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Pastor's Message

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Believers in Christ,

It is time. The new year is here. We have worshiped through Advent and experienced special spiritual times. We have shared in family happenings and celebrated together as the family of God at Sandy Hook. God is good to us. A review of this past year will bring reminders of joy and happiness, challenges and change. There have been so many blessings. It would be good for each of us to make a list. Each list would be different and yet oddly the same. We would include all the special blessings God has given through children and families, through friendships and through ever deepening spiritual relationships. Cheryl and I have already made our lists. Sandy Hook is a huge part of our blessings in 2008. Love is easy to see. It is even easier to experience. We often just bask in the glow of those who love us around the edges.

This morning as I prayed, I thought a long time on God's plan for 2009. The scripture is very clear that God has a plan. God loves us so much that Jesus as our Savior is part of the plan. We celebrate together as we find that part of the plan, then often set down and wait for the rest of the story. What is God doing, going to do, asking me to do? I guess that is where I am today. I want to wait on the plan. I know that patience is a fruit of the Spirit. But I am anxious and eager to get on with it. Boy it sure would be great if I knew what "it" is. Lost people matter to God. God's plan has always revolved around finding the lost. When, how, who, what are we to be involved in for 2009.

Here is my best instruction for you. Let's pray individually. Let's pray together. Let us pray hard and long. Let us listen at least as much as we talk. Let us make it our whole business, with soul and passion, to know God's plan. Look for what God has for you personally. Look for where God is taking your family relationships. Love those closest to you with new intensity of passion. Ask the tough questions about the church. What does God's plan for Sandy Hook demand? Ask others what they think and what God is revealing to them. Know that this is a spiritual exercise that God will not bless unless we remove our personal vested interests and agendas. Get rid of them. Be open to what God wants. God loves you and has never hurt you. It may be scary, but I invite you to come along for the ride. God is blessing us already.

Praise God and be happy!!

1/4 through 2/1
MEN ONLY Precept Bible Study
4:30-6:30pm
WOMEN ONLY Precept Bible Study
4:30-6:30pm

1/6
Celebration Team meeting
7:00 pm
Trustees meeting
7:00 pm
Preschool Board meeting
7:00 pm

1/7
Little Lambs Board meeting
7:00 pm

1/12
Financial Peace University
6:30 pm

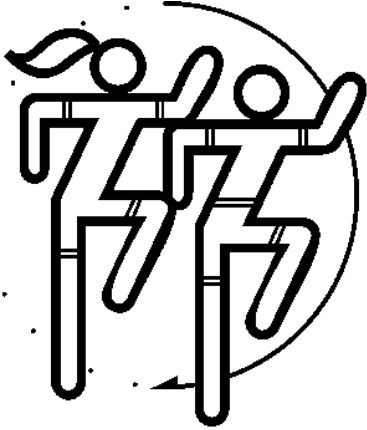
1/13
Church Council meeting
7:00 pm

1/19
Visitation Team meeting
6:00 pm

1/20
Agape Faith Circle
1:00 pm
Koinonia Circle
6:30 pm

January Scripture

Colossians 1:16
Proverbs 4:23
John 8:31-32



GET IN SHAPE/STAY IN SHAPE!

Many Sandy Hook members have signed up for the 2009 Indianapolis Mini-Marathon. Whether you've signed up for the mini-marathon or not, join others in brisk walking in the Sandy Hook neighborhood on Sunday afternoons starting in January. Walking will be from 1:30-2:30 pm on Sundays STARTING JANUARY 11th at the front doors of Sandy Hook. We'll meet unless there is more than a couple of inches of snow on the ground. Walking will continue from January through April until the mini-marathon in early May. THIS WILL BE CASUAL and all are welcome.

- Linda & Dale Guse

PRECEPT BIBLE STUDY TWO TEACHERS - TWO CLASSES ONE BOOK

MEN'S ONLY BIBLE STUDY

Five Sundays January 4 - February 1 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

The book of Jude - Earnestly Contending for the Faith - Problems within the church prompted Jude to preach a strong message about God's judgment of sin. Did you get the message? Learn more about the day of judgment in this timely study. Sign up sheet on board.

