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PASTOR'S

By Rev. Kory Knott
Senior Pastor



It is a great privilege for me to introduce you to our newest staff member, Rev. Jim Kayler. Please welcome Jim and his wife Jane.

They moved to Texas last June after Jim retired as an ordained elder in the Tennessee Conference. He was pastor at First UMC in Waynesboro, TN for four years. Prior to becoming a member of the clergy, Jim was a superintendent of schools in Manchester, TN and a faculty member at two Tennessee universities.

Since they've arrived here, they have followed God's calling to continue His work through AUMC. Jim is providing congregational care to our Robson Ranch community, including home and hospital visits. He also helps us in leading worship services and will train members to make homebound Communion visits. Jim also leads weekday small group studies, most recently the Disciple short term bible

PERSPECTIVE

study, *Romans*. He and Jane currently attend the Open Hearts Sunday school class.

Jane began a Prayer Shawl Ministry in which 15 volunteers, since its inception last August, hand created and delivered 62 shawls of comfort and peace.



Jim says that Argyle UMC has felt like home from the first visit and is happy to be a part of the church staff here. Please be sure to welcome Jim and Jane when you see them.

See you Sunday,
Kory Knott
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Jan. 10 So Many Religions So Little Time
Jan. 17 Hinduism
Jan. 24 Buddhism
Jan. 31 Islam
Feb. 7 Judaism
Feb. 14 Christianity

CHRISTIANITY
and the
RELIGIONS
of the
WORLD

NEW SERMON SERIES STARTS JANUARY 10th

Welcome



Welcome to God's family, Chansyn Bowen. He was baptized Sunday, Dec. 27th. Shown in the picture above are (L-R) Rev. Kory Knott, Chrysandra, Astyria and Brent holding Chansyn.



Welcome, Larry and Jan Dougherty, who joined AUMC in December. They are the parents of AUMC members Michael and Holly Hunt. Holly is one of our pre-school teachers.



Congratulations to former AUMC Youth Director, Stephen Kelling and wife Brigette on the birth of their daughter, Lucy. Stephen serves as Youth Director at a United Methodist Church in Wisconsin. Stephen is the **brother of AUMC's AV Director, Matthew Kelling.**

How to Join Argyle UMC

We ask that everyone who is interested in becoming a member of the Argyle UMC family of faith join through attendance of our AUMC 101 class.

AUMC 101, led by Pastor of Spiritual Formation Minister Todd Mead, tells you about the United Methodist Church—sacraments, beliefs, and more—and about the Argyle congregation of the United Methodist Church—our vision, missions and programs. You are welcome to join AUMC at the end of that class.

The next classes are Sundays, Feb. 21st and Apr. 11th, immediately following the 11:15 am worship service (about 12:30 pm) in the conference room. We provide a light lunch. We also provide complimentary childcare with advance notice. Please RSVP to Pat Wellborn, pat@argyleumc.org, 940-464-1333.

NURSERY & TODDLER

CARE

By Lauren Anders
Nursery Coordinator



We all know that with a new year comes change, and I am excited to fill you in on some of the changes you will see in the nursery in 2010!

Last month we decided to form a Young **Children's Council, made of a group of** families who will help oversee and support our nursery. The council will work together to implement goals and guide-

lines that will help the nursery become more effective and truly minister to families with young children. Our Young Children's Council members are: Nathan and Christina Bryant, Chris and Amy Fanning, Matt and Jolie Friess, John and Nicole Hackett, Brian and Stephanie Hall, Dona Perkins, Jason and Jennifer West, and Glenn and Suzann Woodard. The council will meet monthly to discuss nursery ideas and improvements.

In addition to that exciting bit of news, we expect to add a few more faces to our nursery staff and to begin staff training this month. We want every family to feel comfortable and confident when they use the nursery. With this in mind, we will also be implementing a type of paging system for families using the nursery during Worship. Look for more information on this in the weeks to come.

You can expect to see many more steps taken to improve ministry in the nursery as the month and year get into full swing. We are excited about these changes, and hope you will join us in welcoming a new year and a new attitude in the AUMC nursery!

Blessings,
Lauren Anders
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COME PLAY WITH US. We are always looking for friends to play with us in the nursery! If you would like to volunteer to spend an hour with us and you are over the age of 14, please contact Lauren. Thank you in advance for helping us minister to the young children!

