

News You Can Use

The Learning League—Mon. through Wed., 2:30-6:30, 1-9.K	
Mon. Nov. 23	10:00 OA, C 10:30 Staff, parlor 6:00 Emmaus, Parlor 6:00 Emmaus @ Betty Boyer's 6:30 District Boy Scout Committee, 1 6:30 Cub Scouts, 10
Tue. Nov. 24	5:30 Girl Scouts, 10 7:00 OA, C
Wed. Nov. 25	6:30 Men's Breakfast @ Hartsfield Village 10:00 Communion, Chapel 10:00 OA, C 1:00 Yoga, 10 5:00 Spirit Rock Bells, Sanct. 6:00 Jubilant Praise Bells, Sanct. 6:00 Teen Bible Study, Y.S. 7:00 Holy Praise Tabernacle, 10 7:00 Chancel Choir, Choir Room
Ths. Nov. 26	HAPPY THANKSGIVING Building Closed except for the following: 5:00 Independent Baptist Church dinner, 8,K 5:00 Strong Tower Church dinner, Parlor
Fri. Nov. 27	Building is Closed
Sat. Nov. 28	Building is closed, except for scheduled activities.
Sun. Nov. 29	8:00 Worship in Chapel 9:00 Breakfast & Children's Worship, K,B 9:00 Adult & Youth Christian Ed., C, 1,3,5,6,P,YS 9:30 Holy Praise Tabernacle, Chapel, 10 10:30 Worship, Sanctuary 11:45 Potluck for Greens' Hangers, 4,5,6,K 12:15 Hang Greens throughout the church 3:00 Strong Tower Church, Chapel, 10 5:00 Youth, YS
Looking Ahead...	
Dec. 4	Emmaus Gathering, most rooms
Dec. 8	Angel Food orders due
Dec. 9	TLL Christmas Party (UMW)
Dec. 10	39'ers Christmas Party, 4-6,K
Dec. 19	Angel Food Distribution
Dec. 24	Candlelight Service, Sanctuary Strong Tower Worship, 8,K

This Week at First Church

FYI: There is a need for workers to gather information for the 2010 census. Watch for further information on the revolving kiosk or in the announcements.

HIP (Healthy Indiana Plan, sponsored by the State of Indiana)= health coverage for unemployed/under-employed persons. Information is in the church office or go to www.HIP.in.gov. There will be an informational meeting at the Hammond Public Library, 222 State Street, on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 11 AM. Enrollment is limited. Act quickly if this is something you need.

DID YOU FORGET SOMETHING?

There are still some outstanding pledge cards. If you have forgotten to turn yours in to the office, please do so as soon as possible. The pledges we receive will determine our budget for 2010. Additional pledge cards are available in the office.



The church office will be closed between Christmas and New Years, with staff maintaining minimal hours to cover essential tasks. Voicemail will be checked regularly. If you have an emergency, please contact Pastor Beifuss on her cell phone. Pastor Simpson will be on vacation.



Enjoy Holiday Music!

The Illiana Oratorio Society will present Handel's Messiah on Sunday, Dec. 6, at 2:00 p.m., in the First Christian Reformed Church of South Holland, 16248 South Park Ave., just south of the Walgreens on Route 6. A free-will offering will be taken. Bill McCoy and Ken Wheeler are singing with this group. Arrive EARLY to be sure of a seat!

Sounds of the Season

Agape Ringers' Holiday Concert
Saturday, December 12, 4 PM
Elmhurst Christian Reformed Church
Advanced Purchase tickets, \$18~----At the Door, \$20
Call Lora Ward ASAP to order advanced purchase tickets.



ADVENT TAIZÉ

Individual prayer/meditation
Wednesdays until Christmas
6 PM in Chapel
Dec. 2, 9, 16

If you have any news, events, or announcements that you would like passed on to the congregation on Sunday mornings, please forward them to the Church office by **Tuesday morning** so they may be included in the weekly announcement video or printed in the worship bulletin. Thank You.

Reminder: Baby quilts and kitchen towels (hanging & full) are available whenever the office is open. Contact Mark or Grace to gain access to the Craft Room, where they are being stored. Baby quilts are \$15. Hanging towels are 2/ \$5. Full towels are 6/\$5. All funds are deposited in the general fund of the church.

SCOUTING PROGRAMS AT FUMC

Boys, Grades 1-5, Cub Scouts, Monday at 6:30.
Boys, Ages 11 - 18, Boy Scouts, Friday at 5:30.
Girls, Grades 1-5, Girl Scouts, Tuesdays at 5:30.
Young men and women, Ages 14 - 20,
Venture Scouts, Friday at 5:30.
Contact Mark Demzien for more information.



