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January 2011

What You DON'T Want To Miss in January

Saturday, January 8:

Men's Ministry @ 7 am

Sunday, January 9:

Worship @ 9:45 am

Sunday School @ 11:00 am

Training for Committee Chairs @ 3 pm

Prayer and Care Fundraiser @ Niki's @ 5 pm

WSM Worship @ 5 pm

Monday, January 10:

Boy Scouts @ 6 pm

Trustees' Meeting @ 7 pm

Tuesday, January 11:

Girl Scouts @ 6:30 pm

Bible Study @ 7 pm @ Pastor Linda's Home

So Far Band Practice @ 7 pm

Wednesday, January 12:

PrimeTimers @ 9:30 am

Chancel Choir Practice @ 6 pm

Band Practice @ 7:30 pm

Thursday, January 13:

WSM Fellowship @ 6 pm

Handbell Choir @ 7 pm

Friday, January 14:

Na Pau Hula Practice @ 7 pm

Saturday, January 15:

Training for Committee Members/Leaders @ 9 am

Sunday, January 16:

Worship @ 9:45 am

Sunday School @ 11:00 am

Youth Advisory Board Meeting @ 4 pm

WSM Worship @ 5 pm

Monday, January 17:

Boy Scouts @ 6 pm

Tuesday, January 18:

Bible Study @ 7 pm @ Pastor Linda's Home

So Far Band Practice @ 7 pm

Wednesday, January 19:

PrimeTimers @ 9:30 am

Chancel Choir Practice @ 6 pm

Band Practice @ 7:30 pm

Thursday, January 20:

WSM Fellowship @ 6 pm

Handbell Choir @ 7 pm

Dave Ramsey Preview @ 7 pm

Friday, January 21:

Na Pau Hula Practice @ 7 pm

Saturday, January 22:

Last Day to Order Angel Food

Sunday, January 23:

Worship @ 9:45 am

Sunday School @ 11:00 am

WSM Worship @ 5 pm

Monday, January 24:

Boy Scouts @ 6 pm

Tuesday, January 25:

Girl Scouts @ 6:30 pm

Bible Study @ 7 pm @ Pastor Linda's Home

So Far Band Practice @ 7 pm

Wednesday, January 26:

PrimeTimers @ 9:30 am

Chancel Choir Practice @ 6 pm

Band Practice @ 7:30 pm

Thursday, January 27:

WSM Fellowship @ 6 pm

Handbell Choir @ 7 pm

Saturday, January 29:

Angel Food Pick-up @ 8:30 am

Sisters of Aloha @ 5 pm

WSM Night @ the Drive-In @ 5 pm

Sunday, January 30:

Worship @ 9:45 am

Sunday School @ 11:00 am

WSM Worship @ 5 pm

Monday, January 31:

Boy Scouts @ 6 pm



Worship Times

Worship - 9:45 am
Sunday School - 11:00 am

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Pastor's Prose



I don't know why but I am always excited by the beginning of a new year. It feels like I can put the old behind me and begin again. I mentioned New Year's resolutions in my sermon yesterday. I asked my Sunday School class about resolutions and not one person in the class made any resolutions! I give them a lot of

credit because instead of making New Year's resolutions, they told me that if they see something that needs to be changed, then they make the change at that moment. I wish I had that discipline. There is something about the new year that makes me pause and reflect so that I can see where changes need to be made. Maybe that says something about me getting too busy during the year.

At the beginning of the New Year I also reflect on where the church is and what the new year might bring. I believed that we learned much about being disciples last year. Rev. Randy Wild sent us this definition of disciple: A Disciple is one who prays daily; worships weekly; studies the Scriptures daily; is a part of an intentional growth community; serves in and through the church; and who shares their time, talent, and money through the church. Using this definition leads me to the following thoughts.

I am excited because we have many new leaders. New leaders bring new and fresh ideas. We continue to appreciate the people who have served for many years and continue to do so in 2011 and we continue to celebrate what we have been doing. New leaders enable us to incorporate new ways of thinking and new ways of looking at things.

I am excited because we made so much progress last year. We finished our classrooms and storage. We continued in our ministry to two elementary schools and to the community through Angel Food and Prayer and Care. We offered the land to the city for the Community Garden to begin (It looks great!). We reunified the congregation through one service with traditional and contemporary music. We continued to have wonderful Sunday School classes with great teachers. We continued our youth and children's programs with an awesome mission trip and Trunk and Treat.

