



**HILLTOP**  
United Methodist Church

**ECHOES**  
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## United Methodist Statistics

Most of you know how I love church stats, and this past Monday I had the neat opportunity to attend a Ministry Seminar called “Leading Change”. The seminar had about ten pastors in attendance in one lay person, Jack. The instructor began talking about the mission of the United Methodist Church – *“To make disciples for the transformation of the world”*. And then he ask the question – how are we doing at that mission? He went on to bombard us with statistics that most of us clergy knew, but Jack was only now hearing for the first time. It was worth the price of admission to see the lights come on in Jack’s head as he sensed the urgency many of us pastors already feel to return to the heart of our mission. I thought I would share the stats with you that so affected Jack.



In 1969 when the Evangelical United Brethren merged with the Methodist Church to form the United Methodist Church we had 10.9 million members in the United States. The population of the USA at that time was about 200 Million. In 2009 (40 years later) the United Methodist Church declined by 30% to 8.2 million but the population of the USA increased by 50% to 300 million. Those are some tough stats to swallow.

How is it that a church can decrease by 30% when the mission field has increased by 50%? Our instructor commented, “Its almost as if we have been working hard to keep people out rather than bring people in.” Another astonishing fact is 41% of our churches did not receive even 1 person in the last four years by profession of faith. That is, they might have had new members who transferred in from other churches, but not one new believer.

This is when Jack piped in “say that again... that can’t be... isn’t our mission to make disciples?” Yeah, Jack, you’re getting it. We have, if we are honest, not lived out our mission as a denomination.

Let me tell you what I love about Hilltop. We are so darn healthy. I mean we have new people joining; we even have professions of faith among them (though most of them are transfers). We have incredible lay leadership, we have increased giving, a strong commitment to mission, we haven’t failed to pay our apportionments in 40 years, we always have enough at the end of the year. Not just that, we are warm and friendly in the narthex, we have stellar a choir, we make great peanut brittle. I could go on and on because there is so much right about this church.

But Jesus commissions us to make disciples. Period. And we have something many of the people in that seminar don’t have - a growing community called Mankato. We have been given a huge mission field called Mankato, that continues to grow. And to whom much is given much is required. There are not a lack of people who need Jesus, and the good news is that there are not a lack of us to reach them. In fact, the only thing that stands between us and mak-

ing disciples is our own obedience and intentionality to carry out God’s mission to make disciples.

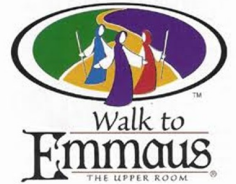
Hilltop, ask yourself these questions? Do I know enough about my own discipleship to disciple another? If not, have I thought about Alpha or The Walk To Emmaus? We want to make sure you are equipped to make disciples. Its our mission. To plug into Alpha or The Walk To Emmaus, contact me.

I have never been more confident in the ability of the United Methodist Church to reach the world for Christ. We have great theology, great hearts, and we are strategically placed right here and right now for that great purpose. God still can and does use us if we rise up in obedience to him.

Be Blessed,  
Pastor Fred

### Walk to Emmaus:

You’ve heard us talk about this 72 hour weekend experience designed to inspire, challenge, and equip you in your Christian faith.



If you have interest sign up at the welcome center so we can connect you with a Hilltop sponsor.

Men’s Walk—Oct 20-23,  
Women’s Walk—Oct 27-30th

### **Mary Martha Circle will be meeting on Wednesday, October 12 at 1:30 p.m.**



Hostess: Janet Marble  
Devotions: Wanda Allevan

#### Attendance-Aug. ‘10

	Su
8/7	155
8/14	131
8/21	120
8/28	112
<b>Avg.</b>	<b>129</b>

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	Su
8/1	140
8/8	176
8/15	141
8/22	89
8/29	117
<b>Avg.</b>	<b>133</b>

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES  
 CHARGE: HILLTOP UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
 DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT:  
 PASTOR: FRED VANDERWERF  
 ACTING RECORDING SECRETARY: KATIE GRUNLOH

September 15, 2011

PRESENT: Jill Klaseus, Jan Marble, Peggy Phelps, John Phelps,  
 Katie Grunloh, Fred Vanderwerf, Don Putzier, Jeff Adams,  
 Paulette Adams

WELCOME

Don Putzier called the meeting to order and opened with a word of prayer.

