

BAY MESSENGER

JANUARY 2010

10 a.m. Sunday School

10 a.m. Sunday Worship

Child care available



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BAY METHODIST BOOK CLUB

The Bay Methodist Book Club will meet next on Thursday, January 28, at 7 p.m. We will discuss “Have a Little Faith” by Mitch Albom. This group is open to anyone who wants to read the book and join in a fun evening of discussion

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY OFFERING

January 17, 2010

Not long ago Nicole Luebron was on a self-destructive road to nowhere. Today she is a sought-after saxophonist/young adult coordinator in the general church. “I guess you can say I’m a role model — something I never thought would happen!” she says.

“The adult leaders are pushing for our individual success, both personally and spiritually.”

Nicole is referring to leaders of JustUs Youth, a social justice youth/young adult movement related to United Methodism’s National Community Developers Program. Through JustUs Youth, young adults like Nichole develop relationships worldwide and receive tools to position themselves as leaders within The United Methodist Church.

Because of the annual Human Relations Day offering, people like Nicole have new doors open to them every day. United Methodist gifts strengthen outreach to communities in the United States and Puerto Rico and encourage social justice and work with at-risk youth.

The Los Angeles young woman credits JustUs Youth 100 percent. “JustUs Youth enhanced my leadership ability and spiritual growth through the cultural relevant training, activities, and one-on-one mentorship. My spirituality has been tested often; however, I don’t react the same as I did before. I must maintain a standard as a JustUs Youth member, and I have a responsibility to the younger members.

“I now understand my failures are a part of a master plan designed especially for me,” Nicole concludes. “Failure is not the finale; it’s the opening act!”

Please support the Human Relations Day offering on January 17. Lives are being changed through our gifts.

UMCOR* — A HIGHLY RATED CHARITY

As you make plans for your year-end charitable giving, please remember our Methodist charity. The American Institute of Philanthropy (www.charitywatch.org) gives UMCOR an A+. AIP is a completely independent organization which uses very strict criteria in evaluating charities. 95% of UMCOR’s funds are spent on program services. We can indeed be proud of UMCOR!

*United Methodist Committee on Relief

“THE WORD IN JANUARY”

January 3—Epiphany Sunday

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION WILL BE OBSERVED

Isaiah 60:1-6 Arise, shine, for your light has come

Matthew 2:1-12 The three wise men come

Message: **“Where Is He?”**

January 10—First Sunday after Epiphany

Psalms 29 A hymn to the God of the storm

Isaiah 43:1-7 Israel is being redeemed and re-gathered

Message: **“The Voice of the Lord”**

January 17— Second Sunday after Epiphany

United Methodist Human Relations Day Offering will be taken

Mr. Jim Szakacs, Executive Director of the Nehemiah Mission will be our guest speaker

January 24— Third Sunday after Epiphany

Psalms 36:5-10 The character of God is a source of blessing

I Corinthians 12:1-11 Spiritual gifts

Message: - **“Activated By the Spirit”**

January 31—Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Psalms 71:1-6 A prayer for deliverance from enemies

I Corinthians 13 The Love Chapter

Message: **“Vocational Training”**



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Sarah Ruth Circle

Wednesday, January 20, 9:30 a.m.

Program: Jean Bowman, Shirley Brewer, Alice Slaman

Lydia Circle

Tuesday, January 26, 7 p.m.

Circle of Hope

Sunday, January 10, 7 p.m.

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Date to Remember

UMW Soup Supper
Saturday, January 30
5 p.m.



Circle of Hope

Slavery and Human Trafficking: a 21st Century Update will be the focus of our January meeting. Our presenter, Sherry A. Watts, MBA, often speaks about this issue to various audiences. It is shocking to discover that, despite the USA outlawing slavery in 1865, it still exists in our country and even here in NE Ohio.

Sherry’s career is in business coaching, mediation, and consultation. Her passion for issues of social justice led her to use her skills to raise awareness of this serious problem. Her talk will consist of 1) Understanding the problem; 2) Exploring the issue at a deeper level, and 3) Combating the practice. There will be a Q&A time following her talk.

All are welcome to join us Sunday, January 10, at 7 pm in the Parlor.

FINANCE MINISTRY

Estimated Expenses for December	\$40,900
Pay Off of Loan	<u>20,000</u>
Estimated Total Cash Requirements	60,900
Less Cash Balance as of 11/30/09	<u>12,600</u>
Estimated Cash Receipts Needed in December	48,300
Cash Receipts Thru December 13	<u>24,500</u>
Christmas Gifts Needed for the Church to have a Merry Christmas and a happy start to the New year	<u>\$23,800</u>



THANK YOU for your continued generosity and support of Bay UMC’s ministry in these difficult financial times.

