

The Circuit Writer

Mt. Jackson United Methodist Church



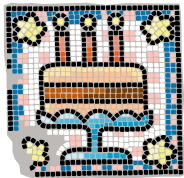
Our Newsletter is short in content this month, but filled with wishes for Christmas Blessings for All.



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*Thanks to all members, for the cards, phone calls, food and prayers while recovering from surgery—  
Pat Sperry*

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*Happy
December/January
Birthdays!*

- 12/10 Andrew Reynolds*
- 12/12 Doris Barb*
- 12/13 Carolyn Henry*
- 12/16 Tracey Hepler*
- 12/18 Brian Hepler*
- 12/19 Connie Hepler*
- 12/19 JW Good*
- 12/20 Katelyn Hackenbracht*
- 12/31 Lucas Ryan*

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### *Budget Update Thru November 2008*

MJUMC's '08 Budget \$86,152.12  
52 Sundays



|            | November Offering | Year-to-Date Offering |
|------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Actual     | \$7,814.15        | \$79,999.04           |
| Needed     | \$8,283.85        | \$79,524.96           |
| Difference | - \$ 469.70       | + \$474.08            |

\*For only two months this year have we met our monthly budget needs. We have kept ahead of the red because of one full-year gift in January. As of November, we have used up the surplus entirely. Please be considerate of your giving during the winter months of high heating and electricity costs.

Thank you,  
*Bonnie Good, Finance Chair*

### *Methodist Men's Message*



Mt. Jackson United Methodist Men enjoyed a ham dinner served by the Methodist Ladies on November 19th. We had 21 members attend our meeting. President Howard Hackenbracht opened the meeting, Pastor Ken gave the invocation, and after the meal Richard Orndorff had devotions from the *Upper Room*. Minutes were read by Secretary Ken Hackenbracht and the Treasurer's report was given by Doug Estep. Under new business, the following new officers were voted on to serve in 2009: 2nd VP, Howard Hackenbracht; 1st VP, Gary Driver; Secretary, Ken Hackenbracht; Treasurer, Doug Estep; and President, Steve Forster. For the program, Jack Sperry asked each member what kind of work they did when they were still going to school. Each had some kind of job. Most had to feed and milk a cow or two, take care of hogs, chickens and a garden. Some delivered newspapers, worked on farms, worked at feed stores, worked on an ice truck, or cut wood. Roland Walters said he would thin corn all day on Saturday, make 25 cents, go to a movie for a dime, get a hamburger for a dime and a coke for a nickel. Even our younger members had some work to do. I think all enjoyed the stories. Our next meeting will be in Social Hall on December 12th. This will be our annual Ladies night and the meal will be catered by Smith Creek Plain and Fancy.

*Jack Sperry, Reporter*

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The Youth (*Kids Own Worship* Sunday School Class) will be presenting a Live Nativity Program during Christmas Eve Service, at 5:30pm.



All children of the church are welcome to participate. Practices are held during Sunday School from 9:45am - 10:45 am from now until 12/21/08. Anyone interested in participating or assisting with the program may contact Sharon Clark for more information.