Motion made to approve last month's minutes, all in favor, and minutes approved.

#### PASTOR'S COMMENTS

Three focus areas update:

Pastoral care group will be meeting September 19th. The surveys that have been given to the congregation will be reviewed at this time.

Paula Smithson is working on moving forward with the building renovation plan.

The new Sunday school curriculum was launched last week and is going well.

Alpha course begins Sunday after worship with an introductory video. This will be every Sunday at 6pm beginning September 25<sup>th</sup>.

Nominations committee meeting will be on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor Fred and some of the Stewardship Committee will attend a stewardship course on October 6<sup>th</sup>, and cost covered.

Pastor Fred will officiate a wedding on October 29<sup>th</sup>

The Men's Retreat will be held November 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, and the cost is \$60

Newsletter and bulletin articles

There has been emphasis put on the newsletter deadline Monday noon and bulletin information due Thursdays at noon. There was a proposal put forth as a new deadline for the newsletter of 7:30 Tuesday morning. Pastor Fred will bring this to Tricia.

Imagine No Malaria

The UMC voted in 2008 to raise funds to eradicate malaria in Africa by 2020; they have teamed up with the Bill Gates foundation.

Hilltop's pledge is due late November at the latest, and \$15,000 is the requested pledge with five years to collect the money.

Many ideas were brought up as to how to raise the money (missions funds, fundraisers, pledge forms, budget, etc.) and the general consensus was that this is something Hilltop would gladly take part in.

Jeff Adams motioned that we live up to the conference's expectation for Imagine No Malaria by donating \$15,000 in five years. This was seconded by Jan Marble, all in favor, no opposed. Motion passed and will be revisited next month with more creative ideas as to how to reach this goal.

#### COMMITTEE AND TEAM REPORTS

TRUSTEES- Peggy Phelps

The redecorating/repurposing group has not met for a while but will meet soon.

Air conditioner filters were changed and will need to be cleaned/changed more than the filters on the old furnaces.

The sign on the north side of the church is still being discussed and a design is being decided on.

There is currently a leak in the women's restroom under the sink, and also a drainage problem in the kitchen.

The cabinets in the hallway have been cleaned out and will be sold at the October 1<sup>st</sup> rummage sale.

Nate Smithson will aerate the parsonage lawn.

FINANCE- Jan Marble

Reports were presented.

The item Operation classroom and OC ministries have been mixed up and will be reclassified and better defined in the future.

Budget request message has been sent out and requested.

Next Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, a group will be meeting regarding the scholarship fund and will be reported back to the council next month.

EVANGELISM – John Phelps

Walk With Jesus has been postponed until Summer of 2012 due to a scheduling conflict with another program that day.

MSU Campus Fair was successful. We served popcorn to 270 students and invited them to worship with us.

We will be doing a service and participation survey in conjunction with the Fall Stewardship campaign.

A website redevelopment task force is being formed.

FELLOWSHIP- Jill Klaseus

Clutter Cleaning Clearance will be October 1, 2011. We have eight people signed up for tables to sell items. We will set up Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> and Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. It will take place October 1<sup>st</sup>, 8-12.

MISSIONS- Stephanie

School supplies have been delivered to the Salvation Army locally, with the reminder to MMDC.

\$242.00 was donated to the Backpack Food Program from September's potluck.

The potluck on October 2<sup>nd</sup> will benefit CADA.

We will serve the Salvation Army noon meal on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Sewing & knitting ministries are gearing up, details to come.

Our missionaries in Ukraine, the Gorans, will be in Minnesota in October with the local day and time for their presentation to be determined.

STAFF- Jeff Adams

No report.

EDUCATION-Karin Gavin

No report.

**WORSHIP – Paulette Adams**

Planning for All Saint Sunday first weekend in November.

**YOUTH – Andrew Bittner**

The Youth Group had a very successful kickoff on Sunday, September 11th. The leadership team again composed of myself, Dexter Oswald, Kali Trukki and Mallory Westphal – called about 35 students in the week leading up to the Sunday morning meeting. The twelve students who came brought a lot of positivity and energy to what turned out to be a great event.

We have a number of events in the next few weeks. We are playing paintball and Tommygun's Paint Wars this coming Saturday, September 17. We will then also be tailgating at my house for the Vikings game on Sunday, October 2nd. And the following Sunday, we will be assisting with the Noon Meal at the Salvation Army.

