

# THE VILLAGE NEWS

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR  
EVERYONE  
“MAY GOD BLESS YOU GREATLY”**

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
ANNUAL REPORTS  
January 30, 2011**

## **Events of Notice:**

**Team Ellenberger: 5<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm**

**Bible Study: 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> 1:00 & ^:30 pm**

**Karaoke Sing-A-Long: 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm**

**Council Installation: 9<sup>th</sup> During Morning Service**

**Council Mtg.: 9<sup>th</sup> 12 noon**

**Safe Church Classes: 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm**

**Euchre Night: 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**

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# **MISSION TEAM NEWS**

## **School 88 Family**

Our School 88 Family had a wonderful Christmas, THANKS to your generosity. They were thrilled with the clothes and toys. Throughout the year we will be asking you to look into your hearts and share your gifts with this family as only you can.

***THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR YOUR RESPONSE.***

### **"OLD CARDS FOR NEW"**

IN THE GATHERING ROOM YOU WILL FIND A BOX FOR YOU TO PLACE THE FRONTS OF CHRISTMAS CARDS, OLD OR NEW. WE WILL BE SENDING THEM TO ST. JUDES CHILDREN HOSPITAL WHERE THEY TAKE: "THE OLD AND MAKE IT NEW AGAIN"-{DO YOU SUPPOSE THEY COULD THAT FOR US???" LOL.}

***The following are the offerings we be collecting this year:***

#### ***Monthly Offerings***

<b><i>Month</i></b>	<b><i>Mission</i></b>
January_____	Crossroads
February_____	Emergency Fund
March_____	Mission trip to Harlan, KY.
April_____	<b>UCC</b> O.G.H.S. Focus 3 <sup>rd</sup> .
May_____	Horizon House
June_____	<b>UCC</b> Strengthen the Church Focus 12 <sup>th</sup> .
July_____	Mission trip to Harlan, KY.
August_____	The Emergency Fund.
September_____	Crossroads
October_____	<b>UCC</b> N.I.N. Focus 2 <sup>nd</sup> .
November_____	The Emergency Fund.
December_____	<b>UCC</b> Christmas Fund focus 18 <sup>th</sup> .

#### ***Annual Offerings***

<b><i>Month</i></b>	<b><i>Mission</i></b>
May_____	Backpacks for Homeless
June_____	Backpacks for Homeless
July_____	School Supplies
August_____	School Supplies
November_____	School 88 Family Christmas
December_____	Samaritans Purse

#### ***Church Special Offerings***

<b><i>Month</i></b>	<b><i>Mission</i></b>
Easter Envelops_____	I.C.A.N.
Christmas Envelops_____	I.C.A.N.

## **Crossroads**

Simply put, Crossroad is a treatment provider for emotionally troubled children. Behind that simple description is a long list of therapy, education and family support services provided both to children who live on our campus and to those we work with in the community.

### **How children come to us:**

Children come to Crossroad through a variety of avenues. Some are referred by courts, mental health professionals, public service agencies, counselors and educators. Some come to us through and with their families.

## **Emergency Fund**

This is a fund that allows the church to help people who's friends or family in some way are associated to the church. The fund is managed by the pastor, moderator, vice moderator and the financial team.

## **Mission Trip to Harlan, KY.**

Our annual trip to help under privileged families in Harlan, Ky. We build handicap ramps, decks and stairs, re-roof houses and many other home repairs as needed. The work is coordinated with the Harlan County Community Action Partnership.

## **Horizon House**

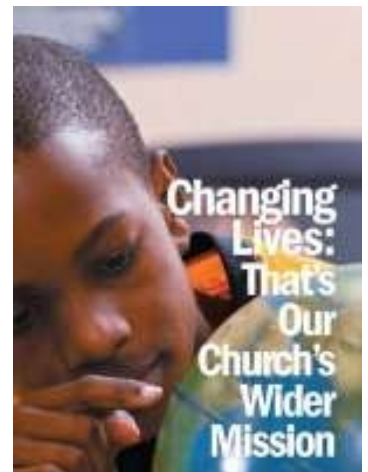
Horizon House is a multi-service day center empowering homeless neighbors to permanently end homelessness through a variety of professional and hospitable services. Each morning, our doors open to the over 1,500 homeless in Indianapolis—affirming each neighbor as a valuable community member, offering restored dignity and a hopeful future.

