Gathering

Sunday School Classes

Children's and Youth Classes meet in the church basement. For adults, The Wired Word, a class with scripture and current events, meets in the East Wing and a Bible Study, *Jesus the Messiah*

meets in The Outback.

Announcements & Church Life Notes

Fulfillment: Christ, Light of the World-Primary Sunday School Students

Singing: "Away in a Manger" -Redbook # 472

Hearing the Word

Old Testament: 1st Samuel 2:18-20 & 26 by Chris Payne

New Testament: Luke 2:41-52 by Dean Amstutz

Children's Story-Darrell Zook

Message: "Christmas was on Friday . . . Now What?"

Response to the Word

Singing: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!" -HWB # 210

Pastoral Prayers

Offerings: Missionary Families/Offertory by Jen Hopwood

Sending Blessing

Singing: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" -HWB # 201

Offerings on January 3 will support the PMC General Fund.

Scripture Reader Sign-up: To help lead worship by reading scripture in 2010, sign-up and take a 'Reader Orientation Sheet.' Current readers may continue by signing-up or take a year off by not signing. Thanks to readers!

Looking Ahead:

January 3: Child/Parent Dedication in AM/Potluck Meal at Noon

January 5: Monthly Deacons Meeting

January 6: AWANA resumes with 5:30 Meal/6:00 AWANA

January 8-9: Central Plains Conference Meeting in Des Moines

January 9: Financial Peace University begins at Bloomfield UMC

January 10: Communion Elements in AM Worship Service

January 11: Youth Council/Volunteers Meal and Planning

January 12: Monthly Church Council Meeting

January 16: 1:00 Annual Church Members Business Meeting January 31: 2:00 Worship Service at Davis Center (Country)

Financial Peace University begins on Saturday, January 9 at the Bloomfield United Methodist Church. This FPU course will be led by Kevin Gingerich with an assist by Darrell Zook. Course cost is \$100. To reserve a spot call the Bloomfield UMC office at 664-3206.

Winter Small Groups provide an opportunity for deeper Bible study and/or learning to know others in an informal setting. Here are groups thus far:

Ladies Tuesday morning Bible Study: Contact Carol Baughman

Dinner Group Taking a Turn Hosting: Contact Audrey Amstutz

Bible Book Study: Leader and Subject pending

Good & Evil, or, How King Herod(s) Affects Your Bible: Darrell Zook

See the bulletin board for more description of these groups and to check in case other groups have been organized. –Education Commission

Attention All 6-8th Graders: Crooked Creek Christian Camp is getting ready for Junior High WinterFest on January 15-17. The lowa Mennonite

School Praise Band and pastor Pam Gerig Unruh will lead the sessions. WinterFest kids will need to practice Carpet Ball, 4-Square and Dutch Blitz skills to be ready! Contact Chris Payne for more information.

Food contributions for AWANA meals have been amazing! Thank-you! See the new sign-up sheet for Jan-Feb-March. —The Kitchen Crew

Thank-you for your recent offerings of \$653 for the Central Plains Mennonite Conference and of \$1,611.28 to help provide for a Hispanic Ministries Coordinator in our area. –Monica Clem, Central Plains Office

Year-End Reports are welcome so that we may prepare the annual report and guide booklet. If you are a leader for a committee or service ministry, you may pass along a report to the church office on or before January 4. Booklets will be distributed on January 10.