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## **Brookfield United Methodist Church**

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Shipmates:

On Christmas Eve, Brookfield UMC will have two services. At 10pm we will have our Traditional Service with Choir, carols, candle lighting and no TSO. At 5pm Brookfield UMC will have a birthday party for Jesus; Christmas is not your birthday unless you were born Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>.

On Thanksgiving Sunday I was asked by Telly during the children's story about coming to the birthday party, will we have balloons?, "yes", will we have party favors?" Yes, will Jesus be there? At first I couldn't answer him. I said, after a little hesitation, 'Are you going to be there? And he said yes. I then said Jesus is in your heart, all of our hearts so yes Jesus will be there.

I am still 3days later thinking about the same question, "Will Jesus be there? Yes. "Where two or three are gathered, there I am in the midst of them." Good answer but have been reminded that during this season, in fact all seasons, I hear Jesus Say "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you have did it to me." (Matt. 25:40)

I am going to the Community Thanksgiving dinner in a few minutes and I will meet Jesus. I will meet Jesus in the gifts going to the seniors who otherwise get none during Christmas, and yes I will meet Jesus at his birthday party at Christmas Eve. Yes, Telly, Jesus will be there.

On Christmas Eve, at 5pm we will have cake, balloons and sing happy birthday to Jesus in fellowship hall. We will then proceed to the sanctuary and lay the gifts for Jesus at the foot of the cross. Below is a list of possible gifts for Jesus (not wrapped).

Comb and/or brush  
Deodorant  
Feminine napkins  
Hand lotion  
Hand sanitizer  
Shampoo  
Paper towels  
Toothbrush  
Trash bags

All purpose cleaner  
Broom and dust pan  
Dish soap  
Laundry basket  
Laundry detergent  
Mop  
Soap  
Toilet paper  
Baby diapers/ products

First Aid Kit  
Flashlight  
Smoke alarms  
Alarm Clock  
School supplies  
Shaving cream  
Sponges  
Toothpaste  
Paper products

Have a Blessed Christmas  
Pastor Bill

## 2011 Lay Leaders Report

As Brookfield United Methodist church enters its fourth year under the helm of Pastor Bill Johnson, our church has continued to grow and mature under his leadership.

Church attendance is up and the congregation looks forward to Pastor Bills relatable sermons and has gotten very comfortable in sharing concerns and joys in "The Moment" each Sunday.

As we continue to live the "*Five Practices of a Fruitful Congregation*" we enter into a new vision called Living Water Cluster headed by lead pastor Ray Ake pastor at Masury/Coalburg, Dan Yargo pastor at Hubbard and Pastor Bill. Four churches working together to bring the word of Jesus Christ to the people of Brookfield/Masury/Hubbard.

We have had positive feedback as we continue to modernize communications with the use of our church web-site @ [www.brookfieldunitedmethodist.com](http://www.brookfieldunitedmethodist.com) it provides updated Information about activities and what is going on at BUMC. The use of Brookfield United Methodist Church Facebook is a good way to spread news about the Summer Fest, spaghetti dinners &, rummage sale. Our prayer chain which is done both via e-mail and telephone has given comfort to many.

Enduring the extreme heat this summer for a combined Vacation Bible School with Masury & Coalburg proved to have a very positive outcome with 106 children and youth enjoying the week. Adults from all churches also got to meet and share ideas and energies to make it a success.

13 yrs. Of our famous Spaghetti dinners continue to be enjoyed by many and also provide great fellowship to all the hard workers needed to make them possible. Along with the annual rummage sale.

Our church is working hard to regain and serve our youth, besides having two scholarships available for graduating seniors The Charles Nail Memorial scholarship supported by fundraisers by the Charlie's Angel Sunday school class, and the Mildred Damoli Scholarship funded by the Debbie Bika family.

We now have a growing youth group lead by Kara Rife and Esther Medved, a new age appropriate Sunday school class for 7th & 8th grade taught by Andrew Drummond. Younger youth have the opportunity to participate in the worship service as acolytes, as well as the children's moment sermonettes, along with being a part of the youth choir and singing several times a year for the congregation.

A big undertaking this year was the renovation of the Fellowship Hall, though not supported by all; we anticipate lower gas bills and an increase in use during the warmer months with the addition of the much needed air conditioning.

