

Newsletter for November 2011

Giving Electronically

FUMC Deming is a very generous church. At this writing, \$303,088 has been given toward the annual budget plus an additional \$37,305 in Breadbasket and other Second-Mile Giving. This has allowed the 2011 Shared Giving (\$46,108) to be paid-in-full in August and has allowed the Charitable Return-to-the-Community plan to become possible. Thank you all.

There is little need to urge you to give -- you already do that generously. Perhaps you enjoy writing your check each week or month; perhaps not. Perhaps you wish there was an equivalent to the direct deposit that you use for your paycheck or social security check or 401(k) withdrawal or whatever. Or to the automatic bill-pay feature provided by many companies, i.e. home mortgage, car payment, utility bill(s), weed/pest control, credit cards, and so many more. Or for electronic banking.



There is such an equivalent! And you may enroll in this direct-debit program should you, like so many of us, really want to simplify your life!

The General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA) of the United Methodist Church has endorsed a plan whereby you may authorize the financial service company selected by GCFA to debit your checking or savings account at the beginning or middle of each month and to deposit those funds directly into the church's bank account. No check to write, no memory lapses, no regrets while vacationing. You specify the amount to be debited and you may

change the amount whenever you wish. The church will pay the small enrollment and transaction fees.

The church receives approximately 300 checks each month. Currently, seven are electronic-giving checks. Those electronic-giving people already enjoy less-stress tithing-giving. Why don't you join that stress-reduced group? Program-specific information will be made available later this month. Until then, please evaluate if Electronic Giving might be the correct program for you.

Quoting Forrest Gump: "One less thing to worry about. That's good."

Charitable Return-to-the-Community

This is a repeat of an article that first appeared in the October newsletter.

After Annual Conference 2011, a plan was formulated which was presented first to the Finance Committee and then to the Church Council. The plan was adopted by the Church Council at their regularly scheduled meeting in September 2011 and was presented to the church membership on Sunday, September 18, at both services.

The plan recognizes that Giving by FUMC Deming church membership has been abundant, that Shared Giving for 2011 was paid-in-full in August, and that abundant Giving is expected to continue through the end of the year. Therefore the church intends to set aside all Giving beginning the Sunday after Thanksgiving and continuing through the Sunday preceding Christmas, deduct any Giving that is designated for some other specified purpose, and use the remaining money to fund some charitable activity within Deming and Luna County that is over-and-above what is already planned. The concepts of "return-to-the-community" and "over-and-above" are key to the plan. Current Giving rates predict the available money could be about \$25,000.



The plan also intends more than just money be involved. It wants "our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness," as recited in the membership ritual, to guide church participation through all aspects.

The Mission Committee is charged with the decision process in this endeavor. The process begins with completion of the Mission Committee's "Outreach/Needs Assessment Form," available in the church office. Be sure to check 'Y' pertaining to the new mission question. Plan to attend the Mission Committee meeting when your mission is on the agenda in case of questions or concerns. The committee meets the first Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm. Peace be with you.

Church Conference Meeting

Each year, churches across the conference meet to give a report about what they've been doing and what they hope to accomplish. Our church will receive its annual report on Sunday, November 6th, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. EVERYONE is invited to attend this church conference. Yes, there will be reports but we'll also have an opportunity to hear celebrations as well. Please make plans to attend and greet (or meet) our District Superintendent, Steve McElroy.

Reminder – if your committee or group has reports or celebrations to present for the conference, please assure they are received in the office no later than October 28th. Thank you.

UM Women

UMW November 12th meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. in the Chapel. This is the meeting to finalize plans for the Bazaar. It is very important that we get all the details ironed out, so please plan to attend.

The program will be presented by Kellye Stimpson on our World Thank Offering. REMEMBER to bring extra funds for this offering.

The Christmas Bazaar set up will be on Friday, November 18 in Fellowship Hall at 8:30 a.m. until ? The Bazaar Sale is Saturday, November 19 in Fellowship Hall, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Workers should arrive at 8:30 am. Come and enjoy the variety of booths where you'll find lots of bargains. When you're done there, wander over the gym for a craft show, also from 9 am to 1 pm. You'll find lots of opportunities to find the perfect holiday gift and stocking stuffer at both events!

Help from the Congregation is always welcome on both days. For information, call Jo Kruger.

