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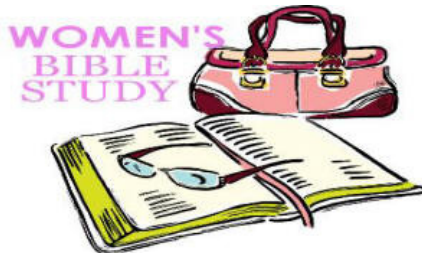
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Charge Conference

The SPRC and Covenant Council will hold a Special Charge Conference on January 10th at 7PM to approve the revision to the 2011 church budget. The revision to the budget will facilitate the creation of the new full-time Associate Pastor position. All members of the church are welcome to attend, however only members of the Covenant Council are allowed to vote at this Special Charge Conference. For questions prior to this meeting, please contact a member of the SPRC, Covenant Council, or the church office.

New Beginnings January 2011 Bible Studies

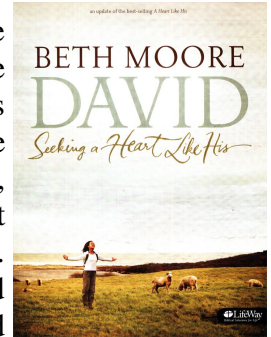


The **Monday noon Bible study group** will be starting a new book in 2011, "A Faithful Heart: Daily Guide to Joyful Living," by

Sally Dyck (a United Methodist bishop). In the pages of this book, the author combines scripture, stories, and the faith of Mary to encourage women to grow and share their heart. The Monday study meets from noon to one and welcomes new members. The start date for the new book will be January 17. Interested? Please talk to Barb Horsch for more information.

A Heart Like His: Seeking the Heart of God Through a Study of David -

In this 10-week women's Bible study of David – the man the Bible calls a "man after God's own heart" – Beth Moore explores the pastures, caves, and palace of one of the most well known figures in history. David will make you laugh and cry. He will delight and disappoint you. He will make you want to be just like him at times and nothing like him at others. He is sure to capture your interest if you let him. And God is sure to change your heart — if you let Him.



Beth invites you to join her on an exciting and intimate journey to know King David focusing on his years as God's chosen king of Israel. David's life clearly demonstrates that God is always able to reach us, correct us, and reclaim our worship. If you've ever experienced doubts, temptations, losses, personal inconsistencies, or if you've anguished over family problems, then this study is for you.

Please join us Wednesday mornings, 9-11, in the Red Room, January 5th- March 16th. The study involves 5 personal study days and a weekly gathering to discuss the material and watch a video presentation by Beth. Each member book is \$20. Please contact Susan Schultz (784-8833 or drdoug@mchsi.com) or the church office to sign up. Hope you can join us!

Church Website www.gcumc3.org

Kevin Boesen—Pastor

Barb Horsch—Minister of Children & Family Ministries

April Rotramel—Administrative Assistant

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Saturday Night Light Worship 5:30PM

Sunday Traditional Worship 8:45AM

Sunday School 10:00AM

Sunday Emerging Worship 11:00AM

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From the Pastor's Pen

From the Pastors Pen

You shall Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Impact is the powerful or dramatic effect that something or somebody has on a person, group, or system. If we want our lives to have impact then we must focus! More and more today it is so easy to find ourselves caught up in a frenzied pace that brings exhaustion but really doesn't have an impact because there is no focus. The beginning of the New Year is a good time to really think about our impact or the impact we would like to have. What activities are our families involved in that really impact us or the world in which we live?

There is no better way to have an impact that is eternal than to be connected, equipped, and empowered by God through the body we call the church. That is how the Gibson City United Methodist Church and the people who serve here are continuing to have impact on the world in which we live. Our mission is "To sow the Word and grow disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

There are many opportunities available for God's Word to impact us and for the Spirit of God to impact change through us. Please consider one or more of the many worship and praise, study, fellowship, and mission activities for engagement. A few of the more recent choices are;

- Family Fellowship Team (FFT) –offers opportunity for church families and individuals of all ages to gather around an activity such as Movie Night, Pool Party, Zoo Day, and Peoria Chiefs Baseball Game.
- Beth Moore Bible Study for Women (please see newsletter article)
- The new Mission Committee task force for the Bishop's initiative on No More Malaria (presently looking for people who are interested in being involved)
- Meet and Seek – regularly scheduled opportunities for you to offer ideas, comments, and concerns about the ministries of the church.
- Monday Lunch study (see newsletter article)

The committees of the church are also involved in constant change that comes on this journey. Ask a trustee about the remodeling that is occurring in the building. Ask a member of the SPRC about the Associate Pastor position being explored.