## **Irvington Churches Advocacy Network (ICAN)**

A cooperative effort sponsored by 10 local churches on the near east side, operates out of Emerson Avenue Baptist Church. ICAN centralizes relief efforts, so that pastors of the cooperating churches can direct requests for assistance to Emerson Avenue Baptist Church. Bridging theological differences has not been a problem: ICAN was conceived as a poverty relief effort, not an evangelization tool. If people seem interested in attending church, they are given a list of all the local congregations..

## **Our UCC Offerings**

**Our Church's Wider Mission** is the name we use to describe the work we do as the United Church of Christ beyond the local church—through our Conferences, national ministries, and UCC-related institutions. Our Church's Wider Mission is also the name we give to the financial support given by UCC members and congregations that makes this broader mission possible. Congregations are central to the ability of The United Church of Christ to do mission in local communities, within the United States and internationally. As a congregation works in its own community, it is a representative of the entire denomination and embodies the UCC in that place. And when a congregation determines it's giving to Our Church's Wider Mission,



there is a direct impact on levels of funding for the Conference and national ministries. Every local congregation has a responsibility to be aware of opportunities for local mission and to be knowledgeable about the work underway by its own Conference and by the national ministries.

Our Church's Wider Mission, often referred to simply as **OCWM**, has two parts: OCWM Basic Support and OCWM Special Support

### **Basic Support**

Our Church's Wider Mission Basic Support provides funding for the work of UCC Conferences and for the work of the UCC's national ministries. Each congregation decides how much of its members' financial support it will contribute to Our Church's Wider Mission Basic Support. Congregations send their OCWM gifts to the Conference. Each Conference decides what percentage of those gifts to keep for the work of that particular Conference, and what percentage it will send to the national setting of the UCC. Some of the National Basic Support money is used for ministries to Conferences, local churches and members, as well as for ecumenical, prophetic and missionary ministries on behalf of the UCC. Contributions from individuals to their congregations comprise the funds from which OCWM Basic Support is given to the Conferences and national ministries. Local churches can help individuals understand the mission and work of the denomination.

### **Special Support (Special Mission Offerings)**

Our Church's Wider Mission Special Support comprises gifts to the four Special Mission Offerings in the United Church of Christ, per capita dues, and gifts that are specially designated for the Conference, national setting or UCC-related institutions. By mandate of the General Synod, each local church receives promotional material for the four Special Mission Offerings:

☞ **One Great Hour of Sharing**: Giving Help, Hope and Life

Supports partners in more than 70 countries with ministries that fund development projects, feed the victims of famine, provide services for displaced people, and respond to natural disasters. These ministries are the responsibility of Wider Church Ministries, Global Sharing of Resources. Received annually on the fourth Sunday in Lent.

☞ **Strengthen the Church**: Faithfully Building the Body of Christ

Supports church growth and leadership development in the conferences and through the national offices of Local Church Ministries. Received annually on Pentecost Sunday.

☞ **Neighbors in Need**: Justice and Compassion Like a Mighty Stream

Supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States and Puerto Rico, including ministry carried out by the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM) and by the national offices of Justice and Witness Ministries. Received annually on World Communion Sunday, the first Sunday of October.

☞ **The Christmas Fund**: Remembering Those Who Serve Our Church

Provides financial aid to retired and active ministers and their surviving spouses and children who face overwhelming financial demands, a ministry carried out by the Pension Boards. Received annually on the Sunday before Christmas.