SMALL GROUP CHILDCARE NEEDS. If your small group has child care needs for church meetings (except for those already scheduled for Wednesdays and Sundays), would you please contact Lauren as soon as those dates are scheduled? *Thank you.*



A very big thank-you to these volunteers, who braved the ice and snow on Christmas Eve to help us in the nursery:

Nathan Bryant
Karla Rogers
Madison Gladys
Debbie Osenbaugh
John and Nicole Hackett



Congratulations to Dane and Amy Watts on the birth of Ava Kamille, born Tuesday, Dec. 29th. She was 7.4 lbs. and 19 in. long. She joins BIG BROTHER Evan.



The Legend of The Candy Cane



Our mission: To ensure that each child feels the love of God through us each and every day.

By Kelli Stoops
Kingdom Kids Director



I love January.... time for new beginnings, a clean slate, the month in which I was married. I can't say I always keep my resolutions, but I like making them with the possibility of keeping them. I also love listening to the children at the start of a new year. As I've listened over the past several days I have heard:

"I'm going to be nice to my friends" . . .
"Since it is a new year, I'm going to pick up my toys" . . .
- and my favorite - "Since it's 10 (I'm guessing the year 2010), I'm going to go to the potty all by myself."

Even the children like a fresh start. Here at Kingdom Kids we've resolved to continue to surround these children with the love of Jesus Christ and jumpstart their love of learning.

As we start the second half of the school year, Kingdom Kids will be very busy. The children are learning and exploring the cold weather, ice and snow, and winter animals. We will be **having our annual 'Pancakes and Pajama' Day on the 21st**. Thanks to Scot Thomas, our breakfast for our fun day will be provided by IHOP. At the end of the month we will welcome the rodeo to town with a Hoedown Day and celebration. The teachers are already digging out their finest western wear!

Kingdom Kids ended the year on such a high note with the wonderful Christmas program "The Legend of the Candy Cane" and our wonderful parties, that looking ahead to the new year brings endless possibilities. Of course, working with children, endless possibilities happen every day!

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ADULT MISSION TRIP. Would you prayerfully consider planning time off from work for our Joint Mission trip with Amarillo's St. Stephen UMC from Feb. 6—13th? We will frame and roof four houses to be used as missionary homes at the secured facilities of the Youth with a Mission ministry facility in Juarez, Mexico. The YWAM facility is also used for outreach and training, plus they operate a children's home at this facility. For more information, contact Russell Kelly.

FILLING THE BANK. Help fill the Argyle Food Bank by donating regular sized, non-perishable food items during the month of June. Donation totes will be set-up at the Guest Welcome Center starting Sunday, Feb. 7th. As space is limited at the Food Bank, the Argyle Food Bank representative has provided a list of urgent need items. Item cards are available if you would like to pick one up and attach it to your grocery list! *Submitted by Melissa Gautreau-Miller.*

GREAT DAY OF SERVICE. Mark your calendars for Argyle UMC's Great Day of Service on Sunday, March 14th. On this day, instead of attending church services, we will all, as a family, join hands to help our community. Carter Blood Center will be here for a Blood Drive, and we will be filling up the Clean-up Buckets and Health Kits sponsored by UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). While many other projects are being planned, if you know of any specific needs, please contact Dian Darr. Also, if your Sunday School Class or Bible Study group would like to work together on a project that is special to you, please let me know. On this Great Day of Service, we will all have the opportunity to Seek, Grow, and Serve. *Submitted by Dian Darr.*

ANGEL TREE. Each year the Community Civic League sponsors Angel Tree, a program which provides Christmas gifts to children of needy families in our community. This year 141 children and seniors were selected to receive gifts. Businesses and churches throughout Argyle volunteered to participate by displaying angels and collecting money. Over 700 gifts were collected. **Following the Scriptures' call to care for the poor,** AUMC members and friends generously provided approximately 550 of these gifts. Additionally, AUMC members volunteered to distribute angels, pick up and deliver the gifts to the collection area, as well as sort and wrap these gifts. Thanks to the 29 volunteers who gave unselfishly of their time and to all who provided the needed gifts.

Thank You

Dear Reverend Knott:

One million Communities Civics League thanks to you and your congregation for your generosity during the 2009 Angel Tree Program.

With your kind and bounteous help, we provided 109 Argyle children with 763 gifts of clothing and toys. And we distributed 85 senior gifts as well. Both groups, too, received the true meaning of Christmas by experiencing the hope, love, and joy that your gifts concretely and concomitantly supplied. Your generous congregation gave in excess of 500 gifts.

Your members helped by shopping for and purchasing the gifts. Some of them even picked up the gifts from various town collection centers, delivered them to the central distribution center, and assisted with placing the gifts in assigned bags so that they would be ready for pick up by the selected families. To be sure, the First-United-Methodist-Argyle stamp of assistance appears throughout the 2009 Angel Tree Argyle process.

