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DEADLINE FOR NEXT CALL

NOTE: Due to the Christmas holiday, there will not be a JANUARY Call. The next issue will be February 2012. Happy New Year! Deadline for the *Call* is **the third Monday of each month**. You may submit articles much as you did before, either by placing them in the CALL mailbox (located in the coat room next to the church office), sending them to the office, or e-mailing them directly to Karen Eizenga at KarenE73@woh.rr.com.

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February 2012 *Call* deadline:
Monday, January 16

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Dear Friends,

Well, it's happened again! The months have flown by and we have now turned our calendars to the last month of the year. But, rather than marking the end of the year, the Church actually views December and, more precisely, Advent as the beginning of the year. Advent, "the little Lent," is our season of *anticipation* and *preparation* as we make room in our hearts to receive the *new born king!*



Rev. Bob Wade
Senior Pastor

I trust the coming weeks will bring special gatherings with family and friends, and joyful experiences of worship as you anticipate the Christmas celebration of Jesus' birth. As you prepare for worship, I encourage you to prayerfully read through the passages for each worship service. (You will find the scripture and sermon titles on the next page) In addition, I hope you will keep your eyes open to "God with us" in "*your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking around life.*" (The Message, Romans 12:1) After all, God comes to us in all arenas of life.....not just in the church setting. Be alert to experiencing Emmanuel right where you live!

I remind you that our annual *Christmas Cantata* will take place at 10:30 a.m., December 18. This year we will celebrate the season with our Chancel Choir and Chamber Orchestra presenting Antonio Vivaldi's "*Gloria*" under the direction of Dr. Hank Dahlman. This will be a beautiful and uplifting classical cantata. I know you will want to invite your family and friends to this special worship service.

We will again have two *Christmas Eve* worship services; a 4:30 p.m. Family service in the Fellowship Hall and a 7:30 p.m. Traditional Candlelight service in the sanctuary. On *Christmas Day* we will have one service in the sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. Likewise we will have one service at 10:30 a.m. on *New Year's Day*.

May God bless you with many alleluias this Advent season as you celebrate Emmanuel..... "God with us" wherever you might be!

Together in anticipation,



Fairmont Call

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Worship and Music at Fairmont

The old Advent hymn reminds us of the anticipated hope of God's love and peace, "*Comfort, comfort now my people; tell of peace!*" so says our God. *Comfort those who sit in darkness mourning under sorrow's load. To God's people now proclaim that God's pardon waits for them! Tell them that their war is over; God will reign in peace forever!*" Our Advent and Christmas worship is planned to help us receive God's love and peace as we respond with heart-felt worship. Come and worship!

Communion Sunday, December 4

2nd Sunday of Advent

Has an angel ever visited you? If so, what did the angel say and/or do? Rev. Wade's sermon, "*A Visit from God,*" will center on Gabriel's visit to Mary and her response as recorded in **Luke 1:26-38**. We will also lift up the Bread of Life and Cup of Salvation as we partake in the visible word (sacrament) of Holy Communion.

Sunday, December 11

3rd Sunday of Advent

The 8:30 Casual Worship service will take place in the sanctuary to make room for the Cookie Walk in Fellowship Hall. Rev. Wade's sermon, "*A Tough Decision,*" will focus on Joseph and his role in the saga of Jesus' birth as recorded in **Matthew 1:18-25**.

Sunday, December 18 - Christmas Cantata

4th Sunday of Advent

Rev. Denise Ingram will be preaching at the 8:30 Casual service with Fairmont's Praise Band, under the direction of Jerry Mahn, leading worship in the Fellowship Hall. She will preach a shorter sermon in the 10:30 Traditional service followed by our Chancel Choir, and Fairmont's Chamber Orchestra presentation of Antonio Vivaldi's *GLORIA, RV 598* under the direction of Hank Dahlman.