Thanksgiving Food Boxes

Each year, the UMM (United Methodist Men) sponsor food boxes for local families, to be delivered at Easter and Thanksgiving. For Thanksgiving, the Men plan to fill 20 boxes. Your generosity makes it possible to provide Thanksgiving dinner to these families. The following items are needed:

- Sugar
- Flour
- Cooking Oil
- Rice
- Canned cranberry sauce
- Stuffing/Dressing mix
- Canned Vegetables, especially corn and green beans
- Canned soups
- Cereal
- Potatoes
- Sweet potatoes/yams (canned are OK as well)
- Dish Soap

Please DO NOT PURCHASE dry beans. Someone is donating enough for everyone to have a very large bag. The men will supplement each box with milk, bread, a turkey and ½ ham. Boxes will be delivered on Saturday, November 19th. In addition to the above food items, the men need:

- Your help sorting the boxes on Thursday, November 17th, time and location to be announced
- Your help delivering boxes on Saturday, November 19th, from 8:30 am until done. Trucks are especially helpful.

The deadline to bring your donations and place them in any of the boxes (in the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary) will be Wednesday, November 16th. Sorting will be on Thursday the 17th (because of set-up in on Friday for the UMW Bazaar). Thank you for sharing Thanksgiving Blessings with others!

Jeff Lust Endorsed

Your Delegation to the 2012 General and Jurisdictional Conferences has been meeting, praying, studying, and preparing for the task ahead in contributing to the future direction of The United Methodist Church. Part of that preparation has been to engage in a discernment process regarding the coming episcopal elections, the three vacancies that are anticipated to exist in our jurisdiction, and the continued contribution the New Mexico Annual Conference can make to the South Central College of Bishops.

In that regard, the Delegation entered into an endorsement discernment process based on the process used when Bill Hutchinson was endorsed by the Delegations in 1992, 1996, and 2000; and, again when Charles Crutchfield was endorsed by the Delegation in 2004. After thoughtful and prayerful discussion, reading, interviews, and conversation that has taken place over three months, I am pleased to announce the Delegation's endorsement of the Reverend Jeff Lust as a candidate for Bishop.

Jeff has provided excellent leadership in many areas in The United Methodist Church. He is the first-elected clergy member of our 2008 and 2012 Delegations. Jeff effectively led St. Stephen's United Methodist Church, Albuquerque, for 14 years creating a culture of collaboration and a focus on outward looking ministry.

Attendance increased 58% and membership 89%. As the Chair of the New Mexico Annual Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, Jeff initiated sweeping changes in the requirements for provisional members, focusing on effectiveness and results. He currently serves as the Albuquerque District Superintendent.

The Delegation covets the prayers of the entire New Mexico Conference as we continue the many tasks that come with the responsibility you have entrusted to us. Members of the Delegation are available to meet with churches or groups within the Annual Conference. In addition, occasional updates will be provided before the General Conference, and will be sent regularly during the General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

Bishop Whitfield Endorses Delegation Election

The New Mexico Conference Delegation to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences in 2012 recently announced its endorsement of the Rev. Jeff Lust, Albuquerque District Superintendent, for election as a Bishop by the South Central Jurisdictional Conference. *"The endorsement came after a time of prayerful discernment involving discussion, reading, interviews and conversations by the delegation,"* said Donna TeBrink, chairperson of the Delegation.

At the 2011 New Mexico Annual Conference, members voted to endorse Dr. Beverly Jones, Chaplain at Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, for election. *"It is a little unusual for an Annual Conference and the delegation to endorse two different clergy persons, but it only reflects the great strength, gifts, graces and leadership both of these individuals possess,"* said Bishop Max Whitfield.

Following the announcement by the 2012 New Mexico delegation, Jones released the following statement: *"I was both honored and humbled by the endorsement for the office of Bishop by the New Mexico Annual Conference last June. I count it among the highest honors I could receive in my ministry. I have fully and prayerfully considered the endorsement. I fully support the process of the Delegation and our endorsement of Jeff Lust for the Episcopacy. I have decided not to move forward in the Episcopal Candidacy process without the endorsement of the Delegation. I look forward to serving as a member of the Delegation as we prepare for and represent the New Mexico Conference at the upcoming General and Jurisdictional Conferences."*

Candidate endorsements may be made by any group. *"I presently know individuals who have been endorsed by Annual Conferences, Delegations, ethnic Caucus groups, and unofficial organizations,"* Whitfield said. Whitfield also noted that it is unnecessary for an individual to be endorsed before they can be elected.

