



The Harvest

2011

Combined Newsletter of the:
Prairie du Chien United Methodist Church
Eastman Salem United Methodist Church
Wauzeka St. Paul's United Methodist Church

Welcome to the combined newsletter of the Prairie du Chien, Eastman and Wauzeka United Methodist Churches. We hope you enjoy it and welcome your feedback!
Be sure to check out the full color version of this newsletter at, www.pdcumc.org

Wauzeka's Cookie & Candy Walk Saturday — December 3rd — 8 to 11 am CENTURY HALL, Wauzeka



Enjoy a truly amazing array of beautifully enticing goodies. Cost is still only \$4.50 a pound. Come early and enjoy the fellowship, hot coffee & free samples. Can't be there? We will deliver!!



Call 875-5017 After 14 years, our bakers know what you want!!

**Sponsored by Wauzeka
St. Paul's United Methodist Church**

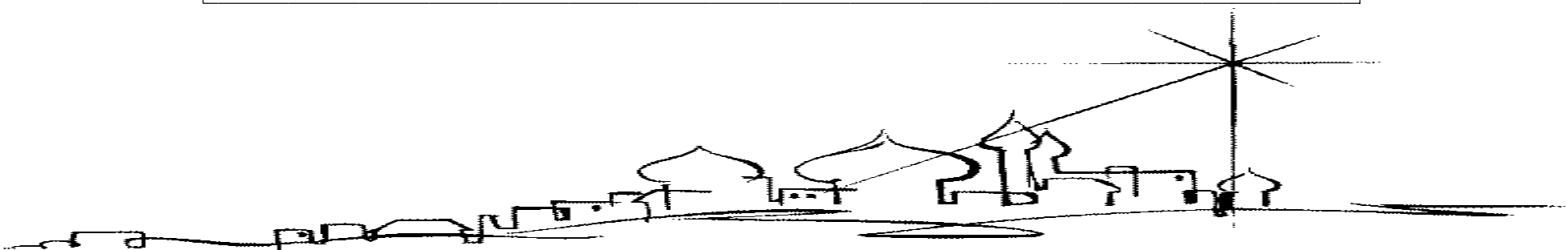


Attn: PdC, Wauzeka & Eastman

The Salvation Army Bell Ringing season has begun! Last years donations were used to purchase new shoes and clothes for 24 children in 26 families, provide gas, food, emergency lodging and prescriptions to 94 people. Pay several utility bills, as well as new coats and school supplies for several families. As you can see, the money does a lot of good right here in Crawford County. And all of the money was raised from our Red Kettle Bell Ringing Season.

A sign up sheet will be passed around soon for those interested in helping out. If you haven't rang the bell before, this is your year to help out! For those dedicated bell ringers we are counting on your support again this year. Wauzeka & Eastman will be ringing the bell at Piggly Wiggly on Dec. 10th. PdC is ringing the weekend of Dec. 9th at Cabela's. Thank you in advance for your willingness to help out.

*"To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior,
who is the Messiah, the Lord."*





Reflections from Pastor Mike



GREETINGS FOLKS!!! In the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit!!!

December is here. It may seem strange to mention the obvious but in fact our lives flow ever so constantly forward. Oh I know, I did not mean to say that it necessarily flows smoothly; I only meant that no matter how it seems, it only goes by the second, minute, hour, day, week, month, year, decade, etc. On good days or when we are having fun at whatever activity, it seems like time flies away, whereas during times of duress or strain it seems like time drags out. Time marches on to the tune of God and it brings us ever closer to the time of the returning of Jesus to earth. And also to the eternal peace and happiness to found in Heaven.

It may again seem strange to say that here, for this is the month that we observe the birth of the Christ child for the first time into human existence in human form. When one reads the Gospel of John and the book of Genesis we find that in fact Jesus has been ever present, just as God and the Holy Spirit always have been and always will be. A concept that the human mind in its only finite ability to conceive, can not begin to fathom... the infinite Trinity.

With all that being said there are a lot of things that will be happening this month. You will note many of them here in the news letter and in the weekly bulletins.

