

THE MESSENGER

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*Our mission is to share the good news of Jesus Christ with all people
as a racially diverse congregation, through worship, service, education, and fellowship.*

DECEMBER, 2011

From Pastor Hart Edmonds, Interim:

Opening the Gifts of Christmas: “Faith, Peace, Life, Love”

*The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood.
We saw the glory with our own eyes, the one-of-a-kind glory, like Father, like Son,
generous inside and out, true from start to finish.*

John 1: 14 The Message Bible

When we think of gifts, most of us first recall the ruins of Christmas mornings when we were children, with piles of paper and ribbons scattered about, beautiful bows cast aside—bows that someone had taken time to prepare and to put beautifully into shape—all ruined in a great rush to get inside that mysterious box or parcel. In a meditation on the meaning of “gifts”, the late Peter Gomes, who was the minister at Harvard Chapel for many years, suggests another ideal of Christmas that takes us beyond what we get for ourselves.

This deeper experience of Christmas leads us beyond what we “get” to what we “give” to others. As Gomes observes, the search and careful thought given to gifts to present is rather a spiritual pilgrimage that allows us to at least initially attempt a match between the gift, the giver, and the gifted one: **a sort of trinity of the right present for the right person from the right person.** Gomes then concludes with this insight, “I cannot remember all my presents over the years, but I do remember the relationships.” Isn’t that what we all hope will be our lasting memory of gifts?

As we experience the hopefulness of the Advent Season and the great gifts of God that we receive through the Christ child, **the spiritual pilgrimage of this season is really about the relationships that we will deepen with others in our lives as well as the God who makes all of life possible.** The Message Bible translation of John 1:14 expresses this so beautifully in describing Christ as “generous inside and out, true from start to finish.”

In the Christmas Season, there are many occasions to give and receive gifts not only for our immediate family and loved ones, but also with others who may even be strangers to us, but certainly not strangers to God’s love. **In Fellowship Hall in Advent**, you will find a display for **the Heifer Project** which provides a means for you to give the gift of animals in struggling nations where people can have their livelihood changed for the good by a milk producing cow or goat, or find sustenance from a whole range of other animals ranging from pigs to chickens to bees. Through the course of Advent Sundays, we will also have opportunities to make gifts of particular items to **The Caring Place** including the mitten tree placed in the sanctuary. But that is not all! Gathering with God’s people in worship and fellowship is an opportunity to make the gift of relationship to one another.

A gift is the way we say what often we dare not say without it, the gift gives us permission to say I love you, I really think you are special, I care about you, I am devoted to you, and I want you to know it. Ultimately, that is the meaning of God’s gift to us: the child in the manger is the means by whereby God’s love is presented to the people whom he loves!

Pastor Hart

*“A Guatemala Diary: (November 4-10, 2011)
Pastor Hart Edmonds*

In the course of worship on Sunday, November 20 the congregation heard stories about the recent mission trip to Guatemala from Martha Highsmith, Jan Goings, and Pastor Hart Edmonds. As we prepared to share a sample of our stories and experiences with the congregation, we each realized that it would be impossible to share the full depth of our experiences. After all, how do you explain what it feels like to have young children bow their heads to receive a blessing from you when you speak the K'anhab'al greeting “kashkame”? When these loving children present themselves for a blessing, you realize more deeply what Jesus meant when he told the disciples not to prevent the children from coming to him. The following excerpts from my own personal diary are offered as brief glimpses of a Guatemala mission trip for eleven members of the Presbytery of Cincinnati. As I have reflected on my own experience, the ten days we traveled in Guatemala moved from being a mission trip to something more like a spiritual pilgrimage of discovering God at work.

Why did we make this journey? For each of us, there was a clear sense of God's calling. We committed to this experience with the expectation that we would be inspired by the faith of our K'anhab'al sisters and brothers. And we were! Our orientation prior to the trip also prepared us to be educated about the troubled cultural environment of a complex Central American Country, as Guatemala certainly is. Observing the Presidential run-off election on our first Sunday in-country affirmed that, with the highly visible presence of a fully armed military in the public squares of the towns where we were. We also made the trip to reconnect with our mission partners around San Juan Ixcoy, which is the region of the K'anhab'al people group, one of 14 Mayan groups of the highlands.

