

St. John's, Bem
United Church
Of Christ

The Scoop!

December, 2011

"...no matter who you
are or where you are
on life's journey,
you are welcome here
in the United Church
of Christ..."

From the Pastor's Keyboard...

"Faith Journeys"

This time of year, while most people's thoughts are turning towards sugarplums dancing in their heads and the advent of Christ's birth in our midst, my thoughts are about Confirmation. As I am writing this, Testimony Sunday is upon us; Confirmation Sunday is coming up (November 27); and on December 4, our Confirmation Class of 2011 will be celebrating their first communion as confirmed members of Bem Church. These three Sundays are joyous times in the life of our family of faith; a time to celebrate the heritage we share, and the vision we have for the future.

The most exciting part of this celebration, to me, is Testimony Sunday. On that Sunday (November 20) the confirmation students present a testimonial to their faith. This usually takes the form of a 4-5 minute "sermonette". This is the culmination of their confirmation journey, a 14-month long process of developing their faith.

I have told many people that Confirmation Classes are my favorite time all week; and this is true. Spending time with the youth of our church in that pivotal age where they are just figuring out what they believe is an incredible joy. During the year we spend together we explore various aspects of God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Bible, the Universal Church, the United Church of Christ, Bem Church, our role as Stewards of God's Kingdom, Forgiveness and Grace, Heaven and Hell and Eternal Life. But while we are exploring these topics of faith, I do not tell them what to believe; I try to help them formulate their own understanding of faith. As we work together, this is just what happens. Their own faith develops. Testimony Sunday is an illustration of this.

How has your faith developed over the years? Have you explored what you truly believe, or has your faith become simply a comfortable "habit"? What do you mean when you say you believe in God? What is the Bible, to you? Why? Who is Jesus, to you?

Faith is like a muscle; you have to keep working it out to be beneficial. We work out our faith muscles in various ways- worship, prayer, Bible reading/study, and discussions about faith with our friends. Our confirmation students just completed 14 months of training their faith muscle. Have you worked out your faith muscle lately?

-Pastor Rick

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FLOODING IN THAILAND- BEM CHURCH IS THERE

Heavy monsoon rains have been plaguing South East Asia since July and have severely affected one-third of Thailand's land mass. A total of 3.4 million acres of farmland -- a landmass 13 times the size of Hong Kong -- is submerged under water.

More than one-third of Thailand remains under water and more than 12.3 million of livestock have been seriously affected. Authorities say the death toll has exceeded 307, while at least three people are still missing. More than 2.4 million people, including 700,000 children, have so far been affected. In addition to the loss of life, the flooding has exacted a heavy toll on homes, businesses and infrastructure. The floods have so far incurred losses of US \$1 billion. More than 2 million tons of un-milled rice have already been destroyed during the flooding, affecting the economy of one of the world's largest exporters of rice. Transport links to the main ports in **Bangkok** and **Laem Chabang** have also been badly disrupted.

The United Church of Christ is responding through *Church World Service*, and as a member of the *ACT Alliance*. Initial efforts have included the work of *Church World Service* teams conducting assessments. In addition, food distribution has been underway in **Bangkok**, as has been the distribution of food and non-food items in **Ayutthaya** and **Chai Nat** provinces for more than 1,200 households. Various small-scale feeding programs are also underway throughout the country.

Longer term efforts are focused on providing immediate relief and recovery support to 22,400 flood affected households in **Chiang Mai**, **Chainat**, **Uthaihani**, **Phatumthani**, and **Ayutthaya** provinces. Specifically:

- Distribution of cooked food will benefit 18,800 households in **Chainat**, **Ayutthaya**, and **Phatumthani** provinces.
- Survival packs will benefit 2,500 households in **Uthaihani**, **Chainat**, **Ayutthaya** and **Bangkok** provinces. These include rice, instant noodles, canned fish, milk powder for babies, crackers, drinking water, body soap, body powder, toothpaste, tissue and essential medicines for headaches and minor injuries.
- 500 households will benefit from shelter assistance, and livelihood assistance will benefit 600 households in **Uthaihani** and **Chainat** provinces. This part of the response will assist at least 500 fishermen who have lost their fishing equipment. The support will enable them to resume fishing again. About 150 housewives who had worked as daily food suppliers will also be supported in order to resume their duties.