Christmas Eve - Saturday, December 25

4:30 p.m. Family Worship in the Fellowship Hall

As we gather to celebrate the birth of Christ, we will share in song with the Praise Band, and watch a live nativity unfold reminding us how important remembering God's great gift to us really is. During the service we will also share a pictorial presentation of some of the traditions our church family cherishes as well as hear our "little angels" sing as *Vital Signs* draw our hearts to God in praise!

7:30 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Worship in the Sanctuary

As we gather to celebrate the birth of Christ, we will share in song with the Chancel Choir, trumpets, and vibrant congregational singing. Rev. Wade's sermon, "*Rejoicing in the Light,*" will be centered in good news

from the Gospel of John, "*The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*"

Again, this year, we will conclude our worship by lighting our candles while singing "*Silent Night.*" This is always a beautiful reminder that the Light of Jesus Christ will always shine in our lives!

Christmas Day - Sunday, December 25

10:30 Christmas Day Worship in the Sanctuary

We will have one worship service on Christmas day. We will continue to celebrate the birth of Christ, in a more casual worship, by singing your favorite Christmas carols, reflecting on the Christmas story and sharing our thankfulness for God's gift of life. Rev. Wade will be preaching.

New Year's Day - Sunday, January 1, 2012

We will have one worship service on New Year's Day. The sacrament of *Holy Communion* will be central as we begin a new year together in worship. Rev. Wade will be preaching and we will be invoking God's grace and guidance on a year that will bring both change and opportunity for us all.

Don't Miss!
Sunday, December 18
Fairmont Presbyterian Church
presents

GLORIA, RV 598
by
Antonio Vivaldi

Fairmont Chancel Choir
Fairmont Chamber Orchestra
Hank Dahlman, Conductor

Notes on Vivaldi's *Gloria, RV 598*:

Antonio Vivaldi was born in 1678 in Venice, just seven years before Bach and Handel. He was ordained into the priesthood in 1703, but his real interest seems to have always been music. Like his father, he had flaming red hair, and so was nicknamed "Il Prete Rosso" (The Red Priest). He learned to play violin from his father, a barber who also played violin in Venetian opera orchestras. Vivaldi soon earned a reputation as one of the finest violinists in the city, and in the same year as his ordination, took the post of violin teacher at the Pio Ospedale della Pietà, a conservatory for young women, and a rather ritzy and well-equipped institution of higher learning.

The red priest was a rather flamboyant soul, and he lost (and regained) several positions at the Pietà over the years. Eventually he left the school and traveled widely, ending up

her way to One Lincoln Park and Fairmont Church soon after. Virginia was a member of the Northminster Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati for over thirty years where Ashley Ross' mother, Nancy, is Associate Pastor. Virginia looks forward to receiving her hug from Ashley each and every Sunday morning. Virginia declares One Lincoln Park is her favorite restaurant in Dayton. She came to Fairmont because it is close to One Lincoln Park and she prefers the preaching she heard here more than at other churches.

John Weaver grew up in Dayton, Ohio. He is a History Professor and Chair of the Humanities Department at Sinclair Community College. John attended Wright State University, the University of North Carolina and completed his PhD at The Ohio State University. His favorite restaurants are Franco's and Brio. John's hobbies include reading, traveling and hiking. Previously, John attended Covenant Presbyterian Church in Springfield, Ohio. He was attracted to Fairmont church by our Associate Pastor, Denise Ingram, to whom he is engaged to marry next June 30.

Upcoming Events

"Help Through the Holidays – Hope After Loss"

Have you recently experienced the death of a loved one or are you simply feeling blue as you face the holiday season? We would like to offer you some extra support. Please join us for the 11th annual *Help Through the Holidays – Hope After Loss* on **Sunday, December 11, at 2:00 p.m. in Fairmont's Chapel**. We will be sharing practical tips on how to make the most of your holidays as well as leading a time of remembrance and worship.

Our Deacons will be sharing their gift of hospitality by providing refreshments following our gathering. Over the years this has been a very special time of help and encouragement. Pass the word and bring your family and friends. All are welcome!

