



# News ON THE Horizon

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## Ponderings from the Pastor's Pen

In Wayne Muller's book *Sabbath* he asserts, "Creation, then, is an ongoing story of new beginnings, opportunities to begin again and again." As we enter another new year we are especially mindful of those new beginnings and fresh opportunities to begin again. Some of us may find it exhilarating to enter this new year of possibilities. Others of us may cringe in fear of the unknown. Either way, 2011 is upon us and we might as well embrace it and make the most of whatever opportunities and challenges may come our way!

I recently read an affirmation of faith that gave me a boost of encouragement, and I want to share it with you as we enter this new year:

"I believe in God, who places joy in our souls, dancing in our toes and songs in our hearts. I believe God wanted gladness to flow like a river and so created a bountiful earth with plenty for all to share.

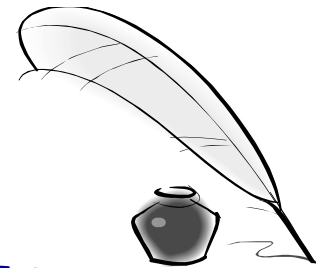
I believe in Jesus, who turned water into wine, partied with outcasts and sinners, and touched the broken so they could leap and dance. I believe Jesus opened the doors and set an extra place so we could feast.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who prompts us to smile, who sends invitations to come and dine, who nudges us to openness and tenderness. I believe the Spirit is present every time we gather to break bread and is always urging us to live joyfully and walk hopefully.

Forever, I will live in the embrace of God and be a witness to resurrection joy."

I think I might just post that on my computer or the refrigerator or the bathroom mirror so I can read it every day and be encouraged and reminded of the awesome God we serve. With a God like that around us and within is, I'm up for the challenges and opportunities 2011 may bring! How about you? May the new year bring us all an abundance of God's hope-inspiring, life-changing grace! I look forward to worshipping with you soon.

*Love,  
Pastor Wendy*



# Happy New Year!

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## Just for YOUTH

### Youth Group Meeting

The next youth group meeting will be held on Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup> right after the morning worship service. We'll be discussing some important things like upcoming fundraiser ideas and the Famine so please plan to be there! If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact our youth director, Ashley Kloften at [asht-en1@gmail.com](mailto:asht-en1@gmail.com) or 608-931-7666.

### Rock and Worship Roadshow

The Rock and Worship Roadshow is coming to the Alliant Energy Center in Madison again on Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. Lots of the big names in contemporary Christian music will be there, including Mercy Me, Jars of Clay, Thousand Foot

Krutch, Matt Maher, The Afters, and Lecrae...and the tickets are just \$10 per person! (The only catch is that tickets cannot be purchased in advance, but must be purchased at the door on a first come, first served basis.) If there is enough interest we can coordinate transportation, and even if we don't get a big group together just mark your calendars and plan to go with your family or friends to this fantastic event!

### Valentine Cookies

The youth group is planning to sell Valentine cookies again this year. Watch for more information in your weekly worship bulletins toward the end of January!

## January Events on the Horizon

### Grief Support Group

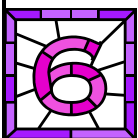
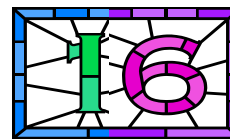


A seven-week "Beginning the Healing" Grief Support Group will begin on Tuesday, January 4, 2011 from 6:00-7:30 pm. The death of a loved one has lasting effects on our lives. Joining with others who are having the same experience provides support and healing. There is no cost to attend this group. To register call 608-363-7421 or 877-363-7421 and ask for the Grief Department. Beloit Regional Hospice is located at 655 Third St., Ste. 200, Beloit, WI.

our district administrative assistant, Sherry Malone at 608-837-0056 or [smalone@wisconsinumc.org](mailto:smalone@wisconsinumc.org) if you plan to attend.

### Human Relations Day

Human Relations Day is one of the opportunities for the United Methodist Church to celebrate our connectional work. This day of social action and raising awareness aims to heal social ills at the national level. It supports Community Developers, United Methodist Voluntary Service, and the Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program. Offering envelopes and more information about the ministries supported by this offering will be provided in the worship bulletins on January 16<sup>th</sup> for anyone who would like to participate in this special offering.