One of the things that I will be sharing during our time of worship is that there will be a Christmas Eve service on Saturday the 24th of December rather than the regular Saturday evening contemporary service and yes, yes, yes!!! There will be a Sunday the 25th of December Sunday morning worship service!

Right here and now I understand that there will be a lot of folks from out of town visiting and I understand there will be lots of regular Christmas Day family activities, and there will be lots of family visiting here in town...but would I be a servant of God and your servant shepherd if I were not to remind you that of all of the Holy of Holy Days what could be more Holy than the thought that God sent His only begotten Son into the world to die for the world's sins so all who believe in Him might enter into the timeless and endless kingdom of Heaven. So In the business of the day of Christmas I would please ask you to remember just who and what we are remembering on CHRIST-mas day. I would encourage you to encourage all of the family that may be visiting with you during the Holy Days to come to worship with you, or if you are visiting out of town, encourage them to all go to worship as a family.

Lynn and I wish all of you a very Blessed and Merry Christmas!!!

Please, come join in our time together either on Saturday evening at 5 P.M. or on Sunday Morning at 10 A.M. for community worship.

If you would like to have a visit please call Jen and we will set up a time for me to come see you.

Smile upon someone as you are smiled upon by God each day of your life.
God's Servant, A Brother Walker Upon The Way, and Your Servant shepherd,

Pastor Mike



Lynn's Corner



John Uldrich's mother was a social worker who worked with unwed mothers. Over the years she helped many families. Some of these grateful parents asked if there was anything they could do for her. "Well," she told them, "if you have any good used clean clothes or toys, I'll take them."

John remembers the boxes that mysteriously appeared in the garage. Each year at Christmas John's mother would deliver the toys and clothing to her clients. John remembers the Christmas he was 9 years old. One day he passed through the garage and noticed "the most wondrous airplane." The airplane was made of metal and very big, "about three 3' long with a 3' wingspan." Airplanes interested young John. He was sure the plane in his garage just had to be for him. "Surely my mother would give the treasure to me," he thought. But as Christmas Day approached his mother delivered the airplane to someone else. "This seemed like the meanest thing a kid's mother could do," John thought at the time. John was very disappointed on Christmas Day when he did not get the airplane.

One day in the spring John's mother asked him to go along with her on one of her visits. His sisters and he took turns going on these trips. It was their mother's way of having private time with each of them and also of letting them see another side of life. That day they visited a family with 13 children who lived in an old farmhouse. While his mother visited the family John wandered around by himself. As John turned the corner of a weathered barn, he stopped short. There was his airplane! A little boy was pushing it through the sand and the grass and the dirt. Somehow, though, it was all right. Some maturing must have taken place because John was okay about this boy having it.

On their drive home John's mother never mentioned the airplane. Many years later John discovered that one of the boys in that family became a 747 pilot and another was a military flight instructor. "I like to think that maybe receiving that airplane as a Christmas gift was a factor in determining what they did with their lives." John says. ** John Uldrich discovered a simple truth about Christmas. It is to be shared.

James 2:15-17 "If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead"

What better way to share Christmas (the Good News of God in Christ born to us) than to help those in greater need than ourselves! In this newsletter our churches are offering many ways for you to do just that – Bell Ringing, Food Pantry, helping a family in need, gifts for babies, mittens for school kids.

Take time to pray about these opportunities. What is God leading you to do with the resources you have? Not everyone can give to everything; but everyone can do something!

Together in the Ministry of Christ,

**from "Christmas Remembered," Ron DelBene (ed). Nashville, Upper Room Books, 1991



Happening's in Wauzeka & Eastman



OPPORTUNITIES to SHARE CHRISTMAS at Wauzeka & Eastman

Salvation Army BELL RINGING: "Make a joyful noise" for a good cause. Wauzeka/Eastman's assigned day is Saturday, December 10th at Piggly Wiggly. We need bell ringers from 10am until 8pm. Sign up at church for one or two hour increments. Invite a friend and make it a team effort.

