

BUCK CREEK UMC NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2007



BUDGET *First thing's first. Here's a look at BCUMC's 2007 budget...*

Church Camp	900.00	
Sunday School / Christian Ed	900.00	
Vacation Bible School	900.00	
Total Christian Education		1800.00
Envelopes	200.00	
Flowers	800.00	
Guest Speakers	200.00	
Materials / Copy Machine Newsletter	2000.00	
Missions	2200.00	
Payroll Taxes	153.00	
Secretary	2000.00	
Special Events (6 Events)	800.00	
Worship and Music	1200.00	
Total Church Council		11353.00
District Support	252.00	
General Church Support	1296.00	
Tithe	8874.66	
Total Apportionment		10422.66
Custodian	3600.00	
Trustees	2500.00	
Total Maintenance		6100.00
Books	500.00	
Conference Education	500.00	
Housing	10000.00	
Mileage	1200.00	
Pension	4718.00	
Salary	17304.00	
Utilities	3000.00	
Total Pastoral Support		37222.00
Internet Service	200.00	
Cellular Phone	240.00	
Electricity	2300.00	
Heating	5600.00	
Telephone	600.00	
Insurance	2010.00	
Total Utilities and Insurance		10950.00
TOTAL EXPENSE		<u>76047.66</u>
	<i>(weekly need: 1462.46)</i>	

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*Thanks to **God**, who makes all of this possible.*

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EDITOR'S NOTES: How many important decisions will you make this year? Probably a few. I know I have several. May God guide you (and me) with the wisdom to choose the right paths.

-Timothy Schnepf

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ALTAR FLOWERS

January 07 > Dave Sense Happy 71st birthday 1/11 (we missed 70)
from your Buck Creek church family

January 14 > Teresa Monical Happy birthday 1/16
from your Buck Creek church family

January 21 > In honor of mid-term graduates

January 28 > Ralph Patrick from your BC church family: happy 91.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES *MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!*

That first one's creeping up already. If you want anything in the February 2007 newsletter, submit it by January 20th.

January 20	May 19	September 22
February 17	June 16	October 20
March 17	July 21	November 17
April 21	August 18	December 22

OOPS!

In our last issue, some names were left off of the Church Personnel list for 2007:

Missions Team Leader:	Ruth Davidson
Missions Team Member:	Jane Arnold
Assistant Financial Secretary:	Jil Funk

WISHES OVERHEARD

+ We wish to thank everyone who donated Bingo prizes for the Senior Citizens party. So many pretty things! We had a wonderful time.

SPECIAL OFFERING SUNDAYS FOR 2007

Please keep these special Sundays in mind when planning your giving for 2007. You'll be blessed!

Human Relations Day - January 14, 2007

One Great Hour of Sharing - March 18, 2007

Native American Ministries Sunday - April 22, 2007

Peace with Justice Sunday - June 3, 2007

World Communion Sunday - October 7, 2007

United Methodist Student Day - November 25, 2007

RAFFLE BASKET WINNERS!

The drawing for the Christmas raffle basket put together by the Ladies Missionary Society, was December 3rd. Audrey Chappel was the first name drawn, and she chose the filled red basket. Second place winner was Tammy Louthen, and she received the filled green basket. Thanks to Makayla Taylor for drawing the names out for us! Ladies Missionary Society thanks everyone who contributed and/or donated to the raffle. \$73 was collected. THANK YOU!



Buck Creek Pizza...

will be open **SUNDAYS**
from **11:30am to**
5:30pm beginning
January 7!

