



*Children's Choirs  
Present  
"Jingle Bells"  
This Sunday  
Fellowship Hall  
7:00 p.m.*



*Join us this Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall as our children perform "Jingle Bells." The JYF Choir will be singing, speaking, and playing bells throughout the program. The Children's Choir will be singing and playing the Kristal Bells.*

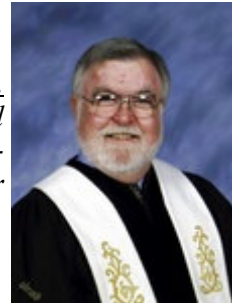
*There will be a reception of cookies and cider immediately following the program. See you Sunday!!!*

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## According to John.....

Last week I announced that we have copies of "Whose Birthday is It, Anyway?" that are available at the Welcome Center on a first come, first served basis. This publication invites us to consider alternative, less commercialized Advent and Christmas celebrations. Below is a reprint of a devotion from an earlier issue:



### *Reflections by Esther Armstrong and Dale Stitt*

Peace Is Within You ----Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24: 36-44

Peace has always been in short supply. To our knowledge, there has hardly been a day in history in which humankind has been free from war. Somewhere there are always families, cities, nations, or empires doing battle with one another. Abuse, hoarding, dominance, hostility and war all seem to be a part of how we humans do life. But history has shown us that violence - the absence of peace - is not just immoral, it is also impractical. It simply does *not* work. It has never solved any problem, it never brings lasting peace. Violence only generates more violence, war, poverty, and injustice.

Yet scripture calls us to peace. It invites us to pray and prepare our hearts for peace; to claim and honor the peace that lies within, *even* in this season that is too often stress-filled. "The rush and pressure of modern life are a form, perhaps the most common form, of its innate violence." (Thomas Merton)

In a world that has been shaken by terrorism, greed, and war, the Advent journey of peace takes on a heightened significance. We can *talk* about peace this Advent season or we can *live* peace. We can:

***Simplify***, simplify, simplify. ***Let go***, let go, let go. Reduce or eliminate frenzied busyness by setting priorities, clearing schedules, avoiding meaningless rituals, and stepping out of the flood of materialism.

***Practice alternative gift-giving***. One of the biggest stress points of this season is the pressure to buy - to spend money we don't have or that would better be spent for other things. When we do give gifts we can choose gifts that are in alignment with our spiritual values, such as gifts we make or bake; gifts of babysitting, cleaning our neighbors house, or home cooked meals; or gifts in the recipient's name to a valued charity.

***Plan activities that enrich our lives***. Do inexpensive activities with family and friends that are designed to help connect us on a deeper level. Write prayers of peace each day of Advent! Go on a silent retreat! Attend music concerts! Make peace crane mobiles!

***Breathe in gratitude*** by writing down five things we are grateful for each day of Advent.

***Take responsibility for our negative and/or violent thoughts and actions***. Remember peace begins within. Own that both the lion and the lamb dwell within each of us. Within us all there is both potential for great harm and great good. We are both powerful and vulnerable, strong and weak. The Lion and the Lamb are one. They are not just 'out there'. They dwell within each one of us.

***Let us live in peace.***



In case of an emergency please call Rev. McLemore any time at the office at 233-1214. If you are unable to reach him at the office, his cell phone number is (580)402-2522, or you can reach him by calling his home 233-4214.
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**SUNDAY'S STATISTICS**

**December 3, 2006**

Chapel Worship.....	28
Sanctuary Worship.....	241
Saturday Night Worship.....	12
Sunday School Attendance.....	209

**VAN DRIVER SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, December 3, Brian Meyer**

**REPORTED ILL**

**St. Mary's:** Leonard Herron, Mary Ruth Cooper, Twila Provost, Ruth Mahaffey

**Bass:** Gene Morahan, Leon Moulton, Joan Petersen

**Dismissed:** Joye Parks, Roger Wiles, Berniece Thornburgh

**ADDRESS CHANGE**

Ruth Mahaffey, Methodist Home, 301 S. Oakwood, Room 206, Enid, OK 73703

**SMALL GROUP NEWS**

The Tuesday Night Small Group that meets at the Phillips' house will be taking a holiday break. We will resume our weekly Bible study and prayer session on Tuesday, January 9th, at 7:00 p.m. We invite you to join us if you are not currently in a group. We'd love to have you!

