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DAN'S DOODLES

TO KNOW CHRIST TO GROW IN CHRISTLIKENESS
TO GO IN CHRSTI'S NAME

As we begin a new calendar year together, I simply want to express on behalf of Sandy and myself our great gratitude for the opportunity to serve as your pastoral family here in Charleston! Your presence in worship, your faithfulness in service, and your "extravagant generosity" in the financial support of the ministry of our church family are very gratifying!

I would like to ask you to pray for our "work area" teams of worship, education, and outreach, as we meet on January 8th to "seek God's face" in terms of His plans and desires for our local church ministry in the 2011 year. We have seen some wonderful ministries take place in the previous year, but we know we have some challenges ahead of us if we want to remain a vibrant witness for Jesus Christ to all ages in our church family and community.

I do want to take a minute to express my thanks to Mr. Kevin Miller for the "inter-racial" choir that was put together for Christmas worship during our morning service on December 19th. And in that vein, I would also offer a special word of thanks to Pastor Nathan Johnson and the members of the Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, and to the choir director of the Perry Chapel AME Church, for gracing us with their participation! We need to take advantage of every opportunity we have to express OUR UNITY IN CHRIST JESUS across racial lines. I really believe that such unity can make a difference in reaching persons in our community with the "Good News" of Jesus Christ!

Let me close these rambling thoughts with a prayer for the New Year from the apostle Paul, as found in the little epistle of Ephesians:

"I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love." (chapter 3: verses 16 & 17). This will be my prayer for us throughout 2011. I hope you will join me in praying that for all the Charleston United Methodist Church.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF CHRIST

Pastor Dan and "House of Faust"

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JANUARY GREETERS

*January 2 - Peggy McNeary &
Sally Burke*

January 9 - The Sherry Austin Family

*January 16 - Becky Story &
Annette Robertson*

*January 23 - Sallyanne Naile &
Annette Robertson*

*January 30 - Ronald Dodson &
The Tripp Logan Family*

COMMUNION AT THE MANOR

We will serve Holy Communion at the Charleston Manor on Wed., January 5, 9:30 a.m. You are invited to come and share in the service.

PLANNING RETREAT

Pastor Dan would like to remind ALL OF THE MEMBERS of the Worship, Education & Outreach teams, that we will be hosting a PLANNING RETREAT on Saturday, January 8th beginning at 8:00 a.m. with breakfast served! We are setting aside all morning for the event and hope you will plan to be with us!!!

MITTEN TREE

Bring MITTENS, GLOVES, HATS, ETC. and place them on the tree in the sanctuary overflow. We will collect these items through the first of January and then distribute them to the schools were they can use them as they need them.

2011 WOW

Attention Youth: WOW is coming up. It begins on Saturday, Jan. 22 at the Springfield, MO Expo Center. Cost is \$75 per person. Please check the web site for more details: moumethodist.org/youth. If you are interested, please call the church office.

UMW NEWS

The **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN** will meet Wednesday, January 5 at 9:30 a.m. in the Church parlor.

THE MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 8 AT 7:30 A.M. IN THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER. COME & BRING A FRIEND.

THANK YOU!!!

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the care package, it was the perfect thing for finals week. The hot chocolate was really good, especially with the cold weather. Thanks for thinking of me.

Love,

Samantha Stack

Dear Church Family,

Thank you very much for the latest care package. The snacks were greatly appreciated for "energy boosts" while studying for finals. I especially enjoyed the hot chocolate and coffee. Thank also for the Wal-Mart card. It will be put to good use next semester since I was stocked up for the end of the semester. Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Brittany Stack

THANK YOU!!!

Dear United Methodist Church family,

Thank you so much for the Halloween candy! I was so excited to get it! Along, with my roommate. I appreciate your continued support and thoughts for me while I'm away at school. Thanks again!

Love,
Chelsea Stallings

Dear United Methodist Church family,

Thank you so much for the October care packages. It was so nice to have some sweet treats during midterms and Halloween! I really appreciate it. Thanks again.

Sincerely,
Allison DeField

Dear Church family,

Thank you so much for the care package. I love all the goodies inside of it. It is always exciting to get packages. Thanks for thinking of me!

Love,
Samantha Stack

Dear Church family,

Your kindness will always be remembered during the lose of our home due to a fire.

Bud, Carolyn & Demitra

Dear Charleston United Methodist Church Members,

Thank you for the gift of \$500 that you gave to the Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center. Our mission is to help children and their families learn to live healthy, productive lives.

Susanna Wesley is the leading organization in our area to help elders under a Elder Abuse Program. Susanna Wesley was selected as one of twelve in the United States to study and implement the Elder Abuse program. Training is being done and one meeting was held in the Charleston United Methodist Church. The Center really helps anyone in need. Your donation will help with the Christian work. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Susanna Wesley Family Learning Center,
Staff & Board

Dear Bible Study Group,

Thank you so much for the daily inspirational calendar. I have already set it on my desk and I look forward to reading a scripture each day. Thank you again for thinking of us. It was truly a thoughtful gesture.

The Monday Night Bible Study Group,
Mindi Fitzgerald

Dear Church Family,

Thank you very much for the finals care package. It's such a great feeling to have the love and support of the church. Thank you for thinking of me during finals week!

Love,
Allison DeField

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Minds, Open Doors*

*MAKING
DISCIPLES*

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*MAKING
A DIFFERENCE*

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 - Riley Brown, III
3 - Ellie Malugen
4 - Glenn Nix
5 - David Austin
6 - Jim Burke, Julie McDowell & Max Michael, Sr.
8 - Elizabeth Clevenger
9 - Charles Tinsley, III & David Malugen
12 - Margaret Shew, Al Drinkwater, Camille Dovin & Lane Morrow
13 - Marilyn Brown
14 - Myra Hillhouse
15 - Jeff Stack & Mildred Brokaw
16 - Charlie Harper & Justin Drinkwater
17 - Donna Fox
18 - John Drinkwater
19 - Laura Moore
20 - Vena Daughhetee
21 - Catie Austin, Cole Moxley & Scott Boren
23 - June Drinkwater
25 - Janeen Hankinson
27 - Julie French & Alex Austin
28 - Ted Hunter
29 - Dan Faust
30 - Jennifer Miller
31 - Melissa Moxley, Emma Jones & Christy Foley

THANK YOU!!!

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the wonderful care package. All of the snacks and candy came in handy when studying. It means so much to me to have the support of my church family.

Sincerely,
Kati Luehmann

Dear UMC family,

Thank you so much for the care package! All of its contents will be very comforting during finals week (and needed)! I appreciate you all for thinking of me during the glorious time of Christmas and stressful time of finals. Thanks again!

Love,
Chelsea Stallings

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the candy, the Advent devotional, and the Wal-Mart gift card. I'm still working my way through the last couple batches of sweets you sent me. It makes me happy that you all are thinking of me. I will do my best to read through the Advent calendar every day, and will think of my church family every time I do. I really appreciate you taking the time to assemble and send me these packages, and I look forward to seeing you during Christmas break.

Sincerely,
Wilson McNeary

