

*“Elevating People To New Heights”*

# MONFORT HEIGHTS News

January / February 2012

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



## 2012 Year of Health Yourself “Living A Balanced Life”

Everyone makes resolutions to change something as the new year approaches. We usually need to lose weight, make different lifestyle choices, and hope that it all happens without pain and sacrifice. We all know deep down it takes hard work to have deep change in our lives, but we all look for the easy solutions.

Dr. Daniels will focus the messages and studies this entire next year to get well. Wellness and wholeness are living a balanced life in the physical, emotional, psychological, spiritual, and relational areas of our lives. We are facing health problems of epidemic proportions when it comes to being overweight, overworked, overstressed and overwhelmed. Jesus said, “I came that you might have life and have it abundantly.” John 10:10. “I pray that you may enjoy good health, and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well.” 3 John :2. It is clear that God is interested in wellness for us.

Our congregation and guests will be invited to be involved in several church wide studies and selected seminars by health professionals and medical doctors from our congregation along with the entire year of messages called HEALTH Yourself- Living A Balanced Life".

We will challenge each other to lose weight and lose baggage. It will be hard work but we will have some fun along the way to keep us motivated. We will be asking small groups, families, and discipleship classes to study right alongside with these messages. Check out these messages for next year:

### January

- 1 Lighten The Load - Releasing The Burdens of Life  
*(First Sunday Healing & Communion Service)*
- 8 Lighten The Load - Burden of Self Reliance
- 15 Lighten The Load - Burden of Discontent
- 22 Lighten The Load - Burden of Weariness
- 29 Lighten The Load - Burden of Worry

### February

- 5 Lighten The Load- Burden of Guilt  
*(First Sunday Communion and Healing Service)*
- 12 The Daniel Plan - Overview
- 19 The Daniel Plan - Physical Living
- 26 The Daniel Plan - Fruitful Living

### March

- 4 The Daniel Plan- Emotional Living  
*(First Sunday Healing and Communion Service)*
- 11 The Daniel Plan - Impulse Free Living
- 18 The Daniel Plan - Abundant Living #1
- 25 The Daniel Plan - Abundant Living #2

### April

- 1 Palm Sunday *( First Sunday Communion & Healing Service)*
- 8 EASTER
- 15 Outlive Your Life - Be A Difference Maker
- 22 Outlive Your Life - Be A Difference Maker
- 29 Outlive Your Life - Be A Difference Maker

### May

- 6 The BEST- Reaching Your Optimal Life  
*(First Sunday Healing & Communion Service)*
- 13 The BEST - Enlarge Your Vision
- 20 The BEST - Developing A Healthy Self Image
- 27 The Best - Discovering The Power Of Thoughts

### June

- 3 The BEST  
*(First Sunday Healing and Communion)*
- 10 The BEST - Letting Go Of the Past
- 17 The BEST - Finding Strength In Adversity
- 24 The BEST - Live To Give

### July

- 1 *(First Sunday Healing & Communion Service)*
- 8 The BEST- Choose To Be Happy
- 15 I Feel Great! - Let Go and Let God
- 22 I Feel Great! - The Balancing Act
- 29 I Feel Great! - Water Your Life

### August

- 5 I Feel Great!- Spiritual Hunger  
*(First Sunday Healing & Communion Service)*
- 12 I Feel Great! - De-Stress
- 19 I Feel Great! - Exercise
- 26 I Feel Great! - Taking Responsibility

### September

- 2 *(First Sunday Healing & Communion Service)*
- 9 M.O.M.'s Way - Mind Over Matter
- 16 M.O.M.'s Way - Taking Thoughts Captive
- 23 M.O.M.'s Way - Refusing To Be Negative
- 30 M.O.M.'s Way - Power of Positive

### October

- 7 M.O.M.'s Way - You Are What You Think  
*(First Sunday Healing & Communion Service)*
- 14 DUCT Tape Living- Making More Than Surface Changes
- 21 DUCT Tape Living - Drastic Cuts
- 28 DUCT Tape Living - Understanding Complacency

