

THE VISITOR

FEBRUARY, 2010

1 prayer, 1 dollar, 1 health kit at a time we can and will make a difference in the suffering of our brothers and sisters in Haiti. Have you donated? Have you invited your friends, neighbors, contacts, clients and customers to be a part of UMCOR's relief work? This disaster has directly touched us:



UMCOR

Samuel W. Dixon, Jr. ... age 60, died doing what he loved to do: working for the welfare of the poor and rejected of the world in the name of Jesus Christ.



UMCOR

Rev. Clinton Rabb... age 60, a leader in The United Methodist Church's extensive mission volunteer program, died January 17 in a Florida hospital of injuries sustained when he was trapped for 55 hours in the ruins of Hotel Montana..

Volunteers from at least six different UMC annual (regional) conferences are in Haiti on mission trips. Dixon and Rabb are among the thousands who have lost their lives, and the many more injured and displaced by the earthquake. Thank you for what you have already done and given. Thank you for your continued generosity and support! Go to our church website for links to additional information through UMCOR on the work being done through our denomination.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday February 17th. We will have a 5:30p Sunday School Soup Supper (we ask that you donate a can or two of soup for the Kendall County Food Pantry), followed at 6:30p by a time of worship, ashes and communion. Then in worship on the Sundays during Lent, we will focus on The Lord's Prayer, going phrase by phrase, including a question and Pastor-will-do-her-best-to-answer each week.



Congratulations to Mollie & Ryan on the birth of their new son **Lincoln Thomas Minard**. He was born on 11/11/2009 at 2:15pm. 7lbs3oz and 20 inches long.

Congratulations to Rebecca & Paul Olivier on the birth of their new daughter **Jenna Lynn Olivier**. She was born on 12/21/09. 6lbs.2oz. and 20 inches long.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!
Plano United Methodist Church
Culver's of Yorkville Fundraiser
(On Rte. 47 near Menard's - 630/882-6179)

Monday, February 15, 2010

10:30am - 10:00pm

10% of all sales go towards
restoration of our church.

BRING THIS FLYER!

Any food item that you or your party purchases
will be greatly appreciated!!

FAMILY NAME: _____

AMOUNT RECEIVED: _____

Thanks for your support!

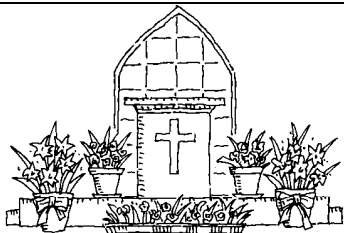




- 1-Amy Brown, Marlene Carrell
- 4-Ted Oldeen, Julie Jeffries
- 6-Jeff Osman
- 9-Melanie Krapausky
- 11-Phyllis Niles
- 13-Joseph Boring
- 14-Kimberly Kollmann, Harley Tate
- 16-Joann Shores
- 17-Todd Mikkelson
- 18-Christopher Oleson, Ty Staton
- 19-Dustin Flowers, David Aguilar Dominguez
- 20-Alissa Corrington, Rodney Shores
- 24-Art Anderson, Nikki Hartzfeld
- 26-Clyde Warrick, Jeff Wiesbrook, Lynze Kay Jeffries
- 27-Daniel Baker
- 28-Owen Cooper
- 29-Jennifer Henze

Have we missed your birthday or anniversary? It is not intentional. Please call the office and leave a message about your birth date or anniversary date and we will get our list updated.

- The Membership Committee



ALTAR FLOWERS

February 7	-
February 14	In loving memory of Gerald A. and Eva M. Schumpert on their birthdays from their family.
February 21	-
February 28	-

Celebrating

An Anniversary This Month

- 13-Clyde & Mary Warrick, 14-Samantha & Charles Laury III, 16-Pat & Neil Maupin, 18-Ed & Roxanne Cann, William & Pat Morris, 23-Larry & Cheryl Ward, 24-Dale & Chris Leifheit



Maxine Coffman, Gene Meier, Harley Anderson, Mary Warrick, Frank Goetzinger, Loren Hoag (*son in-law of Sharon Baker*), Arlene Gould, Ed Kollmann, David Littlefair, Dr. Karl Csiszer, Jean Moutray, Andy Schwartz, Beth MacNeil, Jeff & Christy Ernst (*Mollie Minard's parents*), Buddy Wagner (*friend of the Goetzinger's*), Peter Kirkguard (*friend of the Goetzinger's*), Georgia Sears (*Aunt of Tammy Goetzinger*), Peg Shopinski (*neighbor of the Leifheit's*), Charlene Andoe (*friend of the Goetzinger's*), Sara Geiger (*Jen Leifheit's sister*), Jaidyn Foote (*great-granddaughter of Sharon Baker*), Pauline Bowden Fisher, Amanda Gould, Bishop Hee-Soo Jung, DS Rev. Diana Facemyer, our youth ministry, those serving in the military, their families & friends. **And for those that are home bound...**Laurie Smith & Lori Brewer. **And for those in care facilities...** Marjorie Prickett, Gladys Alexander, Pete Wolsfeld, Carol Hess.

