

January

2012

“Emmanuel: God With Us”



“All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the prophet: ‘Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,’ which means, ‘God with us.’”

When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took Mary as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.”

I want to wish each of you a merry and meaningful Christmas; and I want to express my gratitude for being able to serve in ministry with you.

We celebrate the fact that in the birth of Jesus, God has come and is indeed with us. During Jesus’ ministry, saints and sinners discovered a compassion and love in God they could never have imagined. Simple folk found access to God that had always been obscured from them. But “God with us” did not end with the earthly death of Jesus. In fact, the adult Jesus who promised that He would be with us always! In Jesus, we have been reconciled to God and given new life.

I am grateful for the ways in which you have helped to embody Christ’s presence for me; in your prayerful struggles with the unfairness of life, in your commitment to Christ and his gospel, in your compassion toward one another as well as strangers in times of need, in your faithful stewardship of time and resources. Thank you for helping me to sense God’s presence as we work together in partnership with Christ, and with one another.

– Pastor Dave

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GLENDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Mustard Seed - January 2012

Celebrate the New Year with Your Family

By MaryJane Pierce Norton, GBOD (General Board of Discipleship)

More often than not, New Year celebrations are geared toward adults and focus more on the party than on the milestone of a New Year. You can celebrate the New Year in your home either on New Year's Eve, on New Year's Day, or during the first week of January. Here are some suggestions:

- ◆ Sort through toys and clothes. Set aside those items that are in good shape to give to a shelter, a homeless center, or a church.
- ◆ Make New Year's resolutions. Although we often laugh at these and fail to keep them, the beginning of a New Year is a good time to ask the following question, "What do I want to accomplish in this New Year?" Ask each person to come up with three things he or she hopes to do in the New Year. Focus on a new skill to learn, a good habit to start, or a bad habit to stop. Write these down. On the family calendar, circle a date four to six weeks from when you write these to look at the resolutions again and find out how each person is doing with his or her resolutions.
- ◆ Decide together on family activities for 2012. Ask each family member to contribute ideas to the following topics:

Places we would like to eat in 2012.

Places we would like to visit in 2012.

Fun activities we would like to do as a family in 2012.

Ways we would like to worship together in 2012



- ◆ Celebrate the New Year with traditional food. In many areas of the U.S, greens or blackeyed peas are served. Other areas have different traditions. If there is no tradition for your family, decide together on a good New Year's food that you would like to enjoy together at the beginning of this year.
- ◆ Participate together in a time of devotions as a family. If you have a hymnal in your home, check to see if there is a service for the New Year. Or use the following for a time of devotions.

Sit together around a table. In front of each person, place a small votive candle. Light each candle, saying to one another, "Thank you God for another year of life and love in our family."

Sing together a hymn of your choice or one of the following: "Hymn of Promise"; "O God, our help in ages past"; "Joy to the World"; "Sanctuary."

Prepare for prayer by asking each person in the family to list one thing he or she hopes for in the New Year. After each person says what he or she hopes for, respond together: "O God, we give you thanks."

End by praying the Lord's Prayer together.



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Looking to the Future . . .

I am truly excited about the opportunity that God is giving Glendale UMC this year. Due to the mixed blessing of the closure and sale of the Calvary church, and to the generosity of the Annual Conference in waiving their share of the proceeds from that sale, we will be able to pay off our mortgage this coming year. When that day comes next fall, we will have the opportunity and potential to fulfill some of the things we have only been able to dream about for years. I am excited about working with you to prepare for that time, so we can responsibly and faithfully seize the opportunity to reach new people and grow spiritually as well as numerically.

We have a facility that offers abundant and wonderful space for worship, study, programing and fellowship. We have a congregation that has been enriched and enhanced through the merger of the former Calvary and Glendale congregations, and now serves a broader geographic area. We have gifted and committed leaders for ministry. We have a vision of serving more families and youth in our area with a vital ministry that helps them grow spiritually and cultivates Christian values of reverence, compassion and service. And soon, we will have the opportunity to fulfill some of the dreams we have nurtured for years.