For your expression of Christian caring during this special season, we are most grateful. Your church stands as a beacon of spiritual light and inspiration for Argyle and its children and seniors who were in need of special human sensitivity.

Sincerely,
Suzanne Pettit and Shantel Day
Angel Tree Chairpersons

By Karla Rogers
Assistant to the Minister to Students



Happy January! I'm so glad the youth are back in school and that we can get back into the swing of things. Our youth ministry has so many things on tap for this semester and I am really excited about it. We have STUWO, SNL, retreats, and many activities coming your

way so be sure and take a peek at the website every once in a while. We also have an *Invisible Children* screening taking place in early March. To learn more about *Invisible Children*, please go to their website: www.invisiblechildren.com.

As I get acclimated into the New Year, I love to think about goals that I can commit to and perhaps complete by the end of the year. Some of my goals for 2010 include starting and finishing *Atlas Shrugged* by Ayn Rand (all 1168 pages of it) by 2011, being an effective spiritual mentor for your students, and becoming a proficient cook.

I recently asked students what some of their goals were. One of our students proclaims that she wants to advance in guitar. Another one of our students wants to become closer to God. Another wants to become less of a procrastinator (Amen!). My favorite response was from one of my 9th grade girls—she wants to grow two inches. Another response was a student that wants to live out their faith effectively in order to bring other students to Jesus Christ. As I read over these responses, **I can't help but notice that all these students want to better themselves.** I want to better myself. In reaching for goals like these, it often becomes easy to tire quickly or for it to become too much, and the goals are often forgotten.

The only way to make sure that our goals are completed is to put all we have into the Lord. Isaiah 40:30-31 says **"Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."** This message is such a comfort to me. In the American Standard Version it says even vigorous young men stumble and fall. I mean if vigorous young men are tiring, it must be ok for this 23-year girl to need to **take a break sometimes!** But the kicker is if I'm putting all I have into the Lord whether it be guitar, or becoming a better person, or getting into shape, or even getting closer to HIM, He is going to give me the energy and rejuvenation I need to get through it.

Isn't God great? All I have to do is place my hope in Him and things that seemed tough become doable. I am so grateful to know my Lord wants me to succeed. Wishing you a happy 2010!

In Him,
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Youth Project Christmas



Celebrations

Birthdays

- 1 E.J. Jones, Janice Edlen, Jana McAlister
- 4 Trey Anderson
- 5 Cortlyn Conn, David Young, Dillon DiVecchia, Robin Britton
- 6 Brian Hall, Cooper Lee Kent, Gentry Cole, Mason White, Stacie Schnabel
- 7 Amber Hardy, Cole Jones, Michael Busch
- 8 Chris Onstot, Hunter Blackwell
- 10 Madison McGee, Stella Buchanan,
- 11 Christopher Piel, Kathy Zumann, Kip McAlister, Sara Mosier, Stuart White
- 12 Brooks Etheridge, Karen Ricker, Madison Hardy
- 13 Connie Chaffee
- 14 Gary Chaffee, Kevin Meador, Kory Knott, Susan Marshall
- 15 Jennifer Costner, Shari Skaggs
- 16 Suzann Woodard
- 17 Lacey Herring
- 18 Evan Watts, Gavin Van-Jaarsveldt, Peggy Kiger, Roy Gay, Scott Gee, Vickie Van Drunen
- 19 Allyson Nathan, Brandon Allison, Carl Johnson, Lauren Lauder
- 20 Cole Woodard, Evan Langley, Justin Fairfield
- 21 Larry Miller, Sue Dourgarian
- 22 Bryce Warnack, Cason Johnson, Marisa Lock-

wood

- 23 Savannah Hill, Winston Shoemaker
- 24 Roger Johnston
- 25 Bob Howell
- 26 Amy McCloud, David Allison, Julie Lyle, Mary Reynolds, Zach Gant
- 27 Aaron Cullen, Chad Miller, Kim Staley
- 28 Eric Goldston, Richard Dinkins, Steve Merka
- 29 Adele Foster, Carson York
- 30 Andie Piel, Avery Schneider, Dan Onstot, Jennifer DiVecchia, Molly Sheridan, Ron Darr
- 31 Pat Schroeder

Anniversaries

- 1 Don and Jeannine Pooley
- 2 Jay and Bonny Haynes
- 10 Rex and Vickie McMurry
- 11 Robert and Linda DeLong
- 15 David and Tammra Allison
- 21 Jack and Lo Rene Akins
- 23 Bruce and Kim Mitchell
- 25 Richard and Liz Dinkins
- 25 Tim and Kelli Stoops
- 27 George and Pat Wellborn
- 28 Peter and Marisa Lockwood

The Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors Sunday school class thanks everyone for supporting them by purchasing baked goods during the Christmas season. The raised funds, \$1226, will be used by the class to help with projects in the community. Shown at the bake sale are (L-R) Davie Lloyd and Bake Sale Coordinator, Melva Hodges.



