

The Tower

Gathering As Friends... Growing in Faith... Sharing God's Love

Christmas Cantata

“A Day For Dancing” by Lloyd Pfautsch is a collection of carols which are traditionally sung to celebrate the Christmas season. The carols originated in Medieval times and would have traditionally been accompanied by dancing. The presentation will be accompanied by flute, oboe, cello and percussion creating a light, almost hollow sound of contrasting timbres. The piece is intended to create a festive sense of the Christmas story through carols and poetry. Tanya Kruse Ruck, soprano, will join the choir as soloist on December 9 for this celebration.

Children’s Christmas Musical



We are once again in for a treat, as the children and young people of our congregation will be sharing their musical and dramatic talents with us on December 16 at the 9:45 am service. “Beneath a Shining Star” is sure to entertain and inspire us. Our young people will be portraying a dress rehearsal for a Christmas pageant. The Stage Manager is getting the cast into shape for their performance. They’re all here—angels, shepherds, and stars—but the one thing missing is the true meaning of Christmas. Enter Mary, Joseph, and the Child in the manger for a warm reminder of that first Christmas night! You won’t want to miss it!

Annual Church Conference

Every member and friend is encouraged to attend the annual congregational meeting on December 3 at 7:00 pm. The agenda includes the presentation of the 2013 budget and the election of officers. Pastor Scott Walters, from Brookfield Peace UMC, will preside.

Church Office Closings

Church offices will be closed on Thursday & Friday, November 22 & 23.

Christmas Eve Services

◆ 4:00 pm – Christmas Eve Family Service

“Child friendly” sharing of carols, story, special music, (no sermon), concluding with candle lighting. An interactive story, “Lily the Lost and Found Lamb” will be shared, along with “A Lamb’s Christmas Tale”



which retells the Christmas story from a lamb’s point of view. If there are children who might like to participate, either sharing music (vocal or instrumental) or giving a simple reading, please give their name to Pastor Sue by December 16. A treble ensemble is being formed by Martha Aslakson. Women's voices, and children/youth (grades 2 and higher) are invited to participate. Please contact Martha.

◆ 7:30 pm – Traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

In connection with the lamb/sheep themes in the early service, we will be making a donation to the Heifer Project, to purchase sheep (\$120 per sheep). Ten percent of all the Christmas Eve offerings will go towards this project to provide the gift of a sheep to people someplace in our world. This means that there will be wool to make warm clothing or sell for extra income, which can help a family lift themselves out of poverty. Also, Heifer practices the principle of passing on the gift, so each recipient family passes on the gift of their animal’s offspring to another family in need.

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Sunday Schedule

8:15 a.m. Traditional Worship - Chapel
9:45 a.m. Blended Worship - Sanctuary
9:15 & 10:45 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship
10:00 a.m. Sunday School - Children & Youth
11:00 am Adult Sunday School Hour

Church Staff and Office Hours

Sue Burwell

Pastor

Tuesday - Friday • 9:30-3:00

Charles Bauer-King

Pastor of Visitation

Monday & Thursday • 9:15-2:00

Kristin Weber

Director of Christian Education

Monday - Thursday • 9:00-4:00

Jodie Hunt

Church Administrator

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday • 9:30-4:30

Jackie Onan

Financial Secretary

Monday • 9:00-2:00; Thursday • 9:00-12:00

Dr. Sheila Feay-Shaw

Chancel Choir Director

Tim Karth

Agape Praise Team Director

Martha Aslakson • Janet Smith

Organist/Tower Bells Director • Pianist

Genevieve Jorn

Cherub Choir Director

Susan Watson

Troubadour Choir & Youth Ensemble Director

Heather Sugden

Agape Accompanist

Laurie Froemke

Nursery Coordinator

Mary Reina

P.E.P. Director

Don Truman

Custodian

**2012
Tower Deadlines**



November 6 - December (Advent/
Christmas)

January 8, 2013 - February (Lent)

Please place your articles in the Tower folder in the church office across from Jodie Hunt's office or email to waumc@sbcglobal.net by the above dates.

