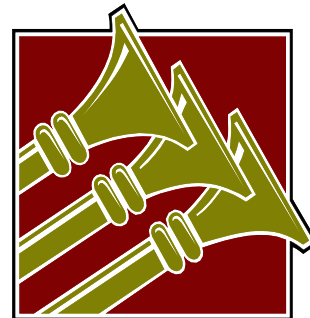
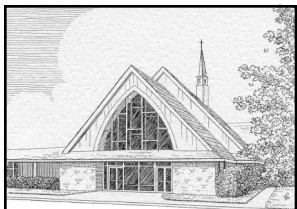


THE VILLAGE HERALD



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

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

The Season of Advent is already upon us. My thanks to all who helped with the Hanging of the Greens service last week. It was an inspiring way to kick off Advent. I'd like to share with you briefly about some of the other worship opportunities we are offering this year.



The Four Sundays in Advent. The theme for Advent Sundays is my series entitled, “Isaiah’s Four Faces of the Messiah,” based on Isaiah 9:6-7. Isaiah identifies a coming Savior who shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace. Each Sunday we will look at one of the titles and what it tells us about this Savior – Jesus Christ.

Oasis Worship. Each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. the Oasis community is using Adam Hamilton’s *The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem* as the source for reflection. Oasis meets in the parlor.

A Service of Light in the Midst of Darkness. On December 14th we will feature the Longest Night service at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. This service is especially for anyone who has suffered some kind of a loss and is having a hard time getting into the spirit of the holidays. There will be a time for anointing with oil and healing prayer at the closing of the service.

Christmas Eve Worship. The highlight of the season is, of course, Christmas Eve. Stuart Deavers will begin with a piano concert at 5:00 p.m. Worship will begin at 5:30.

Since Christmas Day is on a Sunday this year, the worship planning committee has decided to do things differently. Christmas Eve, Saturday night, will be our time during the weekend to worship the Lord corporately. *Christmas Day there will be no formal worship services.* We want you to

celebrate Christmas with your family and observe your family traditions. At the end of the Christmas Eve service we will be passing out devotionals for you to use with your family on Christmas morning.

Until later....grace and peace to you! Rik

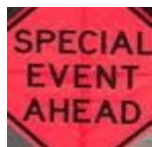


Student Ministries



The Staff Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce the hiring of David Dabrowski. David comes to us with a degree in ministry and several years experience leading youth. He is an accomplished musician having toured with a Christian band up and down the east coast. David rebuilds and restores Volkswagens, owns a home in Edmond (which he completely remodeled himself) and is working to establish a youth outreach ministry there. David will begin his ministry at Village on December 11 and will be introduced at a reception in his honor immediately following worship that day. Please make it a point to introduce yourself to David and welcome him into his ministry with us.

The Lock-in is coming!!!!!!!!!!



Come to the church on December 16th at 6 p.m. with your sleeping bag, snacks, and a \$5 Christmas gift. We'll head for home at 8 a.m. on Saturday, December 17th, tired but happy!

Advent

A Service of Light In the Midst of Darkness

Christmas may be a bittersweet time of year for many of us. We remember loved ones no longer with us, or events that have changed or gone. During this season of long nights, many people appreciate a quiet, meditative worship service that makes time for remembering, sharing our hurting places with our Heavenly Father, and preparing our hearts for the coming of Christ. Come on Wednesday, December 14th at 6:30 p.m. for this special service, and let the loving healing hands of Jesus comfort you.



Our beautiful, traditional service of carols, candlelight and communion is Saturday, December 24th.



Stuart Deavers will present a special piano concert at 5:00 p.m., followed by worship at 5:30 p.m.

Prime Timers Celebrate First!



Mark your calendar!

Prime Timers invite you to join them to be the first to celebrate the New Year at **NOON** on **Friday, December 30th!!!** Black-eyed peas and home-made cornbread will be provided; you just need to bring a side dish and a friend or two.

Let's spend some time together this year – after lunch, we can play bridge (invite your favorite foursome), mah johng, hand and foot, dominoes, whatever you enjoy. Bring your game with you and let's enjoy a football-free afternoon with friends. Planning has begun for 2012 – so bring your ideas for programs as well.



Who benefits from Stephen Ministry?



When We Need God's Love Most

When do we need God's love most? Of course we need that love every second of our lives. But at times, God's love is especially precious to us, times when:

- we lose a loved one;
- life becomes so confusing that we do not know where to turn; or
- life just becomes meaningless and depression sets in.

At times like these, it is very important to have someone who cares. Our congregation has Pastor Rik and 10 trained lay people, Stephen Ministers, who offer a ministry of Christian caring here at Village UMC.

On Monday, December 5, our Stephen Ministers will be commissioned for service. Each one of these caring Christians will have completed 50 hours of extensive training and are ready to have care receivers assigned to them. If you would like more specific details about Stephen Ministry, please contact Pastor Rik at the church.

Children's Ministries



Jesus Is Born

Children in Wee Worship will learn about Jesus' birth during December. Wee Worship is for children in the nursery during 10:30 worship. Jamie Brooks, Nursery Supervisor, is planning doll play, an art project, a game and a Christmas party so the children can celebrate Jesus' birthday.

In the Manger

Amazing Voyage children began the unit, "In the Manger," on November 27. The main idea is the "Jesus was born in Bethlehem, where Mary laid him in a manger. His humble birth reminds us that the Messiah began life as a helpless baby, just as we do." Experiences in art, cooking, games, movies, science and storytelling help children in Kindergarten through grade 5 understand Jesus' birth. Amazing Voyage gathers in the Jungle Room at 9:15 each Sunday morning before going to a different rotation each week.



