

BAY MESSENGER

DECEMBER 2009

10 a.m. Sunday School

10 a.m. Sunday Worship

Child care available



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

FAMILY SERVICE

5 P.M.

Our early service on Christmas Eve will be at 5 p.m. Join us as the children of our church again put on a traditional Christmas Pageant telling the gospel story of Jesus' birth. Children of all ages are welcome and expected at this service, which will also include carols and the traditional candlelighting (flashlights for the little ones!). Bring a friend!

TRADITIONAL SERVICES

7 AND 9 P.M.

Our later services on Christmas Eve will be held at 7 and 9 p.m. These identical services will include readings, hymns, songs from our Chancel Choir, solos, and a meditation from Rev. Bill. Both services will conclude with the traditional singing of "silent Night" as candles are lit. Bring a friend! Visitors are expected!

ADULT STUDIES — ADVENT

The Adult Studies Mission will present two Advent Classes on the four Sundays of Advent from November 29 through December 20.

At the 8:30 a.m. class we will present "Advent Conspiracy — Can Christmas Still Change the World?" In this four-session series we will be invited to substitute compassion for consumerism by practicing four simple concepts:

1. Worship Fully
2. Spend Less
3. Give More
4. Love All

At 6:30 p.m. we will present "Hallelujah," an Advent Bible study based on the Christmas portion of Handel's *Messiah*. This study exposes us to the Biblical origins of the text of Handel's *Messiah*. We will listen to selections from the *Messiah* and read the Biblical selections from which the text was taken. The author of the Resource Book also provides a discussion of the historical context and its significance to the music. We will ask that participants help to defray the cost of the Resource Books (\$12). Some time spent on the material at home will enhance our understanding and appreciation when we gather for the class on Sunday. We look forward to seeing you there.

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“THE WORD IN DECEMBER”

December 6—Second Sunday in Advent

Luke 1:68-79—Zechariah blesses the baby who will become John the Baptizer

Luke 3:1-6—The ministry of John the Baptist

Message: **“Road Work Ahead”**

December 13—Third Sunday in Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-20—The joy of restoration to Jerusalem

Isaiah 12:2-6—A song of deliverance

Message: **“Restored, Renewed, Refinished”**

December 20—Fourth Sunday in Advent

Luke 1:47-55—the Magnificat

Luke 1:39-45—Elizabeth goes to visit Mary

Message: **“Reversal of Fortune”**



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Sarah Ruth Circle

Wednesday, December 16

12 p.m.

Lunch at Arrabiata’s

Lydia Circle

Tuesday, December 15

6:30 p.m.

Home of Jennifer Sauer

Bring an appetizer or dessert and a \$1 gift for the exchange.

Circle of Hope

Sunday, December 13

7 p.m.

Dates to Remember

Christmas Tea

Sunday, December 6

4 to 6 p.m.

Holiday music provided by the Bay High School Choraliers

RSVP by Wednesday, December 2

To Jennie Sebrasky, 440-371-7239, or e-mail: ohioblue@oh.rr.com

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Christmas Cookie Sale

Sunday, December 13

11 a.m.

**PLEASE NOTIFY
THE CHURCH OFFICE
of any birth, death, mar-
riage, hospitalization,
change of address, or
change of email address**

**GO PAPERLESS —
GET THE MESSENGER ON LINE!**

Because we are actively striving to be good stewards and due to the increasing cost of publishing the *MESSENGER*, we encourage you to view the *MESSENGER* from our website.

E-mail carolsue_bumc@sbcglobal.net, and we will take you off our “snail” mail list. You will receive a notice by e-mail each month letting you know that the new issue is on our web site, www.bayumc.org.

FINANCE MINISTRY

2009 YEAR-TO-DATE INCOME AND EXPENSE

Beginning Cash Balance 1/1/09	\$ 27
Receipts (See note below)	+343,383
Expenses year-to-date	<u>-382,244</u>
Net Receipts Shortfall	\$(38,834)
Transfer from ENDOWMENT	
Spendable Interest	<u>\$ 28,880</u>
Ending Balance 10/31/09	<u>\$(9,954)</u>



NOTE: Receipts include \$30,307 in prepaid pledges for 2009.

As you can see, our current rate of giving and Endowment Spendable Interest is not covering our expenses. The church's leadership continues to keep spending well below plan.

To cover this shortfall in receipts we have had to take out a \$20,000 loan.

THE CHURCH NEEDS YOUR HELP to continue its growing number of ministries, programs, and fellowship events.

FIESTA FLING A SUCCESS!