Following our arrival on Friday afternoon, November 4 we were met by our PCUSA Mission Co-Worker, Rev. Philip Beisswenger and our driver Alfredo. We learned that the Presbyterian Church was invited into Guatemala in 1882 and the first church started in that same year. This was the very first Protestant church in the country. The term “**mission co-worker**” was adopted in the early 1960s to reflect a move away from a more parochial and United States dominated influence on the national Guatemalan church to a relationship of mutual respect and partnership. Partners each bring something to the relationship. In 2001, our own General Assembly adopted a policy statement that affirms that “we believe we are called to mission through the discipline of partnership.”

After traveling by bus all afternoon on Friday and passing an amazing series of volcanoes and mountains, we arrived at the Presbyterian Seminary founded in the 1940s by Presbyterian missionaries Paul and Dora Burgess. They were a remarkable couple who learned the languages of several people groups in order to translate the Bible into indigenous languages. Yes, the gospel message of good news is fundamentally translate-able into all cultures! The Burgess' trained leaders and also brought knowledge of advanced agricultural practices to the people in far-off villages. Theirs was a “holistic gospel” that met the needs of “whole people” with a life affirming message.

The current Moderator of the seminary was a woman whose name is Brumilda. She spoke of challenges to the nation and to the church. Providing safe water is a project of the Guatemalan National Presbyterian Church, which has benefited by technical training and assistance from PCUSA mission partners. Brumilda also spoke about the ongoing challenge of malnutrition in rural areas. We later learned that the area where we centered our own mission work has a 68% level of malnutrition according to a recent government report. Along with that, Brumilda reported, not enough children pursue education and often end up working at an early age. Sadly, this is especially true of young girls who do not typically receive any family inheritance or the same level of support as boys. There are significant challenges of youth delinquency in the country as a whole. While Brumilda shared these stark realities, she also spoke to how the Guatemalan Presbyterian Church viewed the worth and value of girls and women far differently than the rest of society. The impact of faith has been to elevate the status of women in the church and community. Hearing this was a testament to the work of God and to faithful Christian teaching over the course of time. We also learned of the New Horizon Shelter for Women that was pioneered by the Presbyterian church in Guatemala.

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After departing the seminary in San Marcos, we traveled most of Saturday, November 5 until arriving in San Juan Ixcoy late that afternoon. Our bus journey took us high into the mountains, and we were rewarded with extraordinary mountain vistas, along with travel through a shepherding region of another indigenous people group. As our bus pulled into San Juan Ixcoy, we were met by local church leaders including a man named Marcus Lucas, who has long been known as a visionary leader in the formation of the Presbytery and the many churches in surrounding villages. It seemed that all eyes were fixed on us as we climbed out of our bus to explore the town. Children soon began crowding around us! A young boy named Peter saw us from his home on a hillside and began doing backflips to get our attention. Our leaders escorted us to the Church of Resurrection which was our host for much of the week ahead. To get there we walked through a market area and passed a communal washing pool covered by a tin roof. Women were washing their clothes on rough grinding stones. Another day I saw women washing their hair, and then a young girl drinking out of the same communal pool. Clean, fresh water is an urgent public need!

Our work during the course of the week ahead involved preparing the foundation for an addition to the school facility run by the Presbytery. It was very demanding work using only the simplest tools of shovels, pick-axes, sledge-hammers and pure muscle power. The women of Kennedy Heights were amazing earth movers! I believe the women of Kennedy can indeed move mountains!

A highlight of the week was a dinner we were invited to at the home of the young adult leaders of the Presbytery, the home of a young man named Freddie who is a pastor's son. It was a remarkable evening! The youth organization is named "Prophetic Vision", and they range from their twenties to early thirties. These young leaders were restless with energy and a desire to move forward on a number of fronts: including taking charge of clean water operations for the Presbytery, meeting the needs of the poor, and offering programs for children. They also had appointed two of their young leaders as evangelists to other young people in the area. What an inspiring example! Over a long dinner conversation, we learned of generational tensions that seem to be a universal issue in the church.

