



The CHIMES

From the desk of Lay Leader, Lee Ann Branch

It's hard to believe it's already February 2012! Wasn't Christmas just last week? Your Church Council finished the first session of the 2012 planning retreat on January 11th. In 2011 the members of your Church Council worked very hard to positively impact Village United Methodist Church. There were agreements and disagreements, there were smiles and frowns, there were yeahs and nays; but when all was said and done we emerged as closer friends with a stronger determination to help VUMC move ahead. At the January retreat the 2011 goals were reviewed and we began on goals for 2012. As with all new years there will be changes and new opportunities for VUMC. As Pastor

George leads our congregation and Glenn Wortham again graciously chairs the Church Council, we are hoping everyone will make a new years' resolution to take the role of a "change agent". I saw a sign in front of a church going to Arkadelphia last week. It said, "If we don't change, we won't grow. If we don't grow, we will die." It was agreed that it is imperative our church grow while nurturing our current members.

During Vacation Bible School this summer, one of the ladies commented about the screen during assembly and music. She said, "Call me old fashioned, but I just don't like the screens! I wouldn't use them in my classroom when they first came out." I reminded her that without change we would still be talking with two tin cans and string. She laughed then said, "I guess that's right. I'm just not good with change." Then we both laughed. As the motto of the United

Methodist Church is "Open hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors", please extend that same attitude to each other as members of this very special congregation. We all have heard the poem...here is the church, here is the steeple, open up the doors and there's all the people. VUMC is not just a beautiful stone church sitting at 200 Carmona Road; VUMC is the people who have made it great from the very first meeting in the Firehouse to present day 2012. We've come a long way baby! Happy February! It's known as 'heart month'. Let's continue to look ahead with joy in our hearts that we belong to such a wonderful congregation! Please keep the Church Council in your prayers as we do our best to make wise decisions.

WHO ARE WE METHODISTS?

What do we **believe**? **What** is our **history**? **How** are we **governed**? Have you ever pondered or thought about any of these questions? Now is the time to get answers and learn about the United Methodist Church—its history, its government, its practices, its beliefs and other information that you should know. A Methodism

study will be starting at Village United Methodist Church on Monday, February 20th, 2012. This class will be instructed by Dr. George McCoy and will be held every Monday through March 5, 2012. The class is open to all and will meet in the sanctuary from 10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. Come and learn about the United Methodist Church.

A Fall study is also planned. This class will be Disciple One and also instructed by Dr. McCoy. More information on the Disciple class will be forthcoming.

Rosetta Dubose,
Chair of Education Committee



THANK YOU, NPMC VOLUNTEERS!

On behalf of the Missions Committee, a big THANK YOU is extended to those who helped provide lunches during 2011 for the families in the waiting rooms at National Park Hospital each Tuesday. There are a number of people that have helped-Karis Alderson, Charlotte Akelaitis, Joyce Barone, Al & Pat Bowles, Jean Brodhead, Nita Calamaio, Betty Cowger, Kay Crews, Jo & Lonnie Elliott, Lynne Harkleroad, Ann Harris, Peter & Carol Hassialis, Jan & Jay Laughlin, Nancy Liggin, Eva

Lindau, Joyce Lusk, Charlotte Mannes, Patsy Natho, Patti & Don Prince, Carolyn & Harold Randol, Diana Reeves, Gerrie & Richard Sanders, Ev Smyth, Bernie Stephens, Carolyn Strout, Martha & Lou Vaughn, Carolyn & Jack Wells, Glenn & Susan Wortham-to name a few. We appreciate their faithfulness in this ministry, but we can use more people to help in this en-

deavor. If you are interested, and can help out one Tuesday a month, please sign up in the book outside the church office or call Lynne Harkleroad at 922-2218.

THE RADIO MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!

The broadcast of our Sunday morning Worship Service on the KVRE radio station each Sunday costs \$75.00 per week and is tax deductible. This is a volunteer and vital ministry supported directly by individual good stewards, and it currently has a number of available dates in need of sponsors. This ministry helps

our members that are unable to attend church be a part of the worship service each Sunday. It is also used to reach out to our community.

You may wish to sponsor it for a special occasion, in memory or honor of someone, or you can sponsor it anonymously as others have done in

the past. If you would like to be a part of this outreach, please call the church office at 922-1030 so we can fulfill your wishes. It will also be announced in our Sunday bulletin information.

EXERCISE!

Join us Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. — 10:30 a.m. for some fun fellowship while exercising to music. Get your blood flowing on these cold winter mornings with our low impact exercises and be ready for the day! Bring a friend, doesn't have to be a Methodist! For more

information call Jan Laughlin at 922-2532.



UMW CIRCLES

CHARITY will meet Monday, February 13th at the home of Gerrie Sanders, 29 Resplendor Way at 10:00 a.m. Co-hostess will be Mary Lynn Pollard who will also give the program on the Church's Mission offerings.

