

December 2011



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Sunday Schedule

Worship: 8:00 AM
 10:30 AM
 Attended Nursery - 10:30 AM
 Sunday School: 9:15 AM
 Sept - May
 Radio Broadcast:
 Sun. 10:30 AM
 101.5 FM WMJZ

Office Hours

M-T: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
 F - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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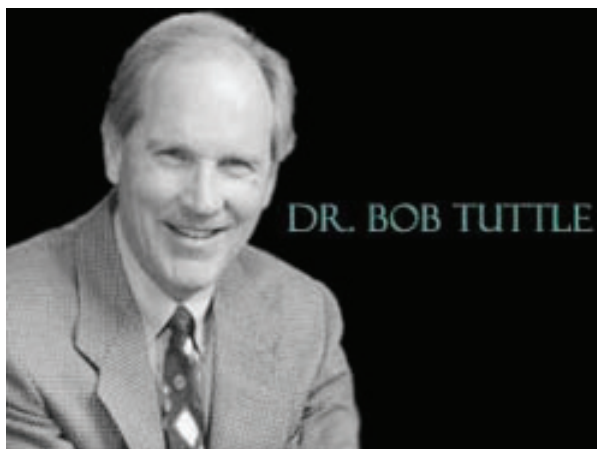
HEALING SERVICE with Dr. Robert Tuttle

Scripture strongly affirms ministries of spiritual healing, which in recent years have received renewed emphasis throughout Christ's holy Church. The root of the word healing in New Testament Greek, *sozo*, is the same as that of salvation and wholeness. Spiritual healing is God's work of offering persons balance, harmony, and wholeness of body, mind, spirit, and relationships through confession, forgiveness, and reconciliation. Through such healing, God works to bring about reconciliation between God and humanity, among individuals and communities, within each person, and between humanity and the rest of creation. The New Testament records that Jesus himself healed the estranged and sick and sent out his disciples on ministries of healing. James (5:14-16a) calls us also to pray for and anoint the sick, that they may be healed.

All healing is of God. The Church's healing ministry in no way detracts from the gifts God gives through medicine and psychotherapy. It is no substitute for either medicine or the proper care of one's health. Rather, it adds to our total resources for wholeness.

Healing is not magic, but underlying it is the great mystery of God's love. Those who minister spiritual healing are channels of God's love. Although no one can predict what will happen in a given instance, many marvelous healings have taken place.

The greatest healing of all is the reunion or reconciliation of a human being with God. Come hear the GOOD NEWS



December 2-4

Friday, Dec. 2nd at 7:00pm in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, Dec. 3rd at 9:00 am with Men's Breakfast Group

Saturday, Dec. 3rd 7:00pm a special Healing service

Sunday, Dec. 4th - 9:15 Hosting a open discussion time in Fellowship Hall during Sunday school

10:30 am Worship Service



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The Second Sunday in Advent
Dr. Robert Tuttle

11
The Third Sunday in Advent
“The Wrong Voice”
John 1:6-8, 19-28

18
The Fourth Sunday in Advent
Chancel Choir Cantata:
“The Promise of Light”
One Service
24

Christmas Eve
“Trifle: of little value”
Luke 2:1-10
4:00pm & 7:00pm
Holy Communion and Candlelight

25
Christmas Day
A Service of Lessons and Carols
(one service @ 10:30am)

Messenger

For those of you who are out of the area during part of the year, please call the church office with your address and the dates of your absence and we will be glad to send the Messenger to you. We want you to keep in touch with your church family.

December Worship Assistants
USHERS: Mason Buckingham, Ken Hasty,
Chris Collins, Jim Reinhardt

	Greeters	Acolytes	Coffee Hosts
4	Dave and Sandy Laginess, George and Joyce Ross	Emmie Madonna	Nancy and Chuck Bump
11	Janet Deneen, Shirley Kettlewell, Lamoine Shirley	Caralee Courtright	George and Cindy Wilson
18	Youth	Jenna Andrews	Kidz on a Mission
25	Suzanne Stewart, Libby and Jim Gray	Will Sides	No Coffee Hour

Check the CALENDAR for the church schedule for the month of December by going to the church web site.