Budget:

\$301,769, including \$290,666 for direct assistance, such as food and non-food relief items; rehabilitation items like fishing nets and reconstruction costs. Other costs are for transportation, staffing and monitoring.

Bem Church is helping *Church World Services* and the *ACT Alliance* with these relief efforts through our denominational support network- *Our Church's Wider Mission*. When you give to the Mission Fund at Bem Church, 85% of it goes to *Our Church's Wider Mission*. 25% of that money goes to the National Offices of the United Church of Christ, where it is used for relief efforts such as these, through our partner relationships with *CWS*, *ACT* and the *Disciples of Christ*. Through *Our Church's Wider Mission*, Bem Church is in Thailand, and countries all over the world, helping those in need! What a great way to say, "*Merry Christmas!*"

SCRIPTURES FOR DECEMBER 2011

These are the scripture readings and topics we will be exploring in worship during the month of December. Read ahead! You will get much more out of the worship experience if you prepare ahead before Sunday morning.

12/4- Second Sunday of Advent “The Gift of Peace”

Psalter Lesson: Psalm 85:1-2,8-13
Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:8-14

12/11- Third Sunday of Advent “The Gift of Joy”

Psalter Lesson: Psalm 126
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 1:22-25

12/18- Fourth Sunday of Advent “The Gift of Love”

Psalter Lesson: Psalm 117
Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:15-20

1/1- New Year’s Day “Blessed Beginnings”

Psalter Lesson: Psalm 148
Gospel Lesson: Luke 2:22-40

ADVENT WORKSHOP- DECEMBER 4

Make plans now to attend Advent Workshop on December 4! We will celebrate Advent together after church that Sunday with food and crafts for all ages. Lunch will be served. Stick around after church that day for Advent- family style!

Christmas Eve Services at Bem Church:

5:00pm- Children and Family themed service, with cookie communion and carols

11:00pm- Altar communion, lessons and carols, singing “Silent Night” by candlelight

Saturday, December 24, 2011

WALK TO THE MANGER IN OWENSVILLE DECEMBER 2

The Owensville/Rosebud Ministerial Alliance is sponsoring a “Walk to the Manger” on December 2, 6:00pm in the parking lot of First Baptist Church. We will gather at 6:00pm; and at 6:30, begin journeying down first street, where vignettes of the Nativity Story will be seen and heard and read at stops along the way. “Mary” and “Joseph” will be journeying down First Street on a donkey, looking for an inn with room for them to stay, while narrators along the way read the Nativity Story. You will walk with them, looking for a room, until Christ is born. The journey will end at the Gasconade County Museum, where Christ’s birth will be depicted and refreshments will be served. Come be a part of The Story, and the Walk to the Manger!

CHRISTMAS CANTATA AT ST. PETER’S- DECEMBER 4

St. Peter’s annual Christmas Cantata will be December 4 at 3:00pm. Come ring in the holidays in this special way at St. Peter’s United Church of Christ!

FIRST COMMUNION DECEMBER 4

The Confirmation Class of 2011 will celebrate their First Communion as confirmed members of Bem Church on December 4. Come celebrate with us!

NOBBY’S CHRISTMAS SAMPLING BUFFET- DECEMBER 11

Nobby Ota will be serving his annual holiday feast- Asian Style! Come to Farmer’s Merchant Café on Sunday, December 11 after 4:00pm for this delicious holiday treat. This is not only a great meal, but a beneficial service to the community, as all proceeds will be donated to Helping Hands Outreach Center. Come dine at this special holiday meal! **Cost: \$10/person or \$8 and at least one canned good! Bring a canned food item for the collection!**

THE CHRISTMAS FUND- BEM CHURCH MISSION OF THE MONTH!

