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Loving and Caring
Empowering and Enabling Disciples
Responding to Needs*

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Let's Talk . . . about *Evangelism*

Evangelism is one of those words that many people want to avoid. It conjures up all sorts of images such as rallies and crusades, altar calls, door-to-door visits, and handing out tracts on street corners. I don't want to disparage any of these, as there have been many people who have had life changing experiences in these ways. However, this is not evangelism. These are methods that may or may not be effective in today's world.

Evangelism is sharing the good news of Jesus Christ –plain and simple. Evangelism is a part of who we are as Christians, living a life that models the good news, naming for ourselves and others the underlying belief system that molds our lives. Evangelism opens us to the power of the Holy Spirit to work in and through us in such a way that our lives are changed and our hearts are different. Evangelism is, in many ways, living as an intentional Christian, Monday through Saturday.

The coming year is an opportunity for us to grow in our faith and become more effective in living the good news in our everyday life. In January, a new preaching series, "Raising Kids Jesus Style" will help the whole church look at what the Bible tells us about raising children, being effective parents, and being a supportive church that lives before the world what it means to bring children to Jesus. The Lenten Season will provide us with an opportunity to strengthen our community as a congregation as we grow in our knowledge and appreciation of the great, sacrificial gift that we received in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. And this spring, worship will focus on the theme "Momentum for Life," a series on how to stay focused on what's important so that we can define and meet our life's goals.

Worship will be the foundation piece for helping us to focus on living and sharing the good news in this increasingly complex world. From there, we will find new opportunities available to help us to live out our faith in ways that is life giving. As we enter this new decade, let us be open to the newness of life that God gives to us which only grows stronger and more meaningful as we share the blessings of God's love with others.

May this new year be a blessing for you and your family.

In Christ,

Steve



"Clear the way, open your heart, and give yourself to Him. There is only one who can save us, save us from our sin. He was and is and always will be our Messiah, tell the world that Jesus is our Savior!"

May the message of this song that we have sung together throughout Advent become our transforming experience as we study scripture and worship together in the New Year.

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NEW BIBLE STUDY

Beginning January 13th - Wednesdays, 9:15-11:00am

"Respectable Sins" - confronting the sins we tolerate. Have Christians become so preoccupied with the major sins of our society that we have lost sight of our need to deal with our own more subtle sins? Jerry Bridges returns to his trademark theme of holiness and addresses a dozen clusters of specific "acceptable" sins that we tend to tolerate in ourselves - such as jealousy, anger, pride, unthankfulness, and judgmentalism. Jerry writes not from a height of spiritual accomplishment but from the trenches of his own battles with sin. In his admonitions, Jerry offers a message of hope in the profound mercy of the gospel and the transforming grace of God as the means to overcome our subtle sins.

Faith and Fellowship

Thursdays 9:30-11:00am - in the Library.

Christianity - our Family Tree continues on January 14th.

Adam Hamilton gives a brief history, outlines major beliefs, and describes some things we can learn from eight Christian denomination traditions that strengthen our own Christian faith.

Thank you ... to the entire congregation for your willingness to participate in our Sunday School Holy Land Adventure. Special thanks to Gary Horn, Tim Hack, Julie Artim, Kate Nafz, Steve Malone and Tim Campbell for sharing your acting talents to enrich our learning experience. Thank you to Tracey Gleason and Donna Tintle for all of your early morning preparation and for sharing your love of Jesus with great enthusiasm. Thanks to all of our church kids who so willingly and joyfully have come each Tuesday to prepare for our adventure and to each child who participated weekly and helped us to experience Bethlehem as Mary and Joseph did. Shalom <><



