

# Spirit Flyer

*Ingleside United Methodist Church - The growing church with a Big Heart*

*A Monthly Newsletter*

*February 2010*

## Pastors Corner

*A monthly message from Pastor Sharon Bullmer.*

*It's not just Ok, but it is good to Be Still and Know that God is God.*

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## Day with The Bishop

*Pastor Sharon will be attending an all day meeting with the Bishop and other colleagues on Wednesday, February 24 at Palatine UMC.*

*Prayers for a productive, God filled meeting!*

## Weekly Sermons Back up and Running!

*With the update to new equipment came new processes for capturing and then posting the audio of the weekly sermon. Many thanks to Kristi Petty and Bill Grant for their work on getting this back up and running!*

*For up to the minute information on church activities AND to listen to the latest Sermons visit our Website at [www.ingleside-methodist.org](http://www.ingleside-methodist.org).*

# Pastor's Corner...



**God says,**

*"Be still, and know that I am God!*

*I am exalted among the nations,*

*I am exalted in the earth."*

*-Isaiah 46. 10*

As a non-custodial parent, my husband Steve was often frantic to try to be a good Dad to his three girls in the amount of time allotted to him. In the early days of our marriage, he tried to pack each weekend when they visited with as many activities and fun adventures as possible.

Finally, the girls and I had had enough. "Stop!" we said. "You are just wearing us out! The most important thing is that we just want to BE with you."

Steve got the message. So much so that when it came to their high school graduations, he didn't want to give them an object or a sum of money, but an experience to be shared with him and build memories. He offered to take each girl on a trip of their choice (within reason!). Kayte and Kendra both wanted to go to England and Sarah, being Sarah, wanted to go to Disney World. The girls will never forget this time spent with their Dad.

In our fast-paced world, the gift of time is very valuable. I imagine that our Father, the one in heaven, would like to spend time with each one of us. God, who has given us everything, would like a very simple gift from us: a little bit of our time

just to spend with God. It can be the most valuable minutes you ever spend.

This month, on February 17th, the season of Lent begins. I would suggest that you make this season a time to create or deepen a habit of spending a few minutes with God each day.

Our sermon series for Lent is "Portraits of Jesus from Luke." I encourage you to make reading the bible book of Luke part of your Lenten journey.

There are 40 days of Lent and 24 chapters in Luke. Should be a snap to accomplish and you will be reading the most exciting story ever told: the story of the life, death, and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ, told by a master story teller. It will be hard to put the book down. But I do encourage you to put it down and stop, close your eyes, be still and know God's presence and listen for God's voice in the silence. That voice of God just might say, "Thank you for spending time with me, Daughter/Son." And you will be blessed one hundred fold.

Blessings,

*Pastor Sharon*

## Long Range Planning & Building Committees Update

Narthex Updates - Complete

Sanctuary Updates - Complete

Kitchen Updates - Complete

Closet - Complete

Finance Office - items are being ordered, with finance chair input, to assure the proper items are ordered for a finance office that is secure, efficient and organized!

Outside work - when the warm days arrive (above freezing for at least 3 days during the week), we will finish the outside work.

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### WEEKLY SERMONS ONLINE!

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## FEBRUARY WORSHIP BRINGS NEW SERIES

**February 7** "Holy Mud" sermon focuses on John 9. 1-7  
Holy Communion offered for everyone

**February 14** Mark 1. 4-11, leads to a magical sermon: "Holy Hocus Pocus!" An invitation to renew our Baptism in a reaffirmation service. Note: this is not Baptism nor is it re-baptism

**February 17 @ 7:30 PM Ash Wednesday** Worship - Six readers will present "Laying Down Our Burdens" with congregational hymns and an invitation to receive ashes and/or Holy Communion

Lent has begun and will continue with a preaching series:

"Portraits of Jesus in Luke"

**Everyone is encouraged to read the book of Luke in the Bible during these six weeks of Lent. Come on! You can do it!**

February 21 First Sunday in Lent Sermon: "Wrestling with the Devil" Luke 4. 1-3

February 28 Second Sunday in Lent Sermon: "The Early Years" Luke 1.1-4 & Luke 2. 22-40

March 7 Third Sunday in Lent Sermon: "The People Jesus Loved" Luke 7. 36-50 \*Holy Communion will be served\*

## GOD'S OUTPOURING of LOVE

In the midst of devastation, many hearts were touched by the earthquake in Haiti and gifts were given by our church totaling \$767 (through Jan. 31) to The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Blessings! Every cent given will be used to help the people in Haiti. Of course even prior to the earthquake, UMCOR was a healing presence in Haiti and now has many disaster teams there where these dollars will make a big difference. Rev. Samuel Dixon, the leader of UMCOR, and Rev. Clinton Rabb, top executive of UMCOR, were both in Haiti at the time of the quake and both were killed. We pray for their loved ones! UMCOR will greatly miss their leadership. Visit [www.umc.org/haiti](http://www.umc.org/haiti) for more information.