ADULT

MINISTRIES

Todd Mead
Pastor of Spiritual Formation



Happy New Year! Hope your new year and new decade has gotten off to a great start.

Let me start the New Year off with a question. "What area of your life needs to be different"? I know most of you are doing great, right! But are there some things in your life you

would like to be different?

Did you make any resolutions for the New Year? I am not a big fan of resolutions. I am a huge fan of making personal goals. I guess they can be the same, but resolutions have a negative thought for me. It seems they just get dropped after a few weeks—it's almost expected. **Personal goals are different.** In my mind they require more of a commitment.

So let me encourage you to make a few personal goals this year. Put a little thought and prayer into this. Ask God for some specifics that He might want to address in your life. It could be many different things. Maybe you need to get more involved in ministry, lose a few pounds and get healthy or create a budget to start getting out of debt—a much better plan than buying lottery tickets, by the way.

God is in the business of changed lives. He desires to do a work in each one of us, that we would be more the person He created us to be and the person you desire to be. The thing is God will never force that on us. He patiently and graciously waits for us to submit our lives to Him.

Make some goals this year to grow in your walk with God. Write them down. Share them with someone you trust who can encourage you in the process. Put a plan together and move forward with expectant hearts, believing that God will do a good work in you.

I am excited about 2010 and grateful to God and what He is doing in the lives of His people.

Peace,
Todd
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Shown above is one of our returning troopers at DFW Airport with Stryker, the pet of AUMC members George and Karen Campbell.

WELCOMING HOME THE TROOPS. After much delay in the arriving flight at DFW Airport, we finally got to welcome home our heroes. The police made us keep our dog, Stryker, outside the terminal but as soon as the troops saw him, many came by for just a pat on the head. A few just wanted to love on him, many of which got a big lick from him. It was amazing how a dog's presence warmed them up. One female soldier couldn't let go of him and he loved on her. They all were pretty much worn out from the trip, which was delayed a day in Shannon, Ireland, and then they had connecting flights to home. We can't wait to do it again. *Submitted by Karen and George Campbell.*

FINANCE MATTERS. As of December 31, 2009, our offerings totaled \$896,765.12 towards an operating budget of \$908,017.00. *Submitted by Valerie Donahue, valerie@argyleumc.org, 940-464-1333.*

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY. We are pleased to welcome back Financial Peace University facilitator Penny Gee to AUMC starting Tuesday, Jan. 19th from 7:00—8:45 pm for 12 weeks. The goal of *Financial Peace University* is not just information, but transformation. More than one million families have attended FPU with amazing results. On average, they pay off \$5,300 in debt and save \$2,700 in just 90 days. Class members meet with their class each week to watch a video lesson and participate in discussion groups. Dave's style is simple and easy to understand. He will change the way you think about money. If you are interested, contact Penny.

Adult Sunday School

These classes are held Sundays from 10:00—11:00 am in the portable buildings located on the south side of the building.

Portable Building #1.

Genesis. We are studying Christ the Fulfillment. Led by Todd Mead, 940-464-1333, todd@argyleumc.org.

Portable Building #3.

Families of Faith. For families of mostly elementary-aged school children. Contact David Young or Mike Norwood.

Portable Building #4.

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors. Join us for our study, Christianity and World Religions by Adam Hamilton. It goes along with the current sermon series. Come join us in Portable 4 at 9:45 am for good fellowship and discussion. Contact Buster Rosser.

This class is held Sundays from 5:00—6:30 pm in portable building #4 located on the south side of the building.

Portable Building #3.

*Footprints. This class, for young couples with or without children, focuses its studies on the books of the Bible, life-application of the scriptures, and marriage and relationship development. They participate in First Friday of the Month socials, a New Year's Party, group attendance at special worship services throughout the year and summer get-togethers. We are currently studying *Experiencing God and Eclipsing Empire—Living the Questions*. Childcare provided. Interested?*

Contact Contact Cyne' Hindman at footprints@argyleumc.org.