THANK YOU

+ Thank you for the wonderful flowers and for all of the kind offerings of food and continued thoughts and prayers during my recent illness. Thanks for inviting us for the wonderful lunch and great service for the "Firemen Appreciation." - **STEVE & KELLY MCKINLEY & FAMILY**

+ Thank you so much for our beautiful flower bowl. It is so pretty. Thanks to all who shared our big day with us. It was truly awesome. Love and prayers to all, - **JUDY & HOWARD SKEES**

+ Dear Buck Creek United Methodist Church, Thank you so much for honoring your township firefighters and advisory boards with your prayers, blessings, and the beautiful meal. It was so nice to come together as a community, something our society is getting away from. We appreciated your kindness and hospitality. - **JEFF & MARY ANN HAAN & MARY KATHERINE**

+ Thank you to my B.C. church family for the pretty floral arrangement for my birthday. Nancy does such a lovely job and even remembered my favorite color. - **MARGARET SHADOWENS**

+ Dear BCUMC Family, Thank you for the flowers brought to me during my hospital stay. Thanks also for your phone calls, cards, and prayers. They were greatly appreciated. - **MARALYN TURNER**

+ Buck Creek Church, Thank you so much for the lovely funeral dinner. It was greatly appreciated. I am blessed to belong to a church with such caring people. - **SARAH SUITORS**

+ I want to thank you all for the lovely roses you sent for Mom's (Opal Shoop) 95th birthday. - **NANCY SHOOP**

+ Donna, Arvie, Bob, Sonny, Cristi, & Dawn Graves would like to thank every one for the prayers, cards, with all of your well wishing. Nancy, your flowers you make from the church are so pretty. Thank you for all of the ones you have sent us this year. We have kept you busy, haven't we. The ones you sent with all of the wonderful food from the church were so pretty. Arvie so much wanted to have a Thanksgiving dinner while our son Bob was here to help get him home from the hospital. That was going to be so hard for me to pull together. But someone from above sent an angel in Suzann Brouwer, that so much wanted to do something. Arvie's dinner wishes came up and she took it from there. The smile Arvie had on his face that nite that Suzann & Hank brought in the food from all of you was the most beautiful thing I have ever seen. Thank you so much for everything. It has all been such a comfort. This year has not been the greatest for the Graves family, but with all of the love and sincere wishes, have meant so much. Thank you, thank you, - **THE GRAVES**

+ Dear Friends, Thank you for helping to make Christmas an important time of year for boys and girls now in care at Indiana United Methodist Children's Home. Your gift of 504 pairs of socks has been received and is appreciated. - **GARY J. DAVIS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

+ BCUMC Family, Thank you for the beautiful flowers you sent to the hospital. They were greatly appreciated and will not be forgotten. Thanks for keeping us in your prayers. - **BERNIE & BECKY BRILES**

+ Thank you very much for your generous gift to us and for your care for our family. May God bless you as we seek to grow closer to Him. - **DWIGHT, TERESA, & FAMILY**

+ Dear BCUMC Family, What a blessing you all are! Thank you so very much for the cards, food, flowers, thoughts, prayers, and Carolers who appeared in the night on December 20th. My family and I truly appreciate your many kindnesses. You all are a daily reminder that "God is good, all the time." I'm beginning to feel better and hope to see you soon. God bless each of you. Love & thanks, - **PAT MILLER**

HEIFER PROJECT UPDATE

The Bake/Craft Sale by the Sunday School classes on December 10th, earned \$260 for the Heifer Project! A big thanks to everybody who contributed. We'll let you know what animals are purchased for the project.

As a side note, the children in the Primary & Intermediate classes voted not to have snacks for 4 Sundays. The money saved will be enough to buy a flock of chickens!



Peg Eckhart & Margaret Shadowens shop for some great stuff!

FLOWER MISSION THANKS

A big heartfelt thank you to all those on the Flower Delivery Team for 2006.

64 bouquets, 6 critters, 2 gift certificates, and donations for 20 memorial bibles to Gideons were given this year.

Thanks to our deliverers: Michele Mitchell, Jim Jr. & Anita Davidson, Maralyn Turner, Linda Austin, Suzann Brouwer, John & Ann Warren, Bob Shepard, Kyle Schnepf, Tim Schnepf, Jim & Ruth Davidson, Pat Sense, Dick Temple, Jil Funk, the Schnepf family, Pat Miller, Peg Eckhart, Pastor Dwight Monical, Adam & Jessica Kennedy, Nancy Balser, Judy Skees. Thank you all for volunteering and sharing the flowers mission.

