

January, 2012



February, 2012

- 02/01 Brittany Catania
- 02/02 Virginia Fisher
Jarrod Woodall
- 02/09 Calvin Heiss
- 02/10 Debbie Burroughs
- 02/11 Samantha McLeod
Sydney McLeod
- 02/11 Alyssa Bryant
- 02/12 Caroline Tankersley
- 02/13 Joe Reese
- 02/17 Samuel Binns
- 02/21 Dee Cooley
- 02/28 Martha Wilson

Doyle & Sherry Shirley
02/14/1959

Jimmy & Debby Bryant
02/26/1993



MISSION OF THE MONTH



The offering for the monthly mission will be received on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

However, you may donate to the mission anytime during the month through the church by putting the Mission name on the memo line of your check or envelope. A 'mission box' is on the table in the church foyer into which you may place your 'above the tithe' offering.

The mission we are supporting for the month of February is Samaritan Ministries.



~We express our Christian love and sympathy to Bobbie Johnston in the death of her son, *Mark Johnston*.

~We express our Christian love and sympathy to the family of *Evelyn Bast*.

~We express our Christian love and sympathy to James & Billie Jean Reed in the death of their son-in-law, *Ron Jennings*.

Prayer Requests

Pray for Our Members: Bobby Johnston, (death of her son, Mark Johnston), Betty Lawson, Berniece Lowenberg, John Mays, Elaine McAdoo, James/Billie Jean Reed (death of their son-in-law, Ron Jennings), Bill Peters, Gary Short, Edyth Small, & B. J. Smith

Our Relatives and Friends: Michael Adams, Burt Alexander, Abigail Atkinson, Family of Evelyn Bast, Beth Boone, Ben & Leah Clarke, Sid Connor, Reba/Bobby Coopwood, Nancy Domenk, Carol Eberling, Janet Fields, Tommy Fletcher, Helen Froust, Estella DeLa Fuente, Debbie Gaede, Rance Gaede Family, Susan Goodrum, Chase Gordon, Colbi Gossage, David Green, James Hardy, Sue Harrington, Judson Hockersmith, Lexi Houghton, Ingrid Howell, Patty Hunt, Jacky Johnson, Tori Kay, Denise Knutson, Lisa Lindsley, Ralph Muzny Jr., Bambi Norman, Ronnie/Tricia Payton, Valerie Pearson, Max Reed, Carl Reynolds, Kathy Roberts, Leroy Rose, Paul Ruckstuhl, Evan Sanders, Tammy Scoggins, Marjorie Simmons, David Smith, Effie Smith, Don Thomas, Jupe Townsend, Bill Walker Family, Pam Williams, & Martha Yates, members in Nursing Homes, active-duty Military, and Governmental Leaders



I have so much to do that I spend several hours in prayer before I am able to do it.

—John Wesley

I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had absolutely no other place to go.

—Abraham Lincoln



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Attendance and Giving Report

Sunday, January 1

Praise Service (8:30 a.m.) 78
Traditional Service (10:30 a.m.) 101
Worship Total 179
Sunday School Attendance 54
Operational Fund Contribution\$10,030

Sunday, January 8

Praise Service (8:30 a.m.) 57
Traditional Service (10:30 a.m.) 121
Worship Total 178
Sunday School Attendance 69
Operational Fund Contribution\$6,184.75

Sunday, January 15

Praise Service (8:30 a.m.) 79
Traditional Service (10:30 a.m.) 123
Worship Total 202
Sunday School Attendance 65
Operational Fund Contribution\$3,829.75

Sunday, January 22

Praise Service (8:30 a.m.) 65
Traditional Service (10:30 a.m.) 179
Worship Total 244
Sunday School Attendance 71
Operational Fund Contribution\$4,101.50

Sunday, January 29

Praise Service (8:30 a.m.) 60
Traditional Service (10:30 a.m.) 120
Worship Total 180
Sunday School Attendance 70
Operational Fund Contribution\$3,986.50

