

The Newsletter

Worship Series Three Simple Rules Continues. . .

Our worship series started on December 28 and will run through January 11. It will take us back to the basics, as we focus on John Wesley's Three Simple Rules, using a recent book by Bishop Rueben Job. In *Three Simple Rules*, Bishop Job offers an interpretation of John Wesley's General Rules for today's followers of Christ. This simple but challenging look at three commands,

- Do no harm.
- Do good.
- Stay in love with God.

calls us to mutual respect, unity, and a deeper relationship with God. Each person attending worship will receive a bookmark with the three rules.

John Hopkins, Resident Bishop of the East Ohio Area says this about Bishop Job's book: "*Three*

Simple Rules is a new catechism for everyone wanting to follow Jesus Christ. These practices for holy living should replace the membership vows in every church! Don't let the title fool you. Bishop Job writes, 'The rules are simple, but the way is not easy. Only those with great courage will attempt it, and only those with great faith will be able to walk this exciting and demanding way.'"

Let's start a new year with great courage and great faith, as we walk together this exciting and demanding way!



Come and have some delicious pancakes on Sunday, January 11th from 8am to noon. A free will offering will be collected to support the Haiti 2009 spring mission trip. Mmmm!!!

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If you would like to have something printed in the February Newsletter please have it to the office by January 20th. Thank you!



January 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Weekly Sunday Worship 9:15 Live! Under the Dome 11:00 Traditional Worship	 Youth Group Weekly from 5:30 to 7:30pm					
				1 	2	3 Wild @ Heart 7am Merge 242 @ 7pm
4	5 SPRC @ 7:00	6 First Place 4 Health @ 11:00 Computer Lab 1pm - 7pm Soup Kitchen 3pm - 7pm Trustees @ 7:00	7 Lectio Divina @ 7:00am 6:30 - 8:30 Chancel Choir DBSI @ 7pm	8	9	10 Wild @ Heart 7am
11 Pancake Breakfast	12 Finance @ 7:00	13 First Place 4 Health @ 11:00 Sit - n - Stitch 1pm Computer Lab 1pm - 7pm Soup Kitchen 3pm - 7pm	14 Lectio Divina @ 7:00am 6:30 - 8:30 Chancel Choir DBSI @ 7pm	15 6:30 Fish Headz Rehearsal	16 1:00 Faith Based Book Club	17 Wild @ Heart 7am Merge 242 @ 7pm
18 Human Relations Day (offering) Restoring Eden @ 10:30	19 Church Office Closed!	20 First Place 4 Health @ 11:00 Sit - n - Stitch 1pm Computer Lab 1pm - 7pm Soup Kitchen 3pm - 7pm	21 Lectio Divina @ 7:00am 6:30 - 8:30 Chancel Choir DBSI @ 7pm	22 6:30 Fish Headz Rehearsal	23	24 Wild @ Heart 7am
25 Fish Bowl Sunday	26	27 First Place 4 Health @ 11:00 Sit - n - Stitch 1pm Computer Lab 1pm - 7pm Soup Kitchen 3pm - 7pm	28 Lectio Divina @ 7:00am 6:30 - 8:30 Chancel Choir DBSI @ 7pm	29 6:30 Fish Headz Rehearsal	30	31

Church Committees – 2009

Church Council

Chair – Larry Case
Vice-Chair – Shelia Huis
Recording Secretary – Marilyn Ridenour
Lay Leader – Margaret Hollenbeck
Lay Mem. Of Ann. Conference - Shelia Huis
Alternate Lay Member - Margie Slocum
Church Historian – Jean Freeland
Chair of Trustees –
Chair of Finance – Ted Spoelstra
Church Treasurer – Jane Kostanko
Financial Secretary – Bev Spoelstra
Education Team Leader – Darla Timmerman
Co-Chairs of Missions – Margaret Hollenbeck & Barb Turkal
Children's Coordinator – Denise Vreugde
United Methodist Women President – Margie Slocum
Pastor – Kathy Brown
Chair of Staff-Parish Relations – Brad Van Zyl
Assistant Treasurer – Sue Davis
Assistant Financial Secretary – Jean Freeland
Leadership Development, Youth and Education Coordinator – Andrew Courtright (staff)
Chair of Evangelism – Bobbi Roush
Worship Team Leader – Shelia Huis
United Methodist Men President – Larry Hollenbeck
Chair of Crisis Management Team – Del Kostanko
Chair of Permanent Endowment Fund – Steve Shults
2009 – Marilyn Ridenour, Marilyn Goldstein, Ted Spoelstra
2010 – Eldon Roush, Jennifer Davis, Liz Lenz
2011 – Martha Misak, Mary Brown, Tom Huis

