

**GLENWOOD PARK  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
NEWSLETTER**

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Cell # (816) 509-5450  
9:00 a.m. - Praise service  
9:15 a.m. Coffee & Donuts  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11 a.m. Traditional Worship  
(nursery provided)**

**JANUARY 2010**

**IF ONLY**

If only I had the time,  
I'd do more to serve God's Son;  
But only if I take the time  
can any service be done.

If only I could sing,  
I'd sing praises of His Word;  
But only if I raise my voice,  
will my song of praise be heard.

If only I had a talent,  
I'd be more actively involved;  
But only if I test myself,  
will my talents be known at all.

If only's seem to cloud our judgments  
As to our courage, and our skills  
But only if we trust our faith,  
can we go forth and do His will.

by Sharon Crawford of Sumach UMC

So many times we find ourselves lamenting and saying, "If only I had more resources, more gifts, more time....if only someone would do such and such.....if only my church, my people or my pastor would.....However, we are only able to respond to God's call when we reverse the words and realize "If only I would take responsibility, learn how and get to work...Only if I give my gifts and offer my efforts....only if our church works on this together....only if we respond to God's call will things get done."

So many times we read the Bible looking for stories of God doing something dramatic only to find that Scripture of the story of God summoning us and waiting for us to do something dramatic on his behalf. At some point we have to stop asking God to do for us what God created us to do for God. Only if we feed the hungry will the hungry be fed. Only if we praise God will God's name be praised. Only if we invite people into the Spiritual life will God's invitation be offered. Only if we pray constantly, lead wisely, learn continuously, serve selflessly

and give generously will the purposes of Christ thrive in our community.

*The above poem and comments are excerpts from Bishop Schnase's article in the December 25, 2009 Missouri Conference Review.*



We hope you will start the New Year out with us enjoying fellowship breakfast from 7:30-10:00 a.m. on January 9<sup>th</sup>. All you can eat breakfast for \$5.50.

**“DIRECT HIT!”**

Rev. Sarah plans to have a four-week study of the book "Direct Hit!" written by Paul Borders. Dates for this study will be decided at the Planning Session Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>.

**2009 DONATIONS**

Anyone with receipts for miscellaneous 2009 Glenwood Park donations should turn them into Bev Campfield by January 10 so that your year end donation report can be finalized. Thank you.

**OUR MISSION**

To be a warm and caring Christian community that invites people to follow Jesus Christ, helps everyone to grow in faith, and encourages everyone to serve God and to serve others.

**Following-- Inviting--Growing--Serving**



Our Thoughts &  
Prayers  
are with...

Laura Baumgarden  
Loma Harleman  
BW & Jean Fowler  
Margaret Coffelt  
Bob Payton  
Helen Graves  
Harry Helgason  
Clayton Gray, Jr. son of  
Clayton & Jackie Gray

***Our deepest sympathy to . . .***

Family and friends of Emil Fermyn, who passed away Dec. 21.



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Happy New Year!

The UMW will meet Monday, Jan. 4 at 10:30 a.m. for a planning meeting. Also, our bylaws are in need of updating.

Our regular meeting will be Monday, Jan. 11 at 12:30 p.m. at the home of Mary Alice. We will celebrate January birthdays.

All women are invited to join the UMW. Anyone interested in joining the UMW may contact any of the Methodist women or call the church office at 254-5116.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy Wolfe, secretary



Glenwood Park's youth group would like to invite the congregation to a thank you reception on Sunday, January 10th, following the 11:00 worship service. The reception is to thank the congregation for their support during 2009.



A  
Note  
of  
Thanks

Thank you to Matt Beem, Kim Krouse, Sam Wimberley and John Richerson for sharing your talents in the traditional worship service during Advent.

Thank you to the youth for providing the Christmas card post office.

Thank you to everyone who has participated in Glenwood Park's ministry in 2009 as we look forward to more opportunities for outreach in 2010.

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and phone calls while Charles was in the hospital and since he has been back home. Prayers do help and we both appreciate your thoughtfulness.

May God Bless You,  
Charles and Marge Buckner

The youth's chili & soup-to-go was a great success. Thank you for your support in this fundraiser as well as the Christmas card post office. There are still cards to be picked up.