January 2010



| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|---|---|---|--|---|--|
| <u>3</u> 9:30am Worship, nursery 10:30am Sunday School 10:45am Holy Land Adventure 12pm Spanish Worship | <u>4</u> 10-1pm Gleaners 11am Sr Worship & Lunch 7pm ESL 7-9pm Gleaners | <u>5</u> 9:30-4 pm Gleaners 7:00pm Disciple I | <u>6</u> 10-1pm Gleaners 7:00pm ESL | <u>7</u> 9:30-4 pm Gleaners 6:30pm Rainbow Choir 7:00pm Adult Bells 8pm Tabernacle Choir 8pm Wellspring in Hall | <u>1</u> HAPPY NEW YEAR! <u>8</u> 6am Men's Bible Study 10-1 pm Gleaners 7:30pm Spanish Bible Study | <u>2</u> 9:30-12:30pm Gleaners 10am NA Meeting <hr/> <u>9</u> 9:30-12:30pm Gleaners 10am NA Meeting |
| <u>10</u> 9:30am Worship, nursery 10:30am Sunday School 10:45am Coffee Hour 12pm Spanish Worship | <u>11</u> 10-1pm Gleaners 1:30pm Agape Circle 7pm ESL 7-9pm Gleaners | <u>12</u> 9:30-4 pm Gleaners 6:30-8pm Cub Scouts in Fellowship Hall 7:00pm Disciple I | <u>13</u> 9:15-11am Bible Study 10-1pm Gleaners 7:00pm ESL | <u>14</u> 9:30-4 pm Gleaners 9:30am Faith & Fellowship 6:30pm Rainbow Choir 7:00pm Adult Bells 8pm Tabernacle Choir 8pm Wellspring in Hall | <u>15</u> 6am Men's Bible Study 10-1pm Gleaners 7:30pm Spanish Bible Study | <u>16</u> 9:30-12:30pm Gleaners 10am NA Meeting |
| <u>17</u> 8:00am Men's Breakfast 9:30am Worship, nursery 10:30am Sunday School 10:45am Coffee Hour 12pm Spanish Worship | <u>18</u> 10-1pm Gleaners 7pm ESL 7pm Trustees 7-9pm Gleaners | <u>19</u> 9:30-4 pm Gleaners 7:00pm Disciple I | <u>20</u> 9:15-11am Bible Study 10-1pm Gleaners 7:00pm ESL | <u>21</u> 9:30-4 pm Gleaners 9:30am Faith & Fellowship 6:30pm Rainbow Choir 7:00pm Adult Bells 8pm Tabernacle Choir 8pm Wellspring in Hall | <u>22</u> 6am Men's Bible Study 10-1pm Gleaners 7:30pm Spanish Bible Study | <u>23</u> 9:30-12:30pm Gleaners 10am NA Meeting |
| <u>24</u> 9:30am Worship, nursery 10:30am Sunday School 10:45am Coffee Hour 12pm Spanish Worship | <u>25</u> 10-1pm Gleaners 9-11am } Loaves & 7-9pm } Fishes 7pm ESL 7-9pm Gleaners 7:30pm Naomi Circle | <u>26</u> 9:30-4 pm Gleaners 7:00pm Disciple I | <u>27</u> 9:15-11am Bible Study 10-1pm Gleaners 7:00pm ESL | <u>28</u> 9:30-4 pm Gleaners 9:30am Faith & Fellowship 6:30pm Rainbow Choir 7:00pm Adult Bells 8pm Tabernacle Choir 8pm Wellspring in Hall | <u>29</u> 6am Men's Bible Study 10-1pm Gleaners 7:30pm Spanish Bible Study | <u>30</u> 9:30-12:30pm Gleaners 10am NA Meeting |
| <u>31</u> 9:30am Worship, nursery 10:30am Sunday School 10:45am Coffee Hour 12pm Spanish Worship | | | | | | |

SPECIAL

Service

OPPORTUNITIES

USHERS

(Keith Worman 973-838-5538)

Dan Hack
Maurice Cailleteau
Ina Hansen
Pat Anderson

LITURGISTS

(Sue Davenport 973-838-8033)

January 3rd Julie Artim
January 10th Dawn Kruimer
January 17th Lin Hack
January 24th Kate Nafz
January 31st Pat Anderson

ACOLYTES

(Alex Nafz 973-283-2668)

Emma Nafz
and Trainees

SOUND TECHNICIAN

Jim Gawley

GREETERS

January 3rd Gloria & Bill Inglis
January 10th Pam & Tim Campbell
January 17th Joan & Sam Adornetto
January 24th Connie House and
Judy Bernascone
January 31st Barbara Bailey and
Helen Guenter

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

(Cecelia Joseph 973-838-0665)
Sandy Weigel 973-835-5544

January 3rd HolyLand Adventure
January 10th Lisa Suter, Debby Smeilus,
and Elisa Curran
January 17th } OPEN
January 24th } Please sign up to
January 31st } host one Sunday

CALLING ALL MEN...

Won't you JOIN US for Breakfast ...

Sunday, January 17th – 8:00 AM – In Fellowship Hall

Come enjoy the fellowship around the table as we plan and discuss events for the coming year. Breakfast will be served promptly at 8:00 AM so we will be finished in time for those who need to make choir practice before church or are scheduled to usher.



Loaves & Fishes

January will be cooking oil and personal hygiene items month for *Loaves & Fishes* ... this includes such things as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc. Please place any donations in the box at the entrance to the Narthex.

The following items are NEEDED for the Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry:

- Macaroni & Cheese
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Fruit
- Canned peas, carrots
- Mixed vegetables
- Boxed Cereal
(hot & cold)
- Pancake Mixes
- Pancake Syrup
- Dried or Powdered Milk
- Cooking Oil**
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Boxed Potatoes
- Bags of Rice
- Bags of Dried Beans
- Jelly – Strawberry & Grape
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Bar Soap**
- Tissues**
- Toothpaste**
- Shampoo**

At this time the food pantry has sufficient supply of canned beans. Thank you for your generosity,

Debby Smeilus & Christine Spicuzzo,
Coordinators



SENIOR WORSHIP & LUNCH

Monday, January 4th
11:00 am

All are invited, but please remember to call the church office (973-838-2026) to let us know to plan on you for lunch.



