



A weekly electronic newsletter from
**The Lake Cities
United Methodist Church**

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The church office is open from 9:00 - 2:00 Monday - Thursday except on holidays. You can reach the church office at (940) 321-6100.



Please note there will be only *one worship service* on Sunday, December 27th at 10:00. There will be Children's Church, but no Sunday school classes will be held that day. Regular worship and Sunday activities will resume on Sunday, January 3rd.



The church office will be closed from Thursday, December 24 – Monday, January 4. A staff member will be checking messages daily and communicating any emergencies to the pastors.

14 Weeks of Giving

Goal: \$140,000
Received to Date: \$108,094.90



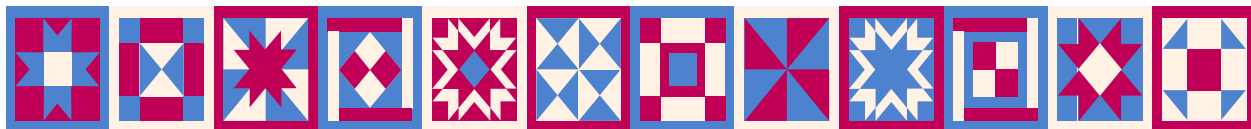
Of Our Remaining Amount
\$16,425.80
Is For Our Apportionments



Thursday, Dec. 31st - The youth group is going to play broomball! We will be joining up with Life Connection Church of Hurst and playing broomball at Polar Ice rink at Grapevine Mills Mall from **6:30-7:30pm** on New Year's Eve. We need a couple of adults to volunteer to help drive. We will meet at the church at 5:30pm (having already eaten dinner) and be back around 8:30pm. This is always a fun event and will be early enough in the evening that people can still have/get to New Year's Eve parties. The cost is only \$10/student and adult volunteers get to play free. Please let us know as soon as possible if you or your student is interested in playing. The deadline to sign up will be Sun. Dec. 27th, and since there is no youth or Sunday school that day, an email,

text or phone call to Beau will be the best way to make sure you are signed up. We can't do this event without a couple of drivers so please consider signing up. Beau will have copies of the permission forms from the ice rink that will need a parent signature before students can play.

WELCOME The church welcomes Margo Martin who joined the church on Profession of Faith on Sunday, December 20, during the early service. Margo resides in Corinth.



Quilted Prayers Group Update

2009 has been a very busy year for the Quilted Prayers Group. We have made and donated twenty three (23) quilts this year. Working with the Extended Care Ministry, we had the opportunity to deliver some of our quilts. I cannot express the joy that I received when I was able to make some home visits and deliver them. The recipients were very surprised and enjoyed their gift from our church.

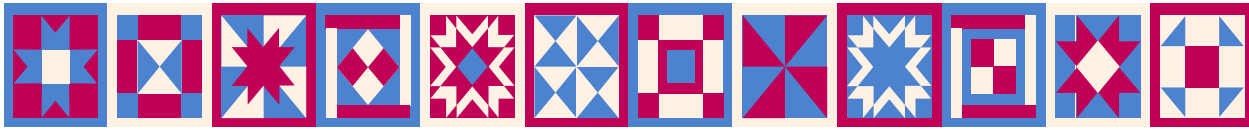
I would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Quilted Prayers Group for their dedication and passion to make a difference in the lives of those who are dealing with a long term illness or cancer. If it had not been for Helen Hutto, Renee Simmons, Cindy Karr and Martha Purser, it would have been impossible to have completed the 23 quilts we made this year. We are up to the task of continuing with our mission but could use some help. If you are interested in joining our group, please contact Ellen Taliaferro. The Quilted Prayers Group meets on the 4th Saturday of the month from 9 to Noon, in the large upstairs classroom.

We are in the process of making another donation quilt, the proceeds will go towards the purchase of fabric, batting, and supplies that are needed to make the 2010 quilts. More to come....

The Quilted Prayers Group would like to thank the whole congregation on supporting our special mission, if it were not for you, we would not be able to provide the comfort and joy to those who are struggling with an illness.

Merry Christmas!

Ellen Taliaferro



The church offers its condolences to Donna Fallin Terrill in the loss of her mother Mrs. Elaine Walter, who passed away on Saturday, December 19, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.



JOB OPPORTUNITY!!!

The US Census Bureau is looking for temporary employees in the Lake Cities area. The hours are flexible, mileage is reimbursed, and the pay is good. Testing and application process will be held at the church 2 days per week. Call 1-866-861-2010 to apply. -- Melissa Aden US Census Bureau



Altar Flower 2010 dates are now available!



Please contact the church office or sign up on the form outside of the church office door if you would like to purchase Altar Flowers in memory or honor of a loved one. The cost is \$37.50 per bouquet.



The 2010 Leadership Planning and Visioning Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 24th. All committee chairs, staff, and group leaders, make sure to mark your calendars.