We'll pray for you!

Our church prayer chain welcomes any prayer requests you would like to forward to us.

You may drop your written prayer concern in the collection plate on Sunday morning, or call or email it to: Penny McCanles at 414-453-5337, pmccanles@wi.rr.com; or Jodie Hunt at 414-453-0700, waumc@sbcglobal.net.



The requests are emailed each Monday to those who have agreed to pray for those who need our help. If you would like to join the prayer chain, please contact Penny McCanles at the above email address.

Feel Free to Contact Your Pastors

There are times when people are hospitalized, or have personal concerns or a crisis, and the pastoral staff would like to be supportive. If you or someone you know, goes to the hospital, or needs our care, please feel free to call the church and let us know. Pastor Sue makes hospital visits Tuesday through Sunday, and Pastor Charles makes hospital visits Mondays & some Thursdays. Also, contact the church office and let us know of the names of any home-bound persons who might like a visit. And, if your address changes, we also would appreciate receiving that information. After office hours, you can reach Pastor Sue at 414-257-1228 and Pastor Charles at 262-681-0570.



A few weeks ago in the children's story time on our All Saints Day Sunday observance, I was speaking about Hazel Meade, who died this past year, and had been a member of our church for 57 years. Trying to impress upon the children that 57 years was a long time, I asked them if any of them might be 57 years old. One child answered, "No, but you are." And the next child answered: "She's older than that!" That was one of those children's stories which didn't really end up going where I expected it to go, but with kids you never know!

Yes, I am older than that, and I'm finding my closest friends and peers are pretty much all over 60, and many of us way past 60. As my best friends and I have moved into this stage in life, we've determined we really don't need more "things," when it comes to birthday or Christmas gifts. We've got enough stuff, and we're at the point of wanting to pare down some of that stuff. My one cousin says, "If I can't eat it or wear it, I don't want it, but thank you!"

One solution to this problem, is to choose favorite projects or charities to support, in the name of the person you are honoring. For my last birthday, my friends from Atlanta sent a donation to the Appalachia Service Project in my honor. That was lovely. I received a note from ASP, and I'm happy those funds will be used to help make somebody's home warmer, safer, drier. Our alternate giving Sunday here at the church, offers us the opportunity to support a variety of good causes, without adding to the piles of stuff that fill our houses.

During the Christmas season, we are remembering God's gift to us—the Christ Child. God didn't inundate our lives with "things," but sent us a person. Yes, the three kings brought their gifts, and they may have sent all of humanity off onto this gift-giving pursuit, but God sent a human being to share our lives who cared about us and taught us about caring for one another.

So, this season may give us an extra opportunity to care for others and give to a worthy cause, in the name of a family member or friend. If you happened

to miss our church's alternative giving Sunday on November 18, do know that you can give to many of the projects on-line:

Appalachia Service Project: <http://www.asphome.org>

United Methodist Committee on Relief:
<http://www.umcor.org>

United Methodist Children's Services:
<http://www.umcs-wi.org>

Habitat for Humanity:
<http://www.milwaukeehabitat.org>

You could also take some of the mittens off our mitten tree, buying those gifts in honor of someone else, and letting them know a gift has been given in their name. And, if you make your way almost to Christmas and are still trying to think of the perfect gift for someone, I'd suggest making a donation to our Christmas Eve "buy a lamb" project, through Heifer International. Wouldn't it be something if a whole flock of sheep could be purchased that would then be distributed to families throughout the world? That would be a very Merry Christmas indeed.

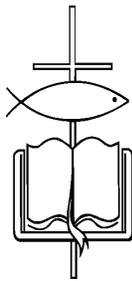
Walking Through the Days of 2013

Beginning the first of the year, Pastor Sue will be continuing a blog option connected to our church website (it doesn't require a separate sign-in). The blog discussion will be based on *The Upper Room Disciplines 2013*. This book includes devotions for active people—a little reading each day for the whole year, upon which a person can reflect. The readings are based on the lectionary passages (the scriptures used as the basis for most of our Sunday sermons), which will give people an opportunity to share together about those particular readings. Each week Sue will write a little something on the blog, maybe pose some discussion questions. Then others are invited to respond. If you would like to join this discussion, *The Upper Room Disciplines 2013* can be ordered for you. The price is \$11 for the regular print copy and \$13.50 for a large print copy. Please sign up in the church office by December 15th, if you would like a copy.



