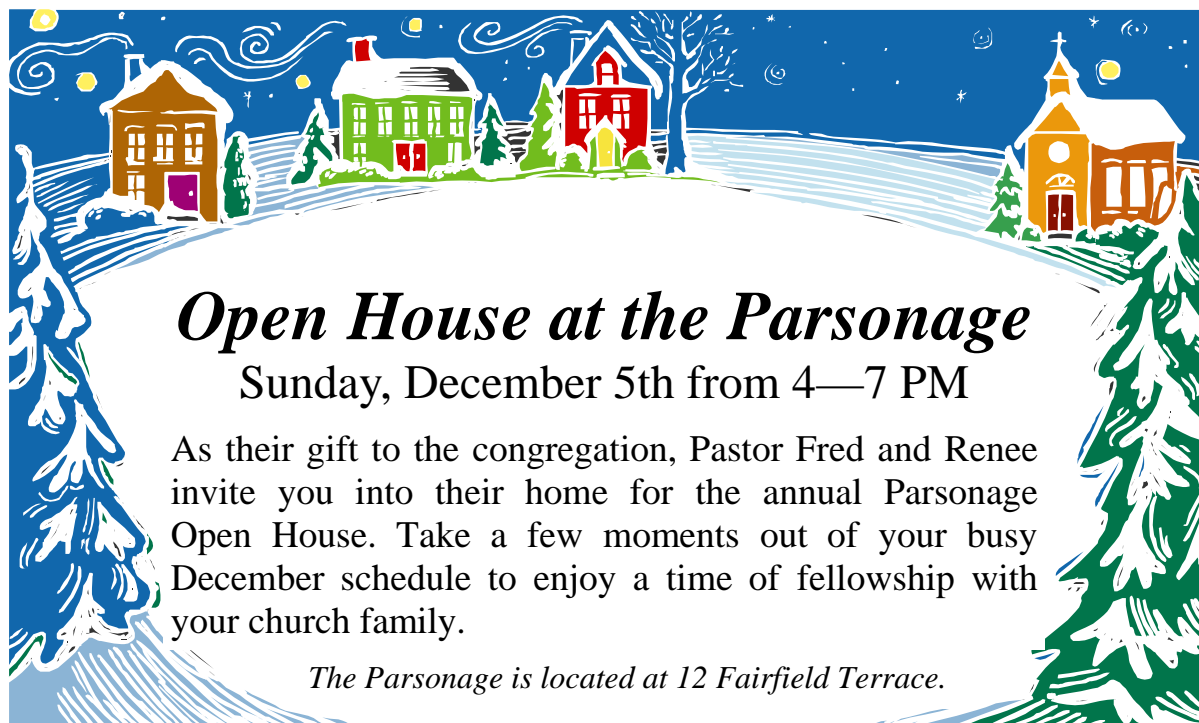


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Thank you Lord for:



## *Open House at the Parsonage*

Sunday, December 5th from 4—7 PM

As their gift to the congregation, Pastor Fred and Renee invite you into their home for the annual Parsonage Open House. Take a few moments out of your busy December schedule to enjoy a time of fellowship with your church family.

*The Parsonage is located at 12 Fairfield Terrace.*

THE COMMUNICATOR



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*"For we are God's  
 fellow workers;  
 you are God's  
 field, God's  
 building."  
 1 Corinthians 3:9*

### IN MINISTRY

Minister	Fred Carpenter
Interim Choir Director & Organist	Jamie Bryson
Admin. Asst.	Danya Sellers
Custodian	Glenda Shook
Nursery	Sharon Lutz
Nursery	Amy Dayton
Ushers	Angela Cathcart
	Melanie Hudson
	Sharla Turner
	Christine Worley
Acolyte	Malorie Hudson
Greeters	Charlie & Peggy Milroy

District Superintendent—Dr. John S. Boggs  
 Resident Bishop—Dr. Larry M. Goodpaster

The need for food in the Candler area is so severe, as our Christmas gift to the community, we will be collecting as much food as possible by **Sunday, Dec. 20th** for the Hominy Valley ABCCM.

### HOMINY VALLEY ABCCM Needs:

dry milk, jelly, sugar,  
 spaghetti & sauce,  
 jello, canned fruit,  
 beef stew, coffee,  
 instant potatoes,  
 dry cereal, cornmeal,  
 toilet paper, shampoo,  
 3.5 oz. toothpaste



**Please take items to the Lloyd Penley Room. Help us bless our neighbors here in Hominy Valley this Christmas!**



# Festival of Lights

Sunday,  
December 12th,  
~ 5:00 p.m.

