

OCTOBER 17, 2008



Dyer United Methodist Church

...Where the adventure begins

Consecration Sunday Is Coming

Congregations that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective do not view the money Christians give to their church merely as a way to pay its bills. Rather, such congregations see financial contributions as a way to help people grow spiritually in their relationship with God by supporting their church's mission and ministry with a percentage of their incomes.

Our congregation's finance committee has selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving in our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. Instead of treating people like members of a social club who should pay dues, we will treat people like followers of Jesus Christ who want to give unselfishly as an act of discipleship. *New Consecration Sunday* encourages people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

Every attendee and member who completes an *Estimate of Giving Card* does so voluntarily by attending morning worship on Consecration Sunday. We urge people to attend who feel strongly opposed to completing a card. The procedure is done in such a way that no one feels personal embarrassment if he or she chooses not to fill out a card.

We will do no home solicitation to ask people to complete cards. During morning worship our Pastor will conduct a brief period of instruction and inspiration, climaxed by members making their commitments as a confidential act of worship.

We will encourage participation in Consecration Sunday events through the Consecration Sunday team and governing board members. Since we will make no follow-up visits to ask people to complete their cards, we will make every effort to inform, inspire, and commit everyone to attend Consecration Sunday worship.

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday events.

Carl Sisek

Church Council Chairperson

Is Your
Pledge
Up to Date?

Record of Faithfulness

Totals to Date as of
10/17/2008

**Weekly Stewardship to
Reach Budget**
\$7,845

Weekly Stewardship Received

09/21/2008 \$4,060.75
09/28/2008 \$7,866.75
10/05/2008 \$7,861.12
10/12/2008 \$7,171.12

Weekly Attendance

09/21/2008 - 197
09/28/2008 - 188
10/05/2008 - 199
10/12/2008 - 204



Church News & Upcoming Events



Please sign the sheet on the information center if you can have your "trunk" in the church parking lot for "Trick or Trunk" night on Friday, October 31st from 6pm to 8pm. Please be here before 6pm if at all possible and plan on

staying until 8pm. Have treats for about 200 children. NOTE: Please be sure you have enough candy to cover the entire two hours. Adults who bring children are asked to have them go around only once so that there can be enough candy for all the children. If there are still leftovers at 8pm, the children are free to go around as many times as they wish. As this is an event advertised for the entire community, we would like to be sure we have enough for everyone. If you cannot be there but would like to help, donations of candy and/or money to purchase additional candy would be appreciated. If you would like to help inside with set-up, clean-up, popcorn, and drinks, please note that on the sign-up. Questions - contact Diane Meyer at sammalamma3@aol.com or 865-6144 or Nancy Gray at n.gray@comcast.com or 322-2387. Our goal is to have 50 "trunks"!!



Once again we will have the Angel Tree program. Tags will be available on November 9th 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

Angel Tree



Join us on November 23rd 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



Saturday, November 8th, is the pick-up for the items from the Men's Club Sale. From noon until 3:00pm the men will be available in Fellowship Hall

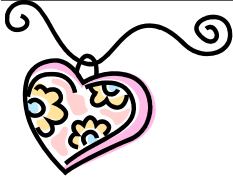
for you to come and pick up your orders. If you are not able to pick them up during that time frame, please contact one of the men before that date. If you have any questions contact Carl Lisek at 365-4772 or Bill Gray at 322-2387.



Beginning with the first Sunday in November, and continuing for the following 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.



Upcoming Events



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.



Enjoy an afternoon filled with music and fellowship on Sunday, November 16th at 4:00pm. The Dyer UMC Choir is inviting you to attend their Concert and help raise money needed for new music as well as a dedication of our new piano. Admission is free but there will be a free will offering.


Immediately after the concert there will be a pot luck dinner.

Please join the Dyer UMC Choir with accompaniment from Carol Ondra and Juanita Jarecki playing the piano and organ.



A Trustee Work Day is scheduled for Saturday, November 8th at 9:00am. There will be jobs available for everyone of every age. Coffee & Donuts will be served in the morning along with a lunch in the afternoon. Please come and help even if it is just for a few hours.

News

<p>IRA Distributions to Charity</p>	<p>Taxpayers who have reached age 70 1/2 are permitted to make tax free trustee to trustee contributions of their IRA to qualified charitable organizations in tax years beginning after December 31, 2007 and before January 1, 2010.</p> <p>In other words, qualifying taxpayers may exclude from gross income up to \$100,000 of their qualified charitable distributions for each tax year beginning in 2008 and 2009 in addition to any qualified charitable distributions they may have made in 2006 and 2007.</p> 
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Our Thoughts & Prayers are with...

Our Service Members Eldon Johnson Sr.
 Debbie Busch Jackie Smith
 Linda Crowder Eileen Stiemart
 Tom Fizer Fran Werth
 Rollin Flanagin
 Toni Flanagin
 Melba Fixter
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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@comcast.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.**

- Trick or Trunk – October 31st
- Men's Club Fall Pizza, Pie, and More Sale – October 5th-30th
- Trustee Work Day – November 8th
- Men's Club Sale Pick-up – November 8th
- Sorting & Preparation for Hanging of the Greens – November 8th
- Consecration Sunday – November 23rd
- Thanks for Giving Luncheon – November 23rd
- Hanging of the Greens – November 23rd
- Angel Tree begins – November 9th
- Angel Tree gifts due – December 7th
- Abate Angel Tree Presentation – December 14th
- Youth Spaghetti Dinner – January 23rd