GIFTS FOR BABIES to Honor Baby Jesus: This project started when the Sunday School kids chose NOT to exchange gifts but give to others instead. The Family Resource Center has been the very grateful recipient. Parent Educator, Amanda Nagel, reports that these gifts of baby shampoo, baby body wash and diapers are VERY appreciated by the families who receive them through the center. Please bring these items to church any time during the month of December. The Eastman Church will collect these items in the side room at the manger of baby Jesus.

FOOD PANTRY: All food items are needed throughout the holidays. Purchasing a Kwik Trip gift card for donation to the Pantry is a great way to get fresh milk to those in need.

MITTEN TREE (Wauzeka only): Mittens, caps and socks are always needed in the Wauzeka-Stauben elementary and are greatly appreciated by the staff who work hard to keep our kids safe and warm.

GIVING CROSS (Eastman only): This is a new project this year. The Eastman church will take on the challenge of providing Christmas for a family in need in Crawford County. Volunteer coordinator, Jill Sheckler, will receive from the CouleeCap Office the "wish list" of one family. The individual items on that "wish list" will be placed on the "Giving Tree" (on landing outside sanctuary door) where worshippers can participate by choosing an item to purchase and return to the church by December 18th.



"Thank you" in advance to all those who make the effort to go the extra mile to
SHARE CHRISTMAS through these projects!



Wauzeka's Empty Plate is FULL!

Thanks to so many for their generous gifts to Wauzeka's annual Empty Plate Offering. This year **\$4,860** was collected. This enabled the church to pay off the loan at the bank for the new steel roof AND fulfill our Apportionment obligation for the ministry of the United Methodist Church in the world.



Eastman FALL SUPPER deliciously successful!

An excellent crowd enjoyed the food and fellowship at the annual Fall Supper on November 3rd. Thanks to everyone who donated, attended and promoted the supper, especially the cooks and planning committee Jill Forde, Taya Granzow, Sally Light, Bonnie Sheckler. The results were a net \$848.10.

NOTE at EASTMAN: Any orphaned pans/dishes must be claimed by January 1st. After New Years Day they will be put out for adoption to interested cooks.





Happening's In Eastman & Wauzeka



WAUZEKA ACTIVITIES

Dec. 3rd, Saturday – Cookie & Candy Walk at Century Hall, 8:00 am to 11:00 am. Enjoy the goodie" tables and a free cup while collecting some of the most unique and delicious holiday treats. All proceeds support the general ministry of the church.

Dec. 4th, Sunday – Decorating for Christmas will follow worship. Anyone who can stay to help is appreciated. Thanks to Ed Reichmann for providing the Christmas Tree. – for those who can stay following worship.

Dec. 15, Thursday – Christmas Caroling led by the choir with any and all invited. We will begin at 10:00 at Prairie Maison and Bluffhaven. At 11:00 we'll vocalize with Walter Schmidt, then conclude with lunch together.

Dec.18, Sunday – Annual S.S. Christmas Program with the Lutherans at the Methodist Church, 8:30 am

EASTMAN ACTIVITIES

Dec. 3, Saturday – Soup Potluck & Decorating the Church/Hall, 6:30 pm. The decorations are all ready to be hung. We just need the help. If you have finger food or cookies to share, feel free to bring them. Its always fun to have the kids decorate the trees in the church and the hall

Dec.4th, Sunday – Coffee, Snack & Fellowship at 9:30 am.

Dec. 13, Tuesday – The U.M.W. share together in their annual Christmas Dinner. This year it will be a potluck at Friendship Hall at 11:30 am with spouses. Christmas cards will be signed and sent to those who need a “good word” and our annual donation will be collected for Cystic Fibrosis in honor of some very special grandchildren.

Dec.18, Sunday – Annual S.S. Christmas Program, 10:15am.



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Our traditional evening service of carols, candlelight and communion will be held at each church on Saturday evening, December 24th: Wauzeka 6:30 pm, Eastman 8:30 pm.



On CHRISTMAS DAY (Sunday) there will be ONLY ONE MORNING SERVICE. Wauzeka will host this service of “Carols & Lessons” at 8:30 am (no service at Eastman). Thanks to Sharon Dearborn and Gloria Thompson for their leadership.



