

God, you can now release  
your servant; release me  
in peace as you promised.  
With my own eyes I've  
seen your salvation.

Luke 2:29-30

# Jefferson United Methodist Church Weekly Newsletter

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Sunday, December 28, 2008

The Administrative Council will be meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 6 at 7 p.m. at church. All new members and officers as well as returning members of the council should plan to attend.

If you have questions, please speak with Joe Verbisk (chair) or Pastor Sarah.

Our Stewardship of Time and Resources (Dec. 21):

General Offering:  
\$1868.00

Christmas Flowers:  
\$266.50

Worship Attendance:  
57 Adults  
6 Youth  
13 Children  
76 TOTAL

## Many Thanks!

There are so many people who gave of their time and resources this Advent and Christmas! Thank you all for your generosity this holiday season. Here are just some of the special gifts we want to offer thanks for:

- Jackie Rufty and Debbie Backer for coordinating the pageant.
- Christy Quigley and all who provided for the reception after the pageant.
- All who came to help set up and take down the pageant sets.
- The kids, youth and adults who took part in the pageant or supported those who did.
- Eleanor Ott for providing music for our pageant.
- Sara Weitzel for play-

ing for our candle-light service.

- Nikole Sheridan for coordinating our caroling to shut-ins—and all who came to join us for that.
- Doris Brown, Carolyn Scarborough and all who helped with flowers and decorations for Christmas
- The countless others who helped our congregation reach out during this holiday season!



We are in the process of combining our monthly newsletter and weekly insert into a weekly newsletter. We hope that most of you will be able to receive it via e-mail and look at it online or print it yourself. If you cannot, printed copies will be available at church. If someone cannot receive it by either of these two methods, we will make sure they receive it via regular mail. Please help us reduce our printing and postage expenses by signing up to receive it via e-mail at <http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/jeffersonumc>.

Also, please begin sending all information for the weekly newsletter to Pastor Sarah so it can be included.

Watch for more information!

## Upcoming Worship Schedule

Sunday, December 28:  
1st Sunday after Christmas  
**Luke 2:22-40**  
*From the very beginning, people recognized that Jesus was sent by God—we are called to recognize God in our lives as well.*

Sunday, January 4:  
2nd Sunday after Christmas  
**Matthew 2:1-12**  
*Like the wise men, we seek out the Messiah in our lives.*  
•Communion celebrated

Sunday, January 11:  
Baptism of the Lord  
**Mark 1:4-11**  
*Baptism/Reaffirmation of our Baptisms*

**CORRECTION:** Last week's insert listing poinsettias should have included four given by Jo and Donnie Dawson in memory of: Shelly Dawson, Mildred Dawson, Joshua Kersh and Joseph Morris.

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The Old Year has gone. Let the dead past bury its own dead. The New Year has taken possession of the clock of time. All hail the duties and possibilities of the coming twelve months!

Edward Payson Powell

## Worship Helpers

### Sunday, December 28

Acolyte: Tyler Shuck  
Greeters and Ushers: Randy Yeary & Eric Arnold  
Lay Reader: Chris Schlieckert

### Sunday, January 4

Acolyte: Connor Kelley  
Greeters and Ushers: Randy Yeary & Eric Arnold  
Lay Reader: Nikole Sheridan

### Sunday, January 11

Acolyte:  
Greeters and Ushers: The Scarboroughs  
Lay Reader: Carolyn Scarborough

### Sunday, January 18

Acolyte:  
Greeters : David and Carol Waple  
Ushers: Eric Arnold and Volunteer  
Lay Reader: Eric Hoffmaster

Guest Preacher for 1/25 & 2/1: Pastor Michael Bynum

## A Note from Helen Seek

That was such a nice time the JUMC group gave me yesterday, though I'm thinking I loved seeing old friends even more than the Christmas songs. Of course, there was a little confusion in my mind. I marveled that Bob Dinsmore looked even younger than when I saw him last; and why wasn't Charlotte with him. Turned out to be Bob, Junior, and his new wife with him, rather than his parents. And so many new members, it would be like starting all

over again for me.

The present is on its easel in the west window for the light to shine through, like stained glass. The sea shell that was a present long ago from JUMC still hangs in another west window. I've forgotten the story that goes with it. That's what happens when you enter Old Age.

And the cookies!!! What a nice tin-ful. I had one then; this morning I thought I would have a second one. Between the time I ate the first one,

and this morning when I reached for the second, something had happened! Obviously my family had been on the point of starvation for cookies because there were just a few on the bottom of the contained. Thank goodness they were there for them.

So a very hearty thank-you for all you did for me and a very Merry Christmas from the Seeks to Jefferson United Methodist Church.

Helen

## Grow in Discipleship

### Youth Group

Regular meeting on Sunday, Jan. 11 at 5:30 p.m. at church. Dinner provided by the Kelleys.

### Children's Church

Is held each Sunday morning during the 9 a.m. worship service. Contact Jackie Rufty (301-473-9322) for more information.

### United Methodist Men

Will meet Sat. 1/10 at 8 a.m. for their prayer

breakfast, and Monday, 1/26 at 7:30 p.m. for their business meeting.

### United Methodist Women

Thanks to everyone who donated items and/or helped serve at the Ruritan this past Wednesday!

### Adult Bible Class

Meets in the fellowship hall immediately after worship. Led by Randy Yeary.

### Faith Topics Class

Will not be meeting today.

In the new year, we will be discussing issues around war and religion.

### 2009 Giving Envelopes

....are available in the sanctuary entry at church. Please pick up a complete box of envelopes AND be sure to record your name and box number on the sign up sheet next to the boxes.



## Prayer List

Please help us keep this list updated by letting the pastor know when names can be removed, and by e-mailing or writing out names for the pastor so names are spelled correctly.

### Prayers for Healing:

Jason Barr  
Richard Bartholomew  
Jean Brown  
Rev. LaMar Carlson  
Mildred Campisi  
Michael Carr  
Cindy Coelho-Harner  
Carolyn Gardiner  
Thelma Grams  
Janice Marshall  
Emily Cassell Mass

Cora Munday  
Tracey (Burgee) Painter  
Laura Reed  
Helen Rimes  
Tyler Shuck  
Beulah Shrewsberry  
Julie Waple

Joe Long  
Don Plunkard  
Helen Seek  
Reba and John Wright

### Birthdays this week:

23 - Dolores Breedon  
24 - Virginia Huffer  
25 - George Hoffman  
27 - Vicki Barden  
28 - Ryan Sample

### Our Shut-Ins:

Betty Gibbons  
George and Lucille Hoffman  
Ginny Huffer