Prayers for the friends & family of Rory Brown. Rory passed away Tuesday, January 19, 2010.



The newsletter deadline for the March, 2010 newsletter will be Monday, February 15th. If you have an article that you would like included, please have it in the church office by this date.

Thank you!

Also, we are in need of individuals that would like to help in newsletter assembly once per month. Date and time will be listed in the church bulletin.

Thank You!

Our heartfelt thanks to all of you for the prayers, cards, calls, visits and food. It meant so much to us to know that you were with us during and after my surgery and it made my recovery so much easier.

God bless each of you.

Mary & Clyde Warrick

EVANGELISM, CARING & MISSION CORNER

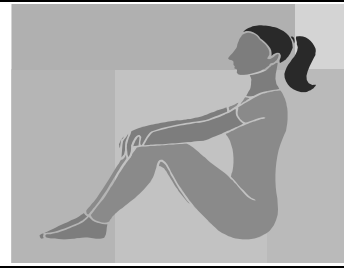
HAPPY NEW YEAR!! Last year was a good year for missions, and we know 2010 will be too. The Heifer Project is now in full swing ending on Valentine's Day – a gift of love. What a way to start the year. One band on the rainbow covenant filled and only 8 to go. Which band would you like to support? Classes, groups, families, friends, and individuals are all welcome to select a band. Is there a special type of charity that you like to support? I am sure there is a band for you. Be creative! Hold a fundraiser or just a fundraiser to earn the money for a band. Last year for Lent I tried to give up fast food. This year I have decided that since there is no tipping at fast food restaurants I will put the tip money in a jar each time I get fast food. It won't take long for it to add up. Please prayerfully consider what we can do together. Any questions or for information about the bands see Gerri Henze. On the Horizon – College Care Packages!



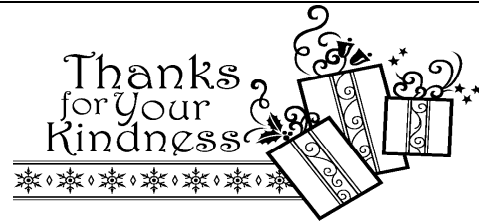
Food pantry items for the month of February is soup.



If anyone would like a donation receipt from the Kendall County Food Pantry for donated items here at church please contact the church office at (630)552-3700.



Beginners Level Yoga Class
Tuesdays at 6pm-6:45pm
On the stage in the sanctuary.
No Charge!



The United Methodist Women –

Thank you so much for the Christmas gift. It's always such a joy to work at here Plano UMC with all the wonderful people. I am truly blessed each and every day!

God bless.

Yvonne Marsh



Cookie & Candy Walk
White Elephant Sale

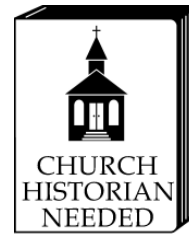
I would like to thank everyone who helped work or baked cookies or candy for our 13th Annual Cookie and Candy Walk. We profited \$948.00 to help our youth go to camp this summer. Thanks again, because this wouldn't happen without your generous help.
-Arlene Gould

The camp brochures are on the way. You can get an early bird discount of \$40 if we register before April 1. We will also ask for scholarships from the Conference. See Arlene Gould, call her at 630-552-7765 or email her at arlenegould@aol.com and she will get you a brochure.



The summer camp brochures are on the way! Early bird registration is April 1st. If you are interested and would like more information, please see Arlene Gould or call her at 552-7765 or e-mail her at arlenegould@aol.com.

Administrative Council—first may I say a big *thank you* to Clyde Warrick for the many years he served as chairman of the Administrative Council. His leadership is truly appreciated. On Sunday, January 17 our scripture lesson from the Epistle of Paul was 1Corinthians 12:1-11. It talks about the fruits of the spirit and the gifts that God gives to each and everyone of us. The council is made up of committee chairpersons who share some of these gifts. But we would like to grow our committees, or “teams” even more. We are going to support each other the best we can by trying some flexibility in our meeting times. There is always more room for each of you to help. Are you only available for a short term project? That would be wonderful. Have you not be asked to do something or be called to serve on a committee? It is not because someone doesn’t think you can do it. Sometimes we need a little birdie to whisper in our ear your need or want. The council will be meeting every other month, or as needed. The third Monday of the other months can be committee meeting times. Please feel free to call me, talk with me after worship, or send me a note with concerns or needs you see our church in need of. Our next meeting dates are; March 15; May 17, August 16. Fall meeting dates will be scheduled in August. Your faithful servant....Diane Morris, Chairman, Administrative Council.