The Book of Discipline reserves to the Annual Conference the right to nominate a person for election. It also indicates this nomination is to be made at the Annual Conference session immediately before the election in July *"It is my understanding that an endorsement and a nomination are two different processes. One is open to a number of various groups and the other reserved to the Annual Conference within a restricted period of time. Delegates to the Jurisdictional Conferences can elect any Elder in The United Methodist Church who is less than 68 years of age at the time of their election,"* Whitfield stated.

The New Mexico Delegation did elect to make an endorsement. The endorsement of Rev. Jeff Lust has been announced to the Jurisdiction. Though Jones has declined endorsement at this time, she may opt to accept endorsement at a later time or have her name lifted up during the election process.

The Delegation cited Lust's leadership in various areas of The United Methodist Church. *"He is the first-elected clergy member of our 2008 and 2012 Delegations. Jeff effectively led St. Stephen's United Methodist Church in Albuquerque for 14 years creating a culture of collaboration and a focus on outward looking ministry. Attendance increased 58% and membership 89%. As the Chair of the New Mexico Annual Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, Jeff initiated sweeping changes in the requirements for provisional members, focusing on effectiveness and results."*

A step-by-step breakdown of the Delegation's work is found in the story at <http://www.nmconfum.com/News/Two-endorsed-as-candidates-for-bishop/>.

The South Central Jurisdiction will elect three new Bishops in 2012. All 10 of the active Bishops will be assigned to their residential responsibilities for the 2012-2016 quadrennium. New Mexico will receive a different Bishop in September 2012 as Bishop Whitfield will take retired status.

In preparation for 2012 General and Jurisdictional Conferences, members of the New Mexico Delegation are available to meet with churches or groups within the Annual Conference. In addition, occasional updates will be provided before the General Conference and will be sent regularly during the General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

Jr. UMYF Breakfast

Save the date of November 6th on your calendars! Why? Because that's when the Junior UMYF (United Methodist Youth Fellowship) will be cooking breakfast for the congregation! Yes, breakfast on Sunday morning. It will be served in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 8:00 a.m. service. For those who come to the 10:30 a.m. service, show up early - say 9:00 a.m., for a good breakfast. The meal is free but donations are encouraged.

Jr. UMYF is our newest youth group, formed over the summer for teens in grades 6 through 8. They are working hard to earn money for mission projects and for a January ski trip. Your attendance and donations will bless and support our youth.

Fall Festival

On October 15th, our gym was host to 75 kids, more or less, plus their parents – not to mention the volunteers; 15 adults and 4 youth. What, you might ask, did all those kids do? Well, they participated in games and crafts.

- They created and decorated pumpkins out of knee high stockings. Those were LOTS of fun and very creative.
- They decorated wind chimes.
- They decorated paper hot air balloons.
- They made turkeys using their handprints.
- They had a cake walk, winning your home-made cup cakes.
- There was a bowling game, a ring toss game, a bean bag toss, a putting challenge.
- They played in a small jumping house.
- They pinned the tail on the donkey.
- They had two challenge games. One was to see how many pumpkin seeds could be transferred from one bowl to another, using only a straw. The other was to walk across the floor carrying a ball on a wooden spoon – without dropping it.

Hot prizes were trophies (think "Oscar") and spinners. Necklaces and bracelets were also popular. Candy flowed freely, as well as the canned goods brought for the food bank.

Your support and candy donations were deeply appreciated for Fall Festival, and for Trunk or Treat. At press time, we didn't have a count on how many kids trooped through the parking lot. But be assured, everyone had fun at both events!!

You Are Invited

The Church Council, approving and supporting a recommendation from the Evangelism Committee is spearheading a holiday outreach initiative called You Are Invited. The purpose of You Are Invited is to make contact with individuals and families who live near the church, inviting them to join us for our many holiday activities.