Following the vision and guidance that God offers us through the church can focus the use of our gifts to achieve the greatest impact in our world. **What impact will you have in 2011?**

Your Brother in Christ,

Pastor Kevin

January Birthdays



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|-------------------|---|-----------------|----|-------------------|----|----------------|----|
| Kristen Hood | 2 | Drew Endsley | 9 | Tammy Craig | 18 | Mary Holsten | 27 |
| Sue Shields | 2 | Jessica Titus | 10 | Janece McCullough | 18 | Kurt Kietzman | 28 |
| Brad Baird | 3 | Bill Dueringer | 12 | Jill Arends | 19 | Verna Buck | 29 |
| Lori Clinton | 3 | Marinell Jones | 12 | Jackie Freehill | 21 | Carol Hari | 29 |
| Roger Reum | 3 | Alice Jones | 14 | Jodi Lynn Krile | 21 | Spencer Hazen | 30 |
| Kaitlynn Kietzman | 5 | Denise Kearfott | 16 | Terry Overman | 24 | Jenedia Jensen | 30 |
| Richard Schertz | 5 | Kelly Borton | 17 | Harold Young | 24 | Lisa Kramer | 31 |
| Danielle Brown | 7 | Jo Gramley | 17 | Lauren Nagle | 25 | Jonah Moody | 31 |
| Keegan Frashier | 7 | Evelyn Kelley | 17 | Maddox Rhodes | 26 | | |
| Dolly Samet | 7 | Staci Lindelof | 17 | Kennedy Fanson | 27 | | |



January Mission Socks

will benefit

the Gibson City
Food Pantry.

January Anniversaries

| | Day | Years |
|-----------------------|-----|-------|
| Merle and Alice Jones | 11 | 14 |



I would like to thank everyone who participated in the success of this year's Giving Tree project. We were able to help 48 families and a total of 121 children have a much happier Christmas. The household items that were donated were quickly and gratefully accepted as well.

I would especially like to thank the individuals and groups whose monetary donations helped us provide additional needs as they came in. Also a big thanks to the group who helped out on the morning we passed out the gifts.

THANK YOU!! Susie Tongate

Stats and Such for December

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|---|---------------|
| Giving YTD (budget) through Dec 26 | \$ 267,721.67 |
| Giving Goal YTD (budget) through Dec 26 | \$ 320,892.00 |
| *Other Giving YTD through Dec 26 | \$ 184,252.43 |
| Giving Goal (budget) each week | \$ 6,171.00 |

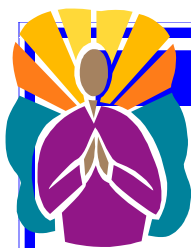
| Weekend of | Sat 5:30 | Sun 8:45 | Sun 11:00 | SS 10:00 | Offering |
|------------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| Nov 28 | 18 | 131 | 32 | 77 | \$ 3,898.13 |
| Dec 5 | 13 | 120 | 14 | 79 | \$ 6,730.40 |
| Dec 12 | 10 | 124 | 19 | 78 | \$ 6,492.02 |
| Dec 19 | 29 | 166 | 23 | 74 | \$ 5,447.00 |
| Dec 26 | | 117 | | | \$ 3,528.00 |

*Includes giving for the following missions: Bereavement Meals, Memorials, Designated Giving (Handyman Fund, Cookouts at County Market for Missions, Special Offerings, etc.), Mission Socks, Opportunity School, Organ Fund, Elevator Fund, Vandel Whitten estate and Youth Mission Trip. It also includes Interest Income.

Upper Rooms Daily Devotional Guides

With meditations written by readers from around the world, the [daily devotional guide](#) is a perfect companion for individual and family devotional time. The guide is available for a donation of \$1 each and can be found just outside the office door. Pick up a copy today! A link to the online version can be found on any page of our website.





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Prayers for the People

Join us in the sanctuary each Monday morning at 9:00 for prayer. Every member of our congregation is prayed for by name. The following people are in need of our prayers:

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Teresa Beckman | Myron Hanley | Marilyn Morano |
| Marian Boog | Ruth Harris | Mark, Angela and Kailyn |
| Verna Buck | Donald Hiner | Overman |
| Melody Cochran | Hailey Jamison | Joni Peters |
| Corbin Family | Vivian Imlay (Lorene Edwards | Ron Probus |
| (Rhonda Eckerty's niece) | daughter) | Thelma Probus |
| Mildred Davis | Alice Jones | Dale Riblet |
| Dusty & Nancy Davis | Goldie Kincade | Shanley Family |
| Kate Farris Dyer (Jenny | Imogene Loy | Dorothy Shields |
| Arsenault's cousin) | Phil & Malinda Lutz | Jo Swanson |
| Ed Eagleson | Bob & Bettie Main | Dixie Thomas |
| Rick & Jean Ertel | Louis Miller (Mike Arsenault's | Bill & Sarah Tubbs |
| Jennifer Fancher | grandfather) | Don Williams |
| Kim & Marci Fisher and family | Warren Meinhardt (Laura | Emily Young |
| Grace Hanley | Hazen's father) | Harold Young |

Births, Baptisms, Weddings, Deaths

Ainsley Noelle Niewold was baptized on December 26th, 2010.

John & Kay Bell are the proud grandparents of a new baby girl. **Abigail Marie (Abby) Dengler** was born November 29th. She is also the great granddaughter of Dolly Samet.

