



# THE LAMPLIGHTER



## JANUARY 2012

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### Musings from Pastor Phred

#### ♥ School of Love ♥

In my devotional reading the other day I came across a phrase I have not known: *schola caritatis* - "school of love." This is what St. Bernard of Clairvaux envisioned for his monastery. Could this be a vision for Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church?

*"Love, love, love, love  
 The Gospel in a word is love  
 Love your neighbor as yourself  
 For God loves us all  
 Jesus, Jesus  
 Let me tell you how I feel  
 You have given me your riches  
 I love you."*

I will be preaching a series sermons on the theme "School of Love" starting with the second Sunday in January (January 8<sup>th</sup>) and ending with the last Sunday before Lent (February 19<sup>th</sup>). We are a school of love in many ways - Kids Club, Vacation Bible School, Sunday School and so forth. As individuals we teach love in our daily lives - how did you treat other shoppers and store staff this past Christmas season? I encourage everyone who is a part of Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church to prayerfully ask, "How can we, the congregation of Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church, be a better school of love?" As a church and as individuals.

See ya' Sunday, with the saints, in the Lord's house. Peace, *Pastor Phred Cain*

## Happy New Year!

### 2012 Slate of Officers & Budget

A list of the 2012 elected officials and the 2012 budget was an insert in our November 20th bulletin. Want a copy? Just let us know! *(These positions officially begin January 1, 2012)*



### Ladies Bible Study

The ladies Bible study will resume on Tuesday, January 10. We will continue to gather at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Susan Young. We will be picking up with Lesson 6 of the Dr. David Jeremiah study "What the Bible Says About Angels". As always, coffee and tea will be provided. *Susan Young*



### Choir

Thank you to our Woodruff Grove Choir! Our 2011 Cantata, "Mary did you know?" was a great success! A big thank you to our Choir Director, Sandy Ringler and to Choir members: Chuck McKinley, Bob Russell, Carldean Merrifield, Bill Thomas, John Russell, Jeanie Park, Fay Sturtz, Jan Russell, Judy Miller, Steph Blake, Marty Young and Donna Henschen. Last, but hardly least, thank you to our sound man, JR Young. Such beautiful music! We were blessed by your talents!

## Greetings from the Choir Loft

By the time you read this the Cantata will be over and Adam and I will be in sunny North Carolina (wishful thinking on the sunny part). I hope you all enjoyed it! I will be taking suggestions for the Easter Cantata. If anyone has a new idea for something different we could do, I am open to suggestions.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Woodruff Grove United Methodist Choir!

*Sandy Ringler*

## Kids Club

Thank you for all the support given to Kids' Club. We averaged 61 children a session. A special thank you to all who participated attended or helped to make our Kids' Club Christmas Program a success! Due to some unavoidable circumstances with weather, we had to cancel our last Kids' Club meeting. But the show must go on! We only had 16 children participate in this year's program, but they really gave us a great performance! Again, we thank you for your support!

## Morning Fellowship

Thank you to everyone who provided refreshments and made coffee for our morning fellowship time in 2011. I am sorry to say that we have had no volunteers for the coming year, so we will not be able to continue in 2012.

*Susan Young*

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry meets at 9:30am on the first Tuesday of the month. We always welcome new faces! If you know how to knit or crochet or would like to learn please join our group!

If you would like to contribute yarn for prayer shawls it takes 18 oz. of 4 ply worsted size yarn. Cash donations are always welcome too!

Our group would also like to encourage those with family or friends in need of God's comforting love to take a prayer shawl from the rack any time.

## Campus Life JV

**CAMPUS LIFE™**

Our United Methodist Women are collecting snack items for our local Campus Life JV. At each meeting they use about 10 2ltr bottles of soda and 20 dozen cookies - and that's a bunch! We would like to ask for your help gathering these items!

Cookies may be homemade or store bought but please avoid oatmeal, lemon or anything with raisins. They cheerfully welcome chocolate chip, peanut butter and sugar cookies! Any flavor of soda is a favorite. Items may be put in the collection box in the fellowship hall. We will be collecting items through the month of February. Thanks for your help!

## Communication -It's our friend!

Have you ever wondered how to get a note to one of our chairmen at Woodruff Grove? For your convenience and that of the chairmen of most of our committees, we have 12 mail slots in the Gathering Place. This is for anyone to use in our Woodruff Grove Church family. Those with mail slots are:

- ☒ **Pastor Phred Cain**
- ☒ **Marilynn Grossman**, Education Committee Chairman
- ☒ **Beverly Jordan** - Evangelism & Outreach Chairman
- ☒ **Chuck McKinley**, Mission Committee Chairman
- ☒ **Glen Patterson**, Administrative Board Chairman
- ☒ **Sandie Rasler**, Nurture Committee Chairman
- ☒ **Shane Rasler**, Finance Committee Chairman
- ☒ **Sandy Ringler**, Choir Director
- ☒ **Danny & Marty Young**, Pastor Parish Relationship Chairman/ Youth Fellowship & Worship Committee Chairman
- ☒ **JR Young**, Trustee President
- ☒ **Jacque Young**, United Methodist Women, President
- ☒ **Jim & Susan Young**, Treasure / Education Materials & Ladies Bible Study

## ***What awaits us?***

*By Charles Ferrell*

*We're at the starting gate of a new year.  
What will it hold for us? Only God knows.  
Yet if God knows, why not try to discover His  
plan for each day?*

*We should carry on a daily dialog with God.  
Following His lead is always interesting and  
challenging. And much of the time it's filled  
with wonder and joy.*

*I remember the story of a small boy who  
prayed to God at the end of a fun, interesting  
Monday: "It's been a wonderful day, God.  
What do you have in mind for Tuesday?"*

*What does God have in mind for you in  
2012? Keep in touch with Him and you'll enjoy  
the trip around the sun.*

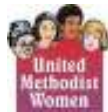
### **Planning and Organizing!**



We will be having a lot of organizational meetings and projects coming up soon. January is not only the beginning of 2012, it is when we plan most events on our calendar at Woodruff too. If you are new to a committee and don't know what's expected, please ask Pastor Phred or call our Woodruff Grove Church office at 854-2067 and we'll be happy to fill you in.