For 109 years, The Christmas Fund Offering for the Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund have been a means by which we, as members of the United Church of Christ and its predecessor bodies, live out the mandate to be Christ's Body in the world. The Christmas Fund, one of four Special Mission Offerings received annually in the United Church of Christ, is a ministry of compassion and care to those who have served our church.

As we contemplate our gifts to The Christmas Fund, reflect upon the ways in which your life has been touched by a retired pastor, a former youth leader, a Christian Education Director, a Church Secretary, a Church Custodian or a Minister of Music. These servants of the church are often, in later years, in need of retirement supplementation to make ends meet. The Christmas Fund provides this assistance, honoring their ministries in ways that will help them tangibly. The Christmas Fund also provides emergency assistance to clergy and church workers in need even before retirement. Your gifts to The Christmas Fund, the Bem Church Mission of the Month for December, help make this ministry possible.

UPCOMING YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Bem Church Youth- we have had a great time at our youth activities so far this year; and many other awesome things are in the works! Youth are showing up in great numbers for all of our activities, and that makes for a fun time. (At our last three activities, 15-17 youth attended each of them!) Most importantly, our youth are bonding and growing as friends.

The next big youth event will be our trip to West County Mall for our Mall Scavenger Hunt.

What is a Mall Scavenger Hunt? We will leave Bem Church around 11:30am (after worship) on December 11, and travel to West County Mall. Once we get there, we will eat lunch in the food court- lots of different options from which you can choose. Then, you will receive a sheet with 100 questions about the Mall- such as, "How many television sets are hanging from the ceiling in the "Foot Locker" store? You will team up in groups of 3, scouring the mall answering these questions (and shopping, if you choose!) The winner will receive a special prize!

We will also be painting and redecorating the Youth Room over Christmas Break. Watch for details on both of these activities as the month rolls on! If you have not been participating in Youth Group activities this year, now is the time to jump in! We have a whole new group and a whole new focus this year; and it is off to a great start!

December 11- after church	Trip to West County Mall- Scavenger Hunt
Christmas Break	Paint the Youth Room upstairs
January 13- 6:00pm-midnight	Midnight Madness Activity at Church
February 12- after church	Assemble & Deliver Love Boxes
March 9- after school	Bowling and Dinner in Owensville
March 18- after church	Service Activity
March 9-April 8	Take orders for Bem Church T-Shirt sales
April 8- morning	Easter Egg Hunt at Church
April 22- after church	Go to lunch and a movie
May 5- 9:00am-noon	Participate in church work day
June 20-24 (Wed-Sun)	Mission Trip to Chicago, Kansas City or Joplin

**BRING AN ORNAMENT
TO CHURCH**

The Pairs and Spares Fellowship Group will be decorating the Sanctuary on Thanksgiving weekend, in preparation for the First Sunday of Advent. They will put the tree up, but it is up to you to decorate it! We want this to be a true community tree; so bring an ornament from home that represents your family. ***Bring the ornament up to church on Sunday, November 27-*** the tree will be waiting!

STEWARDSHIP ON-LINE!

Tend to forget your checkbook or envelopes on Sunday mornings? Hate worrying about writing a check during the sermon or anthem? Tired of worrying about “making up” your financial stewardship when you are not in attendance? Look into e-giving! E-giving is now possible at St. John’s, Bem.

For more information, visit: www.egive-usa.com; or check with Pastor Rick or the church office.

MISSION: 1 BY THE NUMBERS

- 11 Days of intensive Mission Focus on Hunger Issues
- 2 Banners displayed by Bem Church
- 1399 Cans of soup collected by Bem Church (goal was 1111)
- 1,392,085 Food items collected by United Church of Christ Congregations across the country for their local food pantries and soup kitchens
- \$214,871 Collected by United Church of Christ Congregations across the country for famine relief efforts
- 36,804 Letters written by United Church of Christ members across the country to Congress addressing hunger issues

**SHHHH! DON'T LET
HULDA EISENHAUER
READ THIS ISSUE!**

Hulda Eisenhauer is receiving a copy of The Scoop that does not have this article in it! Because- this is to let you know about a ***SURPRISE 90TH BIRTHDAY PARTY*** for her after worship on December 11!

