



The Journal

JANUARY, 2012

THANK YOU FROM THE HOUSE OF FAUST

Sandy and I would like to express our appreciation to our wonderful church family for what we believe to be another great year of ministry because of your support, participation, and faithfulness. I always leave someone/something out when I try to enumerate my “things to be thankful for”, but with that understood, here goes:

The wonderful planning retreat in January in which 2011 goals were established (and later implemented)

The terrific support for the Central Methodist Band night at the high school in support of CMU

The addition to our church staff of an absolutely terrific youth director, Mrs. Whitney Choate in the spring

A wonderful Holy Week and Easter season, culminated in the blessing of a worshipful adult choir musical

A very special morning of Outreach into our community with the love of Jesus Christ in September

The chancel choir musical in December to celebrate the birth of Jesus which involved so many others from several church families in our community! I absolutely love the unity of the faith that can be expressed in such events!

I am deeply thankful for the men in the “Set Free Ministries” program at the prison

I am deeply thankful for the African-American churches in our community where I have had the joy of worship in special revivals

AND I am humbled by the support I have received from my church family during my own surgery and recovery in December! Because of you, I look forward to a great year in worship and service in 2012!!!

THANKS FOR ALLOWING ME TO SERVE THE BEST APPOINTMENT IN THE MISSOURI CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!!!

Pastor Dan

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JANUARY GREETERS

*January 1 - The Blevé Willoughby
Family*

*January 8 - Marty Williams &
Bob Hearnés*

*January 15 - The Taylor Burke
Family*

*January 22 - Jane Jackson &
Annette Robertson*

January 29 - Don & Mae McClain

**MEN'S BREAKFAST,
SATURDAY,
JANUARY 14 AT
7:30 A.M. THE
FAMILY LIFE CENTER.**

WORK AREA TEAMS RETREAT

Please mark down the date of Saturday morning, January 14th, as a time to spend with us at the church in our annual planning retreat! This is for the members of the Education, Outreach, and Worship teams, as well as anyone who is interested in one or more of these ministry areas!

The idea is to PRAY ahead of time for God's direction in ministry for our church family in this new year, and then come with what you believe to be God's thoughts and share those with us! We hope to develop a couple of specific goals for each of the three work areas, based on our previous individual prayer time.

We will begin with a breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and then plan to begin the teaching/training/pray/planning process by 9:00 a.m. Please plan for the entire morning, but know that we might get out before noon based on how the process proceeds. **THE IMPORTANT THING IS TO BEGIN TO PRAY FOR GOD'S DIRECTION RIGHT NOW**, so that the planning will not simply be our ideas, but will be born out of our time with God! See you then! Oh, and please RSVP to the church office by January 10th so that the number for breakfast can be planned. Thank you!

UMW NEWS

The **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN** will meet Wednesday, January 4 at 9:30 a.m. in the church parlor.

COMMUNION AT THE MANOR

We will serve **HOLY COMMUNION** at the Charleston Manor on Wed., January 11, 9:30 a.m. You are invited to come and share in the service.

CHANCEL CHOIR NEWS

The **CHANCEL CHOIR** will resume practice on Wednesday, January 18 at 7:00 p.m. They will also start practice on the Easter Cantata that night at 7:30 p.m. if you are interested.

THANK YOU!!!

The Church Staff would like to thank all who gave so generously toward the Staff Christmas Bonuses. They were greatly appreciated.

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the Wal-Mart gift card, as well as the various care packages you have sent me throughout the semester. It always brightened my day to see I had mail from the church. Hope everyone back home is doing well. I look forward to seeing you all again soon!

Sincerely,
Wilson McNeary

Dear Pastor Dan & friends,

Thank you so much for sending delicious fried chicken to my home after the service for my brother, Lindsay. We served many of our friends and family and everyone enjoyed it.

I had a friend that wrote me a note that said "God never promised us a life free from sorrow but he did promise us one where hope and joy are the final word." These words have been a comfort to me.

My faith, family and friends have helped me through this difficult time.
Thank you again.

Love,
Claudia Arington

Dear Members of the Bereavement Committee,

Thank you so very much for your kindness in bringing food to mama's house for our family during the time of our loss.

We so appreciated this comforting gesture as it allowed us time to gather, share memories and prepare for her memorial rather than spending time cooking.

Our God answered every prayer mama and the family had for mercy and His grace. We know she has joined our other loved ones in Heaven, in a perfect body and spirit that brings joy beyond what we in our human bodies can imagine.

Again, we thank you for your sweet thoughtfulness at this time.

Love,
The Brown & DeLay families

Grandma, (Martha Ann Keener)

I want to say a HUGE thank you to your Church! Last week, they sent me a \$10 Wal-Mart gift card in the mail. I was shocked and very appreciative of the fact that they did this. It is a tremendous endeavor for them to send things like that to college students. I appreciated this VERY MUCH! Then, as if that gift card was not enough, I received a care package in the mail today from them! I was thinking that the gift card would be the "care package" for finals week, and I could go and buy what I needed. However, they sent me a care package with tons of snacks, candy and school supplies! I can't say thank you enough for all that they have done for me. I greatly appreciate it.

Lyndsey Keener

To the members of the Quest Class of the Charleston UMC,

Just a note to thank you for remembering me again with such a lovely basket of all sorts of goodies to eat. You are a group of thoughtful and caring people, and I appreciate your thinking of an old man you have never met.

Blessing on you from,
Elbridge Bartley

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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 - Riley Brown, III
3 - Ellie Malugen
4 - Glenn Nix
5 - David Austin
6 - Jim Burke, Julie M. Summers & Max Michael, Sr.
8 - Elizabeth Clevenger
9 - Charles Tinsley, III & David Malugen
12 - Al Drinkwater, Camille Dovin & Lane Morrow
13 - Marilyn Brown
14 - Myra Hillhouse
15 - Jeff Stack & Mildred Brokaw
16 - Charlie Harper, Justin Drinkwater & Bill Nace
17 - Donna Fox
18 - John Drinkwater
19 - Laura Moore
20 - Vena Daughhettee
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 Barnes
31 - Melissa Moxley, Emma Jones & Christy Foley

THANK YOU!!!

Dear Quest Class,

Again this year we want to thank you for remembering us at Christmas time. We certainly enjoyed the goodies. When you are weary, a gift of encouragement always lifts your spirits.

It was also nice to visit with Joyce and Jamie.

May God bless you in this ministry.

In Appreciation,
Sam & Alice Smoot

Dear Quest Class,

Thanks so much for the Christmas remembrance.

Margaret Olive

Thank You, Quest Class for the Christmas basket filled with goodies and for remembering us in this Christmas Season!!!

Jack & Mary Ella Waggener

Thanks so much for the Christmas gift bag. It was much appreciated.

Thank you,
Mark Mowery