Upcoming Sermon Scriptures & Themes

- Nov. 25:** 2 Samuel 23:1-7
Memoir Writing
- Dec. 2:** Jeremiah 33:14-16
I Hope So
- Dec. 9:** 8:15am – *John, The Outlier*
Luke 3:1-6
9:45am – Chancel Choir Cantata
A Day for Dancing
- Dec. 16:** 8:15am – *Expectation*
Zeph. 3:14-20 & Rom. 8:18-19
9:45am – Children’s Musical
Beneath a Shining Star
- Dec. 23:** Luke 1:39-45
A Mother’s Thoughts
- Dec. 24:** Luke 2:1-20
4pm – “*Lily the Lost and Found Lamb*”
7:30pm – *So We Don’t Forget*
- Dec. 30:** Colossians 3:12-17
Resolutions for Living



If you are out of town or miss church some Sunday and would like to read the sermons, you will find them on our church website: www.waumc.org.

gifts with important dates noted. Doing that leaves your children, spouse, parents and grandparents with no excuse for forgetting those important dates. You may order your calendar by calling Mark Vollmers at 414-463-0154. All proceeds go to the Music Ministry of WAUMC.

Welcoming New Neighbors

This past year a Strategic Facilities Planning group has been meeting to identify opportunities to better utilize our building, as well as options to address some of the long term maintenance needs of our church properties. One of the ideas that surfaced was the possibility of sharing space in our building with another congregation. We soon learned of a new Roman Catholic congregation that was outgrowing their current space and would be looking for a new location. Mary of Magdala, Apostle to the Apostles, is an inclusive Vatican II community, not connected to the diocese of Milwaukee. They were interested in having conversation about these possibilities.



Our Church Council has been informed throughout this process, and they recently gave their approval to offer Mary of Magdala space, for which they will pay us a usage fee. The plan is for them to begin to worship in our building on Sunday, January 13, 2013, in our Wesley Hall. Their worship time will be the same as ours (9:45am), so that neither congregation interferes with the other as we enter and leave the building. The Mary of Magdala folks will park off-site, except for a few special needs spots, since our parking areas are usually filled.

We will all need to be aware of this added Sunday worship service and do our best to offer hospitality to our new neighbors as we share our facility. Occasionally, we may combine our fellowship hours to get acquainted, but typically Mary of Magdala will be in Wesley Hall for their fellowship time, using the little kitchen off Wesley Hall and we will be in Fellowship Hall. Their pastors will also be renting an office in our building.

Our Church Family

Recently hospitalized...

Art Harvey

Recent surgery...

Barbara Heckenbach, Lana Kahler, Lee Mevis



Our sympathy to... the family of Laura Oseni who passed away November 12th

Support WAUMC’s Music Ministry



God’s Creations Calendars for 2013 are now available for order. If you purchased a calendar last year, you know how beautiful they are. They make great gifts for your children and loved ones. Give them as Christmas

Thanksgiving – A Special Time for Ingathering



As we gather family and friends together this holiday to give thanks to our Lord, let us show our gratitude by sharing our bounty with others. Please bring protein items such as canned stew or spaghetti and meatballs. Or bring canned fruits and vegetables. Put your nonperishable food gifts in the grocery cart at the bottom of the stairs by the church office, and we will take the food to the Wauwatosa Food Pantry at St. Bernard's. Gifts in the offering plate marked for Ingathering will go to The Hunger Task Force or local pantries and meal programs. Have a blessed Thanksgiving.