Plans are still being formulated with Sadie Kohrman, Esther Tayloe, and the rest of Pairs and Spares; so watch for details. But make plans now to stick around after church on 12/11 for a ***SURPRISE 90TH BIRTHDAY PARTY!***

HEIFER PROJECT MISSION

Pairs and Spares is once again supporting Heifer Project in their mission to “pay it forward” to overseas farmers in need of aid. This is the Pairs and Spares Annual Christmas Mission. Members will all be donating; but you can donate, too! Just put your check in the offering plate marked “Heifer Project” to support this mission.

BEM CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The Bem Church Office is closed on Fridays. Carole is available (usually) Monday through Thursday 9:00am-2:00pm. ***Please leave a message if the machine picks up- often we are here, just away from the phone!***

DECEMBER SERVICE SCHEDULE

Flowers: Bernice Stockglausner

Nursery Workers: 12/4: Allison Baker & Julie Czeschin	Greeters: The Dennis Frahm & Ray Oldfather Families	Lay Reader: Virginia Buschmeyer	Acolytes: Jessie Smith & Garrett Wood
12/11: Crystal Blanksnship & Dana Chapman	The Danny Baxter Family	Peggy Schaffer	Allison Czeschin & Morgan Aytes
12/18: Cheryl Ruffner & Tammy Halvelka	The Malvern Huebner Family	Jodi Layman	Jessie Smith & Garrett Wood
1/1: Kim Oberle & Jodi Layman	The Nancy Carl Family	Nancy Carl	Allison Czeschin & Morgan Aytes

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

12/3- Hulda Eisenhauer, Heath Buschmeyer, Riley Graham, Keigan Glaser;
 12/4- Austin Lewis, Connor Lewis; 12/6- Dyana Glaser, Greg Kohrmann, Amber Crosby;
 12/7- Christina Aytes, Layne Kreter; 12/9- Allison Czeschin, Nathan Dotson;
 12/11- Carole Dotson; 12/12- Bill Eisenhauer, Jr.; 12/14- Tammi Branson;
 12/16- Brad Czeschin, Lindsey Oberle; 12/17- Alisen Chapman; 12/18- Cody Lenauer
 12/19- Wayne Horstmann; Pam Koepke; 12/20- Will Lauth; 12/25- Brandi Lauth;
 12/26- Tom Kohrmann; 12/27- Tom Dotson, Becky Gregory;
 12/28- Virginia Buschmeyer, Steve Adams Jr.; 12/29- Margaret Frahm;
 12/30- Abby Koepke, Vicki Branson

...**Happy Birthday!**

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH

12/9- Brooke & Adam Johnson; 12/12- Margot & Hero Schmidt,
 12/13- Erin & Drew West; 12/24- Mary & Bruce Chapman;
 12/26- Virginia & Wayne Buschmeyer, Jackie & Aaron Kohrmann, Vicky & Kevin Huebner;
 12/27- Carole & Sonnie Dotson, Jackie & Bill Mitchell; 12/29- Sharon & Dale Adkison

...**Happy Anniversary!**

ATTENDANCE

Date:	Date:	Date:	Date:
August 7 76	September 4 96	October 2 82	November 6 123
August 14 68	September 11 144	October 9 107	November 13 112
August 21 103	September 18 97	October 16 94	November 20 146
August 28 126	September 25 104	October 23 125	November 27
		October 30 126	
Total: 373	Total: 441	Total: 534	Total: 381
Average: 93	Average: 110	Average: 107	Average: 127
Last Year: 93	Last Year: 107	Last Year: 120	Last Year: 127

Mark your calendars for our Annual Congregational Meeting: January 22, right after worship! Budget Forums will precede the Congregational meeting on January 8 & 15. Please turn in all annual reports by December 24!

