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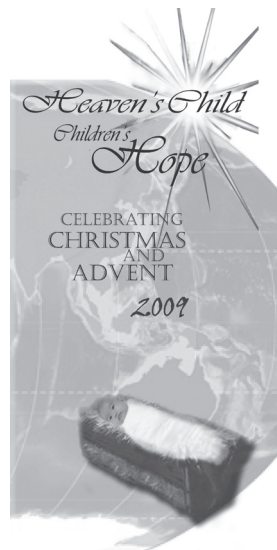
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imposing figure.)

Since I have anticipated and then become a grandfather, I have been more aware of the children around me. Wherever I go, I find myself staring at children and thinking about Harper (my grandson). This is the way Harper is discovering his world; "Harper will be doing that shortly;" that is the look of wonder and exploration which I see in Harper's eyes; "I wonder if Harper can do that yet?" I inevitably find myself grinning and watching in amazement at what little children do. I often will, without thinking, wink at the child as if to say: "I think you are a wondrous mystery and you have brought me joy." The other day one very young child actually and quickly winked back. It was as much reflex on his part as it had been on mine. I do not know what his wink implied in his little toddler head, but I had to fight the urge to invade his space and greet him and his parents (I can be an unintentionally

Of what I became acutely aware is that every child suddenly becomes a reflection of one that is special to me. I suppose the converse ought to be true also: Harper becomes a reflection of every child, every gift of God-given life.

In this season when a wondrous and mysterious child is born that captures my eye, my heart, my imagination, and my life, he also represents every child for me. That has been and continues to be the theme the Worship design team has wanted us to remember: that the Christ child has to be seen in every child,

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Visit the Kids Central Website at: www.kidscentralweb.org.

Sermons & Select Music also available online on our main website!

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and every child needs to be seen in the Christ child.

If we can become hope, not for a child that was born thousands of years ago, but because of that child to become that hope for the millions of children who need care today: those who are orphaned by war, those who are abandoned in poverty; those who are lost in a broken world, those who have no home or know no peace.

If the Christ is in fact born into the human world, it must be for this reason: to make us acutely aware that life in its many forms is always holy and invites the extension of care and love.

May Christmas allow us to once again wrap our arms around the special children in our lives and may all the children be special.

In the Light of the Christ Child
Jim

NIGHT IN BETHLEHEM

More than 200 people were able to experience a fabulous "Night In Bethlehem" on Sunday, December 6th. This event, organized by Reverend Kathy Pittenger, allowed visitors to "Bethlehem" to experience various activities such as basket weaving, metal working, baking, jewelry making, and stone working, to name a few. The manger with Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus was fascinating to young and old alike as they got to visit with the real sheep, goats, chickens and rabbits that were there as well! Our youth really stepped forward and acted as shepherds (for both people and critters, alike), as well as Roman soldiers and citizens that had come to Bethlehem for the census. Thank you to all who lent a helping hand, supported or attended to make this such a successful event and thank you to Reverend Kathy for having the vision to provide this great opportunity for our community!

Our Sympathies

Central United Methodist
extends our deepest sympathies to

Bob and Barb Tracy
on the death of his father

Rev. Rich and Janice Peacock
on the death of his father

WORSHIP NOTES

December 20, 2009

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Fourth Sunday of Advent
HEAVEN'S CHILD:
CHILDREN'S HOPE
"Hope's Child"
Micah 5:2-5a
Luke 1:39-55
"Belive" (not a typo)
Rev. Jim Kellermann, preaching
9:00 a.m. YTBN Bells
Central Casting
10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir
YTBN Bells
Central Casting

December 24, 2009

CHRISTMAS EVE
HEAVEN'S CHILD:
CHILDREN'S HOPE
6:00 p.m.
Family Worship
Meditation: Children and Rev.
Kathy Pittenger
8:00 p.m.
Lesson of Carols and Candles
Music: Chancel Choir
Men's Trio
Jubilate Dancers
Meditation: Rev. Karen Williams
11:00 p.m.
Communion
Music: Chancel Choir
SA²MBE
Meditation: Rev. Jim Kellermann

December 27, 2009

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First Sunday in Christmastide
9:00 and 10:30 a.m. worship
Music: Jill Leek, solo
Reunion Dancers
Luke 2:41-53
"A Child's Knowing of God"
Rev. Jim Kellermann, preaching

CHIMES

Deadlines..