Education Team

Team Leader – Darla Timmerman

Evangelism Committee

Chair – Bobbi Roush
Members-at-large – Margie Slocum, Ellyn Main, Liz Lenz

Missions Committee

Co-Chairs – Margaret Hollenbeck & Barb Turkal
Members-at-large – Shelly Hart, Bobbi Roush, Amanda Campbell, Andrew Courtright, Barb Turkal, Margaret Hollenbeck

Worship Team

Team Leader – Shelia Huis
Liturgist Coordinator – Sally Stanton
Head Usher – Eldon Roush
Communion Steward 11:00 – Jennifer Davis
Communion Steward 9:15 – Marilyn Goldstein
Worship Design Team
Multimedia Team

Committee on Lay Leadership

Chair – Kathy Brown, pastor
Lay Leader – Margaret Hollenbeck
2009 – Donna Kinney, Marilyn Ridenour
2010 – Linda Reynolds, Susan Pennington
2011 – Mary Hermenitt, Mildred Jarman

Committee on Staff-Parish Relations

Chair – Brad Van Zyl
Lay Leader – Margaret Hollenbeck
2009 – Amanda Campbell, Mary Hermenitt, Ted Spoelstra
2010 – Dennis Gaskill, Will Borden, Jack Longstreet
2011 – Brad Van Zyl, Eldon Roush, Kathy Weller

Board of Trustees

2009 – Dennis Argetsinger, Randy Campbell, Scott Davis
2010 – Bob Main, Bobbi Roush, Jim Vreugde
2011 – Jack Slocum, Donna Gaskill, Frank Misak
Legal Consultant to the Trustees – Rob Longstreet

Committee on Finance

Chair – Ted Spoelstra
Lay Leader – Margaret Hollenbeck
Treasurer – Jane Kostanko
Assistant Treasurer – Sue Davis
Financial Secretary – Bev Spoelstra
Asst Financial Secretary – Jean Freeland
Chair of Church Council – Larry Case
Trustees Representative –
Pastor – Kathy Brown
United Methodist Women Treasurer – Carol Stuart
Chair of Staff-Parish Relations – Brad Van Zyl
Audit Sub-Committee
2009 – Cassie Argetsinger
2010 – Ted Spoelstra, Jack Slocum
2011 – Pat Light, Richard Fluke

Stewardship Team

Team Leader – Kim Dingman
Cassie Argetsinger

Memorial Committee

Chair – Donna Kinney
2009 – Gloria Kelley, Donna Kinney
2010 – Georgia Otis, Deanna Taylor
2011 – Mildred Jarman, Mary Hermenitt

Permanent Endowment Fund Committee

Chair – Steve Shults
Pastor – Kathy Brown
Chair of Church Council – Larry Case
Finance Committee Representative – Richard Fluke
Trustees Representative -
2009 – Brad Van Zyl, Jim Horton
2010 – Steve Shults, (not a vacancy)
2011 – Jill Van Zyl, Rob Longstreet

Crisis Management Team

Chair – Del Kostanko
Jack Brown, Margaret Hollenbeck, Rob Longstreet, Eldon Roush, Lynne Anderson

Building Committee

Chair – Larry Case
Consultant – Pastor David Nelson
Members-at-large – Carl Anderson Eldon Roush
Dennis Argetsinger Jack Slocum Shelia Huis
Darla Timmerman Brad Van Zyl Jean Freeland
Andrew Courtright Tom Huis Randy Campbell
Dave Macqueen Kathy Brown Bobbi Roush

What awaits us?

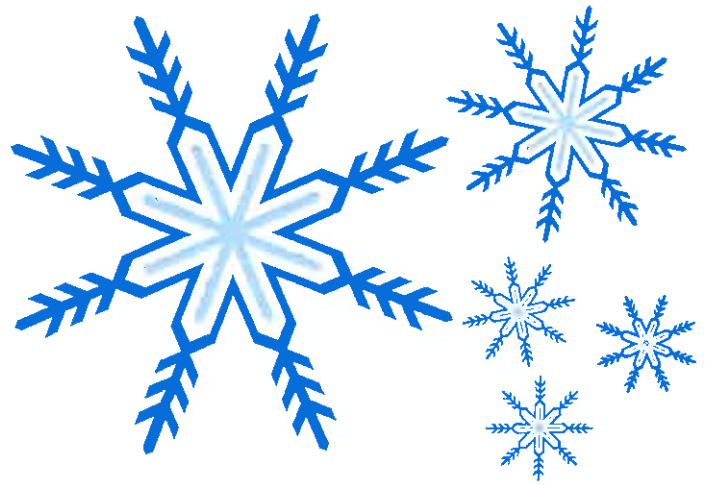
We're at the starting gate of a new year. What will it hold for us? Only God knows. Yet if God knows, why not try to discover his plan for us each day?