2011 OPERATION CHRISTMAS IN FULL SWING

Operation Christmas is a community project that works! Because of the incredible generosity of area donors, this annual event has been successful in bringing some “holiday cheer” to households who otherwise may have had a very meager Christmas. Last year, Operation Christmas served 994 individuals from 339 households. There are several opportunities to help make Operation Christmas a success in our area again this year:

- Sharing a collection of canned goods- maybe your extended family or your place of work can take up a special collection of canned goods for Operation Christmas
- Monetary Donations- can be given through Bem Church, or directly to Bob Niebruegge, Operation Christmas Program Treasurer.
- Donating time- There will be two days that the organizers of OC need our help:
 - Monday December 5- Sorting Canned Goods- 4:00pm at Memorial Park
 - Wednesday, December 14- Packing & Wrapping gifts- 9:00am at Memorial Park

If you would like to be a part of Operation Christmas, talk to Pastor Rick! Bem Church is adopting 10 families again this year; if you would like to adopt a family, let us know!

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY IN THE WORKS

A brand new Bem Church Pictorial Directory is in the works! The Membership Care Committee and the Bem Church Council have contracted with Olan Mills to produce another top quality directory for us. If you look through our most recent directory, you will see how our families have grown and changed over the past 4+ years. It is time for an update- here we grow again!

Pictures for the directory will be taken on January 4-7, 2012. Our hopes are that college students will be able to sit for these pictures before they have to go back to school. All are invited to have their picture taken- members, friends, family; all who have a connection to Bem are invited to be a part of this latest historical endeavor.

The Membership Care Committee will be signing people up for pictures before and after worship on December 4, 11, 18. All who sit for pictures will be included in the new Church Directory, and will receive a \$25 credit towards a photo purchase of their choice. Let's make sure we are all a part of this family photo album!

FEEDBACK NEEDED

Nursery workers and greeters- Carole will be working on your schedule for 2012 in the weeks to come. If there are certain days that you would like to be scheduled, or certain days you cannot fulfill these duties, please email Carole and let her know- carole@bemchurch.com!

JAZZ NATIVITY- THIS YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!

The Missouri Mid-South Conference United Church of Christ presents Follow That Star: a Jazz Nativity. These **FREE** concerts promise a contemporary retelling of a story that has long shaped and informed our culture. This exciting presentation marks the Mid-Western launch of the tradition of Jazz Nativity—presenting the age-old Christmas story through the decidedly modern American voice of Jazz. The Jazz Nativity will be at **Pilgrim Congregational United Church of Christ**, 826 Union Blvd in St. Louis; **December 10 at 7:00pm & December 11 at 3:00pm.** The concerts will be narrated by St. Louis News personality Gina Kurre; special guest performer will be Rev. Geoffrey Black, General Minister and President of the UCC.

THANK YOU

(some thank-you notes may be edited)

Dear Bem Church Family,

Thank you to the Membership Care Committee and members of the congregation for sending me the package of goodies while I am in college. It was truly enjoyed! It is wonderful to have such a loving and caring church family.

- Colt Peanick

Dear Friends,

The generosity of our supporters is one of Eden Seminary's great blessings. On behalf of our students and faculty, thank you for your gift of \$83.40 on October 14, 2011. Your support of the Annual Fund means a tremendous amount to us. As you know, we strive to be the preeminent ecumenical educational center for the progressive Christian movement. Here at Eden we take a special joy in celebrating the gifts that help make it possible to prepare the next generation of church leaders and bold Christian disciples.