~ Rev. Bob Wade, Rev. Denise Ingram
& Chris Harper

Generations In Fellowship Together (GIFT) December 14, 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

GIFT is a monthly potluck where members of all ages gather together to share a meal and our joys and concerns with each other. This fellowship event is held the second Wednesday of every month and offers a great opportunity to get to know other members of the congregation who we may not have met before. **Please bring a dish to share that will serve between 10-12 people.** For more information, you may contact **Julie Boden** at 299-3082.

Fairmont Men's Group Activities: Dec. 14, 8:00 a.m. at Bob Evans

The Fairmont men's group will meet at the Bob Evans Restaurant, 7115 Far Hills Avenue (just south of Southminster Presbyterian Church) on Wednesday, December 14, at 8:00 a.m. All the men of the church and their guests are invited. Sign "breakfast" on the attendance pads or call the church office by noon on Tuesday, December 13. Also, plan to sign up to help deliver Jeremiah's Letter gifts. Deliveries this year will be on Sunday afternoon, December 18.

Fairmont Family Invited to Schwartz Open House

The Fairmont church family is invited to a "Celebration Open House" on **Sunday, December 18, from 2-5 p.m.** For more information, see the article in the "Christian Formation" section of this CALL.

MEMORY VERSE for the month:

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.

~ Philippians 2:5-7

Next WOF Coordinating Team Meeting:
January 9 at 7 p.m. in the Upper Room.

Expressions of Gratitude

The family of Warren Webster wishes to thank Denise Ingram, Bob Wade and Fairmont friends for their generous and overwhelming support in helping us celebrate Warren's life. Sharing happy memories with our family has and will continue to sustain us through these most difficult times.

~ Jean, Monica and Ed Webster

Within the Fellowship

Address, Phone & E-mail Changes:

Please pick up a directory at the Welcome Desk for a more complete list of addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses.

Deaths:

Robert Holmes died September 29. Please pray for his son, Richard, and his family.

Linda (Flory) Smiley, daughter of Pauline Flory, died Friday, October 28. Please pray for Pauline and her family.

Glen Kershner, husband of Sharon Kershner and father of Chris, Kim and Jason Kershner, died November 5. Rev. Bob Wade and Rev. Denise Ingram officiated the service at Fairmont. Please pray for Sharon, Chris, Kim, Jason, and their family.

Elizabeth Wells Ketchum, sister of Mark Wells and aunt of Jenny Fiden and Becky Wells, died November 5. Please pray for their families.

Phyllis Schuler, mother of Sara Grillot died. Please pray for Sara and her family.

Baptisms:

Casey Allen Ebert, son of **Kelley Lewis** and **Chad Ebert**, was baptized Sunday, Nov. 13.

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!!

Jayne Hood grew up in Oak Park, Illinois, and Louisville, Kentucky. She has also lived in Fairfax, Virginia, before moving to Centerville, Ohio. Jayne is a retired teacher, who attended Georgetown College in Kentucky, Wright State University and Georgetown University in Washington, DC. She enjoys reading, knitting and traveling. She and Joe have three children, Joseph, Daniel and Sarah. Previously, she attended Providence Presbyterian Church in Fairfax, Virginia. Jayne joined Fairmont because they moved back to the area.

Joe Hood was born in Georgetown, Kentucky. He last lived in Fairfax, Virginia. He was employed as a Government Procurement Practitioner/ Teacher. He also worked in policy and as a Trainer. Joe attended Georgetown College, University of Louisville and The Ohio State University, where he completed his PhD. He enjoys eating wherever there is excellent preparation of food. His hobbies include participating in choral music, attending opera's and symphonies, watching football and track, and traveling. He and Jayne have three children. Previously, he attended Providence Presbyterian Church in Fairfax, Virginia, and the Old Presbyterian Meeting House in Alexandria, Virginia. He joined Fairmont because they moved back to the area.