Thank you also to Pat Sense for sewing t-shirts for the "critters" given to the younger ones. (Jesus Loves You bears, dogs, and even a dinosaur!) Also thanks to my son Tim Schnepf who made all the tags for the flowers upon request, and even mailed one bouquet out. Thanks to my other son Kyle Schnepf for being johnny-on-the-spot when I'd call and let him know a bouquet needed delivered.

Thank you to Carol Shepard and others who gave me their Michael's Crafts store coupons! Thanks to my husband Randy for the delivery boxes and styrofoam packing peanuts.

Thanks to anyone who helped in anyway with this mission.

Thanks also to all who let me know there was a need for flowers for someone. Please continue to do so in the new year!

**LOVE,
-NANCY SCHNEPP**

QUOTE CORNER

+ "God and His word act as a plum line for our lives..." -Pastor Dwight

+ "Have you gone through hard circumstances this week, and you're still rejoicing. How is that possible? *Faith!*" -Pastor Dwight

+ "...an exercise for you concerning prayer. Hold out your arms with your palms up. Think of all the things you hold onto that you're keeping from God. The circumstances and other problems in your life that give you heartache. Anything that's too much for you. Then turn your hands over and give it to God. We need to commit totally our lives to God..." -Pastor Dwight (prayer)

+ "Every fraction of a second, You uphold Your creation. You are in tune. Your attention is upon us..." -Pastor Dwight (prayer)

+ "Lord, You are the light of our lives. You light the pathway, and it's up to us to follow it." -Bob Shepard (prayer)

+ "It's just the true meaning of Christmas. You can't have the true meaning of Christmas without the Nativity." -Teia Louthen, age 9, on her favorite Christmas ornament

+ "May the words You send through Pastor Dwight this morning enter our hearts and minds, and let us hear what You want us to know..." - Bob Shepard (prayer)

+ "Did anybody ever ask you to pray for them? Did you say yes and then forget? I've done that too many times. We need to stop and pray right then." -Pastor Dwight

+ We all pray together, even though I may speak the words, we're a community that God has brought together." -Pastor Dwight

+ "We have gratitude in our hearts for all You have done... May our hearts be in tune with your heart..." -Pastor Dwight (prayer)

+ "If God is present here and speaks through me, you'll receive what you need to hear..." -Pastor Dwight (message)

+ "To be grateful, we must have an attitude..." -Pastor Dwight (message)

+ "I'll pray for you, you pray for me..." -Pastor Dwight

+ "How many of you are ready for Christmas? Let me rephrase that... how many are ready for Christmas spiritually in your heart?" -Pastor Dwight

+ "There may be a prayer today that you want but can't verbalize. We'll be praying for you." -Pastor Dwight

+ "What God promises us is, we'll have peace in the midst of trying circumstances." -Pastor Dwight (prayer)

+ "We want to be known as a people with a thankful heart!" -Pastor Dwight

+ "As we continue to make preparations for Advent and Christmas, we pray You would help prepare our minds..." -Pastor Dwight (prayer)

+ "It's awful hard to find enough wrapping paper for a white elephant..." -Bob Shepard

+ "In the midst of our celebration [Christmas] remember to reach out to those who are suffering. Simply ask God how you can be a blessing in the life of someone." -Pastor Dwight

+ "We pray for the wisdom of how to slow down in the midst of hurrying..." -Pastor Dwight (prayer)

+ "I pray for us here this morning, that we won't miss the true meaning of Christmas." -Pastor Dwight

+ "They teach themselves." -Ralph Rohrer (on his Sunday School class)

+ "I hope you'll take the words heard today, and remember them during the Season." -Jamie Stratton (on the Christmas play)

+ "We're so blessed with people who stand up and do what God called them to do. Everyone here is blessed with a gift to serve others. Go out into the world and touch others with that gift..." -Pastor Dwight

- Poinsettias 2006 -

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MINDY'S PARENTS AND AUNT HARRIET ROHRER
from Ralph & Mindy

IN LOVING MEMORY OF JACK ARNOLD
from Jane

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY DAD, J.D. HENDRYX
from Suzann