How do older and younger generations work together for a vital ministry of the church? We shared that this is also an issue among Presbyterians here in the United States. Our mission trip leader, Ron Cowgill from College Hill Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati, offered remarkable wisdom and leadership in promising these young leaders our help in communicating with their elders. In a true work of God's Spirit, our last meeting with the local Presbytery leaders led to a resolution of differences with the young leaders from "Prophetic Vision" and a commitment to new levels of cooperation.

On our final week-end in Guatemala City, after leaving San Juan Ixcoy we visited Central Presbyterian Church for worship on our last Sunday. It was founded in 1882, and they were celebrating their 129th anniversary. The service was lively with a marvelous contemporary worship band with singers who led the congregation. Balanced with that was an inspiring solo of "How Great Thou Art" and "A Mighty Fortress is our God." All this plus a 45 minute sermon! It was fitting to close our mission trip with worship in this historic church. In January, we will share our photos with a slide show one Sunday.

The support of the people of Kennedy for this mission trip is greatly valued by each one of us!

Getting Unstuck

Report from the Montreat Institute for Church Leadership

Four KHPC elders—Sue Imhausen, Janet Langhorst, Lydia Morgan, and Edith Patton--attended this workshop which was held at Montreat on October 23-27, 2011. This was the first time for anyone from KHPC to participate in a conference of this type. The overall theme of the conference was providing new ways to lead churches and was attended by clergy, musicians, elders and congregation members. Here are our personal impressions of our time at the conference:

Sue Imhausen—Although I have participated in the Music and Worship Conferences at Montreat several times, I have never had the experience of participating in a leadership workshop. My previous times have always been in mid-summer and never have I seen the majesty of those mountains in full-blown autumn. Absolutely breathtaking! The highlights of this conference for me were the worship/Bible studies. We were privileged to hear three wonderful teachers/preachers. Many of the liturgies and methods will be shared with you in future worships, I'm sure. The other wonderful experiences were attending the three workshops offered that week. I attended Linda Bryan's workshop on Adaptive Leadership which stressed changing ways of changing church leadership in our society. The second workshop on the relationship between the Gospel and justice, led by Julie Clawson, was full of ideas and practical means to use our Christianity in everyday trade and use. I plan to give KHPC regular ideas of how to make these differences in our lives. The third workshop was in re-imagining evangelism with Bryan Dunagan. We have to re-imagine ways to inspire our congregations to live in such a way that makes people curious and want to be a part of what we have. We have discussed this many times during our Journey of Transformation. It was inspiring to see so many young people taking leadership roles in the conference. Their enthusiasm was contagious. There were no strangers; we spoke with and ate with many new friends. Sign up next time the conference is presented!!

Janet Langhorst—Like Sue, I have been to Montreat many times but was new to this kind of conference at this time of year. Despite the different focus, I was glad to see many old friends and enjoyed helping out with worship—in fact, we all were communion servers. The wonderful worship services were connected to the morning Bible study because the morning leaders were the evening's preachers. One of the workshops I attended was led by Raafat Girgis, who has preached here at KHPC and who is the Multi-Congregational Associate at the General Assembly in Louisville. Although I am very familiar with Raafat's work with multiculturalism, he led a great workshop called "Leadershift" which talked about the changes needed in leadership style in order to function effectively in today's social structure—and, most importantly, how to do it. Raafat has the gift of being intensely spiritual and evangelical, but also very clear-sighted and practical. I learned a tremendous amount at this workshop.

Lydia Morgan—Montreat was a joyful and very spiritual experience. The beauty of the mountains and fall foliage made the ideal backdrop for my first visit. I met many people who shared their stories of the changes in Montreat over the years as well as their own personal life experiences that have changed them both spiritually and socially. The morning Bible study and evening services each day set to the tone for an amazing journey of faith and spiritual renewal in the workshop sessions and in time spent just walking around experiencing the campus and the other people there. This was my first visit but I know it will not be my last.

