



# The Edifier

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Church Newsletter

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2012 has begun. We are well underway and already planning activities for the new year. Currently we are compiling appointments for the new directory. If you have not already made your appointment, please make sure to call the office and sign up or stop at the table in the narthex of the church. There is no purchase required to be included in the church directory.

One upcoming event will be our Pledge Service. I will be working with the worship leaders at EUMC to plan a worship service where we can make a pledge and promise to our church and to the Lord concerning our giving. Each of us will be given a piece of paper on which we will place the amount that, by the grace of God, we hope to be able to give to the church. We won't put our names on the paper. This is not for the church to track giving, this is instead a way to solidify our promise to God to honor him with our gifts, our service, our prayers, our time, our talents and our witness.

If this is new to you, I hope that you will take the time to consider it carefully. No one is asking you to give beyond your *ability*. However, remember that it is our God who makes us *able*. If you are uncomfortable with this in any way and would like to talk about it, I would be happy to discuss it further. I feel comfortable trusting each of you to give as the Lord leads you.

When Paul addressed the church at Corinth he said, "Each of you should give whatever you have decided. You shouldn't be sorry that you gave or feel forced to give, since God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7 God's Word Translation) This statement by the Apostle Paul reflects the truth that the church calls us to be accountable to one another and to be faithful in our giving. The statement also reflects the truth that we do not give out of fear of punishment, but rather the joy of giving.

Consider further the fact that giving is not only about money. As the congregation of EUMC it takes every one of us to do the work of the Lord. Each of us has talents that the Lord has given which set us apart as unique children of God. Yes, God gave us talents to support ourselves, but aren't we called to glorify Him in all that we do? "Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together." (Psalm 34:3 NIV) What can you do to Glorify the Lord?

Let us look forward to the new year with great joy. God is always faithful and He has something great in store for us. Look at all that He has accomplished in our midst.

In His Love, Brother Jack



## Eddyville United Methodist Women – 2011 in Review

Your Eddyville United Methodist Women are pleased with all that was accomplished in 2011. When a need in our community and beyond became known, Methodist Women and the congregation stepped up to the plate. A BIG “Thank You” goes out to all.

We met all our obligations to the UMW District in order to retain our 6 Star Status in Mission Giving. We also honored Linda Outlaw with a recognition pin, and remembered those we lost: D. Dycus, O. Qualls, M.

Reynolds, Savoy & M. Earle. In 2012, we will remember Ms. E. Gray, and Mrs. A. Stoehr. Other mission giving included: the Kentucky Children’s Home with Christmas gift cards, the Morreau’s African Ministry, Corona de Vida Church in Hopkinsville, UMCOR with birthing kits, Red Bird Mission with school backpacks, and Henderson Settlement with Christmas gift boxes.

Our local sponsorships and donations included: Caldwell County Free Clinic, “Marvelous Monday” school supplies, Lyon Co. Board of Education’s “Imagination Library”, the Lyon Co. Scholarship Fund, Project Prom, Relay for Life, Princeton Health & Rehab birthday party, EUMC Building Fund, Spring & Winter banners for the church, Vacation Bible School, Spring 2011 Flood Bucket project, Upper Room Devotionals for the congregation, and UMW Reading Program books for the church library.

EUMW also hosted a District Mission Study meeting, the Passover dinner, the Good Friday luncheon, a District Lay Leaders meeting as well as a Spring luncheon fundraiser and the Merrie Market bazaar. In April, we will be hosting the UMW District Spring Day Apart. Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 14, and join us for a half day of fellowship.

Thank you again.

Nancy Minor, UMW Treasurer



**As I look back over 2011 and recall all the good times with our congregation I rejoice for the stewardship of all of the officers and committee's in the church leadership.**

**We also shared some sad times: Members who have gone home to be with Jesus and members who are fighting the good fight for their health. Praise and encouragement to all of you.**

**At the close of 2011 we are excited about the administrative committees many undertakings. We also look forward to information on the Isaiah Project. There are so many people who contribute their talents, gifts, time, and prayers to make it what it is. Thanks to all of you for your gracious participation in our church.**

**Praying 2012 will be a year of growth for our church. May we turn our eyes upon Jesus for leadership.**

**Your Church Edifier Coordinator, Betty Moyer**

**A thought to share:**

**If I had to rely only on myself in this earthly journey I might find that I have become unglued. Luckily we have the Holy Spirit to guide us, and Jesus compassion to help us through the hard times and to intercede for us to God.**



## **Families & Friends**

### **Characteristics of Exceptional People**

**We can all learn from those individuals who have faced and overcome major problems, such as life threatening illnesses. What do these exceptional people have in common? Here are some of the characteristics they frequently share:**

- **They have a fighting spirit and refuse to feel helpless and hopeless.**
- **They are assertive and have the ability to get out of stressful and unproductive situations.**
- **Rest, inner calmness, exercise and optimum nutrition become top priorities.**
- **Their spiritual life takes on central importance.**
- **They listen carefully to their inner guidance.**
- **They forgive and let go of old hurts and resentments.**
- **They focus on giving and receiving love.**
- **They live in the here and now, fully attentive to the present moment.**

**Source: Dr. Sam Quick, UK Extension Human Development & Family Relations Specialist (retired).**

*Reach out and let these servicemen know they are appreciated and we are proud of their Service to our country. .*

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This is beautiful— and it is surely worth making the 5 finger prayer a part of our lives.

