

CROSSBEAMS

A Monthly Newsletter for Cheviot United Methodist Church

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PASTOR'S LETTER REV. CRAIG JONES

“GOD’S PEEPS!”

If you are a follower of Jesus Christ – you are one of His peeps! No, I’m not talking about those little marshmallow treats at Easter. I’m talking about one who “runs” with Jesus. One of His posse! Oh, I know, I’m using new terminology. But, if you are going to be up-to-date – you’ve got to use the new language to convey to the new generation what it is that you are talking about!

Once upon a time – peeps were baby chickens. Once upon a time – a posse was gathered by a sheriff so that they could go chase after the “*bad guys*.” But today – peeps and posse have a whole new meaning. To be a peep is to be one of your “group of friends.” The same goes for the word “posse.” In modern terminology – Jesus had twelve “peeps.” They were part of His “posse.”

Jesus wants you to be one of His “*peeps!*” He longs for you to be one of His “*posse!*”

Hear Jesus speak to you today: *“I command you to love each other in the same way that I love you. And here is how to measure it – the greatest love is shown when people lay down their lives for their friends. You are my friends (peeps/posse) if you obey me. I no longer call you servants, because a master doesn’t confide in his servants. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me.”* (John 15:12-15)

We are Jesus friends! His peeps! His posse! Think of that! The One who made the stars in the sky – the One who was born in a manger to a virgin named Mary – the One who died on the cross in your place and my place – the One who was raised on the third day to give us the promise of

eternal life – considers you and I His friends!

Michael Gungor and Israel Houghton have written a great song, entitled, “*Friend of God*.” Here’s how it goes:

*“Who am I that You are mindful of me? That you hear me when I call?
Is it true that You are thinking of me? How you love me, it’s amazing. It’s amazing.
I am a friend of God. I am a friend of God. I am a friend of God. He calls me friend.
I am a friend of God. I am a friend of God – He calls me friend.
God Almighty, Lord of glory, You have called me friend.”*

Isn’t that great! In this New Year – when you feel all alone – remember that you have a Friend! His name is Jesus Christ! His name is God!

My hope and prayer for you in this new year is that you can grow in your friendship with the One who calls you His friend! And that you will seek in every way to follow Him as the Lord of your life. Let Him “*call the shots*” in your life! Let Him be the Source of Life for you! Let Him lead you!

Then with the words of the song, *He Leadeth Me*, may you seek to be a faithful “*peep*” for Jesus:

*“He leadeth me, He leadeth me; By His own hand He leadeth me:
His faithful follower I would be, for by His hand He leadeth me.”*

God bless and may 2011 be your best year yet!

See you at the “*peep*” place this Sunday!

Craig

DEVOTIONAL ARTICLES

“THE POWER WITHIN”

Acts 1:8

God’s Spirit works in every believer. He does not limit Himself to pastors and missionaries. If you’ve received Jesus Christ as your personal Savior, then residing within you is the same great power that raised Christ from the dead (Romans 8:11). The Holy Spirit pours His energy into creating godly character in all who follow the Lord.

The fruit of the Spirit is so named because it is the character and conduct that the Holy Spirit produces in believers. These are qualities that we can’t generate consistently on our own. The most powerful message we can give isn’t a testimony or sermon; it is the life we live when the pressure is on, temptation is tremendous, or we are buried under an avalanche of problems.

What the world most needs to see in this modern culture is godly families loving one another, business people working with integrity and frugality, and young men and women who choose moral purity. In a word, the world needs to be exposed to believers who are obedient.

By showing peace instead of anxiety or practicing patience rather than speaking a sharp word, a Christian bears witness to the beauty of the gospel. We attract unbelievers to Christ through our words and deeds. They may turn down a doctrine, but they cannot ignore a righteous life.

The strongest gospel message does not come from a pulpit. The most powerful witness for Jesus Christ where you work, where you live, and where you relax is *you*. Submit to the Holy Spirit’s work, and He will produce a great harvest of spiritual fruit in your life.

In Touch, Dr. Charles Stanley, December 2010

“OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH GOD”

1Corinthians 12:4-11

I don’t know how some in today’s church got the false idea that the preacher is a servant and the folks in the pews are just members. No one is a bystander in God’s kingdom! All believers are in partnership with the Lord (2 Corinthians 6:1). He chose to work through mankind to accomplish the gospel mission on earth. To borrow a Biblical metaphor, we are the workers cultivating and harvesting His fields (Matthew 9:37-38).