Click here!

Advent Schedule

Dec. 6 - 6:00 PmM UMW All Church Potluck

Dec. 10 - 10:00 AM Secret Prayer Partner Party

Dec. 11 - 11:30 AM Jesus’s Birthday Party - Lunch and Children’s Pageant

Dec. 18 - 10:30 AM - Chancel Choir presents The Promise of Light

Dec. 24 - 4 PM and 7 PM - Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion Service

Dec. 25 - 10:30 AM - Carols and Lessons





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UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
DECEMBER 2011

WOW! What a fantastic Holiday House Bazaar we had again this year! And to think this was our 53rd one and they keep getting better every year! Just goes to show you what the First United Methodist Church women are made of to come up with all these wonderful ideas and to follow through with them!!

The people of Gaylord and beyond really like our Make and Bake Pasty Sale as they ordered 2400 of those delicious Pasties. And all of the workers deserve a huge THANKS for all they do in making those delicacies year after year!

This has been another busy year for our UMW and we are already planning for 2012. We started off 2011 with a new set of officers in our UMW and in each of our Circles. Wonderful programs were presented in January and February, followed by our always good March Soup Lunches, the April White Breakfast, Mother's Day in June and a breather in July and August when we eliminate the UMW programs to allow families to enjoy vacation time. Then back at it again in September with our Welcome Back Bring Your Dolly To Tea program followed by Bert Blom's talk at our October meeting. November brought the Holiday House Bazaar and now we are ready for our All Church Christmas Potluck, be sure to mark your calendar for that date and plan on joining us for an evening of fun and food! We have a great evening planned for all of you—young or older—door prizes for all ages. Please bring a dish to pass, your own table service and the Executive Board will be furnishing the beverages.

We could not do all we do if it weren't for the men who help us with all of our endeavors. They do a lot of "clean-up" work in the kitchen, lots of set-up work for many of our events and lots of loading and unloading at various events. Our thanks to all of you! And a special thanks to all you ladies who say "yes" as I come around with my "pink clipboard" and ask for volunteers. Yes, the year 2012 will again see that "pink clipboard" in action, so beware!

A Merry Christmas and an exciting new year with blessings to all of you!

Ginny Brozowski, UMW President



What A Success...

THANK YOU! We wholeheartedly thank anyone and everyone who helped make Holiday House a success this year! We had many compliments on how nice the booths looked as well as folks noticing a wider variety of items for sale. The attendees were happy upon arrival, and they departed happy with items of all kinds. The children also liked getting their coupons for a free gift and shopping in the Twelve and Under booth. Quite a few people came who have never attended before—some from out of town.

Virginia (treasurer of Holiday House) has reported that as of November 14, \$4,644.33 was earned—about \$200 over last year. This amount will go a long way in helping out Otsego County Food Pantry, Salvation Army, and New Life Pregnancy just to name a few. Virginia asked that a big thank you go out to the Tuesday morning HH crafts group and everyone who made crafts at home and brought them in. The crafts group will resume regular activities in February, and anyone is welcome to attend to work on items of each individual's choice—it's a good time!

Sharon Hamel, first chair; Mary Hoxie, second chair; and Diana Weier, third chair

Notes:

(1) Poinsettias

It is time to order the poinsettias to decorate our altar this Christmas season. Please use the flower envelopes in the pews as your order form. You may write your dedication on the envelope or include a note inside with your payment; poinsettias are \$8.00 each. Orders are due by December 12. For more information call the church office or Karen Hervela at 231-546-3209.

(2) New Member Class

A New Membership Class will be forming in January. Reverend John will be teaching this class on January 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th. If interested in attending please contact the church office at 732-5380

(3) Financial Stewardship

Just a note to remind you that as the year 2011 comes to a close your financial faithfulness is important to us.

Thank you for your continued faithful stewardship throughout this year.