The goal is to visit 500 households, giving each one a door-hanger bag containing a New Testament, a children's Christmas story book, a church brochure, a pen, and a flyer of holiday events (beginning with our Thanksgiving Eve service). Here is help that's needed:

1. A group to assemble the contents of the bags, time to be announced. We plan on distributing 500 bags so two or more groups of workers (six per group) will help make this go quickly. Prayers for the families receiving the bags are most appropriate as they are assembled.
2. People who will be in prayer for this outreach ministry, especially on the day of distribution.
3. Two or three volunteers to prepare a simple soup meal for those distributing the bags.
4. Two dozen people, or more, to work in pairs distributing the bags to each household, along assigned routes. This will happen on Sunday, November 20th, following second service. *Family participation is encouraged.*
 - If the people are home, just a simple invitation to join the church for holiday events and hand them the bag.
 - Hang the bags on doorknobs if no one is home.
 - Return to the church for a soup luncheon.

The Church Council and Evangelism Committee are excited about this outreach initiative. However, it really depends upon YOU! Please prayerfully consider the ways in which God is calling you to participate. Then call the office to volunteer in one of the areas numbered above. Help bring God's children home for the holidays.

Celebration

Celebration is a quarterly non-denominational women's ministry open to all ladies (young and old). The Fall Celebration will be held on Saturday, November 12th, at 9:30 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Corrie Vineyard will be the featured speaker. A light breakfast will be served. There will be song, praises and a guest speaker. All women are invited to attend and bring a friend.

Angel Tree

The Angel Tree program provides gifts to children whose parents are in prison. Prisoners participating in this program are selected by prison chaplains. Angel Tree coordinators work with the caregivers for the children to identify appropriate gifts. Using that information two Angel Tree Tags are created for each child (one for a toy and one for clothing). Our church has a rich history of participating in this ministry. Our church's Angel Tree Tags will be available on the Angel Tree, in the back of the sanctuary, on November 20th. Please take an angel tag, purchase the requested gift, wrap it and return it, with the tag attached, to the Angel Tree in the back of the sanctuary. Wrapped gifts must be returned by December 11th. Thank you for your generosity.

Operation Christmas Child

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world." Operation Christmas may be remembered as the 'shoebox Christmas gifts' or other nick names. We have received 50 shoeboxes to fill and return. They are due by November 13th. Operation Christmas Child is about spreading the word of Christ through your generosity by giving a Christmas-style shoebox filled with small gifts to a needy child. Either a boy or a girl in one of three age groups receives the Christmas-styled shoebox with gifts inside along with a copy of the New Testament. There is a \$7 donation request for each shoebox. You may request the recipient of your box to write back to you. This is a great family project or for anyone that would like to bring some Christmas happiness to children of the poorest of the poor. How about a Sunday school or other group project? Questions or request for more boxes can be directed to Ed Kemp or the Mission Committee. May the love of Christ be with you.

Emmaus Reunion Group

The Borderlands Emmaus Reunion Group will meet on Saturday, November 12th at 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The evening will begin with a potluck meal, followed by a meeting and worship. If you have attended a Walk to Emmaus, Chrysalis, *Tres Dias*, or similar weekend, you are welcome to attend.

Community Thanksgiving Worship Service

The Ministerial Fellowship is sponsoring the annual Thanksgiving Community Worship Service on Sunday, November 20th, 6:00 pm at Living Word Family Church. Everyone is invited to attend and bring snacks to share in Fellowship Time, following the service.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Our lay-led Thanksgiving Eve Service will be Wednesday, November 23rd, at 6:00 pm in the Sanctuary. This is a brief time of praise and thanks, to help us remember and thank God for His many blessings in our lives. Everyone is invited to attend. We will take a special offering for Retired UM Ministers. Many who have been retired for a number of years, retired under an older pension system. This offering helps equalize those pensions so that those who have so faithfully served congregations across the state may continue enjoying retirement with dignity.

Community Thanksgiving Meal

Our church is once again hosting the community Thanksgiving meal, on Thanksgiving Day (November 24th) in the gym. Once again, we're assembling crews of volunteers to:

- Greet
- Serve
- Dish washers
- Clean up crew

If you can help, or need more information, please send an eMail to Mary@fumcdeming.com. Also, watch for a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.



Daylight Saving Time Ends

Just when the weather is getting nice and we're enjoying the evenings, daylight saving time comes to an end. It will officially end at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 6th. That means on Saturday night (November 5th) set your clocks **back** one hour before going to bed. When you set back your clocks, please take a moment to change the batteries in your smoke detectors. It is so sad to hear about families who have lost possessions or even loved ones in a fire because their smoke detector wasn't working. It only takes a moment to save a life!