# Daily Lectionary - January

## **Sat., Jan. 1**

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13  
Psalm 8  
Revelation 21:1-6a  
Matthew 25:31-46

## **Sun., Jan. 2**

Jeremiah 31:7-14 *or*  
Sirach 24:1-12  
Psalm 147:12-20  
*or* Wisdom 10:15-21  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
John 1:1-18

## **Mon., Jan. 3**

Psalm 72  
Genesis 28:10-22  
Hebrews 11:13-22

## **Tues., Jan. 4**

Psalm 72  
Exodus 3:1-5  
Hebrews 11:23-31

## **Wed., Jan. 5**

Psalm 72  
Joshua 1:1-9  
Hebrews 11:32—12:2

## **Thurs., Jan. 6** *Epiphany*

Isaiah 60:1-6  
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14  
Ephesians 3:1-12  
Matthew 2:1-12

## **Fri., Jan. 7**

Psalm 72  
1 Kings 10:1-13  
Ephesians 3:14-21

## **Sat., Jan. 8**

Psalm 72  
1 Kings 10:14-25  
Ephesians 4:7, 11-16

## **Sun., Jan. 9**

Isaiah 42:1-9  
Psalm 29  
Acts 10:34-43  
Matthew 3:13-17

## **Mon., Jan. 10**

Psalm 89:5-37  
Genesis 35:1-15  
Acts 10:44-48

## **Tues., Jan. 11**

Psalm 89:5-37  
Jeremiah 1:4-10  
Acts 8:4-13

## **Wed., Jan. 12**

Psalm 89:5-37  
Isaiah 51:1-16  
Matthew 12:15-21

## **Thurs., Jan. 13**

Psalm 40:1-11  
Isaiah 22:15-25  
Galatians 1:6-12

## **Fri., Jan. 14**

Psalm 40:1-11  
Genesis 27:30-38  
Acts 1:1-5

## **Sat., Jan. 15**

Psalm 40:1-11  
1 Kings 19:19-21  
Luke 5:1-11

## **Sun., Jan. 16**

Isaiah 49:1-7  
Psalm 40:1-11  
1 Corinthians 1:1-9  
John 1:29-42

## **Mon., Jan 17**

Psalm 40:6-17  
Exodus 12:1-13, 21-28  
Acts 8:26-40

## **Tues., Jan. 18**

Psalm 40:6-17  
Isaiah 53:1-12  
Hebrews 10:1-4

## **Wed., Jan. 19**

Psalm 40:6-17  
Isaiah 48:12-21  
Matthew 9:14-17

## **Thurs., Jan. 20**

Psalm 27:1-6  
1 Samuel 1:1-20  
Galatians 1:11-24

## **Fri., Jan. 21**

Psalm 27:1-6  
1 Samuel 9:27—10:8  
Galatians 2:1-10

## **Sat., Jan. 22**

Psalm 27:1-6  
1 Samuel 15:34—16:13  
Luke 5:27-32

## **Sun., Jan. 23**

Isaiah 9:1-4  
Psalm 27:1, 4-9  
1 Corinthians 1:10-18  
Matthew 4:12-23

## **Mon., Jan. 24**

Psalm 27:7-14  
Judges 6:11-24  
Ephesians 5:6-14

## **Tues., Jan. 25**

Psalm 27:7-14  
Judges 7:12-22  
Philippians 2:12-18

## **Wed., Jan. 26**

Psalm 27:7-14  
Genesis 49:1-2, 8-13,  
21-26  
Luke 1:67-79

## **Thurs., Jan. 27**

Psalm 15  
Deuteronomy 16:18-20  
1 Peter 3:8-12

## **Fri., Jan. 28**

Psalm 15  
Deuteronomy 24:17—  
25:4  
1 Timothy 5:17-24

## **Sat., Jan. 29**

Psalm 15  
Micah 3:1-4  
John 13:31-35

## **Sun., Jan. 30**

Micah 6:1-8  
Psalm 15  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31  
Matthew 5:1-12

## **Mon., Jan. 31**

Psalm 37:1-17  
Ruth 1:1-18  
Philemon 1-25

## **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS TEAM**

Irv Herman, Team Leader, wishes to thank all the people who stepped up and did the extra work during the year, Terry Daniels, Mark Apply, Billie Snell, Kerry Barnard, and Bob Clark, as well as the regulars Norma & Bob Held, Marge Kendall and Dortha May. With all the help the building and the grounds have been kept in very good shape.