Edith Patton--I was impressed with the Morning Prayer & Evening Worship Services, the songs and presentations by speakers. One workshop was with Julie Clawson a Mom, writer & former pastor. She spoke on the daily impact of our daily choices, how in other countries child and slave labor are used to produce foods (coffee, cocoa) that we use everyday. We give help to these countries, but is it fair for us to receive goods if they are produced in such a way? Another workshop was with Brian Dunagan, a teacher & youth pastor. He spoke on communicating the scriptures for life change. He sees the church as a movement, not an institution. Members of the church should go out as disciples to carry the service to others, not just contain what we learn and do inside the walls of the church. He suggested that we meet & greet in a circle as apposed to rows, (This is something that we do) which is a better way to be more intimate and share our lives. He spoke of a technical approach of presenting words of prayer & songs on a large screen or wall for all to follow.

**From all of us, thank you for allowing us to attend this workshop.
We hope many more of you will join us next year!**

NOTES FROM KHPC SESSION MEETING, NOVEMBER

KHPC Session met at their regular time on Tuesday, November 1, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. After a brief discussion of how the study of the Extravagant Generosity guide was meaningful to individual members, the group continued to discuss the future steps in this stewardship program. The objective of Extravagant Generosity is to transform the culture of the church from fundraising to generosity as a cored value of discipleship and as an outcome of our Journey of Transformation. Lyn Battle will give an interim report on the result of the pledge income to the congregation on November 13. The Session approved using this same program for 2012 and will begin planning in late spring.

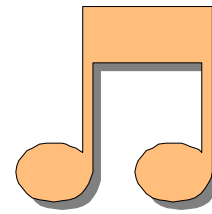
The Session will be responsible for the budgeting process for 2012. Various committees will work with the treasurer to determine needs. All ministries will meet with Session at their regular meeting on December 6 to establish the budget for 2012. The budget will be presented to the congregation at the Annual Meeting, which date is yet to be determined. A full financial review of the books and records is needed at the end of the fiscal year.

Two workshops are planned for the near future: one on financial planning and one on the application of the vision, both with Ray Schulte.

Committee reports were presented. The Guatemala Café netted nearly \$1000. The Mission Ministry asked permission to ask the congregation to match a \$1000 gift from the ministry for the Caring Place on December 4. The Advent party and sanctuary decorating will take place November 26. Resources reported that the planned painting is finished, the parking lot is repaved and line and a few minor repairs have been made. There will be worship services on Christmas Day and New Year's Day in the Fellowship Hall. A review of our roles to determine the active and inactive members will take place before the New Year. Inactive status simply means the member cannot hold a church office; they are still entitled to all services of the church.

The meeting ended with prayer and adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk of Session, Sue Imhausen



KHPC MUSIC MINISTRY

DECEMBER 2011

Advent is here! Our theme this year is “Unwrapping the true gifts of Christmas”.

DECEMBER 4 Advent II Today’s theme is “Peace” and the Caring Place special request of the day is for *toilet paper*. The Chancel Choir will sing “Empty Lies the Manger” and Cel Bellman will be speaking to us about the Caring Place and their ministry. We will also be receiving a special monetary offering for their work. Don’t forget your mittens/hats/scarves for the Mitten Tree—today and next week.

DECEMBER 11—Advent III Today’s theme is “Life” and the Caring Place special request of the day is for *personal care items*. The Chancel Choir will be singing “When God’s Time Had Ripened” and Sue Imhausen will be speaking about Alternative Christmas practices, especially the Heifer Project. There will be more information in Fellowship Hall following worship. This will also be the last day for the Mitten Tree. Please sign up for the Caroling Party next Sunday.

