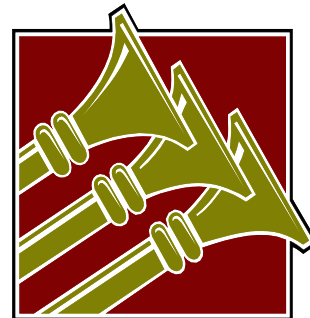


# THE VILLAGE HERALD



**Worship with us!**  
Sundays at 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

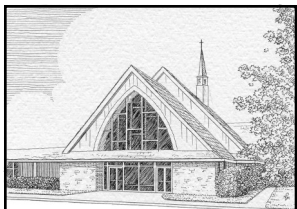
**Learn with us!**  
Sunday School at 9:15 a.m.  
United Methodist Youth:  
Sundays from 4-6 p.m.

**Share food  
and fellowship!**

United Methodist  
Village Café  
Wednesdays  
at 5:00-6:15 p.m.

**Prime Timers**  
Second Thursday at Noon  
**Friday Breakfast**  
at 6:31 a.m.

**Office Hours:**  
Monday – Thursday  
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Friday 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



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## REKINDLING THE FLAME

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**“Stir up the Inner-fire, the gift God gave you....”**  
**2Timothy 1:6**

One time the late Dr. W. L. Stidger, American soldier and Christian poet, told about a teacher he had while in school. She had gone out of her way to get him interested in the poet Tennyson and inspired what was to become his successful career in writing. Since he was in the practice of writing persons each Thanksgiving Day who had an influence on him, he wrote her a letter of thanksgiving. The letter was forwarded from town to town until it finally reached her. One day Dr. Stidger received a reply: “My Dear Willie: I am an old lady in my eighties. I am ill and I cannot leave my room. Your letter came like a ray of bright sun, illuminating my dark day and my even darker life. You will be interested to know that, after fifty years of teaching, yours was the first letter of thanks I ever received from a former student. You lifted the clouds for me.”

We all have people who have been a positive influence on our lives – people who have mentored us and shaped us into the people we are today. Have we ever stopped to say “thanks”? I like Dr. Stidger’s discipline of writing specific people for whom he was thankful. I’m going to do that this year, and I’m challenging you to do the same. Sure, some of our “special people” have passed on. If so, you can still tell them thanks in your prayers. But if there is someone who is still around, write him or her a letter and explain specifically why you are thankful. I assure you it will be a blessing to that person just as it was for Dr. Stidger’s teacher. It will also be a blessing to you, for as J.M. Barrie once wrote: “Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from them themselves.”

Have a blessed time of thanksgiving this holiday season!  
Until later...grace and peace to you!

Rik

## Student Ministries



### Youth & Paintballing

This coming Sunday...We will leave the church after worship service, eat lunch, then go paint balling. We will return to the church at 6:00 p.m. Bring money for lunch and drinks at the paint ball field.



Mark your calendars now for the

### Youth Lock-in

scheduled for Friday, December 16th. Come to Youth Group to be a part of the planning, and look for more details in the next issue of the Village Herald.



## Advent Begins



On Sunday, November 27th, we will begin the Advent season with our traditional **Hanging of the Greens.**

Both the 8:15 and 10:30 services will be filled with special scriptures and inspirational music as we prepare our hearts to celebrate the coming of Jesus, our Savior.



## Stephen Ministry

What is a Stephen Minister?



A Stephen Minister is a...

- Member of Village UMC who walks beside a person who is hurting.
- Christian who takes the time to really listen, is willing to talk about spiritual issues, but will not force them.
- Person who makes regular contacts and visits, usually weekly.
- Committed lay person who has received 50 hours of initial training in caring ministry skills and concepts.
- Participant in regular continued education, support, and supervision under the guidance of trained Stephen Leaders.

A Stephen Minister is not a...

- Counselor
- Therapist
- Problem solver
- Casual visitor

A Care Receiver is...

- A member who needs ongoing care during a life challenge.
- A person who needs someone he/she can trust and know their relationship will be confidential.
- An individual who will commit to meeting with his/her Stephen Minister on a regular basis.
- Needing someone who does not "do for" but is "there for."

Who May Need a Stephen Minister?

People who are experiencing:

- Hospitalization
- Illness (chronic or terminal)
- Loss of a loved one
- Separation or divorce
- Unemployment or job crisis
- Aging, retirement
- Relocation
- Recovery following an accident or disaster
- Financial setbacks
- Other significant life changes



STEPHEN MINISTRY

I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 10:10b

Very soon, our Stephen Ministers will be ready and equipped for ministry. They will be commissioned on December 5. The referral process for Care Receivers will be found in the next Herald – or ask Pastor Rik or one of our Stephen Ministry trainees.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

We love because he first loved us.

