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“Be afraid, be very afraid..”

That is the message that dominates our world these days. David Maxwell, Editor, of “The Thoughtful Christian” wrote recently “I notice more and more how fear has crept into almost everything I see or hear in the media: news shows bombard us with the fear of the hour, advertisers use fear to persuade us to purchase things we don’t need, and politicians flood the airwaves with ads scaring us to vote one way or the other out of fear.” He goes on to recognize that some have very good reasons to be afraid from bombs, and earthquakes, to cholera and hunger.

Fear has awesome power. It may be at our emotional center of fight or flight protection and may enable one to find a cure, or a posture that can protect the core of life. But it also can force responses that try to match the terror and sustain the fear in others. Most often, fear becomes a darkness that causes us to recede from the world, or to strike back out at it.

But Advent’s message begins with the acknowledgement of the darkness in which we live and the fear that would hold us down and even destroy us and the community we share. We live within this dark moment but refuse to let it be the defining nature of our story.

Advent’s message is grounded in hope, the promise of something that we are certain will be different than what all of this feels like. It anticipates birth, it expects life. It is confident that God is and will be acting to burst the darkness with light. We who are the people of Advent refuse to let fear overwhelm us or define us. We are becoming participants in the living light. We are being opened to and opening the world to the holy and loving touch of God.

Be hope filled, be very hope filled.

Jim

TREASURER’S REPORT AS OF 11/28/2010:

Year to date income: \$ 518,688.00
Year to date expenses: \$ 466,686.00
Balance of apportionments
NOT paid for 2010: \$ 52,744.41
Sunday 11/28 offering: \$ 7,625.00

Cosmic Disturbance



ADVENT 2010

Worship Notes

9:00 & 10:30 a.m. in Sanctuary

December 5, 2010

Second Sunday in Advent

AIDS Awareness Sunday

Isaiah 11:1-10

Matthew 3:1-12

“Cosmic Disturbance:

An Uncomfortable Man

Unnerving My Soul”

Preaching: Rev. Jim Kellermann

Worship Arts

9:00 Agape Ringers

10:30 Chancel Choir

Agape Ringers

December 12, 2010

Third Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 35:1-10

Luke 1:46b-55

“Cosmic Disturbance:

Upending the World”

Preaching: Rev. Kellermann

Worship Arts

10:30 Children’s and Youth Choirs

Cantata

December 19, 2010

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Service of Infant Baptism

Isaiah 7:10-16

Matthew 1:18-25

“Cosmic Disturbance:

Life Finds an Opening”

Preaching, Rev. Kellermann

Worship Arts

9:00 Good news Ringers

10:30 Good news Ringers

Chancel Choir

KIDS CENTRAL MINISTRY NEWS

A Night in Bethlehem

December 5 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Activities and fun for ALL ages. Please sign up outside the church office door or at www.kidscentralweb.com.

Young Families Group

Christmas Party–

Friday, December 17 from 6 - 9 p.m.

Bring a white elephant gift and your favorite Christmas treat to share. (Child-care is provided)

Family Christmas Eve Service

December 24 at 6:00 p.m. We will have

our “no rehearsal Christmas Pageant” again this year. If you or your child

would like to participate, please sign up

outside the Church Office or contact

Rev. Kathy.

Thursday Evening Changes

In an effort to be faithful to the Safe

Sanctuaries Policy at our church,

children and youth must be under the

supervision of a responsible adult while

they are at the church (the staff has also

been notified of some recent vandal-

ism). The staff is working on creating

a safe space in the Fellowship Hall (on

the stage end) where kids can relax,

play games, read, or do homework.

There will also be safe places for youth.

Parents who have children here on

Thursday evenings will be asked to help

staff the kids and youth areas on Thurs-

day evenings. Please watch for more

information and feel free to contact

Rev. Kathy with any questions.

Happy Jesus Birthday Party

Monday, December 13th from 9-11

a.m. at Jungle Java in Farmington

Hills. Contact Rev. Kathy for more

information. RSVP by December 7th.

Don’t forget to check out [\[www.kidscentralweb.org\]\(http://www.kidscentralweb.org\) for the latest infor-](http://www.kid-</p></div>
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Ministries!

www.kidscentralweb.org

Born to Eternal Life

Betsy L. Lewis

7/17/1959 - 11/27/2010

Member Since 10/24/1999

Our Deepest Sympathies to

Thomas Lewis on the death of his wife and to Benjamin and Christopher Lewis and Tabitha Atkins on the death of their mother.

CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Council will have a special meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, December 6. (This will replace the normal meeting on December 22). The two agenda items which they will address are the payment of the Apportionments and an issue concerning the carpeting of the hallways.

BLUE CHRISTMAS DECEMBER 8

For some people, Christmas time will not be the same this year. For some it will never be the same. Its mood is joyous, its atmosphere, festive. But if your heart is not feeling joy, or your mindset prepared for festival, this can be a difficult time. For those who find themselves grieving loss, whether of a loved one, or of a life setting (like a home, or a job) Central Church offers a service for you to remember and deal honestly with these deep emotions, and painful spirit amidst the Christmas. On December 8 at 7:00 p.m. we will share a Blue Christmas Service. Please join us in this service of candles for memory and hope. Invite those around you that may also be in need of a different setting to place the Christmas Season.