Hope your holidays are filled with peace and joy.

Maurice & Dorothy Cailleteau

Merry Christmas to all and best wishes for a fabulous 2010.

Noel,

Coni, Fawn & Candice Fisher



THANK YOU...

God's endless blessings to all of you. Thank you very much for your prayers. They keep me going. Your sister in Christ,
- Gloria Chevere

IN MEMORIAM

Lois Osborn

December 14, 2009

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| | | | | | 1 Peter / 1 Pedro 2:1-10 | Colossians / Colosenses 3:12-17 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| Isaiah/Isaias 60:1-6 Psalm/Salmos 72:1-14 Ephesians/Efesios 3:1-12 Matthew/San Mateo 2:1-12 | Isaiah / Isaias 46:5-11 | Hebrews / Hebreos 6:9-20 | Matthew / San Mateo 19:16-30 | Matthew / San Mateo 6:25-34 | 1 Corinthians / 1 Corintios 3:10-17 | 2 Timothy / 2 Timoteo 1:1-14 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| Isaiah/Isaias 61-1-4 Acts/Hechos 8:14-17 Psalm/Salmos 29 Luke/San Lucas 3:15-17,21-22 | John / San Juan 1:35-51 | Matthew / San Mateo 9:9-13 | Luke / San Lucas 9:23-27 | Matthew / San Mateo 10:34-42 | John / San Juan 10:22-30 | Matthew / San Mateo 11:25-30 |
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| Isaiah/Isaias 61-1-4 1 Corinthians/1 Corintios 12:1-11 Psalm/Salmos 36:5-10 John/San Juan 2:1-11 | Luke / San Lucas 5:1-11 | Jeremiah / Jeremias 1:1-10 | Romans / Romanos 1:1-7 | 1 Peter / 1 Pedro 1:13-25 | 1 Peter / 1 Pedro 3:8-12 | John / San Juan 21:15-23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| Nehemiah/Nehemias 8:1-4a,5-6,8-10 1 Corinthians/1 Corintios 12:12-30 Psalm/Salmos 19:7-14 Luke/San Lucas 4:14-21 | John / San Juan 1:1-13 | Genesis / Génesis 1:1-19 | Genesis / Génesis 1:20-31 | Matthew / San Mateo 9:1-8 | 2 Corinthians / 2 Corintios 12:1-10 | 1 Peter / 1 Pedro 1:3-9 |
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| Jeremiah/Jeremias 1:4-10 1 Corinthians/1 Corintios 13:1-13 Psalm/Salmos 71:1-6 Luke/San Lucas 4:21-30 | | | | | | |

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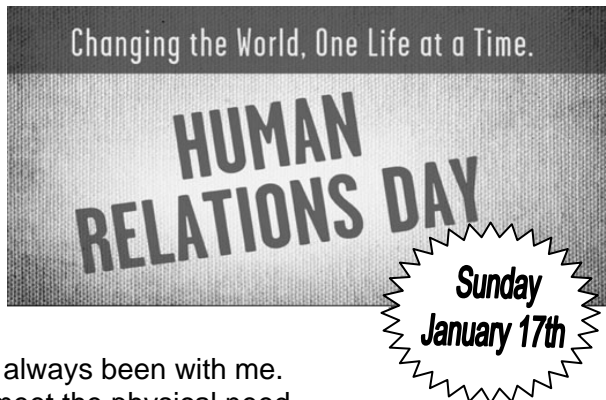
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SHOWING GOD'S LOVE FOR 37 YEARS ...



"The road has been bumpy, but God has always been with me. There have been times when I could not meet the physical need, but never a time I could not meet the need to show God's love."

Meet Maudine Holloway, community developer in Anniston, Alabama, for 37 years! If you ever wonder if your Human Relations Day offering makes any difference, listen to this remarkable woman.

"Come with me to the homeless living under the bridge or in condemned houses, the elderly trying to live on \$250 per month, the children left with relatives, people who cannot afford medication or to see the doctor, persons with AIDS," she says. "We are, for many, the only sparks of light that give hope."

Holloway addresses many needs: hunger, poverty, health issues, homelessness, living without water or heat. She often works with children she calls "pass-ons." She explains, "They are passed on to grandparents or great-grandparents or to the system."

The Human Relations Day offering is a huge blessing, Holloway asserts. "With God's infinite wisdom, our budget has grown. We have one center in Anniston and one in Hobson City." Area churches provide financial support, volunteers and food.

"The greatest investment we can make as Christians is in the lives of God's forgotten children," Holloway adds. "These are critical times for the church to be alive in the community. We are trying to help people see Jesus. I am so grateful for the opportunity to tell the story of God's love every day."

Holloway hopes that even in tough economic times, United Methodists will not forget Human Relations Day, and her ministry that serves more than 5,000 of God's children every year.

Give generously on *Human Relations Sunday*; it will make a world of difference!

January '10 – insert