WOMEN'S ONLY BIBLE STUDY

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A NEW YEAR BEGINS

Pray for Sandy Hook Church for at least the first three days of the New Year.

My Worldview: Beliefs I Build My Life On
(to find out more, come hear the messages in January)

Church Council Minutes December 9, 2008

Present: Steve Russell, Nancy Low, Nancy Waller, Gordon Meek, Susan Flynn, Ted Unrue, Lynda Graham, Karla Eudy

The meeting was opened with prayer by Susan. Last month's minutes were approved by council.

Treasurer's Report – There was no report given for the month. Matt Meek was ill and unable to attend. A report will be presented at the January meeting.

Trustees – Ted Unrue reported that another lift pump has been installed

this past week, the second one this year. Cost for the pump and installation should be about \$2,200. Ted said that these pumps should last several years.

Old Business - Steve had asked at the previous council meeting for some input on January's messages on Sundays. He told council that he has decided on "Framing Your Worldview". It deals with how what we believe affects our actions.

New Business - Steve presented an update on restructuring of some team leaders and members for

2009: Paige Harden - Communication Chair, Dee Black and Patty Nicholson – Co-Chairs of the Fellowship Team, Gretchen Drake and Tracy Fear – Co-Chairs of the Celebration Team.

The church is still in need of the following positions: Stewardship Chair, Head Usher for 2nd Service, Senior High Youth Sunday School Teacher, Two members for the Annual Conference.

Other Business - Gordon reported to council of the passing away of Pam Keith. Everyone was reminded to keep Bill Keith and his family in their prayers.

Meeting was closed with prayer by Steve.

Respectfully Submitted,
Karla Eudy
Council Secretary

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Sandy Hook United Methodist Church Leadership Directory - 2009

ADMINISTRATION

Church Council Chair - Nancy Low
 Council Secretary - Karla Eudy
 Lay Leader - Nancy Low
 Lay Members to Annual Conference -
 Membership/Financial Secretary - Susan Flynn
 Historians - Bill & Helen Ahlemeyer
 Communications - Paige Harden

FINANCE – Chair, Cheryl Stroud
 Treasurer - Matt Meek
 Depositors, Chair - Pat Nichalson
 Assistant Treasurer - Ann Reid
 Bookkeeper - Susan Flynn
 Stewardship Chair -
 Trustee Representative - Trustee Chair
 Mutual Aid - Dee Black
 Wills, Memorials, and Bequests
 Paul Kahlenbeck & Patty Nichalson

TRUSTEES - Chair, Ted Unrue

2009	2010	2011
Ron Albert	Bryan Dailey	Mike Carter
Randy Eudy	Max Stroud	Bob Gibson
Tony Harden	Jim Stier	Tim Tuell

HUMAN RESOURCES - Chair, Bill Reid

2009	2010	2011
Jane Gorbett	Judy Droddy	Jon Coles
Gordon Meek	Mark Fear	Linda Guse
Bill Reid	Trena Carter	Jim Rupp

MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT TEAM - Chair, Pastor Steve

2009	2010	2011
Ron Deaton	Ann Reid	Helen Ahlemeyer
Jim Porter	Dee Black	Dave Morris
Connie Miller	Eileen Dehnke	Matt Bruning

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS - AT - LARGE
 Ron Dehnke, Julie Knight, Trena Carter, Lynda Graham,
 Mark Fear

sandy hook church preschool
news



We spent most of the month preparing for the birth of our Lord and Savior. For the letter “Kk,” we talked about the “Three Kings” and the gifts that they brought baby Jesus. For the letter “Ll,” we talked about Jesus being the light of the world. For the letter “Mm,” we talked about Jesus in the Manger. We made crafts of the gifts for the three kings, the light of the world, and Jesus in a Manger.