The Chimes deadline is
December 23 for the
January 3 Chimes.
Please send all articles to:
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KIDS CENTRAL MINISTRY NEWS

Family Christmas Eve Service

6:00 p.m. will be "A Christmas Cameo" (just like last year). We need children, youth, and adult volunteers to make this a great service. More information and sign-ups will be coming right after Thanksgiving.

www.kidscentralweb.org

YOUR MINISTRY COORDINATORS

NURTURING:

BOB AND RAINY STEVENSON

OUTREACH:

MARIA BURDEN

SIGN-UP SHEETS

The altar flower and greeters sign-up sheets are posted in the Narthex for 2010. Claim your dates early so you won't be disappointed. Remember, you may make a donation to the church in the amount of \$50 or more in lieu of a flower arrangement on the altar. Your message will still appear on in the worship notes in the bulletin and on the Worship Notes web page.

MITTEN TREE

We are collecting mittens, gloves, hats, scarves & socks for needy families in our area. Please place your donations on the tree in the Narthex.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING UMY CAROLING

On Sunday, December 20 at 5:00 p.m. the Central UMY will be caroling to some of our homebound. This annual experience is always a joyous occasion and adds much to the holiday spirit of singers and recipients alike. If others of the church family would like to join the singing tour please join us at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 20. (The UMY ends their evening with a youth party at the senior parsonage.)

225th Anniversary of The United Methodist Church

The 1784 Christmas Conference
Remember December 24 - January
3 marks the anniversary of the formation of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America.

We have many OFFERING ENVELOPES that still need to be picked up in the CHAPEL HALLWAY.

WOMEN IN TRANSITION

January 27, 2010 at 12:30, there will be a presentation on fire safety for seniors along with a potluck lunch. John Lyman from the Waterford Fire Department will come to Central to offer fire safety tips for seniors. Harvesters are cordially invited. This is also open to anyone wishing to attend.

DEEP WELLS

Don't forget about the Deep Wells Youth Mission project dedicated to providing clean water to people in third-world countries. All of the area Methodist Churches are participating in our God-sized goal of raising \$500,000 so that we can dig wells in countries that don't have clean water. We need your help and support. So won't you please make a wish at one of our wishing fountains and place a donation in the bucket next to it. The fountains will remain up through the Christmas season.

POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias are being delivered to the church the week of December 18. Hands are needed to set up the poinsettia trees in the sanctuary at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 19. Please come by and help if you are able. The Poinsettias will grace the sanctuary until Christmas eve. Your hands and hearts are needed especially to deliver them to some of the homebound on Christmas Eve after the 11:00 p.m. service. If you have ordered poinsettias, you may pick them up after the 11:00 p.m. service or the Sunday after Christmas.

CLOTHE-A-CHILD UPDATE

The clothes have been packed and delivered to the 5 schools for more than 520 Waterford school children! We anticipate more families will request help before the Christmas break starts. So, if you have not already done so and you feel it in your heart to make a donation, checks can be made out to United Methodist Women (please indicate "Clothe-A-Child on the memo line) and dropped off in the office. If you have questions regarding this program, please contact Andrea Baxter (ab73blue@hotmail.com or 248.666.9788). Thank you for your generosity!

BALDWIN INGATHERING

CUMC Many thanks to everyone who donated nonperishable food for the Baldwin Christmas baskets and gifts for their Christmas Store, and sorted and packed, or delivered to Baldwin. Because of your generosity, **24 boxes of goods were delivered to Baldwin Center** on Sunday, Dec. 13. Money was also donated. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by the staff and clients of Baldwin.

ESTIMATES AND BUDGET PLANS FOR 2010

The Bookkeeper, Carolyn Howard, reports that through the end of November \$492,093 has been committed for the 2010 budget. This comes from 203 families and individuals. Currently that is \$146,000 short of our budgetary goal. There still are many who have not yet offered a response to the request for an estimate. Every one's estimate is helpful and gives the Church the best sense of what can be expected as we anticipate ministry possibilities and their costs. If you have not provided an estimate of giving you may call it in to Carolyn Howard, or pick up a copy of the estimate of giving card in the office.

PURPLE THREADS

Purple Threads is a women's Bible study and prayer group. We meet the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Our winter session will begin on Tuesday, January 19th at 7:00 p.m. in room 108. We will be continuing the second half of the video and book study series, "The Life and Ministry of the Messiah" by Ray VanderLaan. It is not necessary for you to have done the first half if you would like to join us in January, as each class is a separate lesson. Follow Jesus' footsteps to discover the meaning of his parables in their political and geographical context. These sessions will help you better understand Jesus' life and how to model his teaching. Teaching leaders are Nancy Radenbaugh and Sue Shipley. If you have questions, please call Diana Carter, class coordinator, 248-666-2575. If you are a new member and wish to join us in January, please call so you may purchase a book for \$8.00.