1. Your thumb is nearest to you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C.S. Lewis once said, a “sweet duty.”
2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.
3. The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God’s guidance. Also include our servicemen and women here and abroad who always stand tall in the duty of defending and protecting our nation. They need God’s strength and comfort.
4. The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger; as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.
5. And lastly comes our little finger; the smallest finger of all. Which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, “The least shall be the greatest among you.” Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively. (Author Unknown)



A new year is here! Our first meeting is Tuesday, January 10th . Betty L is the hostess and Nancy M. has the program on “Prayer and Self Denial.

Remember, we will not have a meeting in February.



Our March meeting is on the 13th. Betty Moyer and Frances Baccus are the hostesses and Betty M. has the program.

### UMW CALENDAR

February— No Meeting

March 13—Regular Meeting

April 10th—Regular Meeting

April 14th—Spring Day Apart (EUMC is hosting).

May 8th—Regular Meeting

Nancy Hobgood, President



Those of you who use the kitchen for CHAOS, Fellowship, UMW, and Bereavement dinners realize the need for new dishtowels and pot holders. If you would like to help resupply the kitchen, please bring new items and leave on the kitchen table for the church’s use.

Thanks,

Vickie Ramey

### A little Bible Humor

**Q. What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth?**

**A. Ruthless**

**Q. What do they call pastors in Germany?**

**A. German Shepherds.**

**Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?**

**A. Noah, He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.**

**Q. Who was the greatest female financier in the Bible?**

**A. Pharaoh’s daughter. She went down to the bank of the Nile and drew out a little prophet .**

**Q. What kind of motor vehicles are in the Bible?**

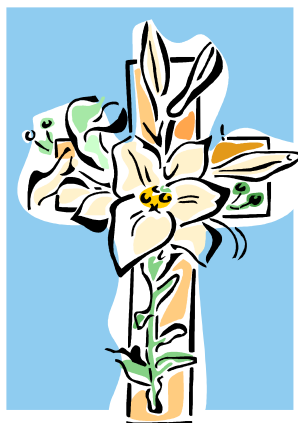
**UNITED METHODIST MEN BREAKFAST**

**The UMM will meet the 4th Sunday of each month**

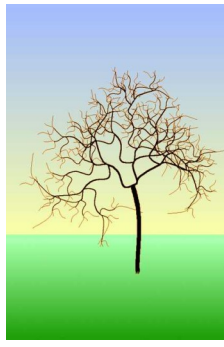
**The UMM has trash to sell (bags that is). Why don't we all try to help them out! This is a fund raiser to benefit the building fund.**



**Merry Christmas from Bright Life Farm**



Mrs. Ann Stoehr, a long time member of EUMC, died at her residence, surrounded by family and friends. She will be missed by all who knew her. Bro. Jack Larwa officiated at her service at Lakeland Funeral Home.



## Worship Committee

The “Worship Committee” would like to thank;

1. The United Methodist Women for purchasing the Christmas Banners.
2. Those who donated items to be used in the Christmas decorations.
3. Chris Bugg, Yvette Brehm, Vickie and Tony Ramey for decorating the church for the Christmas Season.

Thanks, Vickie Ramey



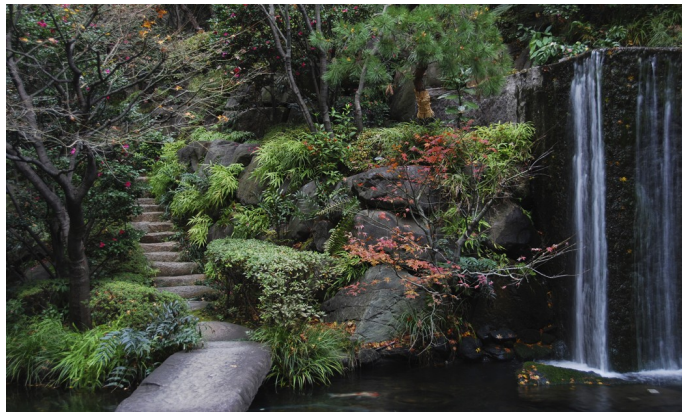
## Fellowship News

The donuts on Sundays haven't gone away.....YET! But the committee is seeking advice on the type of breakfast food you like. We are now only going to have breakfast on the second Sunday of the month. We will have sausage, biscuits and donuts, milk, coffee and juice. Any suggestions, please let Denise, Annie, Karen or Carol know.

**Fifth Sunday fellowship meal will be on Sun. Jan. 29th. We will be celebrating everyone's birthday. So, if your birthday falls in Jan. you should sit at that table, and etc. for February. That is what fellowship is all about. We usually sit with just our existing friends, so step out of the box and meet some new friends. Remember we are suppose to be a church family.**

Thank you,

Fellowship Committee: Denise, Annie, Karen, and Carol



**On Nov. 13, Nancy Gallerie and Brandy Harris, gave their testimonies on their incredible Emmaus Walk. They told how their lives have changed as a result of this time spent in fellowship with God.**

**God's Blessings and thank you for your testimony.**



**This group of ladies sure look like they are having a good time celebrating Denise's birthday at the Cabin Restaurant, managed by Rose Fraliex.**