### Day of Prayer and Fasting

All clergy and laity in the Coulee/Capital Regions are invited to a day of prayer and fasting on Thursday, January 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am-3:00 pm at the Dodgeville United Methodist Church, 327 N Iowa St, Dodgeville, WI. This is simply a time for singing, reflecting on scripture and praying for clergy, circuits, and congregations. RSVP to

*If you have an event or item to include in the newsletter give it to Marshall or email it to [marshall@mjreese.com](mailto:marshall@mjreese.com) by January 16 to make the February issue.*

## Financial Update

When we sent the December edition of the newsletter, you may recall that there was good news and bad news to report. The good news was that our building debt was down to just \$3900 and the bad news was that we still had \$7900 of our apportionments to pay in addition to all our regular building and payroll expenses.

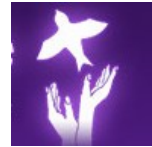
In this edition we have only good news to report! Amazingly, we were able to pay our apportionments in full as of December 27, 2010,

and all our other operating expenses have been paid as well. We even paid off another \$300 of our building debt, so we have only \$3600 of debt left to carry into the new year. Together, by the grace of God, we have overcome some pretty steep challenges. Thank you all for your generous and faithful giving! God is good!

## Hospice Volunteer Training

You can reach out and make a difference in your community! Be a volunteer at Beloit Regional Hospice. Volunteers are asked to provide only those services with which they are comfortable. This could include offering support to patients by visiting, reading, providing caregiver relief (sitting with a patient while caregivers run errands), light housekeeping, light meal prep, or playing cards. Volunteers also can offer support to the office by filing, typing, copying, etc. Beloit Regional Hospice is offering a Two Day

Training with a light lunch provided on Saturdays, January 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011 from 9:00 am-3:00 pm at Beloit Regional Hospice, 655 Third St, Suite 200, Beloit, WI 53511. Following the training session you will meet with the volunteer coordinator to determine what role with hospice you would choose. If you have questions or would like to sign up, please call 608-363-7421 or e-mail [volunteer@beloitregionalhospice.com](mailto:volunteer@beloitregionalhospice.com) to reserve your spot by January 14, 2011.



## Congratulations

### Baptism

We celebrated the baptism of Keely Ann Douglas on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Keely joins a big brother, Ryan. Congratulations to the entire Douglas family! We look forward to continuing our faith journey with you all.

### New Member

We joyfully welcome Chris Bonk to our church family. Chris became a member on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Chris and his wife, Amy, are also the proud parents of Gunnar Wolfgang Bonk, who was baptized here in September. Congratulations, Chris!

## For Rent

The Ezra Foot Memorial Manor on Railroad Street in Footville has apartments available for rent to elderly or handicapped individuals. Each unit is a one-bedroom apartment with range and refrigerator

furnished and water included. Income must qualify. If you are interested, contact the Footville Housing Authority at 608-876-6914.

## Thank You

*An additional donation for Watoto was received at New Horizon UMC after the initial free will offering had been sent. We received the following thank you in response to that second gift:*

We are so blessed and encouraged by your partnership. We received your gift of \$50.00 on 11/23/2010. Thank you!

Your gift will help support the many programs in Watoto. We recently purchased a plot of land near Kampala where we will soon begin our 4<sup>th</sup> children's village. Baby Watoto is currently caring for over 120 babies but we have seen nearly 200 others graduate on to a Watoto Children's Village where

they will continue on their journey to become the future leaders of their country.

Our goat farm is nearing completion and will soon be providing nourishing milk to the babies' homes. Four other of our very own agriculture projects are providing fresh produce for our villages that will help keep our

children healthy and growing strong.

These are just a few of the projects that you help bring to life through your generosity. We couldn't do this without you, thank you!



## Mission Supplies Needed

The Wisconsin Conference, on behalf of the Midwest Mission Distribution Center, is requesting the following urgently-needed items:

- ◆ **For school kit:** 1 pair blunt scissors (rounded tip), 8 1/2" x 11" ruled paper, 30-centimeter rulers, hand-held pencil sharpeners, pencils with erasers (no advertising), 2 1/2" erasers, crayons (24 box)
- ◆ **For cleaning bucket:** sponges, liquid laundry detergent (50 oz.), household cleaner (12 to 16 oz.), air freshener (8 or 9 oz. aerosol), insect

repellent spray (NOT killer, 6 to 14 oz.)

- ◆ **For sewing kit:** 3+ yards of 44" - 45" cotton or cotton-blend fabric (solid color or print), large spools of thread (250+ yards) to match fabric
- ◆ **For layette kit:** NEW gowns, sleepers, onesies, baby sweaters, receiving blankets, baby washcloths, cloth diapers

Contact Ron Schobert at 608-235-7130 or [schobetr@gmail.com](mailto:schobetr@gmail.com) with donations or for more information.