STEPHEN MINISTRY UPDATE



In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:4-6

This month we have sixteen people who are starting a new partnership in the gospel with this church family. Our new Stephen Ministers have started the 50-hour training process to prepare and equip them to minister to the body of this church.

As Stephen Leaders we are excited about the good work God is doing in each one of these individuals. We can also look forward with expectation that God will finish the work He has started in each one. Please be in prayer for our Stephen Ministers and also the Stephen Leaders as we move forward with this exciting and needed ministry.

This month our Stephen Ministers will study *The Person of the Caregiver, Feelings: Yours, Mine and Ours, The Art of Listening, Distinctively Christian Caring, and Process versus Results in Caregiving.*

Peace and Grace,
The Stephen Leaders

Submitted by Todd Mead, todd@argyleumc.org
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Adult Small Groups

EXERCISE AT THE CHURCH. Start the New Year right with a good, solid exercise program at the church. The class meets every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8:15 to 9:15 am, and is a mix of aerobics and weight training. The class is generally an intermediate level class, but beginners are shown modifications and encouraged to build up their strength. Join a group of faithful women who support each other in more ways than just exercise. Contact Lynda Mathis or just show up.

GRIEF SUPPORT. Every 1st and 3rd Sunday from 4:00—5:00 pm in the pastor's office.

MEN'S LESSONS-N-LUNCH. Wednesdays at 12:00 pm in portable #1. We are doing a study by Charles Swindoll, *The Man of Integrity and Forgiveness—Joseph*. Jim Dyer is leading this study. Contact Larry Chiles.

MOTORCYCLE MINISTRY. Fellowship through motorcycle interests and rides. We will meet (weather permitting) the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm. Contact Greg Bristow.

MEN'S GROUP. Hope all enjoyed the holidays. Men will meet for breakfast at Snooty Pig Café at 8:00 am on Jan. 17th (third Sunday of the month) so we can still make the early service. All men invited. We will review last year, and look at 2010. We are working on a plan to mobilize our BBQ smoker! **Last call for new AUMC Men's shirts** – either blue long sleeve or tan pullover – embroidered. Turning in order shortly for those interested. For more info, contact Chris Rosprim. Happy New Year to all!

MEN'S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY. We are doing a bible study. Meet us at 6:30 am in the conference room. Contact Dana Bolin.

AUMC CIRCUIT RIDERS. This bicycling ministry includes Rob Arruda, Stuart White, Don Fryer, Charlie Foster, and others. They ride for fun and for particular charities. Contact Charlie Foster.

ROMANS STUDY. Rev. Jim Kayler is leading an 8-week *Short-Term Disciple Study* of Romans Mondays from 6:30—8:00 pm in the conference room. If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Kayler.

MARY'S & MARTHA'S WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY. *Here and Now...There and Then, A Lecture Series on Revelation* by Beth Moore. We live in a world turned upside down and it is scripture that turns it right side up. Revelation is the sparkling, stunning and astonishing finish to what God began in Genesis. Join us beginning Thursday, January 21st from 9:00 to 11:00 am in Portable #4. Cost \$10 for workbook. To register, email Kim Thomas.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY. *Breaking Free: The Journey, The Stories* by Beth Moore. This revised Beth Moore study leads you through a study of the Scriptures to discover the transforming power of Christian freedom. Based on Isaiah 61:1-4, this in-depth Bible study draws parallels between the **captive Israelites and today's believers.** Beth uses Scripture to help identify spiritual strongholds in your life, no matter how big or small. She explains that anything that hinders us from the benefits of knowing God is bondage. *Breaking Free* is Beth's life message that she wants to share with you. This study will be held at the home of Jeannine Pooley beginning January 13, 2010. Cost \$15 for workbook.

SENIOR'S GAME TIME. Calvin and Millie Clark are putting together a game time for seniors here at AUMC the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 1:30 pm. If you would like to play cards, dominoes and you enjoy fun and fellowship, contact the Clarks.

Grace Notes

By Rev. Joe Stobaugh

Associate Pastor, Cantor and Curator of Worship

Hello friends! Time marches on, does it not? We celebrated Christmas amidst a snow storm which was followed by the celebration of New Year's Eve and some great Cowboy's victories! And now the decorations have been put away and we are back in our routines.



As I reflect on this time of the year, I'm struck by the way God has created us to require community. If we don't have community we suffer. In fact, if we go without true community long enough, we *will* die.

Are you immersed in true community? How are you nurturing your community?

