

January 2010



The Slate



Thoughts and News
from St. Paul's
United Methodist Church

Thank You, St. Paul's

I have completed my first semester at Methodist Theological Seminary in Ohio and I am encouraged for what lies ahead. I would like to thank the people of St. Paul's UMC for their support through prayers, encouragement, and financial support. There is still a ways to go, but knowing I have this support from my church family is helpful. God has blessed me and I thank you all so very much.

May God Bless you,
Brad Luck

A Bright Future

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Isaiah 60: 1, 3

My wife Betsy and I loved our New Year Eve in Charleston, North Carolina. It was a magically pleasant evening with streets full of happy revelers. We sat on a swing bench on the pier overlooking the harbor. A bright full blue moon illuminated the sky and city. It was easy for me to forget all troubling thoughts and focus upon the moment and hopefulness of the future.

The light of Christ's coming still shines brightly on the world and I begin this new church year with high expectations for St. Paul's.. I am reminded that our congregation has strong ongoing ministries of outreach, music, children and youth. Our church building has never looked better. We are a healthy community with lots of potential. The church staff is experienced and reasonably stable.

Scripture assures us that the light of God shines upon us and that every nation will be blessed by Christ coming. As I recall the bright light over the harbor of Charleston I am hopeful about this bright new year.

Pastor Evans Bentley



Winter Weather

Winter has arrived in Monroe, and sometimes it can come in very cold and very snowy. Sunday worship services will not be cancelled due to weather. You are the best judge as to whether your journey will be a safe one. Other programming, such as group or committee meetings may be cancelled. The leaders of each group or committee have the authority to cancel because of weather. Christ's Kids weather cancellation policy is to not meet if Monroe Public Schools has cancelled classes for that day. Please feel free to contact St. Paul's office, 242-3000, if you are unsure of programming status.



Mission a Success!

Thank you St. Paul's congregation for your donations of mittens, scarves and hats for the Christ's Kids Mitten Tree mission in December. A special thank you goes to Pascale Clevinger for giving us many handmade colorful scarves! The items displayed on our tree were distributed to the Christmas Families, the Hollywood/Cantrick Elementary complex, and to the Salvation Army.

Thank you,
Christ's Kids Group



Memorial Tree

The Memorial Committee is pleased to announce the addition of a newly engraved leaf placed on the Memorial Tree in memory of Louis and Thelma Petit.





JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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| 1. Jason Nolf | 15. Sharon Balk |
| 2. Jeanne Davis | 16. Kari Herrera |
| Patricia Greer | 17. Eugene Blackman |
| Dorothy Nogar | 18. Mandy Collins |
| Charles T. Vanbelle | 19. Ruth Curtis |
| 3. Dorothy Hile | 20. Carolyn Griffin |
| Janice Morrow | 21. Zachery Stuffer |
| Teresa Woodruff | 22. Ellie Himebauch |
| 4. Roger Spalding | 23. Kathy Fairchild |
| 5. Julie Balk | 24. Madison Decator |
| 6. William Huntley | 25. Gary Doubler |
| 26. Michael Davis | 27. Nancy Freud |
| 28. Richard Barrett | 29. Sue Hall |
| 29. Lydia Laroux | 30. Joan Sara |
| 31. George Stoner | Alexa Shull |
| Kathy Heatherly | 8. Cinda Doubler |
| Grace Mark | Sue Gartz |
| Jennifer Skarbeck | Holly Thompson |
| 27. Sara Schmidt | 9. Debra Bordeau |
| 28. Troy Clawson | William Burkett |
| 30. Clayton Gaynier | Amanda Campbell |
| 31. Joyce Barrett | Stephen Davis |
| Cynthia Driessche | 10. Obie Green |
| Judy Drumm | Mandy Osborne |
| Heidi Heiser | Megan Pirlot |
| Kelsey Jacques | Anna Sampsel |
| Emily Short | Brooke Shugarman |
| | 12. Christy Keely |
| | Jeff Vergowven |
| | 14. Don Hendershot |

A winning pattern for the New Year

Some anonymous wise person penned the following directions for living without bringing pain to others or oneself:

“You will never be sorry — for thinking before acting, for hearing before judging, for forgiving your enemies, for being candid and frank, for helping a fallen brother, for being honest in business, for thinking before speaking, for being loyal to God and the church, for standing by your principles, for refusing to participate in gossip, for holding your words when tempted to demean another, for not entertaining impure or hateful thoughts, for sympathizing with the afflicted, for being courteous and kind to all.”



A NEW YEAR & NEW OPPORTUNITIES



Make a joyful noise

People often gather with noisemakers to celebrate the promise of a new year. Be thankful and joyful for the many blessings in your life.

Using the musical note code, write the words of Psalm 100:2 (NIV) in the correct order below.

CODE: before come gladness him joyful LORD songs the with Worship



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the _____ ;




Answer: Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.



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