Louis Perrill grew up in Jefferson Township in Fayette County, Ohio. He attended Jefferson High School and Miami Jacobs and worked as an Accountant. Lou enjoys watching sports and reading. He has three children; William, who resides in Dayton; Sharon, who lives in Mason; and Robin, who resides in Newport News, Virginia. Previously, Lou attended Kirkmont Presbyterian Church in Beavercreek. He was attracted to Fairmont due to its location and he is familiar with Rev. Bob Wade.

Virginia Thomas is a long-time native of Cincinnati, Ohio and moved to Dayton last spring to be closer to her daughter in Beavercreek. She found

in Vienna, where he composed and produced operas and extended instrumental works.

By the time he died in Vienna in 1741, Vivaldi was considered one of the superstar composers of Europe, a landmark orchestrator, and a technical innovator on writing for the violin. We know that many composers, including JS Bach, often copied his scores to learn from the master.

Vivaldi's *Gloria*, RV 598 (there are actually three very similar versions with some revised movements) was written in 1713 for the Pieta. It's scored for three soloists (two sopranos and one alto), four-part choir and a small baroque orchestra of oboe, trumpet, strings and *basso continuo* (a foundational group consisting of one or more keyboard instruments such as organ and/or harpsichord, and bass instruments such as cello, contrabass and/or bassoon). This *cantata da chiesa* is in twelve short movements, each of which sets a line or two of the Gloria text from the mass in various styles, keys, tempos, groups of voices and instruments, and musical textures. Toward the end, you'll also hear an abbreviated reprise of the music's first movement in movement 11, using a new text. The *Gloria* concludes in the twelfth movement, a terrific fugue on the words "Cum Sancto Spiritu" ("and with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.")

We are very fortunate to have an outstanding chamber ensemble of instrumentalists from the region's professional orchestras and universities joining the Fairmont Chancel Choir for this exciting presentation.

~ Dr. Hank Dahlman

Session Highlights

The elders welcomed, examined and approved the recently elected elders and deacons, class of 2014, to be installed/ordained on January 8, 2012.

The Reverend Denise Ingram's stated supply appointment was approved to be renewed for the year 2012.

A holiday pay-policy for part-time employees of the church was approved to become effective on January 1, 2012.

~ Jean Webster
Clerk of Session

Budget & Stewardship Team

Faith & Spirit Led Gifts: What is it? What is it for?

You may have asked yourself those questions when you heard the term, "Faith and Spirit Led Gifts." Faith and Spirit Led Gifts is a way for you to give over and above your regular giving to Fairmont.

Sometimes:

- We feel thankful for God's grace and we want to express gratitude for that grace.
- We realize that all that we have, God has given to us and we want to return some to Him.
- It could be that we received an unexpected check, so we choose to donate it to the Faith and Spirit Led Gifts Fund.
- We feel like giving more to charity so we give to the "Faith and Spirit Led Gifts" of Fairmont.
- We just **want** to help the church.
- We **feel blessed**. God is good!
- We want to show our appreciation for Fairmont's ministry to its members and others.

We have received over \$13,000 in gifts from our members for the "Faith and Spirit Led Gifts" Fund in the first 10 months of the year. This money came from large and small donations. The money from this account is used to help balance our current year's budget. We thank all those who donated this year. It really helps!

When your Faith and/or the Holy Spirit leads you, we encourage you to do as other members have and give to Fairmont's Faith and Spirit Led Gifts Fund.

God is good! All the time!

(Until the end of this year there is a tax advantage for contributions from your IRA. See the next article below, "**There is only one month left for you to save on your taxes!**" to find out more!)

There is only one month left for you to save on your taxes!

According to current IRS provisions tax payers can still make charitable contributions directly from their IRA accounts. This provision is slated to expire December 31, 2011. Fairmont members are urged to consider:

- Complete your 2011 pledges with tax free funds this year
- Paying your 2012 pledge with tax-free IRA funds this year
- Making a contribution to the "Worship and Music Enhancement Fund"
- Making a gift to Fairmont's "Faith and Spirit Led Gifts Fund"

You save two ways: no taxes on the IRA withdrawal and you get a charitable tax deduction for 2011.