ASP 2010

ASP, ASP? It is a term used often at Bay United Methodist Church, but not everyone knows what it means. ASP stands for the “Appalachian Service Project,” a Christian Home Repair Youth Ministry that does work in Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, and West Virginia for the poor, disabled, and elderly. Our mantra is that we make existing homes “safer, dryer, and warmer.” BUMC has been involved with ASP for 25 years and will be sending a group of about 40 youth and adults to Kentucky on this mission trip in 2010. Preparation for our trip goes on nearly year-round with fundraisers and study sessions.

We thank you for the financial support you have shown us by buying pumpkins at the Pump-

kin Patch, soup at the Soup Sale, and attending the Santa Breakfast. Upcoming fundraisers include the Valentine’s Day Bakery Auction, Dinner Theater Program, and Mother’s Day Car Wash. We are also currently selling Mitchell’s Ice Cream gift cards. In our study sessions, we will learn about the history and culture of the Appalachian region, the proper use of power tools, and breaking the cycle of poverty and bringing hope to needy families.

Finally, we appreciate your emotional support and prayers as our youth and leaders commit service hours to prepare for this year’s trip. Without Bay United Methodist Church we would not be able to participate in this important mission trip and help those in need in Appalachia.

ADVANT FAYRE THANK YOU!

The Advent Fayre (for children) on December 6 emphasized the real meaning of Christmas. Children made scarves for families at the Near West Side Food & Family Center, made cards for shut-ins, played games, and heard the Christmas story again. Many thanks to the following persons for this wonderful Advent Fayre: Pat Carey, Jennie Geise, Cindy Gulley, Traci Herbruck, Paula Kertes, Jamie Love, Becky O’Donnell, Patti Thomas, and LuAnn Welham.

ADULT STUDIES MINISTRY

We are presently reviewing a very interesting series entitled, "Serious Answers to Hard Questions," which we hope to present to the 8:30 class starting on Sunday, January 3, pending approval by committee members and Rev. Bill. Look for more definite plans in your church bulletin and E-News.

The FaithLink class will resume at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 3.

On February 21, the first Sunday after Ash Wednesday, FaithLink will again recess in favor of the second part of "Hallelujah," the "Messiah"-based Bible study portion that is intended for Lent, and that will continue through Palm Sunday, March 28.

May I suggest a New Year's resolution that would be easy to keep? Join one or more of our Adult Studies programs in January. We think they will enhance your faith and enrich your church experience.

Ron Smith, Chairperson Adult Studies Ministry

2009 END-OF-YEAR DONATIONS

Thank you for your generous support of Bay United Methodist Church.

To make sure your receipts are included on your

2009 Statement of Giving, your check must be received in the office by

11 a.m. on Sunday, January 3, AND indicate "2009 Donation" on the memo line.

**Should you have any questions about your 2009 giving,
contact Patti Thomas, our Financial Secretary,
440-871-2082, or patti_bumc@sbcglobal.net**

A SINCERE THANK YOU!

Thank you to Bob and Edie Penick from the Worship Committee for making sure that the pews were checked for envelopes and attendance pads over the last few years. They will be retiring at the end of December.

Sunday, December 27

and

Sunday, January 3

**Child care for Nursery through 3-year olds
No Sunday School classes for
children, youth and adults**

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Eternal God, thank you for bringing us once again to the threshold of a new year. Help us dedicate each day of 2010 to following your will for our lives. Guide us, Lord, in all our decisions and actions, day by day and hour by hour. Help us accomplish all that you desire for us to do, until our mission on earth is finished. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

TEN YEARS OF THANKS!

I have been truly blessed to be on the staff at Bay UMC for the past 10 years; first as your Parish Visitor and then as your Director of Care Ministries.

During my 33 years in the corporate world — which certainly had their financial rewards — I remember often praying, “God, is this it? Is this what I am meant to be doing all my life?” The answer came when that job disappeared, and I was eventually led to Bay United Methodist Church and hired as your “Parish Visitor.” I was able to reap the soul-satisfying rewards that can be found only in the church.

God had a whole new world to open up to me, for me to share in and to be touched by your life stories. What an unbelievable privilege, honor, and blessing!

The necessity of my resignation from the staff of Bay UMC brought a deep sadness into my life. However, I also have deep joy from being part of your lives for 10 years and the firm belief that God has another world to open for me to continue the caring ministry for a new congregation or mission. How perfectly fitting in this season of Advent to look forward to the future with wonder, awe, anticipation, and excitement!

Don’t be too surprised to see Nanci and me at some of your future activities and events!

May God bless you all.

