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Pastor's Notes

By Rocky Ellison

Let me tell you what a great church you are! This past year has been very difficult financially for most of America. So many people have lost their jobs, and so many more have taken pay cuts. As a consequence, Ponder UMC has received more requests for financial assistance than ever before. And, the requests have been for larger dollar amounts than ever before. When we reached December our benevolence fund was all but empty. To make matters worse, December is when we traditionally receive our most requests for help.

Last month I was approached four times and asked for assistance. Without our help Christmas simply would not happen for these families. Here is where your greatness comes in. Each time, just before I received the plea for help, one of you came

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January Events

- Sun 3 Epiphany Sunday
- Mon 4 Men's Group resumes
- Wed 6 Youth Group resumes
- Fri 8 Ladies' breakfast resumes
- 8 Family Game Night begins, see article on page 3
- Sun 10 Baptism of the Lord Sunday
- 10 Mission trip to Columbia information meeting at 12:00
- 10 Angel Food orders, contact Debbie
- 10 Support group meets at 5:00 pm
- Sat 16 RESPITE from 1-5 pm
- Sun 17 Fellowship meals
 - Breakfast from 8:30 - 9:00 am
 - Dinner from 12:00 - 1:00 pm
- Sat 23 Angel Food Delivery 8AM fellowship hall
- Sun 24 First Administrative Council meeting of 2010 at 12:00 pm
- Sun 31 Youth Council meeting at 12 noon

*Name our newsletter!!
Do you have a name for
our newsletter?
Let Debbie know.*

Youth Group News

By Evan M. Burke †

Beginning Wednesday, January 13th, the youth group will begin meeting from 6-8pm for both Junior High and High School students. We will resume having both age groups meet at the same time. The first hour will be a snack time and games, and the second hour will be teaching time. For those who volunteer bringing snacks, this will mean that snacks will need to be brought to the church before 6pm, preferably 15 minutes before (at 5:45). Hope everyone has a Happy New Year!

*Youth Wednesday nights
changing schedule
beginning January 13th.*

Adult Sunday School Class

By Rocky Ellison

I would like to encourage you to consider attending the Adult Sunday school class. A new curriculum has just kicked off. The class will be studying the book of Esther. Study materials will be provided for you. The class is using a study book by Dr. Charles Swindoll to guide the discussion each week. I think you will find the material interesting, and highly relevant. The book of Esther challenges our preconceptions of what is accident, what is coincidence, and what is providence. Sam and Jenn McWhorter are leading the class.

Mission Trip to Columbia

Brandon Akins is planning a Mission trip to Columbia. Come to an information meeting on Sunday, January 10th after the 11AM worship.

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*Meets Tuesday
in fellowship hall
6:30 – 8:30 PM*

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forward and asked if there was anyone you could assist! I always received the offer to help before I received the request for support. Your generosity preceded the need! In fact, by month's end I had unused offers to help with Christmas.

You have been so very, very good to each other - and to complete strangers. I am humbled by your generous hearts.

In Christ,
Rocky

Family Game Night

By Kris Corkins

Beginning Friday, January 8th, official start of Family Game Night.

Bring your favorite board game, your family, and a dish to share (example dishes include: soup, salad, sandwiches, fruit, something quick and easy).

Dinner will begin at 6PM, games will begin shortly thereafter.

Come join us for wonderful family bonding and fellowship time as we build relationships within our own families and within our church family.



Family Game Night.

Youth Snacks

Jan 6	Tori Dickens	Snacks at 6:45PM
Jan 13	Solange Lavender	Snacks at 5:45PM
Jan 20	Evan Burke	Snacks at 5:45PM
Jan 27	Kristin Akins	Snacks at 5:45PM

Beginning January 13th, youth snacks should be available at the church by 5:45 PM.

