



# Circuit Writer

May the Grace and Peace of a Risen Savior be upon you and bless you!

February is upon us! Throughout January, we spoke of change, of growth, of new ministries and of continuing ministries. We are about to launch our financial campaign and we will be sharing news concerning our financial future as well as our opportunities for new ministries. It is an exciting time to be in ministry in Whiteland!

The psalmist writes in psalm 40:3, "...put a new song in our mouth, a song of praise to our God." It is time for that new song to be sung to our God. How are we going to begin singing a new song? The psalmist again helps us to hear God, "I waited patiently for the Lord, he inclined me and heard my cry." We have been crying out to God recently for direction, for hope, for patience and for the will to follow through on our desires to serve God. Perhaps, we need to follow the psalmist advice found in 40:4, "Happy are those who make the Lord their trust." Being happy in the Lord also means being full of joy, as in laughter. Perhaps we need to take time during the intensive prayer and planning sessions to laugh.

As we have been praying about what God is calling us to do here in Whiteland, we cannot overlook that prayer is not always about seriousness. It is also full of joy! From time to time, I hear the laughter. It is a true blessing to hear the laughter in meetings, in Sunday School, in the Fellowship Halls and in the Sanctuary! Laughter is important to our faith. It keeps us real. We are a people who do not make others religious but disciples of Jesus

Christ. When work toward that ends, we find that a great joy is shared! By keeping our focus on the mission that we are called to, we can focus our energies into sharing the love and grace of God in Jesus Christ.

We can do this with great joy and a heart full of love. As I wrote last month, John Wesley reminds us again that "Faith in Christ is not barely a speculative rational thing, a cold lifeless assent, train of ideas in the head; but a disposition of the heart." We are about transforming hearts.

One of the ways we are going to transform hearts will be through our encounters with Christ and each other in small groups. As James Harnish wrote of his experience of small groups with his church, "We believe that transformation happens in community with other Christian disciples...Our goal is to develop Christian community in small groups...we are...becoming a church of small groups...rather than a church with small groups as one component of its life." Small groups are just one of the ways we are going to reach out in Christian love this year and make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We will do this with the Spirit's guidance and as the love and compassion of God flows in our lives we will all reach out in love to others. As the psalmist writes, "You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds...none can compare with you...Here I am...I delight to do your will." (Psalm 40:5-7)

Peace,

*Pastor Ed*

**FEBRUARY EVENTS**

- 2nd 5pm Free Community Meal @ UTS  
5:30pm Tutoring @ UTS  
6:30pm Girl Scouts (FH)
- 4th 6:30pm Youth Rock the Café  
4pm Chili Supper
- 6th 6:30pm Cub Scouts Pack 615
- 7th 6:30pm Daisy (C)  
7pm Boy Scouts (FH)  
7pm WUMC Staff Parish Meeting
- 9th 5pm Free Community Meal @ UTS  
5:30pm Tutoring @ UTS  
6:30pm Girl Scouts (FH)  
7pm Prayer Shawls (S)
- 11th 8:30am Scrapbooking  
6pm Love at the Café
- 13th 6:30pm Cub Scouts Pack 615  
7pm Finance (A)
- 14th Happy Valentine's Day!  
6:30pm Daisy (C)  
7pm Boy Scouts (FH)
- 15th 6:30pm UMW Executive Meeting (FH)
- 16th 5pm Free Community Meal @ UTS  
5:30pm Tutoring @ UTS  
6:30pm Girl Scouts (FH)
- 18th 5pm Church Becoming
- 19th 4pm Emmaus Reunion Group
- 20th Presidents Day  
6:30pm Cub Scouts Pack 615  
7pm Trustees (A)
- 21st 6:30pm Daisy (C)  
6:30pm Clover 4H  
7pm Boy Scouts (FH)
- 23rd 5pm Free Community Meal @ UTS  
5:30pm Tutoring @ UTS  
6:30pm Girl Scouts (FH)
- 27th 6:30pm Cub Scouts Pack 615
- 28th 6:30pm Daisy (C)  
7pm Boy Scouts (FH)
- 29th Administrative Council