The time is drawing near when we can re-invest in the kinds of programs and staff we need to grow. The time is drawing near when we can make some of the improvements to the sound and projection and lighting in the sanctuary we have talked about. The time is drawing near when we can create a building fund that will allow us to maintain and improve our facilities for years to come. We won't be able to do it all at once, but if we are good stewards and careful in planning and preparing, we can begin to fulfill some of those long held dreams.

We have created a task force and secured the help of Rev. Dan Johnson, director of Congregational Development for our Annual Conference. Using demographic studies, study, surveys and conversations, this task force is researching and assessing 20 key areas impacting our congregation and community. Those 20 areas are:

Previous strategic plan	Vision	Core values	Threats
Community needs and wants	Member's needs and wants	Mission	Finances
Staff needs and wants	Church "competition"	Religious "market"	
Technology	Internal conditions	External conditions	
Strengths	Weaknesses	Opportunities	
Operating processes	Programs	Organizational structure	

On February 5th they will be presenting their findings to you as a congregation and soliciting your reactions and input. They will then take all your responses and come up with three to five strategic initiatives for our congregation to work on that will help us grow. Those initiatives will be presented to the Ad Council and the congregation, and then strategic plans will be developed for them.

The members of the task force were selected to represent a wide cross section of our congregation. Some are formerly from Calvary and some are Glendale youth, young adults, young families, middle and older adults, some new members and some charter members. All are active in the life of our congregation. The members are:

Kyle Friesen	Paula Gaboury	Ross Graba	Diane Kammer
Jeff Randol	Jessica Randol	Bob Scarborough	Rhonda Seefeld
Mike Shultz	Fred Steffen	Autumn Wetzel	Cindy Whitaker
Pastor Dave Taylor	Rev. Dan Johnson		

Please pray for our congregation, that it may be led by the Spirit of Christ as we go through this process and move into the future. Pray for the task force as they work hard on your behalf.

- Pastor Dave

Giving Thanks

United Methodist Women Christmas Bake Sale Thanks

Thanks to all who donated the awesome assortment of cookies, candy and baked goods and to those who supported missions through their purchases.



A total of \$644.25 was raised, which UMW chose to donate to Imagine No Malaria

SUPPORTING FAIR TRADE THROUGH UMCOR

Glendale UMC purchased \$1359 of coffee, tea, and chocolate during 2011. In addition to paying for the serving of fair trade coffee during fellowship hour, these purchases supported UMCOR projects around the world. Small farm cooperatives were able to receive fair wages to support their families. Children were not exploited in the production of cocoa beans.

Thank you for your continued support in this mission outreach.



NEW CAMP FUNDRAISER:

Did you notice the new collection box in the narthex? That's our **Walking By Faith Kids** getting excited for Summer Camp!

You can help by visiting your local KWIK TRIP convenience store:

- ⇒ Save the cap or bag from Kwik Trip or Kwik Star's Nature's Touch™ and Kwik Quencher® products (earns 5¢ each)
- ⇒ Save the price oval on Glazers Dozen or Half-Dozen price oval (earns 10¢ each)

Red Cross Blood Drive January 26, 2-7pm

Volunteer to be a Host
Sign-Up Sheet is located on the Missions bulletin board in the narthex



The need is constant.
The gratification is instant.
Give Blood.



to Janice and Bob Black, who kindly donated a Pack-N-Play and an educational toddler toy for Glendale's Nursery! These items will help us in our Children's Ministry and are greatly appreciated.

- Glendale's Worship Team



Remember Our Community Food Shelves

Suggested nonperishable donations:

soups, boxed meals, beans, fruit, cereal, canned meat, rice, pasta, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter, toothpaste, shampoo, toilet paper, diapers, laundry detergent.

Thank you for your generosity!

Small Groups / Fellowship

Thanks to children, youth, parents, SS teachers, choirs, and musicians for your participation and support in our Christmas program

One Starry Night

Special Thanks to **JoAnne Hillyer-Tutch** for sharing her gifts and talents and leadership to produce a wonderful program



Ladies Tea
January 21
at 10 AM

Join us for this special annual event!