Lighthouse Kidz Singers

Lighthouse Kidz Singers Cherubs, age 3 through Kindergarten will share a familiar carol during 10:30 worship on December 11. Elementary singers will join the adult choir in a special anthem on December 18. Lighthouse Kidz Singers will not rehearse after December 14 until January 4.



Advent Adventures



All children age 3 through grade 5 are invited to Advent Adventures on Wednesday evening, December 21, from 6 to 7. Special activities are planned to help them remember the real reason we celebrate Christmas. Watch for more information in the next Herald.

Outreach Ministries



UMW December Circle Meetings:

Wesleyan Women will meet for our Christmas party on Tuesday, December 13th, at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Marilyn Rothe.

Brambles will meet at 11:30 a.m. for lunch at the home of Doris Arens on Tuesday, December 13th.

Martha Circle will meet on Tuesday, December 20th, at 11:30 a.m. for lunch in the church parlor.

Susannah Wesley and Ruth Circles will meet together at the home of Maxine Graff for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 20th.



Make a note! On Sunday morning, December 18th, the ladies of UMW will be selling homemade cinnamon rolls! Be sure to pick some up for Christmas morning.



Be An Angel—Bless a Child

Village UMC is again partnering with Child SHARE to provide Christmas gifts for the foster and adoptive children under their supervision. It is not too late to select a tag from our Angel Tree and purchase a gift for one of these precious children. We ask that your generosity be limited to \$20 per gift. Return the unwrapped gift to the church by December 7th so that they can be given to the children at the Child SHARE Christmas party.



Hand-crafted Christmas Cards -

are still available, offered for sale by our Women's Ministry in the lobby on Sunday mornings. 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.

December 2011

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<p>Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. Matthew 1:23</p>				<p>DEC 1 10:00—11:30 a.m. Volunteer's Appreciation Brunch 6:00 p.m. Beth Moore Study 7:00 p.m. Support Group</p>	<p>2 6:30 a.m. Friday Breakfast ALL INVITED!</p> 	<p>3  9:30 A.M. VUMW Christmas Brunch. All Ladies Welcome!</p>
<p>4 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</p>	<p>5  6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry</p>	<p>6 8:45 a.m. Worship Planning 7:00 p.m. Support Group</p> 	<p>7 9:00 a.m. Mobile Meals 11:30 a.m. SPRC Luncheon 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</p>	<p>8 11:00 a.m. Village Connections 6:00 p.m. Beth Moore Study 7:00 p.m. Support Group</p>	<p>9 6:30 a.m. Friday Breakfast ALL INVITED!</p>	<p>10 </p>
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<p>25 Christmas Day No Worship Service or Church Activities today. Enjoy your Families while you celebrate the Birth of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.</p> 	<p>26 Christmas Holiday Church Office Closed</p>	<p>27 8:45 a.m. Worship Planning 7:00 p.m. Support Group</p> 	<p>28 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 6:30 p.m. Oasis Worship</p>	<p>29 11:00 a.m. Village Connections 6:00 p.m. Beth Moore Study 7:00 p.m. Support Group</p>	<p>30 6:30 a.m. Friday Breakfast ALL INVITED!</p> <p>12:00 Noon Prime Timers New Year's Eve Luncheon</p>	<p>31 WELCOME 2012 </p>

Celebrations and Prayer Concerns



Happy Birthday to:

December 6

Jane Griffy

December 8

Jarrold Jameson

December 10

Punk Bonner

Reed Clifton

Dallas Walley

December 11

Katie Drakeford

Kendra Farrill

December 12

Muff Ford

Alan Lee

December 13

Robert Trager

December 15

Linda Prentice

December 19

Adam Briggs

Terri Bruce

Bev Kelly

December 20

Pam Dean

Prayer Concerns:

Pearl Boler

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

Charise Frazier

Dr. Andy Gin

Elsie Huffman

Marilyn Kawakami

Carolyn Lambertson

Virginia Ludlow

Jeff Marrs

Rev. Rik Marion

Billie Marshall

Gary McKelvey

Sandi Mitchell

Chester Phyffer

Marilyn Rothe

Jack Steeley

Matthew Weber

In the Middle East:

Bull Family

Ben Wilhelm



10:30 Ushers for December:

John Ferguson

Punk Bonner

Greg Self

Ken Kendrick

Nursery Workers:

December 4

Jamie Brooks

Jamie McCormack

Austin Elliott

Sarah Baer

December 11

Jamie Brooks

Jamie McCormack

Abbey Elliot

Sarah Jones



Deadline for next newspaper is Wednesday, December 7th.

Please bring articles to Sally or email to slanger@villagemethodist.org.



A Very Special Thank You to:

The **Dallam Family and Friends** for the lovely crèche displayed on the altar, given in honor of **Diane Dallam Bailey**;

The **Lee Family** for the beautiful advent candles given in loving memory of **J.B. Fidler and Nina Fidler**; and **Bill and Martha Smith and Family** for the beautiful crèche displayed in the main lobby, given in loving memory of **John and Mary Mann, and Bob and Geoff Dawson**.



Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Virginia Farrier and family on the recent loss of her sister.



"To all my Friends at the Methodist Church, Thank you all for caring about me. I love all my cards and presents. I am truly blessed to have so many people that care about me.

Love,
Glenys Decker"



POINSETTIAS



**Cost: \$12.00 – Poinsettia only
or
\$14.00 – Poinsettia plus \$2.00 for missions
Please mark your check “Poinsettia”
Deadline: December 20, 2011**



Please Print Names

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Given By: _____

Please Indicate if you will pick up _____ your poinsettia after the worship service on Christmas Eve or leave it _____ to be delivered to a homebound member. *We have 18 homebound members.*

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
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