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & CELEBRATIONS**

- 3rd Don & Betty Stillabower Anniversary  
Maxine Benford
- 6th Darren Camden
- 7th Sarah Fisher  
Jean Corbin
- 8th Betty Davenport
- 9th Susan Tirsway  
Denise Higgins
- 10th Tommy & Jenny Park Anniversary
- 11th Donna Reed
- 14th Steve Sowder
- 16th Marian Wiseman
- 17th Sara Tirsway  
Don Stillabower  
Glenn Shultz
- 18th Yvonne Martin
- 19th Jeremy Haveman
- 20th Angel White
- 23rd Joan Woodhull  
Max Tichenor
- 26th Arnold Hussung
- 28th Alexander Schreiner

**WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

- 9am Adult Sunday School (FH)  
Youth & children (upstairs)
- 10am Worship
- 11am Children Sunday School
- 11:15am Worship at UTS
- 5pm Senior High Youth
- 5:15pm UTS Praise Team (UTS)
- 6:30pm Adult Choir Practice

## UMW News

Will we have bad weather on February 1st? When the meetings were set up for 2012 last fall, a decision was made not to have a meeting for the ladies in February. The weather has proved to be hazardous in the past.

So, let me now tell you about our March meeting. Our Lenten Brunch is scheduled for Saturday, March 24th at 9:30am. Joyce Elliot will be playing her harp and giving a talk concerning her music ministry. I hope you can attend! I know I'm looking forward to it.

Attention UMW Officers: An executive meeting will be on Wednesday, February 15th at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Your attendance will be much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Vicki



## Mission Committee Notes

This month I would like to let you know about a recent distribution of \$100 from the emergency portion of you Faith Promise giving.

Several churches in the San Diego area will be sending a Mission Team led by Jennifer Demaree, daughter-in-law of Kenny and Barbara Demaree, to Gulf Port, Mississippi for continued rehabilitation in an area affected by Hurricane Katrina. Yes, there is still work to be done.

Using UMCOR funds and money raised by various means this will be their 6th trip. We send with them our prayers for their work and those they will be helping. It's nice to know we could help.

As always feel free to call with questions or suggestions.

### Violet Money

(317-535-4715)

I will be gone until March 1st. If anyone needs me or wants to talk to me, my cell phone number is 317-250-0581.

Thank you,

**L o u i s e     B r i n k m a n**  
Parish Nurse

**The office has a new e-mail address!**

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## Guardian Angel Daycare Ministry

February may be the shortest month of the year, but it will be a busy one!

This month the children will be learning the letters K, L, and M. "Love" will be a very central theme for us this month as we begin to discuss the community of love that surrounds each and everyone of us. We will talk about the love that we share with our family, friends and Jesus.

We will also be exercising our hearts and learning proper hygiene in observance of American Heart and Dental Health month.

### Looking Ahead:

- Searching for NEW volunteers to help day-care children during lunch time (11am-1pm). Contact Mrs. Wuest or Pastor Ed.
- Congregation/Daycare Valentine exchange
- Valentine's Day Party Feb. 14th
- All the teachers will be attending a CPR/First Aid class Feb. 18th
- PJ Day March 6th & 7th: This will be the kick off to our NEW Community Readers Program and Sunny Friends Society. Contact Mrs. Wuest or Pastor Ed.



### New Faces:

We are welcoming a new teacher to our ministry. Mrs. Mary Holehan. She is a mother of three children all of which have attended preschool at Guardian Angel Preschool over the past 5 years. Mrs. Holehan is replacing our wonderful Mrs. Jenkins who taught for over a year and has decided to venture down a new path, as a stay-at-home mother. We pray that God will look after both of them as they begin new chapters of their lives.

We also just got paired with two new sponsor children through Haiti Outreach Ministries. Their names are Lehila and Jodel. We ask that you them and our current sponsored child, Noe, in your prayers, so that they may gain the support, love and education they so dearly deserve.