DECEMBER 18—Advent IV Today’s theme is “Love” and the Caring Place special request of the day is for *cereal*. The Chancel Choir will be presenting their special music—“A Day for Dancing” which is a setting of old carol texts to new music composed in the style of medieval dances. Leanne Greenberg will be the soloist and Abby Langhorst will be playing percussion. The Brass Choir will be playing an extended prelude for worship today and enhancing our carol singing as well. The Youth Group will be presenting the theme of the day. After worship, be sure and stick around for the

KHPC Caroling Party!! This is our annual pilgrimage to the shut-ins of the church to spread cheer and some Christmas music. Everyone—whether you are going out to carol or not!—will share a light lunch in Fellowship Hall after worship. Then, everyone can share in a “warm-up” carol sing before the travelers depart to visit our homebound members. If you are planning to go out with us, please RSVP on the Fellowship Pad or to Janet Langhorst by December 11.

DECEMBER 24—5 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Service Continuing our Advent worship themes, this year’s pageant is called *Every Perfect Gift*. The service will be led by the children and youth of the church.

Candlelight Service 10:00 p.m. Come for communion, lots of carol singing and bell ringing.

DECEMBER 25—Food, Fellowship, and Worship This year, we have the privilege of celebrating Christmas on Sunday with worship together to remind us of the true meaning of Christmas! There will be an informal family worship and brunch is included. More details on this to follow in the weekly e-news and in the worship bulletins.

REHEARSAL TIMES AND DATES FOR DECEMBER

CHANCEL CHOIR	Thursdays 7:30 p.m.	December 1,8,15, 22
ADULT BELL CHOIR	Thursdays 6:30 p.m.	December 1,8,15, 22
KHPC KIDS	Wednesdays, 5:00-5:45	December 7, 14

Dress rehearsal for the December 24 service is Saturday, December 17, from 10:00-11:00.

BRASS CHOIR	Rehearse TBA	Play in AM worship 12/18
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KEEPING THE DOOR OPEN AT KHPC CELEBRATING THE GOOD STUFF

“Celebrate God all day, every day.....Summing it all up, friends, I’d say you’ll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse.”

(The Message Bible--Philippians 4: 4, 8-9)

Recent “good news events”:

- The Guatemalan Mission Members—Jan Goings, Martha Highsmith, and Hart Edmonds—had a successful and fulfilling trip to Guatemala with the team from the Cincinnati Presbytery.
- We celebrate that people are still bringing pennies in regularly to Pennies for Peace. Our current documented total stand at \$327.87, (that’s **32,787** pennies!) which puts us close to our next goal of collecting \$365. Thank you for all the donations so far and please keep the pennies coming
- We have continued to have a great response to our specific monthly requests from the Caring Place. During Advent, we will have specific requests for each week, which are listed on the Advent Activities page. Please give generously!!
- The Youth Group had a very successful Rake and Bake, raking many bags of leaves and selling great baked goods. They raised a total of \$350.
- Anthony Wallace was part of the cast of “Sweet Charity” at Mount Notre Dame High School.
- KHPC once again hosted a Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thanksgiving Day. Thanks to all who helped and to Lydia Morgan for coordinating.

Want to help keep the good news coming??? Visit the Mission Table in Fellowship Hall to see how you can help. Also, be sure and share YOUR good news.

(or anyone else’s 😊)

KHPC YOUTH GROUP

December 2011

We raised \$350 for our first Rake and Bake and really appreciate the congregational support! Here are our activities for the month:

December 16 Possible participation in the Gameworks Fun Faith Night. Lock-in to follow if we do.

December 17 Dress rehearsal for the Christmas Eve Family Worship Service. 10-11 a.m.

December 19 Cooking for IHN. Note that we are doing this on **MONDAY NIGHT** this time. Meet at church at 3 p.m.

December 24 Family Christmas Eve service at 5 p.m. Call at 4:15 p.m.

Youth Group is open to ALL KHPC youth--and their friends--in grades 7-12.



ADVENT 2011

**"Unwrapping the true gifts of Christmas:
Faith, Peace, Life and Love"**

So many opportunities to give--make a difference this blessed season!!

November 27 Advent I FAITH

Caring Place Advent request--*peanut butter and canned meat*. Susan Stebbins will talk about faith. **Poinsettia orders** must be turned in today.

December 4 Advent II PEACE

Caring Place Advent request--*toilet paper*. Today is also the first of two Sundays to decorate the **Mitten Tree** with warm hats, scarves and gloves. Cel Bellman will be speaking about the work of the Caring Place and we will be receiving a special monetary offering for this faithful agency.