Bob Kirkpatrick
Director of Care Ministry

A WINNING PATTERN FOR THE NEW YEAR

Some anonymous wise person penned the following directions for living without bringing pain to others or oneself:

“You will never be sorry — for thinking before acting, for hearing before judging, for forgiving your enemies, for being candid and frank, for helping a fallen brother, for being honest in business, for thinking before speaking, for being loyal to God and the church, for standing by your principles, for refusing to participate in gossip, for holding your words when tempted to demean another, for not entertaining impure or hateful thoughts, for sympathizing with the afflicted, for being courteous and kind to all.”

**GO PAPERLESS —
GET THE MESSENGER ON LINE!**

Because we are actively striving to be good stewards and due to the increasing cost of publishing the *MESSENGER*, we encourage you to view the *MESSENGER* from our website.

E-mail carolsue_bumc@sbcglobal.net, and we will take you off our “snail” mail list. You will receive a notice by e-mail each month letting you know that the new issue is on our web site, www.bayumc.org.

**PLEASE NOTIFY
THE CHURCH OFFICE
of any birth, death, marriage, hospitalization,
change of address, or
change of email address**



Rev. Bill is leading a 4 week study on Handel's *Messiah*.

... celebrate
Advent & Christmas
thru
study and giving.



With money from the congregation the Confirmation Class bought and delivered gifts for a family in need.



Children at the Advent
Fayre made scarves
for families at the
Near West Side
Food and Family
Center and cards
for shut-ins.



DISTRICT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

The Leadership Academy for our district will be Saturday, February 6, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Church of the Saviour in Cleveland Heights. The theme this year is **“RETHINK CHURCH”** . . . **We will be encouraged to think of church as something we do rather than a place we go. Rethinking church is about taking action (actions speak louder than words).**

The Leadership Academy will start with a keynote address to “set the tone” for the day. Partici-

pants can then choose two workshops from over 30 different choices being offered. Needs, opportunities, and ways to be in ministry will be shared in the workshops. Lunch is included.

Rev. Dr. Kenneth Carter will be our keynote speaker. He is the senior pastor of Providence United Methodist Church in Charlotte, N.C. Bishop Sally Dyck, last year’s keynote speaker, knows him and said he would do an excellent job with this topic. Rev. Carter has served churches

ranging in size from small mountain churches to congregations of many members.

I will have brochures available after Christmas, but I want you to mark your calendars now. If you have any questions, talk with me on Sunday or call any time (440-933-5926). This Leadership Academy will be especially helpful to us at Bay UMC as we try to be relevant and faithful. I hope you can attend.

- Sharon Spieth

KNICKERBOCKER THANK YOU!

Another successful Thanksgiving dinner was served to the residents of the Knickerbocker Senior Living Center on November 26. A big THANK YOU goes to the many people in our church who made it all possible.

Those who provided food, other items, and service include the following:

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| ◆ Debbie Farver | ◆ Angie Manos | ◆ Valerie Taylor |
| ◆ Don and Judy Trask | ◆ Ben Allenson | ◆ Jeanne Liatti |
| ◆ Rick, Fran, and Marisa Braun | ◆ Sheryl, Brandon, and Taylor Baiers | ◆ Karen Cooper |
| ◆ Alan and Mary Jones | ◆ Tom and Peg Phillips | ◆ Connie Priest |
| ◆ Wave, Perri, Carl, and Tyler McFarland | ◆ Scott Gregory | ◆ Kate Kashiani |
| ◆ Tom Kerka | ◆ Mike, Paula, and Hannah Kertes | ◆ Lois Mowry |
| ◆ Paul Koomar | ◆ Peter Gierosky | ◆ Barbee Baker |
| ◆ Bob and Pam Lindstrom | ◆ Maynard Bauer | ◆ Barb Waddle |
| ◆ Carol and Erin Stevens | ◆ JoAnne Marshall | ◆ Nancy Rodgers |
| ◆ Jerry and Sue Jenkins | ◆ Dave and Patty Thum | ◆ Betty Pfeifer |
| ◆ Bob and Edie Penick | | ◆ Barb Lihani |
| | | ◆ Jeremy and Krista Evenden |

Our church is blessed with so many giving people.

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

HOST WEEK A SUCCESS

We finished our last Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) host week for 2009 on December 6, and we had a full house with four families — three adults and ten children. It was a fantastic week. Thank you so much, Bay Church Family. We could not have done it without you!