### Butter Pecan Torte by Harriet Clark

60 Ritz Crackers evenly crushed  
 2 pkgs instant coconut pudding  
 1 large Cool Whip    1 qt butter pecan ice cream  
 1/2 cup melted butter    1 1/2 cup milk

Create a crust using half of the crackers and butter. Reserve half of crumbs for topping. Spread ice cream over crust. Next, add prepared pudding mixture, followed by Cool Whip. Top off with remaining crumbs. Let stand over night in refrigerator.

### Fluffy Lime Punch by Jane Oscarson

1 qt. unsweetened pineapple juice  
 1 qt. ginger ale, chilled    1 qt. lime sherbet  
 1 cup sugar    1 qt. vanilla ice cream

Combine ingredients in a large bowl and beat until just smooth. Pour mixture into punch bowl and serve.

*If you have a recipe to include give it to Marshall or email it to [marshall@mjreese.com](mailto:marshall@mjreese.com).*

## 2011 New Horizon United Methodist Church Leadership Team

### CHURCH COUNCIL

**Marshall Reese** Chairperson/Lay Leader  
 Jeanette Krupke UMW President  
 Helen Ponyicsanyi PPRC Chairperson  
 Cindy Reidle Finance Co-Chair  
 Jack Ponyicsanyi Finance Co-Chair/Treas.  
 Bob Selck Trustees Chairperson  
 Luann Hannaford Lay Member-Annual Conf.  
 Wendy Slaback Pastor  
 Glenda Schindler Worship Team Chairperson  
 Julie Meehan Sunday School Supt.  
 Ashley Kloften Youth Director

### FINANCE TEAM

**Jack Ponyicsanyi**, Co-chair, Treasurer  
**Cindy Reidle**, Co-chair, Financial Secretary  
 Wendy Slaback, Pastor  
 Helen Ponyicsanyi, PPRC Chairperson  
 Nancy Kloften  
 Marshall Reese, Church Council Chairperson

### MEMORIAL FUND TEAM

**Kathy Schindler**  
 Sue Kratz  
 Nancy Laube

### AUDIT COMMITTEE

Ken Heise  
 Charlene Green  
 Elaine Selck

### TRUSTEES/BUILDING AND GROUND TEAM

**Bob Selck**  
 Howard Krupke  
 Jeanette Burtness  
 Jeff Jones  
 Joe Gestrich  
 Jason Knox

### CUP COMMITTEE

(Churches United for People food pantry)  
 Jeanette Krupke  
 Sue Wilson  
 Jack and Helen Ponyicsanyi  
 Jean Noble

### STAFF PARISH RELATIONS TEAM

#### (LAY LEADERSHIP TEAM)

**Helen Ponyicsanyi** Class of 2011  
 Les McCracken Class of 2011  
 Diana Whalen Class of 2012  
 Jeff Jones Class of 2012  
 Sharon Heise Class of 2013  
 Lori Britton Class of 2013

### SUNSHINE TEAM

Glenda Schindler

### EVANGELISM TEAM

**Luann Hannaford**

### WORSHIP TEAM

**Glenda Schindler**  
 Julie Meehan  
 Sue Kratz  
 Ruth Coker  
 Penni Selck  
 Glenda McCracken

### SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORS

**Julie Meehan**  
**Joyce Miller**

### YOUTH DIRECTOR

**Ashley Kloften**

**Bold text indicates chairperson/team leader  
of each group**

## Calendar of Events

Sunday, January 2	9:00 am, 5:00 pm	Worship
Wednesday, January 5	6:00 pm	Choir practice
Sunday, January 9	9:00 am, 5:00 pm	Worship
	9:45 am	Youth group meeting
Wednesday, January 12	6:00 pm	Choir practice
Sunday, January 16	9:00 am, 5:00 pm	Worship
Tuesday, January 18	10:30 am	Worship at St Elizabeth Manor
Wednesday, January 19	6:00 pm	Choir practice
Thursday, January 20	6:30 pm	Administrative Council meeting
Sunday, January 23	9:00 am, 5:00 pm	Worship
Wednesday, January 26	10:00 am	Worship at Collinwood Assisted Living
Wednesday, January 26	6:00 pm	Choir practice
Sunday, January 30	9:00 am, 5:00 pm	Worship
Monday, January 31	6:30 pm	Neighbors Helping Neighbors meeting
Saturday, February 5	1:30-4:00pm	District-wide SPRC training at Fort Atkinson First UMC Rock and Worship Roadshow at Alliant Energy Center
Sunday, February 6	Souper Bowl Sunday (local hunger-relief fundraiser in conjunction with Super Bowl)	

**Worship with us every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.**

***We Have a Place for You!***



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