God gave one or more spiritual gifts to every single believer to aid in the work for His kingdom. We each need this special “wiring” to carry out our unique role in His plan. He knits that spiritual gift into our personality and inborn talents to create a useful and effective servant. And just to be clear, there is no such thing as a non-gifted believer.

Believers are the Lord’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for the purpose of good works (Ephesians 2:10). Spiritual gifts are not our own abilities. The Holy Spirit manifests them through us. Remember, it is the sap running from the vine into the branches that produces fruit (John 15:5). In the same way, the Spirit lives and works through God’s followers to bring forth acts of service. The Lord’s power is behind it all. Think of that when you are tempted to shy away from God-given opportunities.

God’s awesome power is present in and available to every believer. The Holy Spirit equips us to obey the Lord in whatever He calls us to do. Don’t waste your life sitting in a pew! Get busy using that spiritual gift. The fields of this world are ripe for harvest (John 4:35).

In Touch, Dr. Charles Stanley, December 2010

ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEWS



Thanks to all the members and friends of Cheviot United Methodist Church for a GREAT, first-ever, Cheviot Christmas Celebration from the planning committee – Cathy Davis, Debbie Hauser, Cheryl Wilde, Mary Painter-Romanello and Amy Morand.

Cheviot Celebrates Christmas

in a big way. God provided the greeting card perfect scenario for the first ever Cheviot Christmas Celebration hosted by CUMC on Saturday, December 4th. Amid falling snow, smiling people and the sounds of music and laughter close to 200 people joined in the fun. Many of those people were CUMC members who were there to help. Some of them were serving goodies, some were welcoming our guests, some were snapping photos with Santa, some were creating beautiful Christmas music and some were making sure that the building was cleaned and straightened for worship the next day. What had been 10 months in planning came to be with clockwork precision and attention to detail. This was in large part due to the fantastic planning skills of the committee that I assembled – Cathy Davis, Debbie Hauser, Mary Painter-Romanello and Cheryl Wilde. Reporting back to these capable ladies were all the committee chairpersons and liaisons that took total ownership of entire parts of the event. Without the help of EVERYONE the event would not have happened so successfully. It was a joy to work with all of you and to continually hear “whatever it takes” and “we will make it happen”. And, not to be forgotten are all the members who prayed for this event and offered donations of finances and food and time. Your generosity was overwhelming.
Amy Morand

GREEN SHIRT BRIGADE

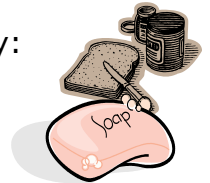
If you missed out on the green CUMC tee shirt orders and would like a shirt please check with Juanita in the church office. There are a few shirts still available for \$6 each – sizes S to XL. Look for more opportunities to wear them for church events in 2011. They would look great on all the workers at the Lenten meals and the annual rummage sale.

MONTHLY MISSION OFFERING – JANUARY 23

The *Monthly Mission Offering* in the month of January will go toward our *Needy Family Fund*. Your offerings will go to assist those who need help here in our community and in the life of our church family. This special offering will be received on the fourth Sunday of January, which is January 23, 2011.



Westfed needs for January:
Peanut Butter, Jelly, Bars
of Soap.



CHURCH LEADERS TO BE CONSECRATED

All of our church leaders of Cheviot United Methodist Church will be consecrated on Sunday, January 16, 2011. Our leadership includes the following committees: Administrative Council, Investment, Staff-Parish Relations, Trustees, Memorial, Lay Leadership and Finance. Our leadership also includes our work areas: Education, Evangelism, Nurture & Member Care, Local Mission Outreach, Volunteers in Mission, Traditional Worship, Contemporary Worship, and the Externally Focused Task Force. If you are a member of one of these groups – you are a leader! Come and share in this year’s “Leadership Sunday” as you are consecrated to serve the Lord and our church fellowship!