Sandwich Service Project

Our next dates to make 200 bag lunches for The Gathering are Saturdays December 15 and January 19. We will meet from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. on those Saturdays at our church to make peanut butter sandwiches, bag cookies and carrots or fruit, and pack the lunches. Some of us will take the lunches to St. James Church at 8th and Wisconsin.

Please call Mary Spearo at 414-475-0848, so she can plan on your help and/or coordinate your contributions. See also the sign-up sheet on the kitchen counter next to the coffee hour treats. We especially need fruit, cookies and workers. **Christmas cookies would be great for December.** Co-sponsored by Church & Society.

St. Benedict's Meal Program

December 2:

Pick up plastic buckets to make JELLO fruit salad for the St. Benedict's Meal Program. We provide the recipe. Or sign up to bring a gallon of 1% milk.

December 9:

Return salad buckets or milk gallons to the main kitchen.

December 11:

JELLO fruit salad and milk served to 400-500 hungry people at St. Benedict's, along with food provided by other groups.

December 30 and February 3:

The next JELLO bucket Sundays.

Winter Clothing Drive for City Children



Milwaukee Christian Center, Northcott and our other Mitten Tree agencies have asked us again this year to provide warm clothing for children. Church & Society will collect children's coats, jackets, sweatshirts, sweaters and other warm clothing that are clean and in good condition, sizes infant to age 12, during our Mitten Tree project. Children's mittens, hats and scarves are also needed. Also new unopened packages of underwear or socks. Please bring your donations to the Parlor on Sundays. We will deliver them after December 16.

The Wilma Halloran Mitten Tree

WHAT IS IT? An opportunity to share God's love

WHEN IS IT? Nov. 18 & Dec. 16

WHERE IS IT? The parlor

HOW DOES IT WORK? The names, ages & sizes of needy children will be on a paper mitten on the tree

WHAT DO I DO? Pick a mitten, sign it out, buy a \$15 gift, wrap gift using mitten as name tag, return to the parlor by December 16

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT? Church & Society sorts gifts by agency and, on December 17, the agencies pick up gifts for the children

WHERE IS GOD'S LOVE? In your heart for sharing and in the hearts of the children when they open your gifts

The gifts will go to children from: Northcott Neighborhood House, LaCausa, Council for Spanish Speaking, Milwaukee Christian Center, Loyola, United Methodist Children's Center, and Guadalupe Center.

We ask that no money be included with the gift as gifts may be opened when other children are present and they may feel slighted.

The WHAT, WHEN AND WHERE all depend on YOU. YOU will make the CHILDREN smile. YOU will give HOPE. YOU will be SHOWING GOD'S LOVE to the children.



Sunday School News

We currently have a few openings for teachers on a few of our teaching teams (including 5K/1st grade and 4th/5th grade). Volunteers lead class approximately once a month. Lesson plans are easy to follow and are available well in advance. If you are available to join a team, please contact Kristin.

Reminder that there will be no Sunday School for children, 1st grade and up, on November 25th for Thanksgiving, December 23rd for Christmas, and December 30th for New Year's. Children in preschool and 5k are welcome to join us for a snack and movie in the preschool room on these Sundays. Children 1st grade and up are welcome to join their family in worship.

Lastly, if you have not filled out a 2012/2013 Sunday School registration form, please do so ASAP. These forms give us important information regarding your child to ensure his or her success in Sunday School. These information sheets also give us vital information regarding any food allergies or special needs any children may have so we can plan lessons accordingly. Thank you for your cooperation.

Advent Study



Pastors Nancy and Charles will be leading a four-week Advent study called "Hallelujah: The Bible and Handel's Messiah." Each week Scripture used by Handel will be heard and explored by the group.

At each session portions of the text will be played by The Chicago Symphony and Chorus. A Resource Guide will be available for everyone participating in the study. The cost of the guide is \$7.50.

Session one: "Comfort, Comfort My People"

Session two: "Who May Abide the Day of His Coming?"

