

Reidland United Methodist Church RUMC Weekly Newsletter

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From the Pastor's Study

In reflecting on the extravagant celebrations that traveled around the world at midnight on Saturday, I have decided that the New Year celebration should be high on the list of Christian observances. Naturally, there are those who will argue that neither the Bible nor Jesus ever mention New Year's Eve, and most consider it a completely secular celebration, failing to find anything Christian about the raucous partying and drinking that often accompanies the event. But think with me for a moment about the significance of celebrating the New Year.

First, we say good-bye to the old year. In our celebrations we reflect on the past year, acknowledging that what we did during the previous twelve months is over and done. While there is sometimes remorse and regret, we ultimately confess our failures, admitting that there is nothing we can do about it; we cannot change the past.

Then we welcome the new year. It is fresh and new and completely before us, full of promise and potential. In an attempt to prevent making the same mistakes we did in the previous year, we make resolutions / promises to do better: perhaps to quit smoking, perhaps to lose weight, perhaps to exercise more, perhaps to keep in touch with loved ones more often, perhaps to attend church more regularly.

In all of this is acted out what we might call "grace". Grace is that gift from God that allows us to be forgiven of our wrong-doing, to have our past wiped clean, freeing us to move into a new life with renewed hope. Thus the celebration!

Think about it: It was grace that Jesus offered to

Peter and Andrew, when he called them from a life of fishing to a life of discipleship. It was grace that Jesus offered to the woman caught in adultery, freeing her from a death sentence and giving her a new chance at life. It was grace that Jesus offered to Zacchaeus, a once-despised tax collector who accepted the opportunity to change his ways.

And it is grace that Jesus offers to you, regardless of who you are... regardless of what you have done in the past... regardless of what others think of you. Jesus offers to you the opportunity to wash away the sins of the past and begin life anew. As the Apostle Paul writes to the Colossians: "When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins..." (Colossians 2:13)

And, just as there was celebration when the shepherd found his lost sheep and the woman found her lost coin and the Prodigal Son returned home, so there is cause for celebration when we experience the grace of God.

So come to Reidland UMC and let's celebrate together – a new year, new life, new possibilities, new hope – all made possible by the grace of God through Jesus Christ!

Bro. Dave

Winter Wonderland of Health

Join the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and The Paducah-McCracken County Senior Citizen Center as we celebrate MLK Day
with a FREE Health Fair for our local Senior Citizens.

The Health Fair will take place on Friday, January 13th from 8:00 am – 11:30 am at the Robert Cherry Civic Center located at: 2701 Park Avenue, Paducah, KY 42001

For more information, please contact the RSVP office at (270) 442-8993.

PCM item is spaghetti sauce.



Thank you Reidland Church Family and choir for your generous Christmas gift. What a blessing serving at Reidland Methodist and knowing each of you is to my life. May the blessings you so freely give, come back to you multiplied many times over.

Love,
Ruth Somers

I would like to thank each of you for allowing me to serve as your Secretary another year. I appreciate you very much and pray 2012 will be a healthy and wonderful year for all.

Love,
Linda Z.

Thank you to RUMC for my Christmas bonus. I really enjoy my job as custodian and you are very kind to think of me.
Rexanne Canter

New Address:
Lois Grooms
The Hampton Tanglewood
Apt. 331
505 Bering Drive
Houston, TX 77057



Blood Drive at RUMC
January 22nd
See Tommy Lyles for appointment



January 16th Office and Preschool will be closed for holiday

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January 4, 2012

Happy New Year!