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**Sunday, December 10**

- 8:00—Chapel Worship
- 9:00—Church School
- 9:00—Children's Ornament Party
- 9:00—Disciples 101 Class
- 10:15—Sanctuary Worship
- 2:30—CCC Worship Service on Pegasys
- 7:00—Children's Christmas Program

**Monday, December 11**

- 12:00—Prayer Service
- 6:00—Program Design Team Meeting

**Tuesday, December 12**

- 11:45—Brown Bag Bible Study

**Wednesday, December 13**

- 10:00—CWF Group Meetings
- 1:30—CWF Group Meetings
- 4:30—CCC Worship Service on Pegasys
- 4:30—Children & Youth Choir Practice
- 5:15—Caregivers Too Meeting
- 5:00—Children's Handbell Practice
- 6:00—General Board Christmas Dinner
- 6:30—Chancel Choir Practice
- 7:30—Chancel Handbell Practice

**Saturday, December 16**

- 8:00—Angel Food Distribution
- 5:30—Saturday Evening Worship Service

**CENTOUR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

The Centours will be having their Christmas Luncheon this Sunday, December 10 immediately following the 10:15 a.m. worship service. The menu will include ham loaf with pineapple, asparagus casserole, applesauce jell-o salad, homemade rolls and holiday lime dessert. The program will be a Christmas reading by Bea Simpson. Cost is \$3.50 and everyone 55+ is welcome to attend.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2006**

<b>Chapel Worship.....</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Church School.....</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Sanctuary Worship.....</b>	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>
<b>Sermon.....</b>	<b>"Prepare the Way of the Lord".....Rev. John McLemore</b>
<b>Scripture.....</b>	<b>Luke 3:1-6</b>
<b>Anthem.....</b>	<b>"Hurry to Bethlehem".....Chancel Choir</b>
<b>Elders 8:00—Madge Loomis; 10:15—Dan Harris, David Dell</b>	

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### CARD OF THANKS

Thank you, thank you to all of you

- who helped plan the Charitable Market of Blessings
- who volunteered so much time on Saturday and Sunday
- who donated handmade items and baked goods
- and who came and supported this incredibly worthy venture

Even with snow and ice on the ground, the Market still raised almost \$8,000 -- every penny of which went directly to a charitable organization or mission endeavor. Because of the outpouring of love from this community, children will be fed, men and women will find employment, students will attend school, orphans will have warm clothing and bedding, families will be given dignity -- in short, God's children will be cared for because of your desire to share our blessings both here in Enid and around the world. What better Christmas present could there be? We have already begun planning for next year's Market of Blessings! Once again we'll need your help.

Sincerely,

The World Outreach Committee

### Disciples 101 Class Meets December 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

It is time for our Disciples 101 Class again. All visitors, prospective members, seekers and new members (who haven't attended a previous session) are invited to attend. Rev. McLemore will discuss the basic beliefs and practices of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the specific mission and ministry of Central Christian Church and answer any questions. The sessions are from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. in the **Boomer Sunday Class Room (# 200)**, which is on the west side of the second floor in the Education Wing. A light continental breakfast will be served.

### IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following individuals are either undergoing cancer/leukemia treatments or have been diagnosed with cancer Clifford Lewis, Emma Jean Floyd, Becky Cox, Gene Olbert, Cody Miller, Tim Hopkins, Carson Bandy, Hope Weiden, Joan Winterringer, Della Huckleberry, Barbara Hunter, Terry Moulton, Marilyn King, Elbert Wheeler, David Bratina, Norma McIntyre, Karen Holloway, Brenda Brown, Mary Simpson and Ray Townley..... Kirbie Brittain awaiting a heart transplant..... Oliver Traylor recovering from a fall...Don Angle on the death of his cousin Clifford Green.....The family of Les Caton on his passing.....Vivian Musser recovering from a fall....Dorothy Dizmang on the death of her mother and ill health.....



### GIANT CHRISTMAS CARD

The Giant Christmas Card is displayed in the Loggia. Each year a Giant Christmas card is made and signed by everyone who would like to send greetings through the Church Visitor. Donations are taken and the CACS Department has designated the Food 4 Kids Program to receive the money. This program provides food for children on the weekends. Please sign the card and drop your donation in the gold box in the Loggia.

### CARD OF THANKS

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for all the calls, cards, visits, and prayers while I was in the hospital. Everyone was so kind and you are all greatly appreciated. God bless,

Joye Parks & family



Our congregation is continuing to pray for other churches in our area. This week we have been asked to pray for **Willow Road Christian Church, Enid**. Please keep them in your prayers this week.