December 11 Advent III LIFE

Caring Place Advent request--*personal care products*. Today is the last day to bring items to decorate the **Mitten Tree**. Sue Imhausen will be speaking about alternative Christmas gifting practices and there will be information about the Heifer Project in Fellowship Hall following worship.

December 18 Advent IV LOVE

Caring Place Advent request--*cereal*. Our **KHPC Brass Choir** will be playing an extended prelude and accompanying some of the hymns during worship. Come early!! The **Chancel Choir** will be presenting A Day for Dancing, a cantata of early carol texts set to Medieval dance style music. The Youth Group will talk about the gift of love as our Advent gift. Plan to stay afterwards for our annual:

Church Caroling Party

This year, we will once again gather immediately after church for a simple lunch, and then go caroling and spread holiday cheer. See Janet Langhorst for more information.

December 24 Christmas Eve

Our **Family Christmas Eve Service** will be at **5 p.m.** and all are invited. Worship is led entirely by our children and youth.

Come early to the **Candlelight Christmas Eve Service** at **10 p.m. this year** for the extended prelude by the Adult Bell Choir and organist Hyeun Suh. Carol singing, Liturgical Dancers, dramatic readings about the Nativity characters and anthems by the Chancel and Adult Bell Choirs.

Unwrapping The True Gifts of Christmas



THE
PRESBY – WOMAN



“2011 WINTER GATHERING”

TUESDAY, December 6, 2011

Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church

6312 Kennedy Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45213

“Blessings of Faith and Spirituality”

Speaker: Rhoda Brumfield

Registration: 9:30 a.m.

Worship, Speaker, Business meeting: 10:00 a.m.

12:00 Luncheon

Cost of Luncheon: \$6.00

Reservations must be made by

Please call: Ruby Metts (513-631-8118) or

Susan Stebbins (513-531-1788)

Child care will be provided upon advance request only.

Together in Service: Gifts cards of \$20.00 or more from K-Mart, Walmart or Target which will be sent to GLAD House.

(children of parents in rehab, for substance abuse.)



**REMEMBER OUR
SHUT-INS**

**WITH LOVE AND PRAYERS,
CARDS, CALLS, AND VISITS**

Fay Bach, Priscilla Burroughs, Lena
Freudenberg, Eleanor Kirby, Arcenia Mason,
Lorene Robbins, Beulah Weppler.

Directory Changes:

Roger Floyd
5330 San Mateo Blvd. NE # F91
Albuquerque, NM 87109-6275

Thank You:

To KHPC,

I really appreciate what the church has done for me! The monies given to me was evidence of how you mean what you say. "Thank You" doesn't seem like enough! I don't have to worry about a ride now. God Bless You! Love, Christine

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

WISE WOMEN BOOK CLUB:

The Wise Women Book Club will meet on Saturday, December 10, 2011 at Sue Ann Spears (751-5014). Please R.S.V.P. to the Host.

**Book: Hotel on the Corner of
Bitter and Sweet**

Author: Jamie Ford

WOK & Naomi Circle

All Women of Kennedy and Naomi Circle ladies, please see Edith Patton or call (891-1996) to confirm your reservations for the Annual Christmas Luncheon at Rusty's Ristorante on Blue Ash Road in Deer Park on Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at 12 Noon. Confirmed reservations must be mad no later than 12/15/11! The WOK will have a pre-Christmas gift collection for the Caring Place. The need is for Adult underwear both male and female, also socks and blankets. Please bring donations to church either Dec. 4 or 11, so they can be included in the Christmas box distribution on Saturday, Dec. 17 at the Caring Place.

CARING PLACE WISH LIST:

Your generous support of the Caring Place is much appreciated. In December, you may continue your support through contributions of: (*personal toiletry items for both men and women, tooth brush, tooth paste, deodorant. Also, the clothing closet is in great need of men's shirts and pants still, and new underwear & socks for men, women and children in all sizes. The food pantry needs cereal, peanut butter, tuna fish & can fruit*). The Food Pantry welcomes any donations of non-perishable food items.