We would like to have poinsettias beautify the church again this Christmas. If you would like to order a plant, please complete the order form found in your pew binder and place it along with your payment in an envelope (also in your pew binder) in the offering plate or leave it in the church office by **Sunday, December 13**. Cost: \$8.00 per plant. (Note: To simplify bookkeeping in the office, order forms without payment will not be accepted. Thanks.) Flowers will be here Sunday, December 20.

Missions & Service

NOVEMBER SECOND MILE GIVING

"The Gift of Warmth" Salvation Army First United Methodist Church works in conjunction with the Salvation Army and Catholic Family Services in order to help those who have been stricken by financial losses due to circumstances beyond their control. Only those families who have been screened and are truly in need of assistance will receive "The Gift of Warmth" to restore their gas & electricity. Won't you please show your love and help those in need again this year. **Contact Mission Committee**

Watch for the Angel Tree!

The Angel Tree holds names of Hammond children, whose parent is incarcerated and not able to be with the family for Christmas. Choose an angel; purchase 2 gifts for a total of about \$35 and bring the wrapped gifts to church before Christmas (date to be announced.) Contact John Schu for more information.

MISSION CORNER

Located opposite the office door

We collect a variety of items.

- **Campell Company labels**—Turn in the **entire label**. (See list of products on the revolving kiosk.)
- **Stamps**—Stamps do not need to be trimmed. If possible, **leave 1/2 to 3/4 inch of paper around the stamp**. If the little "nubbins" are trimmed too short, the stamp loses value. The extra paper makes it easier to remove the stamp from the paper and transfer it to a slide or sleeve. Any **"old" or foreign stamps should be left attached to the envelope**. It increases the value. If you have any unwanted "old" correspondence with envelopes, that would also be welcome.

Mitten Tree

"A Christ-Mitten Story"... "It's A Wonderful Mitten"... aahhhh... just lend a helping hand (sorry!) by participating in our Mitten Tree. During the month of November we will be collecting much-needed mittens, hats & scarves for Lafayette School students. It is a small gesture like this that can add up to a great impact in someone's life - thank you for your help.

Turkey Dinner for The Learning League Families
Monday, November 23

Can you help with food preparation?
Please contact Adams Raschka or the church office.

THANK YOU

to **Lora Ward** for the inspirational altar decorations.

Attention Target shoppers!

SCRIP Visa cards can be used to shop at Target. Please remember our SCRIP program when shopping for Thanksgiving.



Bring your old newspapers, magazines, junk mail to feed our hungry retrievers in the north parking lot. Money earned is used to purchase food for our children's programming.

Please do NOT put paper in plastic bags.

Please do NOT put corrugated cardboard in the retriever.



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November 22, 2009

Thanksgiving & Bible Sunday

PASTORS

Pastor Douglas Simpson	219.789.5915
Pastor Donna Beifuss	773.320.3900
Pastor Joe Ramirez	219.932.5915

The **Yellow Altar Rose** is in honor of those serving in our military.

Missionaries:.....Jim & Julie Doepken, Alaska; Ut & Karen To, Viet Nam

Health concerns:.....Iris Bjelich, Carol Collier, Pauline Dean, Doris Leas

Those struggling with economic difficulties & joblessness.

Our congregation, pastors, staff and children's & youth ministries.

Our Schools, Teachers, Children, Parents, and Community.

The Indiana Conference and the Calumet Cluster United Methodist Churches:

(Hammond) First, Hyde Park, Woodmar; (Gary) Centennial, Christ, Fifth Avenue, Marquette Park; (Hobart) First, Michigan Ave., Trinity; and Whiting UMC.

(Please remember those of our congregation who have special needs and those residing in care facilities. See lists at the east entrance to narthex.)

PRAYER BLANKETS:.....Andrea, Dwight, Grandma, Nancy, Tracey, Virgil

USHERS:.....(10:30) Don Cople, Ellen Hackett, Champ Merrick,

.....Henry Showers, Dave Watson. (8:00) Jerry & Vera Vestal

CHOIR DIRECTOR.....Dick Mackin **BELL DIRECTOR**Lora Ward

ORGANIST.....John Adkinson **TECH**.... Mark Demzien, Arlene Dickover



Bulletins are presented by **Ellen Hackett** in memory of her husband, Hubert "Hack" Hackett.