This year I would like to see us hire a part time children's director. He or she would enhance our children's program offerings and equally importantly he or she would develop a plan to re-open our Preschool in the fall of 2012.

I would like to see us contribute to the endowment fund to increase it to \$50,000. Currently the fund is over \$47,000. Once the fund reaches \$50,000 I would like to see us change the by laws to begin using the interest (over \$50,000) for special projects. An endowment is never used for general budget, but the interest can be used for new ministries, education, or improvements to the building.

I would like to see us increase our participation in Bible studies and other spiritual formation classes. We have a Tuesday night Bible study class and there is no preparation for the class. Anyone can join at any time. In addition, we are beginning a book study especially for the leaders in the church (everyone is invited). The universal church is being transformed by what is happening in our culture and this book study will be a place to discuss a book and how Davis needs to respond. I am contemplating some four term (4-6 week) classes on a variety of topics. Please let me know what interests you.

I would like to see us improve our risk taking mission and service and our extravagant generosity. At the charge conference (see the article in this newsletter) we rated ourselves a "1" (on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being the lowest) in both these areas. I would like to see an adult mission trip, an after school program, cooking classes for the community, music classes for the community, and groups for grief and divorce. I would like to see everyone to tithe or have a plan to tithe.

I would like to see us complete the visioning process to answer the question "what is God calling us to do next?" We started this process in August of last year and will continue this process this month.

I believe that 2011 will be the best year that Davis Memorial UMC has ever had. It will be the best because of the laity of the church. I believe that 2011 will be a year to go forward and build disciples based on where we are.

Happy New Year to all my fellow disciples,

Blessings,

Linda

Report on Charge Conference

Our charge conference was held on November 7th at noon. The business affirming Lay Speakers for 2011, approving the pastor's salary, and approving all people for committees for 2011 was conducted. Lay Speakers for 2011 are: Linda Olson, Vicki Askew, Carlos Baker, Ron Jehle, and Stayton PettyJohn. The list of committee members was sent in the December newsletter.

The second part of the conference was a discernment process with Rev. Randy Wild, our District Superintendent.

The questions below were sent by Rev. Wild and distributed to the congregation.

1. Find 5 people in the community and ask them to describe your congregation from THEIR perspective. What was their response?

Anita Brannon spoke with the owners/managers of several the businesses that host prayer and care fundraisers. Their perception of DMUMC is:

- Respectful
- Inviting
- Faithful
- Friendly
- Cooperative

Betty Vance spoke with a visitor to the Young Adult Sunday School class. Her response was one of family, she felt the family spirit within the church.

2. Assume there are 4 elements of the life-cycle of the congregation. Which best describes where you see your congregation right now? They are:

- ◆ Mission/Growth (reaching out to people who are not here – evidence of new life in Christ)
- ◆ Vitality/Fruitfulness (worship and hospitality)
- ◆ Improving health/Stability (How we deal with differences and disagreements)
- ◆ Passing on a legacy to the next generations (Realize not going to live, so what do we want to leave behind?)

Trish Faeth stated it would depend upon with whom you spoke. Krystle Robert stated improvement could be needed in all four categories depending on whom you talked with. The consensus was "3" Improving health/Stability.

3. You make investments of people, ministry and financial resources through your church contributions (time, talent, money, etc). What do you want to see as a result of these investments? For you? For your church? For the mission field?

No Discussion

4. A common definition of "Disciple" is one who, prays daily; worships weekly; studies the Scriptures daily; is a part of an intentional growth community; serves in and through the church; and who shares their time, talent, and money through the church. How is your church teaching and leading people to discipleship?

Definition of Disciple is a student of Jesus Christ.

There was much discussion on how this was to be achieved.

- ◆ Take classes, Bible Study, Sunday School
- ◆ Pray daily and often, without ceasing
- ◆ Worship weekly, Growth Community
- ◆ Spend your time, talent and money for and with the church

5. On a scale of 1 to 5, rate your church on the Five practices of a Fruitful Congregation:

Passionate Worship	1	2	3	4	5
Radical Hospitality	1	2	3	4	5
Accountable Discipleship	1	2	3	4	5
Risk-Taking Mission	1	2	3	4	5
Extravagant Generosity	1	2	3	4	5

Passionate Worship
 3 – many responses 4 – one response 5 – few responses
 Radical Hospitality
 3 – one response 4 – six responses
 Accountable Discipleship
 3 – one response 2 – four responses
 Risk-Taking Mission
 1 – two responses
 Extravagant Generosity
 1 – two responses 5 – one response

6. Fruitfulness is measured by the below 5 items. Please report your congregational statistics for:
 Worship attendance (avg. year to date, 2010)

People engaged in mission:

Professions of faith:

Mission giving:

Small group ministries for spiritual formation:

Getting To Know You...