Just as science has shown us that the universe is always expanding, should not our own personal communities also expand in a similar fashion? I would offer the invitation to you to get involved in one of the musical communities here at AUMC. You could try any of the age appropriate choirs, the Argyle Ringers, perhaps you could serve and be in community in other ways?

God desires us to be together! So, let 2010 be the year of connection and community for you! **Won't you come and create?**

Grace and peace,
Rev. Joe Stobaugh

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Thank You

Thank you so much to all of the musicians who helped make the Advent and Christmas Season so special! We are blessed to have such a hard-working group of volunteers!



The Veritas Youth Choir, shown above with adult chaperone Anastasia Markina (top row, far right), returned recently from a four day tour that included stops in Little Rock, Memphis, Paris, and Nashville. The tour was amazing! The girls are (top row L-R) Nakota Raines, Lexie Ratcliff and (bottom row L-R) Scarlett Perritt, Madison Gladys and Haley Hope. Not shown are Sarah and Rev. Joe Stobaugh. Rev. Stobaugh leads Veritas.

WEEKLY MUSIC SCHEDULE

Veritas Youth Choir. Sunday, 5:00 pm, Portable #2.

KM2 Kids Music Ministry. Wednesday, 5:00 pm, Portable #2. For 1st—4th graders.

Argyle Ringers. Wednesday, 6:15 pm, Conference Room. For adults.

Chancel Choir. Wednesday, 7:30 pm, Portable #2. For adults.

**By Pat Wellborn
Congregational Care**



I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas season. In spite of the blizzard conditions on Christmas Eve, 712 worshippers and 29 staff and volunteers came here to praise God for sending His Son to come live among us.

Even though the “office was closed” during the past two weeks, the building was filled with staff and volunteers who quickly answered our call for help to prepare the sanctuary before Christmas Eve and then to put everything back to normalcy after Christmas. **I’ve been here at AUMC many years, and times like these still put me in awe and humility. It’s become obvious to so many in our community that we know the true spirit of the Christmas season.** That said...

It’s time we make commitments to continue the Christmas season all year.

Homebound Ministry. This year the congregational care team hopes to welcome more people who are willing to take some of our homebound members and friends under their wing with routine home visits and to make hospital visits as well. Rev. Jim Kayler will also train some of you to take Communion to **the homebound. If you’d like to join this ministry, please be sure to let me know. As our membership grows, we’ll need even more volunteers in this area.**

Hospitality Ministry. Even though we have 55 men and women in our hospitality team, we *always* need more. Our hospitality team serve as parking attendants, open the doors for our visitors, man the Guest Welcome

Center, hand out bulletins at the sanctuary doors, help collect the offering and clean the sanctuary in between worship services.

We particularly need more volunteers to help at our 10:00 worship service. We are offering refreshments again this year, **so we’ll need helpers to put the food out and clean and restock in between services.** Our Sunday hospitality schedule is rotational, so you volunteer only on those Sundays that you can. Our hospitality team will also be asked this new year to be help

other weekday hospitality needs—funerals, special events, etc.

If you have a gift of making people feel comfortable and welcomed and **it’s easy for you to greet people you don’t know**, I need you to join me in personally greeting everyone as they arrive and also to go into the sanctuary to greet them before the service starts.

We’re Not CHEERS—Yet! You may remember the popular television situation comedy, *Cheers*. The comedy is about a Boston hang-out (*okay, it’s a bar*) **“where everybody knows your name”**.

We may have the feel here at **AUMC “that everybody knows your name”, but the truth is we don’t.**

The staff meets and greets over 500 people every Sunday, yet it still saddens (and embarrasses) us that sometimes we forget *your* name. **Would you please save us embarrassment by purchasing and wearing a name badge? Also, you don’t have to be a “member” to wear a name badge—if you consider Argyle UMC to be your church home, then please—purchase a badge.** They are only \$7 each and the form is at the Guest Welcome Center.

Sunday Registration. We ask that you register using the form at the bottom of the Sunday bulletin for two reasons. The first is so that we can keep up with your family and update your contact information. The second reason is so you can request prayers. **Would you please take a minute of your time each Sunday to complete the registration form so that you can put it in the offering plate towards the end of the worship service?**

Please Pray. Bill and Jan King ask that we pray for Robson resident Kathy Downer. John and Margretta Morgenson ask that we pray for their son David who has a cancerous brain tumor. Doctors from coast-to-coast conclude it is inoperable, so John and Margretta are praying for a miracle. Linda Zastrow asks for prayers for her sister-in-law who has lung cancer. **The Staley family on the passing of Kim’s mother in late December. The Conn family on the passing of Clyde’s mother last week. Jim and Melva Hodges on the passing of Melva’s aunt and Jim’s nephew this week.**

Congratulations. Ken and Cindy Hartman on their new business, *Yogurt Story*, in Roanoke.