1 John 4:19

## Children's Ministries

### Village Harvest – Very Helpful



“WOW...what a wonderful day!” was Jenny Ferguson’s comment about Village Harvest on October 30. It is estimated that around 200 people came to enjoy games, food and inflatables on a beautiful Sunday afternoon. At least 275 hot dogs were served and most of the hungry folks were not members of our congregation. VUMC members were VERY HELPFUL in providing candy and prizes for the games, spending time with our guests making them feel welcome, volunteering in setting up for various activities, preparing food, leading games and in general making it a wonderful day. Thank you, VUMC congregation!

### We Can Be Angels

It’s hard to imagine that some children have never heard the true story of Christmas. They’ve never experienced Christmas in a faith based home, and may not know God loves them and gave His only son that each of us could share His love forever. Those children are now in foster and adoptive families served by Child SHARE. We will have a chance to be angels by taking tags from the Angel Tree that will be in the narthex on November 27, the first Sunday in Advent. Each tag will have a toy or item of clothing wished for by a foster or adopted child. Unwrapped items purchased are to be returned to the church by **December 7** so they can be given to the children at the Child SHARE Christmas party. If you can’t be here on November 27, come by the church during the following week to choose your tag (or tags) so you can be an angel this Christmas season.



## Outreach Ministries



### United Methodist Women

#### Officers Meeting

November Officers Meeting will be Tuesday, November 29th at 10:00 a.m. at the church.

#### General Meeting

The December General Meeting will be a Brunch at the church on Saturday, December 3rd. The time is 9:30 a.m., and all the ladies of the church are invited to come and join us in the celebration of the beginning of Advent.



### Cinnamon Rolls!

Don’t forget to buy your cinnamon rolls for the Thanksgiving holidays this **Sunday, November 20th.**

### Hand-crafted Christmas Cards -

will be offered for sale by our Women’s Ministry in the lobby beginning this Sunday Morning. This year gift tags and gift card holders will also be available. Come admire the beautiful handiwork of these ladies, and choose your favorites to bless others this holiday season. All proceeds will help pay apportionments.



# November/December 2011

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						
	<b>NOVEMBER</b> 		<b>16</b> 9:00 a.m. Mobile Meals 4:00 p.m. A Circle of Friends 5:00 p.m. Village Café 5:45 p.m. Men's Ministry Class 6:00 p.m. Lighthouse Kidz Singers 6:15 Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Oasis Worship 6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir	<b>17</b> 6:00 p.m. S.P.R.C. meeting 6:00 p.m. Beth Moore Study 7:00 p.m. Support Group	<b>18</b> 6:30 a.m. Friday Breakfast ALL INVITED!  5:00 p.m. Pratt Wedding	<b>19</b> Kitchen in use for Cinnamon Rolls! 
<b>20 CINNAMON ROLLS</b> 8:15 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Chancel Ringers 11:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m. Youth—Paint Ball	<b>21</b> 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry	<b>22</b> 8:45 a.m. Worship Planning 7:00 p.m. Support Groups	<b>23</b> 5:00 p.m. Village Café Thanksgiving Dinner 6:30 p.m. Oasis Worship All other activities cancelled due to Holiday events.  Church Office will close at Noon.	<b>24</b> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 	<b>25</b> THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY  CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	<b>26</b> 
<b>27</b>  Hanging of the Greens 8:15 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Chancel Ringers 4:00 p.m. UM Youth	<b>28</b> 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry	<b>29</b> 8:45 a.m. Worship Planning 10:00 a.m. UMW Leadership Mtg. 6:00 p.m. Finance Mtg if Necessary 7:00 p.m. Support Group	<b>30</b> 9:00 a.m. Mobile Meals 4:00 p.m. A Circle of Friends 5:00 p.m. Village Café 5:45 p.m. Men's Ministry Class 6:00 p.m. Lighthouse Kidz Singers 6:15 Women's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Oasis Worship 6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir	<b>DEC 1</b>  10:00—11:30 a.m. Volunteer's Appreciation Brunch 6:00 p.m. Beth Moore Study 7:00 p.m. Support Group	<b>2</b> 6:30 a.m. Friday Breakfast ALL INVITED!	<b>3</b>  9:30 A.M. VUMW Christmas Brunch. All Ladies Welcome!
<b>4</b> 8:15 a.m. Worship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship 11:30 a.m. Trustees 11:30 a.m. Chancel Ringers 4:00 p.m. UM Youth	<b>5</b> 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry	<b>6</b> 8:45 a.m. Worship Planning 7:00 p.m. Support Group	<b>7</b> 9:00 a.m. Mobile Meals 4:00 p.m. A Circle of Friends 5:00 p.m. Village Café 5:45 p.m. Men's Ministry Class 6:00 p.m. Lighthouse Kidz Singers 6:30 p.m. Oasis Worship 6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir	<b>8</b> 11:00 a.m. Village Connections 6:00 p.m. Beth Moore Study 7:00 p.m. Support Group	<b>9</b> 6:30 a.m. Friday Breakfast ALL INVITED!	<b>10</b>
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# Celebrations and Prayer Concerns



