

# Gleanings

December 6, 2011

A Community of Seekers Celebrating and Sharing God's Love!



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## Pastor's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Something has happened in our language in recent years. We began to label people with this word "illegal". We have tagged people with a label. It's like what we did when we were kids when we became angry. It is reducing a person to a one-dimensional subject. "Illegal." As if that word could adequately describe anyone. Think about it. We don't use this word about ourselves when we run red lights, jaywalk or speed. We don't use this word for persons convicted of murder or rape.

Any time we objectify a person, we are failing to show love for that person. Other words are objectifying words- \_\_\_\_itch, \_i\_ \_er, - - - -.

Thank God, polite company does not tolerate such words now. And "Thank God" is the right term.

Because of God I know my Savior, Jesus Christ, who has two commands? Love God and love others.

When I love someone, I do not speak of him or her as an object.

Please join me in pledging to eliminate the "I word" from our speech. Take the pledge for your love of others. Take the pledge because you love God.

Go to <http://www.gcorroorg>. Click on "Drop the I-Word No child of God is "illegal" button. Not on a computer? Call or come by the church office for how to participate.

The United Methodist Church is trying to add signatures to the pledge by December.

Let's speak in words of love.

*Almighty God, thank you for creating each person with full human dignity. Help me, in words and in actions, to celebrate the fullness of our humanity. Amen.*

Grace and Peach,

Pastor Melisa

### Room in the Inn Story

I was doing research at the downtown library with Katelyn, my third granddaughter. Katelyn was walking around exploring the library when she found one of our friends, Dorothy, from RITI, and brought her to me for a visit. Those of you who remember Dorothy know that she wasn't one for small talk, but she came, sat by me, and talked -- mostly to herself -- while I worked. Before we left, she had found three more friends from RITI. We all sat at the library and had a wonderful visit. I had to do my research another day, but that was perfectly fine.

So often when we begin participating in a ministry, we start out hoping to bless others. Certainly that has happened. Over our long association with you, we hear from our guests of the lavish hospitality at Andrew Price. We have hoped to provide some of that, as well. But often, as happens in God's kingdom, it seems it is impossible to give even a small portion of the blessings to others that you receive yourself, just by simply showing up.

We have been at RITI on Christmas Eve twice and Christmas Day once, and the Youth were especially excited to be at Room in the Inn on the holiday, or rather, the holy day. The girls said, "Maybe we won't have anyone tonight. Even if you are really in trouble, your family would want you home for Christmas." Of course we were full. The girls were talking at school about what they did over the Christmas holiday, and they were discussing their church activities, including RITI. One of their friends asked, "Who is making you do this?" They were shocked. How could anyone not understand the blessings they have received from making friends and learning more about the people God loves the most?

So we thank everyone at Andrew Price for allowing us to be with you on this journey to entertain angels, unaware. (Hebrews 13:2)

Grace and Peace, Emalie Love Egan, Hickory Bend United Methodist Church

### Youth News

*This is a reminder about the 2011 AP Youth Christmas Party at the Earls on the December 17. It will be a great time of Food, Fun, and Fellowship!*

The youth service opportunities for this holiday season will be The Last Minute Toy Store on December 18<sup>th</sup> and The Room in the Inn on December 30<sup>th</sup>. This year the Last Minute Toy Store is asking that we bring high school students only. The Room in the Inn opportunity will be open to all middle and high school students to participate in. Students please notify Randy if you will be participating in either of these.

Thanks to everyone that responded to the request for a new ping-pong table in the youth area. We have generous members that have provided us with a ping-pong table and money to purchase an air hockey table. THANKS A BUNCH!

There will also be a Youth Advisory Board meeting this Sunday at 4:00 pm. At this meeting we will discuss the events that will be coming up in 2012.

#### **A Little about the Last Minute Toy Store .....**

Each year for the past seventeen years, The Last Minute Toy Store, a ministry of Sixty-First Avenue United Methodist Church of Nashville, Tennessee, has distributed free toys and other gifts to tens of thousands of low-income children and youth who live in Davidson County. Working in cooperation with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve's "Toys for Tots" program and other local toy providers, the "Last Minute" Toy Store is for low-income families who did not pre-register with those other providers earlier in the fall.