I pray God’s blessings on you and your family.

Pat Wellborn

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CHILDREN'S

MINISTRY

STEP INTO GOD'S KINGDOM

Our mission: To share and teach the love of Christ to children and their families.



Our Mission Possible Kids and Zone 56 have joined hands with tens of thousands of other children around the world who share the vision and dedication to empower communities through education in remote areas of Pakistan and Afghanistan. Our students are embarking on a Pennies for Peace campaign to broaden their cultural horizons and become members of a global family dedicated to peace.

How can a penny bring peace? A penny doesn't buy much in Argyle. But in the villages of Pakistan and Afghanistan, a penny can buy a pencil, start an education, and transform a life. In a region where terrorist organizations recruit uneducated, illiterate children, that pencil can empower a child to read, write, and learn. The Pennies for Peace program goal is to encourage children, who are ultimately our future leaders, to learn the value of philanthropy by collecting pennies for global peace.

MPK agents and Zone 56ers will be collecting pennies during the months of January and February. The pennies that they collect can add up to make a real difference in the lives of other children. What can a penny do?

- 1 penny = a pencil
- 2-3 pennies = an eraser
- 15 pennies = one notebook
- \$20 = one child's school supplies for one year**
- \$50 = one treadle sewing machine and supplies
- \$100 = maternal healthcare supplies for one year
- \$300 = one advanced student's annual scholarship**

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\$600 = one teacher's annual salary

\$5,000 = support for existing school for one year

\$50,000 = one school building & support for up to 5 years

Children in over 400 mountain villages in remote northern Pakistan and Afghanistan are on the waiting list, hoping to learn in a new school. We hope to help build a bridge of peace, one penny at a time, offering alternatives to the cycle of terrorism and war.

About Pennies for Peace. The Pennies for Peace campaign is a program of Central Asia Institute (CAI), founded by Greg Mortenson, author of the #1 New York Times best seller, *Three Cups of Tea*. CAI is a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that promotes and provides community-based education and literacy programs, especially for girls, in remote mountain regions of Central Asia. Founded in 1996, CAI has built, to date, nearly 100 schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan, which serve more than **28,000 students, 14,000 of whom are girls.** Greg's story and more information about CAI can be found on the web at www.ikat.org.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH. We ask that all parents help in Children's Ministry. All parents are automatically placed on the Children's Church rotation. Liz Edwards will email you the week before you are scheduled with your lesson plan (supplies will be provided). **Please see the Children's Church schedule for January listed below and mark your calendar with your scheduled date.** If you are unable to teach on your scheduled Sunday, please contact one of the other people listed (or another church member) to switch dates. Please advise Kim Hand or Liz of any changes, so we'll know to whom we are to send the lesson plans.

JANUARY CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE (11:15 am)

- Jan. 3 COMMUNION
- Jan. 10 Scott and Cassandra Krumme
- Jan. 17 Jay and Bonny Haynes
- Jan. 24 David and Denise Fuller
- Jan. 31 Bryan and Michele Langley



Dear Pastor,
Thank you for your recent gift of \$1,000.00. Also, thank you for hosting the Watoto Children's Choir. I trust that you were blessed by their ministry and encouraged by the testimonies of the children. Please extend our deepest thanks to your congregation for the support that they have shown to the children of Watoto and the millions of children that they represent. Through the generous support of your church we will be able to rescue more children, raise them to be great leaders and rebuild a nation. In Matthew 18 God reminds us about true greatness. It is my prayer that the attention of God would be drawn to you and your congregation because of the generosity, kindness and hospitality that you have shown to these precious children.

Sincerely,
Eugene Stutzman, Executive Director

Blue Mound UMC would like to thank you for your generous donation of banners. They will be beautiful in our sanctuary. We love the different colors. If we can ever be of help, please let us know. It is wonderful when sister churches look out for each others. Thanks again.

Kay Trietsch
Coordinator of Altar Guild
Blue Mound UMC

To the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Just a note to thank you so much for your thoughtfulness for the lovely shawl you made for my mother—LaVerna Kuykendall. She uses it every day and talks about such nice work you did. It is so comforting and so special for her that you have her on your prayer list.

We are thankful that Valerie is there with such a nice group of people. She is a blessing to her grandmother and us.