Items being focused on at this time are examining finances for the upcoming year, finding a date for the Shareholders' Dinner, and exploring options for a mission trip in 2012. We are still looking at a trip to the Redbird Mission in August, but are considering closer, less costly options as well.

**PARISH NURSE- Judy Argetsinger**

No report

**STEWARDSHIP – Jeanette Phillips**

No report

**TECHNOLOGY – Don Putzier**

Everything working smoothly.

Microphone mixer was purchased to make things more versatile.

We do need more interest for people to be part of the technology team. Contact Don Putzier for any further information.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Operation Christmas child collection will be November 13 – 21<sup>st</sup>. November 20<sup>th</sup> will be dedication Sunday and a truck will be parked out in back. HUMC is the collection center.

**AJOURNMENT**

Pastor Fred leads us in closing prayer.

**Hilltop Men's Retreat**

**When:** 7pm, Friday, Nov 11<sup>th</sup> – 8pm, Saturday, Nov 12<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** Camp Omega - An 80 Acre Camp and Retreat Center on Horseshoe Lake near Waterville, MN, with bunks, gathering area,

and plenty of outdoor recreation options depending on the November weather. (campomega.org).

**Cost:** Only \$60 total for 1 nights lodging and 4 great meals. A \$20 deposit is due upon sign-up.

**What:** Male-bonding and Christ-bonding!

**Guest Speaker:** Marc Donaldson, pastor at Christ's Church UMC in Woodland's Texas, and long time friend of Pastor Fred, will be challenging us with 3 talks over the course of the weekend. Marc is a guys' guy, has passionate faith, and loves the Aggies. His shaved head, goatee, love of cowboy coffee, and his past experience of meeting with guys in a cave, make him just the guy for our retreat.

**Who's Invited:** Any man 18 and up.

**Sign Up:** At the welcome center, or on the facebook Hilltop Men's Retreat event page

**All Saint's Sunday**

On Sunday, Nov 6th a portion of our 10:15am worship will be given to the remembrance of those at Hilltop who have gone on before us to be with Jesus in the past year: June Hubmer, Carol Holtze, Rick Pearson, & Betty Lindsay. You too, will be given the opportunity to light a special candle in memory or a loved one who has passed on this year or long ago. Please pray with us that this service might offer continued healing to us who grieve, and continued thankfulness to God for the lives of those we have loved so much.



## A New Ministry is Born

*I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. --John 13:34-35*

Kudos to the Pastoral Care Task Force – they have crafted a working model to fulfill Hilltop’s goal of expanding and coordinating pastoral care activity at Hilltop. Kudos to the congregation – 61 of you have volunteered to be a part of this ministry!! What a great response!

Following a great deal of brainstorming and researching, the initial structure of the Pastoral Care Team will look like this:

Five teams, each headed by one or two coordinators.

- 1) Visits (hospital, nursing home, home) – Coordinators Terry Berg and Karla Lassonde.
- 2) Meals, rides and errands – Coordinators to be established.
- 3) Household (housekeeping, gardening, child care, pet care, lawn mowing, snow blowing) – Coordinators Karen Frydendall, second coordinator to be established.
- 4) Home Missions/Gift Baskets – Coordinator Pastor Fred.
- 5) Resources – Coordinator Judy Argetsinger.

Additionally, Terry Berg will be responsible for recording actions taken and maintaining a database, and Marj Blommel will be taking care of follow-up activities.

Once a need is identified, the coordinators of the appropriate team will be notified. It will be up to the coordinators to contact people on their team/list to fulfill the need.

One of the next steps will be to set up training sessions – starting with the topic of visits. If you identified an interest in making visits to congregation members and friends, keep your eyes and ears open for this upcoming event. The Task Force has developed a packet of resources and helps for making meaningful visits, and will also be talking about types and purpose of visits, boundaries, listening skills, prayers and other applicable tips and issues.

If you have not yet signed up to be a part of this ministry, the opportunity is still there. If you feel called to be a part of any one of the above teams, we will be happy to add your name to the list. If you are aware of a need within the congregation, contact Pastor Fred, Marj Blommel, myself (Paulette Adams), or any one of the coordinators.