Each class hosted a special birthday party for Jesus. The children brought in gifts that they would give to Jesus for his birthday. We played games, sang songs and had some wonderful food to eat. We all had a really fun time.

Our bible stories were “John is Born,” “Baby Jesus is Born,” and “The Visit of the Shepherds.” We sang “Angel Band,” Silent Night,” and “Away in a Manger.” Books we read were “Asleep in the Stable,” “The Christmas Story,” and “Follow the Star.”

The preschool children collected \$323.37 with their “Cash for Caring” project. The money will go to help a needy family at Horizon House. Way to Go Preschool!



DISCIPLESHIP

Education Chair - Shelley McAlister
 Sr. High Youth Fellowship - Chad Russell
 United Methodist Children - Dale & Linda Guse
 B.I.G. Youth Fellowship - Josh Knight

WORSHIP

Celebration Team Co-Chairs -
 Gretchen Drake & Tracey Fear
 Choir Director/Organist - Michelle Farnsworth
 Praise & Worship Leader - Brian Goggins
 Communion Stewards - Jan Davis, Cindy Hotz,
 Marcia Albert
 Head Usher - 1st Service - Paul Wilkerson
 Head Usher - 2nd Service -
 Vestments & Decoration - Angie Hilycord, Nancy Low
 Scripture Reader Coordinator - Susan Flynn
 Liturgist Coordinator - Dee Black
 Volunteer Coordinator - Shirley Wilkerson
 Media Team - Matt Meek, Jim Rupp,
 Jay Ryan, Bill Waller, Evan Guse

OUTREACH

Evangelism Chair - Carla Meek
 Welcome Center - Carla Meek
 Visitor Follow-up -
 Little Lambs Child Care Ministry - Susie Hodnett
 Sandy Hook Church Preschool - Margaret King

SERVICE

Local Service - Bill Reid
 Love Chapel - Ted Unrue
 East Side Community Center - Pat Unrue
 Ecumenical Assembly -
 Housing Partnerships - Ted Unrue
 Global Service
 Missions - David Milhouse
 United Methodist Women - Helen Ahlemeyer

FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship Co-Chairs - Dee Black & Patty Nichalson
 Visitation Ministry - Duane Hilycord
 Wedding Team Ministry - Angie Hilycord

EQUIPPING MINISTRY – Jim Rupp

The preschool will be on Winter Break from December 20, 2008 to January 4, 2009. Classes will resume on January 5, 2009.

Thank you to everyone who continues to pray for and support the preschool. We really appreciate YOU! As we begin the new year, let us take a moment to stop and thank God for all the wonderful things that he has done for us the past year.

“God is Good, All the Time,
 All the Time, God is Good.”

Christy Ayres
 Preschool Director/Teacher

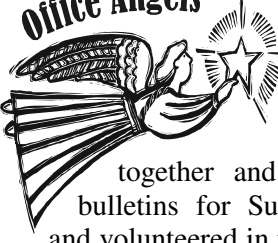
OUR HOMEBOUND



FRIENDS

Four Seasons Health Center
1901 Taylor Road
Columbus, IN 47203
- Doneta Barkhimer

Office Angels Thank you to those who helped put the December Broadcaster together and have stuffed bulletins for Sunday Services and volunteered in the office. Bev Porter, Cheryl Stroud, Joyce Hekel, and Vera Bean.