***POINSETTIAS:** To help adorn the sanctuary in celebration of Christ's birth, families are invited to bring a poinsettia on Christmas Eve to share. To include the names of those being remembered or honored in the Christmas Eve bulletin, please contact secretary Jen Kapinus (326-8321 or 875-6019) or Pastor Lynn.



We offer our prayers to those with loved ones spending their first Christmas in heaven.

We remember the families of:

Jeff Smethurst (son-in-law of Dorothea Walker)

Laura Lippmann (mother of Shirley Emery)

Jeanne Bunders (mother of Sharon, Diane, Phyllis, Al)

John Wallin (father of Rita Trautsch)

Joyce (Hollenberger) Divine (cousin of Leota Granzow and Lenzendorfs)



Happening's in Wauzeka & Eastman



On the frontline of hospitality, our **GREETERS** for December are:

	<u>Wauzeka</u>	<u>Eastman</u>
4 th	Mary Riggs	Darlene Payne & Dorothea Walker
11 th	Ken & Sharon Dearborn	Sam, Marsha, Kay Ritter
18 ^h	<i>[volunteer needed]</i>	Rita Trautsch
25 th	Dayne/Todd/Crystal Krachey	<i>[no service in Eastman]</i>



DATES TO REMEMBER in DECEMBER:

- 3rd – (W) Cookie & Candy Walk, 8:00-11:00am, Century Hall
(E) Soup Potluck & Decorating for Christmas, 6:30 pm
- 4th – (W) Decorating for Christmas following worship
(E) Coffee & snacks Fellowship, 9:30 am
- 5th – (W) Bible Study at PdC Bluffhaven, 9:30 am
- 7th – (E) Rock Solid 6:00-7:45 pm
- 9th – Devotions at PdC Prairie Maison, 9:45 am
- 10th – BELL RINGING at PdC Piggly Wiggly, 10:00-8:00pm
(E) Wedding of Bridget Logerquist & Cody Moon 2:00 pm
- 11th – Celebration of St. Nicholas in worship
- 13th – (W) U.M.W. Christmas Dinner, 11:30 am Friendship Hall
- 15th – (W) Christmas Caroling at Prairie Maison, Bluffhaven and Walter Schmidt
10:00 am, followed by lunch
- 17th – (W) S.S. Christmas Play practice 10:00 am
- 18th – S.S. Christmas Play during worship in both churches
- 24th – CHRISTMAS EVE: Candlelight, Carols & Communion =
Wauzeka 6:30 pm, Eastman 8:30 pm
- 25th – CHRISTMAS DAY = 8:30 am service of Carols & Lessons
in Wauzeka ONLY *[No service in Eastman]*

COMING IN JANUARY

- 1ST – New Year Day Worship = (W) 8:30 am, (E) 10:15 am
Eastman Coffee Fellowship 9:30 am
- 15th – SHELTERED REALITY at PdC UMC worship 10:00 am;
Potluck at 5:00 pm followed by performance at 6:00 pm
- 29th – Eastman New Year Dinner



Wauzeka....

3	Scott Schreck
7	Eric Wolf
9	Bill Schwarz
13	Dayne Krachey
13	Doug Oswald
21	Will Hanson
22	Justin Oswald
24	Brooke Rooney
24	Orlyn Chumat
28	Steven McKillip

Anniversary...

*Jim & Darlene
Payne
on December
19th!*

Eastman....

3	Scott Schreck
5	Pete Payne
11	Wilma Schreck
23	RJ Atkinson
24	Bobbie Jo Mallat
27	Vince Feye
29	Hannah Atkinson



Misc. & Etc. For All!



Mark Your Calendar for...

SHELTERED REALITY – music with meaning
coming Sunday, JANUARY 15th

Sponsored by the churches of Eastman, Wauzeka & PdC

“Sheltered Reality” is an enthusiastic percussion performance choreographed to pre-recorded energetic music that brings audiences to their feet (especially youth) while opening hearts to a compassionate message of success for all.

Free Community Christmas Dinner

- *Turkey & Ham *Dressing *Mashed Potatoes *Gravy
- *Corn *Squash *Salads *Cranberry Sauce
- *Homemade Pies!