If you have questions or choose to use this provision, contact your broker or investment advisor. In order to meet the IRS provisions, the transfer of funds from your IRA account must go directly to the church by the end of 2011.

Evangelism & Member Care Team

**AED Review Class
Sunday, Dec. 4 at 9:30 a.m.**

We are lucky to own an automatic defibrillator that anyone can use...you don't have to be a health professional. Some of you attended the training that I offered last fall. I'm having another one on Sunday Dec. 4th at 9:30 a.m. in the Church Parlor. There will be an opportunity to see the unit and a short video explaining how easy it is to use. Remember, the life you save may be your loved one!

~ Ann Diller, RN

DON'T FORGET: LAST DAY TO ENROLL IN MEDICARE IS DECEMBER 7!

Medicare has changed the open enrollment period this year. **Enrollment is going on now through December 7.** This includes those who wish to change their enrollment (for example, Medicare Part D Drug enrollment) or to sign up for the first time. Please note that if you are due to sign up for the first time and miss your enrollment date, you will have a **penalty attached to your premiums for the rest of your life.**

If you do not change your Medicare Part D Drug enrollment before the Dec. 7 deadline, you will not be able to do so for another year. This can make a big difference in your drug costs, especially if your drugs have changed or the drug coverage has changed. It is critical that all seniors are aware of these new dates. For residents of Kettering, you may call **Vicki Carraher.**

An Easy Way to Serve!

Ideally, we should have greeters at several entrances every Sunday, at both services. It's our first opportunity to let visitors know how glad we are that they've come to worship at Fairmont.

Greeter sign-up sheets are posted on the bulletin board near the Parlor. Please consider volunteering for this important, yet easy way to help Fairmont be a welcoming church. Simply arrive a bit early, put on a name tag and a smile, and say hello to all who enter!

Insulated Coffee Mugs Available

The Evangelism and Member Care Team is selling insulated coffee mugs with the Fairmont logo on them. They are available at the coffee area in Fellowship Hall each Sunday for just \$2 each. Mugs are free to visitors! Questions? Call **Sally Athmer .**



shuttle guests every 15 minutes to and from the church parking lot which is very near our home. We hope you will be able to come!

~ Rick and Jane Schwartz

Need your leaves raked? Need your gutters cleaned out? Need Christmas decorations out of your basement? Moving? Rearranging your furniture? Can't reach that light bulb? Need your flower beds weeded? Need yard work done?

Call our Youth!

Contact **Ashley Ross**, and two youth will be sent to your house to complete your chores. We except donations and cookies!! Contact Ashley at aross@fairmontchurch.org.

"The Way Café" meets Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:25 a.m. in the room across from Ashley's office. All Middle and High School students are welcome to come drink coffee and learn about Jesus. If interested in helping provide baked goods for The Way Café please contact Ashley at aross@fairmontchurch.org.

Women of Fairmont News

15th Annual Christmas Cookie Walk Sunday, December 11

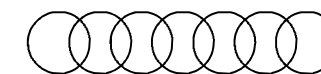


The WOF's 15th Annual Cookie Walk will take place December 11 after each worship service. You can satisfy your sweet tooth, cut back on Christmas baking, and do some Christmas shopping in Fellowship Hall that day. You benefit and so do many worthy mission projects. If you are bringing cookies to sell at the Cookie Walk, please drop them off in the kitchen on Saturday morning, December 10, between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. You may also bring them to the

kitchen before church on Sunday morning, December 11. If you have questions about the Cookie Walk, please call **Carolyn Eutsler** at or **Connie Wade.**

Women of Fairmont Baking Day Friday, December 9

The Women of Fairmont Baking Day will be on Friday, December 9, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We will set up in Fellowship Hall for rolling cut-out cookies, baking and icing them. Those participating need to bring their recipe or dough and major ingredients. We will need cooling racks, baking sheets, and storage containers. All other items will be on hand, including at least one mixer and plastic/wax wraps. Come and have fun and fellowship while baking for the Cookie Walk! Please contact **Carolyn Eutsler** or **Connie Wade** if you have questions.