December Youth Dates to Remember:

**7<sup>th</sup>** Wed Night Youth

**11<sup>th</sup>** UMYF

**14<sup>th</sup>** Last Wed Night Youth until Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>

**17<sup>th</sup>** Youth Christmas Party at the Earl's Home

**18<sup>th</sup>** Last Minute Toy Store

**25<sup>th</sup>** No UMYF

**30<sup>th</sup>** Youth help with Room In The Inn

### **Attention Parents**

Parents: Please mark these dates on your calendar for the children :

December 10th - 6-7:30 p.m. Christmas program rehearsal

December 11th - 6:30 p.m. Christmas program

We will rehearse for the Christmas program on Wednesday, December 7th at 6:30 p.m.

### **Altar Flower Price Increase**

Beginning January 1, 2012, the price for altar flowers will increase to \$50.00. This increase is necessary due to rising prices.

### **Second Harvest Food Bank**

Please bring whatever non-perishable food item you wish on Sunday. If you prefer you may purchase gift cards at Kroger. These are used by the people working at St. Philips Episcopal Church to purchase milk, eggs, bread, and meat. You may drop those off at St. Philips or our church office.

AP team works at the Food Bank on the 4th Thursday, contact the office, 883-2321, if you would like to get involved.

### **Greetings!**

In the last two years, APMUMC, has graciously given gifts to prisoners at River Bend Prison for Christmas. We hope to continue this wonderful ministry, this year as well! Like last year, we will need volunteers from the church to deliver the packages in December. There will be an opportunity to give monetarily to this ministry, and if you are also interested in visiting and delivering the packages, let me know. In Peace, John Wheeler, john.b.wheeler@vanderbilt.edu.

### **Wonderful Wednesdays**

5:30-6:00 pm Dinner Our meals will be from Courtney's. Make reservations by signing up or calling the church, 883-2321, or cancellations by noon on Tuesday. Donations for the meal are \$7.50 per adult and \$3.25 per child age 10 and under, and \$20.00 maximum per family.

Menu: 12-14: pork BBQ, white beans, potatoe salad, dessert, drink

No Wonderful Wednesday Night activities until January 4 when all activities resume.

6:30 pm BLAST (Children's activities)  
Youth Activities  
Jubilee Ringers (Handbell Choir)  
Pastor's Study, The Journey  
Nursery available

7:40-8:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

### **Special Awakening Christmas Concert**

On December 18, we will have a special Christmas concert. There will be holiday music and special Christmas message. We will have a potluck dinner at 5:30 pm and the concert will follow at 6:30 pm. Bring your family and friends to enjoy this holiday season festivity!

**Commemorative Poinsettia Order Form**

I wish to order one poinsettia in memory or honor of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Indicate memorial or honorarium by circling "memory" or "honor".)

My payment of \$15.00 is attached. Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please complete an order form for each poinsettia ordered.)

Deadline to order is Tuesday, December 13. You may take your poinsettia home on Sunday, December 18.

**Holiday Worship and Special Event Schedule**

Sunday, December 11, 6:30-7:30 pm AP Children's Christmas Program (Sanctuary)

Sunday, December 18, 1:00-5:30 pm Last Minute Toy Store (Youth Mission Project)

Sunday, December 18, 5:30 p.m., Potluck Dinner; 6:30 p.m., Special AWAKENING Christmas Concert (Sanctuary)

Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve Services, 7:00 pm & 11:00 pm (Sanctuary)

Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day, 10:00 am ONE WORSHIP SERVICE (Sanctuary)

Sunday, January 1, New Year's Day – 9:00 am Coffee Hour. (Individual Sunday School classes will decide in advance whether to meet at this time.)

10:00 am ONE WORSHIP SERVICE (Sanctuary)

**Parent's Night Out**

All children are invited to a parent's night out on Wednesday, December 21, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. We will have pizza, watch the new Veggie Tales video "The Little Drummer Boy", play hide and seek, and play board games. Please let Christy know by Tuesday evening, December 20, if your child is coming. All children are invited to bring a board game to share.

**BLAST Pajama Party**

All children are invited to wear their pajamas to BLAST on Wednesday, December 14, as we watch a movie and decorate cookies. You are welcome to bring your pillows, blankets, and sleeping bags.

**Children's Christmas Program December 11**

Everyone is invited to come to the Children's Christmas Program - "The World Sings Noel" on Sunday, December 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. There will be live music performed before the program at 6:15 p.m. Everyone is also welcome to join us in the Fellowship Hall after the program for a reception. Children need to be in the McDonough Fellowship room at 5:30 p.m. that evening.