If you ever have questions about your gift or the Seminary, please don't hesitate to contact me directly. In the meantime, I hope you'll use our website to keep up with all the exciting happenings at Eden. **-Sincerely, Bryce Krug, Vice President for Institutional Advancement**

Dear Bem Church Mission Committee

On behalf of the Crawford County CROP Walk I would like to thank you for your generous donation. With your help, we were able to raise \$7000 this year, and hope to continue growing next year. We knew we could count on your prayers, your financial gift was a special blessing!

-In Christ, Michelle Smith

(The Mission Committee donated \$200 to the Crawford County CROP Walk, October 2, 2011. Trinity Chapel PCUSA was instrumental in organizing this CROP Walk in Crawford County. This year was their 2nd CROP walk.)

Thank you to Betty Fletcher, Nancy Kohrmann, Nancy Jenkins, and the rest of the Pairs and Spares! The Pairs and Spares organization puts up the Christmas Tree in the Sanctuary every year, as well as the rest of the decorations around the church; usually on Thanksgiving weekend, often on Thanksgiving morning! Most people are unaware of how the Sanctuary gets decorated, they just show up and it is done. ***Thank you to Pairs and Spares for making this happen every year- and to all of the "unsung heroes" who make ministry happen at Bem Church!***

WOOD CUTTING DAY AT CAMP MO-VAL- DECEMBER 10

The year has been hard on trees throughout the property at Camp Mo-Val. Heavy rains at times, strong winds at others, and the summer drought and hot temperatures have taken their toll. Bill Kruel, our caretaker, simply has not been able to keep up or catch up in safely removing dead, downed and hazardous trees and limbs. So- we are in need of some folks to help us fell some trees and cut up, clear out, haul, clean up and split a lot of wood! We will begin working on Saturday, December 10 at 8:30am; lunch will be provided.

Things to bring: Chain saws & extra chains; fuel and bar oil; other chain saw cutting paraphernalia; wood splitters (if you have one available) Pick up trucks to haul wood around; and other necessary gear. If you can come, please call Camp Mo-Val: 636.583.2730 or Bill Kruel, caretaker at 314.795.6627. Thank you!

What's going on in the UCC?? Check it out at: www.ucc.org

BEM CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

General Fund

Balance as of 10-15-11 \$1080**

Income:

Offering \$10,399

Tower \$609

Reimbursements 1486

Interest \$85

Total Income \$12,579

Expense: Budgeted Items (\$7807)

Balance as of 11-15-11 \$5852**

***General Fund Balance Includes \$20,000*

from Rippeto Funds- Cushion for expenses

General Fund Expenses vs. Income YTD
(\$9266) as of 11-15-11

Building Fund

Balance as of 10-15-11 \$321

Income: \$250

Balance as of 11-15-11 \$571.

Cemetery Fund

Balance as of 10-15-11 \$2545

Income: Envelopes \$30

Apple Butter \$711

Interest \$57

Total Income \$798

Balance as of 11-15-11 \$3343

Cemetery Fund Investments

CDs Balance \$66,333

Money Market \$15,084

Rippeto Funds \$35,005

Balance as of 11-15-11 \$116,422

Memorial Fund

Balance as of 10-15-11 \$5472

Income: Copier Fund \$50

Balance as of 11-15-11 \$5522

Memorial Fund CD

Balance as of 11-15-11 \$1493

Special Offering Fund

Balance as of 10-15-11 \$556

Income: Mission Fund \$515

Helping Hands \$55

Camp Mo-Val \$294

Heifer Project \$10

Lydia's House \$30

Total Income: \$904

Disbursements: (\$995)

Balance as of 11-15-11 \$465

Pairs and Spares

Balance as of 10-15-11 \$1086

Income: Penny Jar, BC labels \$99

Expense: Mission Work (\$14)

Balance as of 11-15-11 \$1171

Quilters

Balance as of 10-15-11 \$910

Expense: Supplies (\$100)

Balance as of 11-15-11 \$810

Youth Fellowship Account

Balance as of 10-15-11 \$2837

Income: Chili Lunch \$469

Expense: Butter Braids (\$1726)