Budget for 2012\$284,658.56
Amount needed each Sunday to meet this
budget total is\$5,370.91



Bob Hickerson

To the Memorial Fund by
Rosemary Fuller

Thelma Watson

To the Memorial Fund by Rosemary Fuller

Leta Curry

To the New Van Fund by Michael/Joanna
Regulska, Annemarie/William Haar, Rachel
Curry/Ethan Curry

Mark Johnston

To the Memorial Fund by Willie Ashcroft,
Shirley Russell, Jim/Doris Wenner
To the New Van Fund by Janice Brenner,
Mary Boone, Bob/Sue McLaughlin, Nan
Merchant, Rebecca Johnston,
William Campbell, L. J. Harper,
Tommy Roebuck. B. J./JoAnn Smith, Cliff/
Norma Stewart, Jim Wetherington
To KFC Fund by Alice Lloyd

Evelyn Bast

To the New Van Fund by Willie Ashcroft,
Calvin/Anna Burroughs, Nan Merchant, B. J./
JoAnn Smith, Cliff/Norma Stewart, Jim/Doris
Wenner, Jim Wetherington
To KFC Fund by Alice Lloyd



2012 ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR



Please call the church office — 623-5588 — if you want to place flowers on the altar for the Sundays of the year. These calls will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. We do have the ability to place 2 altar arrangements each Sunday if that is requested.

The cost this year for each arrangement is \$38.00.

To date, we have the following Sundays filled with 1 one arrangement each:

Feb. 5, 12, 19; March 4, 11, 18, 25 February 26 is not filled.

So, look at your calendars, and decide if you want to get your name on the list for particular Sundays during 2012, then make that call before the date you are requesting has already been spoken for by someone else.

No more than 2 arrangements for each Sunday will be scheduled!

Oaklawn UMC Youth 2011 Wrap-up

December was a busy month for us, in a very busy year. To start, many youth members starred in the production of A Christmas Carol. On Christmas Eve, the youth participated in the service by greeting worshippers, dressing as elves, helping Santa, serving as acolytes, handing out candles, singing solos and ringing hand bells. Towards the end of the month, we had a lock-in to celebrate New Year's Eve. At this lock-in we bonded over games, sharpened the pencils in the sanctuary, and replenished the children's coloring bags that hang in the foyer. Amongst all of these "churchy" activities, we also served the community. We adopted two children through Operation Christmas Child, and two more children through the Salvation Army Angel Tree. With the help of Hazel Wayman and Bobbi Rice, we created magazine Christmas trees and ribbon angels. With those, we raised money for the new women's shelter, Safe Haven.



2011 was a very monumental year for our youth group. We continued many service projects from 2010 to 2011. Through the contributions of many of the Sunday School classes, we continued to collect quarters for Samaritan Ministries. We also collected cans to raise money for our adopted son, Raihan, who turned 6 years old this year. We participated in the church by serving as acolytes every Sunday and ushering every 5th Sunday. At the beginning of the year, we attended a couple of youth conventions -- Winter Jam (a Christian concert) and VERITAS (a Methodist youth rally.) During the month of June, we painted our youth room in an array of colors that match our personality as a youth group. We also took our first mission trip as a youth group to Dallas, Texas. Through the program C2K (Connect to the Kingdom), we read to inner city children and repaired an elderly woman's garage, and we also got to have fun at Six Flags. Towards the end of the year, we had the magnificent idea of creating a prayer board that hangs in our colorful room. On this prayer board, we write the names of people in our church and our community that we feel need God's guidance and assistance.

We would like to give a special thanks to all of the leaders, parents, and church members who have helped make this past year a spectacular year for our youth group and we hope 2012 will be even better!