Thanks again,
Pat Helm

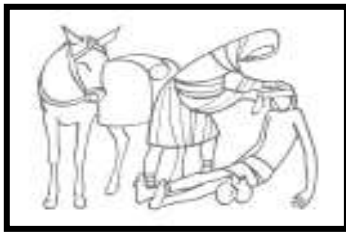
Note: Valerie Donahue is our Finance Administrator.

To the Argyle United Methodist Congregation,

You all provided a true miracle for my family this year! Without hesitation, you came together to help us, strangers to you, in the name of God. It was a gesture that could only have **been the work of God and it touched us beyond belief!** You've renewed our faith and given us hope for a new start in 2010! **We wanted to thank you for such an amazing gift. It's obvious you've got the right things going on at your church! We will never forget you!**

God bless you all.
Stacy and Samantha Owens
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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



The Good Samaritan

Rotation Sunday School
January 10-31st

Scripture: Luke 10:25-37

Memory Verse: *Who is my neighbor? The one who showed mercy. Go and do likewise.* Luke 10:29, 37

We begin the month of January celebrating Epiphany, the coming of the Magi to worship Jesus. On January 10th, we begin exploring Jesus' story of the Good Samaritan. This story is written as a parable, a story that uses elements that are commonly understood by the audience hearing it to teach a specific lesson. In this parable, the themes of kindness and prejudice are explored; issues that transcend time and place. Jesus' parable reminds us that God's grace is for all people, and calls us to overlook our stereotypes and to do kindness to all people, even those with whom we would rather not associate.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSROOM SCHEDULE

Grade/ Room #	K	1 st & 2 nd	3 rd	4 th
Jan. 3	Movie 108	Movie 108	Games 105	Games 105
Jan. 10	Movie 108	Cooking 105	Drama 106	Computer 100
Jan. 17	Drama 106	Movie 108	Computer 100	Cooking 105
Jan. 24	Cooking 105	Com- puter 100	Movie 108	Drama 106
Jan. 31	Computer 100	Drama 106	Cooking 105	Movie 108

Teachers: Older 2's and 3's (3 by Dec.31, 2009), Rm. 103, Kelly Perritt, Kelly Hawkins & Carly Hawk. Pre-K, Room 104, Cyne Hindman & Jennifer West. Rotation shepherds: Kindergarten, Nicole Hackett & Kristy Johnston; 1st grade, Dona & Bill Perkins; 2nd grade, Jo Ellen Bergstrom; 3rd grade, Kathy Wright & Tamra Allison; 4th grade, Tracey Portz & Chris Funck. Movie: Darren & Stacie Schnabel, David & Jennifer Bullock, Steve & Shannan Christo, Roger & Sue Santone; Computer: Steve & Mary Betzhold, George & Kelly Dunham, Drama: Harold & Dana Ratcliff, Jeff Bergstrom; Game, Mike Livingston; Cooking: Jennifer Lillis & Cheryl Lavelle; Zone 56: Portable 6, Tom & Pam Keenan, Julie Sheridan.



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sundays
8:30—Traditional
with congregational hymns
10:00—Contemporary
with intersect band
11:15 am—Traditional
with chancel choir

Student Worship
Sunday: 6:00 pm—SNL
(High School)
Wednesday: 7:00 pm—S7UW8
(7th & 8th)

Our Mission

Seeking and Feeding the Spiritually Hungry

Our Vision

SEEK: Introducing People to Jesus
GROW: Growing Spiritual Redwoods for Jesus
SERVE: Relieving Suffering as Jesus Did

Ministry Team

SENIOR PASTOR
Rev. Kory Knott

MUSIC MINISTRY
Rev. Joe Stobaugh, Assoc. Pastor
Curator and Cantor
Anastasia Markina, Pianist
Alex Ross, Music Associate

YOUTH MINISTRY
Nathan Bryant
Karla Rogers, Assistant

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY
Liz Edwards, Director
Kim Hand, Assistant
Lauren Anders, Nursery Coordinator

CHILDREN'S PRESCHOOL
Kelli Stoops, Director

FACILITIES MANAGER
Russell Kelly

ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION
Todd Mead

CONGREGATIONAL CARE
Pat Wellborn
Rev. James Kayler

OFFICE MINISTRY
Tammie Nuoci, Office
Valerie Donahue, Finances

MEDIA MINISTRY
Matthew Kelling, Director
Adam Bell
David Laschinger
Carter Low
Mike Livingston
Bill Reaves

OFFICE HOURS
Monday—Thursday
9:00 am—5:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am—12:30 pm