COMMUNITY ITEMS :

METALLIC MEN:

The Metallic Men meet here at Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church on the 1st & 3rd Fridays at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Dec. 2: TBA

Speaker: TBA

Nov. 16: TBA

Speaker: TBA

BLACK NATIVITY

A Gospel Celebration

Directed by Don Sherman

Don't miss the 2011 Black Nativity, A CBTC Seasonal favorite. From the poetry of Langston Hughes this musical is a Legendary Christmas event, the Black community's Christmas gift to the world. It is without a doubt a theatrical wonderment. A joyous company of singers, actors, dancers and musicians delivers its powerful message of joy, hope, victory and love.

Play Times for Black Nativity:

12/16 7:30 p.m. \$20.00

12/17 2:00 p.m. \$20.00

12/17 7:20 p.m. \$20.00

Word of Deliverance, 693 Fresno Rd.,
Forest Park, OH 45240

Call for Group and Children's Rates and for
Tickets (513) 241-6060





BIRTHDAYS IN DECEMBER

- 1 Catherine Akama-Dibo
- 2 Ashley Mangrum
- 4 Martha Lambert
Morgan McCoy
- 5 Laura Vilas
- 6 Clarence Leatherwood
- 7 Evelyn Brasington
Patricia Brown
Angela Long
Gregory Nippert
- 10 Sue Ann Spears
- 11 Amanda Burroughs
- 12 Monica Faison
- 15 Willa Smith
Karen Thomas
- 16 Joan Brown
Jan Goings
- 18 Kirsten Holm
Wade Swormstedt
Cheryl Ware
- 21 William "Bill" Goings
- 22 Kristen Joy Scott
Brenda Wallace
- 24 Laura West
- 25 E. M. Akama-Dibo
Jane Patterson
- 27 Denise Ford
- 29 Carla Patterson
Erik Ziedses des Plantes
- 31 Lynwood "Lyn" Battle

CHILDREN BIRTHDAYS in december

- 2 Malcolm Spencer Faison
Maxwell Xavier Faison
- 6 Jaden Burroughs
- 12 Mycah Faison
- 30 Walter Jonas Miller

Parking Lot in december:

- 4 Mike Hedges
- 11 Ted Ziedses des Plantes
- 18 Henry Morgan
- 24 **Police Coverage**

25 David Singleton

USHERS & Greeters

FOR THE MONTH OF december:

- 4 Christopher Che, Captain, Rose Che,
Peg Meyer, Gloria Mangrum
- 11 Anthony Wallace, Captain, Joey Furlong,
Kristen Scott, Rachel Smith
- 18 Doris Herring, Captain, Clarence Herring,
Brittany Conner, Shirley Hoffeld
- 24 **Bob Kamp, Captain, Mary Shea,
Karen Brown, Euvie Rankin**
- 25 Karen Thomas, Captain, Mike Hedges,
Edith Patton, Susan Stebbins

(please call Bob Kamp, 631-4924 if unable to Usher or Greet)

Liturgist for december

- 4 Bob Rankin
- 11 Marcia Lane
- 18 Brenda Wallace
- 24 **Bill Brown**

Communion servers

- 4 Bob Rankin (liturgist)
Janet Berger
Christopher Che
Abby Langhorst
- 24 **Bill Brown (liturgist)**
Jack Drake
Doris Herring
Sue Roerdanz

BEADLES FOR december

- 4 Emma Rankin
- 11 Kristen Scott
- 18 Allison Singleton
- 25 Cassy Simmons

COFFEE HOUR

- 4 Edith Patton
- 11 Ruby Metts
- 18 Sue Roerdanz
- 25 Lydia Morgan & Brenda Wallace

(if you can't make your Sunday for Coffee Hour in October,
please call Ruby Metts @ 631-8118)





This year's pageant is called:
"Every Perfect Gift"

The Family Christmas Eve Service will be at 5:00 p.m.
led by the children and youth of the church



"Candlelight Service"
10:00 p.m.

Come for communion, lots of carol singing
and bell ringing