HOSPITAL LIST

Mel Coleman
Ken Baker
Julianna Drerup



Became Part of Our Church Family

Ken & Ellen Baker
December 14, 2008



A Loss in Our Church Family

Doneta Barkhimer
December, 2008

small things done with GREAT LOVE will change the world

Worship Assistants for January

Greeters		1/11 8:45 -	Ron Albert Bob Drake Paul Kahlenbeck Mike Wilkerson
1/4 9:30 -	Ted & Patty Unrue 11:00 - Sean & Shelley McAlister	11:00 -	Larry Cox David Foley Kenny Hodnett Doug Sharp
1/11 8:45 -	Lillian Dick & Melissa Wagner 11:00 - The Guse Family	1/18 8:45 -	Mike Carter Mark Fear Bob Plumm Jay Porter
1/18 8:45 -	Tom & Marion Marshall 11:00 - Larry & Darla Cox	11:00 -	Dale Guse Jon Coles Jim Stier
1/25 8:45 -	Bob & Connie Miller 11:00 - Jon & Lora Coles	1/25 8:45 -	John Dilts Duane Hilycord Jim Kistler Tom Lutes
Ushers		11:00 -	Randy Eudy Josh Knight Rosie Critzer
1/4 9:30 -	Rick Bush Wendel Hauck Don Sublette Tim Tuell	11:00 -	
11:00 -	Ted Unrue Carol Raney Fred King Evan Guse		

★ Thank You! ★
THANK YOU! ★

To Our Wonderful Church Family,
Our many thanks for your support, cards and prayers during the time Ram was going thru radiation treatments for lung cancer. Your prayers were answered. He is cancer free as of this date. Glory be to God.

Ram is still having health issues. Severe arthritis in his back and a pinched sciatic nerve. We would appreciate your continued prayers. Have a blessed Christmas and God's Blessings all thru the New Year.

Christian Love,
Evelyn & Ram Coles

Just a short note to say "Thanks" to everyone who has sent cards, prayers, calls, and personally visited Lynn during his hospitalization and stay at Four Seasons for rehab.

Special Thanks to Jim Stanfield and Duane Hilycord for all their visits and concerns.

We appreciate all your "acts of kindness"!

Love and Prayers,
Lynn & Betty Lowery

To our Sandy Hook Family,
Thank you very much for your cards, calls, visits and the abundance of food. Especially thank you for your prayers as I am sure they have contributed greatly to the success of my surgery and my fast and easy recovery.

Thank you Pastor Steve and the Stanfield's for your prayers and presence before my surgery.

Bev Porter

Members of Sandy Hook United Methodist Church,

Thank you doesn't say enough! At this time of year, when we count our blessings, our family certainly includes your church family as one of our many blessings. Having suffered major losses in the flood, there were many times when we felt overwhelmed and one of those times God sent your to us with a gift. How great is our God!!

Bless you all for caring,
Mike & Bonnie Goodart

Sandy Hook Church,
Thanks to everyone for their prayers, cards, and phone calls for my daughter Deborah Sprague after her heart attack and quadruple bypass surgery. She is getting along real well.

Sincerely,
Norma Beall

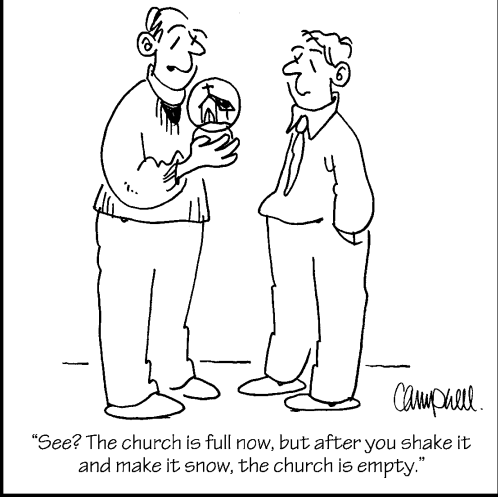
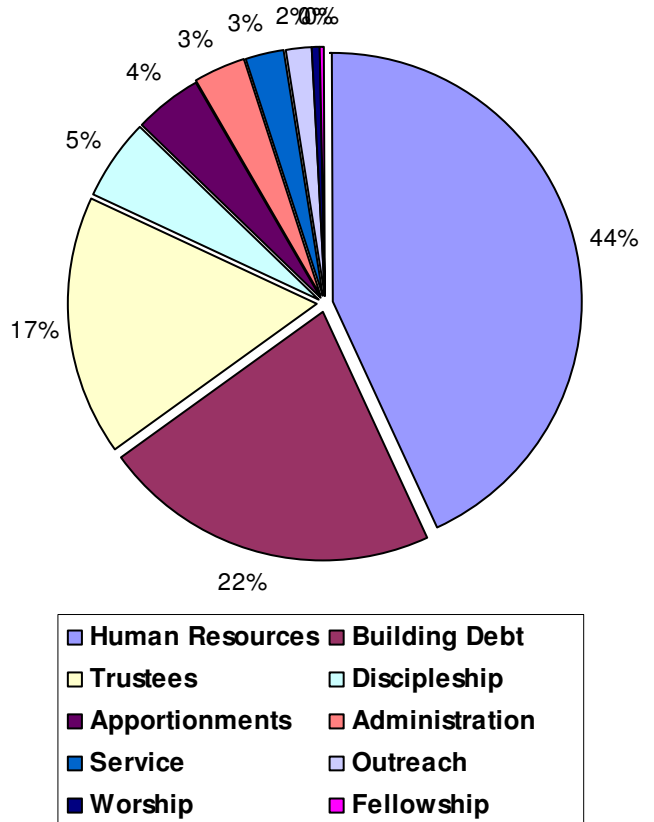
Budget Summary 2009