MITTEN TREE

We are collecting mittens, gloves and hats for needy families in our area. Sets or items that match up would be greatly appreciated. Please place your donations on the Mitten Tree in the Narthex. Thank You!

9 A.M. WORSHIP IN SANCTUARY

We have been experimenting with the 9:00 a.m. worship by slightly changing the format to reflect more traditional and more intimate options for prayer. For the past three months we have been using the Chapel as the space for this service. Those who have been participating in that service have done an assessment that suggests they prefer the Sanctuary and/or some of the options that the Sanctuary offers (better sound system, hearing assistance, power point, special music etc.). We begin to worship at 9:00 in the Sanctuary with this Advent season. Join us at either the 9:00 or the 10:30 services to seek for and find a holy experience of God.

POINSETTIAS TO HOME BOUND

Your assistance is requested in helping us spread a little holiday joy to members of our Central family who are home bound. If you are able to deliver a Poinsettia, please pick up an address card and poinsettia after the 10:30 service on December 26.

WOMEN IN TRANSITION

The December WIT meeting is cancelled. We will meet again in January after the holidays.



"A SNOWFLAKE TALE" UMW Christmas Luncheon – December 12, 2010

Have you every wondered what the snowflakes are thinking as they float down to earth? What do they think of us mortals when they finally land here among us? Come and find out on December 12, 2010 at the United Methodist Women's Christmas Luncheon immediately following the 10:30 service. Everyone is invited. Along with the short program featuring the snowflakes (dancing ones at that!) we will have the Installation of Officers, presentations of Special Memberships & Five Star Women and reading program certificates. Come and enjoy the wonders of the season and fellowship along with a delicious lunch (free-will offering). So we may better plan, we would request you sign up on the board outside the church office; however, if you find you can join us that day, please don't hesitate to come. We will gather at the stage end of Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Diana Carter 248-666-2575 or Janice Mann 248-738-6702.

BALDWIN HOLIDAY STORE

This year the store will run for two days, December 17 and 18. We have begun taking donations of new clothing, toys, holiday cards, wrapping paper and ribbons, new personal care items and of course funds. A complete *wish list* will be available in the office and on our website. Each week through December 17 we will begin delivering donations to Baldwin. Clothing, especially men's underwear, including "long johns" is usually an item that is in high demand. We are also in need of elves to help sort and display the gifts. God bless you all and thank you for your participation. - Barbara Tracy

MISSION CARDS

Christmas cards benefiting missions will be available on Sundays starting Sunday, Nov. 28 at a table in the hallway. The missions to sponsor will be Apportionments, Baldwin Center, Clothe-a-Child, C. W. Duncan School in Liberia, Knit for Kids, and Place of Hope warming shelter for the homeless. The inside of the card reads

"A gift of hope has been given in your honor and has been sent to _____ . Your gift will help people in need, promote peace and justice, and share the true meaning of Christmas. From _____ ."

The donation for each card is \$5.

FISH PANTRY

Our numbers of food recipients are ever increasing in these difficult financial times. Please help us to keep our pantry full by donating the following items: Tuna fish, crackers, peanut butter and jelly, rice and pasta side dishes, spaghetti sauce and noodles, powdered milk packages, cake mix and frosting. Thank you!

KNIT FOR KIDS

Can We Do It? Yes We Can!

As of November 29th we have completed 889 sweaters and there are 3 more waiting to be mailed. However, we need just 11 more to make a grand total of 900!!!! If you have been knitting or crocheting sweaters for Knit For Kids, can you do one or two more before the end of the year? These sweaters are mailed to World Vision who will then send them onto needy children in the U.S. and throughout the world. Please see the display in the hallway beyond the Narthex. Patterns and free yarn are available. Each sweater represents a labor of love and reaches out to those little ones who lack clothing to keep them warm. If you have any questions, please call Diana Carter, 248-666-2575.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Church Wide! Coming Sunday, December 19 at 5:00 p.m. Children, youth and the whole church family are invited to share in this evening of singing and taking Christmas to the homebound and those in need of some Christmas cheer. UMY will follow this caroling with their Christmas Party at the Senior Parsonage.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

There is still time to make your donation to the Clothe-A-Child Program. Checks can be made out to the United Methodist Women (please write "Clothe-A-Child" on the memo line) and dropped off in the church office. Contact Andrea Baxter for more information at: (ab73blue@hotmail.com or 248.666.9788) if you have any questions.

CAROL BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, December 9, 16 and 23 at 6:15 p.m., we will be holding an Advent Bible study entitled "Rejoice: Reflections on four Seasonal Hymns". This study uses four familiar hymns ("O Come, O Come Emmanuel"; "Silent Night Holy Night"; "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"; and "O Little Town of Bethlehem") to talk both theologically and missionally. Taught by Rev. Jim Kellermann for adults and youth.

