SUNDAY - 12/21
9:45 - Children’s Choir - Upstairs
9:45 - Sunday School
10:30 - Fellowship with coffee and donuts in the Family Life Center
11:00 - Morning Worship
6:00 - NO BIBLE STUDY
6:00 - UMYF in the FLC

MONDAY - 12/22
2:00 - NO Covenant Prayer Group @ Eicher’s home
4:00 - 8:00 Upward Practice
7:00 - Boy Scouts

TUESDAY - 12/23
4:00 - 8:00 Upward Practice

WEDNESDAY - 12/24
5:00 Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Service

THURSDAY - 12/25
HALLELUJAH! HE IS BORN - Merry Christmas

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 21, 2008

TODAY’S SCRIPTURE
Luke 1:26-38 (NRSV)

The Birth of Jesus Foretold
26 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, 27 to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. 28 And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” 29 But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. 30 The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. 33 He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” 34 Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” 35 The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. 36 And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. 37 For nothing will be impossible with God.” 38 Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.
Dear Church Family,

It is very difficult to put into words how I am feeling. I am truly overwhelmed and blessed by your generosity. Thank you for the gifts for Christmas and the Holy Land trip. But mostly thank you for being such a loving congregation.

God bless and thank you,
Pastor Dale

NO CHILDREN’S CHURCH today. Please enjoy the Baptismal service with your family.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA DVD’S and CD’S are available for a donation of $5 to cover costs. There is a sign-up sheet on the side bulletin board. Please sign your name, phone number and if you want a DVD or a CD. These can be picked up at the church office during regular working hours two weeks from your sign-up date. Thank you Jay Maddux for recording and creating these for us.

CALENDAR the youth still have four wall calendars at $8 and 10 pocket calendars at $6 that would make nice last minute gifts. Please see Beth for those.

NO BIBLE STUDY tonight. Bible Study will resume December 28.

NO COVENANT PRAYER GROUP on MONDAY until January 5.

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT COMMUNION SERVICE is Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.

TING-A-LINGS will not meet again until Wednesday, January 14 at 4:30 p.m.

CHURCH OFFICE will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

STAFF/PARISH COMMITTEE will have a brief meeting today after morning worship in the Fellowship Hall. Please come by and pick up your packets.

FINANCIAL ACTIVITY - December 2008

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Chris Stephenson
PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY
Cherokee Brown (Richard & Eleanor Trail’s granddaughter)
Christopher Eicher (David & Joyce Eicher’s son)
Ian Haddock (The Klein’s friend)
Doug Hanson (John & Sam Hanson’s son)
Jacob Hubbard (Ron & Fran Hubbard’s grandson)
Ben Johnston (Elizabeth Alexander’s grandson)
Amy Kester (Richard Trail’s cousin)
Charles Krumweide (Richard & Eleanor Trail’s nephew)
John Lewis (MDO teacher Vickie Cheek’s “other son”)
Aaron D. Mooneyhan (June Pitman’s grandson)
William McClennahan (Richard & Eleanor Trail’s son-in-law)
Colby Nelson - (Leon & Nancy Hicks grandson)
Kimberly Bowyer Niehaus (John & Sam Hanson’s granddaughter)
Brandon Pride
Bobbe Reed (Kathleen Reed’s son)
Andrew Reed (Nancy Gilliam’s nephew)
Tom Reed (Nancy Gilliam’s nephew)
Austin Reed (Kelly Reed’s son)
Joshua Russell (Helen Miko’s nephew)
Earl Schaller (George & Phyllis Schaller’s grandson)
Chris Stephenson (Ed & Helen Stephenson’s grandson)
Thomas R. Taylor (Marilyn Cooksey’s daughter-in-law’s brother)
Daniel Wermer (Rosalind Booker’s grandson)
William Wilkey (Richard & Eleanor Trail’s grandson)
Nick Williams (George & Phyllis Schaller’s nephew)