**VBS Meeting January 8**

It is hard to believe it, but it will soon be time to start planning for VBS 2012. Our theme is "Operation Overboard" - Dive in and discover God's underwater universe. We will have our first meeting to plan for VBS on Sunday, January 8, after the 10:30 pm service in the preschool-1st grade Sunday School classroom. If you are interested in helping with VBS, please make plans to attend this meeting. It takes many loving hands to make VBS a success. There will be snacks and door prizes at the meeting. Please contact Christy Earl if you have any questions. VBS dates are June 24-28.

**Pocket Prayer for December**

Oh, Lord, kindle in me the Excitement of the first  
Christmas.

Search me and purge me of everything that separates my  
soul from the joy of that everlasting birth.

Amen

**Play School Prayer Concern:**



There is a 3 year old child at the Play School named Madison Boyd. On November 16, 2011, the grandparents who raise Madison were notified that she had Leukemia and she was immediately admitted into Vanderbilt Children's Hospital. At that time, her blood work showed that it was saturated with 78% Leukemia. They also told them that she need to be in the hospital for at least 28 days. Clara and Dennis ask that we all pray for her. As everyone has blessed them with prayers, text, calls, and gifts they wanted me to express how THANKFUL they are and to continue to pray.

In 10 days the Leukemia dropped 0% and Madison went home on November 28th which is 12 days after being admitted. TO GOD BE ALL THE GLORY! For the next 6 months every Thursday, Madison will have to get chemo treatment. They express their gratefulness for all the prayers coming from Andrew Price UMC Church and Play School. They know that her quick recovery was from all these prayers and they are asking that you continue to pray. There is great need for assistance daily. If you would like to help call Crystal Tew at 885-7274.

**UMW Pecans Are Here**

The UMW pecans are here. You may pick up your order after each service on Sunday. The pecans are in room 252, Education Wing. If you didn't place an order there are additional pecans for sale each Sunday until all are sold. Nancy LaSuer, President of UMW, lasuer@bellsouth.net

**Thank You**

Andrew Price wishes to express its sincere gratitude to Mike and Debbie Pride and Russell Hinson for their 8 years of volunteer service overseeing the Room in the Inn program at our church. Based on changed circumstances Mike and Debbie have decided to step down as the administrators of RITI. The volunteers have agreed to a team approach to the administration of this program. If you are interested in becoming a part of this important ministry, please contact Debbie in the office, 883-2321, d.holtz@apmumc.net.

**Finger Food Requested for Children's Program**

Donations of finger food are requested for the Children's Christmas Program on December 11, at 6:30 pm. Please take your food downstairs and place it on the long serving table in the fellowship hall that night. Thank you for help.

**Altar Flowers**

The Altar Flowers are given in celebration of the 69th wedding anniversary of Bette and Mayo Johnson.

<b><u>Giving</u></b>			<b><u>Attendance</u></b>		
			<u>November 20</u>	<u>November 27</u>	<u>December 4</u>
November 20	Received	\$7,112.25			
November 27	Received	\$3,998.00			
December 4	Received	\$11,372.00	8:15 Service	58	50
Needed:		\$15,728.00	Sunday School	116	96
			10:30 Service	123	98
			Awakening	60	54
					108
					106

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November 28, 2006

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Dear Friends at Andrew Price UMC,

We are deeply grateful for the turkey and dressing you provided for our Thanksgiving meal. Without your help we could not have provided a nourishing and comforting measure of home for our guests. We appreciate the time and energy you gave to help us serve the men, women and children who rely on CCF for basic human needs. You demonstrated for our guest true and authentic Christian love and service. Too often we forget that the holidays can be a challenge when you do not have a home or family. Because of your help CCF was able to offer hospitality and dignity to individuals who do not enjoy these pleasures each day. Thank you for helping us to serve the ones Christ calls us to seek out and to include in our family.

Sincerely,

*Rev. Pat*

Executive Director

**Letters for Josh McClellan**

Hey everyone!

Just wanted to let all of you know that Josh will be leaving in a few days for another deployment to Afghanistan. He will be there again for 6 to 7 months, including the holidays this time. Jay and I would appreciate your prayers so much for Josh and his wife Ashly. Josh is not looking forward to this deployment but hopes that it won't be quite as active as his last one. Ashly especially needs prayer as this is such a stressful time for her to be without him and to worry!

We know that the Lord will be with Josh and through your thoughts and prayers he will come home safely. Thanks ahead of time for the love and support we always feel from all of you! Josh's address in Afghanistan is:

Captain Joshua C. McClellan  
HMLA 369  
Unit 40081  
FPO AP 96427-0081

He really likes to get packages and mail! I will keep you all posted as to how he is doing.

