



## Community of Grace Presbyterian Church

### **In the life of our church...**

**...for the week of December 13, 2009.**

Seeing as God sees, and making a difference

in the lives of those in need.

#### **All Church**

Join Community of Grace for Christmas Eve! We are offering two services on Christmas Eve—7:00 pm family candlelight service and 11:00 pm reflective candlelight service. The 7:00 pm service will offer childcare for children ages 3 years and under. Please join us for hot chocolate in the Narthex after the service. ☺

#### **What's up with the trailers in the parking lot?**

The U-Haul trailer has been set up again this year by UPS for staging and transferring packages being delivered in and around our neighborhood during the holiday season. This is one of the ways we serve our neighborhood in addition to offering parking for bus commuters and a voting site for three districts.

The white cargo trailer was recently acquired from Presbytery/New Beginnings and will be used for our monthly Food Co-op pickups and mission trips.

Thank you for your generous response to this year's stewardship campaign. So far we have received 94 pledges totaling \$297,560.00. While some families have had to cut back their giving due to economic or other conditions and some other families have relocated (and this is having a real impact on our 2010 budget), the 94 pledges received represent an increase of \$27,846 from the giving by the same families in 2009.

We still hope and expect to receive pledges from a few remaining families before Session finalizes the 2010 budget. If you wish to make a pledge, please contact me at [timfluetsch@xmission.com](mailto:timfluetsch@xmission.com) or 801-733-6111 or deposit a pledge card in the worship offering plate on Sunday.

The 2010 budget will be very tight. The reduced pledges and relocated families will have a material impact on the budget. Also, in 2009 we had a pastor for only 8 months. Whereas we expect to have a pastor throughout the year in 2010.

Again, thank you for blessing our community with your financial support.

Tim Fluetsch, Treasurer

**Office Upgrade – Savings of more than \$20/month:** After months of searching and negotiating, our office recently upgraded our old black & white copier to a new color copier. We will be eliminating our other printers and utilizing this multi-functional copier, printer, and scanner as a complete workstation. New codes have been uploaded and assigned to various usage groups. Further information for training will be forthcoming. Watch your email for training times.

**Monthly Church Event Calendar –** Copies of our monthly calendar and other special event information is available at the Welcome Desk.

Fall worship includes an 8:30 contemporary service and 11:00 am traditional service.

#### **PW**

NO PW Martha Craft Circle on Tues, December 29. See you in January

#### **Faith In Action**

Thank you 10,000 Village shoppers for supporting 3<sup>rd</sup> world artisans! Our total sales were \$1260

Thank you Bell Ringers for braving the weather and supporting this Salvation Army project. Faith was definitely in action with a lot of music and smiling faces!

**Saturday December 19<sup>th</sup> – Crossroads Food Co-op.** If you are a Co-op member and can help pick up our orders or help with distribution please email John Horel [hjohn125@qwest.net](mailto:hjohn125@qwest.net) Crossroads

**Sunday December 20<sup>th</sup> – Be a Magi!** Give a special gift this holiday season. During our Welcome to Bethlehem, Birthday Party for Jesus we will have a mission tent set up with opportunities to help sponsor some of our mission efforts at Community of Grace. Come join in the celebration and check out ways to become a Magi this holiday season!

Crossroads Urban Center items for December: Canned food items and basic winter clothing.

**RHINO MISSION TRIP – May 10-16, 2010** Are you interested in going to New Orleans to build homes in an area devastated by Katrina? The St. Charles Presbyterian Church in New Orleans is Rebuilding Hope In New Orleans through a partnership with Habitat for Humanity and other volunteer resources to meet this special need. See insert for more details.

Homeless Person's Memorial Candlelight Vigil: Monday, December 21, 2009 From 5:30-6:00 PM at Pioneer Park (400 S. 400 W.). For more information, visit [www.fourthstreetclinic.org](http://www.fourthstreetclinic.org)

### Adult

**Stephen Ministry-The Christmas Holidays Can Be Painful—** The joy of Christmas can turn into a time of painful loneliness and emptiness for those who have suffered a loss or who are going through a difficult time. But help is available. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide confidential, one-to-one, Christian care. They will listen, care, encourage, pray with and for you, and support you through the holidays and as long as your need persists. If you or someone you know is hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of our Stephen Leaders; Sherry Britt 801-733-0083; Jan Foutz 944-4496 Our Stephen Ministers are there to care.

**Alpha Class (9:45-10:45)** All adults are welcome to participate in this course designed to bring you into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. This class will begin with a video presentation in Room 1AB followed by small group breakouts for discussion.

### Children

No regular Sunday school December 20<sup>th</sup> (come to the birthday party) or December 27<sup>th</sup>(Christmas weekend)

**Birthday Party for Jesus – Welcome to Bethlehem! Sunday December 20 (9:45-10:45)** Community of Grace Children and youth will be celebrating Jesus' birthday in the gym during the Sunday school hour. Neighbors and friends are definitely welcome to join in the fun activities and enjoy the food; come celebrate Jesus' birthday!