SIGN-UP FOR YOUR E-CENTRAL NEWSLETTER
Contact Pam Fisher by e-mail at: pfisher@waterfordcumc.org with the address you would like our new e-newsletter to be sent to.

PLACE OF HOPE

Looking ahead to the new year, keep in mind that CUMC will be volunteering for the Place of Hope Warming Shelter at Baldwin Jan. 18-20 and Jan 22-24. Needed are: Food preparation workers at Central, workers from 7:00-11:00 p.m. in the evening at Baldwin, people to stay the night from 11 p.m. - 7 a.m. Those of you who have volunteered at Place of Hope previously, please spread the word about what a worthwhile mission this is.

WALK FOR WARMTH

Save February 7, 2010 as a day that you can help others keep warm this winter by supporting WALK FOR WARMTH. There are many people who cannot meet the high cost of heating their homes. You can help individuals and families keep their power on by giving your time and financial support to Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency (OLHSA) annual Walk for Warmth. This is a family-fun event, with games, prizes, entertainment, and face painting for kids. Breakfast will be available and all participants will receive a T-shirt. Walk for Warmth will take place at the Palace of Auburn Hills, February 7, 2010 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

January Birthdays

Best Wishes to the following members

Celebrating a Birthday of
80 years or more.

Jessie Poy - January 2

DJ Hursey - January 13

Walter Kuznecoff - January 14

Mary Lou McLintock - January 21

Ottillie Peterson - January 23

Glenna Mae Cox - January 24

Lillian Denyes - January 27

Mary Conrad - January 28


January Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following couples

Celebrating an Anniversary
of 50 years or more.

Norman and Faye Campbell
January 12, 53 Years

The Rock is our children's program during the 10:00/ 10:30 am service. Nursery and Pre-School care Available

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9:00am Faithlink 9:00am Worship Service 10:30am The Rock & Stepping Stones Children's Ministry 10:30am Worship Service	4 10:00am UMW Book Club - Parlor 11:00am Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00pm Boy Scout Meeting 7:00pm Lakeland Players Rehearsal - Room 20	5 10:30am Recovery International - Room 108 10:30am Staff Meeting - Office 1:00pm Hutchinson Circle- Parlor 1:00pm Tuesday Musicales Board Mtg. - Room 108 7:00pm Lakeland Players Rehearsal - FH 7:00pm Survivors of Suicide- Parlor	6 10:00am Wednesday Morning Book Study 11:30am Olive Mae Glenn- Parlor 6:00pm Cub Scouts - Room 20	7 8:00am Thursday Morning Breakfast 10:00am Career Transitioning 12:00pm Harvesters Outing 5:00pm Central Cafe' Schedule 7:00pm Lakeland Players Rehearsal - FH 7:30pm Nar-Anon 8:00pm NA	1 Office Closed 	2 7:30am Tuesday Musicales Auditions 4:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous
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17 MLK Waterford Community Gathering Faithlink 9:00am Worship Service 10:30am The Rock & Stepping Stones Children's Ministry 10:30am Worship Service	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Office Closed Place of HOPE 10:00am UMW Book Club 11:00am Alcoholics Anonymous 7:00pm Boy Scout Meeting 7:00pm Church Council - Room 108 7:00pm Lakeland Players Rehearsal - Room 20	19 Place of HOPE 10:30am Recovery International - Room 108 10:30am Staff Meeting - Office 7:00pm Lakeland Players Rehearsal - FH 7:00pm Survivors of Suicide- Parlor	20 Place of HOPE 10:00am Wednesday Morning Book Study	21 8:00am Thursday Morning Breakfast 10:00am Career Transitioning 12:00pm Harvesters Potluck 5:00pm Central Cafe' Schedule 7:00pm Lakeland Players Rehearsal - FH 7:30pm Nar-Anon 8:00pm NA	22 Place of HOPE	23 Place of HOPE 4:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous
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31 9:00am Faithlink 9:00am Worship Service 10:30am Stepping Stones Children's Ministry 10:30am Worship Service	Remember that sermons and select music from worship services are available online: www.waterfordcumc.org					
Central Cafe' Schedule 4:15 Alleluia Dancers (3-6 grades) 5:00 Carol Choir (4yrs to 1st grade) 5:15 Good News Ringers (4-8th grades) 5:15 Dinner Served 5:45 YTBN Bells (9-12th grade) 6:25 Agape Ringers (Adults)						6:30 New Joy Choir (2-6th grades) 6:30 Jubilate Dancers (7-12th grade) 7:30 Chancel Choir

January 2010
 Worship Times: 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. Services.