IN LOVING MEMORY OF GLADYS & VERNON WAGONER
from Mary

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR FAMILY
from The Strattons

IN LOVING MEMORY OF GEORGE CHAPPELL
from Audrey

IN LOVING MEMORY OF RAY SHADOWENS
from Margaret

IN LOVING MEMORY OF DALLAS WHITE
from Diane

IN LOVING MEMORY OF STEVE MILLER
from Mom, Dad, Jim, Dan, Laura, & Joey

IN LOVING MEMORY OF ARLISS & BIDDY GRAVES
from Arlene & Russell Lohrman

IN LOVING MEMORY OF LOREN TURNER
from Maralyn & family

IN LOVING MEMORY OF RON AUSTIN, SR.
from Linda



SERVANTS OF THE LORD JANUARY 2007

USHERS > Allen Church / Jil Funk / Bill Pless / Bob Waugh
GREETERS > Pat Sense / Gini Tull
ACOLYTE > Teia Louthen
LITURGIST > Ron Austin
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE > Pam Church
BELL RINGER > Robert Mueller

<u>NURSERY HELP</u>	<u>SCRIPTURE READER</u>
JAN 07 > Ali Davidson / Paige Davidson	Michele Mitchell
JAN 14 > Barb Irr / Kiersten Davidson	Sam Stratton
JAN 21 > Lydia Mueller / Megan Mitchell	Diane White
JAN 28 > Amanda Shepard / Kiersten Davidson	Thomas Monical

>>No children's message January 7th (Holy Communion)

>>Communion Steward: **Nancy Schnepf**

If you will not be available to serve as assigned, please contact Bob Shepard, 589-7255.

RECIPE CORNER

+ "So take a new grip with your tired hands and strengthen your weak knees." -Hebrews 12:12

HAPPY NEW YEAR PEANUT BUTTER BALLS

Worth the effort!



- 3 pounds powdered sugar
- 2 pounds smooth peanut butter
- 1 pound margarine (softened)
- 1/4 of one block of paraffin (there are 4 blocks per package)
- 2 big packages of chocolate chips (or more)

Mix together powdered sugar, peanut butter and butter.
The best way to do this is to put these three items into the biggest bowl you have, set the bowl down in your sink, and mix with your hands! Once it is mixed, shape into balls.
Place on a waxed paper lined cookie sheet. Chill.
Use double boiler: melt paraffin and chocolate chips. Dip the peanut butter balls into this mixture. Use tongs or toothpick to dip. Place the coated balls back on the waxed paper and refrigerate. **Delicious!**

OBIT

ERRETT SUITORS, 79

Buck Creek UMC member Errett Leon Suitors, age 79, passed away on Tuesday, November 28, 2006, at Home Hospital in Lafayette, Indiana, at 10:33am. Errett was Born on Friday, June 10, 1927, in Fountain County, Indiana, to parents Everett and Mabel "Bea" Clarkson Suitors. He graduated from Wingate High School in 1945. He was a veteran of the United States Army, serving in World War II. Errett had resided in the Lafayette area for 53 years. He married his beloved and devoted wife Sarah (Cook) Suitors on Friday, April 10, 1953 in Lafayette, Indiana. They enjoyed 53 years of marriage.

Errett worked at Alcoa in Lafayette for 43 years as a press operator. After retiring from Alcoa he worked part-time for Jeff Flory Mowing.

Joining Buck Creek United Methodist Church on June 13, 1982, he had been a member for 24 years. He was a member of the Buck Creek UMC dartball team. He was also a member of the John Purdue Club, and was an avid fan of Purdue men's and women's basketball. He also enjoyed playing cards and mushroom hunting.

Surviving with his wife Sarah are their children, a daughter Heather Ann Bering (husband: Bob), of Indianapolis, a son, Clark Suitors (wife: Cecilia) of Lafayette. Also surviving are a sister, Doralas Howden (husband: Dick) of Crawfordsville; and two brothers, Max Suitors (wife: Ruth) of Waynetown and Herschell Suitors (wife: Jeannine) of New Paris, Indiana. Five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren also survive. He enjoyed spending time with them and enjoyed being a grandparent.

Services were at Hippensteel Funeral Home with the Rev. Dr. Clayton Kendall officiating. Interment Springvale Cemetery. Memorials to Buck Creek United Methodist Church.