As we move into 2012 which will bring both successes and financial struggles, it is my hope and prayer as we celebrate Brookfield United Methodist churches 175th Anniversary to take pride and ownership for our church so we can continue to be a united presence on the Green in our pursuit to achieve our common goal as Disciples of Christ.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lynne M. Bousner

Lay Leader

**FELLOWSHIP HALL REMODELING FUND RAISER:**

The Church Council approved selling woven cotton throws featuring the Brookfield Township Schools (past and present) as a fund raiser for phase 2 of the Fellowship Hall remodeling project. A sample of the throw is on display in the Narthex.

**BROOKFIELD TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS**

2011

*“Remembering the past – Celebrating the future”*

100% Cotton Woven Throw - 50" X 60" - Made in the USA



**ORDER FORM**

Return to: Brookfield United Methodist Church  
P.O. Box 22  
Brookfield, Oh 44403

Forest Green and Cream \_\_\_\_\_ quantity wanted @ \$40.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_

Burgundy and Cream \_\_\_\_\_ quantity wanted @ \$40.00 each = \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed (check or cash only) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Make checks payable to Brookfield United Methodist Church)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

Throws will be ARE available for pick up at the church. If you want the throw sent to you, there will be an additional charge for shipping (\$10.95 priority mail).



## **SPAGHETTI DINNER DATES:**

All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner  
Meatballs, Salad Bar, Homemade Dessert, Beverages.

January 28, 2012  
February 25, 2012  
March 24, 2012

Dinner will be served from 4:00 – 7:00 PM. Takeout orders only will be available beginning at 3:30 PM

Ticket cost:  
\$7.00 for Adult  
\$3.00 for Children ages 6-12

If you are interested in helping; contact Mary Kay Melvin at 330-534-1606. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex on the Bulletin Board. If you can't help then come and eat!!!

## ***Pathways***

### ***After School Program***

At Masury United Methodist Church  
FREE for all area Kids!!!

Ages 3- 12<sup>th</sup> grade

EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING

October thru March

5:00 - 7:00 pm

For further information please contact Sheila at 330-448-8186

**WISHING EVERYONE A  
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



## Sunday School Christmas Project



The Sunday School classes will be collecting pennies through December 18. All monies collected will be sent to World Vision and designated for use in providing food for children in the United States. There will be a jar in the sanctuary in which the children and adults may put their contributions. Each penny will be multiplied 5 times to help those here at home who don't have food to eat. If you want to roll your pennies, that would be appreciated.

## Hanging of the Greens – December 3, 4 PM



In the past the Christmas decorations at the church have been done by different groups on different days. This year, Charlie's Angels would like to invite everyone to join in this project on Saturday, December 3rd. Areas to decorate will include the sanctuary, Chrismon Tree, hallways, Fellowship Hall, lights and wreaths inside and out and also **the new nativity scene that Patty Hane has so graciously painted for us.** We will have a light supper provided at 6 PM. If you would like to bring a dozen cookies for dessert everyone will enjoy them. The youth group will provide babysitting for any little ones who would prefer not to help. Please come and join in the fun and put our church in the Christmas Spirit.

## Youth Sunday – December 11, 10:45 AM



Mark your calendars for an extraordinary Christmas service December 11 at the 10:45 AM service. We will have greeters, ushers, choir, liturgist, and a message all provided by our youth. There will also be a covered dish dinner after the service. Bring a dish to share, a candle decoration and tableservice as you have in the past for the Salad Supper. Come and support our young people and share a Christmas meal with your friends. We might even have a surprize visitor.