Children's Church Leaders Needed

There is an urgent need for people to fill the roll of Children's Church leaders! Anyone **H i g h** School age or older is encouraged to spend some time with our young ones (three year olds—1st grade) during either the 8:45 or 11:00 worship services. If you are willing to volunteer, please contact Barb Horsch or Judy Eckhoff. Thank you.



Giving Tree 2010



Thank you to everyone who supported the Giving Tree Ministry. This year we served 48 families with a total of 121 children. In addition to giving gifts to children, County Market gift certificates were distributed to parents. Also, donations of gently used household goods were available for families to take if needed. A merrier Christmas was possible for many of these families because of your generosity.

| Annex | Manor | Asta Care | Heartland | McLean |
|-------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|----------|
| Verna Buck | Frances VanSwol | John R. Bell | Goldie Kincade | Bill Loy |
| Ruth Harris | Ella Mae Miller | | Dorothy Rudolph | |
| Doris Young | Thelma Probus | | | |

Area Nursing Home Residents

March to the Manger Update



A total of \$6,376.28 was collected through our March to the Manger offering. In the last week of December checks were written in the amount of \$5,411.54 to various budgeted missions locally and around the world.

Thank you for your generosity!

The **Midwest Mission Distribution Center (MMDC)** trip is coming up on Monday, March 21 (GCMS spring break week). It is an opportunity where each person can have a "hands on" mission experience to fulfill Christ's command to help the "least of these" whose needs are great because of some disaster or circumstance that is not of their making. This developing project is touching the United States and is now reaching out to the larger world.

Talent Anyone? Get Your Act Together Now! Talent Show and Auction February 20, 2011 6:30 PM

Can you juggle, yodel, tap dance, sing a tune, or play the ukulele? Or, do you have some kind of entertaining talent that you would wish to share with the congregation? Your opportunity to shine will be on **February 20, 2011** as we are going to have a church wide talent show! People of all ages are encouraged to participate. Start planning now; you may wish to start practicing! First, second and third place winners will be determined by audience participation in a voting process that allows you to vote with your monetary contributions. After an act is finished, baskets will be passed through the aisles. If you enjoyed the act— vote accordingly with your dollars! The act with the most votes wins! An act sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board outside the office door.



A Hearts at Home Conference helps you to:

- Feel refreshed and ready to embrace the challenges of motherhood.
- Enjoy a fun, getaway weekend with your friends.
- Experience a sense of encouragement and camaraderie with other moms.

The **2011 Hearts at Home National Conference, Mom Revolution**, is coming to the Bone Student Center at Illinois State University in Normal on March 11th or 12th.

Featured Guests:

Jill Savage, author, international speaker, CEO & founder of Hearts at Home

Jennifer Rothschild, author and international speaker

Chonda Pierce, in-demand stand-up comic, television hostess and best-selling author

Gain a New Perspective:

Choose from more than twenty-four workshop choices that address the joys and challenges of parenting, marriage and spiritual enrichment.

Attend both days and receive four additional workshops

Registration:

Early Registration: January 2– February 9

Cost: \$87* Includes conference bag, lunch, and choices of preferred workshops

To register and view full brochure visit www.heartsathome.org or call 309-828MOMS. A copy of the brochure is also available in the church office.

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Worship Information for January

| | January 2 | January 9 | January 16 | January 23 | January 30 |
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| Liturgist | Eric Gee | Sam Horsch | Sharon Pool | Denise Kearfott | Donna Douglas |
| Greeters West | Deonna Sauer | Deonna Sauer | Audrey Apperson & Margaret Farmer | Audrey Apperson & Margaret Farmer | Linda Goltz |
| Greeters South | Mike & Kenna McCall | Mike & Kenna McCall | Phil & Betty VanSwol | Phil & Betty VanSwol | Eric & Pam Gee |
| Acolytes | Danielle Eckerty & Morgan Steinman | Kaitlyn Keitzman & Taylor Engel | Erin Arsenault & Audrey Boss-Maxey | Micah & Jonah Moody | Amber Wittemann & Allison Davis |
| Sound Room 8:45 | Joel Hood | Lonnie Engel | Kim Fisher | Steve Hawthorne | Joel Hood |
| Sound Room 11:00 | Peggy Godsey | Peggy Godsey | Peggy Godsey | Peggy Godsey | Peggy Godsey |
| Projection 8:45 | Donna Eckerty | Jessica Hunter | Doug Woodward | Darren Eckerty | Meaghan Sharp |
| Projection 11:00 | James Fairfield | Jeremy Steidinger | Jessica Shultz | Jeremy Steidinger | James Fairfield |
| Nursery 8:45 | S. & J. Shultz | S. & J. Schultz | S. & J. Schultz | S. & J. Schultz | S. & J. Schultz |
| Altar Flowers | Bill Dueringer | | Donald Hiner | | |
| Saturday Ushers | Open | Open | Open | Open | Open |

Head Usher for January is Phil VanSwol.

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