Submitted by:

Makayla Fulkerson and Alyssa Bryant
(on behalf of the entire youth group)



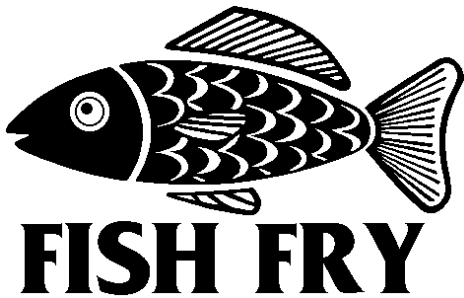
Thanks from the United Methodist Women for your donations to the Mitten Tree in December and part of January. 43 caps & 207 pair of gloves/mittens were divided among elementary schools in Hot Springs —

Langston, Oaklawn & Gardner, and at Jesseville Elementary & Jones Mill Open Door Project

The UMW is sponsoring a **Valentine Brunch** on **Sat. Feb 18**

Signup sheets will be available in the foyer on the 1st and 2nd Sundays of February. They need to know how many people will be present. Plan to come and join in the fun.





BOY SCOUT FISH FRY

The Boy Scout Troop 10 will hold their annual Fish Fry with all the fixings on Sunday, February 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$5.00 for children under 12 and \$10.00 for adults. Carryouts will be available. See Jim Wetherington or Michael Crawford for tickets.

Our previous Missionary with whom we were in a Covenant Relationship, Shauna Harrison, has finished her time of commitment. Therefore, your Missions Committee has chosen the recipient named below as our new Missionary who will receive from Oaklawn UMC \$2,000.00 this year as a part of our mission outreach.



Allyne Solomon, Missionary
Covenant Relationship with Oaklawn UMC

Allyne Solomon is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church serving as a Church and Community Worker with the Lower Delta Parish Community Outreach Ministry in the Arkansas Annual Conference.

Allyne works with churches and community agencies in developing programs needed in Arkansas' lower delta. This includes local food pantries and afterschool programs. Two community efforts are the Pioneer Club and Break Free Youth Zone, which meet at the First United Methodist Church of Hamburg, Arkansas. She assists in finding resources to maintain and expand this work. She has special skills in grant writing and program analysis, and has done training in these

areas at the annual conference level.

Born in Festus and raised in DeSoto, Missouri, Allyne spent her childhood attending DeSoto's First United Methodist Church. She says that church taught her "the importance of mission and reaching out to people. I descended on my mother's side from Methodist circuit riders who travelled Tennessee and Arkansas preaching, teaching, and doing mission work. Mission is in my DNA." Allyne is a certified candidate for deacon's order and is also a certified lay speaker.

Allyne received a Bachelor of Arts degree in religion from Central Methodist University in Fayette, Missouri. She continued her studies at the University of Oklahoma, where she received a Master of Arts degree in human relations and a minor in public administration. She has held both paid and unpaid Christian education positions for more than 20 years.

Prior to her current assignment, Allyne worked for the State of Missouri as an eligibility specialist with Social Services. She also worked as a legal assistant/paralegal, and was employed in retail for 10 years.

THANKS

~~Many thanks to all for your cards, phone calls, visits and prayers while I was in the hospital. Thanks to Lauralei Binns and family for the flowers and thanks to Carolyn for the warm hug. I needed that.

God bless you all! Sarah Gaede

~~Thanks to Drew Short for repairing the RPZ valve on some of the church water lines.

~~Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful meal that you provided for my family and friends. It was a great help. Special thanks to Wanda Felts and Martha Wilson for taking care of this. Also, thanks for your memorials to the church in Mark's name. You are all so special to me.

God bless you, Bobbie Johnston

February Youth Activities

Sunday 5th — Last Day for "Souper Bowl of Caring" Donations

Wednesday 8th — Youth take donations to Project Hope Food Bank

Sunday 19th — Trip to Little Rock for Winter Jam Christian Concert

Friday 24th – 26th — Some youth go to VERITAS in Rogers

Saturday 25th — Some youth participate in Trash for Cash Bash