

NOVEMBER 14TH, 2008



Dyer United Methodist Church

...Where the adventure begins

Dear Friends,

I want to thank you for a terrific year as a church family. We have been hit with some hard pills to swallow in the last few months. Loved ones who have been a rich and vibrant part of our family have joined the Church Triumphant. We have had three new staff members join us over a year's time (self included.) Our economy took a nosedive and many have lost jobs. We've endured yet another 100 year flood as well.

In spite of the bleak summary of events, this church family has faithfully and joyfully stood beside its hurting brothers and sisters, welcomed newcomers and helped them to adjust to the "family quirks" (and believe me when I tell you that all church families have them,) and kept steadily giving and pledging and finding new ways to squeeze blood out of a turnip. And we responded with grace and mercy to victims of the storms.

Let me ask you to take inventory spiritually over the holiday season. I've seen gains in the responses to servant leadership. People are taking the risk to see what God might have in store when they become part of some ministry of our church, be it ushering or teaching, or singing. I've also had many people taking interest in where we are headed as a church family, not just quizzing about a location, but what will the family look like and how can we make a good first impression to outsiders. Those are the right people in the right places to witness amazing things from God's Holy Spirit.

So, when making out the Christmas gift list this year, tight as it may be, please add one more item to the people you love and treasure this season: Make room for Jesus to receive the gift of your love and devotion over the days and months ahead. In worship, we'll spend some time talking about how to do just that, and how to receive the greatest gift of all for the holidays—grace with eternal life! (This is where the legal part of the commercial is supposed to say, "offer good for an unlimited time, see God for details, offered to legal and illegal residents 18 years or older (or younger) no purchase necessary to apply"...you get the idea.)

Thanks for an amazing year. I'm excited about another one, too. Let's see what God has in store for the days ahead, and enjoy them together in this remarkable church family.

Serving With You,
Ken

Is Your Pledge Up to Date?

Record of Faithfulness

Totals to Date as of
11/14/2008

Weekly Stewardship to Reach Budget
\$7,845

Weekly Stewardship Received

10/19/2008	\$5,814.50
10/26/2008	\$6,533.02
11/02/2008	\$8,095.50
11/09/2008	\$6,422.50

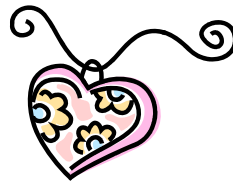
Weekly Attendance

10/19/2008	- 186
10/26/2008	- 208
11/02/2008	- 204
11/09/2008	- 189

ATTENDANCE

Church News & Upcoming Events

Tags are still available and gifts must be returned no later than December 7th. You will receive a sheet with complete instructions when you take your tag. If you would like to participate but are unable to shop, you may take a tag, make a cash donation and we will be happy to shop for you. Please pray about this ministry in the days and weeks ahead. We anticipate the need to be greater than ever, but we know that God will guide us as we help all these wonderful children. Thank you in advance for all your support. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 865-6144 or sammalamma3@aol.com. Paul, Diane & Sam Meyer



We will be having a Jewelry making class on Saturday December 6th from 2:00pm until 4:00pm. The class will be taught by our very own and very talented Julie Sealy. The cost of the class will be \$25.00. Julie will give you a choice of 3 different items to make. Wouldn't that be a great Christmas gift for someone you love? To register for the class please call either the Church office or Vicki Polyak (365-2857) before November 30th to ensure we have adequate supplies.



DATE CHANGE - Join us on November 30th as we prepare the church for Advent. For those who have not participated before, it is the time when we put up the Christmas decorations all over the church. We will meet right after the Thanks for Giving Luncheon. Baby sitting service will be provided after lunch while we decorate the church. This is a great time of fellowship and allows us to physically prepare our church to celebrate Christ's birth. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 865-6144 or sammalamma3@aol.com. Paul, Diane & Sam Meyer



ABATE of Lake County will join us at the end of our 1st service on Dec. 14th. They will be presenting a check to the church raised as a result of their "Toys for Kids" ride. Plan on attending to help us say "thank you".



