

# January HighSpire

Towson United Methodist Church's mission is to proclaim the Word of God and to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Faithful discipleship includes celebration, connection, development, service, and sharing.

Towson UMC's Monthly Newsletter  
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Pictures from December at Towson United Methodist Church. (from left, clockwise) Children and Worship, for ages 4-1<sup>st</sup> grade Sunday mornings, Room 314; Baptism, sharing the responsibility with the congregation; *The Christmas Guest*, looking for Jesus; Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, the Choral Prelude.



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## From the Senior Pastor



David Cooney

Dear Friends,

We are putting the finishing touches on our plans for Christmas services and I am very excited. By the time you read this the services will probably be over and I hope you are sharing some of my excitement.

My excitement is not because we are planning something very different or that the services will be far better than in past years. My excitement comes from the season itself. I love singing the Christmas carols, and plenty of singing is planned. I never tire of hearing the Christmas story as told in the gospels. The familiar words feel fresh every year. I love seeing extended families gathered for worship. Many families are spread out across the country, and Christmas may be the only time all year they see each other. I love that I have the privilege of proclaiming the good news of Christ's birth. I am cognizant of the fact that an angel was able to tell the shepherds. I get to tell you. It doesn't make me an angel, but it makes me feel blessed.

In some ways it is difficult, telling a story already known by all. How does one make old news new news? Still, hearing the truth that God Almighty actually chose to come and live among us that we might know God's love and have salvation never really gets old. It is a message we need to tell and hear on a daily basis. No matter how it is said, the message is constant. Joy to the world, the Lord is come.

As the year comes to a close, I have a few words of thanks to share. You are aware that over the summer we entered into a very difficult financial time with the very possible prospect of ending the year far below budget. You were challenged to prevent that from happening, and you responded. Exact numbers will not be available to us for several more weeks, but we are in a far, far better position now and fully expect to end the year with all of our bills paid. Thank you for your generous response to the need. Additionally, the total of our financial commitments for 2011 are substantially higher than those for 2010. Thank you, again, for your generous response to the *Baskets of Blessings* campaign. Our financial future looks solid.

I also want to extend a word of thanks to the many officers whose terms end this year. Many of our committees have a three- or four-year term limit, and each year, a third of the committee members end their term and new persons take their places. There is no public recognition for their service, and there are too many to name in this letter. These people serve the Lord and our church quietly and faithfully, and I am grateful for each and every one. The Lay Leadership Report for 2011 is included in this newsletter on pages 8-10. Hold onto it. You can see who is serving in each area and to whom you might speak if you have suggestions or ideas.

Christmas Day is December 25. The season of Christmas, though, lasts twelve days. I pray you will be filled with excitement and hope throughout the season and the days beyond. Have a merry and blessed Christmas.

*David*

## From the Associate Pastor



Mary Jo Sims

Dear Brothers & Sisters  
in Christ,

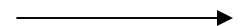
Every once in a while, one comes across something that speaks so poignantly to one's heart and spirit that she or he feels compelled to share it with others. Such is the article on the following page, which was published in the November/December edition of *Interpreter*, the United Methodist periodical with the mission "to inform, inspire, and engage UM lay leaders and clergy as they carry out their mission for Jesus Christ." *Interpreter* is the official ministry magazine of The United Methodist Church.

This article, on page 3, was written in the "last thoughts" section of the magazine by the Rev. Larry Hollon, publisher of the *Interpreter*.

Blessings and peace during this  
Christmas season.

Your sister & servant in Christ,

*Mary Jo*



# In tragedy, a call to care and act

I watched silently as the child's breathing became more labored. It was frightening to me. Terrifying to his mother. Frustrating to the doctor and nurse standing in the diffused light of a tent clinic set up in the hot, dry rangelands known as the Ogaden in eastern Ethiopia.

Then the breathing stopped and the child lay there. Life gone.

One of my greatest fears in life is being present at the time of death. Perhaps it's a sign of my weakness of faith, yet there it is. I never feel more utterly helpless than when I'm present as life ebbs away. I want to do something. I want to rail against...what? Disease, God, nature, the injustice of it all?

I have been present at these moments in more places than I care to remember. With loved ones as close as my son Matthew and others whose names I didn't know but whose lives intersected with mine and whose deaths even now leave me feeling sad, anxious and frustrated.

In Cuba, Somalia, Cambodia, Ethiopia, their memories leave a mark. Mothers and fathers weeping. Brothers and sisters uncomprehending. Health care workers silently tending to final details and moving on to the living.

And then small wrapped bundles are lowered into the ground and covered with earth.



The Rev. Larry Hollon

Most, not all, of the people I remember died from poverty. Many were infants, the most vulnerable among us. Oh, there are plenty of very specific causes. Pneumonia, malaria, kidney malfunction, infection, malnutrition. But the real cause was that they happened to be born in places that lacked adequate food, medicine, clean water and health care. In a world of abundance, they were born in places without.

There are one billion living in these conditions today. *The Bottom Billion* [Cokesbury,



A gravedigger walks among dozens of fresh graves in the children's section of the Penga Penga Cemetery in Lubumbashi, Democratic Republic of Congo. Four of five children in the city of 3 million die before age 5 due to malaria.