Sunday, December 25th 12:00 Noon

Where: St. Gabriel’s School Cafeteria
515 N. Beaumont Rd, PdC
Back door of facility is wheelchair accessible.

Reservations: Please call Faith In Action at 608-357-2361 by Wednesday, December 22nd from 9am-noon or leave a message in the afternoons.

Transportation and deliveries available in Prairie du Chien



Monthly Newsletter

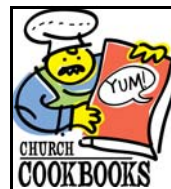
In an effort to save on postage and supplies, please let our secretary, Jennifer, know if you would prefer to receive your newsletter by e-mail in a pdf format. Not only would you help us save on postage and paper, you would receive your newsletter much sooner and it full color! If interested please e-mail Jen at pdcumc@mhtc.net or call the church office at 608-326-8321.

Attn. Hunters: The Food Pantry is in need of venison donations. If you have a deer to donate, please bring it to the Eastman Locker. They will process it for free and donate it to the food pantry. They would like a \$30 donation if possible. The food pantry can only take venison that has been processed by the Eastman Locker.



The first Sunday of each month the churches of PdC, Eastman and Wauzeka will have a food collection for the Food Pantry. The items needed will be printed in the monthly newsletter and weekly bulletin. For December, the items

needed are: **Spaghetti, Spaghetti Sauce, soups.** The Pantry is in great need of donations. Of course, any non-perishable food items are always welcome.



Wauzeka & Eastman UMC’s

Have cookbooks for sale, \$8 each. Great for Christmas gifts!



Misc. & Etc. For All!



Recipe Of the Month

Wild Rice Soup

Instructions: Combine 1 Cup of wild rice and three cups of water in a separate covered pot and cook until water has been absorbed (approx. 55 minutes). In your main pot, add 1 lb. Of bacon cubed. Do not over cook until crispy and do not drain. Add 1 medium onion, 3 stalks of celery, 4-5 carrots (everything sliced, shredded, cut, or however you like them)

Combine with 3 can (14 1/2 oz.) chicken broth
3 cans cream of mushrooms soup
1 can sliced mushrooms

Bring to boil and simmer for an hour. When rice is cooked, add to soup.

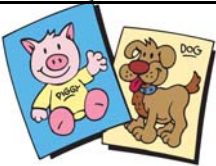
Come and Support our Youth Group

The last Youth Breakfast for 2011 will be on **Sunday, December 11th**. The youth serve from 8-9:30am. If you have not been to a Youth Breakfast then you are missing out on a fantastic meal, and we are not bragging ask anyone who has been there.

It's EGGS TO YOUR ORDER, anyway you want them. We can even make up egg white omelets. Your support at the Youth Breakfast help support the youth projects. In 2011 the youth sponsored the community-wide Easter egg hunt (which had not been held in Prairie du Chien for a couple of years). All eggs, prizes and work were paid from the funding raising - of which the breakfasts are the main event.

The Methodist Youth Fellowship from your donations also buy the products for the bake and craft items, Christmas cards (handmade) for Faith In Action and many more activities throughout the year.

So if you have not been to the Youth Breakfast we cordially invite you join your church family on Sunday, December 11 from 8:00 - 9:30. Bring a friend or your family. The breakfast is a free will donation and we promise you won't go away hungry.



Weekday Preschool

Corner

Watch for monthly tidbits from the pre-school class.

Gingerbread Cookies

2/3 cup brown sugar
2/3 cup dark corn syrup
1 tsp. Ginger

1 tsp. Cinnamon
4 cups all purpose flour
1/2 tsp. Ground cloves
1/2 tsp. Salt
1 1/2 tsp. Baking soda
1/2 cup margarine

2/3 cup pasteurized egg product

In a large pot, combine brown sugar, corn syrup, spices, and salt and bring to a boil. Add baking soda and margarine and stir until margarine melts. Remove from heat. Stir in egg product. Gradually add flour. Chill until firm. Roll out dough on lightly floured surface. Cut out the cookies with a gingerbread man cookie cutter. Bake on a baking sheet at 325 for about 15 minutes. Allow to cool before serving.

