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**ARMA/MULBERRY/PITTSBURG GRACE  
JANUARY 2006 NEWSLETTER**

**A Message from the Pastor**

**MEMORIES**

Each year the Christmas season, and the beginning of the new year, offer a time of remembering for me. I have many good memories, so it is a joy to reflect.

The Birth of Christ reminds me, as each year unfolds, that life is a gift, and so is love. What we really celebrate is love. I am grateful that we continue to celebrate the birthday of the Living Christ. I am also grateful for another opportunity to celebrate my life and appreciate all of the Christmas cards, gifts and ways you have celebrated Christmas with me.

Memories are important to life. Someone said that a person is the composite of their accumulated memories over the years of their life. Some of those memories are good memories, some of them are not so good, and some are bad memories.

I would like to suggest that you cherish the good memories, embrace them, and let them embrace you. Recalling your good memories is a way of remembering that your life is important.

Second, I would encourage you not to be afraid to deal with bad memories. Someone says, "That is too painful." I believe that the issue is not the memory, but rather how you handle it. To try to push a memory down, like a rubber ball under the water so it cannot be seen, creates pain and depression, just as surely as allowing that pain to surface so you can deal with it. So it is not a matter of having pain or no pain, it is a matter of dealing with your pain in a way in which there is healing, hope and health. With the help of a compassionate, caring and capable counselor, pastor for friend, you can find peace. And in all of your remembering, I urge you to remember Jesus. He was hurt, he was crucified, yet he kept on loving, because he knew that this was the answer to not being victimized by life. He wanted you to participate fully in the victory God makes possible for us all. He is One who can deepen and enlarge all your good memories. He can save you and help you find feeling, healing and hope again, in spite of the bad memories.

Each year during the Christmas season as the new year unfolds, these are the things that give me peace and hope. Also I

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remember how I have been loved, and that helps me look forward to new memories, and the possibility of a happy new year. I think it is possible for you as well.

Don Foster, Pastor

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**Dates to Remember**

Jan 7 9:00 am -- Take down the greens and cleaning day at the church

Jan 11 7:00 am -- Board Meeting

**January Birthdays**

Jan 1 Roger Doue	Jan 24 Danielle Cole
Jan 2 Frances Ryder	Jan 27 Kay Goodwin
Jan 4 Susan Cole	Jan 27 Greg VanBecelaere
Jan 5 Dominic Boley	Jan 28 Eva Gartner
Jan 5 Richard Ryder	Jan 29 Ian Culbertson
Jan 5 Kay Bough	Jan 29 Roxy Cramer
Jan 9 Danny Rogel	Jan 31 Craig Levi
Jan 10 Jake Price	Jan 31 Pat Cummings

**January Anniversaries**

Jan 19 Coetta & Earl Trahan

**Arma January Greeters**

Jan 1 Marlene Singel  
Jan 8 Alan Roberts  
Jan 15 Youth  
Jan 22 Dianne Reiken, Mary Ellen Ryder  
Jan 29 Judy & Lawrence Smershek

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**Mulberry United Methodist Church  
8:00 am worship  
Grace United Methodist Church  
9:30 am worship  
Arma United Methodist Church  
10:00 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service**

**COME WORSHIP WITH US!!!!!!**

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**U.M.W.**

The U.M. W. is starting to compile a cookbook to be sold as a fundraiser. We need recipes. Enclosed in this newsletter you will find a form for sharing a favorite recipe. Won't you please share with the unit. Send the form to:

Marlene Singel  
P. O. Box 654  
Arma, KS 66712

Marlene's phone number is 347-4702 or the form may be handed to any U.M.W. member or left in the U.M.W. box in the Nartex.

The next regular meeting of the U.M.W. will be January 10. We will meet at the church at 11:15 a.m. and go to Applebee's for lunch with our meeting to follow. All ladies of the congregation are welcome to join us.

**Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee's project for January and February will be a continuation of the collection of the coins following the children's moment. We will ask the children to participate.

These coins will be added to the emergency fund. The Pastor has access to the emergency fund to assist individuals who are in need and approach him. The balance of the emergency fund is very low and these collections during January and February will assist in replenishing this fund. Thank you in advance for your contributions.

**Angie Newberry's CD**

Angie Newberry's CD -- As you know, Angie has received her CDs of gospel music recorded recently in Nashville, Tennessee. Each CD is \$12.00 and may be purchased from Angie.

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**GRACE NEWS**

**Prayers:** Please keep Sammie Bough, Juanita Karnes, Hanna Kramer, Shannon Lynn, Bobbie Brooks, Spencer McCabe and Vera Little in your prayers.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- Jan 9 Quarterly board meeting at 6:00 p.m. After the board meeting  
we will have Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.
- Feb 2 Soup/Chili Dinner - 11:00 am - 7:00 pm
- Apr 6 Spaghetti Dinner - 11:00 am - 7:00 pm

**LADIES DAY OUT:**

- Jan 9 Sweet Greens (Lifespan Nutrition) 620 S Broadway, Pittsburg  
at 1:00 pm
- Feb 20 Chatters, 2401 S Rouse, Pittsburg at 11:00 am
- Mar 20 Christian Womens, Mt. Carmel Medical Center at 11:00 am
- Apr 17 We will be going to Kansas City. We have not decided where we will be going to eat. We will leave at 9:00 a.m.
- May 16 We will be going to Locust Grove, OK. We will leave at 9:00 a.m.

We want to welcome visitors Johnie, Taylor and McKinley Brown and Stacey Lee.

We want to express our sympathy to Rick Goodwin and the Goodwin family on the death of Rick’s father, Ray Goodwin.

**January Grace Greeters:**

- Jan 1 Jim McDaniel
- Jan 8 Norma McCabe
- Jan 15 Leslie & Betty Eurit
- Jan 22 Emmaline Rodich
- Jan 29 Kay Goodwin

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