HELP WANTED!

Do you like to 'stroll' through the local papers, finding all the pictures and articles about our church and our faith family? Would you be willing to snip those pictures? Or do you like to take pictures? We have a digital camera if you would be willing to take pictures at church gatherings for our historical records. More than 1 person would be best for both of these jobs. Then maybe 3-4 times a year, we'll schedule a scrapbooking session to organize everything into our books. Help please! No experience necessary! Just call the church office or email Pastor at PastorCLS@aol.com. Thanks!



Scout Sunday Sunday, February 14, 2010

Girl Scouts as well as Boy Scouts are welcome and encouraged to be a part of this special day. Come and represent your troop or den! If you are interested, please call the church office at 552-3700.



The Golden Harvesters will meet on Friday, February 12 at 5:30pm. Potluck dinner. Bring a table service and a dish to pass. The program will be presented by Keith Tucker. His presentation will be "Exploring Russia Along the Volga River". Anyone 55 years or older is welcome to

attend the Golden Harvesters.

Turkey Supper Profits

Out of the profits made from the Turkey Supper we used \$1,000.00 toward the utilities, \$250.00 for carpet cleaning and \$759.00 for a new snowblower for the church.



Just for KIDS

Our first love

In Deuteronomy 10:12 (NIV), Israel is asked a question that's also for us to answer: "What does the LORD your God ask of you?"

To find the answer, write the words from the puzzle pieces on the matching shapes in the completed heart.

... your heart and with all your soul ..."

Answer: "... fear the LORD ...; to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all ..."

* A JAR OF * Love and Appreciation



Sometimes we forget to show love and appreciation to people who are closest to us. Use this fun craft to let everyone in your family know how much you care.

What you need:

- Plastic jar with lid
- Heart-shaped foam pieces
- Heart-shaped stickers
- Glue
- Construction paper
- Scissors
- Pencil or crayons

What you do:

1. Decorate the jar and lid with heart-shaped foam pieces and stickers.
2. Cut out 2" or 3" heart shapes from the construction paper.
3. On each paper heart, write what you appreciate and love about your family and each member. Have all family members do this, too.
4. Place the heart messages inside the jar. Fold them in half, if necessary.
5. On each day in February, pull out one heart and read the message aloud to the family.
6. Notice the changes in your family when everyone feels loved and appreciated!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

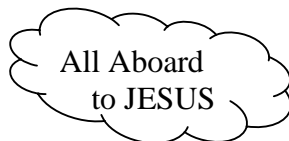
Hello –

Our Christmas Program titled “Christmas Traditions” delivered the true meaning of Christmas to congregation members on Sunday, December 13 during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The children did a great job memorizing their lines for the program by delivering the message of what Christmas items meant (star, bell, animal, etc.) Gerri Henze and Arlene Gould co-directed the program in outstanding fashion once again.

The hat and mitten tree was well received with 216 items being donated to our friends at Kendall County Food Pantry. Thank you to everyone for your donations for this warm and giving project.

Our **Heifer Project** has already netted \$100 and we are well on our way to our goal of \$500. The Sunday School children will be collecting donations until February 14 to buy a calf for \$500. They have cute little “calf cans” in which you may donate dollars and coins. There is a “calf can” located at the back of the sanctuary as well as by the bulletin board outside the church office. This will be a “Gift of Love” to others at Valentine’s Day. Thank you to Mrs. Pat Morris for her bulletin board design encouraging support of the Heifer Project.

Linda Oleson
Sunday School Superintendent



Why do we volunteer for the Heifer Project?

A gift of a calf would provide hungry families with a steady source of milk to drink or sell and a calf to pass on to the next family. The gift of water buffalo would provide tangy milk to drink, draft power to plow a field, and organic fertilizer to help improve crop yields. This small source of income provides much-needed medicine, food, and schooling (things we take for granted). Other animals that may be donated offer warm fur, wool, milk, and a sense of being for the family. As the animals give birth, economic prospects of the receiving families become better and hope becomes a reality. As a result a “warm feeling” is given to the recipient of these animals and also to those who give so generously.