How to Go Green

With November comes cooler weather – a perfect time to discuss how to “green” your heating. Did you know that the energy used to heat your water and living space could account for about two thirds of your monthly power bill? Here are a few tips to help cut your heating costs and cut down on greenhouse gases emitted into the atmosphere.

Program your thermostat – a programmable thermostat allows you to set a schedule to adjust the temperature during different times throughout the day. When you're at work, the temperature can be set lower. It can come on to heat the house prior to your arrival, and then drop it again when you're asleep. The cost is around \$100 for the thermostat but the energy savings could be cut by up to 20%.

Recommended settings – Experts recommend 68 degrees during daylight hours (or when you're home) and 58 degrees at night (or when you're not home). Just to be on the safe side, don't set the minimum temperature below 55 degrees to avoid possible damage from extreme cold (such as frozen pipes). Once you've arrived at temperatures that feel comfortable for you, try experimented by lowering them in two degree increments. Such

minor adjustments could lower monthly heating bills by as much as 8%. You can offset the changes by wearing heavier clothing or using extra/thicker blankets at night.

Concentrate heat in areas you're using – The most effective way to conserve heat is by closing the doors to rooms that you're using, or intend to use. Shutting the door will help the room heat up more quickly and prevent heat from escaping. Additionally, partially shut down vents in unused rooms and keep those doors closed to prevent cooler air from escaping into the rest of the house.

Stop heat leaks. To find and fix leaks:

- Install door sweeps – a long strip of rubber that attaches to the bottom of the door to seal off the space under the doors. A fabric draft dodger will also do the trick.
- Apply caulk and insulation strips – use caulk and insulation strips (weather stripping) to seal window edges and inside door edges (the side with the hinges). Sealing doors and windows can cut energy bills significantly.
- Modernize windows – replace old ones with argon-filled double or triple glazed windows to drastically cut down on drafts and heat leaks. Window replacements may qualify for tax rebates. If you can't do them all at once, replace them gradually.
- Insulate walls – adding insulation to your home's walls makes a difference in heat retention (and keeping the house cool in the summer), with heating bill savings of 15% or more. A professional insulation company can assist you in choosing the type of insulation needed for your home's age and climate.
- Ventilate with fans – ceiling fans, when set in reverse, can help your heating system more efficient by keeping warm air closer to the floor.
- Draw drapes at night – drawing drapes and closing blinds adds an extra level of insulation to your windows to stop drafts and leaks. Even better is using specially made insulation-lined drapes for this purpose.
- Locate persistent leaks – even after weatherizing, check for remaining leaks in the house. On a windy day, light a candle, close the windows and doors in the room you're inspecting, and then walk the perimeter of that room. Watch the candle carefully and stop when you see the flames start to move unexpectedly. Follow the "trail" of the leak to identify its source. Then you can choose caulk or insulation strips, as appropriate, to seal it off.

It should be noted that weatherizing for the winter can also help in the summer by keeping the cold air in, especially if you have refrigerated air.

Some of My Thoughts *Working Smarter, Not Harder!*

Over the past two weeks I met with several clergy members from our two conferences. I am always encouraged by the dedication of those who serve our churches. They have a deep love of Jesus and desire that everyone know and love Jesus the way they do. It is not a lack of dedication that prevents them from becoming all that God expects and intends. It is not that our clergy are lazy or fail to expend the amount of energy necessary to accomplish their mission. Most of our clergy work long hours; and suggesting that they work harder only reinforces their perceptions that they are under-appreciated and can never fulfill the expectations of their Bishop and congregations.

One of my colleagues said to me, "You need to learn to work smarter, not harder." I confess that I continue to struggle with working smarter rather than harder. Let me share what I mean by examining one aspect of my ministry.

Preaching is one of the most time consuming and demanding aspects of ministry.

To preach an excellent sermon, I need to spend fifteen to twenty hours preparing one sermon. If I wait until Thursday or Friday to begin my preparation, I work late into the night, and often miss the mark. Preaching is like preparing leavened bread. Time is required to study the scriptures, allow the insights to rest and slowly rise to be God's word. It takes time to explore how the passage connects to the people who will be present on Sunday morning. It is essential to know their struggles, their recent encounters with God, and their questions arising from these encounters with God. Only then can preaching connect the scriptures to individuals in the congregation, enable them to hear the message from God addressed to them, and then comprehend the responses God desires. Preaching with these components demands long range planning.