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COMMUNION SCHEDULE

JANUARY – JUNE, 2011

January 9
February 6
March 6
March 9 (Ash Wednesday)
April 3
April 21 (Maundy Thursday)
May 1
June 5

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

On Sunday, December 19 we received ten new members! We welcome these wonderful people into the life of our fellowship. Two new members *transferred* into our church from other United Methodist fellowships. Linda Gonzalez transferred from the Mt. Airy United Methodist Church. Ed Lunsford transferred from Price Hill United Methodist Church. Eight new members were received on *confession of faith*. These new members include: Tom and Kim Green, Gary Krebs, Paula Long, Dan Maret, and Paul, Jackie, and Jessie Wolf. Dan was also baptized. Welcome!

We're glad you are part of the family!

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who sent us cards for our 50th Wedding Anniversary. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Carl & Kathryn Grueninger

Thank you from the Outreach Committee

There were 38 Giving Tags taken and over 50 Education items received. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

PRAY FOR OUR




MILITARY

Charles New
Ryan Long
Jocelyn Padilla
Dustin Struckman

The following persons have been lifted in prayer. Please continue to pray for them.

† Dotty Meyer	† Paul Meiners
† Andy Mohr	† Shirley Chestnut
† Estelle Reisinger	† Dominic Francis
† Doug Caudill	† Ellie Zimmer
† Winnie Baldock	
† Charlie Edmisten	
† Karen Colon	

 Please notify the church office when you know of someone is ill or in the hospital. The Pastors would like to minister to them. Thank you.

Card Ministry

Do you know someone who could benefit from a card or note? Please contact **Carolyn St. John at 451-0535** or via email at cjstjohn@msn.com if you would like a card or note mailed on behalf of CUMC and our church

Contact Information for *Crossbeams*.

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Please be sure to state "Crossbeams" in the subject line of your email.



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(Lynn Krebs, Facility Coordinator)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

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| <i>1/1 Gail Jones</i> | <i>1/20 Todd Halusek</i> |
| <i>1/2 Evelyn Schuch
Nathaniel Black</i> | <i>1/21 Jim Wilde
Jeff Lueders</i> |
| <i>1/6 Sue Edmisten
Jan Mode
Mary Paff
Kyle Davis</i> | <i>1/23 Jack Sunday</i> |
| <i>1/7 Alyssa Engle</i> | <i>1/24 Craig Jones
Linda Specker
Juanita Woodburn</i> |
| <i>1/9 Tanner Hinds
Samantha Hinds</i> | <i>1/25 Zach Maurmeier</i> |
| <i>1/10 Ron Buermeier</i> | <i>1/26 Howard Boettcher
Jan Cummings
Steve Cooper</i> |
| <i>1/11 Josh Grogan</i> | <i>1/27 Linda Hartmann
Debbie Callahan
Sandy Hauser</i> |
| <i>1/12 Pete Wade
Amy Halusek</i> | <i>1/28 Estelle Reisinger
Ken Meiners</i> |
| <i>1/15 Peggy Bepler</i> | <i>1/30 Missy Wittich</i> |
| <i>1/16 Karen Ruberg</i> | <i>1/31 Myrna Scheurer
Pam Cutt</i> |
| <i>1/17 Ruthie Rogers</i> | |
| <i>1/18 Jack Paff</i> | |



