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Pastor's News Message

PASTOR'S CORNER

When I was a child, I loved listening to my grandmother's stories of their family heading into the woods to find just the right tree for Christmas. Once located they would drag it home, nail boards together making a stand and then carry it into the house. A corner was found in the family room and after a few adjustments the tree was ready for decorating by the family. It's been fifty years since I heard those stories but they are so vivid in my mind that even today, as I close my eyes, I hear her soft voice quietly transporting me back through the years, to the early parts of the 20th century. For a moment I am certain I can smell the fragrance of freshly cut pine and hear the laughter of the family.

I remember my grandmother's stories well but if she ever told me what she was given for Christmas, I have long forgotten. Her stories weren't ever about receiving gifts or even the giving of gifts. They were about family being present and doing things together. It was about cooking, baking and sharing of lives with each other. The hours spent sitting beside her at the old quilting frame, watching her fingers slowly thread the needle in and out of the cloth, bringing life to the pictures existing only in her mind, taught me much about appreciating family time at Christmas.

Like all children at Christmas, I wanted things to play with and I was always anxious to open a wrapped present, whether from Santa, my parents or my grandmother. Reflecting on those Christmases of my childhood, there are few gifts I remember receiving.

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December Calendar

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December Birthdays



2	Debra Windom	19	Sandra Burke	25	Gail Snodgrass
6	Dave Sprigg		Loretta Baker	26	Jessica Mossor
7	Luanna Merritt	20	Bill Wolfe	27	Eric Kerns
8	Robert Sommerville	21	Jeff Hardman	28	Denton Vincent Jr.
11	John Frum	22	Kenny Stewart	29	John Scott
	Bobby Keith		Jason Shiflet	30	Bernice Sommerville
	Rodney Windom		Emmett Schneider		
14	Judy Gainer	23	Eric Schneider	31	Abigail Edwards
15	Kristen Boggs	24	Eric Schneider		
			Eric Schneider		
			Twilla Brill		
			Mary Richards		



None of those have lasted to the present day. As a child I requested specific things for Christmas and usually got something I had requested. If I could have what I want this Christmas, it would be to once again be sitting with my family on Christmas morning, watching as each one opens their gifts. I would love to feel the anticipation and sense the joy I did as a child. I would love to watch my grandmother's face as I handed her the present I bought, with the little pocket money I had saved. She knew what was in the package and she was always so appreciative when I handed her the box containing the peanut shaped marshmallow candy. In the days following, when I sat watching her work and listening to more stories, she would offer me pieces of that delicious orange colored sweetness.

I wish there was a way to reclaim that simple life and the joy of Christmas we knew back then. But Christmas in America has become more commercialized than many of us like. I fear it may become more about receiving gifts from each other, than worshiping the Christ who came to us. We say it is Jesus birthday but is He the one we are celebrating?

Year after year we spend money we don't have, to purchase things that won't last and in the process we sometimes lose the joy of Christmas. I hope that doesn't happen to you and me this year. One of the ways we can make certain it doesn't is to join friends in worship of the Christ who is truly the Gift of Christmas. Let's allow scripture to tell us the stories again of a God who loved us so much He would come to be with us, take our punishment and provide a home in heaven for eternity. WOW!

Friends, Christmas is about love! May we experience that love anew each morning throughout this holy season.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Pastor John Frum



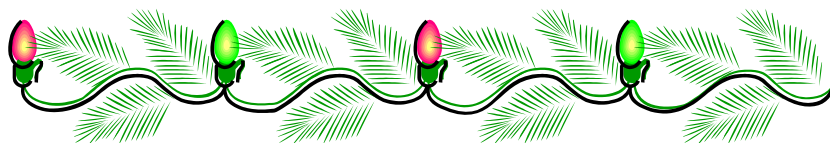
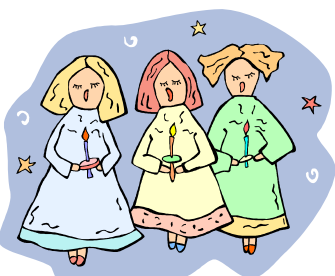
SEND A CHRISTMAS CARD TO:

A Recovering America Soldier

c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center

6900 Georgia Avenue NW

Washington, DC 20307-5001





CHRISTMAS EVE

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

@ 7:00 p.m.