Thanks to all members of the task force who have worked

so diligently to develop this ministry: Marj Blommel, Terry Berg, Karla Lassonde, Karen Frydendall, Marci Fast, Ron Sniff, Bill and Adela Scherer, Judy Argetsinger, Phyllis Cole, Teri Horn and Pastor Fred.

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YSIC,  
Paulette Redman Adams

**The South Central Crisis Center** is a 12-bed short-term residential mental health facility in Mankato operated by Horizon Homes, Inc. in conjunction with the South Central Community-Based Initiative.

Individuals who use the Crisis Center are experiencing mental health symptoms that affect their ability to function in the community and their everyday life. This may be an increase in symptoms, such as depression, anxiety, panic attacks or even hearing voices and having false beliefs; plans or thoughts of harming oneself or others, the need for further stabilization after being discharged from a hospital, or monitoring after being prescribed a new medication. Referrals to the crisis center can be made by community providers, family/support persons or the individual who is experiencing the crisis.

Services offered include short-term counseling and support, problem-solving, symptom management and relapse prevention. Nursing staff provide medication education and monitoring as well as education on wellness. The recovery-based setting focuses on hope, personal choice, and identifying supports in one’s home environment. The goal of the Crisis Center is to accept people “where they are at” and to avoid costlier and more restrictive higher levels of care such as hospitalization.

The Crisis Center also provides a warm line/crisis line that staff answers 24 hours a day. Individuals can call for support, resources, or to request admission to the crisis center. In addition, a mobile crisis team is being developed to respond to mental health crisis needs in the community.

# Kids' Kinection

## Children's Christmas Program

Deb Westby has volunteered to direct this year's Christmas program, titled "365 Days of Christmas Each Year". This entertaining musical revolves around a discussion with an angel to see if it would work to have Christmas all year long. There are several speaking parts and fun songs in the play. Incorporated in the play will be a nativity pageant where students will be the costumed characters.

Below is a list of the important dates so..... although it is early, mark your calendars now! I hope all students, preschool-6th grade, will plan to be a part of the fun!

- Sunday, November 6th -- assign speaking parts during Kids' Kinection
- Sunday, November 13th -- assign nativity characters during Kids' Kinection
- Sunday, November 20th -- costume fitting day
- Sunday, December 4th, -- Program practice 12:00-1:30
- Saturday, December 10th -- Program practice 10:00-12:00
- Sunday, December 11th -- Dress rehearsal during Kids' Kinection 9:00-10:00
- Christmas Program during 10:15 worship service

## Stewardship News: Give Until It Doesn't Hurt

I don't know about you, but giving until it hurts doesn't sound like much fun at all. So, it is no surprise that many Christians have a low threshold of pain when it comes to giving. Why not give until it doesn't hurt? Here's a thought: If the government started taking 2% more out of your paycheck, would you be happy about it? Probably not, but after a few paychecks you wouldn't miss the money. What if that 2% helped a child to know that he is loved? Or, what if your 2% prevented a 14-year-old from committing suicide? The same 2% might also give hope to an elderly widow. Would you be happy with those results? I hope so. Your stewardship can make a difference in so many ways.



If giving is new to you and it really hurts to write out one more check every month, consider an automatic debit from your checking or savings account. It is easy to set up and there is no minimum amount. You can give once or twice a month. Contact the church office to sign up. Go ahead, try it! After all, what can it hurt?

Jeanette Phillips

## October 20th Hilltop UMC will host the Red Cross Bloodmobile

from 1PM to 6PM. Sign up at the Welcome Center to help. We need Registration, Canteen, Set-up, Take-down as well as someone to call donors and bring cookies and help provide a meal for the Bloodmobile staff.

We also need blood donors. One unit of blood could save five lives. The components of blood are separated into Red Blood Cells, plasma, clotting factors and used for many illnesses or situations.

Any questions, please contact Judy Argetsinger at 243-3252.



## It's Time to Mark Your Calendar for Peanut Brittle

Fall is the perfect time of the year to make peanut brittle. We need a crew of 12 people each session. Our goal again this year is make 400lbs to be sold at the Christmas Festival. Everyone is welcome to come join the fun, so sign up soon for the following dates:

- Nov. 1 @ 12:30    Nov. 3 @ 6:30
  - Nov. 8 @ 12:30    Nov. 10 @ 12:30
  - Nov. 15 @ 6:30    Nov. 18 @ 12:30
- If you have any questions, please contact Deb Oachs at 387-4259.