Session three: "For Unto Us a Child is Born"

Session four: "Glory to God in the Highest"

This class will be offered on Sunday mornings, at 11am (Dec. 2, 9, 16, & 23) and one time on Thursdays (Nov. 29; Dec. 6, 13, & 20), either afternoon (2pm) or evenings (7pm), depending on participant interest. If you have not already signed up for this study and

want to participate, please sign up in the church office and indicate if you would like a study guide.

Advent Devotional Books

Advent, A Calendar of Devotions is a booklet of daily devotions for the season of Advent (the four weeks before Christmas) that helps you step back from the bustle and stress of the season and prepare your heart and mind to rejoice in God's loving gift, Jesus Christ. Each daily devotion includes a recommended Scripture reading, a Bible verse, an inspiring message, and an uplifting prayer. The devotions this year, are written by Robert V. Dodd, who is a United Methodist minister and the award-winning internationally published author of eleven books and booklets, as well as a variety of devotional articles, Bible study and curriculum materials. He is a member of the Western North Carolina Conference, where he has served as a pastor for thirty-one years. Please feel free to pick up one of these small devotional books found on the tables outside the sanctuary and the chapel to use during the weeks of Advent. Large print versions of this book are also available. Donations are appreciated for these books, 75¢ for the regular edition and \$1.75 for the large print.

The Bible from Scratch

If you have wished for a very basic Bible study that wouldn't be complicated, *The Bible from Scratch—the New Testament for Beginners* might be for you. Pastor

Sue led this study this Fall on Saturdays and is willing to lead a duplicate 4 session overview course on Sunday evenings, January 6, 13, 20, 27. The meeting time will be determined by participant interest. Cost of the book is \$8.50. Please indicate your interest by signing up in the church office by December 15.



Upper Room Daily Devotional App

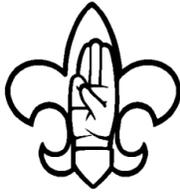


The Upper Room Daily Devotional is available as a free app for the Apple and Android smartphones. Download the App through the App Store on your iPhone or the Google Play store using your Android smartphone.

News From Troop 21

New Boy Scouts Welcome

Any young man presently in the 5th grade, or any boys older, can join Boy Scouts in January or February. New Boy Scouts do not have to have been active in Cub Scouting to become a Boy Scout. In the past, Troop 21 has had members join as late as age 16. Additionally, this time of the year is when 5th grade boys visit Boy Scout troops in preparation to joining in February and March. Any boy interested in Boy Scouting is welcome to visit a Troop 21 meeting on any Tuesday evening, or contact Scoutmaster Steve Weber at 414-771-3228 or tosatroop21@sbcglobal.net. Troop 21 is sponsored by WAUMC and has 60 youth members. Anyone interested should feel free to just stop by for a visit.



Holiday Wreath Sale - Thank You

Boy Scout Troop 21 has only one fund raiser each year. We would like to thank church members who purchased a wreath from a Scout. Troop 21 wreaths will be delivered starting Friday, November 16. Thank you for supporting Scouting and Troop 21.

Campouts Planned

Troop 21 Scouts will be day camping on November 10 at Camp Lazyinski and in cabins November 30 - December 2 at Camp IMR. Troop 21 campouts are planned during 11 of the 12 months each calendar year. Our very active camping program is one of the things that attract boys to Troop 21.

Middle School Youth News (CIA)



We have launched a new middle school youth ministry for 6th-8th graders. Join CIA (Christians in Action) every Sunday evening from 6-8pm in Fellowship Hall for fun and fellowship! This is a fun way to get to know each other, play games, and talk about relative topics in your life and how Jesus fits in.

High School Youth News

All High School students (9th-12th grade) are invited to attend youth group on Sunday mornings. We meet in the youth room (by Wesley Hall) on Sunday mornings at approximately 10am (or after children's moment). This year we have been continuing with the theme of Pop Culture and Spirituality. Each week we look at a different topic using YouTube videos, music videos, billboards, and more. High School youth group is not held on the Communion Sundays (1st Sunday of the month) so youth can participate in worship and Communion.