(4) Methodist Mentors

Were you a teacher? Are you a teacher? Are you a wannabe teacher? Please volunteer an hour or two of your time to help with Methodist Mentors. If interested contact Brenda Brummel 231-585-7058.

Methodist Mentors is a new after school program for the

youth (4th-12th grades) "Teachers" are available to help with various subjects, there will be a quiet room for reading or quiet working. There will be games, and a Photoshop class, the computers are also available for those who need to use them for homework. The Methodist Mentors is on Wednesdays from 3:15pm-5:15pm

(5) Jesus's Birthday

You are invited to Jesus' Birthday Party on Sunday, December 11th following the 10:30am Worship service. A Children's Pageant will be follow a light lunch. Come celebrate the reason for the season!

I LOVE THE LORD BECAUSE...

I love the Lord because, of all that he has done for me
Such as the giving up his life, one Friday afternoon on Calvary
I love the Lord because there's one thing I contend
He is the true description of the ultimate best friend
Know what I have done or will do, no matter what I say
He knows everything about me, yet He loves me anyway
This year has been a rough one, since the day my father died
But God's shining love has been a beacon, on this long dark wild ride
I get a refill of His love, in this place every Sunday
So I can go outside and face the world every Monday
I can talk to Jesus, any day or any hour
No matter if it's on the road or in the shower
I love the Lord because His love is never ending
It is much better than a Facebook page, which is always on, with no 'de-friending'
His love was there for mom and dad in September 1961
When I became the Engels' younger brother, younger son
He got me through my childhood when I did not have a clue
When I was shy and insecure and knew not what to do
He got me through my school days, being chubby, scared and shy
When I learned that Jesus loved me, but I was not quite sure why
He got me through my upper teens, back when I knew it all
To talk to me at seventeen, was like talking to a wall
He got me through my college days when I had no realistic vision
I tested my dear Savior's patience with poorly made decisions
He got me through my prodigal days of hedonistic pleasure
How He could possibly put up with me was more than I could measure
He got me through the days I was adrift on troubled seas
And wondered what, if anything, the Lord had planned for me
I had to grow up, get my life together, and go forth
And in May of 1986, we moved to Gaylord, way up north
It was not always easy and I was in a lurch
For in my flight of youthful fancy I spent a decade without church
I was not interested in church, I did not want a part
Of the love the Savior had for me, from His most precious heart
Being He is a patient Savior, and my heart is full of gladness
That his precious love is greater than my sin and all my badness
I did what I call 'church surfing' across our local town
I had my spirit raised so high, the earth seemed five miles down
I was three years doing drama skits at St. Andrews, down the way
But my heart was seeking greener pastures, so I went away
My heart will always have a special place for my five years at E Free
But the church was large and I felt like there was no place for me
My mother and I were at a crossroads eight years ago this fall
Would we find a new church home? Or never go at all?
And so we found First United Methodist and fifteen minutes in this place
Our eyes were filled with joyous tears as we sang Amazing Grace
We never had to church surf again, we never had to roam
We both turned and looked at one another and said, 'That's it, we're home!'
I am so blessed and fortunate to have this church in my life
It's a comfort and refuge from the turmoil in my life
To return to why I love the Lord, it's all so clear to see
The reason is quite simple.....because He first loved me!

Written By Matt Engel



From the desk of Michele..

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

This is my favorite Messenger to put together, because I love Christmas! This time of joy and peace, the white glistening snow, Christmas music playing everywhere, Church on Christmas Eve with excitement in the air. How can you not be happy on the biggest day of the year?! God sent the ultimate GIFT to all His children, just because He loves us soooo much.

The Joy of Christmas

Somehow, not only for Christmas,

But all the year through,

The joy that you give to others Is the joy that comes back to you;
And the more you spend in blessing The poor and lonely and sad,
The more of your heart's possessing Returns to make you glad!

