

# The Circuit Writer

## Mt. Jackson United Methodist



### A Letter To Our Church Family

Dear Church Family,

As one who has been graced by a loving community and made family by many, my respect, admiration and deep love accompany the following description of my personal growth as a minister.

In my thirteenth year of unofficial & official service as a minister in the United Methodist Church, personal growth has led me towards saying yes to a calling of God, which not until now have I been prepared to answer. Evolving from a simple awareness to a deep conviction, my personal faith journey now involves the work of becoming an elementary school teacher. My wife and I, along with numerous others, are praying for the Lord to position each of us as elementary school teachers into a community setting, whereby we can be instrumental in developing long-term children, youth, and young adult ministries for a local church.

Every day is an opportunity to be defined by God and to define something for God! Having had the great privilege to serve communities as a pastor has been an awesome experience of being defined. In all of the clarity gained, a love for relationship ministries, a love for missions, and a love for being deeply committed to a community have surfaced. With each of these, God and self-awareness has led me to believe what God has for Beth and I, to apply our lives towards, requires our lives to be planted and committed for the remainder of our years. As relational people, you can imagine that 25 children, 7 hours a day, 5 days a week in a setting surrounded by a thousand other children, numerous parents, teachers, and administrators has become for us an exciting setting for being missionaries of God's love.

Yet, unfortunately, for us to realize this vision for ministry, one more transition must take place. We know how fortunate we are to have been received and loved so thoughtfully by the MJUMC and QUMC communities and we are not looking forward to repositioning the relationships we have grown to love up close and personal. Thankfully, we have another six months to avoid this reality and to enjoy serving Christ together.

Sincerely, Pastor Ken

### Notable Church Bulletin Bloopers: (not ours...)

"Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance."

### Oak Grove Baptist Church Sign Display:

"Wal-Mart is Not the Only Saving Place"

### Everything I Learned from Noah's Ark:

1. Don't miss the boat.
2. Remember that we are all in the same boat.
3. Plan ahead.

It wasn't raining when Noah built the Arc.

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### Happy January & Early February Birthdays!

- 1/2 Ken Dewitt
- 1/4 Brenda Driver
- 1/7 Rhea Jett
- 1/8 Teresa Ryan
- 1/10 Margaret Harris
- 1/11 Margaret Oden
- 1/16 James Clark
- 1/16 Rick Hassler
- 1/22 Dickie Hawkins
- 1/23 Tracey Swope
- 1/31 Pearl Clem
- 2/6 Jennifer Hackenbracht



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### Opportunity Awaits!

We are looking for a new newsletter coordinator to take over the "production" of our Circuit Writer in July 2011. If you have any interest in this position, please contact Bonnie Good (477-3143). Your prayerfull consideration of this important church ministry will be greatly appreciated by our congregation.



### UPDATES

Please fill in the form below with the birthdays and anniversaries for all your family members. Age and years are optional. Extra space on

back... Place in offering plate next Sunday you come. Thanks!

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

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary:

Who: \_\_\_\_\_

When: \_\_\_\_\_

# Years now: \_\_\_\_\_



### Church Calendar for



- 1/2 Sun. Epiphany Sunday, White/Gold**  
9:45 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Children/Youth SS  
11:00 AM Worship
- 1/3 Mon. 8:00 PM AA, Library
- 1/6 Thurs. 7:00 PM UMW
- 1/7 Fri. 8:00 PM AA, Library
- 1/9 Sun. Baptism of the Lord Sunday, Blue/Purple**  
9:45 AM Sunday School  
10:00AM Children/Youth SS  
11:00 AM Worship  
7:00 PM Trustees Meeting
- 1/10 Mon. 8:00 PM AA, Library
- 1/12 Wed. 7:00 PM Church Council
- 1/14 Fri. 8:00 PM AA, Library
- 1/16 Sun. 2nd Sunday After Epiphany, Green**  
9:45 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Youth/Children SS  
11:00 AM Worship
- 1/17 Mon. 8:00 PM AA, Library
- 1/19 Wed. 6:30 PM UMM
- 1/21 Fri. 8:00 PM AA, Library
- 1/23 Sun. 3rd Sunday After Epiphany, Green**  
9:45 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Youth/Children SS  
11:00 AM Worship
- 1/24 Mon. 8:00 PM AA, Library
- 1/28 Fri. 8:00 PM AA, Library
- 1/30 Sun. 4th Sunday After Epiphany, Green**  
9:45 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Youth/Children SS  
11:00 AM Worship
- 1/31 Mon. 8:00 PM AA, Library
- 2/4 Fri. 8:00 PM AA, Library
- 2/6 Sun. 5th Sunday After Epiphany, Green**  
9:45 AM Sunday School  
10:00 AM Youth/Children SS  
11:00 AM Worship
- 2/7 Mon. 8:00 PM AA, Library
- 2/11 Fri. 8:00 PM AA, Library