To all who helped goes a **BIG THANK YOU!**

For 2011 as we still do not have a Janitor there is a "Church Cleaning Schedule" posted for duties to be accomplished by volunteers. Please check to see what you can do.

## **EDUCATION TEAM**

Bob Clark will be our newest Sunday school teacher teaching the younger children. Cindy will be teaching the Jr. & Sr. high Classes.

Our **NEW Bible Study** classes for 2011 will start on January 6, at 1:00pm & 6:30 PM. Everyone reads the next reading at home and brings their own questions and or comments about it to class. Were we have open conversation not only about the scripture we are studying; we also apply the lessons to how we live our lives today. We will be continuing our studies in the Letters of Paul. Our classes are small so there is room for you to come and to add your thoughts to them.

## **YOUTH GROUP**

The youth and adults are looking forward to another great year of activities, summer camp, VBS and other fun stuff. They will also be performing a mission event each month. The next meeting is January 9.

## **KARAOKE SING A LONG**

We will be starting our Saturday Karaoke nights on January 8<sup>th</sup>. Come on out, bring a friend, and join us for fun singing to old favorites and new songs. The Youth are still providing concessions for the Karaoke Sing-Along as an ongoing fundraiser.

# FELLOWSHIP NEWS

HOPE ALL HAD A GREAT NEW YEAR CELEBRATION. RIGHT NOW, YOUR F-F-F- TEAM IS STARTING THE NEW YEAR WITH A PITCH-IN

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 30**  
**Pitch-in Lunch after the Annual Meeting.**

BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH, AND SHARE THE FELLOWSHIP, FUN, AND FRIENDSHIP WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY.

OUR CURENT PAPER DRIVE NEEDS ARE:

SMALL PAPER PLATES  
9 & 12 OZ COLD DRINK CUPS  
LARGE, STRONG STYROFOAM PLATES  
9 OZ COFFEE CUPS  
PLASTIC FORKS, KNIVES, AND SPOONS

THERE WILL BE EUCHRE THIS MONTH, JANUARY 28, AT 7 P.M. IF YOU HAVEN'T PLAYED WITH US; YOU HAVE DEFINITELY MISSED A NIGHT OF LAUGHTER AND FUN. BRING A SNACK AND SOMETHING TO DRINK.

THE BAZAAR QUESTIONS THAT PEOPLE TURNED IN TO THE COMMITTEE WILL BE PLACED IN THE FOLDER FOR THE NEW 2011 CHAIRPERSON. HOPEFULLY, IDEAS PRESENTED WILL HELP TO MAKE THE BAZAAR AN EVEN GREATER EVENT IN 2011.

OUR NEXT MEETING FOR FELLOWSHIP WILL BE ON FEBRUARY 20TH. ALL ARE INVITED TO COME AND HELP PLAN FUN ACTIVITIES FOR ALL OF THE CHURCH TO PARTICIPATE IN. SUGGESTED ALREADY WAS A WINTER HOUSE OF LIGHTS TOUR. WOULDN'T IT BE FUN FOLLOWED BY A "DOG " ROAST AND BIG BONFIRE???

I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A MEETING OF THE PRAYER PARTNERS FOLLOWING SUNDAY SCHOOL ON THE 20TH OF THE MONTH. I WILL HAVE UPDATED INFORMATION FOR THOSE HELPING OUT WITH THIS SEEDS WE ARE PLANTING TO GROW IN OUR FRIENDSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, AND COMPASSION FOR EACH OTHER. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A CALLER, PLEASE GIVE ME A CALL, OR JUST SHOW UP AT OUR MEETING.

