

# Faith Calls...

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## Pastor's Paragraph

January, 2012

Dear Faith Family,

The beginning of a New Year brings with it energy to "do" things differently that will somehow make us healthier, better organized, or more committed. However, studies actually show that if the "new" activity does not become a part of one's daily habit for at least two weeks, by mid-January it is discarded. Not a very positive way to greet a new year! So, what if we choose to make our "resolutions" "revolutions" instead? A revolution is about changing what doesn't work into something that does work. What if we, as Christian people, started the "revolution" in our own lives by committing to strengthening our faith walk through a renewed commitment to daily prayer, volunteering, increasing financial giving, participating in study, mission work ... the list is yours to make. Jesus was a revolution maker in people's lives and in the world. He started a revolution of the heart that led, and continues to lead, others to know God's love and grace.

Blessings of Joy this New Year,

Rev. Harriett

## Worship in January!

Invite others to join you for worship during this first month of the New Year. During worship on Jan. 1, we will be celebrating Epiphany and Holy Communion (the visit of the Wise Men to Jesus). On Jan. 8, we will be remembering our baptisms in a very meaningful way. Human Relations Sunday, Jan. 15, will bring the opportunity to offer Second Mile Giving to the United Methodist Offering for Human Relations Day. Jan. 29, is a fifth Sunday special — come and see!

## What is Second Mile Giving?



*Second Mile Giving* is an opportunity to give an offering to a specific mission or need in addition to our regular offering to the ministry of Faith UMC. One way United Methodists connect is through six "special" offerings collected throughout the year. Church-wide nationally, the six offerings include: Human Relations Day in January; One Great Hour of Sharing during Lent; Native American Ministries Sunday in May; Peace with Justice Sunday in June; World Communion Sunday in October; and United Methodist Student Day in November. Other second mile giving opportunities may arise at other times during the year to assist with a special need within our own church or community. Thank you for giving!

## Birthdays

1/8, Robert Rutt  
 1/9, Marlyn Burrow  
 1/15, Harold Bristow  
 1/21, Ben Allen  
 1/25, Sue Jones  
 1/26, Lynell Bristow  
 1/27, Kay Crutchfield  
 1/29, Pat Oakes  
 1/30, Lester Burrow  
 1/30, Geraldine Tudor

## Anniversaries

1/13

Harold & Jane Bristow  
 Herb & Sylvia Williams

In the event of bad weather, check Channel 11 for church closing information.

## Upcoming Events...

- *Trustee Meeting in January, TBA.*
- *Jan. 7, Chairperson Planning Meeting . If chair is unable to attend, please see that a representative from your committee attends.*
- *Jan. 8-29, Short term Sunday School Class, "Spiritual Gifts," 9:30 a.m., Rev. O.D. Turner, facilitator .*

**SAVE THE DATE:**

*Feb. 22—Ash Wednesday Service and Soup Supper (more details soon)*

## CROSS WALL

Thank you to all who have contributed a cross to the Faith family cross wall. If you have not brought a cross for the collection, you may at anytime throughout the year. Please give to Rev. Harriett or place in her mailbox with your name.

Deadline for February newsletter is Jan. 22nd.

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