Our sincerest heartfelt sympathies to Errett's wife Sarah, his family and friends. A donation to the Gideons in Errett's name was made by the church.

A TRIBUTE TO ERRETT SUITORS *by Ruth Davidson*

Good Morning! Even before Sarah asked if I would speak today, we had been remembering happy times with friends and neighbors so I'm going to share some special memories of Errett.

When I think of Errett, I see his twinkling eyes and am reminded of many things. Errett was a "people" person, taking time to wave or stop by for a visit with friends and neighbors. He was a good provider and dedicated husband, father and grandfather, always supporting and encouraging Heather & Clark, teaching and sharing his zest for life and learning, and how he loved his grandchildren.

Some words that describe Errett are: dependable friend and neighbor, soft-spoken, committed, and so interested in life. I remember how he enjoyed gardening and every summer had planters of beautiful impatiences

in their front yard. He loved mowing the grass, and, sometimes in recent years, he even mowed parts of the neighbors' yards, much to Sarah's dismay! Errett was a real sports fan, especially supporting Purdue basketball! From one Purdue fan to another, Errett would bring over his copies of the "Gold & Black" News to share with my Jim who also enjoyed reading about the team! Errett also played on the dartball team for Buck Creek UM and was a real competitor!

It's amazing how many pleasant memories we've recalled during the last few days...Errett was a good mushroomer! Every spring, as the weather warmed up, Errett was "out the door" to find those special morsels wherever he could search. In the summer, neighbors could count on Errett to "cover the neighborhood" selling Buck Creek Fishfry raffle tickets to support our volunteer firefighters. Little did he know then, that later on, the firefighters would be helping him when needed.

And I have to mention that Errett was a staunch Democrat...he shared that his Dad taught him about being a good Democrat. We had some lively discussions, always tempered with respect, with both of us holding to what we believed...we were friends and could agree to disagree! Committed to being a good citizen, Errett served on the Election Board until he was no longer able. Errett liked to share that he and Sarah enjoyed occasional trips north to the casino, and he had that twinkle in his eyes when he told about winning! Even before our kids were "out of the nest," a group of neighbors would spend time doing "fun" stuff together, like going to Beef & Boards or going on outings or eating out and having great fellowship. On New Year's Eve, the group would go to a movie, then gather for games and good food. Sometimes, we would just gather, play games, eat, and ring in the New Year AND there was always warm fellowship.

One especially fun outing we had was when the group went canoeing on the Tippecanoe River. We were bussed to the "put-in" site near Springboro, carried the canoes to the river and tried to get into them. We were all novices (or at least most of us were.) Now picture this...Errett and Sarah had a time trying to get into their canoe. After much effort, they finally made it and promptly capsized, and we all had a good laugh! There was a lot of laughter on this trip, especially as Errett and Sarah tried to paddle in opposite directions and went in circles, but they kept trying and made it. The memories from having a great time with friends on a lazy Saturday are still special!!! Most of all, we cherish the gift of friendship that we shared!

In June, Jim & I delivered a birthday bouquet to Errett from his church family. He still had that twinkle when we told him who the flowers were from, and he answered Sarah's question "Do you know what they are for?" He nodded and smiled as he answered, "my birthday!"

We thank God for the blessing of good friends and shared memories... what a gift He gives all of us along the path of Life. And more importantly, He also has given us the gift of everlasting life through our Lord Jesus Christ! We'll see you later, Errett! - **RUTH DAVIDSON**

IT'S A RECORD BREAKER: 504 PAIRS! Socks for Toes!



Once again the congregation of Buck Creek United Methodist Church came through with more than their supply & demand for socks for Lebanon Children's home for the 70 children that reside there. The socks were packed up in large Christmas bags (donated by Maralyn Turner), and Marie Pless & Nancy Schnepp drove to Lebanon and delivered them on December 9th. (Diane White had to work at the last minute and couldn't join them.) They were greeted by Susan Bennett, the home's Public Relations Manager. She introduced them to two student representatives, Rosa & Bridget, who accepted the socks from BCUMC. The 504 pairs of socks

were graciously received. What a way to spend a Saturday, knowing you made the kids happy, letting them know that someone cares about them.