Total Estimated Expense \$522,393
 Total Estimated Income \$506,644
 Surplus/(Shortage) -\$15,749

EXPENSES

Human Resources \$225,247
 (pastor, administrative assistant, choir director/organist, praise & worship leader, senior high youth director, custodian 1, custodian 2, sunday nursery childcare)
Building Debt \$114,000
Trustees \$ 88,500
 (maintenance supplies, insurance, lawn care, gas, electric, water, phone, capital improvements)
Discipleship \$ 28,050
 (education, stewardship, precept, stephen ministry, united methodist children, submerge youth fellowship, b.i.g. youth fellowship)
Apportionments \$ 23,446
Administration \$ 16,500
 (office supplies, postage, office equipment, advertising, bookkeeping)
Service \$ 14,250
 (love chapel, oil change ministry, red bird mission, country fair)
Outreach \$ 7,950
 (evangelism events, bus ministry, vacation bible school, welcome center, sports ministry, benevolence needs, seminary scholarship)
Worship \$ 2,500
 (worship supplies, communion, music)
Fellowship \$ 1,950
 (fellowship events, camp scholarships, retreats)

Sandy Hook Church 2009 Budget



Sandy Hook Church,
 Thank you for the cards, prayer and support during our time of loss. Thank you for the extra effort to prepare a meal for the family on the evening before Thanksgiving.
 - The family of Mary Frances Milhouse

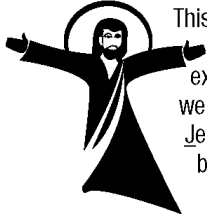
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READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

January 2009						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 Genesis 1-3	2 Genesis 4-6	3 Genesis 7-9
4 Genesis 10-13	5 Genesis 14-16	6 Genesis 17-19	7 Genesis 20-22	8 Genesis 23-26	9 Genesis 27-29	10 Genesis 30-32
11 Genesis 33-35	12 Genesis 36-39	13 Genesis 40-42	14 Genesis 43-45	15 Genesis 46-48	16 Genesis 49-50 Exodus 1-2	17 Exodus 3-5
18 Exodus 6-8	19 Exodus 9-11	20 Exodus 12-15	21 Exodus 16-18	22 Exodus 19-21	23 Exodus 22-24	24 Exodus 25-28
25 Exodus 29-31	26 Exodus 32-34	27 Exodus 35-37	28 Exodus 38-40 Leviticus 1	29 Leviticus 2-4	30 Leviticus 5-7	31 Leviticus 8-10

Broadcaster for Kids

WWJD key chain



This craft is a reminder of Jesus' perfect example for us. When we ask "What Would Jesus Do?" we can build our character to be more like his.