The Christmas Cantata will again be held at the 8:30 a.m. service. Come and hear our wonderful Choir on Sunday, December 14th.



Please join us on Sunday, December 7th at 6:00 p.m. for our Children's Christmas Program.



First Sundays of December, January and February, we will be offering popcorn to help Lauren Podowski. Lauren is going on a two week mission trip to Nicaragua through Valparaiso University which she attends. She has to pay for her own expenses plus she would like to be able to take items with her to the school where she will be working. We will be offering popcorn after both worship services on those Sundays. Please be in pray for Lauren and her entire group as they plan towards this ambitious endeavor. If you would prefer, you may make a check out to the church and mark "Lauren" in the memo area. Lauren will be home with us at the end of November and during Christmas break. Please let her know she is in your prayers and ask her about her plans.



Our "Family" service will be held on December 24th at 5:00 p.m.
Our Candlelight Service will be held on December 24th at 11:00 p.m.

Office Holiday Schedule



November 27th (Thurs.) & 28th (Fri.)

The Office Closed for Thanksgiving

December 24th (Wed.)

Office open from 9-Noon

December 25th (Thurs.)

The Office is Closed

December 26th (Fri.), 29th (Mon.), 30th (Tues.) & 31st (Wed.)

Office open from 9-Noon

and January 1st (Thurs.)

Office Closed for New Years

Please allow for the staff to enjoy their holidays. Remember to call Pastor Ken only for Pastoral emergencies whenever the office is closed. Thank you!

News

DUMC College Scholarship Fund

As we approach the end of another blessed year, please consider a contribution to the DUMC College Scholarship Fund.

This is a great opportunity to provide support to our college students through our financial assistance with their college funding and supply needs.

We had a number of high school graduates this past June who truly appreciated your generosity. Our future college students are an important part of our DUMC family and we thank you for your consideration to donate to this fund.

As we work towards building up this resource in anticipation for our 2009 graduates, you may want to consider a donation in honor of or in memory of a loved one. This contribution is also tax deductible.

Checks should be made payable to DUMC with "College S-Fund" noted in the memo. Please leave your check or "noted" cash contribution with the office or enclose it in an envelope and drop it in the offering plate. Thank you so much. Questions should be directed to Brad Schwent 322-4449.

AARP TAX-AIDE COUNSELORS NEEDED

The AARP Tax-Aide Program needs more Volunteer Counselors in the Tri-town to assist seniors and low income residents in preparing income tax forms. Will you be a part of our team?

You will be trained and certified in January and work at the Schererville Library during tax season of February through April 15th.

You will be providing a worthwhile and rewarding service for your fellow citizens.

For more information, please call

Ed Fesenmyer 322-1187

Our Thoughts & Prayers are with...

Our Service Members Eldon Johnson Sr.
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Kerns Family Eileen Stiemart
Debbie Busch Fran Werth
Linda Crowder
Tom Fizer
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Melba Fixter
Robert Galbreath
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Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer need that you would like to add to the prayer chain, please call the church office, Cathy Millard at 365-3954, send email to Roseann Piercy at: rr_piercy@sbcglobal.net or visit our website at www.dyerumc.org.

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**Priorities of
Dyer United
Methodist Church**

**#1 To Give Glory
To Christ and
Build His Kingdom
In All That We Do.**

**#2 To Serve and Reach Out
In Love To Those Outside The
Body Of Christ.**

**#3 To Love, Support and
Serve Those In Our
Church Family In Order
To Raise Up Disciples
of Jesus Christ.**

**Join us for these
upcoming events!**

- Consecration Sunday — November 23rd
- Thanks for Giving Luncheon — November 23rd
- Hanging of the Greens — November 30th
- Angel Tree gifts due — December 7th
- Children's Christmas Program — December 7th
- Cantata Service — December 14th
- Christmas Eve — December 24th - Family Service 5:00 p.m. or Candlelight Service 11:00 p.m.
- Abate Angel Tree Presentation — December 14th
- Youth Spaghetti Dinner — January 23rd