





**Acolytes  
December**

6th Drake Rice  
13th Kayli Garbark  
20th Chris Buehner  
27th David Buehner

**November  
Call To Worship  
Leaders**

6th JoAnna Appenzeller  
13th Juliann Rohn  
20th Dan Otto  
27th A. J. Davison



**Baking With Bertha**



**Fresh Apple Cake**

1 cup salad oil	2 eggs
2 cups sugar	2 1/2 Cups Flour
1 tsp. soda	1 tsp. salt
1 tsp. cinnamon	1 tsp. baking powder
3 cups chopped apples	1 (6oz) pkg. butter-scotch chips

Mix together oil, eggs and sugar; add flour, soda, salt, cinnamon and baking powder to batter and mix well.

Blend in apples. Pour batter in lightly greased 13 x 9 inch pan. Put butterscotch chips on top. Bake at 350 for 60 minutes.

**Coming Soon!**

**PICTORIAL DIRECTORY**  
January 2010 for 1 day  
And again May 2010.



**Beautiful Banners**

Thanks to Cel Harris for making the beautiful Thanksgiving Banner and thanks to Sandy and Bill Albert and Sandy Morehead for making the beautiful Thank Offering Banner.

They look great! Thanks for all the time you put into them!

**Trustees**

Recently had the awnings over the sanctuary doors cleaned. While they were down Jim Powell painted the trim above them—it looks great!

**Adult Christmas Party**

Our Annual Adult Christmas Party will be held on Friday, December 11th at 6:30 PM. This year it will be held at Indigo Joe's at the Highlands.

Sign Up is in the sanctuary.

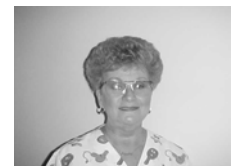


**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**October**

Balance	\$ 2,629.63
Contributions	\$13,459.13
Disbursements	<u>\$14,196.25</u>
Balance 10/3/09	\$1,892.51

Linda Archer,  
Treasurer



Need a Ride to Church?  
Call Bill Albert 633-0022  
Or Terry Stratton 633-2044  
And they will be glad to pick you up for worship!

**Grace Church Building Fund**  
Roof Loan Balance Due \$139,205.42

Thanks to those who are contributing to the Building Fund. Our current monthly payments are \$900.00.

## *In the Mind of a Youth Minister*

*By Stephen Fort*

What are we doing with our lives? How productive are we being? What each person considers "productive" is variable. But what we should really consider is what God considers productive.

Everyone has heard the phrase "wasting time," and it is true that everyone does, at some point, waste the precious time we are given. But in Colossians 3:17, Paul writes, "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

If we do everything in the name of Jesus, are we really wasting time? More importantly, *are* we doing everything in the name of Jesus? I challenge anyone reading this to try. Attempt to do everything in the name of Jesus; it helps to practice a life of prayer. Instead of talking to Him just once or twice a day, try being in constant communication with our Father in heaven.

**Youth Group Update:** We continue to grow and look towards the future. Starting in the month of Dec., we will be having a monthly off-campus activity. On the evening of Dec. 12th the youth group will be going to see a movie (either Disney's new 3D *Christmas Carol* or *The Princess & the Frog*). *More details to follow.*

## *"A Fairytale Christmas"* *At Grace Church*

Leaves are gone from the trees, the grocery stores are filled with more turkeys than you ever thought possible, and the smell of baking cookies will soon fill the air. Thanksgiving is here, and Christmas is just around the corner. Along with the season comes the Grace Church Christmas play. The performance, titled "A Fairytale Christmas," will be on December 20th during the evening service.

The story follows the journey of the Littlest Elf, who overhears some children talking about Christmas and how great it is. This sparks the Elf's interest, and he/she sets off on an adventure to discover what Christmas is truly all about. The Littlest Elf seeks advice on the subject from many different fairytale creatures as the story explores the many misconceptions of what Christmas means as well as what the holiday's true meaning is.