We thank you for the wonderful cards and the money you gave to us this Christmas and apologize for not getting cards out this year.

Wishing you a happy New Year,  
Rev. Sarah and family



## SOUPERBOWL SUNDAY

February 7 is Souper Bowl Sunday!! (Notice Souper not Super?) This is the Sunday our youth group asks you to stop and think about all those in our community who may not have something to eat as you possibly are going about planning a big party for the big game night. The youth are asking our congregation to bring donations of canned goods and/or \$1 to Sunday's service for this mission effort. They will be standing at the exits with soup pots to collect the donations. Food donations will be used to replenish Glenwood Park's pantry and any surplus will be given to North Rock Creek/Korte School's food pantry.



**FLAMINGO FLOCKS  
LAND IN  
INDEPENDENCE**

Flamingos in Independence? In January? You heard right. Glenwood Park's youth group is working with a flock of flamingos to raise money for their mission trip fund. Here is how it works: The flamingos are going to flock to a Glenwood Park member's yard in the near future. The flamingos will then migrate to another family's yard within 24 hours or they will be removed earlier if requested. Or the family upon whose yard they land can send the flock to another person's yard for a donation of \$10.00.

Don't want the flamingos stopping by for a visit? You can buy insurance to prevent their flocking to your yard for \$20.00. Have a friend or family member you would like to have the flamingos flock? Fill out the following form and give it along with your \$10.00 donation to Bev Campfield or one of the youth.

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**Flocking a Friend Order Form**

Name of Friend "Victim" to be Flocked:

\_\_\_\_\_

Friend's Physical Address:

\_\_\_\_\_

*Note: Flamingos are not allowed to flock on public property or apartment complexes.*

Special Instructions:

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you want your friend to know it was you who ordered the flamingo flocking? \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Info: \_\_\_\_\_

***Thank You For Your Support***

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**WEEKLY ATTENDANCE**

|       | SUNDAY SCHOOL |      | WORSHIP |      |
|-------|---------------|------|---------|------|
|       | 2008          | 2009 | 2008    | 2009 |
| 12/03 | 39            | 41   | 53      | 45   |
| 12/10 | 43            | 33   | 55      | 50   |
| 12/20 | 47            | 42   | 62      | 57   |
| 12/27 | 38            |      | 43      | 17   |
| Avg   | 39            |      | Avg     | 42   |

**THOSE WHO  
SERVE IN JANUARY**

**Jan. 3**

Greeter Kathy Johnson  
Ushers Matt Mallinson  
Danny Mallinson  
Acolytes Rachael Mallinson  
Nursery Kathy Mallinson  
Olivia Utley

**Jan. 10**

Greeters Wanda Roop  
Ushers Mike Zans  
Steve Wolfe  
Acolytes Mikayla Zans  
Nursery Amy Zans

**Jan. 17**

Greeters Jackie Gray  
Ushers Ken Campfield  
Nathan Campfield  
Acolytes Sam Wimberley  
Nursery Bev Campfield  
Briana Campfield

**Jan. 24**

Greeter Kathy Johnson  
Ushers Matt Mallinson  
Danny Mallinson  
Acolytes Rachael Mallinson  
Nursery Kathy Mallinson  
Olivia Utley

**Jan. 31**

Greeters Wanda Roop  
Ushers Mike Zans  
Steve Wolfe  
Acolytes Mikayla Zans  
Nursery Amy Zans

***Happy Birthday to . . . .***

01/01 Collins, Suzann  
01/03 Buckner, Charles  
01/04 Zans, Mike  
01/06 Coffelt, Margaret  
01/09 Fillpot, Cindy  
01/09 Jones, Bonnie  
01/10 Leslie, Harry  
01/12 Swank, Kris  
01/12 Umsted, Marilyn  
01/13 Baumgarden, Randy  
01/14 Johnson, Kathy  
01/26 Hampton, Myrna  
01/26 Mason, Edward  
01/26 Weston, Doug  
01/27 Johnson, Kristine  
01/30 Sharp, Erica

***Happy Anniversary to . . .***

01/17 Buckner, Charles & Marge  
01/20 Harleman, Virgil & Loma