God's Blessings and a big thank you for all who prayed, visited, sent cards, called and showed concern after my stay in the hospital.

Erma Juliar

To our Church Family & Pastor Fred, Thank you for the cards, prayers, and the support in this very difficult time in our lives—losing a son, then a grandson. Our church family is the greatest!

God Bless & take care  
Dianne & John Mell

Thank you to our wonderful church family for additional prayers, cards, hugs, transportation, care bears, etc. I really appreciate how much of God's love you have shown to us, particularly over the past long year.

Steph Putzier



## Mission Trip Opportunity

### Mission Trip-

Sandy Koppen is planning another trip to Redbird Mission in Kentucky. It will be with the Crossroads Church in Willmar and our Hilltop Church. As in the past, we will drive down there in vans.



To you mission minded people who like to help those who have a lot less than you, especially children, here is a great opportunity for you. We are planning to go to Red Bird Mission April, 9-18. While we are there we will be staying at O'Cumberland Camp. This camp hosts mostly Appalachian poor children. Many of these kids come to camp with the clothes on their back and stay for several days. For some of the time while they are there they talk about personal grooming and the importance of clean clothes. The last few trips that we have made we usually buy boxes of various sizes of kid underwear and bring along hotel or regular sized soaps, shampoos, etc.

Other supplies that were suggested by the camp director as needs are;

- Planters (different sizes and shapes)
- Hanging baskets
- Flowers (seeds)
- Tie-dye supplies
- Plain t-shirts
- Anything in crafts
- Organizers for crafts
- Hula hoops
- Horse shoe set
- Large potato sacks (for sack races)
- Anything recreational
- Paint brushes, rollers, pans
- Cleaning supplies we always need (Mean Green, Clorox, garbage bags, windex, etc)

If you happen to be cleaning out and you find some of these items that could be taken along, please keep them and we will be collecting them next spring before we go. If you don't have any of these items but would like to contribute, we will take your cash and purchase items when we get there also. That too can help their economy.

This camp will be our housing and our work place.

If anyone is interested in going along and would like more information, please contact Shari Schroeder or Kevin Phillips.

**Women of Faith Conference** occurs Oct 21-22 at the Xcel Center in St Paul. A great group of women from Hilltop will be driving together to attend. Join us!! There are still a few tickets available to be with our group. We will be staying overnight for a very low cost per person. Contact Paula Peterson at 317-5794 or [pjpstamper@charter.net](mailto:pjpstamper@charter.net), for more details! It is an awesome, renewing experience!

### WOMEN OF FAITH WEEKEND OCTOBER 21-22, 2011

Who: Women of Faith presents:

- Natalie Grant, GMA Female Vocalist of the Year 4 years in a row
- Mary Mary, 3 time Grammy-award winning American gospel duo
- Henry Cloud, co-author of the million-selling book, Boundaries
- Sheila Walsh, bestselling author, speaker, TV talk show host
- Powerful line-up of speakers

What: As the nation's largest live event for women, Women of Faith has drawn more than 4 million women to events across North America since its inception in 1996. More than 11,200 women from St. Paul, MN and the surrounding areas are expected to gather for the two day event filled with music, humor, drama and inspirational stories that will encourage them and their friends.

Why: To encourage, to worship, to laugh and cry, to connect with one another, to share hope and joy.



## Mission

We collected \$141.00 at the September Missions Potluck for the Backpack Food Program.

**CADA, the Committee Against Domestic Abuse** in Blue Earth County, will be the recipient of the **freewill offering** at the **October potluck** on **October 2**.

The mission of CADA is to provide safety and support to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault through education, advocacy, and shelter. CADA's emergency shelter provides temporary shelter to victims of domestic violence, primarily from the Region 9 area. They can house 24 people at a time, and the average length of stay is two to three months.

As well as 24 hour crisis intervention, CADA provides emotional support, short and long term safety planning, assistance in securing emergency services, legal advocacy, systems advocacy, a parenting time center, community education, and information and referral. All services are free and confidential. CADA has served Southern MN for nearly 30 years, and has been in its current building on Stadium Court for 10 years.

