

Check out our Neighborhood Center Christmas Tree and be an Angel — take an ornament, buy the gift, and place it in the bin (not wrapped). Your neighbors will be so glad you have given — and so will your God! Gifts due by December 8.

Bring mittens, hats, and scarves to donate to the Neighborhood Center in Harrisburg. The mitten tree is located in the tower hallway. Bring in your items before December 8.

Coats for Steelton! Elizabeth Circle is collecting coats (children and adult) — also gently used toys and games to be delivered to Steelton. Contact Margaret Eckrote at 697-4780 with questions.

The Fellowship Committee invites you to begin your holiday season with some Christmas Crafting!

Fellowship Hall — Saturday, November 22, from 9—10:30 am.

Advent Wreath—Making Workshop: Susanna Reppert-Brill will guide you in making a beautiful wreath just in time to begin your Advent celebration. Participants are asked to bring some evergreens to share, such as Spruce, Boxwood, Pine (no Hemlock, please). A \$5 fee is requested to cover the cost of all other materials.

Gingerbread House Workshop: After reading a Christmas story, Linda Stoner will guide the children in creating their own unique Gingerbread House. Snacks and a Christmas video will also be offered.

For planning purposes, please pre-register by contacting Janice Bowen at 796-0809 or jjgbowen@yahoo.com by November 15 or completing form below and putting in her church mailbox.

Giving Thanks Together — our church family is invited to participate in Mechanicsburg Ministerium's Thanksgiving Eve Interfaith Service on November 26 at 7 pm at Messiah Village's Chapel. Dry and canned goods will be collected for New Hope Ministries. Refreshments will be served after the service.

The staff and board of Little Friends Nursery School want to thank all who participated in the Fall Festival & Auction. The outpouring of support from the congregation was great. We received a record amount of donations, over \$7,000. God bless all of you who attended.

Thank you to everyone who donated books for the book sale or purchased books at the sale during the Fall Festival. Thanks to your support we made \$142 and will be using the money to purchase more books.

Children & Youth Ministries

Wonderful Wednesday goes to Africa this week. Menu: Ham & cheese or peanut butter & jelly sandwiches, cous cous, carrots & celery/ranch dressing, applesauce, brownies.

Don't forget! Tween Fellowship (4th-6th grades) and the Youth Department meet on November 23 at 5 pm in the Multipurpose Room to share a potluck supper. Each family bring a kid-friendly dish to share. Parents are welcome to stay from 5-5:30.

Monday Night Football is 8-9:30 pm at Matt Holliday's house. All youth can come for all or part of an evening of fellowship, food, devotions, and ... football! Bring a snack and drink to share. Forms with the dates are in the youth lounge.

Sleepout for the Homeless is right around the corner. Get your box ready for November 26-27. Adults are needed to chaperone throughout the night. Sign up sheet is at the Welcome Desk.

Senior and Junior High Retreats are coming up — the first two weekends in December.

Combined Youth Fellowship (YF) on November 23 will be held at UM Home for Children for our own battleball tourney. Come get to know each other, eat together, play battleball, and feel God's love for us in each other!!! Permission form required.

YF at Candylane on November 30 from 6-9 pm. All youth (and their families) are invited to have fun at Candylane in Hershey.

YF Bowling @ Trindle Bowl December 28 from 5-7 pm.

Want to save more when you go out to eat or visit local businesses? The youth can help you. They are selling discount cards for \$10, good at many local restaurants and businesses for one year. Proceeds benefit the youth mission trip. Cards will be on sale in the youth lounge between services starting November 23. Contact Sam Mariano at uthrock@fumchurch.com or any youth.

1st ANNUAL ROCK-A-THON Saturday January 3 & 4 9 pm-12 Noon This event is being held to raise funds for the annual youth mission trip! This year our trip will be July 12-18, 2009 with Group Workcamps. Our goal of \$10,000 will cover most trip expenses. Chaperone sign-up list will be in the Narthex. Watch for details.

*Forms for all Youth activities are available
in the Youth Lounge.*



*First United Methodist Church,
Mechanicsburg, PA
November 16, 2008*

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Robert H. Mengle, placed by Phyllis Mengle, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

The maché basket is given to the glory of God and in memory of Lance Buddenbaum, placed by his loving family.

The maché basket is given to the glory of God and in honor of the 65th Wedding Anniversary of Donald & Viola Adams, placed by their daughters..

Hospitalized & Special Circumstances: Helen Kelly is in Holy Spirit, Shirley Russell is in Manor Care (Carlisle), Bus Konhaus is receiving Hospice Care.

Recovering at Home: Sally Kauffman

The UMW World Thank Offering will be taken at both services today. A delicious Mission Meal will follow the late service with take-out available. All proceeds benefit United Methodist Women's missions throughout the world.

Poinsettia orders are due to the church office by December 1. Poinsettias will be placed in the church on December 14 and 21. Plants must remain in the Sanctuary until Christmas Eve (you may take them after whichever service you attend.)

Mission Opportunities

FUMC grocery bagging for Bethesda Mission at Mission Central on November 19 at 6 pm. Contact Eric King by phone at 697-0933 or email eking@verizon.net for information.

Anyone interested in attending the annual 3 day trip to the Board of Global Ministries in New York City can find an application by the Welcome Desk. Completed forms and questions to Mike Ogden/Missions.

Sweet potatoes/yams are being collected for New Hope Ministries Christmas baskets. 200 cans are needed. Please place cans in designated area in the tower entrance.