### November

- 4 DUCT Tape Living- Controlling Our Destiny  
*(First Sunday Healing & Communion Service)*
- 11 DUCT Tape Living - Treasuring Change
- 18 Thanks Living #1
- 25 Thanks Living #2

### December

- 2 Intervention - Motivated By Love  
*(First Sunday Healing & Communion Service)*
- 9 Intervention - Moved To Action
- 16 Intervention - Measure the Results
- 23 Intervention - Multiply the Message
- 30 Intervention - Make Disciples

**Join us as our church family will be encouraged to live out God's design and plan for abundant life this new year!**

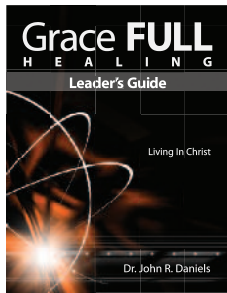
Blessings -  
Dr. John & Jody Daniels



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## BIBLE STUDIES

### GRACE FULL Healing Bible Study *by Dr. John Daniels*



Dr. Daniels will be leading participants through an 8 week Bible Study based on his workbook called Grace Full Healing beginning Sunday evenings, **January 22, at 6:30 pm.**

This Bible Study and workbook is a concentrated, 8 week study course to teach believers and seekers alike, about the wonderful grace of God as it relates to the healing of spiritual, physical, relational, emotional and psychological needs.

As individuals and groups navigate through this study each week, they are encouraged and empowered to find the **OBSERVATION** (Biblical and Scriptural teaching); the **INTERPRETATION** ( Discussion and Discovery of Biblical Meaning); and the **APPLICATION** (Applying Biblical Principles to Personal Lives) to empower personal and corporate healing from God.

If you would like to register for this study please contact Dr. Daniels at [drjdaniels@gmail.com](mailto:drjdaniels@gmail.com).

### BASIC BELIEFS Study *by David Rohlfer*

*“ Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.” (1 Peter 3:15)*

In the extraordinarily difficult circumstances surrounding the early church, the apostle and disciple Peter encouraged believers to be clear about what they believed and why they believed it. That clarity concerning what they believed combined with the determination to act in accordance with those beliefs enabled the early Christ followers to “redeem” the pagan world, preserve the faith through the Dark Ages, and lay the philosophical and practical foundations of western civilization. As a direct result, we who live in the western world have enjoyed unprecedented personal freedom and material well being, which we are beginning to sense is slipping away.

What is slipping away is our own understanding of the “Good News” as the reason for the hope that we have, or had. We must recover clarity about what we believe, so we can communicate and demonstrate our faith to a confused, disillusioned and anxious world. I am inviting any and everyone to join me in a study of the basics of the Christian faith, presented from the Methodist perspective. We will study the book, “Major United Methodist Beliefs”. The book's purpose is to present in plain language what we believe and why we believe it. I am confident that our study together will enlighten, clarify and energize all of us.

The study will run for eight weeks, beginning the week of January 22. We will meet on Sunday or Monday evenings - whichever works best for those who commit to the study. Contact David Rohlfer, Lay Leader, at 574-2501, or email [david.rohlfer@mhumc.org](mailto:david.rohlfer@mhumc.org).

## New Year's Resolution

*by Lizzy Rohlfer Wessel*

A New Year = New Opportunities...  
New opportunities to serve, connect, grow, and make a difference in someone else's life. For the past year I have had the pleasure of serving alongside a faithful group from MHUMC, making monthly trips to our sister church, State Avenue UMC. On the 2nd Thursday of every month we have been blessed with the mission to provide crafts, activities, and a delicious meal to the children of State Avenue UMC and the Lower Price Hill community. In addition we have been involved in several special events for both the children and the community, taking a group to the Natural History Museum and having a summer cookout. With so much need in these children's lives it is easy to see that God is calling us to serve them and their community.