John Greenleaf Whittier



Christmas Gifts

Of all the gifts that Christmas brings,
The best are made of little things:
Melody of carols all the year;
Cheer to friends that you hold dear;
Courage to someone else to start
Some task for which he hasn't heart;
Faith though the future's not in view;
Fun and laughter to go everywhere;
Kindness to show how much you care;
Strength to begin all over again;
And love to seek the best in every man.
While other seasons come and go
And another year hurries past,
Let's give again the little things-
They are the gifts that last.

Alberta Dredla

Let There Be Christmas
So remember while December
Brings the only Christmas Day,
In the year let there be Christmas
In the things you do and say.
Wouldn't life be worth the living,
Wouldn't dreams be coming true
If we kept the Christmas spirit
All the whole year through?

Author unknown

Christmas is not a time nor season
but a state of mind. To cherish
peace and goodwill, to be plenteous
in mercy, is to have the real spirit of
Christmas.

Calvin Coolidge





WHERE JESUS IS,
IT'S CHRISTMAS!

Where Jesus is, it's Christmas,
Even in a cattle stall
With no tree or turkey dinner
And no presents from the mall.
You don't need decorations
Or stockings full of stuff.
Where Jesus is, it's Christmas,
Because Jesus is enough!

By Karen Wylie



December Birthdays and Anniversaries



Birthdays

- 1 Rosemarie Tyler
Esther Martin
Karen Colden
- 3 Helen Johnson
Aaron Miller
- 4 Libby Gray
- 6 Gary Dezur
- 9 Louise Shepard
- 11 Tim Schlaufman
- 13 Nancy Ross
Douglas Kaiser
Jan Fournier
Katelyn Putnam
- 15 Kole Putnam
- 18 Roland Chavey
Mason Schorfhaar

- 19 Judy Koronka
- 20 Jackson Riling
Jim McBride
Michelle Patterson
Jennifer Jones
- 25 Kiersten Schorfhaar
- 26 Joy Kelso
Alexis Heim
- 28 Linda Gall
Fred Burns
- 29 Colin Basinski
- 30 Katie Basinski
George Ross
Pat McBride
- 31 JoAnne Wolf

Anniversaries

- 4 Curt and Linda Marshall
- 7 Bob and Melissa Fousek
- 9 Carm and Wende Crane
- 10 Steve and Lisa Penrose
- 15 Jackson and Joyce Riling
George and Cynthia Wilson
- 23 Richard and Nancy Ross
Jim and Pat Bordner
- 29 James and Linda Reinhardt

Brighten Someone's Christmas

When you bake Christmas cookies, bake extras. Decorate small bags and put several cookies in each one. Give these to people who help you throughout the year (teachers, librarians, neighbors, sanitation workers, your mail carrier, etc.) Buy a book for your local public library or church library. Take a basket of treats to your local fire, police, or ambulance station. Design a card to go with it that says, Thank you for all you do.

Shovel snow for neighbors or an elderly member of your church.

Collect towels, blankets, pet toys and pet food for the animal shelter in your community.

Make a special Christmas ornament for your pastor and Sunday School teachers.

Invite a new family in your neighborhood or church over to share your Advent devotions and a simple meal.

Provide the ingredients for Christmas dinner for a family in need.

By Katrina Cassel

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Click on any one of these buttons to go to a page (i.e. calendar.)

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To listen to sermons, [click here](#)

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Click here to listen to sermons.

Click on the picture and it will link to another page. There are several pictures each linking to a different page. These pages are devoted to letting you know what will be happening the next Sunday, and other things in the church.

Click on the arrow or number to change picture. Then, click on picture for more information

Click on each of these numbers and they will bring up a thumbnail (small picture) that brings up a big picture that links to a page.

Currently, if you click on this button, you will go to the UMCOR site where you can find out about what is happening in Haiti.



This Navigation Bar is at the bottom of most pages on the web site. Clicking on any of the buttons will take you to that part of the web site. The Home key should always get you back to the “beginning.”

* The Messenger will still be mailed in its usual format. The same information will be in both, The online copy will hopefully facilitate those who are away, want to look up something while they happen to be on the computer, or have misplaced their Messenger.