One of Hilltop's own members, Heather Medd, is currently working as a Shelter Advocate at CADA.

Hilltop has frequently donated food to CADA. Individuals wishing to personally donate to CADA can find a full listing of needed items at <http://www.inspire-hope.org/>. Silverware, hair products for African Americans, alarm clocks, small coffee pots, and bath towel sets are among the needed items.

156 notebooks and 12 tubes/bottles of glues were donated to the Salvation Army.

We sent the following items to MMDC: 109 boxes of crayons, 57 scissors, 73 rulers, 125 erasers, 29 protractors, 15 sharpeners, 471 pens, and 1079 pencils.

We will serve the Salvation Army Noon Meal on October 9. This fall, we collected many school supplies for the Salvation Army locally, and for the Midwest Mission Distribution Center globally.

David and Shannon Goran are missionaries in Ukraine who took over for Pastor Fred and Stacy Vanderwerf. They will be speaking here in October, with the date and time yet to be determined. Please watch for further updates!

Other serving opportunities:

- Knit or crochet caps for the Salvation Army and for kids in Africa. The instruction sheets in the narthex make caps that are a nice size—not too teeny.
- Knit prayer shawls for Emma Norton ministries (instructions in the narthex.) There are lots of donated knitting needles and some yarn, too; take what-

ever you can use and drop off any extra supplies you don't need. (Watch garage sales and stores with yarn on "clearance!")

- Sew school bags for MMDC; there are kits in the narthex that are cut out and ready to sew, with instructions included.
- Help clear out the community garden plots and haul the leftover vegetation to the community compost site, tentatively scheduled for October 15. We can use a truck &/or trailer and some strong arms☺.
- Save Campbell's Labels for Education, Tyson Food Project A+ labels, and Box Tops for Education, all of which can raise money for Red Bird Mission. There is a container for collecting these.....you're right.....in the narthex!
- Donate items for CADA, the Committee Against Domestic Abuse. There is a container and up-to-date wish list.....in the narthex☺.
- Watch for good buys, and donate grocery items and sundries for the ECHO Food Shelf. The collected items from the box in the narthex will be dropped off periodically.
- Donate CD's, DVD's, ear plugs, and eye shades for napping. These are appreciated by patients undergoing chemo, who may want some entertainment or some peace and quiet during their treatments.
- Pick up a Hilltop Prayer Bear and give it to someone going through a difficult time.
- Prayerfully consider ways to raise money to help Hilltop meet or pledge for "Imagine No Malaria"—eradicate malaria

Missing: Book from our library titled "The Childs Book of Lullabies with paintings by Mary Cassatt"

Please feel free to borrow any books from our library, please remember to return them at your earliest convenience. This particular book was purchased and dedicated to Marj Blommel's brother.

If this book is found, please return it to Beverly Cox.



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**Operation Christmas Child –  
Collection week will be**

**Monday, November 14 through Monday, November 21,  
2011. Plastic boxes and packing  
information will be available later in October.**

Operation Christmas Child encourages children, families, churches, and groups to fill empty shoe boxes with toys, school supplies, hygiene items and a personal note.

**The power of a simple gift:** Operation Christmas Child shoe box gifts transcend all barriers—language, cultural, geographical, and political—to give hurting children joy and hope. Operation Christmas Child hopes to collect and deliver over 8 million personalized gift-filled shoe boxes this year to children in more than 90 countries suffering from natural disaster, war, terrorism, disease, famine and poverty. Since 1993, 46 million shoe box gifts have been hand delivered to needy children in more than 120 countries on six continents.



**Coming Soon.....**

**Christmas Festival 2011**

**Mark your calendar for December 3**

Our first Christmas festival planning meeting will be on Thursday, Oct. 13th from 6:30 –7:30 at the church.

Did you know that the word “festival” means an organized series of special events and performances. Since we are using that in the title of our event, then we need to get started with the “organizing “ of the event!

You ask how you can do that? Think about the following to get you started.

- What can I do with the talents that God has given me to help my ministry in both our own church walls but also beyond?
- Can I minister through these gifts by incorporating others into the activity and feel the grace of God through me?

If you achieved making one item over the summer or went together with others to do a project for the Festival, you have started the organization we need!

Remember we have approximately 90+ days yet to organize, produce and make this the best festival ever!!!!