Balance as of 11-15-11 \$1580

Mission & Social Concerns

Balance as of 10-15-11 \$1763

Income: \$9

Expense: Cuba CROP Walk (\$200)

Balance as of 11-15-11 \$1572

Hospitality Committee

Balance as of 10-15-11 \$1622

Income: \$500

Expense: (\$345)

Balance as of 11-15-11 \$1777

Licklider VBS Savings Account

Balance as of 11-15-11 \$500

Licklider VBS Certificate of Deposit

Balance as of 11-15-11 \$15,795

Scholarship Funds

Balance as of 1-1-11 \$171,838

Scholarships 2011 (\$6000)

Checking Account \$1050

Edward Jones \$2777

United Church Funds \$168,871

Balance as of 11-15-11 \$172,698

Rippeto Estate Mission Work Fund

United Church Funds

Balance as of 1-1-11 \$85,000

Balance as of 11-15-11 \$90,698

(For information/balances/questions on other Rippeto Estate Funds, The Cemetery Funds, Or any other financial questions, ask Carole; Or a Church Council member!)

ST. JOHN'S UCC, BEM- DECEMBER 2011 CALENDAR

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES- 10:00am; SUNDAY SCHOOL- 8:45am

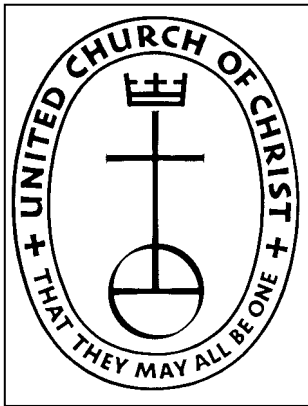
December 1	Grape Country Cluster at Ebenezer Stone Church	7:00pm
December 2	Walk to the Manger in Owensville- start at First Baptist Church-	6:00pm
December 3	Breakfast at the Masonic Lodge with Santa	7:00am
	<i>Banner Birthday- Hulda Eisenhower turns 90! Happy Birthday Hulda!</i>	
December 4	<i>Confirmand's First Communion</i>	10:00am
	<i>Advent Workshop and Lunch</i>	11:15am
	St. Peter's Christmas Cantata	3:00pm
December 6	Membership Care Committee Meeting	10:30am
December 7	Confirmation Class of 2012	5:00pm
December 9	Helping Hands Outreach Center Mobile Market	10:00am
	Bem Church Ringing Salvation Army Bell at Wal-Mart	10:00am-6:00pm
December 10	Wood Cutting Day at Camp Mo-Val	8:30am
	First Baptist Church Living Christmas Tree	6:00pm
	Jazz Nativity in St. Louis at Pilgrim Cong. UCC	7:00pm
December 11	Youth to St. Louis- Mall Scavenger Hunt	11:30am
	Jazz Nativity in St. Louis at Pilgrim Cong. UCC	3:00pm
	First Baptist Church Living Christmas Tree	4:00pm
	Nobby's Oriental Sampling Buffet at Anna Mae's	4:00pm
December 12	Church Council Meeting	6:30pm
December 14	Owensville/Rosebud Ministerial Alliance at FBC	10:30am
	Confirmation Class of 2012	5:00pm
December 15	Bem Church Ringing Salvation Army Bell at Wal-Mart	10:00am-6:00pm
December 17	Recycle Owensville Collection Day	9:00am-2:00pm
December 18	Sunday School Christmas Program	6:00pm
December 22	Christmas Caroling with Ministerial Alliance	2:00-4:00pm
December 24	Christmas Eve Worship Family Style/Candlelight	5:00/11:00pm
December 25	<i>NO WORSHIP SERVICES- CHRISTMAS DAY WITH FAMILY</i>	
January 1	<i>NO SUNDAY SCHOOL-</i> Worship at 10:00am	

Quilting Every Tuesday 9:00am-2:00pm; Bring Sack Lunch!

Quilting also Wednesday evenings from 6:00-8:00pm!

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