If you are involved with any of these committees who are having meetings soon, remember that your input is very important. Bring your calendars and positive ideas to your meetings so we can accomplish our goals! If you are unable to come to your meetings, please contact your group and let them know you can't make it and give them your input before the meeting.

We appreciate each and every one of you who volunteer your time and talents!



### **United Methodist Women**

The United Methodist Women had their annual "Thank you dinner" at Tiffany's on December 14<sup>th</sup> for all of those who helped in our Public Suppers. Pastor Phred gave devotions and a good time was had by all.

Just a reminder - we will not meet in January, February or March of 2012. Please mark April 11<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30pm on your calendar for our first 2012 meeting.

## **The Clip Boards are Coming! The Clip Boards are Coming!**



There are many ways to participate in our church. With the coming of the new year comes the responsibilities of our church family to sign up for being a Nursery Worker, Greeter, Communion Server, Special Music Coordinator for a month or providing Altar Flowers. These jobs, or "clip boards" keep our church going! Help us out today and fill in these spaces quickly! If you have any questions concerning these duties, or would like to help in other ways, please ask Pastor Phred or Rosy O'Brian, our church secretary.

## **Live Differently**

*By Charles Swindoll*

**"How easy it is to be 'average.'**

**The ranks of the mediocre are  
crowded with status quo thinkers  
and predictable workers.**

**How rare are those who live  
differently?**

**Ask God to do a new work in you this  
day, to lift your sights above the  
expected, to develop in you the  
qualities that make for excellence.**

**And as He lifts your sights,  
watch for those who may be  
struggling in their quest...perhaps  
dangerously near giving up.**

**May He grant you a sensitive heart  
and a ready word of encouragement."**

### **Decorations**



We need your help taking down and packing and putting away the Christmas decorations throughout our church. Please plan to stay to help make this an easy task for all. Please see Marilynn Grossman or Jacque Young with any of your questions. The more the merrier!



## New year's Resolution 2012

Here's an idea of a good New Year's Resolution for 2012! Invite at least one family to church in 2012! If each family would reach out to just one other person or family, we could double our church within one year! It sounds so easy...so let's make that a priority in 2012. We would love to see our church grow...but more importantly each person is a soul whom we need to reach out for Christ. Let's commit ourselves individually to this task in 2012 then get excited with the results!



### January Birthdays

1. Betty Runkle
2. Janet Uffelman
3. Amy Thompson
4. Marilyn Grossman
5. Tatum Ritchie
6. Timothy Bolen
8. Zachary Green  
Roger Howe
9. Brad Ringler  
Chris Jordan  
Elaine Norris
10. John Fetters
11. Eric Morris
12. David Young
13. Brian Grossman
15. Lisa Morris  
John Russell
16. Sherron Hagerty
17. Phillip Smith
18. Zac Young  
Troy McNall
20. Derick Tubbs  
Nicole McKibben  
Jared Young  
Janet Gerardot
22. Dave Kilgore
26. Livia Bolen  
Justin Abdool  
Betty North
28. Brandi Morris  
Nick Grossman
31. Brooke Eberhard  
Julee Schrock



## January

### Anniversaries

13. Bill & Shirley Thomas
18. Gary & Marilyn Grossman
19. Jim & Susan Young
25. Lloyd & Phyllis Foltz
29. Ryan & Michelle Young



## Scriptures and Sermon Titles

### January 2012

#### Sunday, 1 January 2012

Epiphany Sunday

Scripture: Acts 9:1-9 & 26-28

Sermon Title: A New Year's Revolution

#### Sunday, 8 January 2012

First Sunday after the Epiphany

Scripture: Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Leviticus 19:17-18

Luke 10:25-37

Sermon Series: School of Love

Sermon Title: A Biblical Definition of Love

#### Sunday, 15 January 2012

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Scripture: John 15:12-16

Romans 12:1-2

Sermon Series: School of Love

Sermon Title: Jesus' Definition of Love

#### Sunday, 22 January 2012

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Scripture: John 3:1-21

Sermon Series: School of Love

Sermon Title: Nicodemus Learns about Love

#### Sunday, 29 January 2012

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Scripture: I John 3:11-24

Sermon Series: School of Love

Sermon Title: John's Definition of Love

If you have any news items you would like to have put in the February 2012 issue of “The Lamplighter” newsletter, please let Rosy O’Brian know. We’d like to include them! The deadline for submissions will be the morning of January 23rd. If you have any address updates or corrections, or if you would like to be taken off our mailing list, please let us know that too! You may contact us by e-mail at [woodruffgrove@yahoo.com](mailto:woodruffgrove@yahoo.com) with this information. Thanks!