A very sincere thank you to EVERYONE who donated socks or gave cash donations to purchase socks, for the United Methodist Lebanon Children's Home. A total cash donation of \$75 was received, and Nancy enjoyed the challenge of how many pairs she could purchase at Wal-Mart with it. How many? 100 pairs for \$75. Even with that 100 pairs, on Sunday, December 3rd, we were short of our goal of 490 pairs by 143 pairs. The call for socks went out, and by Saturday we had 157 more pairs and exceeded the goal---a total count of 504 pairs! Thanks for keeping those 700 toes warm! You are all very AWESOME!

- DIANE WHITE



Socks given in memory of: Steve Pless, Howard Lesley, Harold Patrick, Ruby Tucciarelli, Althea Park, Dave A. Buck, Jonathan A. Zeigler, Peggy Sherrill, Judy A. Hill, Elmer L. Cunningham, Reece M. Clawson, C. Reid Kerkhoff, Hal Skadberg Jr., Albert C. Petro, Gayland Misner, Carlene Y. Miller, Reva Briles, Lloyd G. Antcliff, Ginny Lesley, Joanne L. Kipp, Betty J. Pearson, Errett Suitors. Also Dallas White, Mack Million, Arliss & Biddy Graves.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

December 10, 2006

"Christmas Presents" - written & directed by Ralph Rohrer

As we entered the church that morning, we noticed 3 large presents setting beside the Christmas tree. Each gift box had a large gold bow on top, and... each had a set of real, moving human legs. Hmm... could this be part of the Christmas play? :)



As the program began, Drew, Haleigh and Noah came on stage, talking about Christmas lists. It's only 2 weeks until Christmas! What presents are you going to get? I don't know, but I've made my list. I made my list, too (Noah unrolls a long scroll!) Haleigh says, Well, I've only got ONE thing on MY list: Legos. Everyone will get me Legos, and I'll be Living La Vida Legos! What are you giving your Mom & Dad? I don't know... I hadn't thought about it.

Suddenly the presents come to life. Me, me, me. That's the way kids are today. Christmas is getting a gift and giving gifts. Three shocked children turn toward the presents: You're Christmas presents! You can't talk!! Sure we can. It's Christmastime, and almost anything can happen in a Sunday School Christmas play. A gift, is an expression of love. Anyone can give a gift, especially when a great gift has been received. Do you remember how, on the night Jesus was born, even the creatures responded by giving what they had? Let's go back and see. [A timeline for the last 2000 years is unrolled.] A donkey, a cow and a lamb appear. Gift: Thus every beast was glad to tell of the gift he gave to Emmanuel.

[Spencer enters.] This land suffers under the hand of the oppressor. They drive us from our homes. They bring strangers to live among us.

Oh, God, send us a king to overthrow the wicked oppressor and to bring peace to this land! Kings: (Teia & Robert) The writings reveal that when these signs are present, a Great King will come for a chosen people. He will be a counselor, a prince of peace, a god on earth. What can we present to him so that he will let us into His presence? Let us take gold to recognize His royalty. And frankincense to honor His divinity. And myrrh. For His tomb. For being born, he will die. Where will you find this wondrous ruler? (The kings point to the sky...) Angels! Hearken! The Kings and the drummer boy go to the manger. Are you sure we went to the right place? This is hardly a promising start for a King! Have faith.

Gift box: Christmas presents to us a remembrance of a gift. We reenact the receiving of that Present, the Word becoming flesh, in all of its humble wrappings. We recall how the world responded with presents of what it thought precious. Christmas presents to us each year the opportunity to receive and to present tokens of our affection. We present these gifts to those we love and, through our benevolences and charity, to those who may need our love most.



Enter to music "City Sidewalks", the Junior High class, each reading a newspaper...

Read the news. It's awfully bleak.
Tragedy upon disaster.
Political crises every week
And violence spreads even faster.

See the ads for all the stuff
The malls and stores have said it
Is plain that we can't buy enough
So they are giving us easy credit.

What proper present can we give?
Incense, myrrh and gold?
To make a Christmas a time to live,
Not just to be bought and sold.