Archiving Group

This year we will begin collecting, preserving, archiving, writing and displaying the history of Lake Cities UMC. If you have old pictures, newspaper clippings, Lenten journals, or other memorabilia from our history, please contact Pastor Dyan @ 940-206-6658.

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Following each Sunday Service, we continue to pray: for all those on our prayer list; our Servicemen and women; those that are added during worship; and, those in our hearts and our minds. We pray in the small (but quiet) little room between the Narthex and the playground. All are invited, for "when two or more gather in His Name, He is there."

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YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU!

Ushers & Greeters



A great way to help out your church is to be an usher. We are making it even easier to volunteer. Go to our website (click the link at the top of the newsletter), click on

“Usher Sign Up” in the brown bar under the cross. You will see information about Ushers, the calendar of available dates, and a form to fill out to volunteer your time. After signing up, you will receive an email confirmation. Thanks in advance for helping with this awesome ministry of our church!

REMEMBER THE VARIOUS CHURCH MINISTRIES DEPEND ON YOU!

ALTAR FLOWERS

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KEEP US INFORMED!

Send updates on your family's information (changes in address, phone, family status, new arrivals, health issues and/or emergencies, anniversaries, etc.) to the church office.

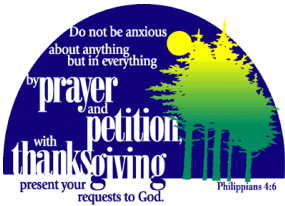


PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have a prayer request, please go to our website, www.lakecitiesumc.org, click on “Prayer Page” on the navigation bar and follow the link to submit your request. At the church you can fill out a slip found by the brown Prayer Boxes located in the sanctuary, the church office, the Family Life Center, and on the bookcase in the Fellowship Hall. Feel free to also pass



along a prayer request to Pastor René but be sure to fill out a form either electronically or on paper as well.



Please join in prayers for the joys
and sorrows of those listed below:

Joys/Health and Healing

Ron Alexander
Rosie Alexander
Barbara Ashford
Phil Baker
Hulen Boliver
Margaret Claytor
Cyndi Croker
Carl Forbis
Radonna Ford
Larry Gilbert
Mindy Grimes

Betty Jennings
Vince Kannon
Maxine Keil
Tracy Kunze
Irene Lee Family
Marvourene Matthews
Beverly McCann
Grace Means
Tom Nelson
Richard Ovalle
Dick Poteet

Walker Rainey
Maurine Rann
Teddy Rogers
Leonard Shelton
Eleanor Sherman
Bryan Skinner
Jade Steelman
Lois Stockland
Bernice Wright
Clay Wright
The Young Family

Those with Cancer

Jewell Bergan
Bernice Butler
Angela Carter
Todd DeLouse
Don Everidge

Ron Fitzpatrick
Tim Hall
Linda Livingston
Emily Long
Sue Rainey

Roz Sleigh
Gary Stillwell
Linnie Toles
Elaine Walter

Kenny Anderson
CPL Jonathon Baum
John Bartolomeo
Richard Bender
Andy Bianchi
Matthew Brazzel
FN Katelyn N. Byers

Chris Henry
Christian Hutchins
Col. James Ice
Travis Johnson
Prv. Ann Leshinski
Jimmy May
PFC John Meeks

Steven Miska
S. Sgt. Erin Rieffer
Greg Schmuck
Lt. Col. Bryan Sleigh, MD
James Waldrum
Michael Walk
Nathan Waring



Sergeant Casey Church
Mjr. David Coy
Meryl Evans
Joe Gray Jr.

Eric Meldrum
John Paul Menendez
Mjr. Jason Miller

Clay Williams
Anthony Woods
Shane Yarbrough

*Bold denotes Members of LCUMC.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Food Pantry every Tues. & Thurs. from 9 – 2

Thurs. Dec. 24 2:30 Autumn Oaks Service
5:00 Children's Christmas Pageant Service
7:00 Candlelight Service
9:00 Candlelight Service
11:00 Candlelight Service

Fri. Dec. 25 Merry Christmas!
Church Office Closed (re-opens 1/4/10)

Sun. Dec. 27 No Sunday Evening Activities

Mon. Dec. 28 Office Closed
6:30 United Methodist Women

Tues. Dec. 29 Office Closed

Wed. Dec. 30 Office Closed

Thurs. Dec. 31 Office Closed
10:00 Youth Broomball

New Year's Eve

Fri. Jan. 1

New Year's Day



We hope you enjoyed this issue of eJoice Connection! If you have something you would like to be included in a future edition, please submit your "article" to secretary@lakecitiesumc.org by Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. Please be advised that the church staff approves all information before inclusion and edits may be made per editors' discretion.



In Christ,

The Staff of Lake Cities United Methodist Church

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