CIRCLE MEETINGS – If you don't have a Circle yet, this will be a great chance to meet other women and decide which Circle is right for you. Our Circles meet at different times and on different days in order to give many opportunities for Fairmont's women to join a Circle.

Circle 1 – Dec. 12, 6:30 p.m. Christmas Gathering
Hostess: Bonnie Grieco

Circle 2 – Dec. 21, at 11:00 a.m.
Hostess: Sally Bruggemann

Circles 3 & 4 – Dec. 21, at 11:00 a.m.
Hostess: Jan Walters

Circle 5 - Dec. 21, 1:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor
Contact: Lillie Harris

Circle 6 – Dec. 21, Christmas Gathering (TBA)
Contact: Jenny Fiden

Circle 7 – Dec. 10, at 10:30 a.m.
Brunch at Mimi's Restaurant
RSVP - Barb Shinn by Dec. 8.

For your convenience the study will take place: on **Sundays at 9:30 a.m.** in the Chapel and **at 6 p.m.** in the Resource Center/Library and on **Wednesdays at noon** in the Fellowship Hall. Come when you can! Books may be purchased for \$12 in the Fellowship Hall or the church office. Come and prepare your heart to welcome the new born King!

Share Your Christmas Traditions...

During the 4:30 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Service we would like to share a PowerPoint slide show of family traditions found within our Fairmont family. Do you have pictures of the whole family in their new Christmas Eve jammies? Do you decorate your tree the same way every year? Do you celebrate over a special meal? Please submit all photographs (labeled with your name on the back) to the church office by Sunday, December 18th. If you'd like to submit digital pictures, you can e-mail them to **Richard Weyrauch** at weyraurb@woh.rr.com (deadline is also Sunday, December 18.) It doesn't matter how old the photos are (they can even be in black and white) we would love to see your family!

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!

A huge thank you to **Paul Fenwick** for taking time out of his busy work schedule to paint the new baby nursery a bright and cheery yellow called "Little Angel."

Thank you to **Glenn Stevens, Rich Bowden, and Fritz Fiden** for their help in clearing out the art room, figuring out the fire codes, and setting up the new nursery.

Thank you to **Ashley** and the PYC for an awesome Family Game Night with 60 people in attendance. Thank you, too, for your hard work in collecting over 542 lbs. of food items for the FISH Pantry at Southminster. Way to go!

Thank you to **Peggy Van Deursen** and **Dee Harvey** and to all of the children in the Children's Choir. It is so wonderful to hear you

sing in worship. We look forward to hearing you again on Christmas Eve!

Wanted for the Nursery: A second Rocking Chair or Glider



Family Worship for Cantata Sunday

December 18 is a third Sunday and typically the children would remain in worship for the Family Worship Service. However, since it is the Cantata (which is in Latin) and the children may not be as comfortable there, they are invited to attend a special multi-age showing of "Buck Denver asks...Why Do We Call It Christmas?" (a "What's in the Bible?" DVD) or they can remain in the Sanctuary for the Cantata. There will be **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** on Christmas (December 25) so everyone can celebrate Jesus' birth together in our combined Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.!

Fairmont Family Invited to Schwartz Open House

We are inviting our church family to a "Celebration Open House" on **Sunday, December 18, from 2-5 p.m.** As many of us gather with friends and relatives during the holiday season, this open house offers our church family an opportunity to celebrate and reflect on our congregation, as well as share the joy of this Christmas season. All are welcome, including your family and friends that may be visiting for the holidays. No need to dress up, just be comfortable and join us for friendship and fun at our open house.

We will need you to sign up, so we know how many friends to expect. So please sign the Friendship Pads or call the church office to let us know you will be coming. In addition, parking is very limited at our home since there is no street parking on our narrow lane. To alleviate this problem, the church will furnish cars and vans to

Fairmont Missions

Alternative Gift Market Success!