Thanks to all the performers for our Fiesta Program:

Randy Geise, Charlie Post, Janice Scheufler, Matt Ashton, David Scheufler, Daniel Scheufler, Sue Gierosky, Katie Post, Katelyn Waddle, the Chancel Choir, Barbee Baker, Carol Sue Beck, Ron Muth, Chris Venesile, and Bill Zurkey.

Thanks to all who donated the food for our Fiesta Meal:

Church Council, Chancel Choir, Gray Eagles, United Methodist Women, Membership and Evangelism Committee, Worship Committee, and Education Committee.

Thanks to everyone who helped set up, serve, and clean up.

Thanks to our great staff for assisting with the many details.

Thanks to our Fellowship Group:

Connie Vannucci, Bob Kirkpatrick, Carol Sue Beck, Eric Richardson, Chris Funkhouser, Sandy Zurkey, Amy Shipley, Marge Gulley, and Nancy Manuel.

Thanks to all who attended! We are so pleased to report a free-will offering of \$425 will be going to the Nehemiah Mission in downtown Cleveland.



FROM OUR MAILBAG . . .

To Bay UMC Members,

Thank you for your cards, prayers, and calls during my recovery from ankle surgery. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated. I hope to be up and about soon. Many thanks.

Loretta Knebusch



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CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

I wish to participate in the beautifying of our sanctuary with Christmas flowers.

I am enclosing \$10 for each plant ordered:



Name _____

No. of Plants Ordered _____ Phone _____

Amount Enclosed _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Please take your poinsettia for yourself or for a shut-in after the 9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING FLOWERS IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13.

At the time we publish the Christmas flower list, we will also publish a list of the Alternate Christmas Giving.

CHRISTMAS SHARING THROUGH ALTERNATE GIVING

APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT - Ecumenical Home Repair Ministry sponsored by the United Methodist Church.

KNICKERBOCKER APTS. - Provides housing for the elderly, supported by HUD and originally built by Bay Interfaith Housing, Inc., a group of Bay Village churches.

NEAR WEST FOOD & FAMILY CENTER - One of the Cleveland Hunger Centers where people can receive periodic bags of groceries.

BEREA CHILDREN'S HOME - Provides residential services and treatment for children, youth, and families with problems and crises.

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK - Provides shelter, meals, & comprehensive services to temporarily displaced families through the hospitality of participating churches and synagogues.

NORTH COAST HEALTH MINISTRY - Ecumenical Health Ministry to those who do not have insurance and do not qualify for government aid.

WORLD SERVICE - the basic program and benevolence fund of the UM Church; participates in thousands of worldwide ministries.

I WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ALTERNATE GIVING:

Name _____

A donation of \$ _____ designated for:

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| _____ APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT | _____ INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK |
| _____ KNICKERBOCKER APTS. | _____ NORTH COAST HEALTH MINISTRY |
| _____ NEAR WEST FOOD & FAMILY CENTER | _____ WORLD SERVICE |
| _____ BEREA CHILDREN'S HOME | |

In memory of _____

In honor of _____



Christmas Tea

The members of Bay United Methodist Women would like to invite all men, women, and children to attend their annual Christmas Tea. Please join us for an afternoon of cake, beverages, fellowship, and holiday music provided by the Bay High School Choraliers

Date: Sunday, December 6

Time: 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

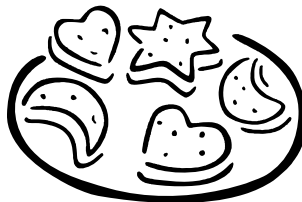
Where: Bay UMC parlor and sanctuary

R.S.V.P. by Wed. 12/2

to Jennie Sebrasky, 440-371-7239

or e-mail: ohioblue@oh.rr.com

A freewill offering will be taken to benefit the missions supported by UMW.



**UMW ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE**

**Sunday, December 13
11 a.m.**

We need many of our congregation to help us by making cookies to help raise money for our missions. Please sign up on this tear off and place it in the offering plate or in a basket/box in the Narthex.

Cookies may be brought to church and put in the Upper Room
Friday, December 11, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday, December 12, from 1 to 3 p.m.
or prior to 8 a.m. on Sunday, December 13.

If you are willing to help package or sell cookies Sunday morning at 8 a.m., call Betty Pfeifer, 440-835-3095.

(Fill out and place in the offering plate or in a basket/box in the Narthex.)

COOKIE SALE

I will bake cookies.

Name _____

I will help package cookies on Sunday morning starting at 8 a.m.

Name _____