As we begin this New Year the State Avenue mission is undergoing a transition. Sarah McKee, our leader for the past year, is stepping down from that position. She has done a wonderful job coordinating volunteers, brainstorming lessons and crafts, and working with State Avenue leaders to understand and meet the many needs of the children in their community. Her time and efforts are greatly appreciated and we look forward to her continued support as a volunteer. In her place, I, Lizzy Wessel am taking on the job of leading and coordinating our mission with State Avenue UMC. I am very excited about what this year will bring for us at MHUMC, the children of State Avenue, and our mission.

**As we move into 2012, consider a New Year's resolution that will allow you to serve, connect, and make a difference...** consider joining the State Avenue team! We are always looking for new volunteers to meet the ever present needs of these children. All you need is an open heart, a friendly smile, and a desire to be a positive influence for a child. If you're interested please contact me (Lizzy Wessel) at [rohlfeg@muohio.edu](mailto:rohlfeg@muohio.edu) or 513-503-8887 for more information about how you can join the team and make a difference.



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## JANUARY Birthday List

- 1 Verna Clark, Roberta Fischesser, Marzetta Kohlsdorf, Melissa Zbacnik
- 2 Betty Russell
- 4 Tyler Baecker, Bob Coster, Samantha Delaney, Dan Guy, Alan Hiatt, Tom Kinne, Christy Kinstler
- 5 William Gehring, Jerry Riedel, Ruby Wilz
- 6 Amy Myers Duenne, Jerry Schulte
- 7 Jason Gittinger, Kristen Harding, Mike Kettering
- 8 Karen Mealy, Joe Schmithorst, Ken Schmithorst
- 9 Sydney Davis, Kerri Robers
- 10 Eric Hucke, Ryan Scully, Della Wilz
- 11 Jordan Feldkamp, Madeline Plogsted, Mitchell Plogsted, Marilyn Vogel
- 12 Norm Frazier, Jan Gloeckler, Judith Kleeman, Robert Siegrist
- 13 Emily Beth Gilbert, Sheri Johnson
- 14 Mark Harding, Eric Marzheuser
- 15 Phyllis Brom, Michael DiCecco, Hunter Kirk, Mary Loesch, Maureen Reis, Gil Ruehl
- 16 Jenny Bole, Verna Gregory, Justin Hucke, Andy Packard
- 17 Ashley Hammons, Christine Shields, Kelly Wilder
- 18 Erin Gittinger, Kaitlynn Hammons, Olivia Knecht, Anna Sobolewski
- 19 Mark Ehlers, William Lohstroh, Toni Winkle
- 20 Carson Glen, David Funke, Drew Hoffman, Jonathan Jasper
- 22 Alex Pietrosky, Steve Rosenacker, Doug Whitesel
- 23 Karla Lee Huselton, Jamie Kettering, Marian Loesch
- 25 Savannah Akel, Hazel Swisshelm
- 26 Judy Kottman, Honesty Lewis, Audrey O'Brien, Jim Wilz
- 27 Brad Coop, Fred Huselton
- 28 Chris Boettcher, Ethel Gilbert, Katrina Harman, Diane Sakmyster
- 29 Amy Zbacnik, Emilee Taylor
- 30 Sandra Pridemore, Eli Wilz, Katie Wright
- 31 Joe Clarke, Chris Edgerton, Dennis Gilbert, Abigail Hanke, Trevor Lynch, Greg McBee, Lucas Rostron, Taryn Taylor