FRAGRANCE FREE ZONE IN WORSHIP

The congregation has spoken and we will shortly be implementing a "Fragrance Free Zone". Members of our congregation have expressed a concern about the various fragrances that others may wear that triggers an unpleasant physical reaction. This concern was placed before the congregation for comment and all the feedback was positive. For the comfort of all we will be designating a pew area that will be reserved for those who are fragrance free or need those around them to be so. Look for the "Fragrance Free Zone" coming soon to a pew near you!

*Cosmic
Disturbance*
CELEBRATING
CHRISTMAS
AND
ADVENT
2010

DECEMBER 9 & 16
Kids Advent Study
6 - 7:00 PM

DECEMBER 9, 16 & 23
Carol Bible Study
6:15 PM

DECEMBER 4
Motor City Brass Concert
7:00 PM

DECEMBER 5
Aids Awareness Sunday
9:00 & 10:30 AM

DECEMBER 5
"A Night in Bethlehem"
5:30 PM

DECEMBER 8
"Blue Christmas"
7:00 PM

DECEMBER 11
Jackson Chorale
7:30 PM

DECEMBER 12
Children's/Youth Cantata
10:30 AM

DECEMBER 12
Central Fine Arts Concert:
Brother 2 Brother
7:00 PM

DECEMBER 12
UMW Christmas Luncheon
"A Snowflake Tale"
11:45 AM

DECEMBER 19
9:00 & 10:30 AM
"Baby's First Christmas"

DECEMBER 19
"Caroling the Light"
5:00 PM

FRIDAY DECEMBER 24
CHRISTMAS EVE

6:00 P.M.

Family Worship
Rev. Kathy Pittenger, directing

8:00 P.M.

Carols and Candle Light
Rev. Jim Kellermann,
preaching
ALLELUIA & Jubilate Dancers
Chancel Choir

11:00 P.M.

Communion Service
Rev. Jim Kellermann,
preaching:
"Beyond Spectacular"
REUNION BELLS
Chancel Choir

Thank You Notes

Thank You to everybody who sent cards and visited me while I was in rehabilitation. When you are away from home for an extended time period, a card from a friend helps to make you feel connected to the Church. Thank you all and God Bless - *Helen Fitzgerald*

To All of my Church Family,
Please know that I thank you for all of your cards and prayers. You are appreciated. My hip replacement surgery will be December 13th at the Providence Hospital in Novi. Until then, I am having difficulty walking and so I stay close to home. My daughter is helping me with driving and tender loving care. Thank you also for yours.
Hugs - *Ginny Abney*

This is a huge thank you to our Church family and friends for the prayers, phone calls, visits, flowers and cards for Ron and I these last 6 months. Healing is slow (baby steps) but progress is being made. He is not home yet but we hope he will be soon. Again, thank you.
Ron and Sue Pearsall and our families

I would like to thank my Church family for all the nice cards I have received. I'm making progress, but keep me in your prayers.
Donna Rose

A special thank you for the note signed by so many friends from UMW. With God's Blessings -
Marilyn Bruce

I want to thank the members of CUMC that counseled and encouraged me, the members of the CUMC Staff Parish Committee, and the CUMC Church Conference for supporting my efforts as I responded to God's call by becoming a licensed pastor in The United Methodist Church. Also, I want to thank Pastor Jim Kellermann for visiting me during my recent hospital stay and for the ride home from the hospital while Alice worked the polls during the election, and finally, thank you to the members of Purple Threads for their prayers and their card during my recent hospital stay.
Sincerely, *Jim Alt*

Dear Central Family,
Thank you so much for the cookie care package. My roommate and I look forward to it every year. The cookies and treats were excellent! Thank you for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers.
Yours in Christ - *Heather Marks*

Dear Central Friends,
Thank you so much for the baked cookies. My friends and I up at MSU really enjoyed them! They came just in time for midterms and helped keep our spirits high. It's nice to know that people from home are thinking of me.
Thanks again! - *Audrey Tomyn*

Dear Church Family, Bob and I would like to thank you again for your participation and help this season in providing for the Baldwin Center. We appreciated the help sorting, packing and getting supplies into our van and that of Rev. Blomquist. Special thanks to those involved in this process: Rev. Blomquist and his family, including grandchildren, Lisa and Greg Kelley, Mary Skelley and Rev. Jim Kellermann. Additional thanks go to Mary Skelley who has volunteered to deliver donations to Baldwin for the Holiday Store. Praise God and God Bless you all.
Barb & Bob Tracy

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December 9 for the
December 19 Chimes.
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Brother 2 Brother

Celebrate the Season with
the vocal and piano duo: Brother 2
Brother featuring Matthew J. Packer
and Richard Kerry Thompson.
In Concert: December 12, 2010
7:00 p.m. Vocal and Piano Duo!

Free Will Donation

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**Worship service at 9:00 a.m. in the
Chapel, 10:30 a.m. in Sanctuary**