**NO JESUS, NO PEACE ----- KNOW JESUS, KNOW PEACE!!!!**

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# WORSHIP TEAM

## Team Greeters for November

**Sun. Jan. 2**

Mission

**Sun., Jan. 9**

Fellowship

**Sun., Jan. 16**

Education

**Sun., Jan. 23**

Pastoral

**Sun. Jan. 30**

Communication

**"JUBILATION"** Choir practice is on Tuesday's at 7:00 pm. Come and join in the fun and praise the Lord with your voice. We will be getting ready soon for the Easter Season music.

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## SAFE CHURCH CLASSES

There will new and renewal classes offered on January 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> in the Gathering room at 7:00pm. If you wish to work with the youth or at risk persons within the church you must attend a class

## TEAM ELLENBERGER

**Next meeting Jan. 5, at 7:00pm.**

This is a list of current plans and projects.

**VISITATIONS:** Goal to improve our follow-up with visitors to the church. If you wish to help in this effort please contact Jody FitzGibbon.

**NEW WEB-PAGE:** We are creating a lower cost – higher quality web-page for the church, It is now online.

**CECL** <sup>SM</sup>. The team is now reviewing the presentation made in December.

**TESTAMONIES':** In person and or video testimonies' by EUCC people about the church and their walk with Christ. If you would be interested in doing this contact Jody FitzGibbon or Pastor Alan.

**JOB FAIR / RESUME WRITING CLASS:** Schedule for January 2011

**COMMUNITY VIDEO LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES:** Three 4 week video/discussion series open to the public at a cost of \$10.00 per person with a maximum charge of \$30.00 per. family. Scheduled to start in 2011.

**GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:** Tom Ott is exploring many different opportunities for grants to offset the church's cost for ministry and some building upgrades. Such as a new canopy from the parking lot, funds for a VBS program, even one or two grants to pass on to ICAN.

## **PARISH NEWS**

**Deanna Smith** (Doug Smith's mother) is still in hospital she was hoping to get out before Christmas. However, the doctors wanted her to stay so to build up her strength. Once the strength is up they will continue her treatments. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.

**Carol & Harold Phillips** are doing well both send their best wishes to all.

The **Yeary's** who are a foster care family had all the children in their care go back to the respective families before Christmas. Pray for the children and their families that all will go well for them. Pray also for the Yeary's that God will place more children in need of special loving with them soon.

**Jody FitzGibbon** is still pursuing her music song-writing ministry. Pray for God to work mighty in her work and life.

**Susan Trittipo** is healing after a fall at church. She will be back to church as soon as the weather allows for safe travel.

**Laure Reed** is recovering from a slight stroke (if there is such a thing). Laure has new instructions from her doctor to aid in her recovery. One good step she taking is that she is quitting smoking as of the first of the year.

**Helen Smith** is an example of what can happen if you follow all of the doctor's orders. She is well and doing great. Her doctor attributes it to her faithfully following directions. A lesson for all of us to learn, well done Helen once a teacher always a teacher.

A Special "**THANK YOU**" from your church family. To all the team leaders who served this past year. Your service is greatly appreciated.

### **Council Installation**

The new church council and team members will be installed during Sunday worship on January 9<sup>th</sup>. Please be there to show your support for their work.

### **Notice!!**

**Sunday, January 30, 2011**

**We will have our Annual Congregational Meeting.**

**All current team leaders will need to make a report.**

*(Submit copies of your reports to the church office by Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>.)*