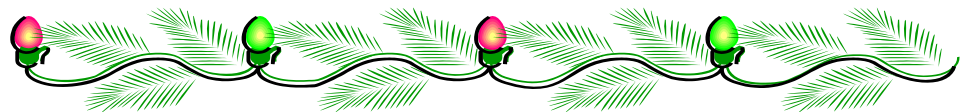
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COME

WORSHIP

WITH

US !!!!



ALSO

Christmas is on SUNDAY

Don't forget to come and worship

Christ together.....



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The November 8, 2011 meeting was called to order by President Carol Sprigg. The Lord's Prayer was led by Donna Rae Mullenix.

Cards were sent to patients and shut-ins.

Sharon Cottrille is mailing the missionary birthday card. Donna Rae Mullenix will do the bread ministry for November. The Equal Exchange Coffee Project was explained and is being used as a fundraiser for the Hershey meeting in June 2012.

The Nomination Committee presented the nominations for 2012 as follows:

President-Donna Rae Mullenix;

Vice President- Carol Sprigg

Secretary/Communications- Priscilla Mullenix

Treasurer- Rosetta Reeves

Spiritual Growth- Kathy Lamp

Social Action- Twilla Brill

Education and Interpretation- DD Frum;

Reading Resources- Sara Summers

Kitchen Coordinator- Amy Haught

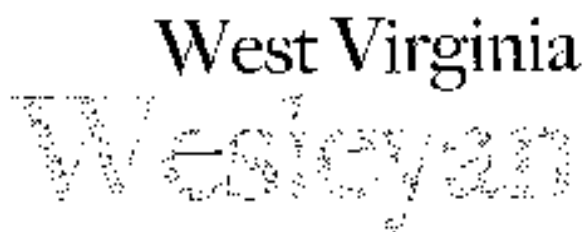
Nominations- Donna Kerns-2012

Billie Lee McGill-2013

A report was given about Annual Conference held at Canaan Valley Resort. Next meeting will be held December 13 and is the Christmas Party. Any woman may attend.

The program entitled "World Thank Offering" was presented by Donna Rae Mullenix. She focused on Psalm 37: 1-2 and Psalm 37: 5-6 which teach us about patience and justice. The World Thank Offering was collected and each member was instructed to give the offering as a symbol of our troubles given to God so that our focus can remain on Him.

Those in attendance were: Mary Williams, Jennifer Richards, Sharon Cottrille, Carol Sprigg, Rosetta Reeves, Donna Rae Mullenix, Priscilla Mullenix, Kathy Lamp and Twilla Brill.



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November 15, 2011

Mrs. Irene J. Conaway
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 Harrisville, WV 26362

Dear Mrs. Conaway:

The availability of scholarships and other forms of financial aid is one of the most important... considerations when students and their families are choosing a college. This year U.S. News and World Reports ranked West Virginia Wesleyan among the best regional colleges in the South and as the highest ranked school in West Virginia in the category of Great Schools, Great Prices. The criteria for this determination takes into account a school's academic quality, based on U.S. News Best Colleges ranking and the 2010-2011 net cost of attendance for a student who receives the average level of need-based financial aid.

Because of alumni and friends, like you, West Virginia Wesleyan is able to provide financial assistance to worthy and qualified students. At this time, we pause to thank you for your support and commitment and to share with you the student recipient and gift value of your endowed scholarship fund.

Scholarship support for the *St. Luke's United Methodist Church Scholarship* has been awarded to the following recipient for the 2011-2012 academic year:

Kaitlin Hinzman, a Senior Nursing major from Harrisville, WV
Jennifer Collins, a Senior Biology major from Harrisville, WV

As of June 30, 2011, the end of our last fiscal year, \$22,000 had been contributed to the St. Luke's United Methodist Church Scholarship. Additional contributions occurring after July 1, 2011, will be included in next year's report.

*Missed
 next time
 Galena*

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions regarding the information provided above. The Wesleyan community – students, faculty and staff – are deeply grateful for your thoughtful and significant support.

Sincerely,

Rose Ellen Jaudin
 Director of Advancement Operations

ROTOM

FABULOUS NEWS FROM UGANDA!