By Joanne Gray

Music plays a large part in the lives of the couple I interviewed this month. The wife sings and they both play the guitar, (beautifully, I might add). I'm not sure how many of you have met her husband, but she is a member of our Chancel Choir and sits in the Soprano section (usually in front of me) during the Sunday morning services. Her husband works a lot on weekends, so he isn't able to attend Church much. He did accompany her on the guitar while she sang at one of our Church services and again during one of our talent shows. She has also sung several solos during our services and, fairly recently, sang the National Anthem, a capella, at a Fort Worth Braham's ice hockey game in North Richland Hills. If you haven't guessed who I am talking about yet...let's meet and get to know.....

JANICE & GORDON STEFFINS.

Janice was born in Chicago, Illinois, on November 21, 1952, to Ronald Grellman and Carole (nee: Stuart) Goodman. Her parents married young and divorced when Janice was very young. Her mother remarried when Janice was four or five years old. She didn't know her stepdad wasn't her birth father, until her mom and stepdad told her when she was in 6th grade. Janice didn't meet her birth father until after she and Gordon were married. She told me that she and her real dad kept in touch for a while, mostly by phone. She wishes she was able to visit him more than she did, because he died too young about 18 years ago, around age 62 or 64, of lung, liver and bone cancer. Janice's stepdad also died about three years ago. Janice is the eldest of five children. She has one sister and three brothers by her mom and stepdad. Janice is the eldest, then Bruce, Stephen, Beth and Jeff follow by age from second eldest to youngest. Her sister lives in Arkansas and her three brothers live in Chicago, Illinois.

Janice told me that her stepdad was a good provider and that he was the person who exposed her to music. She said he was into music big time, that they listened to classical and folk music a lot while she was growing up. She got her first guitar when she was in 6th grade. Her stepdad bought an organ and taught himself how to play it. Her mom played the accordion and also knew how to play the organ, but neither she nor her sister or brothers

ever took lessons. Janice said her birth father could also sing extremely well. Janice's maternal grandmother's last name was Stuart. Her mother's family was related to the Stuarts in Scotland. Her great-grandparents, on her paternal side, were from Germany.

Gordon was born in Hayti, South Dakota on September 30, 1949, to Don & Lois (nee: Trumms) Steffins. His grandmother, Cleola Trumm, lived in Hayti forever.

Because of that, the Trumms' once owned a lot of property there throughout the years. Gordon's mother's brother, Uncle Milton, owned a farm. When Gordon was young, he and his brother used to visit him in the summer. It was on those summer trips that Gordon's brother learned how to hypnotize chickens! Gordon has one older sister, Lenore, who lives with her family in Portland, Oregon and a younger brother, Shane, who lives with his family just outside Atlanta, Georgia. Shane and his family are Mormons; one of his sons travels the country, doing what his religion asks of him. Gordon's family hails from Great Britain and Scotland.



Gordon and Janice met in college at Eastern Illinois University. (FYI: This is the same college Tony Roma and the new Dallas Cowboy's Coach Jason Garrett attended.) They married on March 3, 1972, while Gordon was a junior and Janice was a sophomore there. He was 22 years old and she was 19 at the time they married. They divorced after being married for 25 years, got back together, then remarried after being apart for eight years. Reverend Cathy Bourgoin officiated at their ceremony, which was held on August 19, 2006, right here at Davis Memorial U.M.C.

Janice and Gordon have two grown children. Their son, Adam, 35, lives with his longtime girlfriend, April, in Arlington, Texas. They've been together for 10 years. Many of you probably know their daughter, Aimee, 32, because she also attends our Church. Aimee lives in North Richland Hills, Texas, with her boyfriend, Jason. She has three children—Charlotte, age 7; Alissa, age 5, and Elliott, who is also Jason's son, age 4-1/2 months. Jason has another son, Jacob, age 6, by a previous relationship, who will (hopefully, by Janice) most likely Become Aimee's stepson sometime in the near future.

Getting to Know You continued...

Janice told me that she's not sure how she got into it in the first place, but one of her hobbies is fostering golden retrievers—one at a time. She and Gordon also have another dog, named Angel, who is part Border collie and part mutt. Janice also likes to crochet.