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*Please join us to celebrate*

*Iris Butts"*

*90th Birthday*

*December 10, 2006*

*2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.*

*Copper Lake Estates  
1225 Lakeshore Drive  
Edmond, OK 73013*

*Iris misses her Enid friends  
and would love to see you!!*

*If you cannot attend and  
wish to send a card, please  
mail to:*

*Iris Butts  
c/o Jim Butts  
1000 Olde Bridge Road  
Edmond, OK 73034-4972*

*Iris' phone number is  
(405)330-2037.*

#### **HEALING SERVICE**

There will be a Healing Service, Sunday, December 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Rev. Sherry Shaw will be conducting the service and all are welcome to attend.

#### **ATTENTION LADIES!!!**

If you have been knitting or crocheting baby hats please bring them to the CWF Meeting, Guild Meeting, church office or to the Church Loggia on Sunday, December 10th where we will have a display table.

#### **HELP NEEDED FOR MEADOWS POINT DELIVERY**

For several years, three church school classes from Central Christian Church have been delivering meals to the residents of Meadows Point Apartments. Those classes are the Sooner Class, the Adult Bible Study Class and the Crusader Class. These classes are going to continue doing this in 2007, but sometimes we need some help. We were hoping there might be some people in our church, who are not members of these classes who would like to help us when we run short on volunteers.

Our delivery doesn't take much time. We go to Booker T. Washington at 10:45 a.m. and pick up the food which is packaged in a carrier from Wheatheart Nutrition, we deliver the food to Meadows Point, helpers there will take the food out of the containers, load them back into our car, then we take the containers back to Booker T. Washington. The days we go are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, the fourth week of the month.

If you would like to help out with this very worthwhile project or if you have questions, please call Joyce Greenhaw at 237-5115. The residents of Meadows Point truly appreciate our volunteering. Thank you.

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## YOUTH NEWS

Attention ChiRho (junior high) and CYF (high school):

**Foster Kids Christmas Party is this Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**. Be at the church at noon (eat before you come). We will help set up and also stuff the sacks with candy and fruit. The party begins at 2:00 p.m. We help and serve as "hosts". The event is over at 4:00 p.m. when we will help clean up. We should be done by 4:30 p.m. or sooner. Come and participate in this great outreach project.

**Christian Home Service and Laser Quest on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**. The official "sign up" sheet has started. It will be passed around during Sunday School, Sunday evening and Wednesday evenings. Cost is \$10.00 per person for laser tag and pizza (scholarships are available). EVERYONE MUST SUBMIT A NEW PERMISSION SLIP! Members and guests must have one on file. The new forms were sent in the youth newsletter this week. Copies are also available outside the Youth Minister's office and on the bulletin board outside the Youth Room. SIGN UP NOW!

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### ANGEL FOOD DISTRIBUTION

The CACS committee is providing opportunities for mission at home. Among our many missions, we joyfully share in the ministry of caring each month, as we help in the distribution of the Angel Food packages. We would invite you to help us next Saturday, December 16, as we assist in this project. For high school students, this provides an opportunity for volunteer service. Many colleges now look at the community involvement of their incoming students. For adults, it is an opportunity to share with the wider community of God's Realm. Because of liability considerations, any minors must be sixteen or older.

## KIDS CORNER

### Acolytes – Dec. 10

Katherine Jones, Kaylee Petersen  
(substitute if needed: Sarah Johnson)

### Kids Time Staff – Dec. 10

Lois Tilley, Catina Sundvall, Elliott Holden,  
Hallee Kroeker

(substitutes if needed: Emily Herron  
Mark Johnson )

### Rotation Teachers – Dec. 10

Carolyn McLemore, Allison Angleton  
Tammy Hromas

## CALENDAR INFORMATION

- Dec. 9 – Foster Kids party 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Dec. 10 – Christmas ornament party, multipurpose room, 9:00-10:00 a.m.
- Dec. 10 – Kids Christmas program, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary
- Dec. 17 – Christmas video party (grades 1-6) 9:00-10:00 a.m.
- Dec. 23 – Memory Verse outing – either skating or bowling – postcard will go out.
- Dec. 24 – Christmas party (grades 6 and younger) multipurpose room, 9:00-10:00 a.m.
- Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve services, 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.
- Dec. 31 – New Year's in Rio

REMEMBER – There will be no Kids Time on Dec. 17 (Choir cantata) or Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve morning worship).

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### IT'S A GIRL!!!

Congratulations go out to Chris and Cassie Shaw on the birth of their daughter Ella Grace on Thursday, November 30. Ella weighed 7 pounds 12 ounces and was 19-1/2 inches long. Proud aunt and uncle are Kacy and Heath Wallace.