Pastor Sue's Book Discussion

Pastor Sue's next book for discussion will be *The Known World* by Edward P. Jones. Set in Manchester County, Virginia, 20 years before the Civil War began, this novel is a masterpiece of overlapping plot lines, time shifts, and heartbreaking details of life under slavery. Caldonia Townsend is an educated black slave owner, the widow of a well-loved young farmer named Henry, whose parents had bought their own freedom, and then freed their son, only to watch him buy himself a slave as soon as he had saved enough money. After his death, his slaves wonder if Caldonia will free them. When she fails to do so, but instead breaches the code that keeps them separate from her, a little piece of Manchester County begins to unravel. One reviewer says: "This book is filled with flawed and genuine people of all races who grapple with slavery. Be prepared to be completely pulled into a world where, no matter the characters' race, nothing is black and white." You're invited to join our discussion on February 10th, following the late service, in the east end of Fellowship Hall. (The county library system has multiple copies of this book in a variety of formats.)



Souper Sunday

Mark your calendar for February 17 for our next Souper Sunday.



Safe Sanctuaries Policy

In September 2012, Church Council approved an official Safe Sanctuaries policy for WAUMC. This policy is designed to help keep our children, youth, and community safe. Some of the highlights of the policy include:

- Background checks for volunteers who work with children and youth
- The “Six Month” rule
- Supervision procedures for children and youth activities
- Behavior guidelines for volunteers working with children and youth
- Plan of response to an abuse claim

In addition, we ask that you help us keep our children, youth and community safe in the following ways:

- Do not leave your children unattended before or after Sunday School.
- Please return the proper permission slips/medical forms for children and youth activities.
- Have a heightened sense of your surroundings.
- Help people identify you by wearing your nametag.

Full copies of the Safe Sanctuaries policy will be available in the literature rack located in the Church Office and available on the church website.

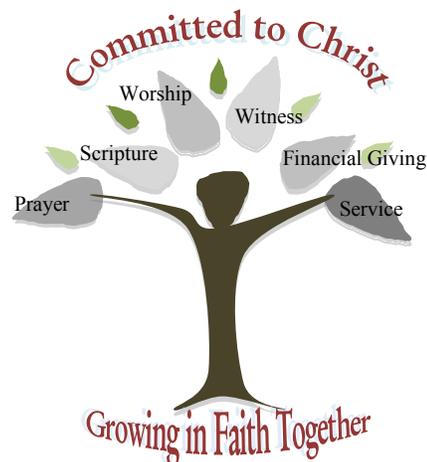
How to Donate Investments as a Charitable Income Tax Deduction

If you own investments that have increased in value (stocks, bonds, real estate or mutual funds), you can donate them and take a charitable income tax deduction for the full fair market value and avoid declaring the capital gains of the assets as income. Donors wishing to make gifts of appreciated securities to their local church through the Wisconsin United Methodist Foundation, Inc. must begin the process by calling 888-903-9863. The Foundation will sell your gifted shares and will issue a check to your local church for the full amount of the sale. No commission is charged. The Foundation does not attempt to “time” the sale of your stock in a fluctuating market. Shares are sold as soon as we are made aware that they have been received into our account. Donors will be provided with a properly executed gift receipt for tax

deduction purposes. Visit <http://www.wumf.org/assets/ProcessingStockGifts.pdf> for additional information and appropriate forms.

Committed to Christ: Growing in Faith Together

During the first seven weeks of our Fall discipleship emphasis, 705 commitment cards were signed, with our decisions around faith in Jesus Christ, prayer life, Bible reading, worship attendance, outreach/witnessing to others, financial giving, volunteer service. Hopefully our intentions regarding these commitments will be lived out through the upcoming year. We’ve received many financial commitment cards, which will support our ministries in 2013. If you have already returned your pledge card, thank you. If you have not yet had the opportunity to do so, please return your estimate of giving card as soon as possible. Simply drop your pledge card in the mail, bring it by the church office, or put it in the offering plate during any worship service. The Finance Committee relies on these estimates in setting next year’s budget. Estimates can be changed at any time. If you misplaced your pledge card, or didn’t receive one, please contact the church office, and we’ll get another one out to you.



