment Committee

Requests for funds are due by November 15th.

Forms are available in the church office.

**LOOKING  
AHEAD**

### Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 11th at the 10:30 service

### Christmas Eve Services

December 24th at 7 p.m. and 11 p.m.

### **Attention All Men!**

If you're an early riser and available on a Saturday morning, Pastor Dave requests that available men meet with him in the pastor's study to pray for the ministries and concerns of Main Street Church on Saturday Mornings at 7 a.m. This is a come as you can type of meeting.

## YOUTH EVENTS

Sunday, November 6th	Youth Council 11:45 a.m.
Thursday, November 10th	TNT Dinner 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 13th	Pizza & movie night 5-6:30 p.m.
Sunday, November 27th	Lazer Tag - leave after 10:30 service
Sunday, December 11th	Shop for an Angel - leave after 10:30 service
Friday, December 30th	Lock-In



**Don't forget to turn in your frozen fruit & veggie order form by November 6th!**

Our Scrip gift card sale is an ongoing fundraiser with deadlines the 15th and 30th of every month. We are selling gift cards every Sunday after church and they are also available in the church office.

*We would like to thank our church family for their continued support of our youth group. We feel very blessed to be a part of this "family" and we want you to know that your support of our endeavors is greatly appreciated.*

UMYF

## Hello From Your Preschool



The Preschoolers have been learning about the wonders of fall during various field trips this school year. Students have learned about apples and what they can be made into, fire safety, pumpkins and fall leaves during four field trips.

The first field trip was to McClure's Orchard near the end of September, where the children were able to go outside and pick apples, sort apples, taste apples, learn the importance of bees, taste honey, have treats and visit the orchard's petting zoo.

Jerry McClure, the owner of McClure's Orchard, has a fantastic operation. Before they went to the farm, the students learned at school how to make homemade applesauce and more about apples. All of the field trips are lesson-connected.

As October is Fire Safety Month, the students visited the Mexico Volunteer Fire Department. They shot water out of the hoses, and the children were able to climb through the fire truck, meet Sparky the Fire Dog, watch a video on fire safety, and practice things such as home evacuation and how to stop, drop and roll.

The third field trip was to Campbell's Pumpkin Patch, where the groups went on hayrides, learned how pumpkins grow, had treats and were able to go through a corn maze.

All three trips were really things unique to fall. The final trip was to the local neighborhood, where Connie and I took the students for a walk to see the change in the leaves and collect them for a fall project. As the day we went on the trip was very windy, the leaves were blowing around so we let the children play in them.

This is one time of the year the children really enjoy. We try to do as many outside activities as possible. These are not only fun times, but learning experiences as well. I like to tell the children that it's a time to get ready to face winter, and winter is a time when the earth sleeps. This is God's last burst of really beautiful color before that time, and we want to enjoy it.

The Preschoolers hope you enjoy the fall as much as we are.

Leslie



# Just for **KIDS**

## *A harvest of...*

Autumn brings many visible changes. God makes lots of foods and grains ready for harvest. He also tells us that if we sow in peace, we, too, can raise a harvest.

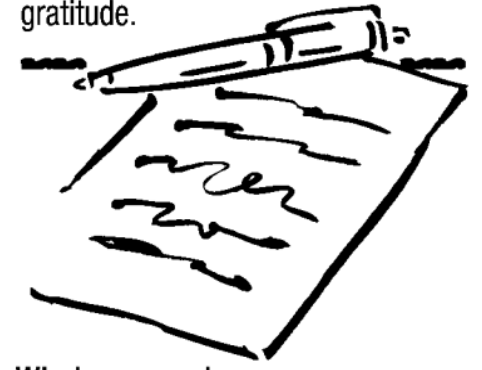
Find and circle the bold (dark) words from James 3:17-18, NIV.

"But the **WISDOM** that comes from **HEAVEN** is first of all **PURE**; then **PEACELOVING**, **CONSIDERATE**, **SUBMISSIVE**, full of **MERCY** and **GOOD FRUIT**, **IMPARTIAL** and **SINCERE**. **PEACEMAKERS** who **SOW** in **PEACE** raise a **HARVEST** of **RIGHTEOUSNESS**."

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## Attitude of GRATITUDE

The Thanksgiving holiday reminds us that we should always be grateful for the many blessings God provides. Keep a special gratitude journal, and write in it often to keep an attitude of gratitude.



### What you need:

- Paper (8 1/2" x 11" sheets, plain or lined)
- Stapler
- Stickers
- Crayons or markers

### What you do:

1. Fold several sheets of paper in half.
2. Staple the pages together on the folded crease.
3. Write "Attitude of Gratitude" on the cover.
4. Decorate your journal with stickers and drawings.
5. On the inside cover, write "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:18, NIV).
6. Use your journal daily as a reminder of your blessings and as a guide for when you say prayers.