PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY
Sunday, October 30, 2011

Pastor Dale and Trustee Chairman, Gary Gilmore, are shown above at the Loan Reduction Note Burning Ceremony in front of the Family Life Center. Pictured on the right is the plaque that was dedicated to honor the contributors of the stained glass windows. Both ceremonies took place on Homecoming Sunday, October 16, and highlighted a very special day in the life of our church.

SPECIAL BLESSINGS ON
HOMECOMING SUNDAY - October 16th

Pastor Dale is shown with new member, Linda Ellis, when she joined our church on Sunday, November 13. Several church members held hands and bowed in prayer (above photo) as Pastor Dale led the congregation in a prayer of thanksgiving for Linda as she united with us in our service for Christ.

Welcome, Linda!

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls

Pastor Dale is shown as he asked God’s blessings on one of the many prayer shawls dedicated at worship on Sunday, November 6. Prayer Ministry Team members pictured with Pastor Dale are Theresa Lisa, Peggy Bowman, Doris Roy, Betty Thomas, and Tom Fricke.
Angie Rose reported 555 people came to the 2011 Fall Festival held at the Family Life Center, Monday, October 31. The total number of kids at the Trunk ‘n Treat was 212. We are grateful to all the many volunteers who helped to make this fun-filled event such a big success.

PEANUT BUTTER SUNDAY
November 20, 2011

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed jars of peanut butter for Our Daily Bread. Over 200 jars were contributed by our members which more than doubled our projected total of 100. Thank you for your generosity in helping others in our community.

K.I.C.K. (Kids in Christ Kingdom)

Joey, Josh, Aaron, & Rachel Heimel, Erin & Hannah Couch, and Chloe Barger are seated around their special Thankful Tree they helped construct (as class grows, the tree grows) at the new Children’s Program, K.I.C.K. (Kids in Christ Kingdom) on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.
Psalms 136

1O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. 2 O give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Holy Land 2012

Pastor Dale will be taking another Pilgrimage with the Society for Biblical Studies to the Holy Land in January 2012. He will be traveling with a group from the Wisconsin Conference of the United Methodist Church. Traveling with him will be Tim Guthrie. This trip they will only be visiting places and holy sites in Israel. Keep them in your prayers.

A HAITI MISSION THANK YOU FROM ASHLEY SNYDER

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your generous support of my mission trip to Haiti. I am overwhelmed by the huge amount of supplies and monetary donations given. We had over 180 pairs of girls’ underwear close to 180 pairs of boys’ underwear contributed. We had 75 coloring books and over 50 recyclable bags, 50 hair ribbons, and over $800 donated. With the donated money, we purchased 50 more pairs of girls underwear, 30 toy cars, VBS supplies, two white tents for where we will teach VBS, and snacks for the children at the property of the new orphanage. The children will be truly blessed. I will provide more pictures later. You truly are a giving church. Thank you from the bottom of my heart! Visit www.onevisionintl.org to learn more about One Vision International.

Ashley happily sees the new tent and all the items contributed for the orphans.
Memorials
Gil and Judy Litteken gave to the Community Ministries Fund in memory of Charles Purdy.
Gray and Sharon Cowart gave to the Community Ministries Fund in memory of Charles Purdy.
Felix and Emmly Fisher gave to Holston Home for Children in memory of Ethel Day.

CONGRATULATIONS to Gil & Judy Litteken on the birth of their great-grandson, Declan Thomas, who was born on October 27, in Springfield, Illinois. Declan’s mother, Emily Chetty, has been on our prayer list for a few weeks because serious complications were anticipated. Prayers were answered! Declan was born healthy. Gil and Judy would like to thank everyone who remembered their granddaughter, Emily Chetty, in prayer. God richly blessed their family with such a precious addition as Declan. The family is grateful for your prayers.

READERS FOR ADVENT
First Sunday in Advent • November 27, 2011
Linda Ellis and Betty Thomas
Second Sunday in Advent • December 4, 2011
Luke, Cathy and Jack Barnes
Third Sunday in Advent • December 11, 2011
Eric, Gretchen, Brynn, and Greer Bowman
Fourth Sunday in Advent • December 18, 2011
Bob and Sheila Larson

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT AND COMMUNION SERVICE
December 24 • 5 p.m. • Sanctuary

Christmas Eve • December 24, 2011
Theresa Pribrey and Daryl Watson

CHRISTMAS DAY • DECEMBER 25
9:45 a.m. • Sunday School
11:00 a.m. • Worship Service

Our Children Are Special!
A highlight of Sunday morning worship is when the children go down to the front and get seated close to John Hanson as he leads them in the weekly Children’s Message.

Our Children’s Choir, under the direction of Angela Garrison (see photo below), sang several songs for our Lord and the congregation on Sunday, November 6. Choir members pictured are J.T. Baker, Erin Couch, Oceaneanne Hunt, Natalie Baker, Hannah Couch, and Chloe Barger.
MDO’s Fall Harvest Party

On Thursday, October 27, the boys and girls in the Mother’s Day Out (MDO) were given a Fall Harvest Party. Some of the kids wore their “trick or treat” outfits.

Cookies, a variety of chips, fruit, and juice were enjoyed by all. The kids, staff, and parents had a great time!

Commitment Sunday

November 13, 2011

Sunday, November 13, was Commitment Sunday - the day that was set aside for us to respond to God’s love and to express our faith and commitment to Christ and His Church. We brought our pledge cards for tithing and our commitment to be disciples in prayer, presence, service and witness. We praise God for the blessings He has showered on our church. We are faithful supporters in our service for “Christ for the World!”

Pastor Dale is shown as he asked God’s blessing on the pledge cards received on Commitment Sunday.

Let’s Do Lunch • Nov. 15

Everyone had a great time at Let’s Do Lunch, Tues., Nov. 15, 12 noon, at the FLC. Patty Crowder’s inspirational devotional focused on being thankful. The Rejoicingers entertained with several selections. Caterer, Cookie Smith, prepared a delicious Thanksgiving meal. The next LDL is on Tues., Dec. 20, for ladies 60 and up. Come join us next month!

To Honor Our Veterans

Retired Army Colonel, Chuck McIlwain, in celebration of our veterans, is shown as he spoke briefly at the worship service on November 13. Chuck’s talk began with World War I and led up to the present war in which our nation is currently involved.

Veterans in our church were asked to wear some type of symbol of their years in service. Flags representing different branches of our armed forces were displayed on the altar. We can never be too thankful for our veterans.

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