## December Birthday's

12/1 Cindy Miller  
12/2 Erma Blair  
12/3 Curt Mohny  
12/6 Craig Bondor  
12/6 Marcus Brashear  
12/7 John Madasz  
12/8 Patrick Foster  
12/8 Kathy Reiser  
12/11 Gigi Addicott  
12/11 Cynthia Rice  
12/12 Bernie Lou Smolen  
12/14 Beth Ann Dailey  
12/14 Katie Laverty  
12/14 Herman Reigelman  
12/15 Mark Sydlowski  
12/16 Jeffrey Bondor  
12/17 Adam Rogers  
12/19 Kelly Thornton  
12/20 Michael Blake  
12/21 Lisa Carpenter  
12/22 Jamie Ayers  
12/22 Andrew Cronin  
12/22 Deanna Donaldson  
12/22 Greta Shires  
12/23 Robert Cramer  
12/23 Alisha Quinlan  
12/24 Jeffrey Wallace  
12/26 Robert McBride  
12/26 Tyler Rice  
12/27 Debbi Morocco  
12/27 Karen Saker  
12/28 Rylie Burdge  
12/29 Catherine Scharba  
12/29 Karen Wallace  
12/30 Jeffrey Brenner  
12/30 Morgan McMullin  
12/31 Esther Medved  
12/31 Betty Stewart

## December Anniversary's

12/1 Gary & Dena McMullin  
12/6 Kevin & Cyndi Davis  
12/7 Jeffrey & Sallie Brenner  
12/8 Michael & Kelly Martin  
12/10 Ben & Marilyn Fielding  
12/18 Wayne & Karen Wallace  
12/20 John & Linda Nicholson  
12/23 Robert & Jenie McBride  
12/28 Buddy & Karin Tatum  
12/29 Greg & Candace Candor  
12/30 Herman & Sally Reigelman

## Altar Flowers

The flowers for the altar cost \$15.00 for both vases. These arrangements may be taken home after the 10:45 AM service.

If you would like to put flowers on the altar please mark the Flower Calendar in the Narthex with your name and complete a form (by the Flower Calendar) to indicate the person in whose memory or honor the flowers are donated. Please be sure that the church secretary knows who your flowers are in honor/ memory of so that it can be printed correctly in the bulletin.

Checks should be payable to the **Brookfield United Methodist** and sent/dropped off at the church office. Please write "flowers / date" on check memo line. **Please pay for your flowers when you order them. Thank you!**

You may also contact the church office at 330-448-1001 if you have any questions.



**If you have not paid for your Altar Flowers this year please do so before the end of December. Thank You!**

## ALTAR FLOWERS DECEMBER

12/4 Ellen Jessup  
12/11 Herman and Sally Reigelman  
12/18 Dennis and Darlene Morain  
12/25 Robert and Naomi Manion

**ALTAR CARE**  
**Anita Hearn**

## LITURGISTS -DECEMBER

12/4 Pete Lewnes  
12/11 Lois Klouse  
12/18 Karen Simcox  
12/25 Thomas Drummond

If you are willing to be a liturgist please Contact Maud McBride.

## GREETERS -DECEMBER

12/4 Pete and Linda Lewnes  
12/11 Toby and Linda Gibson  
12/18 Florence Jarrett and Lois Burnett  
12/25 Pat Kaiser and Florence Mizer

If you are willing to be a greeter, please Contact Dorothy Frazier

## USHERS

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Phil and Nancy Wray  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Just Friends  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Upper Spirits  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Charlie's Angels  
5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Middle Management

# DECEMBER

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				<b>1</b> Brookfield 4H Friends 7 pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Hanging of our Green's 4pm Dinner @ 6pm
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Finance 7pm	<b>6</b> Grief Recovery 7 pm	<b>7</b> Yoga 6 pm Choir Practice 7 pm	<b>8</b> Steelers vs Browns  8:20 pm TRADITION	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Children's Rehearsal 9-11
<b>11</b> Children's Christmas Program – Luncheon following Youth Group 6 pm	<b>12</b> Trustees 7:00 PM	<b>13</b> Church Council 7 pm Grief Recovery 7 pm	<b>14</b> Yoga 6 Choir Practice 7 pm	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> Christmas Caroling 	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 175 <sup>th</sup> Committee 7 pm Grief Recovery 7 pm	<b>21</b> Yoga 6 Choir Practice 7 pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Office closed	<b>24</b> 5 pm Birthday Party for Jesus 10 pm Worshiop
<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Yoga 6 Choir Practice 7 pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Office Closed	<b>31</b>

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**\*The Churches of the Living Waters Cluster**  
*Brookfield, Coalburg, Hubbard and Masury United Methodist Churches*

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**MONDAY-FRIDAY**  
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