All kids are invited to come out and participate. We have started practices but you may still join us.



**Practice Sundays**

**9:15 am and 6 pm**

**Performance December 20th**

**7 PM Service**

*Youth Minister*

*Stephen Fort*

**Youth Group: Thursdays**

**6:45 PM—8:00 PM**

## **From the Lord's Local Library** *The Christmas Glass*

**By**  
**Marci Alborghetti**

In the early days of World War II in Italy, Anna, a young widow who runs a small orphanage, carefully wraps her most cherished possession—a dozen hand blown German made glass Christmas ornaments, handed down by her mother, in squares cut from her wedding dress and sends them to her cousin who she hasn't seen for years.

Anna is distressed to part with the loving reminder of her mother, but she worries that the ornaments will be lost or destroyed in the war, especially now that her orphanage has begun to secretly shelter Jewish children. Anna's young cousin Filomena is married with 2 year old twins when she receives the box of precious Christmas glass.

After the war Filomena immigrates to America. After more than 40 years, 12 people come to possess a piece of Christmas glass; some connected by family bonds, children, grandchildren and their friends, some even by chance acquaintance. The story line focuses each chapter on the 12 possessors of the Christmas glass, their story and their connection to Filomena.

As Christmas day approaches strong-willed Filomena now an 84 year old great-grandmother is determined to bring all 12 people together, in a desperate attempt to put the pieces of her divided family back together. Will this be a wondrous reunion that will mend the lives of a family in turmoil or a disaster that may shatter them all?



**Paula Benline**

**Librarian**

# Christian Education News



## ADVENTuring to CHRISTmas

Get ready for lots of opportunities to share faith and fellowship during this Advent Season!

Mark your calendars now for each one of these upcoming events!

You won't want to miss a thing!

**Sunday, Nov. 29**

Get Advent off to a great start with Communion Worship.

**KIDS, DON'T FORGET PLAY PRACTICE DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL!**

**Sunday, Dec. 20**

**Church Christmas Dinner, Party, Play**

5:30 PM beginning with a Covered Dish Dinner

**Thursday, Dec. 24**

**Christmas Eve Services**

**7:00 PM and 11:00 PM**

**The 2010 Enjoy Coupon Booklets** are now in. If you would like to purchase a book they are \$40. Great Christmas Gift idea for the hard to buy for! Please see Sherry Stratton or Ida Mae Cummins.

**Thursday, Dec. 3 Women's Advent Communion Dinner** beginning at 6:30 PM.

Come and bring a friend!

**Friday, Dec. 11**

**Adult Christmas Party at Indigo Joe's**

Bring a \$5 gift for the gift exchange and get ready for a fun-filled evening!

**Thursday, Dec. 17**

**Christmas Caroling and Open House at the Websters!**

Meet at 6:00 PM at East Ohio Regional Hospital.

No experience required!

*The residents of Long Term Care at the hospital and our own homebound folks enjoy the visit and the singing!*

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!**

The Halloween Party was a huge success. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way and to Becky Hood and Jennifer Lofton for heading it up. Family Night was also a lot of fun with lots of good food and about 35-40 attending. Look for another Family Night activity in the spring.

## Christmas Play Practice

The Christmas play will be December 20<sup>th</sup> with dinner at 5:30 pm. Practice has begun for the play that Stephen and Katie Fort have written. Any children who would like to be a part of the play, be sure to talk to Stephen Fort or Casey Stratton.



## KIDS CLUB IS COMING!

Kid's Club will be starting January 27, 2010 and will run until March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

It will be from 4-6 pm every Wednesday for 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Volunteers for cooking, teaching, and crafts are needed. See

## -Edwin's Corner-

Q: Where do you go ice skating in outer space?

A: The rinks of Saturn.

Q: What goes around the yard but doesn't move?

A: A fence.