The following email from Kenneth Mugayehwenkyi:

Greetings from **ROTOM** Team in Uganda,

Just received good news from Japanese Embassy in Kampala that our application for USD 98,848 to build ROTOM Health Center II in Muhanga, Kabale was successful. We are likely to sign agency agreement on 10th or 11th November 2011. We are all full of joy!

Thank you all for your prayers, support and partnership that has made us a credible organizations that can be entrusted with resources of this kind.

This will be in addition to SLF supported Grandmothers Outreach Center already under construction. When the two are complete, they will contribute greatly to improvement of health of older persons in Muhanga and neighboring communities there. They will also improve effectiveness by providing office space for our project office in Kabale.

Pray for completion of the Health Center in Mukono, Medical equipment and other furniture for the two buildings as well as qualified medical and other personnel to manage the services at these facilities.

NB. If any of you has knowledge of where we can source donation of medical equipment, furniture and long term missionaries/volunteers in Medical field, please let me know.

GLORY TO GOD!



ROTOM seeks to bless our seniors with a helpful appliance to make their homes safer and more comfortable.

For just \$20, you can provide a solar lamp to brighten a senior's home during Uganda's year-round 12-hour nights.

GIVE A GIFT, BRIGHTEN A LIFE ROTOM's 2011 Christmas Appeal

Opportunities for Giving From The Heart:

ROTOM HEALTH CENTER MUKONO:

- ◆ A gift to advance construction of the ROTOM Health Center in Mukono. More than \$20,000 is still needed to complete the next phase of this facility that will greatly increase seniors' access to health care.

BECOME A SPONSOR TO A SENIOR IN UGANDA:

- ◆ A monthly gift of \$30 to sponsor a senior. Sponsorship provides nutritious food, health services, visits from ROTOM staff, and more.

SOLAR LANTERNS FOR CHRISTMAS:

- ◆ ROTOM seeks to bless our seniors with a helpful appliance to make their homes safer and more comfortable. For just \$20, you can provide a solar lamp to brighten a senior's home during Uganda's year-around 12-hour nights.

**Yes, in recognition of God's gift of His son Jesus,
I want to give from my heart this Christmas**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Enclosed is my income tax deductible gift of:

\$ _____ for solar lantern(s) @ \$20 each

\$ _____ for the **ROTOM Health Center**

\$ _____ for **monthly sponsorship** of a senior

My total contribution: \$ _____

**Make checks payable to ROTOM and mail to: PO Box
64186, Colorado Springs, CO 80962**

**Check out ROTOM's website for more info and
online donation options:**

www.reachone-touchone.org

Email us: ariedner@reachone-touchone.org

My gift is in honor of _____

My gift is in memory of _____

Please send the acknowledgment of my honorary
or memorial gift to:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Thank you for your gift to ROTOM

True Christian Christmas



Christmas isn't showy gifts
Or glittering decoration;
It's honoring our Savior, Jesus Christ
In humble adoration.

It's serving those less fortunate,
Meeting their needs before our own;
It's making sure at Christmas time
That no one is alone.