We should carry on a daily dialog with God. Following his lead is always interesting and challenging. And much of the time it's filled with wonder and joy.

I remember the story of a small boy who prayed to God at the end of a fun, interesting Monday. "It's been a wonderful day, God. What do you have in mind for Tuesday?"

What does God have in mind for you in 2009? Keep in touch with him, and you'll enjoy the trip around the sun.

—Charles Ferrell



Thank You

I just want to say thank you to Gerry Longstreet for all of her support and help in the church office and especially for the times that I call her last minute and she's always there to help. Thank you Erin and Jameson Merritt, and Alex and Landon (my boys) for helping me with the candles and bulletins for Christmas. Thank you to Emma Campbell and Julie Owen for helping with bulletins. Lastly, but not least, thank you to Louise Reaser for her beautiful bulletin boards and for coming in to help get the December newsletter out.

Stacy Steward



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Thanks to Heline Jordan for Lullies 2-1-09

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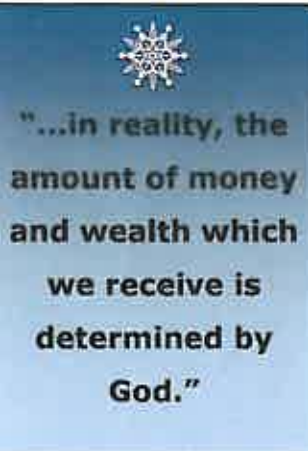
THAT'S THE BEST ONE-STAR HOTEL THAT I'VE EVER SEEN

Applying Bible Principles

There are some wonderful principles in the Old Testament which apply to present-day Christians. One of these is in Deuteronomy 8:10-18. Stated in contemporary language, it says, "When you have eaten and are full, and when your cars, houses and bank accounts multiply, don't forget where it came from: Remember the Lord your God."

In truth, all that we have comes from God. He determines what we will receive, whether it be money, gold, silver, houses, land, bank accounts, stocks, bonds, etc. It all belongs to Him in the first place, and He entrusts it to us. According to David's prayer in 1 Chronicles 29, riches, honor, power, and wealth all come from God.

That's why there is no such thing as a self-made man or woman. Oh, we have to do our part. God's plan is not that we just sit around praying and reading the Bible all day long so that what we need to survive will miraculously drop into our hands. We're not just to pray for our "daily bread," but we're also to get up each day and work for it! That's why the Apostle Paul stated clearly, "If a man will not work, he shall not eat" (2 Thes. 3:10). But in reality, the amount of money and wealth which we receive is determined by God. According to His divine will and knowledge, He entrusts to each of us the amount which He knows will be best for us.



What should be our reaction to our financial state? Some might pray, "Dear Lord, you must have made a mistake concerning me and my finances. Please give me more money." Others might try to circumvent God's design for their lives by trying to win the lottery or to obtain large sums of money through some other means. Mature Christians, however, will realize God's infinite wisdom far surpasses their limited perspective. They will accept with a thankful spirit what God has entrusted to them and seek to honor God by their living and by their giving.



Human Relations Day Offering

We share this offering in mid-January because this marks the birthday of The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the work he did to transform our nation and the world in the area of healing relationships in the human community. The offering supports community development programs that improve living conditions, build relationships, and testify to the love of God through the ministry of presence.

More than 30 church-based community developers work in racial- and ethnic-minority communities in the United States and Puerto Rico. A multiracial network of grassroots social justice organizations related to United Methodist Voluntary Service provides vital outreach. Christ-centered Youth Offender Rehabilitation projects give teenagers a chance to succeed.

God calls us to lead others to Christ. Please give generously on Human Relations Day, January 18th, 2009. Your gift makes a world of difference!