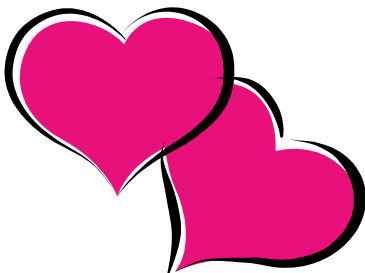
### Guardian Angel Preschool News

The food drive for the Johnson County Food Pantry is the week of February 6th-9th. Boxes of macaroni and cheese would be greatly appreciated and any other non-perishable food items.

Our Valentine exchange and party will be on Tuesday, February 14th.

The preschool will observe Presidents Day, February 20th.

On February 22nd, 23rd our show-n-tell is 'what I want to be when I grow up'. Bring something, or wear something, to show.





I am sure you are all aware of the Scout troupes that meet at our church. The Girl Scouts have been here for quite some time and the Boy Scouts have been here for about 3 years. And recently the Cub Scouts have started meeting here.

The Cub pack is still settling in and could use a little help getting started. So on February 4th we will have a Chili Supper in fellowship hall to help the pack out. All items for the supper will be provided (chili, bowls, crackers, etc.) as well as cookies. The Cub Scouts will help with serving, publicity and clean up.

If anyone would like to help with baking cookies or donating money for supplies, it would be much appreciated. You can contact me, Merrill Eddy, or Kenny Demaree.

This will be the first fundraiser for the scouts that call Whiteland United Methodist Church 'home'. The Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts will have events later this year, so keep an eye out for those.

We have not supported these kids very well in the past as a church and I hope we can change that. If you have any questions, you can contact me or Kenny. Thank you for your help.

**Merrill Eddy**

**Love at the Café  
Saturday February 11th at 6pm**

Free community meal for friends, families and sweethearts. An evening of pop classic and family sing-a-long love songs with the Under the Sun Band.

**Lasagna, tossed salad, garlic bread and cheesecake**

Donations welcome. Your contributions support weekly community meals and other café events. Reservations suggested, but not required.



**Youth Rock the Café!**  
Saturday February 4th at 6:30pm  
Food service starts at 6pm

Featuring:  
**Emergency Dental Surgery  
Crash 21  
Silver From The Flames**

Menu:  
walking tacos, chips, candy bars, cookies, brownies and ice cream

Admission: Nonperishable food item for the Interchurch Food Pantry to support the Souper Bowl of Caring.

## “Precious Junk”

Kenny Demaree was cleaning out some boxes of junk the other day and he ran across a list of things that our church was involved with in the year 2003. You wouldn't believe the number of things we were doing then. 250!!! See! I told you that you wouldn't believe me. Active churches keep busy doing what is necessary in the internal function of the church: ushers, acolytes, music, greeters, liturgists, etc. On the outside are volunteers maintaining the properties. I eaves-dropped on a couple of trustees discussing the repair to one church property. (and they actually acted like they enjoyed their volunteer jobs.) Think of the money they save our church each year.

Our church reaches out to countries offering food, clothing and shelter to those who are much less fortunate than we are. Remember Red Bird Mission, African Dorm Dimes, Operation Classroom? In all of these, we were among the volunteers. Let's not forget Lebanon Children's Home, Lucille Raines Home in Indianapolis, Fletcher Place, Moneto Camp.

We rang the Christmas bells for the Salvation Army and the Toys For Tots for the same organization, we worked in the Food Pantry, and volunteered for Church Women United, We walked in the Crop Walk and furnished clothes and school supplies for local schools and some volunteers helped school children to learn to read.

We still have an active “Prayer Chain” but I miss the ritual “Cookie Patrol” that welcomed new attendees after they visited us for the first time. Thanks, Kenny, for sharing what we were doing when we were much more active than we are today. Some times we get in a hurry to get rid of the past. Then we feel that warm comfortable feeling you get when you volunteer to help your fellow men. Jesus didn't hire His disciples. He invited them to follow Him. They volunteered.