JOY will meet Monday, February 20th at Good Sam's campus. Some of the ladies will meet for lunch before the regular meeting; however, since this group is not restricted to ladies living at Good Sam, others may join the group at 1:30 p.m. in the Multi-purpose Room. This group would also like to have volunteers to provide a snack or lead a program (a one time commitment). If you have any questions about volunteering or

joining the group, please feel free to contact Bette Clark at 922-2155.

LOVE will meet at the church on Monday, February 13th at 10:00 a.m. Dwinelle Swanson and Glynda Cervenka are the co-hostesses and Lee Ann Branch will present the program entitled "Tell Your Story".

MARTHA will meet at the church on Monday, February 13th at 10:00 a.m. Patsy Natho will be the hostess and she will continue to lead the program on "Women of the Bible."

NAOMI will meet Wednesday,

February 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the home of Lynne Harkleroad, 18 Aldaya Lane. Connie Fedderson will lead the program.

REBEKAH will meet on Wednesday, February 15th at 7:00 p.m. in the home of Ginny Misch, 22 Valladolid Way. Mary Morris will present the program.

REMEMBER THE FEBRUARY INGATHERING EMPHASIS:

Packaged toothbrushes, adhesive band-aids, gallon sealable bags (no slides), and dust masks. If you missed January, it was bar soap (at least 3 oz.), hand towels (15 x 25) and

Methodist Men

The **CURBSIDE ANGEL** program for the church was developed by the Methodist Men and is a service for individuals who need assistance prior to and following all services at the church. All men are encouraged to

volunteer, or if you are currently on the volunteer list and wish to be removed, please call Carolyn in the church office at 922-1030.

The **METHODIST MEN** are having a fund raiser and will be providing sub sandwiches to pick-up at church on Super Bowl Sunday after the services. We will provide 6" turkey or ham sandwiches for \$6.00 each. You can then go directly home and

enjoy the game without having to fix anything at home or go anywhere. You can order your sandwiches on Sunday in the narthex or call **Austin Wyatt at 922-6152** or **Craig Lihs at 915-0009**.



CHURCH COUNCIL NEWS

The Church Council meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month. The next Council meeting will be Wednesday, February 22nd at 2:30 p.m. Come and visit the next Church Council meeting to learn all that's happening in our church. Remember to use the church website www.villageumc.org to promote all church activities. The website will also keep you informed about upcoming events.

THANK YOU



A most sincere thank you to our church family for the many prayers, hugs, kind words and cards that you bestowed upon us during Bob's recent diagnosis, surgery and recovery. There is something extremely daunting about the word "CANCER". While it is, in many cases, completely treatable, the diagnosis packs a powerful punch. So many were there to ease that punch and remind us that God is our strength and IS in control. Many, many thanks

to the Prayer Gathering group for their prayers and support through it all (what a great resource we have in them!) Thanks to George for being with us the morning of the surgery, though we were a distance away...what a comfort you were to us. We are feeling truly blessed as we enter the new year. Love in Christ,

Bob & Connie Feddersen

Thanks so much to Pastors George and Tom for hospital visits a few weeks ago. Royal and I have also received so many cards and prayers from members of Village United Methodist. I'm soon on the way to treatments to get my life back to better living. God is good to us, and it's obvious that you, Village United Methodist Church, are good to us too!

Sue Kott

SHEPHERD GROUP NEWS



Twenty-Eight members of Shepherd Group 24 met on December 2nd to share some Christmas cheer. We had a great dinner at Home Plate, followed by dessert, prepared by Jackie Morris, at the home of Tom & Betty Egan. Our group will be meeting for breakfast each month; our first was Friday, January 20th, at

8:30 a.m. at Home Plate. It was a great way to start the weekend here at the first of the new year.

Sally Schuck &
Joan Rambatt,
Shepherd leaders

Thank you for all your prayers, cards, memorials, and messages of support we received in the unexpected passing of my sister, Joan Bucher. Your kind expressions of sympathy meant so much. It is during these difficult times that we realize how grateful we are to have the kindness and comfort of our church family.

Peter Hassialis



On Tuesday, January 17th, Shepherd Group 26, under the leadership of Charlotte Akelaitis, met for breakfast at the Paradise Grill on Cortez Golf Course. Reports were given on those unable to attend and on those who have moved away. The group welcomed Greg & Ellen Nagode as new members and look for-

ward to their vocal additions to our frequent renditions of the "Happy Birthday" song.

Shepherd Group 26 meets monthly and usually for breakfast at different locations. The Christmas appetizer buffet was held at the home of Willis & Karis Alderson on the evening of December 4th.

FINANCIAL REPORT as of December 31, 2011

Detailed Financial Reports are available in the Library and the Church Office. Contact Financial Manager Marilyn Llhs at 922-1030 if you have any questions.

