

DECEMBER 19TH 2008



Dyer United Methodist Church

...Where the adventure begins

Dear Friends,

As we enter a new year full of all sorts of potential, we tend to make resolutions that are designed to help us live better, treat others with more charity, or overcome some troubling temptations in life. All well intentioned, they generally last two to three months and we either forget that we've made them, failed in the discipline it takes to implement them, or found ourselves unable to overcome the obstacles needed to succeed.

We have in the Christian year a second chance at those items. During Lent, we can recover our shortfalls and sacrifice something big in order to respect and remember the sufferings of Christ. That's pretty neat - we've found a way to give ourselves a second chance at living up to our values and faith.

I guess in all of the excitement of a new year, it might be a good time to reflect on two profound ideas: First, that God is always faithful (resolved, if you will,) to us. No matter how far you are from your ideal life, God is always in love with you - just the way you are! And second, that our God always makes a way to give us a second, third, or millionth chance to find forgiveness and start anew, no matter if that needs to be January 2nd, or April, or October. Grace is the ongoing work of perfecting those resolutions we make each and every day.

With that in mind, let me offer some of my New Year's resolutions for your consideration:

I resolve to try and be more thankful for the unconditional love God has given me more times than I'll ever know or deserve.

I resolve to try to receive that love from God given to me in ordinary and special ways from the people who are made in His image.

I resolve to try and reflect more of that same love shared with me to as many people as God will allow me to meet.

I resolve to try and remember that when God's love gets pushed aside by my own actions that I have an unlimited supply of grace available to help me work to reconcile and restore those sins.

For a new year of faith and promise, may we all be thankful.

Serving With You,
Ken

Is Your Pledge Up to Date?

Record of Faithfulness

Totals to Date as of
12/19/2008

Weekly Stewardship to Reach Budget
\$7,845

11/16/2008	\$7,365.50
11/23/2008	\$5,976.75
11/30/2008	\$5,070.05
12/07/2008	\$7,032.00
12/14/2008	\$6,212.00

Weekly Attendance

11/16/2008	- 215
11/23/2008	- 221
11/30/2008	- 185
12/07/2008	- 208
12/14/2008	- 258

ATTENDANCE

Church News & Upcoming Events

Church Leadership Training

All elected members are asked to attend the Leadership Training on Saturday, January 10th from 9:00a.m. - 11:30a.m. We will meet here at the church in the Fellowship Hall and do some year-long planning, visioning, and prayer. We will provide a light breakfast and lunch will follow the meeting. Please RSVP as soon as possible to the office at 219-865-8947 or office@dyerumc.org.



Auction Items

If you have any "regifts" from Christmas that you would like to donate to the Youth Pasta Dinner & Silent Auction, please contact Diane Meyer or Mike D'Attoma.



Kids P.J. Party

Kids, tell your parents to go enjoy themselves for a couple of hours while we P.J. Party together at church. That's right, kids Pre-K through 4th grade are invited to church on Friday nights (January 9th, February 13th, & March 13th) to have fun together watching movies, playing games, etc. Well, you should come dressed in cozy cute pajamas, fluffy-fuzzy robes, silly snuggly slippers, and your favorite blanket or sleeping bag, and your favorite character pillow. The fun runs from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Parents, we'll happily except treat donations. See the sign up sheet. Questions? Call Chris Engles 865-3312 or work 708-647-5661 or Janet Quinn 365-5357 or cell 708-217-7749.



Campbell's Labels



A short while ago, Eileen Biel sent off 1200 soup labels to Red Bird Missions and 1200 to Bashor Home, the two projects we support. Eileen received notice that the front panels of Campbell's labels are no longer accepted. They are asking that UPC codes be clipped and sent in instead of the whole label. I have enclosed an insert of the eligible products and how many points that each accepted UPC code is worth. If you have any questions please contact Eileen at 365-6793

Collection Instructions

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Thank You

The Kerns Family would like to thank Pastor Ken for being so helpful and supportive during Kermit's illness and passing.

Also we would like to thank the church family for their encouragement and prayers.

Joyce Kerns and Family



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your cards, thoughts, and prayers during Toni Flanagin's illness. She will be greatly missed. Thank you for all who cooked and helped for her memorial service.

Thanks to all the people who donated to the church memorial fund for Toni. We appreciate it all. Many Many thanks again to all.

The Toni Flanagin Family

Dear Pastor Ken,

Thank you so much for all your visits, thoughts, and prayers during Toni's illness. Thank you for the wonderful memorial service you gave. We appreciate all you did for our family.

Thanks again.

The Toni Flanagin Family

Thank you

Thank you to Julie Sealy for donating her time and the supplies for the Jewelry class that was earlier this month. She did a great job! Vicki PolyaK



Thank you so much for all the cards, flowers, visits, phone calls, and especially your prayers. I really appreciate your many acts of kindness! Nancy Stivers



Thanks to my awesome church family for your continued support and generosity in helping me raise funds for my spring break mission trip to Nicaragua. A special thanks to Aunt Nancy for all the hours she spends popping corn on my behalf. Without the kindness of all of you, this trip would not have been possible. Love, Lauren Podowski



I would like to Thank everyone who helped make Angel Tree a success. I would like to extend a special Thank You to Char, Mo, and Abby who helped complete the shopping needed to fill all the requests. Also, a special Thank You to Dalene, Cheryl W., Charlotte, and kay who helped wrap the over 400 gifts that went out. A special Thank You to the elves that delivered the gifts Linda J., Charlotte, Lori K., Angie V., and Kay. Thank you to Leroy Marsh and his football team for all the toys they donated to fulfill the requests. With God's help and yours anything is possible. Happy New Year Everyone. Paul and Diane Meyer



The Puent family wishes to thank all of you for your generous outpourings of love and affection during the holidays and always. Thanks for allowing us to be in ministry with you!



Our Thoughts & Prayers are with...

Our Service Members Eldon Johnson Sr.
Grisham Family Jackie Smith
Debbie Busch Eileen Stiemart
Linda Crowder Fran Werth
Tom Fizer
Rob Fizer
Rollin Flanagin
Melba Fixter
Robert Galbreath



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.

Here to Serve...

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Join us for these upcoming events!

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.

- Popcorn Sunday - January 4th
- Take Down The Greens — January 4th
- Kid's PJ Party - January 9th
- Church Leadership Training — January 10th
- Youth Spaghetti Dinner — January 23rd
- Dyer Rehabilitation — January 25th
- 7th–9th Grade Confirmation Retreat — January 30th, 31st & February 1st
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