## FEBRUARY Birthday List

- 1 Alexa Baumgardner, Cody Frey, Randall Kline, Carolyn Meador, Eli Packard, Kim Strunk
- 2 Carolyn Banta, Brian Louis, Gordon Yuellig
- 3 Cara Steele Downerd, Anderson Gable, Brooks Taylor, Jeff Terzo
- 4 Shawn Burton, Beth Gettler, Carol Ann Kirievich, Kevin Mangold
- 5 Jason Allen, Erin Core-Stein, Harper Gable, Sarah Hiatt
- 6 Shealyn Davis, Justin Strohl
- 8 Jeff Grieser, Ben Gundrum, Christian Kline, Kathy Oehler
- 9 Jordan Akel, Erin Harding, Mike Herring, Patti Hucke, Betsy Schulte
- 10 Janet Tsai
- 11 Garrett Benight, Kelly Gray, David Klotz
- 12 Carolyn Jamison, Gay Laughlin, Gil Ruehl (son)
- 14 Jeff Molter, Nick Kern
- 15 Patty Keller
- 16 Roger Banta, Bill Lippert, Troy Lippert
- 17 Myrtle Momberg
- 18 Stacey Hupps
- 19 Butch Fogle, Christine Goetz, Betsy Nimmo, Jerry Voss
- 21 Will Frey, Richard Glaspie, Patrick Glassmeyer, Dori Mulvaney
- 22 Marlene Rosenacker, Nick Janakiefski
- 23 Austin Beets, Dick Cable, Chang Hammons, Suzanne Lekson, Terry Young, Michael Wilder
- 24 Amy Coop, T.J. Hammons, Amy Pott, Ben Riddle, Melissa Riedel Stehlin
- 25 Sharon Ackerman, Shawn Hastings, TJ Strong
- 27 Steve Beets, Sharon Humphries, Sarah Momberg, Alyssa McRoberts
- 28 Keegan Hickey, Nancy Huselton, Lexi Moeller, Jim Oehler, Issac Swisshelm, Gary VanGuelpen

*Birthday HUGS and cards are always greatly appreciated!*

*And may the Lord make your love  
for one another and for all people  
grow and overflow, just as our  
love for you overflows.*

~ 1 Thessalonians 3:12, NLT

## WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBERS

We are all very excited to welcome **Steven Berlanga** as our new *Chancel Choir Director* and **Gina Cornelius** as our new *Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries* here at MHUMC. **Please be sure to introduce yourselves and welcome them to our awesome church family!**

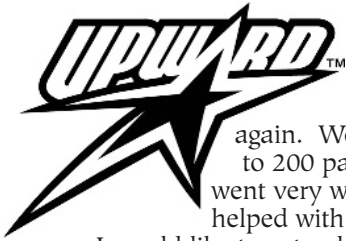
**Steve Berlanga:** Steven Berlanga received his BM degree in Opera Performance at the California State University, Long Beach-Bob Cole Conservatory of Music, in Spring, 2011, where he served as the Undergraduate Choral Assistant and was a recipient of the Bob Cole Conservatory Scholarship. At the Conservatory he studied voice with Shigemi Matsumoto and Conducting with Dr. Jonathan Talberg. During his time at CSULB, Mr. Berlanga was the Assistant Director of the Chamber and University Choirs, Chorus Master for the Opera Institute, and the Director of the Women's Chorus for 2 years. In April 2010 he performed with the CSULB Opera Institute in their production of Les contes d'Hoffmann as the villains Lindorf, Coppellius, Dr. Miracle, and Dapertutto. Mr. Berlanga transferred from Cabrillo College in 2008 where he studied Voice and Conducting with Stan Neff and Cheryl Anderson for 2 years and was honored as one of the Music Department's Outstanding Graduates. While at Cabrillo, Mr. Berlanga was a Teaching Assistant with the Cabrillo Youth Chorus and for the Choral Program. He sang in Cantiamo!, Symphonic Chorus, and Cabrillo Chorale as well as Santa Cruz County Symphony, Larry Granger, Conductor, and Ensemble Monterey Chamber Orchestra, John Anderson, Conductor. He has been a soloist and chorister with both the First Congregational Church of Santa Cruz and First Congregational Church of Long Beach. In Fall, 2011, he began his Masters in Music degree, attending the College-Conservatory of Music, University of Cincinnati, where he was granted a full scholarship. He will continue vocal study there as well.