In their spare time together, Gordon likes to play the guitar at home, while Janice sings along with him. They also enjoy listening to blues music, as well as his playing it. Gordon got Janice hooked on the Indianapolis 500 time trials, so they also watch the races together.

Janice has Multiple Sclerosis, which is treated and controlled by medications and by her trying to take good care of herself. She said that Gordon rides the MS 150 every year for both of them. She said she rode a little of it a couple of years ago, but her balance isn't as good now, so her doctor told her she couldn't bike ride anymore. She said Gordon rides at least 30 miles every other day and just loves to ride!

I learned several other exciting things about Janice that she wanted me to share with you. Janice told me she got to go on her first and, so far, only trip to New York City about 28 years ago! During that same time period, Janice said that she, along with her Mom and Dad and Gordon's parents, met up and together they went on top of the Twin Towers, to which she commented, "I'm so glad I had the opportunity to do that!" In 1984 and 1985, Janice sang in a choir in the Houston area and had the opportunity to sing Mozart's Requiem at Carnegie Hall with them, which she stated "was maybe the coolest thing I have ever done!"

Janice has been a member of Davis Memorial UMC for five years. She told me that the things she likes most about our Church "is the sense of family and genuine compassion and concern."

Thank you, Janice & Gordon, for the wonderful interview. I thoroughly enjoyed it and getting to know you... better, and I know everyone else will, too. You make a great couple!

Please stop and say "Hello" the next time you see Janice and/or Gordon at Church. And, while you're at it, if you are really interested, ask one of them how Gordon's brother was able to hypnotize the chickens!

Dave Ramsey Course

God wants us to take care of our resources and use them wisely. The Dave Ramsey Course teaches us just how to do that with our finances. Dave teaches us how to budget, save, invest, tithe, and to help others, so we can become good stewards and better disciples for His glory. And, Dave does this with a great sense of humor and in every day language we can all understand. A lot of what Dave teaches is common sense, but most of us tend not to learn that way. Through this course, my husband, David, and I came to realize that we weren't doing as well as we thought we were with our finances; that we really needed to change our way of thinking and handling our money. We found Dave's course to be very useful and thought provoking.

David and I are retired and are on a limited income, so it is more important for us now than ever to manage better what God has given us, especially so with today's economy. I wish the Dave Ramsey course had been available to us when we were much younger, because it certainly would have changed the course of our lives for the better early on. I know we would have been a lot more secure financially through the years than we are at this stage in our life, but we are working on that harder now.

From the heart, I can tell you that it is a great course, especially for singles and young couples just starting out. Since we are never too old to learn life's lessons, I can guarantee that people of any age, though, will benefit from taking this course, if they are willing to apply the things Dave teaches. One great thing about taking Dave's course is that you become a lifetime member. You will be able to use Dave's website, along with the book and other materials you get, to apply what you've learned the rest of your life. You can also go back and take his classes as often as you need to, so that you will stay motivated. The classes are great, because you get to watch Dave's videos and then break up into small groups. You will bond with your group, because you get to share your stories and past experiences with each other, and you learn that you are not alone with your financial struggles, but we all have room for improvement.

Dave gives you all the tools you need so you can live like no one else, in order to live like no one else! If you are not sure about whether you want to take this course when it is offered again, go ahead and take that leap of faith, because I know that you won't regret it. David and I are really glad we did! But, if you should decide not to, I would recommend that you at least buy Dave's book for yourself and loan or give one to your family members, because it will become the gift that keeps on giving!

**Blessings,
Joanne Gray**

Report on Charge Conference - continued

- 7. What does your church need to stop doing?
 - ◆ Having 3 services
 - ◆ Gossiping
 - ◆ Stop having the mind set that it must be done a certain way, because that is the way it has always been done.

- 8. What would your church do if you were not afraid to fail?
 - ◆ Hire a Children's Director
 - ◆ Full Time Preschool to meet the needs of the community
 - ◆ After School Program
 - ◆ Food Bank
 - ◆ Spend more money on programs



**Solidarity
by Katie Koppang**

A new year. Another new year, but this year feels so much newer to me. I don't know if that's possible or not, but this year feels... fresher. With each New Year, I feel almost required to make some kind of New Year's resolution. Every year it's generally the same things that never stick (i.e. diet, stop drinking soda, work out three times a week, ect.) so this year, I have decided to do something completely new and different. Why not? This year IS completely new and different!