Dr. Jimmy Nunn said to me, "Every pastor needs a year plan for their preaching. They need to envision where God is calling members of the congregation to be one year from now and the messages required to help these disciples to achieve a move toward maturity." This means intentional preaching with a clear expectation of moving the congregation to a different level of growth or spiritual maturity, and into their mission field. This is working smarter instead of harder.

Working smarter means, that pastors and those providing lay leadership design intentional periods each day for the study of scripture and personal prayer. Personal devotional time is not optional for spiritual leaders. Scripture and prayer opens us to understand God's movement and activities so that we can join in what God is doing instead of telling God what ought to happen in our lives and communities.

Working smarter also means working reasonable hours each day and taking time for Sabbath rest each week. We cannot do our best work when we are physically, emotionally, and spiritually exhausted. A physically and spiritually rested body can do much more in a shorter period of time than a body that is nearing collapse.

Being a faithful disciple, means we work smarter, not harder.

Grace & Peace, Max

With Gratitude

Our dear friends in Christ, Valerie and I have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of love, support, prayers, notes, and cards during our granddaughter Mercy's brief life. We are extremely grateful for the continuing expressions of care shown to us following Mercy Elizabeth's death on September 21. On October 8, 2011 we gathered for a beautiful memorial service to remember the brief life of Mercy Elizabeth Whitfield. If Mercy had lived, she would have been one month old on the day of her memorial service, so the service was a birthday party with cupcakes, balloons, pictures and lots of laughter. Children attended the memorial service and leaders included a brief children's sermon designed for the children present. The service celebrated God's fabulous love and grace given to us in Jesus Christ. It focused on God's love and the wonderful gift of the thirteen days of delight and love we experienced during Mercy's life.

We are extremely grateful to all who have shown us such love and care.

Grace and Peace, Bishop Max and Valerie

Bread Basket

The November Bread Basket (our monthly second mile offering) is designated for United Methodist Student Day. Each year, students throughout the country benefit from loans and scholarships that are funded via this offering. When you give to *United Methodist Student Day*, you support students who are finding new ways to serve God in the world. Your contributions are needed more than ever. Thank you for your generosity.

UM Launch Free Mobile App

Mobile device users can easily access information about [The United Methodist Church](#) on the go with a new free United Methodist application. Developed by United Methodist Communications and Music City Networks, the app is now available for free download for iPad, iPhone, and Android smartphone users. The application enables mobile access to daily devotions, news, videos, photos, social media sites, and a searchable index of United Methodist churches by geographic area. The "Ask InfoServ" feature connects users who have questions about the church or requests for resources with church staff who can help.

The Library Corner

"With disarming innocence and the plainspoken boldness of a child, Colton tells of meeting long-departed family members. He describes Jesus, the angels, how 'really big' God is, and how much God loves us. Retold by his father, but using Colton's uniquely simple words, *Heaven is for Real* offers a glimpse of the world that awaits us, where as Colton says, 'Nobody is old and nobody wears glasses.' *Heaven is for Real* will forever change the way you think of eternity, offering the chance to see, and believe, like a child."

You can find this book in our own church library. The library is open on Sunday mornings, with an assistant there from 8:30 to 9:30. We have many wonderful books in our church library. Come and check us out!

LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL

WE'RE BACK! We really missed being in Little Lambs. This year attendance has picked up and we have two classes of 4's and two classes of 3's (last year we only had one class of 3's). We still have a few spaces left, but God is blessing us with more each week.

They are all wonderful. Yes! I say this every year and it is true. God doesn't make anything but wonderful. We are all making friends, learning to leave our moms and survive, listening to our teachers, and taking turns.

We started with a review of skills for the 4's, then a study on all about them, and we learned about our senses.


They really liked learning about senses and finding out how God gave us our senses to enjoy the wonderful world He created for us all.

The 3's are learning their colors. We do one color a week and do lots of things with that color so we know our colors when we are done. We are also painting and doing play dough. It helps our creative juices flow.

Jesus said, "Let the children come unto Me" ... Matthew 19:14

Primetimers

Primetimers is a ministry of the United Methodist Church in which people join together for learning and ministry events around the country. For more information, please visit www.primetimers.org. You can also view the copy of their 2012 events located on the bulletin board outside of the church office.

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