Saturday, January 7

10:00 a.m. Zumba

Sunday, January 8

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service
 9:00 a.m. Coffee, Fellowship and Announcements
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
 10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service
 4:00 p.m. Worship Meeting
 4:30 p.m. United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF)
 4:30 p.m. Sonlight Handbells
 5:30 p.m. Owlleuia Chimers
 6:30 p.m. Joyful Ringers

Monday, January 9

Tuesday, January 10

9:30 a.m. Homemakers
 4:00 p.m. ZUMBA
 5:30 p.m. ZUMBA
 6:00 p.m. Finance Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts in Fellowship Hall
 7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting

Wednesday, January 11

5:15 p.m. Faith Weaver Friends
 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 12

4:00 p.m. ZUMBA
 5:30 p.m. ZUMBA

Friday, January 13

6:00 p.m. Choir Room for Amy

Saturday, January 14

10:00 a.m. Zumba

Sunday, January 15 Human Relations Day

8:15 a.m. First Worship Service
 9:00 a.m. Coffee, Fellowship and Announcements
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
 10:45 a.m. Second Worship Service
 4:30 p.m. United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF)
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Ushers & Greeters

January 8-Carlos and Shawnda Pacheco, Selina and Daniela Ortiz
 January 13-Mike and Phyllis Hamilton, Bill and Tammy Carr

Children's Church

January 8-Shawnda Pacheco
 January 13-Christal Agee

New Beth Moore Study

This study will be on James. We will be meeting on Thursday's 6:45-8:45 p.m. beginning January 26th.
 This is an 8 week study. Books for this class are \$14.95
 Please, see Tammy Carr if interested. All are invited!



Get Ready for February...
United Methodist Women Chocolate Lover's Sale is right around the corner!



Prayer Concerns: Jeannie Cook, Jim Hendricks, Joann Pandolfi, Ken & Vivian Brown, Mildred Thompson, Amy Blewett, Don & Sue Bridges, Jean Belcher, Donna Downs, Joann Ross, Jan Lovett, Betty Johnson, Tilford Underwood, Ruby Heppe, Margaret Riley, Charlie & Loretta Blankenship, Joann Yates, Richard Flowers



Cancer Patients: Mel Holstrom, Judy Smith, Rachel Smithson, Gary Brown, Bill Sullivan, Barry Bolin, Jennifer Summers Kyle, Phil Wolfe, Amy Cope, Sherry Wolfe, Robert Hicks



Military Prayers: All Soldiers!

Record of Faithfulness – January 1, 2012

First Worship Service-35 Sunday School-75
Second Worship Service-127

Offering received **\$7,235.00** Other Funds **\$99.00**
 Offering needed: Weekly **\$7,291.00** Yearly **\$382,922.00**
 Needed per week **\$7,364.00**
 Avg. YTD **\$6,856.00**

December 25th Offering \$6,102.00 Other \$1,470.00

First Worship Service 8:15 a.m.
 Second Worship Service 10:45 a.m.

Sky's blog page, located @ revdsky.blogspot.com
 Bro. Dave blog @ theitinerantminister.blogspot.com



Preschool No School Jan. 16 for MLK Holiday

Handy Helper info 898-7704



OWLS 50's Bash
 Ahh the 50's; Elvis, hamburgers, fries and root beer floats!
 Wear your best retro 50's outfit and be ready to rock n roll!
 January 18th 11:30 am



January Meetings

4-Worship 4pm
 10-Finance 6pm
 10- Trustee 7pm

LOST and FOUND

Black sunglasses, a knife, and a crystal earring were found.
 I also have several other earrings from last year.
 If you have lost one, stop by to see if it is in Lost and Found.

December Fund Summary

Adult Ministries	\$460
Building Fund	\$350
Chancel Choir	\$120
Christmas House	\$1,685
Christmas Parade Prize	\$300
Church Budget	\$36,094.00
Evangelism Fund	\$6,840
Faith Weavers	\$150
Greyhound Center	\$500
Helping Hands	\$69
March to the Manger	\$5,239
Paducah Cooperative Ministry	\$5
Seasonal Flowers	\$420
Staff Gifts/Receptions	\$20
UMM	\$950

Grand total of all funds: **\$53,202.00**

Weekly average budget contributions for December (includes MTM gifts to the budget) **\$9,023.50**

Weekly average budget contributions for the year **\$7,022.35**

