

## OFFICIAL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS December 2012

Our General Fund expenses for November were \$5,180.20 more than our November income, and we have received only 95% of our projected income for 2012. It is hoped we will be at 100% of receipts by the end of December.

Our Building Fund giving for November was \$4,044.75. Memorial gifts were received in the amount of \$305.00. We also received a \$5,000.00 donation from the Christian Women's Fellowship to be applied directly to the principal of our Christian Life Center loan. The balance of our loan for the Christian Life Center as of November 2, 2012, was \$199,939.16.

Each year we receive a payment from the Board of Church Extension for the investments our members have with the Board. Our payment for 2012 was \$928.10.

The Elders are doing well, and they are continuing the work of the church.

Through the Christian Action and Community Service Committee, our church will donate \$100.00 to The Food Center for the month of December.

The Food Center is requesting peanut butter, hot and cold cereal, and large cans of fruit. Monetary gifts are always welcome.

As we start thinking about the "Souper Bowl" in February, 2013, The Food Center requests we bring in more chicken noodle and vegetable soup, and less tomato soup. Cream soups are also a favorite.

The Clothes Closet is asking for clothes and shoes for warmth, and full size blankets to keep people warm during the winter months.

There are many people who need our help! Please help where you can.

Remember to leave barcodes from Best Choice, Swanson, and Campbell's products in the Parlor kitchen; these are used to purchase items for the residents of Woodhaven in Columbia, Missouri.

The K-5<sup>th</sup> grade youth will present their Christmas Program on December 23 at the 10:40 Worship Service.

This year's Christmas project for the Christian Women's Fellowship is the Survival House.

Through the Membership and Evangelism Committee, our church ad in the upcoming phone book will be larger and more prominent.

Meals prepared by the Campbellite Ministries on the second Sunday of the month can be delivered to any of our members who are not able to come to the church to eat. If you would like to have a meal delivered, please call the church office (747-6815) prior to the second Sunday.

Our World Outreach giving for November was disbursed as follows:

BMF Disciples Mission Fund	\$ 630.00
Ozark Lakes Area	315.00
The Food Center	105.00
Special Thanksgiving Offering	<u>56.00</u>
Total Outreach Giving for November	\$1,106.00

Our church will give Christmas gifts to our staff members.

The “Cans for Cash” project that is sponsored by our Youth Groups has brought in an additional \$328.06 by recycling 638 pounds of aluminum cans. Since the project began in 2004, we have recycled 3480 pounds of aluminum for a total income of \$2,103.96 that has been applied to our loan for the Christian Life Center.

Thanks to Vyrdel Basye for her work as Wedding Coordinator over the past four years. Nancy Huff has agreed to take over this very important job.

During November our Youth Groups made items to sell to make money for the Catholic Charities family they are adopting to provide Christmas gifts.

On November 18 the Youth, along with parents, visited our members in the care centers, and some homebound members, to take cookies and warm wishes for Thanksgiving.

Our thanks to all who have helped make our church so beautiful for the Advent season, and thanks to those who participated in the Hanging of the Greens Service.

We held a Congregational Meeting on December 16 to present the Proposed Budget for 2013, and the congregation approved the Budget. We will present the Proposed Church Officers for 2013 at a meeting in January.

We will have our own Christmas Eve Service on Monday, December 24, at 6:00 p.m. We will have communion (by Intinction), and a candle light service to close. We will plan to dedicate our offering to the Transient Fund to help those in need.

Our January, 2013, Board Meeting will be held on the second Wednesday of the month to give our church secretary time to close our 2012 financial business prior to the meeting. We will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Parlor as we do the business of our church.

Donna Elliott, Board Secretary