**Happy Birthday to:**

**November 22**

Tom White

**November 23**

Billie Coon  
Annette Fisher

**November 24**

Cindy Muns

**November 25**

Dennis Shackelford

**November 26**

Marcella Young

**November 27**

Marilyn Pick

**November 28**

Lindsey Absher  
Betty Cramp

Kevin Kendall

**November 29**

Ann Haworth

**November 30**

Shirley Akeman  
Meg Littlepage  
Bob Woodford

**December 1**

Janice Anderson

**December 2**

Jennifer Austin  
Alex Valderrama  
Nancy Ward

**December 3**

Jayson Street

**December 4**

Sefton Dean  
Ryan Pojezny

**December 5**

Ruth Dederig



**Prayer Concerns:**

- Punk Bonner
- Tracy Brenherd
- Mary Ellen Brown
- Shirley Brummett
- Bill Bullard
- Megan Clampett
- Terry Currier
- Glenys Decker
- Hap Decker
- Joe and Betsy Dewey
- Jenna Fast
- Dorothy Finnell
- Dr. Andy Gin
- Elsie Huffman
- Marilyn Kawakami
- Carolyn Lambertson
- Virginia Ludlow
- Jeff Marrs
- Rev. Rik Marion
- Billie Marshall
- Gary McKelvey
- Sandi Mitchell
- Laverne Patterson
- Chester Phyffer
- Marilyn Rothe
- Jack Steeley
- Matthew Weber

**In the Middle East:**

- Bull Family
- Ben Wilhelm

**SYMPATHY:** Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Wallace Hoyt's family. Wallace passed on to be with our Heavenly Father on Thursday, November 10th. Wallace was a dear friend and a blessing to all at VUMC. He will be missed greatly.



**10:30 Ushers for November:**

- Joe Patterson
- David Selby
- Dean Couch
- Jim Robertson

**10:30 Ushers for December:**

- John Ferguson
- Punk Bonner
- Greg Self
- Ken Kendrick



**Nursery Workers:**

**November 20**

- Jamie Brooks
- Jamie McCormack
- Abbey Elliott
- Kennedy Franklin

**November 27**

- Jamie Brooks
- Jamie McCormack
- Andy Greely
- Kelli Hayes

**Deadline for next newspaper is Wednesday, November 23rd.**

Please bring articles to Sally or email to [slanger@villagemethodist.org](mailto:slanger@villagemethodist.org).



October income	\$32,833.81
October expenses	\$28,488.57
	\$ 4,345.24

Year to Date Income	\$356,818.06
Year to Date Expense	\$343,018.59
	\$ 13,799.47



**Happy Anniversary to:**

**November 26**

Danny & Debbie Neitzel

# Community Thanksgiving Dinner

*I was hungry and you gave me FOOD*



Before your traditional family Thanksgiving celebration, come join with your church family as we gather to serve our community. On **Wednesday, November 23rd**, Village Café will be serving a Thanksgiving Dinner, offering Ham, Company Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Rolls, and Pie.

Because of the delicious menus and the warm welcomes, Village Café's weekly attendance has steadily increased, and we anticipate a good crowd for this meal. We need your help in supplying at least **20 pies**, any variety, whether homemade or purchased. We also need **lots of volunteers** to help us cook, serve, and clean up after the meal.

Can we count on your help?  
Please contact Jan Schechter or Julie Hayes to volunteer.

This is a wonderful opportunity to show our love for our community, blessing someone else this holiday season, only to find that we are the ones who reap blessings as well!



*Pies..Pies..Pies*



Pastor  
*Rev. Rik Marrion*  
Minister of Worship and Music  
*Tom White*  
Coordinator of Student Ministries  
Coordinator of Children's Ministries  
*Martha Pendleton*  
Coordinator of Community and  
Spiritual Growth  
*Julie Hayes*  
Instrumentalist  
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