Volunteers

Date	Heavenly Perks	Opening Prayer	Children's Sermon	Children's Church	Communion Server
Jan 3		Jackie Ellison	N/A	Nita Davis	Bruce Dotterer
Jan 10	Nita Davis	Bruce Ashman	Sally Schluntz	Sally Schluntz and Tiffiney Tillman	
Jan 17	Lisa Dotterer	Frankie Johnson	Tori Dickens	Debbie Gustafson and Rebecca Lavender	
Jan 24	Joey Arterberry	Kris Corkins	Kris Corkins	Not yet assigned	
Jan 31	Kristin Akins	Tori Dickens	Marlene Barry	Not yet assigned	

2010 Church Committees

Nominations Committee			Benevolence Committee	
Pastor	Rocky Ellison (C)		Pastor	Rocky Ellison
Chair of Admin Council	Barney Sanborn		Chair of Admin Council	Barney Sanborn
Lay Leader 9AM	Judy Ashman		Lay Leader 9AM	Judy Ashman
Lay Leader 11AM	Chris Wyatt		Lay Leader 11AM	Chris Wyatt
Class of 2010	Ken Corkins		Chair of Finance	John Sanborn
	Norma Neely		Early #1	Katie Bristow (C)
Class of 2011	Tiffiney Tillman		#2	Norma Neely
	Sally Schluntz		#3	Dona Prichard
Class of 2012	Kathy Palmer			
	Debbie Gustafson		Late #1	Eri Robb
			#2	Art and Frances McKinley
			#3	Nita Davis
Staff Parish Relations			Welcome & Outreach	
Lay Mbr to Annual Conference	Jackie Ellison			Jackie Ellison (C)
Lay Leader 9AM	Judy Ashman			Kristin Akins
Lay Leader 11AM	Chris Wyatt		Frances McKinley	Jackie Kelley
Class of 2010	Bud Zumwalt		Lisa Dotterer	Janet Kincaid
	Lisa Dotterer		Norma Neely	Jade Kincaid (Y)
Class of 2011	Kathy Palmer		Katie Corkins (Y)	Mei Li Kincaid (Y)
	Lauren Kavanaugh (C)			
Class of 2012	Dennis DiMarco			
	Kris Corkins			
Youth Member	Nick Kuhl (Y)		Youth Committee	
			Youth Pastor	Evan Burke (09)
Board of Trustees			Pastor	Rocky Ellison (08)
Class of 2010	Ken Corkins (C)		Class of 2010	Chris Wyatt
	Bruce Dotterer			Ian McWhorter (Y)
Class of 2011	Kirk Kavanaugh		Class of 2011	Ken Corkins
	Del Thomas			Kristin Akins
Class of 2012	Jeff Dickens		Class of 2012	Tiffiney Tillman
	Bruce Ashman			Melissa Doval
Finance Committee			Building Committee	
Chair	John Sanborn (C)		(06 – original members)	Jerry Zumwalt (C)
Pastor	Rocky Ellison			O'San Neely
Chair of Admin Council	Barney Sanborn			Barney Sanborn
Lay Leader 9AM	Judy Ashman			Venita Seaborn
Lay Leader 11AM	Chris Wyatt			Kirk Kavanaugh
Church Treasurer	Calvin Tillman			Nancy DiMarco
Church Secretary	Debbie Gustafson			Debbie Gustafson (09)
			YOT Club	Tori Dickens (08)
Newsletter Editor	Debbie Gustafson (07)		(Youth of Tomorrow)	Kris Corkins (07)
Website Manager	Kris Corkins (07)			Lindsey Wyatt (08)
United Meth Men Pres	Chris Wyatt (10)			Rhonda Brinlee (09)
Historian	Venita Seaborn (95)			
Worship	Lybeth Hodges (04)		VBS Committee	
Tax Liaison	Katie Bristow		VBS Leader	Tori Dickens (08)
			Missions (2009)	
			Missions Pastor	Brandon Akins
			Senior Pastor	Rocky Ellison
			EVOW Chair	Jackie Ellison
			Member #1	Nancy DiMarco
			Member #2	Calvin Tillman
			Youth Member	Tyler Ashman (Y)

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