**Gina Cornelius:** Gina Cornelius has worked for the past two years as the Director of Family Ministries at Taylor Mill UMC and the past 8 years as Youth Program Director and Abstinence Educator in NKY High School and Middle School. She and her husband Jamey, married for 19 years, their son Ivan, 16 years old who attends Scott HS and their daughter Isabel, 11 years old who attends Woodland Middle School will all be joining our church. They love to travel and enjoy family board game nights and during the winter months they have marathon movie nights as they hibernate indoors. She would like to invite us to stop by her office on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday to introduce ourselves. She can be contacted at: [gcornelius@insightbb.com](mailto:gcornelius@insightbb.com).

**Special THANKS to Patti Keller for stepping in as our interim Kidszone director while we were interviewing for the position. Also thank you to all the volunteers who regularly help with teaching and planning for the children's programs.**

**THANK YOU!**

# OUTREACH UPDATES



by Greg Davis

Once again we can be proud that our MHUMC Upward Basketball program has grown again. We have grown from 170 in 2011 to 200 participants this year. Our registration went very well and I want to thank everyone who helped with that.

I would like to extend an early invitation to all of our members to join us on Saturdays at any time from 9:00 to 4:00. I promise it will be the best basketball competition you have seen in years (unless you came last year). We have great half time devotionals, delicious concessions, the best hot dogs, coffee that's better than McDonalds, Danishes, popcorn, soda's, you just can't beat it. You can come and stay for as long as you like. Enjoy the fun and enthusiasm with folks from our community. Our games will start January 14th, and continue until March 3rd. See you there.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

by Claire Schmithorst

We had another glorious year. Our group did 158 boxes and Sunday School did 20 boxes- total of 178. God is just amazing how he blesses this ministry. I do have a "miracle" to report. I knew on Saturday we would be very short of helpers and it was going to go rather slowly without extra hands. I prayed about it, called around and asked a few people to no avail (it is a busy season). Ethel, Maria & Bill Gilbert came for their first time because Maria just had a notion that help would be needed. I'm so glad Maria listened to that little whisper of need. They were a God send and most definitely their extra hands made the packing swift.

Blessed Christmas to you all. You are all very special as you continue to support this important ministry to children. Remember to watch for those after Christmas bargains and the before school starts sales in July, 2012. We will definitely be packing again next year.



## MIRACLE GOAL EXCEEDED !!!

Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow!!! Monfort Heights UMC set a Miracle Goal of \$3500 for the remodeling project of State Ave UMC bathrooms!!! We are now approaching \$5000.00!!!!

Thank you!!! ...for caring and supporting this awesome project!!!

## THANK YOU!

Thank you for your generous Christmas Love Offering for Hands Up! This ministry is our newest outreach to the children of Monfort Heights Elementary school. As teachers and administrators identify needs, we are able to help with financial assistance as long as funds are available. Our own local church team of teachers and educators network with the school to help.

Currently we are approaching \$2000 in our outreach. Praise God!!!



A Collaborative Ministry for 4thth Community Spirit To Meet The Needs of Children & Families

## Whizkids, Families and Tutors Celebrate Christmas Season Together

by Melissa Wilz



What better way to start off the Christmas season than to have dinner and sing a few Christmas carols with some of our neighbors. On December 14th the Whizkids Team joined together to host a dinner for our Whizkids students and their families before the kids went on winter break. With over 140 reservations the Family Life Center was full of great joy and fellowship.

Our 29 tutors were able to share the Christmas Story with their individual students during our regular tutoring time after school and the kids were able to keep the book to share with their families. At 5:30 the families came to join us for a short program and dinner. The Whizkids performed "O Little Town Of Bethlehem" on the hand bells and then sang "Here We Come ACaroling". The performance was definitely a crowd pleaser.