Wildlife Calendars

Dr. Higgins Prairie du Chien are wildlife calendars are available again this year.

They are as beautiful! They make great gifts for friends and family members. The cost is \$5 each and \$2.50 goes directly to the PdC UMC church. They are available at the PdC UMC church office or in the Narthex before and after the church service. Or contact Ken Birrenbach

Weekday Pre-School Christmas Program

The weekday preschool class will hold their annual Christmas program on Saturday, December 17th at 10am, in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend!



Happening's in PdC



Our traditional
Christmas Eve Service
will be held on Saturday,
December 24th
at 5pm & 11pm.

Christmas Day worship,
Sunday, December 25th
will be held at 10:00am.

See you there!



Christmas Poinsettias are
available for ordering in honor or in
memory of someone. As in the past
we will order from The Blooming Basket. The
cost is \$8 each. The deadline is December 13th.
Call the office or sign-up during worship to
place your order.



Sunday, December
18th at 10:00am
During worship.
More information
about practice times
will be coming soon.



Tuesday
Bible Study

The Tuesday Morning Bible Study

**"Faith is in the Answers,
But What are the Questions?"**

7am Bible Study, breakfast at Coaches following
the study. Everyone is welcome!

A full financial update will be in the January
newsletter. If you have any questions, please
contact Jen in the office, thank you.

PdC Birthdays



- 1 Zakery Hafke
- 1 Amy Check
- 1 Heath Stuckey
- 1 Bob Sullivan
- 5 DeAnn McWilliams
- 6 Gary Olson
- 6 Mary Wilkinson
- 6 Chris Kapinus
- 7 Pat Yager
- 15 Katlyn Grondin
- 15 Don Hafke
- 15 Allyson McCumber
- 16 Casey Prine
- 16 Marcella Thornburg
- 17 Dave Hernesman
- 18 Kyle Novey
- 19 Robert P McDonald
- 19 Harold Hutson
- 19 Mason Pecinovsky
- 20 Vicki Hand
- 25 Jesus
- 26 Elmer Queram
- 28 Leah Jones
- 30 Helen Larson
- 30 Goldie Clanton
- 31 Sarah Noel
- 31 Don Hand Jr
- 31 Jeff Sinram
- 31 Sharon Anderson
- 31 Lauren Steiber

Happy Anniversary!!

- 2 Don Jr. and Vicki Hand
- 16 Ricky and Brenda Fabert
- 16 Harold and Gloria Hutson
- 21 Greg and Margaret Novey
- 22 Charles and Juanita Dyer
- 31 Dan and Brenda Odeen
- 31 Dustin and Shiann Arnold

December Greeters...

- Dec. 4th- Jan Meyer
- Dec. 11th- Jerry & Alita
Robertson
- Dec. 18th- Helen Uher &
Jo Cox

Greeters are needed for the late
Christmas Eve services and
Christmas Day.



Happening's in PdC



Advent Bible Study- "The Journey"

Sunday, November 27th,
Dec. 4th, 11th & 18th
6:00-8:00pm
Led by Gary G. Olson

Journey with Adam Hamilton as he travels from Nazareth to Bethlehem in the fascinating look at the birth of Jesus Christ. Using historical information, archaeological data, and a personal look at some of the stories surrounding the birth, the most amazing moment in history will become more real and heartfelt as you walk along this road.

Sessions will include 1) Mary of Nazareth; 2) Joseph of Bethlehem; 3) Mary's visit to Elizabeth; 4) from Nazareth to Bethlehem; 5) the Manger.

Cost of the study book is \$10 and will be available in the church office. This advent study is open to everyone and we hope that you will join us for an inspirational study.



Join us for caroling on Friday, December 16th.

Going Caroling We will meet at the church at 5:30pm and then go to Prairie Maison for Caroling at 6pm. From there we will do more caroling and deliver Christmas Cookies to shut-ins. If you can provide cookies, please bring them to the church kitchen by the morning of the 16th. Everyone is welcome to join us! Caroling is being led by Juanita Carpenter and cookie organization is led by Dorothy Birrenbach.