Love to all, Beth and Jay McClellan

## December and January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 6:30-7:30 pm Play School Christmas Program (Sanctuary) 7:00 Emmaus Board Meeting	<b>9</b> 6:15 pm Staff Christmas Party Room in the Inn, Hickory Bend UMC Hosts	<b>10</b> 6:00-7:30 pm Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal (McDonough & Sanctuary)
<b>11</b> 7:00-9:00 am Remote Prayer Line 6:30-7:30 pm Children's Christmas Program 4:00-5:00 pm Youth Advisory Board Meeting (Youth room)	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 6:45 pm Prayer Ministry Meeting 7:00 pm Fellowship of Christian Magicians Meeting	<b>14</b> 9:30 am Staff Meeting <b>Last Wonderful Wednesday until January 4</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Room in the Inn, Topics Class hosts	<b>17</b> 7:45 am Men's Club Breakfast 6:00-8:00 pm Youth Christmas Party at the Earl's Home 7:00 pm Boy Scout Court of Honor (FH)
<b>18</b> 1:00-5:30 pm Youth helping at Last Minute Toy Store <b>The Awakening Christmas Concert (Sanctuary)</b> 5:30 pm Soup Potluck Dinner 6:30 pm Worship Service	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Gleanings are published</b>	<b>21</b> No Staff Meeting 6:00-8:00 pm Parent's Night Out (McDonough & Education Wing)	<b>22</b> <b>APMUMC Team works 2nd Harvest Food Bank 4:30-5:30 pm</b>	<b>23</b> <b>Office Closed due to Holiday</b> Room in the Inn, LDL Class Hosts	<b>24</b> <b>Christmas Eve Services (Sanctuary)</b> 7:00 pm 11:00 pm
<b>25</b> <b>Christmas 10:00 am Only 1 Worship Service</b> <b>No Sunday School Class</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Office Closed due to Holiday</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>No staff meeting</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Room in the Inn, Youth Hosts	<b>31</b>
<b>1</b> <b>New Year's Day</b> 7:00-9:00 am Remote Prayer Line	<b>2</b> <b>Office Closed due to Holiday</b>	<b>3</b> 6:45 Prayer Ministry Meeting	<b>4</b> <b>Wonderful Wednesday Resumes</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Room in the Inn, TOPICS Class Hosts	<b>7</b>

### Regularly Scheduled Events

Sunday	8:15 & 10:30 am Worship Services 9:15-10:15 am Sunday School 2:00 pm AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 5:00-6:30 pm UMYF/Youth
MON-FRI	7:00 am AA Meeting (Shade Tree) 5:30 pm AA Meeting (Shade Tree) *Note: All AA Meetings are open and non-smoking
Wednesday	5:30 -6:00 pm Wonderful Wednesday Courtney's Catered Meal (FH) 6:30 pm Blast, UMYF/Youth, Jubilee Ringers, Pastor's Study 7:40 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	7:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting (Topics Adults) 7:00 pm AA Book Study Meeting (Shade Tree) 7:00-8:00 pm Cub Scout Pack 300 7:00 pm Boy Scout Troop 30 Meeting
Friday	7:00 pm Overeaters Anonymous (Shade Tree)
Saturday	10:00 am & 7:00 pm AA Meeting (Shade Tree) *Note: All AA Meetings are open and non-smoking

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**Lectionary Reading**

**December 11** Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126 (UMH 847); 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, John 1:6-8, 19-28

**December 18** 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Luke 1:47-55 (UMH 199); Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

**December 25** Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98 (UMH 818); Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12); John 1:1-14

**Cookie Donations Needed**

Donations of store bought cookies, cookie dough, or home made cookies for Sunday Morning Coffee Time are needed. If you can donate cookies, contact Brenda Vanderpool, 758-7903, or the church office.

**December Ushers**

8:15 am Worship Service

Mike Woods, Captain

10:30 am Worship Service

Barry Sanford–Captain

David Earl, Jay McClellan, Matt Stanley, Tom Stanley

**PRAYERFULLY REMEMBER**

**McKendree Residents:** Mary McMullin (166B, Health Care Center), Shirley Mraz (2nd fl. Health Care), Mary Lou McAlpine (2nd fl. Health Care), Nancy Bostick (Manor), Tina Owen (Manor 209, 871-8774), Judy Basse, (Manor, 210)

**Belvedere Commons (Benton Village):** Donna Poag

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