The MHUMC Whizkids Team is always looking for new members. We meet with the kids on Tuesday afternoons from 4:00 - 5:30. There are many students at Monfort Heights Elementary who need a loving Christian role model to help them become better readers as well as understand and experience the importance of a good relationship. Feel free to stop in on any Tuesday afternoon to see what it is all about. You can sit in with any tutor to see just how easy it is to work with the students and the provided curriculum.

Any questions or if you are interested in joining our team please contact Melissa Wilz, Site Coordinator at 513-574-8940.



Whizkids perform for their families and tutors during our Christmas dinner on December 14th in the Family Life Center.

Our friends in Nigeria, the Tukurah's, send Christmas greetings: "You are part of our extended family and we think of you often. Merry Christmas from the Tukurah's - Musa, Grace, Sophia (age 5) and Jemimah (age 3)." Watch for their wonderful family photo in the upcoming new church directory.



## Welcome to the FLIP... Students 6th thru 12th grades

Come prepared to have fun, play games, hang out with cool people, participate in some awesome worship, and be REAL with one another.

Contact: Kim Riddle 741-8176 with questions.

The Youth Ministry has had a busy and growthful fall season. Our vision is to *Elevate our Youth to New Heights - Connect, Grow and Serve.*

We welcomed guest speakers for growthful messages from Grant Rohlfer, Pastor John and Kim Riddle. Our theme was the Grace of God and his constant love for us. FLIP youth also had several fun events to connect and build strong relationships. We had a Frisbee Golf Outing, Bowling Night and a visit to the Festival of Lights at the Zoo. See the picture of the group by the Zoo Christmas Tree.

Another exciting evening was the "Amazing gRACE" scavenger hunt throughout the church with a final challenge to sing the hymn Amazing Grace. We also held an evening for our Service Project. Our group decided to prepare Holiday Cards for the MHUMC Shut-Ins. We hand made over 30 cards for these members and mailed them for Thanksgiving and Christmas delivery.

Net - it has been a busy and rewarding fall program for our FLIP Youth Ministry. We welcome new participants as we enter 2012. We will continue to meet on a twice a month basis. Our schedule for 2012: **Jan 15 and 29th, Feb 5 and 19th (ski trip), March 4 and 18th.**



A few members of the Flip Youth Group and their leaders gather for a photo at the Festival of Lights in December.

## Did you know....

Monfort Heights United Methodist Church is starting an Emergency Food Pantry for those in need right here in our neighborhood. This food pantry will be located in the upstairs old office area off of the Sunday school hallway. Please drop off donations in the baskets provided in the downstairs mission area. For questions on what is needed or if you would like to volunteer to help contact Peggy Woolley at 513-574-6077 or email: pwoolley@cinci.rr.com

### LIST OF ITEMS NEEDED

- 2-3 quart box or envelopes of Dry Milk
- small or other size box/bag of cold cereal
- canned fruits (easy open lids)
- soups (easy open lids)



**Pull Top Cans ONLY!**

## MHUMC Leadership 2012

(Terms begin January 1, 2012- December 2012)

### Administrative Council

Chair of Ad Council - David Rohlfer  
 Pastor - Dr. John Daniels  
 Secretary - Jeanne Mathes  
 Gina Cornelius - Director of Youth, Family & Children's Ministries  
 Larry Cook - Hospitality Coordinator/Building Mgr.  
 Joan Ponting - Congregational Care  
 Bobbie Carrelli - Missions  
 Terry Young - Finance Chair  
 Melissa Wilz - Communications  
 Bill Riddle - Trustees  
 Kim Riddle - SPRC Chair  
 Steve Steigelman - Treasurer  
 Yvette Bennett - Financial Secretary  
 Lay Delegate Annual Conference - Jody Daniels  
 David Rohlfer - Lay Leader / Adult Discipleship

### At Large

Bob & Judy Coster, Don Alverson, Joyce Dring, Bob Gloeckler, Priscilla Thinnies, John & Peggy Woolley, Jan Clarke.