CURRENT MONTH		MONTHLY BUDGET	OVER (UNDER)
Income	\$56,876.87	\$47,776.17	\$9,100.70
Expenses	44,260.61	47,776.17	-\$3,515.56
Net	\$12,616.26		
YEAR TO DATE		YEAR TO DATE BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE OVER UNDER)
Income	\$585,565.14	\$573,314.00	\$12,251.14
Expenses	548,569.93	573,314.00	-\$24,744.07
Net	\$ 36,995.21		

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

John & Barbara Shrock
3 Cancion Way
915-8208

Ted & Jean Brudniak
35 Empinado Way
922-1297

Wayne & Anita Cox
5 Reinos Lane
501-519-1881



Family and friends in the death of Malcolm Ruby.

Family & friends in the death of Betty Hamann.

Lola Roop & family in the death of her husband, Joe Roop.

Evelyn Smyth in the death of her mother.

ALTAR FLOWERS AND FLOWERS FOR THE NARTHEX

If you wish to sponsor the **Altar Flowers (\$30.00)** on a special Sunday, please call the church office at 922-1030 to reserve your preferred date, or you may put your request in writing with the detail bulletin information and send/drop-off at the church office. **The Flower Chart used in the past will no longer be used.** If your

date is already taken every effort will be made to find another date that will work. **Flowers in the narthex and roses at the altar** are ordered and paid for by the person ordering. You may use any florist you wish, but if other than **Beckwith Visions**, then arrangements must be made for delivery.

Please call the office with the information that you want in the bulletin. There are a number of openings available at the moment.

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March Madness is coming!

Grab your nets and come be fishers of men! This will be a fun and extremely important event for our church. And, this is where we need your help! We're asking each of you to think of someone you know that **doesn't** have a church home. You might know a neighbor, friend, or relative that is not attending a church. If so, write their name(s) down on the attached tear-off strip and place it in the offering plate any Sunday in February. There will also be yellow invitations in the pews during the month of February. If you would like to *personally* invite someone, let the Membership Committee know and we will provide a "cookie invitation" for you at the end of February.

During the first days of March, the Membership Committee will deliver homemade cookies to every name received along with an attached invitation to visit Village UMC. If you personally handed out invitations, please let the office/Membership Committee know who you invited so they can be included in our follow-up. Everyone will also receive information on upcoming events at our church throughout the year. Any follow-up will be tastefully done, not pushy, and in an invitational-style.

Please carefully consider these faith facts:

- Jesus said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" *Matthew 28:19*.
- Eighty percent of all people in a church first come because a friend or relative invited them (*Lyle Schaller*).
- Eighty-two percent of unchurched people are receptive to attending church if invited and *escorted* by a friend ("*Getting to Know Today's Unchurched*").

The purpose of **March Madness** is to live out Jesus' command in a fun, nonthreatening, effective, faithful, and exciting way.

Let's make it happen!

Susan Wortham, Chairperson
Membership Committee

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Invitee: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Telephone: _____

Invited by (Optional): _____

(Please place in Offering Plate)

**VILLAGE UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**

**DR. GEORGE MCCOY
SENIOR MINISTER**

*Open Hearts, Open Minds,
Open Doors.*

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2/1 Jesse Branch
Marilyn Foreman
Ivan Williams**
- 2/3 Betty Gunther**
- 2/6 Lorraine Ehrhardt
Barbara Horgan
Don McLaurin**
- 2/7 John Jennings**
- 2/8 Jim Fox
Don Hill
Lou Vaughn**
- 2/9 Jim Bland
Sharon Fickes**
- 2/10 Rebecca Stamps**
- 2/12 Ray Dunbar**
- 2/14 Wilma Henricks
Randy Lusk**
- 2/15 Jane Lucas
Mac MacCammond
Reggie Powell**
- 2/17 Julie Peterson**
- 2/18 John Tailby**
- 2/19 Irwin Key**
- 2/10 Joe Pollard**
- 2/21 Andy Anderson
Glenn Brooks
Dick Kaiser**
- 2/22 Shirley Carbine
Harry Creasey
Guy Stamps**
- 2/23 Jason Troth
Helen Williams**
- 2/14 Wynn Dailey**
- 2/25 Doris Alexander**
- 2/28 Darlene Blasche**

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INGATHERING, 2012

This year we will work on ingathering throughout the year. The following items will be collected as bulk items to be included in the kits that we will assemble in October. There will be a basket in Steel Hall in which the items may be placed. If you wish to give monetarily, make checks to the church marked Ingathering. The money will be used to purchase needed supplies.

- FEBRUARY ITEMS :** must have protective caps.
- TOOTHBRUSHES** (individually wrapped) **SCOURING PADS**
- BAND-AIDS** (adhesive strips) **APRIL ITEMS:**
- GALLON SEALABLE BAGS** (no slide bags) **INSECT REPELLANT SPRAY** (6-14 oz) Aerosol cans must have protective caps.
- DUST MASKS** **SCRUB BRUSH** (plastic or wooden handle)
- MARCH ITEMS:** **LIQUID LAUNDRY DETERGENT** (25 OZ. OR 50 OZ.) **18 HANDIWIPES**
- DISH SOAP** (16-28 oz. bottles) **SPONGES**
- AIR FRESHENER** (8 or 9 oz) Aerosol cans