The week wouldn't have been successful without the support of close to 60 members of our congregation, including:

- ◆ Patsy Nash
- ◆ Jean Youngs
- ◆ BUMC Staff
- ◆ Arlene Johnson
- ◆ Tom and Sue Roehl
- ◆ Jim and Judy Buttle
- ◆ Joy Bredenbeck
- ◆ Susan Johnson
- ◆ Sharon Kratt
- ◆ Jan Reash
- ◆ Debbie Farver
- ◆ Terri Kuck
- ◆ Cyndy Monjot
- ◆ Jean Bowman
- ◆ Mary Jones
- ◆ Charlie and JoAnn Post
- ◆ Pam Lindstrom
- ◆ Terry and Tyler McFarland
- ◆ Ted, Lena, Charlie, and David MacFarlane
- ◆ Brenda Porter
- ◆ Andy and Barb Lihani
- ◆ Don and Judy Trask
- ◆ Margaret Saltis
- ◆ Dorothy Stewart
- ◆ Connie Vannucci
- ◆ Bev Allphin
- ◆ Maynard and Betty Bauer
- ◆ Nancy Davis
- ◆ Nancy Hill
- ◆ Trey Bialowas
- ◆ John and Judy Groeneweg
- ◆ Mark and Eileen Moore
- ◆ Jim and Kris Gilland

- ◆ Shirley Brewer
- ◆ Keith and Diane McGregor
- ◆ Traci Herbruck
- ◆ Jennifer Burlingame

During this host week several members from CrossRoads Church in Bay Village brought food and hosted meals with the families. Thank you to:

- ◆ Ed and Lois Krause
- ◆ Penny Litchfield
- ◆ Mike and Jean Hanson
- ◆ Paula Beatrez
- ◆ Paul and MaryLou Smith
- ◆ Angela Anderson
- ◆ Evelyn Roberson
- ◆ Diana Sinea
- ◆ Pastor Jay and Lilian Schroder

CrossRoads Church is very excited to work with us in this important mission, and we are happy to be partnering with them.

All in all, the week went well, and we are sure that the families felt welcomed by the many warm people they met here during their visit.

Thank you, Bay United Methodist Church Family, for helping to serve the Interfaith Hospitality Network.

IHN Mission Team

Ken and Karen Cooper
Terri Bialowas
Jeff Mell

THANK YOU!

Thanks to Ken Sauer for refurbishing the baptismal font. Ken did some much-needed wood repairs, then re-painted and re-stained the entire font. It looks absolutely beautiful. Thank you, Ken, for sharing your gifts for our worship needs

UMW CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE

A special thank you to all those who baked and helped with the UMW Christmas Cookie Sale.

Those people are:

- ◆ Marian Fearing
- ◆ Betty Rogge
- ◆ Marilyn Dorer
- ◆ Joy Bredenbeck
- ◆ Alice Slaman
- ◆ Evelyn Zweifel
- ◆ Patsy Nash
- ◆ Marilyn Willett
- ◆ Virginia Charles
- ◆ Shirley Brewer
- ◆ Mae Allen
- ◆ Karen Cooper
- ◆ Arlene Johnson
- ◆ Linda Shinko
- ◆ Judy Trask
- ◆ Jan York
- ◆ Jean Townsend
- ◆ Barb Lihani
- ◆ Sarah Dockrill
- ◆ Karen D’Anna
- ◆ Peg Phillips
- ◆ Nancy Hill
- ◆ Betty Bauer
- ◆ Jaye Dupal
- ◆ Jennie Sebrasky
- ◆ Denise Rychel
- ◆ Debbie Rossman
- ◆ Anna Bradley-Norton
- ◆ Karen Bradley
- ◆ Lisa Wilson
- ◆ Cathie Dietrich
- ◆ JoAnne Marshall
- ◆ Bev Allphin
- ◆ Priscilla and Martha Diem
- ◆ Cyndy Monjot
- ◆ Valerie Taylor
- ◆ Jenn Burlingame
- ◆ Sheila Buckeye

Thank you also to all of you in the congregation who purchased our cookies. Because of you we made \$600, and that will go to our UMW missions.

FROM OUR MAILBAG . . .

Dear Congregation of Bay UMC,

On behalf of the congregation of Oehlhoff UMC, I would like to thank you for your support and generous donation for our upcoming annual toy sale. As the economy continues to struggle we expect the need for our toy sale to grow. Your support and donation will allow us to provide joy to both guardians and children during the holiday season.

Thank you, again!

Sincerely,
Jamal Baz

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Bay United Methodist Church:

I just want to let you know how much it means to me to get a lovely bouquet of flowers. They brighten the room for me and made my Thanksgiving special.

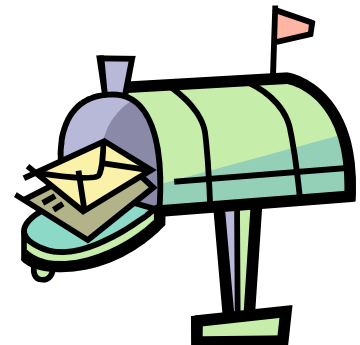
Everybody from the church is so thoughtful and caring.

Thank you.
Janet K. Woodward

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So nice of you to take time to serve us a Thanksgiving dinner! Thank you!

Hazel Hollenback



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