### Finance Team

Chair - Terry Young  
 David Rohlfer- Lay Leader, Ad Council Chair  
 Bob Molter - Capital Fund Drive  
 Bill Riddle - or Trustee Rep  
 Kim Riddle - SPRC  
 Yvette Bennett - Financial Secretary  
 Steve Steigelman - Treasurer  
 Loren McGuire  
 Kay Hickey

### Trustees

Bill Riddle-Chair  
 2012 - Bill Riddle - Chair, Ron Loesch  
 2013 - Ric Rohlfer, Roger Banta, Bob Coster, Paula Heather  
 2014 - Jason Taylor, Bob Gloeckler, Barrett Bamberger

## FIRST SUNDAYS

God has certainly blessed our FIRST SUNDAYS where we celebrate Holy Communion; focus on prayer and healing, and more intentional models of experiencing God's presence through the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

## Discipleship & Spiritual Formation

Our Bible Study on Spiritual Gifts and Book Study Sitting At The Feet of The Rabbi Jesus were well attended and such a blessing!!! We had over 30 people involved between the 2 studies!

- Ramen noodles or other types of dry soup
- small jars of peanut butter
- small jars of jelly
- Zesta type crackers (saltines)
- canned meat (easy open lids)
- macaroni & cheese (easy open pouches) no milk, butter needed
- vegetables (easy open lids)
- packets of coffee &/or tea
- mixable powdered drink packets
- bar of soap (regular size or "hotel" soaps)
- toilet tissue
- small packets hand sanitizer or hand soap
- travel tooth brushes & tooth paste
- baby diapers

*Elevating People To New Heights!*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</b>	2	3 Ruth Circle Meet 11:00 am  Prayer Team Meets 6:30 - 7:30 pm	4 SPRC Meeting 7:00 pm	5 Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm  Adult Choir 7:30 - 8:30 pm	6	7 <b>Lots of Help Needed! To remove Christmas Decorations! 10am</b>
8 <b>No FLIP</b>	9 Men's Basketball 8:30 - 9:30	10 Elizabeth Circle 10:30 am  Prayer Team Meets 6:30 - 7:30 pm	11	12 State Ave Volunteers meet 4:15 pm  Men's Basketball 8:30 - 9:30  Adult Choir 7:30 - 8:30 pm	13	14 UPWARD Basketball Games 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Family Life Center
15 <b>Youth FLIP 6:30 - 8:30</b>	16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Offices Closed  Men's Basketball 8:30 - 9:30	17 Prayer Team Meets 6:30 - 7:30 pm	18 Finance Meeting 7:00 pm	19 Men's Basketball 8:30 - 9:30  Adult Choir 7:30 - 8:30 pm	20	21 UPWARD Basketball Games 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Family Life Center
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29 "Grace Full Healing" Bible Study 6:30 pm Sanctuary  <b>Youth FLIP 6:30 - 8:30</b>	30 Men's Basketball 8:30 - 9:30	31 Prayer Team Meets 6:30 - 7:30 pm	<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>WORSHIP SERVICES</b> <i>Every Sunday Morning: 8:30 am, 9:45 am and 11:00 am</i> Adult and Youth Sunday School classes, KidsZONE for children and Nursery services provided.</p> </div>			

*Whizkids meet every Tuesday 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm*

*Men's Bible Study meets every Tuesday 6:30 am - 7:30 am*

*AA meets every Monday Room 124 at 7:30 pm*

**THE GIFT OF A NEW YEAR**

*Think of the kind of person you want to be this New Year -- whether that's a quick forgiver, someone who gives the benefit of the doubt, a husband who sacrifices daily for his wife, a friend who doesn't gossip. God will prompt you if you ask. Then practice being that person today.*