This year, I am compiling a set of photos of various people, places, events, and day to day happenings the remind me of why I am a Christian. One picture for every day. A consistent daily reminder of Christ's love for me and the new life I have been given through His life. 365 instances of love.

I'm a little apprehensive on embarking on something so daunting, but like with every spiritual discipline, finding the Good in every day takes practice and perseverance. I'm excited to find joy in every day circumstances and be able to capture that on film (well, on my iPhone so maybe not film but you get the idea). I will be posting the pictures to my FaceBook if anyone is interested to see them. If I don't get to a day, don't worry, I'll get caught up. If you notice that I'm slacking, please by all means, let me know! Accountability is key in spiritual disciplines!

I encourage each of you to have a new year's resolution that helps you find Christ in the day to day. Maybe not taking 365 pictures' maybe it's daily prayer and meditation or doing 365 random acts of kindness. Maybe it's volunteering at your local shelter or joining the youth one first Sunday to Church on the Slab. Whatever it may be, it is my sincere hope and prayer that you develop an even deeper relationship with Christ in 2011.

Many hopes,

Katie

**NEW YEARS
RESOLUTION!**

If you are interested in being a part of the Music Ministry of DMUMC, please contact Rocky Buchanan. Chancel Choir meets every Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm, Praise Band every Wednesday evening at 7:30 pm, and Handbell Choir every Thursday evening at 7:00 pm.





**JANUARY
SERMONS**

January 2	Epiphany
January 9	The Dangers of Baptism

Bible study series begins January 16. Please bring your Bibles. We will look at the Old Testament and New Testament for topics that we can use today.

January 23	Bible Study series
January 30	Bible Study series



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student ministries

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Happy New Year!

I can hardly believe its already 2011! I'm excited to kick this one off right!

This month is going to be packed full of spiritual direction and worship. It's a new year and a great time for us to take a new direction as a youth group. It's time for us to dig deeper and explore what it really means to be a disciple.

We are going to be going through the book "The Me I Want to Be, Becoming God's Best Version of You" by John Ortberg on Sunday and Thursday nights. Together, we will explore what it can look like when we are fully alive. We will see that God has a perfect vision for their lives, and that we *can* live our best lives in Christ's perfect love. It's not always easy to do, but this month's study will help us along the journey.

MidWinter retreat sign ups are due NOW! If you want to go, I need your forms TODAY! Forms are available online at <http://www.ctcumc.org/pages/detail/1133> under the MidWinter #1 heading. The dates are Feb 19 and 20th and the cost is \$50 per person, but as always, scholarships are available!

We will have our very first official Youth Advisory Board meeting on January 16th! We will be discussing upcoming events such as the Valentine's Day Dinner, Sonic Fund-raiser, and some monthly fun events. If you want a say in what we're up to at WSM, come join us!

Many blessings to each of you in the new year!

**Blessings,
Katie**

Happening in JANUARY!

Worship

every sunday @5pm
(except 1.2)

Bible Study

every sunday @10am

Dig Deeper Study

every thurs @6pm

MidWinter Forms

Due TODAY!!!!

Youth Advisory Board Meeting

jan 16 @4pm

A Night @The Drive In

jan 29 @5pm



To the **Chancel Choir**, the **Praise Band**, and the **Handbell Choir** for the wonderful Christmas music.

To **Kaylee Brown, Leilani Hoff, Malia Hoff, Hannah Jackson, Arianna Raich, Jordan Ramsey, Peyton Ramsey, Piper Stauffer and Simon Stauffer** for the fantastic Christmas Eve Service.

To **Linda Olson and Steve Barber** for leading the Christmas Eve service.

To **Judy Cross, Tommye George, Marti Powles, Tricia Raich, Debbie Smith, Betty Vance, Michael Vance, and Barbara Wright** for organizing the Angel Tree and making it a huge success.

To **Betty Vance** for organizing our Christmas Caroling.

To **Marti Powles and Jeremy Brown** for interviewing and hiring a new nursery worker.

To **Susan and Doak Meador, Diane and Ferrell Hutchinson, Wayne and Anita Brannon, and Duane and Rita Davis** for decorating and undecorating the sanctuary.

To **Gwen Barrett, Avis Crisp. Jess, Sue and Andrea George, Randy and Beverly Ickert, Cord, Jade and Tonya Minton, Diane Richardson, Cindy, Mike and Katy Shannon, Mary, Piper and Simon Stauffer, Susan and David Younker** who lit the advent candles.