Martha Circle/UMW Christmas Party Mark Your Calendars!

Pot luck Wednesday,
December 7th at 6:30pm.

Bring your own table service.

Special events include, special music, Christmas readings and new this year: we have two foreign exchange students joining us to talk about Christmas in their country.

We want to encourage everyone in the congregation to come and enjoy the fellowship and fun!

Pictorial Directory...We are publishing a new pictorial directory. Reserve your appointment now, by calling the office by Nov. 28th. Each family/household that comes for photography and portrait viewing at the church will receive a complimentary directory and 8x10 color portrait. You will be able to view and select your portraits electronically from a variety of poses. Additional portraits will be available for purchase. Your entire appointment will take less than an hour. Our goal is 100% participation. It just won't be complete without you! Photographers will be here on **Dec. 1st, 2nd and 3rd**. Portraits and Christmas cards will be delivered to you before Christmas. If you have any questions please call the office. Thank you.



Prayer Circle

The next meeting is
Tuesday, December 20th
at 9am. At Gladys Brown's.



Notes from UMW...

Dec. 7th is the date of our UMW Martha Circle Potluck Christmas party at 6:30pm at the church. It is open to all members and friends of the church. Bring a Christmas reading to share!

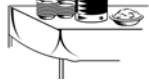
Karen Mueller,
UMW President



Happening's in PdC



Fellowship Dinner & Study



Wednesday Supper and Study is taking a break until January. See you then!



From Global Concerns.....

Because of a conflict of dates in December we decided to have a pancake breakfast in January.

We have agreed to send Boscobel UMC a check for \$100 for the Feed

My Starving Children fund and will volunteer to help package the meals when they come.

Ingathering 2011 was discussed. We will ask for a different group each month.

January Layetter Kits- all new items.

6 cloth diapers (3 ply birds eye, new)

2 under shirts or onesies

2 baby wash clothes

2 gowns or sleepers

2 diaper pins

1 sweater

2 receiving blankets (not quilted or knitted)

Include \$1 for shipping with each kit

Bring your items to church and leave in the Narthex. We will also take cash donations. Pastor Mike will take our donations to conference in May.

Script Shoppers- don't forget to check with Jen in the office to order your gift cards.

Our next meeting is Jan. 9, 2012.

Dorothy Birrenbach

Emergency Loan Fund (ELF)

Our ELF account is getting low on funds and needs donations! ELF is used to help individuals and families with emergency needs, such as food, transportation, medication, emergency lodging, etc. If you can help, please drop a check in the offering plate and mark it "ELF" or mail a check to the church. Thanks for your generous donations that have helped so many in times of need!



Check It Out...Please!

This past year our church library has received a bounty of new books. One of interest for the upcoming Advent Season is Reflections on the Christmas Story by Janette Oke. This best-selling author sees the Christmas story as a drama full of suspense, love, conflict, tragedy and even humor. The plot of the Christmas Story is both simple and complex with subplots and interesting events. Many Christians have heard this story thousands of times. However, its awesome power is often lost in modern-day celebrations of this event. A typical Christmas card with the manger scene does not capture the dirt, the smells, and loneliness of Christ's birth. Oke's book attempts to present Christ's birth as a story of love and redemption. The importance on the world scene continues to this day!

Another timely book is A Christmas Album compiled by Sam Elder. This is a small book filled with a special selection of Christmas pomes and prose. Some of the pictures featured are sentimental old fashioned Christmas cards. This book may be helpful to anyone who is going to give a special reading for a Christmas event.

Some new books for children-especially those just beginning school and the joy of reading include: 1. Mrs. Toggle's Zipper by Robin Pulver. It is about a school, the young students, the staff, and a teacher who's coat zipper is stuck.

The Jacket I Wear in the Snow by Shirley Neitzel also begins with a zipper on a jacket. The left page shows the item. The right page presents a sentence with a picture of that item in a sentence. Repetition is used to reuse the words over and over. This would be great fun for parent and child to share together.

Have a Blessed Advent Season!

Mary Don Olson
aka Mert
Church Librarian



It's that time again! Time to sign up for snow removal thru the winter. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for interested persons.