*This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun.*

~ 2 Cor. 5:17, NLT

**PRAY: Spend some time thanking God for his unconditional, complete love for you.**



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12 Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast 8:30 am - 12:30 "Grace Full Healing" Bible Study 6:30 pm	13 Men's Basketball 8:30 - 9:30	14  Elizabeth Circle Meet 10:30 am Prayer Team Meets 6:30 - 7:30 pm	15 Finance Meeting 7:00 pm	16 Men's Basketball 8:30 - 9:30 Adult Choir 7:30 - 8:30 pm	17	18 UPWARD Basketball Games 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Family Life Center
19 FEAST Sunday Morning "Grace Full Healing" 6:30 pm Youth FLIP Ski Trip	20 Presidents Day Offices & Schools Closed Men's Basketball 8:30 - 9:30	21 Prayer Team Meets 6:30 - 7:30 pm	22  ASH WEDNESDAY	23 Men's Basketball 8:30 - 9:30 Adult Choir 7:30 - 8:30 pm	24	25 UPWARD Basketball Games 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Family Life Center
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*Jesus replied: "Love the Lord  
your God with all your heart  
and with all your soul and  
with all your mind.*

*This is the first and greatest  
commandment. And the second  
is like it: 'Love your neighbor  
as yourself.*

*Matthew 22:37-40*



**For the year 2012, we will focus on a new series titled "Health Yourself"**

***This overall series will not only focus on your physical health, but your spiritual and emotional health as well. Join us in the new year, as we begin with "Lighten The Load - Releasing The Burdens of Life."***

*If you have a special event, meeting or mission project you want listed on our newsletter calendar please contact Melissa Wilz at 574-8940 to have your event posted in our next newsletter and on our new web site!*



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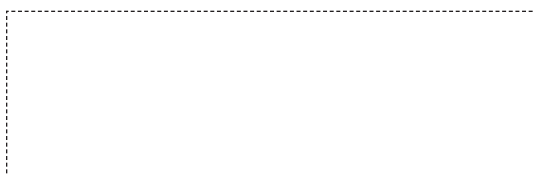


*And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.*

~ Romans 8:28

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At Monfort Heights UMC, we believe in "elevating people to new heights." Everything we do at our church is designed to communicate God's awesome love for everyone. We believe Monfort Heights United Methodist Church is becoming one of the most exciting places

to understand and experience God's love and be empowered to live a life like Jesus to one another and the world.

We are a growing church full of great people! The messages, services and ministries are designed to be relevant and to CONNECT us to God and one another. We believe the church is here to develop us into mature followers of Jesus Christ and BECOME part of God's love to change our world. You will also find a bunch of folk who sense that God wants to push us beyond our comfort levels and SERVE the world through local, regional and international outreach and missions.

*If you and your family are looking for dynamic, loving and a Christ-formed community then join us at "The Heights".*

**WOW! How Awesome!**

Our church experienced a wonderful sense of unity and inspiration as our whole church family gathered as one congregation during the Advent season!!! Each week our traditional church sanctuary was full of people singing wonderful songs of the season; seeing other folks that typically attend another hour of worship celebration; a wonderful FEAST meal where a huge church family crowd sat down to eat and fellowship; First Sunday Communion as one church family; children singing, great choir music, special music in our Lobby, and on and on!!

It demonstrated the strength, and vitality of our congregation as we gathered together and worshiped. We could sense and feel God's presence and love in all of our celebrations and services.

A special thanks to those involved in children's ministry as they offered ministry to our youngest of attenders.

We look forward to more seasonal moments where we worship together. WE HAVE RETURNED TO TYPICAL HOURS OF WORSHIP EFFECTIVE January 8th. Thanks to all those who helped make this a huge blessing and success for our church family and Kingdom work.

**MHUMC Mission Statement:**

A Christ-centered community that **CONNECTS** people to God, empowers them to **BECOME** disciples and then **SERVE** the world.