The Adult Choir offers their Christmas Cantata

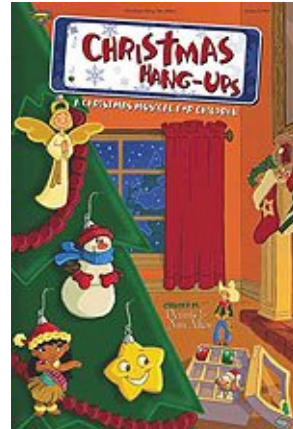
for 2010. A family enjoys their tradition of lighting the Advent Wreath on Christmas Eve. They share what each candle means. *Hope, Peace, Love, Joy & Christ.* This meaningful worship service offers beautiful Christmas Carols and the timeless story of Christ's Birth. The service will conclude as we illuminate the sanctuary with candlelight, celebrating the Father of Lights. Immediately following the service you are invited to enjoy our Church-wide Christmas Dinner. *Please invite your family and friends to join us for this special evening.*

# Christmas Eve

CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE 5pm

# Christmas Hang-Ups

*A Children's Christmas Musical*  
Sunday, December 19 ~ 5:00 p.m.



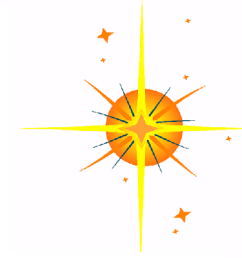
It's just before Christmas and the tree ornaments have been awakened from their yearly hibernation by the movement of their storage box. It's time! As they begin to prepare for

another season on the Watson's Christmas tree, they are greeted by a rather strange and "un-Christmassy" ornament. The "Christmassy" ornaments don't understand what she has to do with Christmas and give her a rather cool reception until another significant figure from the mantelpiece shows up to explain to all of them what Christmas is about and how they each have significance in God's amazing plan of redemption through His Son, Jesus.

This humorous and engaging story, features delightful songs and a solid salvation message that tells what Jesus' coming was all about, and reminds us that Christmas is truly a time to celebrate!

**Following the service, we will enjoy a fellowship meal, and a very special visitor. You won't want to miss this exciting event!**

# Return to Bethlehem



**A Journey of the Heart**  
Experience the exotic Bethlehem marketplace as it might have been on the day Jesus was born

**Groce United Methodist Church**  
954 Tunnel Road

**Thursday, December 9: 6—8:30 PM**  
**Friday, December 10: 6—8:30 PM**  
**Saturday, December 11: 2—8:30 PM**  
**Sunday, December 12: 2—6:00 PM**



# FROG Youth Christmas Card Delivery Service



Let our youth help you with your Christmas cards. Just stop by the FROG table in the Lloyd Penley Room and give them your Christmas cards for people in the church. They will deliver them for you. No need to address or stamp. Just a name will do. Cards will be distributed in a timely manner. Donations accepted. FROG Youth Fundraiser.



# HANDMADE ORNAMENTS

\$5 each. Remember your loved ones during this advent season by purchasing ornaments (handmade by the Tadpoles Class) in their memory or honor.



There are 5 different color choices & each ornament will be labeled with the year, your loved one's name & your name. Stop by the Tadpoles Class table in the Lloyd Penley Room to see samples & for order forms. **Last day to order-Dec. 19. Tadpole Fundraiser.**



# CHRISTMAS CARE PACKAGE ITEMS NEEDED

200 care packages are needed for homeless men at the Downtown Welcome Table. Needed items are: non-cotton socks, deodorant, razors, lip balm, tissues, lotion, etc. A collection box is in the Narthex. Monetary donations may be placed in the offering plate by Sunday, Dec. 12th.



# IN MEMORY OF Lloyd Penley

*CEMETERY FUND*  
by C. Richard Davis

*GENERAL FUND*  
by Tony & Kathy Brown  
by Louise Henson  
by Walter Russell

*CHOIR ROBES*  
by Michael Bogle  
by Elveta Earley  
by Mark & Carol Goodson  
by Roger & Anita Metcalf  
by Jerdie F. Simpson

# Our Deepest Sympathy and Christian love to...

the family of *Della Webster*  
Mother of Carol Dixon.

the family of *Ronald Penland*  
Brother of Glenda Shook.

the family of *Randy Lombard*  
Uncle of Jamie Bryson.



IN HONOR OF My Nana,  
Helen Argall  
*Hominy Valley ABCCM*  
by Her Granddaughter

IN MEMORY OF Bud Brown  
Ronald Penland  
Lloyd Penley  
Della Webster  
*Pastor's Discretionary Fund*  
by Dot Peebles

### Snip-it from Sandy:

I am a creative person. It's one of my strongest attributes and it is definitely a gift from God. I enjoy different painting techniques, making beaded jewelry and creating some trash to treasure items. Now, don't ask me to fold a fitted sheet or anything about the Civil War, because that would not be my strong point, so I try to stay away from things like that.

Earlier this year, I made my Mom a beautiful framed collage of family photos for her Birthday in August. I could not wait to give her this creation...so she got it in June! I was so proud of it and she just loved it!