Keith



**2012 Daily Bible Reading Plan:**

*In response to a question concerning a daily bible reading plans, please find below one type of bible reading plan. If you do not currently read your bible and would like help in doing so, please feel free to follow this one. Each month a new set of scriptures will appear in the newsletter. There are many such plans available on-line and in print, I would encourage you to find one that fits you. Peace, Pastor Ed.*

Feb 1	Gen 22:1-18	Heb 11:23-31	John 6:52-59
Feb 2	Gen 23:1-20	Heb 11:32-12:2	John 6:60-71
Feb 3	Gen 24:1-27	Heb 12:3-11	John 7:1-13
Feb 4	Gen 24:28-38, 49-51	Heb 12:12-29	John 7:14-36
Feb 5	Gen 24:50-67	2 Tim 2:14-21	Mark 10:13-22
Feb 6	Gen 25:19-34	Heb 13:1-16	John 7:37-52
Feb 7	Gen 26:1-6, 12-33	Heb 13:17-25	John 7:53-8:11
Feb 8	Gen 27:1-29	Rom 12:1-8	John 8:12-20
Feb 9	Gen 27:30-45	Rom 12:9-21	John 8:21-32
Feb 10	Gen 27:46-28:4, 10-22	Rom 13:1-14	John 8:33-47
Feb 11	Gen 29:1-20	Rom 14:1-23	John 8:47-59
Feb 12	Gen 29:20-35	1 Tim 3:14-4:10	Mark 10:23-31
Feb 13	Gen 30:1-24	1 John 1:1-10	John 9:1-17
Feb 14	Gen 31:1-24	1 John 2:1-11	John 9:18-41
Feb 15	Gen 31:15-50	1 John 2:12-17	John 10:1-18
Feb 16	Gen 32:3-21	1 John 2:18-29	John 10:19-30
Feb 17	Gen 32:22-33:17	1 John 3:1-10	John 10:31-42
Feb 18	Gen 35:1-20	1 John 3:11-18	John 11:1-16
Feb 19	Prov 26:1-23	2 Cor 3:7-18	Luke 9:18-27
Feb 20	Prov 27:1-6, 10-12	Phil 2:1-13	John 18:15-18, 25-27
Feb 21	Prov 30:1-4, 24-33	Phil 3:1-11	John 18:28-38
Feb 22	Amos 5:6-15	Heb 12:1-14	Luke 18:9-14
Feb 23	Hab 3:1-18	Phil 3:12-21	John 17:1-8
Feb 24	Eze 18:1-4, 25-32	Phil 4:1-9	John 17:9-19
Feb 25	Eze 39:21-29	Phil 4:10-20	John 17:20-26
Feb 26	Dan 9:3-10	Heb 2:10-18	John 12:44-50
Feb 27	Gen 37:1-11	1 Cor 1:1-19	Mark 1:1-13
Feb 28	Gen 37:12-24	1 Cor 1:20-31	Mark 1:14-28

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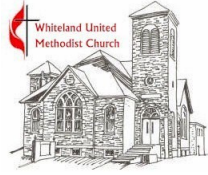
**Chili Supper to support Cub Scout Pack 615 is on Sunday February 4th at 4pm here at WUMC!**

Hamburger & turkey chili w/ cornbread or crackers & a cookie \$4

Or

Peanut butter sandwich w/ carrots, celery & a cookie \$3

Lemonade, iced tea & coffee \$1



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### February Ushers, Greeters, Media Tech, Nursery Attendants & Liturgists

<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>5TH</b>	<b>12TH</b>	<b>19TH</b>	<b>26TH</b>
<b>USHERS</b>	Steve Sowder Jerry Lasiter Dean Houseman Nolan Mitchell	Glenn Haveman Jack Privett Kenneth Demaree Clarence Money	Michelle Banister Kathy Houseman Violet Money Wilma Mitchell	Steve Sowder Jerry Lasiter Clarence Money Wayne Fansler
<b>GREETERS</b>	Michelle and Eric Banister	Wilma and Nolan Mitchell	Kathy and Dean Houseman	Violet and Clarence Money
<b>MEDIA TECH</b>	Steve Sowder	Paul/ Tina McAninch	Linda/Del Allen	Nolan Mitchell
<b>NURSERY ATTENDANT</b>	Kathy Houseman	Michelle Banister	Kathy Houseman	Michelle Banister
<b>LITURGIST</b>	Volunteer needed	Barbara Demaree	Violet Money	Volunteer needed