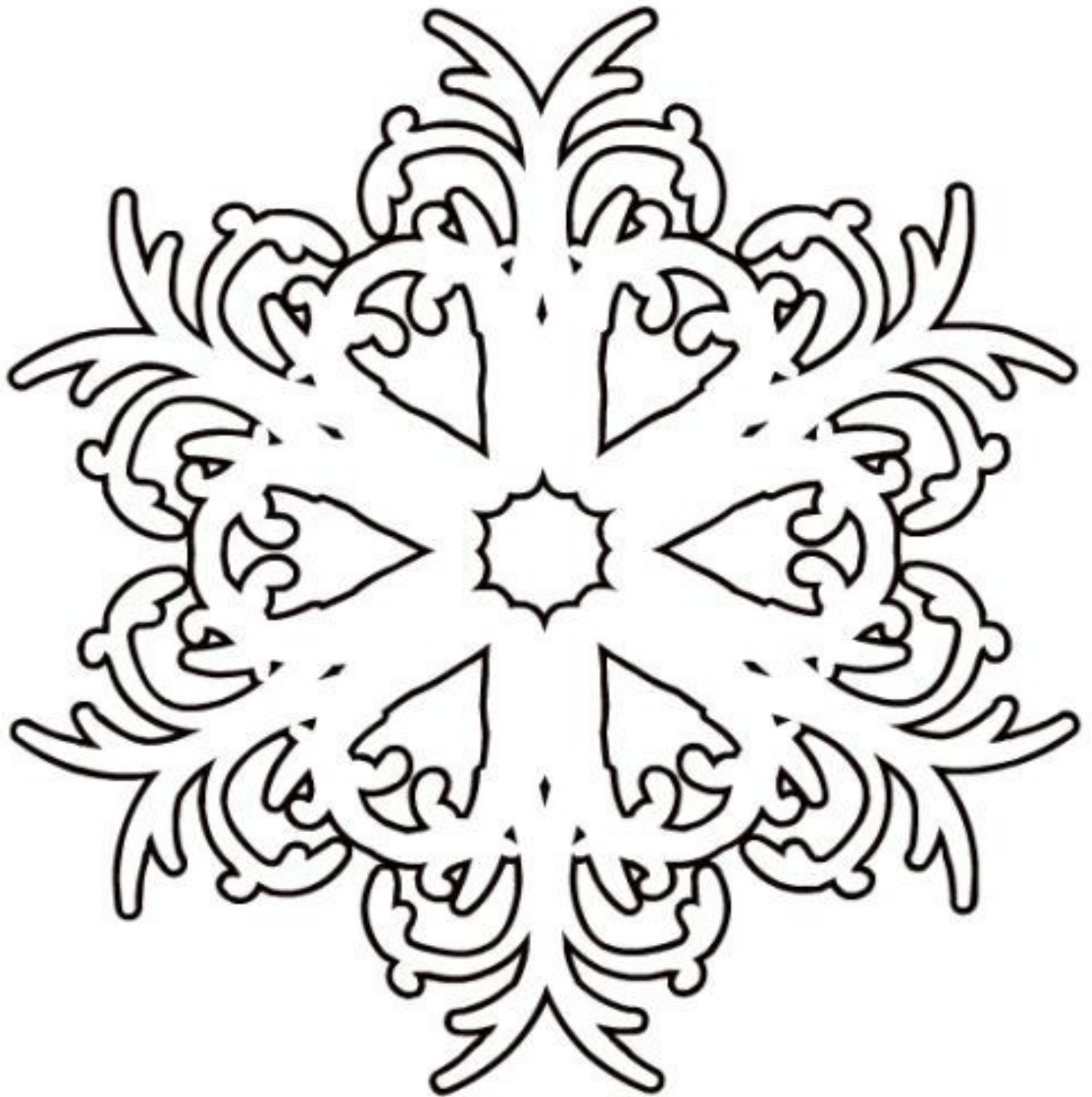
It's taking what we would have spent
On things that no one needs,
And using it to help someone
With service and good deeds.

Our Savior showed us how to live
With charity, faith and service.
It makes the holidays a joy,
More peaceful, and less nervous.

So let's remember Christmas is
About our Savior's birth;
That's the way to happiness,
The way to peace on earth.



By Joanna Fuchs



Merry Christmas!







DECEMBER 2011 CALENDER



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Dec 2011 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 7:45am - UMM 4:30pm - Nursing	28	29	30 11:30am - Sr. Lunch 6:30pm - Choir 6:30pm - Youth 7pm - Bible Study	1 7am - Bible Study 5:30pm - Cub Scouts	2	3 Coop Parish 6pm - Pennsboro 7pm - Harrisville
4	5	6 7pm - 7pm-Trustees	7 11:30am - Sr. Lunch 6:30pm - Choir 6:30pm - Youth 7pm - Bible Study	8 7am - Bible Study 5:30pm - Cub Scouts	9	10
11 2pm - H 6pm - Admin. Party	12	13 6:30pm - UM Women	14 Choir Party 11:30am - Sr. Lunch 6:30pm - Youth 7pm - Bible Study	15 7am - Bible Study 5:30pm - Cub Scouts	16	17
18 7pm - Christmas	19	20	21 11:30am - Sr. Lunch 6:30pm - Choir 6:30pm - Youth 7pm - Bible Study	22 7am - Bible Study 5:30pm - Cub Scouts	23	24 7pm - Candlelight
25 4:30pm - Nursing	26	27	28 11:30am - Sr. Lunch	29 5:30pm - Cub Scouts	30	31