Search in today's newspaper
Clip coupons to buy and save.
What gift today is proper
For the manger, cross and grave?

+ Gift: For everyone, there comes a time when all our world is taxed. We try to go back to our own country, the place where "everybody knows our name" and find no room. It is then that Christ is born anew in our hearts and His Presence becomes a constant Christmas. His Grace makes present in us certain gifts.

+ (Senior High): If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. Allen: And our five day spiritual forecast calls for brief storms followed by patches of calm and peace. Fifty percent chance of a trouble night and some wandering in darkness but the long-term outlook is for a bright sunny day. And back to you...

+ Suzann: If it is serving, let him serve. [*plates of cookies were passed to the congregation*] If it is teaching, let him teach [*a list of the Sunday School teachers appears on the screen*]. If it is encouraging, let him encourage. [*Anita & Bob went through the congregation encouraging and congratulating individuals*]. If it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously. [*The offering is taken here.*]

+ There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working but the same God works all of them in all men. (1 cor 12:4-6). If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels but have not love... If I have the gift of prophecy... but not have love... If I give all I possess to the poor... but have not love...nothing.



[A trio of Ralph, Judy S. and Mindy sang "Love Came Down at Christmas"]

+ Gift: Christmas Presents. Christmas Presents. Christmas Present. Christmas Presence. We hope that you have found with us that this season is not merely a remembrance of an historical event. This celebration does not end. This holy day celebrates that the spirit of Christ is born and made flesh in us now. His Presence is present in us. What a wonderful Christmas Present to receive and to pass on.

[The program ended with everyone singing "O How Shall I Keep My Christmas?"]

+ Those participating: Students: Haleigh Taylor, Noah Irr, Drew Davidson, Kiersten Davidson, Alli Davidson, Megan Mitchell, Ethan Louthen, Makayla Taylor, Katie Irr, Robert Mueller, Teia Louthen, Spencer Davidson, Anna Monical, Paige Davidson, Jonathan Monical, Austin Church, Parker Mitchell, Allen Church, Tina Stratton.

Assistants: Pastor Dwight (music); Jim Davidson Jr. (sound man). Judy Skees, Suzann Brouwer, Anita Davidson, Bob Shepard, Amanda Shepard, Mindy Jester, Pat Sense, Sam Stratton...

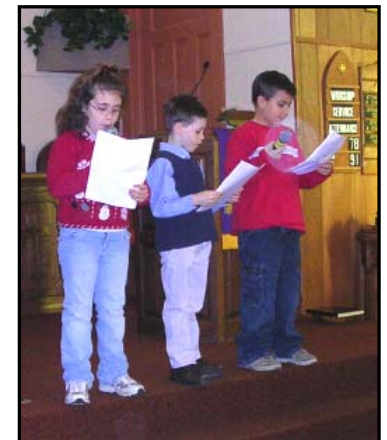


Teachers: Barb Irr, Deb Davidson, Kim Harris, Jamie Stratton, Pam Church, Michele Mitchell, Ralph Rohrer.

+ "I hope you'll take the words heard today, and remember them during the Season." -Jamie Stratton (on the Christmas play)

Today's program was the last hurrah for Jamie Stratton's Sunday School Superintendent duties. Thanks for the great job you've done, Jamie. Special thanks to Ralph for the very entertaining Christmas program! And special thanks to the guy in

the red suit with the white beard who greeted the children after the program! We also enjoyed a Happy Birthday Jesus cake. Merry Christmas!



ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTERS



Dec. 3:
N. Balsler,
P. Sense, &
S. Brouwer

Dec. 10: High
School Reps:
A. Shepard,
M. Mitchell,
A. Church



^ Dec 17:
The Metro &
Taylor
Families

Dec 24 ^
(Morning):
The Austin
Family



Dec. 24 (Evening): The Schnepf Family

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BUCK CREEK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
 Pastor Dwight Monical
 PO Box 157 (4915 Ferret Street)
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 Church Phone: (765) 589-7206

Join our
Sunday services!
 9am - Sunday
 School
 10:15am - Worship

The prime factorization of 2007 is:
 3 x 3 x 223



January 2007