Thanks to all of the shoppers that visited the AGM at Southminster Presbyterian on November 5. Fairmont supported eight booths and contributed to the markets success. Over \$15,000 was raised to support the missions represented. There were over 35 booths that were representing the AGM selected missions and six local charities that were invited. The shoppers were treated to entertainment and excellent food at the market café. New this year was a Fair Trade Marketplace.



Your Mission Team thanks all of the Fairmont volunteers who spent hours preparing for this event, many who manned the different booths, several who helped with the checkout and otherwise assisted all shoppers in getting to the right booth.

The market has been continuing in Fellowship Hall to accommodate our members who were not able to attend AGM.



The Mission Team would like to thank the congregation for packing 68 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. The shoeboxes were delivered to Patterson Park Church where they will be loaded onto semi-trucks. They then go to North Carolina to prepare for shipping overseas. These shoeboxes will brighten the life of a child in need. Thank you for taking the time to fill a shoebox with some joy.

Thank you and continue to pray and provide assistance to the many mission opportunities our church provides.

~ The Mission Team

"Go Green for the Mission Team"

Recycling of aluminum cans continues at Fairmont. Place clean, dry cans in the Go Green canisters located at the double door entrance, in the Fellowship Hall and beside the elevator. Proceeds from the cans support the Honduras Education fund providing books and school uniforms to students in need.



Christian Formation Team

NOTE: At the October Session meeting, the decision was approved to combine The Christian Education and Discipleship and Small Groups Teams. This team will now be known as the **Christian Formation Team.**

Sunday School Schedule

This year our Sunday School will be using a program called "Living the Good News" which is a lectionary-based curriculum with PCUSA specific additions.

9:30 - 10:25: Combined-age class
10:30 service: Toddler Class, Pre-K/Kindergarten, 1st - 3rd Grade & 4th - 6th Grade classes

We anticipate great things this year and look forward to a new season of Sunday School!

Advent Bible Study!

You are invited to a special Advent book study entitled **The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem** written by Adam Hamilton. This study, led by **Rev. Bob Wade**, will seek to explore the story of Jesus' birth with fresh eyes and ears using Hamilton's book, the Bible and a DVD which will help us visualize the route Joseph and Mary took to Bethlehem.