Happening's In PdC



PdC Cap and Mitten Tree!

Once again, we will have a tree in the Narthex for mittens, gloves & caps for those in our community who are in need. We have been donating them to Operation Santa and they are picked up by December 1st. Please help fill the tree with caps and mittens of any size.



PdC Operation Santa Is Here Again!!



Non-perishable food items and new toys can be brought to our Church for distribution to **Operation Santa!!!**

These items can be placed in the wrapped box in the Narthex.

The deadline is December 1st.

NOTE: All Items Must Be New.



Adopt a Family

The last few years people of the PdC UMC congregation helped "adopt" a family from Catholic Charities at Christmas. This made it possible for a family to have Christmas gifts for their entire family, plus a Christmas Dinner. The families have been so appreciative of the help we have been able to provide. This year we have agreed to "adopt" a family with 3 young girls, ages 8, 6, and 7 months, plus the mom and dad. If you'd like to help provide a nice Christmas for a family in need, let me know and I will provide you with more details. Also, if you are interested in "adopting" a family of your own, you can contact Sandy at Catholic Charities.

Thanks,
Jen Kapinus

60th Anniversary Celebration

John & Mary Shaw

Sunday, Dec. 11, 2011

4:00-7:00pm

United Methodist Church, PdC

PdC December 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10am Radio Ministry <i>Olan Mills Picture Taking</i>	2	3 5pm Contemporary Worship
4 8:45 Church School 9am Fellowship 10am Worship 6pm Advent Bible Study	5	6 7am Bible Study 8am Breakfast at Coaches	7 7am Men's Breakfast 5pm MYF 6:30 Christmas Party	8 10am Radio Ministry	9 <i>Salvation Army Bell Ringing, 9th, 10th, 11th</i>	10 5pm Contemporary Worship
11 8am Youth Breakfast 8:45 Church School 9am Fellowship 10am Worship 2pm Shaw's Anniversary 6pm Advent Bible Study	12 6:45 Finance & Trustees 7:30 Church Council	13 7am Bible Study 8am Breakfast at Coaches	14 7am Men's Breakfast 10am Walter Schmidt 5pm MYF	15 10am Radio Ministry 10am Great River Care Center	16 5:30 Christmas Caroling!	17 10am Weekday Pre-School Program 5pm Contemporary Worship
18 8:45 Church School 9am Fellowship 10am Pageant 6pm Advent Bible Study	19	20 7am Bible Study 8am Breakfast at Coaches 9am Prayer Circle	21 7am Men's Breakfast 10am Prairie Maison 5pm MYF	22 10am Radio Ministry	23	24 5pm & 11pm Christmas Eve Worship
25 Merry Christmas! 9am Fellowship 10am Worship	26	27 7am Bible Study 8am Breakfast at Coaches	28 7am Men's Breakfast	29 10am Radio Ministry	30	31

Prairie du Chien
United Methodist Church
625 S Dousman
Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

Non-Profit Organization
Permit Paid
#89
Prairie du Chien, WI 53821

Address Service Requested

TO:



Eastman & Wauzeka Worship Pastor Lynn Schreck

Wauzeka

Sunday mornings Worship & Sunday School
8:30 am

Eastman

Sunday mornings Worship at 10:15
Sunday School 10:15 (except 1st Sun. of month)

Rock Solid – 1st Wednesday, 6:00-7:45pm

Contact Info:

Find us on Facebook, search “The United
Methodist Churches of Eastman and Wauzeka”
Pastor Lynn Phone: 608-734-3813
E-Mail: sschreck@centurytel.net

Prairie du Chien Worship Pastor Mike Christensen

Sunday Mornings

8:45am Children’s Church School
9:00am Fellowship Hour
10:00am Traditional Worship

Saturday Evenings

Join us every Saturday at 5pm for a
Contemporary Worship service, music led
by Ron & Mari Laskaskie and word by
Pastor Mike.

Contact Info:

www.pdcumc.org
E-Mail: pdcumc@mhtc.net
Phone 608-326-8321
Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Friday
8:30-1pm