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PASTOR'S ARTICLE

What a glorious night we had on Sunday evening at the Candlelight and Carols Christmas program. The food was superb; the performers were outstanding; and the decorations set the mood for the Christmas spirit. The enthusiasm for the different type of Christmas music event was overwhelming and many people asked that this kind of Christmas program become a Crosby Methodist tradition. Words of appreciation go to the planning committee: Bob and Margie O'Brien, Gwen Moyle, Susanne Dullack, Skip and Gabby Greenwade, Carolyn Ulrickson, Amy Law, and Lynda Hyde. I also thank our youth who assisted on Sunday evening in the kitchen, handing out programs, handing out children's gift bags, and taking pictures: Sydney Lantz, William Glenn, Ashley Armstrong, Holly Benoit, and Cameron Glenn. I thank the chancel choir for participating as song leaders in the congregational sing-a-long. A special thanks goes to Wenona Harris, who somehow gathered the children, handed them bells, and got them to center stage for their stirring rendition of "Jingle Bells." Thanks to all who attended and made this evening a great joy.

Coming up in December is the kickoff for the children's mission project for the homeless. They will make "Blessing Bags," with a variety of items. If you would like to participate in donating items for this project, please find the list of things desired on the narthex credenza or call Wenona Harris at 281-328-2616.

This year Christmas eve is on Saturday. In a worship planning meeting in January, the paid staff and volunteers, who assist in worship, requested one Christmas eve service this year since they also will be assisting in the Sunday morning Christmas day worship service the next day. They wanted time to spend with their families on Christmas Eve evening. Due to the large attendance on Christmas eve, the committee knew the sanctuary could not accommodate 300-400 worshipers in one service. The committee decided for this one year, one Christmas eve service will be held in the Family Life Center at 5:30 pm and one Christmas day service will be in the sanctuary at 10:00 am on Sunday, December 25.

As we make our way once again to Bethlehem to celebrate Christ's first arrival into the world as our Savior, let us also anticipate Christ's second return as the King of kings and Lord of lords. May you feel in your heart and spirit the joy, hope, peace, and love that is the spirit of Christmas.

Grace to you all,
Dr. Gail

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

5:30 P.M.
Family Life
Center



If you purchased a poinsettia, the plant may be taken home following the service.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

10:00 a.m.
in the
Sanctuary



CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

The offering taken on Christmas Eve will once again be divided evenly between the Methodist Children's Home in Waco and the Methodist Mission Home in San Antonio. If you will not be able to attend the service on Christmas Eve, you may send a check to the church, with the notation "Christmas Offering" in the memo line.

Children's Mission Project

The Children of our Church and the After School Program are starting a Mission project. They will be making "Blessings Bags". These bags will be filled with items for the homeless. The bags will be available at the church for anyone to pick up at anytime. You keep the bags in your car and when you see a person in need, you hand them a bag instead of cash. We are asking for donations of the items that will be placed in the bag. The following is a list of items needed.

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| Peanut Butter Crackers | Granola Bars | Bottled Water |
| Wash Cloths | Combs | Razors |
| Hair Ties | Tooth Brushes | Cupped Fruit |
| Canned Meat (pop top lid) | Beef Jerky | Bags of Nuts |
| Socks | Zip Loc Bags (gallon and quart size) | |

The following items are needed in travel size. (If you travel, the items that are placed in the hotel rooms for your convenience work great too.)

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| Wet wipes | Hand Sanitizer | Shave Cream |
| Kleenex | Shampoo | Conditioner |
| Lotion | Soap | Toothpaste |
| Deodorant | Mouthwash | Hand Warmers |

This will be an ongoing project, so please feel free to drop off supplies anytime. There is a box located in the narthex, under the credenza, for you place these items.

If you have any questions please contact Wenona Harris at: children.ministry@crosbyumc.org or 281-328-2616.

TREE OF LIGHTS

Forms are now available in the narthex if you would like to purchase lights and/or doves for the Tree of Lights. All lights given prior to November 22nd will be listed on the announcement on November 27th. Only new lights will be listed after that date. A complete list will be included as a bulletin insert on Sunday, December 18th. **Deadline to purchase lights is Wednesday, December 14th.**



2012 FLOWER CALENDAR

If you would like to place flowers or plants on the altar in honor or in memory of a loved one, the 2012 flower calendar is now available and can be found on the stand at the back of the narthex. Please list who the flowers/plants are from and what you would like for the bulletin to read.



KITCHEN REMINDER

Please remember if you use items in the kitchen, that you wash, dry and put those items away. These things should not be left for someone else to clean and put away. Thank you.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

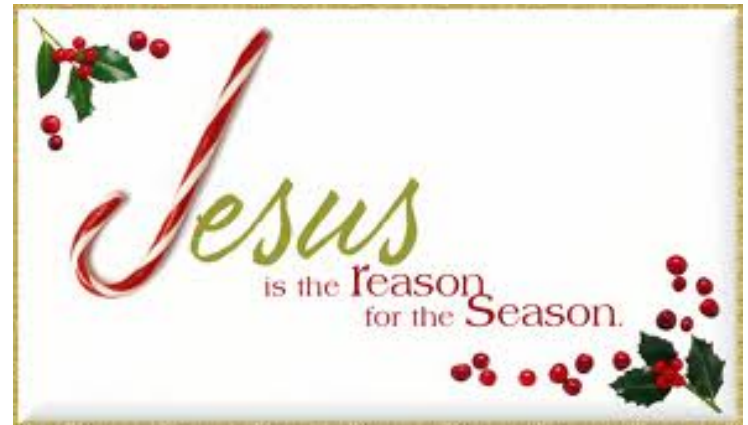
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| Needed weekly: | \$6,389.17 |
| Received November 27 th | \$3,506.00 |
| Received December 4 th | \$8,028.00 |

2011 YTD Giving Deficit \$29,076.82

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

| | Nov. 27 th | Dec. 4 th |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 8:30 a.m. | 55 | 62 |
| 10:45 a.m. | 61 | 61 |
| Hanging of the Greens | 73 | |
| Candlelight & Carols | 130 | |



PRAYER CONCERNS

Remember in our prayers: Carol Simonton, Sandra Arthur, Linda Featherston, Judy Bailey, Wilfred Brewer, Cheryl Omtvedt, Barbara Haltom, James Matthew Edwards, Jim Giles, Jan Cox, Kirstie Woodruff, JoAnn Hurley, Nell Kendrick, Richard Hyde, Angelee Selensky, Boyd & Bobbie Lamb, Robert Kutch, Sheryl Jamail, Loretta Shaw, Carolyn Holmes Carter, Jean Ellerbee, Gina Woodard, Stephanie Walker, Pearl Ricklefsen, George & Ruth Owen, Ruth Cubley, Metha Huettel.

Our military: Chris Buck, Jason Cox, Steven Cox, Natalie Ladner, Robert Tepera, Grant Lambe, Eric Perez, Tim Hanggee, James Hanggee, Daniel James, Reece Shepard, Justin Smith, Chris Neuendorff, Lucas Omtvedt