December 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:00am Preschool (Preschool) 7:00pm Budget/Stewardship Meeting (Office) 7:00pm NA (012) 7:00pm Chancel Choir (Choir Room)	2 9:00am Preschool (Preschool) 12:00pm OA (012)	3
4 8:30am Casual Service (FH) 9:30am Children's Choir (108) 9:30am Advent Study (Chapel) 9:30am Fellowship Hour/Sunday School (FH) 9:30am Defibrillator Training (Parlor) 10:30am Traditional Service (Sanct.) 11:30am Fellowship (FH) 3:00pm Cub Scout Meeting (012) 5:00pm PYC (FH) 6:00pm Advent Study (Library)	5 9:00am Preschool (Preschool) 12:00pm OA (012) 2:00pm Vital Signs (FH) 7:00pm AA (012)	6 9:00am Preschool (Preschool) 10:30am Staff Meeting (Office) 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline 12:00pm AA (012) 5:30pm Personnel Team (UR) 6:30pm Session Team (FH) 7:00pm Mission Support/Interp. (UR) 7:00pm EM Team (Library) 7:00pm Christian Formation Team (109) 7:00pm Worship Team (127) 7:30pm Cub Scout Leadership Meeting (012)	7 9:00am Preschool (Preschool) 9:30am No Craft Group (012) 12:00pm Advent Study (FH) 6:30pm Praise Band (CR) 7:30pm AA (012)	8 9:00am Preschool (Preschool) 7:00pm NA (012) 7:00pm Chancel Choir (Choir Room)	9 9:00am WOF Baking Day (FH) 9:00am Preschool (Preschool) 12:00pm OA (012)	10 10:30am Circle 7 (Off Site)
11 8:30am Casual Service (Sanct.) 9:30am Cookie Walk (FH) 9:30am Fellowship Hour/Sunday School (FH) 9:30am Children's Choir (108) 9:30am Advent Study (Chapel) 10:30am Traditional Service (Sanct.) 11:30am Fellowship (FH) 2:00pm Help Through the Holidays (Chapel) 5:00pm PYC (FH) 6:00pm Advent Study (Library)	12 9:00am Preschool (Preschool) 12:00pm OA (012) 2:00pm Vital Signs (FH) 6:30pm Circle 1 (Off Site) 7:00pm AA (012) 7:00pm Building and Grounds (109) 7:00pm Finance Team (Library) 7:30pm Board of Trustees (109)	13 9:00am Preschool (Preschool) 10:30am Staff Meeting (Office) 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline 12:00pm AA (012)	14 9:00am Preschool (Preschool) 9:30am No Craft Group (012) 12:00pm Advent Study (FH) 6:00pm GIFT (FH) 6:30pm Praise Band (CR) 7:30pm AA (012)	15 9:00am Preschool (Preschool) 6:30pm Pack Meeting (FH) 7:00pm NA (012) 7:00pm Chancel Choir (Choir Room)	16 9:00am Preschool (Preschool) 12:00pm OA (012)	17 Jeremiah's Letter 8:00am Chancel Choir (Sanct.) 9:30am Circle 7 Moved to 12/10/11 (Off Site)
18 8:30am Casual Service (FH) 9:30am Advent Study (Chapel) 9:30am Fellowship Hour/Sunday School (FH) 9:30am Children's Choir (108) 10:30am Traditional Service/Cantata/Family Worship (Sanct.) 11:30am Fellowship (FH) 2:00pm Open House/Schwartz Home (Off Site) 3:00pm Cub Scout Meeting (012) 5:00pm No PYC (FH) 6:00pm Advent Study (Library)	19 9:00am Preschool (Preschool) 12:00pm Call Deadline (Office) 12:00pm Castle Luncheon (Kitchen) 12:00pm OA (012) 2:00pm Vital Signs (FH) 7:00pm AA (012)	20 9:00am Preschool (Preschool) 10:30am Staff Meeting (Office) 12:00pm AA (012) 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline 7:00pm No Session (109)	21 8:00am Men's Luncheon/Bob Evans (Off Site) 9:00am Preschool (Preschool) 9:30am No Craft Group (012) 11:00am Circle 3/4 (Off Site) 11:00am Circle 2 (Off Site) 12:00pm Advent Study (FH) 1:00pm Circle 5 (Parlor) 6:30pm Praise Band (CR) 7:00pm Circle 6 (Parlor) 7:30pm AA (012)	22 9:00am Preschool (Preschool) 3:00pm Blood Drive (FH) 7:00pm NA (012) 7:00pm Chancel Choir (Choir Room)	23 8:00am Office Closed at Noon 9:00am Preschool (Preschool) 12:00pm No OA (012)	24 4:30pm Casual Christmas Eve Worship/Children's Service (FH) 7:30pm Traditional Christmas Eve Service (Sanct.)
25 10:30am Single Service (Sanct.) 11:30am Fellowship Hour (FH) 5:00pm No PYC (FH)	26 8:00am Office Closed 9:00am No Preschool (Preschool) 12:00pm No OA (012) 2:00pm No Vital Signs (FH) 7:00pm No AA (012)	27 9:00am No Preschool (Preschool) 10:30am Staff Meeting (Office) 12:00pm AA (012) 12:00pm Bulletin Deadline 2:00pm Vital Signs (FH)	28 9:00am No Preschool (Preschool) 9:00am No Call Mailing (133) 9:30am No Craft Group (012) 6:30pm Praise Band (CR) 7:30pm AA (012)	29 9:00am No Preschool (Preschool) 7:00pm No Chancel Choir (Choir Room) 7:00pm NA (012)	30 9:00am No Preschool (Preschool) 12:00pm OA (012)	31