What you need:

- 16 inches of bead and jewelry cord (about 1 mm thick)
- 32 mm split ring (key ring)
- 4 wooden beads (about 1 cm or 3/8")
- 5 jewelry beads (plastic or wooden, about 1/2 cm or 1/2")
- black permanent marker

What you do:

1. Fold your jewelry cord in half.
2. Put the loop of the jewelry cord through the split ring.
3. Put the ends of the cord through the loop to make a knot.
4. Thread the two ends through one of your small beads.
5. Then thread the rest of the beads (alternating between small and large, ending with a small bead).
6. Tie two or three knots at the end to hold the beads in place.
7. With a permanent marker, write a letter (W, W, J and D) on each of the four wooden beads. On the opposite side of each bead, write the same letter.

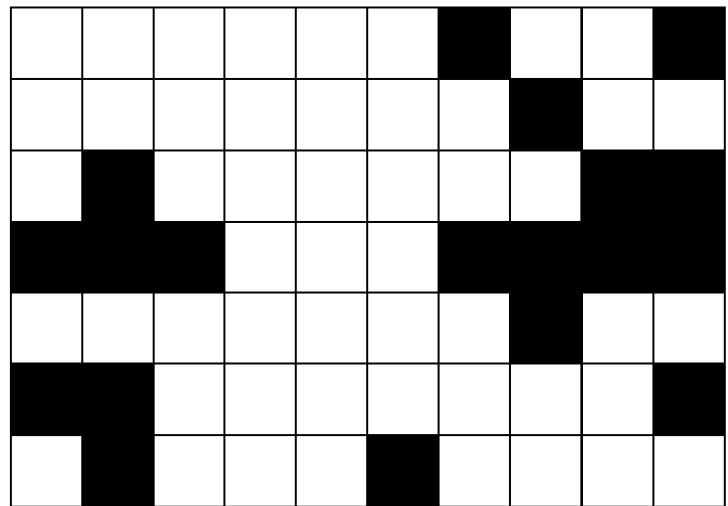


CHARACTER THAT PLEASES

The New Year is a time for renewed commitments and changes in our behavior. Complete the puzzle below to see whose example is worthy of imitating or copying.

Match the blocks of spaces and letters to finish the NIV Bible verse.

Y		M	L	L	O	W	F	O
A	S	E,	A	M	P	L	E	X
		O	W	F	L	L	I	
O	F	E		A	H	E		
.		S	T	C	H	R	I	
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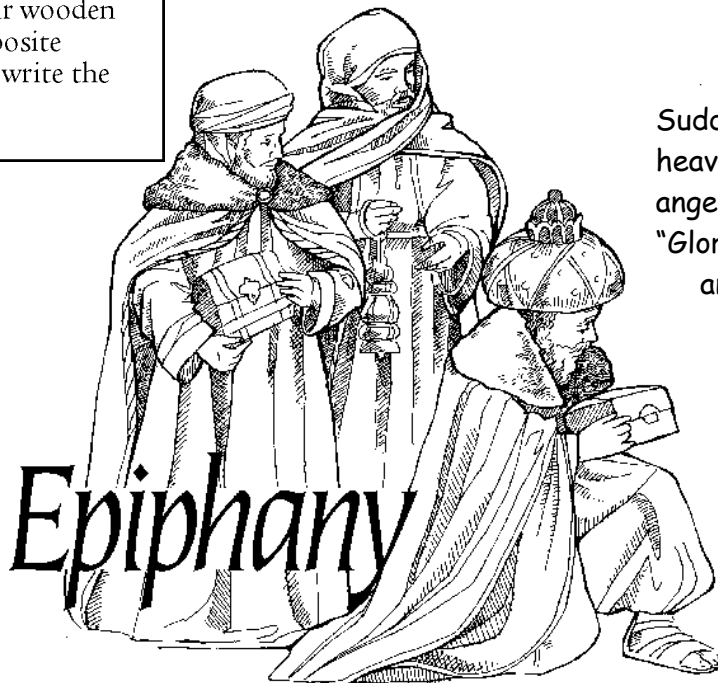


Answer: Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. 1 Cor. 11:1

Memory Verse

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

Luke 2:13-14 (NIV)



Epiphany