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**THANK YOU!** A thank you card has been received from Lon Schulmeister on behalf of his company, Allied, for our purchase of new air conditioners. They are subtle, so you have to look to see them on the sanctuary walls near the peaked ceiling. They blend in nicely and will be quiet ...and they are COOL! Thanks Lon for your expert help.

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### Remind me, why Name tags?

*Kristi Petty has made very nice clip-on name tags for each of us. Thanks, Kristi! Many people say our church is small and everyone knows everyone. Ha! There are so many times when someone has been known to say, "Oh, that one lady, she sits over there, but I don't know her name." Yet, the most important reason to wear name tags is the many new members we have who are just learning people's names and the visitors we have been having almost every week! Name tags are one more thing we can do to help people feel comfortable and welcome at our church.*

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**CHRIST PROCLAIMED** During 2008, our average attendance at worship was 31 people. During 2009, our average attendance was 40 people! That means that nine more people were in church each Sunday this past year! That means more people are hearing the Word of God and Christ proclaimed through our church! This is exciting news that God is working in and through Ingleside United Methodist Church and more ministry and mission can be done in the name of Jesus! Alleluia!!

## February Birthdays!



- 2/2 - Luann Poll
- 2/5 - Kandis Motter
- 2/8 - Ron Fleming
- 2/12 - Marlene Hoppe
- 2/19 - Lon Schulmeister
- 2/21 - Russ Zander & Zac Schulmeister
- 2/25 - Riley Zander
- 2/27 - Bobbie Scott

A very Happy Birthday to each one!

## OUTREACH

*Local food pantry, please bring canned or dry goods the 3rd Sunday of each month. These items are brought monthly to either Avon or Grant Township, based on need.*

## Prayer Joys and Concerns

The power of prayer is *amazing*.

*Please send all prayer requests to [gamondie@aol.com](mailto:gamondie@aol.com) for inclusion in the newsletter - together we pray for those concerns listed:*

- Continued prayers for those who have recently lost a loved one, including the family of Billy Schmidt, Billy's memorial service will be held on Saturday 2/6 at 11am. May all who grieve feel the strength and presence of God and the love and comfort of their friends and family.
- Healing prayers for Melissa Anderson who had successful surgery to remove the screws from her leg this past Wednesday and for Pastor Sharon's Aunt who broke her leg, and we continue prayers for Estelle who continues to recover as well as Julie Smith, and all those in Haiti who survived the earthquake as well as those named in our hearts in need of healing.

- Prayers of strength and guidance for those in need, particularly those who are assisting those in Haiti.
- Safe travels for Bobbie Scott and all who are traveling.
- Thanks for those who give so freely to help those in need.
- Prayers for Laura Pearson and John Poll, and all those seeking employment.
- Prayers of thanks for the gifts of grace we receive and loving church family we all enjoy.
- Prayers of safety and guidance for our service men and women.
- Prayers for an outward flowing of peace, in our hearts, in our homes, our communities, and the world.

## 2009/2010 Financials

*Our March newsletter will have a full run down of our financials from 2009, and our year to date, hopefully by then the dust will be settled for the building updates and those numbers will be included as well.*

## SUNDAY PRE-SCHOOL

*We are starting a new program Feb. 7th in the preschool class (we only have babies through preschool now) and could use a few items if anyone has them laying around.*

1. A CD Player (permanent use in the classroom)
2. Washable Tempera paints and brushes
3. a few golf balls
4. shoe boxes (maybe 6-10 total)
5. double sided tape
6. old magazines with pictures of kids
7. Drying rack for art projects, something that lays flat.
8. newspaper (as much as you are willing to give)
9. some plastic cups
10. a few tennis balls

*Also, if anyone knows where the remainder of the items from the old Sunday school classroom went, please contact Karla.*

*Please bear with the preschool class during our transition as we try to find places for the excess items that are in the nursery. One last item. If you are interested in volunteering in the Christian Education classes, please let Karla know with several infants we may get a baby class going, and could use help!*



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

The people of The United Methodist Church®

**“...but as for me and my house  
we shall serve the Lord.”**

**Joshua 24:15**

**Come in out of the cold...join us Sunday's at 9:30am for  
Worship or Thursday's for Bible study at 2p or 6:45p**