Your Church Library

WHAT MAKES A CHURCH LIBRARY? Multiple Choice Quiz



- a) A computer
- b) A card catalog
- c) A bright collection of children's books
- d) An excited preschooler
- e) A bookbag for loan
- f) An eager reader
- g) An extensive Biblical reference collection
- h) A live library volunteer
- i) Challenging titles in fiction, social concerns, biography
- j) A reservoir of prayers and meditations
- k) A circulating collection of spiritual periodicals, tapes, DVDs
- l) A resource for today's searching disciples

COME ON IN! and don't be disappointed if you can't find a computer—the remaining services on the quiz may deserve a check.

Here's a sample of the new books added to the library collection (note the recent copyright dates).

- 230/Bor *Speaking Christian* by Marcus J. Borg
Why Christian words have lost their meaning and power and how they can be restored, c. 2011
- 242.5/Luc *Cast of Characters* by Max Lucado
Common people in the hands of an uncommon God, c. 2008
- 284.29/Bro *In the Clouds* by Edward Sherman Brown
God's images, songs and messages for salvation, c. 1994
- 289.70/Woo *Plain Wisdom*
by Cindy Woodsmall and Miriam Flaud
An invitation into an Amish home and the hearts of two women, c. 2011 (large print)
- 362.10/Tee *Alone and Invisible No More*
by Allan S. Teel, c. 2011
How grassroots community action and 21st century technology can empower elders to stay in their homes and lead healthier, happier lives
- 362.83/Kri *Half the Sky*
by Nicholas Kristof & Sheryl Wudunn
Turning oppression into opportunity for women worldwide, c. 2009

- 394/Hal *Same Kind of Different as Me*
by Ron Hall & Denver Moore
A modern day slave, an international art dealer and the unlikely woman who bound them together, c. 2010 (large print)
- Fiction/Roi *Water from the Well* by Anne Roiphe
Sarah, Rebeckah, Rachel & Leah, c. 2010
- And... new children's books:
- +Dep *Let the Whole Earth Sing Praise*
by Tomie DePaola, c. 2011
- +Huf *Let's Explore Bugs* by Amy Hufnal
A look at God's smallest creatures, c. 2009
- +Par *The Third Gift* by Linda Sue Park, c. 2011
(Christmas book)
- +394.26/Mac *Listen to the Silent Night* (Christmas)
by Dandi Daly Mackal, c. 2011
- +920/Oba *Of Thee I Sing — a Letter to My Daughters*
By Barack Obama, c. 2010

School Bags

Thanks to the generosity of the congregation, we have collected enough school supplies for 62 bags. Our goal is 75 bags. These bags will go to children around the world (and in the U.S. after disasters).



If you see any of the following on sale, please consider donating & leave in the blue bin near the grocery cart:

- spiral notebooks (at least 70 pages)
- 12 inch rulers with metric
- 24 packs of Crayola Crayons (less expensive brands melt in transit)
- blunt school scissors
- 1" x 2" erasers
- unsharpened pencils
- enclosed pencil sharpeners

We also need help sewing bags. Thanks to a generous donation from Lois Corbett's friend, we still have plenty of fabric you can use. Anyone interested in sewing school bags should contact Carolyn Dressler (hocad@att.net) for fabric and the pattern.

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**TIME-DATED MATERIAL
Please have in-home
November 23**

Christmas Poinsettias

Once again Poinsettias are being sold for display in the Sanctuary and Chapel, and for you to take home after the service. The Christmas bulletin will contain the dedication as indicated below. The plants are \$10.00 each. Orders will be taken until December 10. Make checks out to WAUMC.



I would like to order _____ Red Poinsettias(s) at \$10.00 each.
I would like to order _____ White Poinsettias(s) at \$10.00 each.

Please dedicate my gift as follows:

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

_____ I will pick up my plant(s) following the 7:30pm Christmas Eve worship service.

_____ I will leave my plant(s) for the church to distribute or use for another service.

Name(s) _____

Phone _____ **Email** _____