Can you imagine the pride that God felt when he looked down and saw his creation, the baby Jesus take his first earthly breath? There he was, the world's most precious gift, lying there with 10 little fingers and 10 little toes. A perfect being that would become our Savior? What a feeling of fulfillment he must have had to see his master plan come to life.

I was brought up in church and I don't remember a time when I didn't pray or didn't know God. Still, I had not truly accepted the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ until I was 25 years old. Since that time, God has allowed me to witness others accepting Jesus into their heart for the first time. What a master plan he must have for all of us! What a creation!

I know it sounds so simple...too good to be true. But as God has given me the words to write this, I pray that you have accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior.

I DON'T CARE care what you have done wrong in this earthly life! I want you to know the true peace, forgiveness and acceptance that only JESUS can bring. If you don't...I pray that God's most precious creation takes hold of you and allows you to accept Him.

Happy Birthday Jesus! :) Sandy

If you do this, you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 4:7**

**Our Last Meeting** was held at the home of Cindy Crook. Cindy shared a wonderful devotion about **SISTERS**.



**Silly Inspiring Strong Talkative Encouraging Real Saved**

"Soul Sisters". **1 Samuel 18:1**. Friendship between Christian sisters is more than the world can offer. "It's not about being a good soul sister...It's about being good for your sister's soul." Thanks for sharing, Cindy!

Our 5th **Advent Tea** was a great success. Our many thanks to all our gracious hostesses, guest speaker-Carolyn Wright, talented pianist-Jamie Bryson and all the ladies who attended.

**Cantata Centerpieces**. Thank you to those who signed up to decorate a table for the Cantata. More decorators needed...Please see Melanie or Jamie.

**FIRST STEP FARM:** FAB Women support the First Step Women's Farm all through the year. If ANYONE would like to donate: small containers of laundry detergent, new or gently used clothing, please leave them in the FAB Room. We will be delivering Christmas Gift Baskets to the girls the week of December 5th. **Hey FAB Girls—Please don't forget to bring your 15 items for the Gift baskets by this Sunday!**

**NEXT MEETING:** This Friday, **December 3rd, 6pm** at the home of **Veronica Crook**. Don't forget to bring a **tasty dish** to share, a wrapped **Christmas ornament** for the ornament exchange and **your donation** to the **Pastor's Discretionary Fund!** **Be prepared for a fun night ladies!!! All Ladies are WELCOME!!!!**



### FROM THE PASTOR

**"The Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call his name Immanuel."** Isaiah 7:14

Have you ever wondered about the truth of Jesus being the Son of God? I guess every thinking person has at some time or other. In the Bible there are at least 60 prophecies from the Old Testament that scholars agree are fulfilled in the birth of Jesus.

A number of years ago, Peter W. Stoner and Robert C. Newman wrote a book entitled *Science*

*Speaks*. The book was based on the science of probability and vouched for by the American Scientific Affiliation. It set out the odds of any one man in all of history fulfilling even only eight of the 60 major prophecies fulfilled by the life of Christ.

The probability that Jesus of Nazareth could have fulfilled even eight such prophecies would be only 1 in 10<sup>17</sup>.

## That's 1 in 100, 000, 000, 000, 000, 000!

Stoner claims that that many silver dollars would be enough to cover the face of the entire state of Texas two feet deep. Stoner said that the probability of one man fulfilling just eight of these prophecies would be like a blindfolded man, heading out of Dallas by foot in any direction, on his very first attempt, to pick up one specifically marked silver dollar out of 100, 000, 000, 000, 000, 000?



United States Senate Chaplain Richard Halverson once wrote: "The fact is, the birth, crucifixion, and bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ are celebrated worldwide by folk of every race, language, and color, every year. And believing in Jesus, they have been delivered from the most evil, disastrous, frustrating, debilitating habits and life forms possible. The real problem with Jesus Christ is not that folk *can't* believe in Him--but that they *won't* believe in Him."

This is what Christmas is all about, believing in what seems impossible. What would happen if this Christmas season we all trust in the impossible, the impossible love that is present in Jesus, the impossible forgiveness that is available because he did the impossible and God became a man. What if, this year we all do the impossible and give our whole heart to Him. **"For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."** Luke 2:11

Love Fred



# DECEMBER 2010


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- 1 Glenda Faye Shook
- 2 Peggy Milroy
- 7 R.D. O'Donnell
- 10 Bill Moody
- 15 Doug Sluder
- 19 DeeAnn Henderson
- 21 Kathy Brown
- 21 Christopher Davis
- 25 Lily Deel
- 26 Joan Shuford
- 30 Brandi Turner

*Happy Anniversary to.....*

- 7 Dewey & Paula Davis
- 15 Dale & Shelly Cloud
- 28 Dick & Connie Greene
- 30 Walt & Arlyn Martin



**FRANCIS ASBURY UMC**  
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