**The meeting will be held downstairs, a Pitch-in Lunch is to follow.**

## **PRAYERS OF CONCERN AND THANKSGIVING**

Lois Barnard - Elizabeth Berry – Anna Biediger – Justin Blakeburn - Kristena Bradt – Kelly Brant - Sue Brewer – Tom Brown – Londa Cantrell - Chris Clark – Linda Collier - Kevin Cooksie - George Coons – Steve Creech – Ineta & Herb Cummings - Rita Cummins - Kristi Curtis – Terry Daniels - Michael FitzGibbon – Leah Gerber - Julie Gilbert – James Greer - Linda Griffin – Thomasine Hailey - Sue Honeycutt – Cody King -Lucille Lake – Ashley Lamb - Robert Lamb - Jim Lindsay – Mona May - The McIntosh Family – Sharon McClure - Cheryl McMorris - Mildred McMurray - Allen & Susie Meese - Doug Smith’s Family - Rev. Joan Mier - Lee Miers – Betty Miller – Phyllis Moore - Munoz Family – David Najor - M. J. Nice – James Oliver - Laure Reed – Reeves Family - Richardson Family – Rhoades Family – Cory Scott - Mike Sellers – Suesz Family - Heb Thompson - Susan Trittipio - Barbara & Roger Turner - Martha Umbenhower – Joyce White - Michelle White Family - Patrick White – Clynda White Family - Betty Wolf - Joan Wolfe & Family - Zion Wood – Janet Yonts - Our Troops. Pray for Peace. Pray for your eyes and ears to be open to God’s will for you and the church.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

**4 Kelly Daniels**  
**6 Robert H. Clark**  
**7 Kasie Oliphant**  
**8 Norma Held**  
**9 Marguerite Hensley**  
**11 Irv Herman**  
**11 Zachary Satterfield**  
**16 Jonathan Oliphant**  
**18 Tracey Voltz**  
**22 Sophie Reed**  
**23 Antoinette (Toni) Wall**  
**27 Ann Moriarty**  
**30 Cody Harris**

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

**19 Gene & Dee Ann Dibbern**

## **Pastor Alan's Alley**

**Greetings Sisters and Brothers in Christ.**

*Wishing you all a very **Happy New Year!***

*So how was it? Did you have Hope, Peace, Love and Joy filled Christmas and New Year celebrations? I hope so.*

*We should not embark on any major undertaking without invoking the blessings of God. Starting a new year is just such an undertaking. So won't you say this prayer with me as we start another new year at church?*

*Almighty and gracious God, we humbly come to you again as we start this New Year 2011. We would ask your blessing upon us and all we do this year. Grant us your wisdom to choose wisely in work we seek to do, the strength to do that work, the compassion to work with all your workers, the peace of mind to know you are leading us and to trust in you and your ways.*

*As we go forward from this time may our joy come from serving you by serving others. Place us where we can do your will. Fill our hearts with your love for all humankind. Let us see your world and those in it through your eyes.*

*Show us, teach us, and guide us that You may be glorified and your Son be held up as a light to all who see us. It is in His name we ask and in His Name we pray.*

*Amen.*

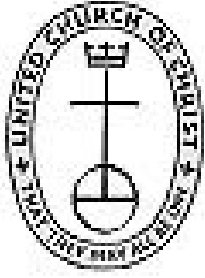
*We together we can and will accomplish much this year. Through the efforts of the people on Team Ellenberger and support they are receiving. I am again renewed in the possibilities of what this church is capable of achieving. I see in action what my heart and mind already knew, that we are people of God and sisters and brothers of Christ Jesus. We are willing to sacrifice what ever God asks of us to do the work Jesus has set before us.*

*Working hand in hand and side by side will allow us to succeed to our highest potential. It will take all of us, with a coordinated effort. All striving for the same goal, we will reach the level of growth spiritually and in the size that God would have us reach.*

*Ask God to fill your tanks with the same Hope, Peace, Love and Joy of advent in anticipation of what this New Year will bring. Get ready because we are on the move.*

**WE ARE THE CHURCH; PEOPLE DON'T NEED TO WAIT FOR ANOTHER.**

**Shalom Pastor Alan. ☺**



## ELLENBERGER UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

### VALUES:

We are a caring family where you can feel safe in the love of God and Jesus and each other.  
Our church is open to all and in friendliness; all are invited to participate in our worship, service to God and our activities.

### MISSION:

To spread the love of God and Jesus beyond the church's four walls, by putting our faith into action and using words when necessary.

### Vision:

To provide Christian ministry for all ages in the form of education, music, communication, fellowship and worship.

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### DID YOU MISS IT?

- **The Christmas Party?**
- **Caroling at Rosewalk?**
- **Christmas Eve Services?**

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