Hosted by the Fellowship Committee
contact Beth Asfeld or Gail Pollard
for more information

Small Group Opportunities



Adult group opportunities are open to all. Please join in whenever you are available.

QUILTERS every other Monday, 7-9pm at Paula Gaboury's home (952-220-2946). Devotions, followed by work on individual or service projects. This is an open group—all are invited to attend whenever you are able.
Next meetings: January 2, 16, 30

MEN'S GROUP Tuesdays, 6-7 AM Join us for a time of devotion, prayer, sharing and reflection. A great way to start your day and center your week. Come every week or drop in when you can.
Contact: Bob Black (952-440-9434)

BOOK CLUB meets monthly to discuss the book of the month (see website for list). All are welcome to join in when you can.

The Glendale Book Club will be discussing the book **CUTTING FOR STONE**, by Abraham Verghese. "I will not cut for stone," runs the text of the Hippocratic oath, "even for patients in whom the disease is manifest; I will leave this operation to be performed by practitioners, specialists in this art." Join in a discussion of this engaging book about the relationship between twin brothers and their father.

Time: Tuesday January 17, 7-9 PM
Place: Home of Marsha Hill 952-237-2328
To carpool: Call Barbara Taylor at 952-226-4109

WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP

Wednesdays, 9:00 am, meetings are held at church in the Fellowship Hall. We begin a new study on Jan 4 **HAITI: CHALLENGES AND HOPES**; utilizing both the book and video
Contact: Arlys Meeker (952-447-3336)

CRAFT CIRCLE

Wednesdays from 1-4pm at the home of Sally Rutherford (952-447-5962). Bring your own items to work on or help with ongoing projects.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - ADULT CLASSES

Two classes are offered each Sunday at 10:20 am

1. Bible Study on the book of Acts
2. Applying Our Faith class
Series: "Four Gospels, One Story"

January Schedule

Committee Meeting Dates:

Nominations Committee: Tues, Jan 3 & Thurs, Jan 12, at 7:00pm (Library)
 Education Committee: Thursday, Jan 5, at 7:00pm (Library)
 Missions Committee: Saturday, Jan, at 8:30am (Library)
 Administrative Council: Tuesday, Jan 10, at 7:00pm (Library)
 Futuring Task Force: Thursday, Jan 26, at 7:00pm (Library)

Worship Assistant Schedule

If you are unable to be in church, please find a replacement prior to Sunday

	<u>Greeters</u>	<u>Nursery</u> (during worship)
Jan 1:	Curt & Denise Kahleck	Ann Scarborough/Barbara Taylor
Jan 8:	Brian & Mary Davis	-----
Jan 15:	Doug & Sue Lenz	-----
Jan 22:	Tom & Bev Parent	-----
Jan 29:	-----	-----
	<u>Audio/Visual</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Jan 1:	Bob Scarborough	Natalie Olive/Marsha Hill
Jan 8:	-----	Jeff & Mary Randol
Jan 15:	-----	Elwood & Virginia Ramsey
Jan 22:	-----	-----
Jan 29:	-----	Tom & Bev Parent
	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Children's Message</u>
Jan 1:	Jeff Randol	Judi Carlson
Jan 8:	Steve Sefkow	Lynn Van Osdale
Jan 15:	Paula Gaboury	Cindy Whitaker
Jan 22:	Diane Kammer	-----
Jan 29:	-----	
	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Altar Flowers</u>
Jan 1:	Emily Graba/Bailey Skarbalus	
Jan 8:	Hunter & Connor Friesen	
Jan 15:	Hunter Friesen/Carlos Marquez-Lopez	
Jan 22:	Natalie Rodriguez/Connor Friesen	
Jan 29:	Emily Graba/Bailey Skarbalus	
	<u>Fellowship Hosts</u>	<u>Offering Counters</u>
Jan 1:	-----	Brian Davis/Paul Libra
Jan 8:	-----	Ron Hill/John Skarbalus
Jan 15:	-----	Karl Brown/Karle Nolte
Jan 22:	-----	Rhonda Seefeld/Kay Dunning
Jan 29:	-----	Kay Dunning

Due Dates For Newsletter Items:

HAPPENINGS each week on **Wednesday**

MUSTARD SEED on the **3rd Wednesday** ***FEBRUARY** items are due January 18*

January Birthdays



- 4 - Paul Dack
- 6 - Lisa Friesen
- 6 - Doug Lenz
- 7 - Ginny McEathron
- 10 - Austin Rocheleau
- 12 - Kathy Ites
- 15 - Amanda Dack
- 15 - Garrett Dack
- 17 - Dennis Pollard
- 17 - Richard Urena
- 18 - Paul Libra
- 18 - Sabrina Rocheleau Jaspers
- 20 - Ben Cincotta
- 21 - Aimee Whitaker
- 24 - Tracy Crowder
- 26 - June Patterson
- 27 - Amber Wetzel
- 27 - Autumn Wetzel
- 30 - Michael Otten

January Anniversaries



- 31 - Dave & Nona Bosshart

Glendale UMC Office Hours:
952-894-5394 Mon - Fri 8:30am - 12:30pm

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
K—Kitchen F—Fellowship Hall S—Sanctuary	L—Library Y—Youth Room D—Downstairs	<i>please check with the church office prior to scheduling activities</i>					
1 <i>Happy New Year!</i> 6:00a Hispanic Church-L 9:00a Worship & Communion 10:00a Fellowship No Sunday School 5:00p Hispanic Church-S	2 7:00p Quilters (Gaboury's)	3 6:00a Men's Grp-L 7:00p Nomination Committee-L	4 9:00a Women's Grp-F 1:00p Craft Circle (Rutherford's) 6:20p Choir - S 7:00p WBF - L 7:30p Praise Team -S	5 7:00p Dixieland-S 7:00p Education Committee-L	6 6:00p Hispanic Church-L	7 8:30a Missions-L 10a-3p Russian Ed (downstairs & library)	
8 6:00a Hispanic Church-L 9:00a Worship 10:00a Fellowship 10:20a Sunday School 11:30a AfterShock-Y 5:00p Hispanic Church-S	9	10 6:00a Men's Grp-L 7:00p Admin Council-L	11 9:00a Women's Grp-F 1:00p Craft Circle (Rutherford's) 6:20p Choir - S 7:00p WBF - L 7:30p Praise Team -S	12 6:30p GS #13676-D 7:00p Nomination Committee-L	13 6:00p Hispanic Church -L	14 10a-3p Russian Ed (downstairs & library) 1:30p Gaboury Shower-L 4-10p Russian Ed Event-K/F	
15 6:00a Hispanic Church-L 9:00a Worship 10:00a Fellowship 10:20a Sunday School 5:00p Hispanic Church-S	16 7:00p Quilters (Gaboury's)	17 6:00a Men's Grp-L 6:30p GS#16001-D 6:30p GS#13060-D 7:00p Book Club (at Marsha Hill's)	18 Mustard Seed items due 9:00a Women's Grp-F 1:00p Craft Circle (Rutherford's) 6:20p Choir - S 7:00p WBF - L 7:30p Praise Team -S	19	20 6:00p Hispanic Church -L	21 10a-3p Russian Ed (downstairs & library) 10:00a Lady's Tea -K/F	
22 6:00a Hispanic Church-L 9:00a Worship 10:00a Fellowship 10:20a Sunday School 5:00p Hispanic Church-S	23	24 6:00a Men's Grp-L	25 9:00a Women's Grp-F 1:00p Craft Circle (Rutherford's) 6:20p Choir - S 7:00p WBF - L 7:30p Praise Team -S	26 2p-7p RC Blood Drive-F 6:30p GS #13676-D 7:00p Futuring Task Force-L	27 6:00p Hispanic Church -L	28 10a-3p Russian Ed (downstairs & library)	
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LENDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Sunday Worship: 9:00 am
followed by Fellowship & Refreshments
Sunday School (all ages): 10:20 am

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Website: www.glendalechurchumc.org**

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wish to be on the mailing list*

Glendale United Methodist Church ... we have a place for you



Our mission:

to help those seeking a
balanced and sustainable life
by exploring life's questions,
offering community support
and sharing our belief in a
God who loves you
no matter what.