Ministry Team Connections

Pastor – Kathy Brown - kathyebrown@sbcglobal.net

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Lay Leader – Margaret Hollenbeck - mhollenbeck@hastingsmutual.com

Staff Parish Relations – Brad Van Zyl, Chair - Brad.VanZyl@kellogg.com

Co-Worship Leaders (9:15) – Steve Steward and Stacy Steward - [ssteward@j-adgraphics.com](mailto:sseward@j-adgraphics.com)

Organist (11:00) – Mark Doster - sievabean@aol.com

Choir Director – Dave Macqueen - macqueendj@yahoo.com

Handbell Choir Director – Shelia Huis - shuishaus@voyager.net

Child Care Attendants – Denise and Caitlin Vreugde - dvreugde@yahoo.com

Prayer Chain – Brenda Baker - bbaker3822@yahoo.com

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Everyone affected by the attacks in Mumbai—Pray for safe trip home for Heather Cody and Amanda Clark—Colleen needs a liver and kidney transplant—Watch over our college students as they go into final exams—Family and friends of Martha Ironside who passed away—Work situation and changes—Peace—An end to the economic troubles—Donna Borton for strength—Praise for our children and youth—Remember Pearl Harbor 12-7-41—The birth of Allison Jean Tefft to Tiffany and Chuck Tefft on Friday, Dec. 12th—Congratulations to Morgan Johnson on earning her Bachelor's degree from WMU—Work situation and colleagues and acceptance of changes—Judy Martinez—Friends facing legal issues—A husband who just lost his job—Sally Stanton came home from the hospital yesterday (Saturday) and will be doing therapy at home—Wonderful news regarding granddaughter's food allergy—Russ Nash's grandson, Derek, in G.R. Hospital—Praise God for the safe return of Cliff and Mike from service in Iraq. Pastor Dave's grandsons— Sue Stacey who fell and broke her arms in multiple places and had surgery—Loring—Dorothy McMillin had a stroke and is going to Thornapple Manor—Congratulations to Morgan Johnson on her new job

GIVING REVIEW

	12/8	12/15	12/22
General Operating	\$4131	\$6361	\$2565
Building Fund	\$323	\$638	\$205
Apportionments	\$42	\$2	\$0
Miscellaneous	\$483	\$187	\$547

Celebrating an Anniversary

Jack & Gretchen Kennedy 01/12
 Leonard & Lois Spyker 01/14
 Ronald & Suzanne Nash 01/16
 Gilbert & Jean Agostini 01/24

*Congratulations to
 Tiffany and Chuck Tefft
 on the birth of their daughter
 Allison Jean
 on December 12, 2008.*



Birthdays

Donna Mathews 01/02
 Jane Kostanko 01/02
 Frank Misak 01/03
 Jim Vreugde 01/03
 Brenda Morse 01/04
 Alex Steward 01/04
 Mark Doster 01/05
 Kai Richardson 01/05
 Desirae Dingman 01/06
 Travis Matthews 01/06
 Lavinia Kineman 01/07
 Margaret Hollenbeck 01/08
 Tyce Richardson 01/09
 William Towne 01/10
 Suzanne Nash 01/11
 Gretchen Kennedy 01/12
 Andrew Hollenbeck 01/12
 Tim Slocum 01/13
 Christopher Morse 01/13
 Lucy Heckman 01/16

Bud Drayton 01/16
 Mary Macqueen 01/16
 Catherine Case 01/16
 Meghan Van Zyl 01/16
 Megan Frazier 01/17
 Caleb Borton 01/17
 Debbie Steward 01/18
 Steve Steward 01/19
 LeRoy Hewitt 01/19
 Barb Sams 01/19
 Taylor Owen 01/19
 Brad Van Zyl 01/23
 Marie J Grinnell 01/26
 Linda Smith 01/26
 Patricia Stadel 01/26
 Jon Michalk 01/27
 Scott Mathews 01/27
 Marion Furrow 01/29
 Becky Davis 01/30
 Jill Van Zyl 01/31

Monday Updates

Do you feel like you're missing something on Sunday Mornings? Sign up to receive a Monday morning update with all of the bulletin announcements, slides from the screen, verbal announcements, calendar, prayer requests and a look ahead at what's coming up. Call Stacy in the church office or send her an e-mail @ hastings_first_umc@sbcglobal.net if you're interested.



The Upper Room Devotional and the Alive Now magazine are available at the Welcome Center. Both the large and small print of the Upper Rooms are \$1 and the Alive Now magazines are \$2. There is a money drop box at the Welcome Center near the magazines. Start the New Year off right with a daily devotional!



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