To everyone who took angels off the tree and made a great Christmas for our angels.

To all who volunteer to distribute Angel Food. This is a great service to the community.

To **Susan Meador** who gives us joy in the altars she prepares.

To **Anita Brannon, Joanne Gray, and others** who prepare food for people. There is comfort in food.

To the **Methodist men** who come faithfully every second Saturday.

To all who teach a **Sunday School Class**. Sunday School is an important contribution to the faith development of individuals.

Shirley Blalock- for all that you do mailing the newsletter so we all know what is going on.

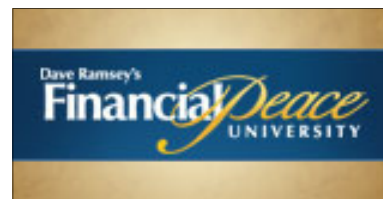
Jeremy Brown, Michelle Brown, Gwen Barnett, Rita Davis, Amy Shupp, Susan Younkers - for all the time, effort and energy that you put into keeping the nursery well staffed with loving people.

To **Wayne Brannon** for being at the church every time there is a problem.

To **Amy Ramsey** for changing the sign in front.

Amy Shupp for all your hard work in supporting the childrens program while being in school.

We would like to thank **Tonya Minton** and **Sean Raich** for bringing Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University to Davis Memorial. It truly has been a life changing experience in the way we think about and handle our money. It does not matter if you have very little money or a lot of money you will learn to manage it in such a way that you really will have peace about that part of your life. "Dave" has been a blessing to our family. We encourage anyone who has ever worried about how to manage their money to attend Financial Peace University. It will truly change your life.



**Dave Ramsey Preview Night
Thursday, January 20th @ 7 pm.**

**Davis Memorial will host another
Financial Peace University 13-week
course beginning on February 24th.
For more information please
contact Tonya Minton or
the church office.**

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Pastor released from jail, ends fast

Feeling light-headed and thirsty from a fast over the DREAM Act now approved by the U.S. House of Representatives, the Rev. Lorenza Andrade Smith departed from the San Antonio Bexar County Jail around 2 p.m. Dec. 7 with United Methodist colleagues and friends. Smith, pastor of Westlawn United Methodist Church in San Antonio, had been incarcerated since Nov. 30 after being arrested during a sit-in at the office of Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchinson, R-Texas.

Church Alliance elects Boigegrain as co-chair

Barbara A. Boigegrain, chief executive officer of the United Methodist Board of Pension and Health Benefits, was elected co-chair of the Church Alliance during its 35th annual meeting. She will serve in that role during 2011 with the current chair, John Kapanke of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. In 2012, Boigegrain will become the chair of the alliance, which represents 38 chief administrative officers of church pension and benefit plans.

February forum to assist children's ministry leaders

The 2011 Children's Ministry Forum <http://www.gbod.org/site/c.nhLRJ2PMKsG/b.6367321/k.5C5D/Childrens_Ministry_Forum.htm> , set for Feb. 22-24 in San Antonio, will offer fresh ways to teach biblical stories. The event, sponsored by the United Methodist Board of Discipleship, is aimed at children's ministry leaders in United Methodist churches with more than 250 people in worship, but representatives from smaller congregations also are welcome. A series of pre-conference seminars also are available Feb. 21-22.

UMCOR receives Peacebuilder Award

The United Methodist Committee on Relief, the denomination's disaster-relief agency, was awarded the Peacebuilder Award, "For seeing what needs to be done and then doing it with love, respect, and humility." The award, announced Nov. 23, was given by Peace X Peace, a global network of peace builders that specifically advocates for women.

Global Ministries names executive for mission volunteers

Una Jones is the new executive for annual conference relations and mission volunteers programs at the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries, effective Dec. 10. Jones, who has served in various positions at the agency over the past 11 years, succeeds the Rev. Clint Rabb, who died as a result of injuries caused by the January 2010 earthquake in Haiti. She will have an executive-level assistant, still to be hired, to work specifically with volunteer networks, including United Methodist Volunteers in Mission.

Imagine No Malaria joins social network

A new social network for changing the world has just launched, and The United Methodist Church's Imagine No Malaria campaign has wasted no time in taking advantage of it. Jumo, created by Facebook founder Chris Hughes, has plenty of potential, said the Rev. Larry Hollon, top executive of United Methodist Communications.



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January Events

**Training for Committee
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