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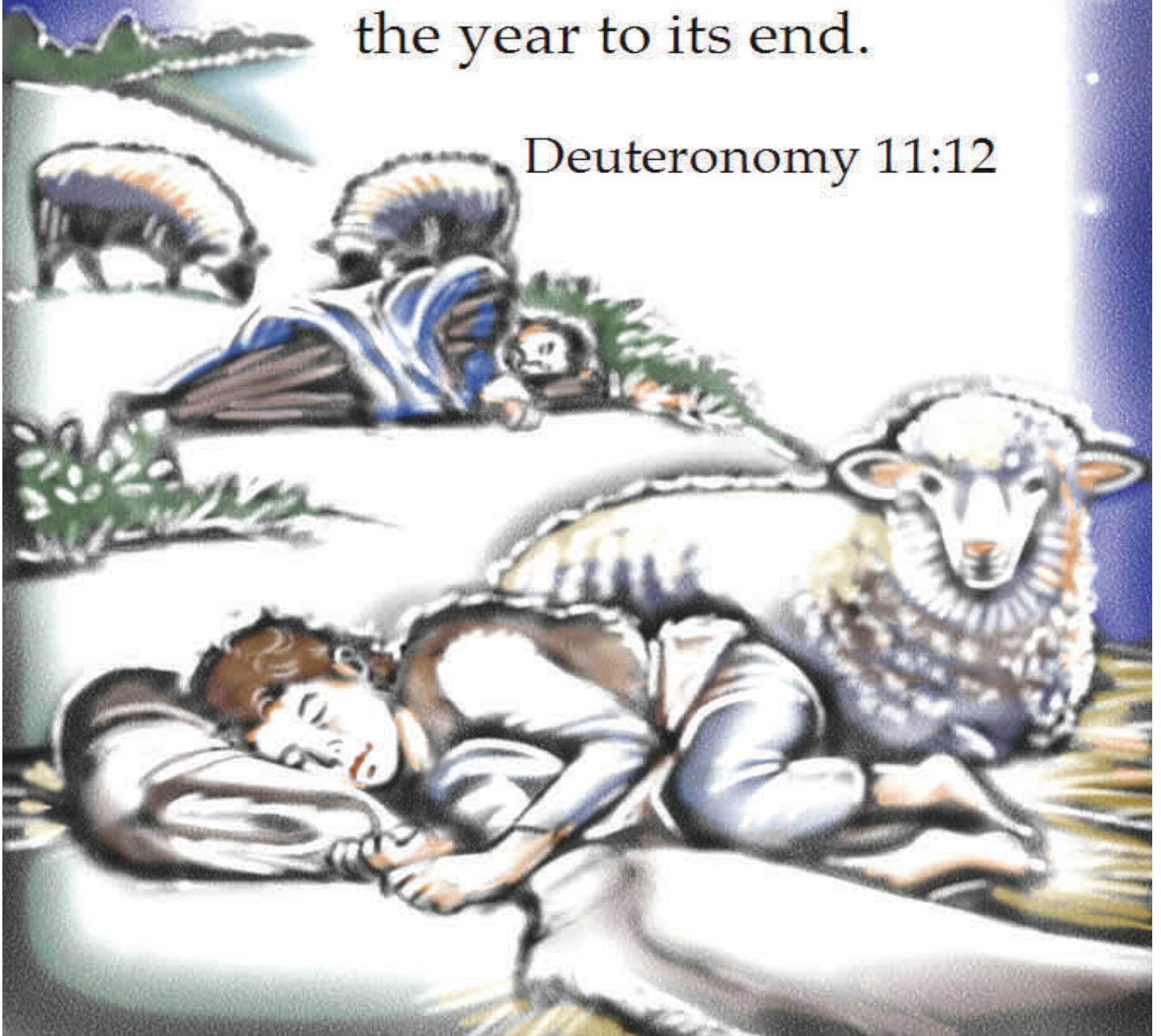
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| <i>1/3 Bill & Wilma Craig</i> |
| <i>1/6 Raymond & Linda Gonzales</i> |
| <i>1/30 Ralph & Bea Hall</i> |

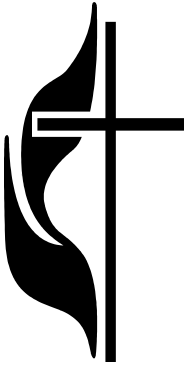
JANUARY 2011

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26 9:20 AM Traditional Wors. Svc. 10:20 AM Sunday School 11:10 AM Adult Bells 4:15 PM Youth Bells 4:45 PM Youth Choir 5:15 PM - 7:30 PM CUMYF Meeting	27 7:00 PM AD Council Mtg. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Mercy Group	28	29 10:00 AM Bible Study 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Senior Adult Yoga Class 7:00 PM Cherub Choir Practice 7:00 PM Choirs	30 7:00 PM Praise Team Practice	31	1 8:00 AM Men's Bible Study
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It is a land the LORD your
God cares for; the eyes of the
LORD your God are continually
on it from the beginning of
the year to its end.

Deuteronomy 11:12





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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:20 A.M.

Traditional Worship

10:20 A.M.

Sunday School (All Ages)

11:20 A.M.

Contemporary Worship



Pray for Peace



Worship with us!

"The mission of Cheviot United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ."

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