[www.cokesbury.com](http://www.cokesbury.com), (800) 672-1789, [cokes\\_serv@cokesbury.com](mailto:cokes_serv@cokesbury.com)] is how author Paul Collier names them. But they are not a mass. They are a single child. One mother cradling an infant laboring to breathe.

And we who follow the Great Physician must remember them, for they are God's own children and God calls us to seek with them a life of meaning, purpose and hope. In God's embrace, we are neither helpless nor hopeless.

We live with a promise of abundant life. We share a creation that is generative and fruitful.

And it is as simple as this: If I follow Jesus, I must care and I must act.

— The Rev. Larry Hollon, general secretary, United Methodist Communications, Nashville, Tenn., and publisher, *Interpreter* magazine.

## The children do not have to die.

Imagine No Malaria is The United Methodist Church's initiative to raise \$75 million to eliminate malaria deaths and suffering in Africa by 2015. Through their gifts, United Methodists are continuing to be Jesus' healing hands among the children and adults who face death and suffering from malaria.

Malaria kills poor children. One child dies every 45 seconds from the preventable and treatable disease. Pregnant women are also especially vulnerable. In 2008, nearly 1 million people died. Ninety percent of the malaria deaths are in sub-Saharan Africa.

Malaria robs families of food when they must pay for treatment and travel to clinics.

Malaria is a chronic, debilitating illness for those who survive it.

Malaria is beatable. Imagine No Malaria will continue and expand the church's work in Africa through clinics and hospitals and the distribution of insecticide-treated bed nets. Imagine No Malaria will support a holistic approach:

- anti-malaria campaigns in schools;
- bed nets and other preventive measures;
- rapid diagnostic tests;
- research; and
- improved infrastructure to ease access to treatment.

Support Imagine No Malaria and learn more at [www.imagenomalaria.org](http://www.imagenomalaria.org) or call (866) 521-1179 or e-mail [INMinfo@umcom.org](mailto:INMinfo@umcom.org).

## Thank you!

### Board of Child Care Auxiliary THANK YOU

*The Membership Drive for the Board of Child Care Auxiliary is over and I am happy to report that it was very successful. I have 154 members, at \$2.00 each, and \$1,004.00 in gift money; a total of \$1,312.00. Thank you for your continued support. Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated.*

—Katherine Rigney,  
Keyperson for Towson UM Church

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### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES

*Many warm thank yous to all who packed, donated, and contributed monetarily to the Christmas Shoe Boxes for children around the world.*

*This is the world's largest Christmas project and this year's goal is to hand deliver more than eight (8) million boxes to hurting children worldwide by whatever means necessary—truck, boat, plane, donkey, dog sled, and camels—in more than 100 countries. You donated 127 boxes from TUMC for shipment to the distribution center in Charlotte, NC. For many children, this may be the first gift they have ever received.*

*Special thanks to: Cathy Rosellini for preparing the posters and bulletin and High Spire notices; Homer Barnes for setting up the tables each Sunday for Christmas Child box distribution and receiving; and Jeannine Neuen and the Sunday School children for their contributions and completion of several boxes.*

*Thank you for your caring and generosity. "Your gift of love may be the door God uses to open a child's heart to Jesus Christ," said by Franklin Graham, President of Samaritan's Purse.*

*P. S.—Start collecting your items for next year's boxes, and maybe we can top 127.*

—Nancy & John Ross

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### TOY DRIVE

*This year, we collected and delivered 137 new toys to the Homestead United Methodist Church in Baltimore. These were distributed at their party on Saturday, December 18. Many thanks to all our members and friends who donated the toys.*

—Pat Totzauer of the Outreach Committee

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*Thank you to the staff and congregation for your cards, phone calls, and food. Also your prayers while I was recovering from foot surgery.*

—Loren S. Todd

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*Much appreciation and gratitude for your prayers, cards, visits, phone calls, and personal greetings after my successful surgery.*

*Success happened through the eyes of God. The visits of David, Mary Jo, and Bill brought love and courage to me.*

*Thank you each and everyone.*

*May God bless you.*

—Bill Snyder

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### SOLDIER FAMILY ASSISTANCE CENTER DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY WALTER REED ARMY MEDICAL CENTER

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your generous donations to the Soldiers who have been wounded in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. It is extremely gratifying to see such an out-pouring of affection for these men and women who serve our country so bravely. And it's Americans like you who, by keeping in their hearts the well-being of those who have sacrificed so much, are tangibly assisting with their comfort and recuperation. Your efforts help make America what it is, a country that makes us all proud to be Americans.*

*Again, thank you for your generosity.*

—Stephen C. Maguire, Director  
Soldier Family Assistance Center

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### EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

*On behalf of the TUMC Emergency Food Pantry, I would like to graciously thank the students and staff of the St. Paul's School for Girls for the food drive they conducted for us. I had the pleasure of going to check out the food they sent and I was absolutely astounded at the sheer number of canned goods and non-perishables that were collected. The number was so great that we couldn't fit all the boxes inside our pantry and had to find an alternate spot to store them! (What a wonderful problem to have!)*

*You have truly blessed our church with your generosity and we are so grateful to you for ALL you have done to make those less fortunate feel cared for, well fed, and comfortable.*

—Val Wehrle

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HEIFER INTERNATIONAL  
THANK YOU FROM THE CHILDREN

*In October 2010, our church collected money to purchase animals that will provide a livelihood to families around the world through Heifer International. Our children in the Sunday School continued collecting and asked the congregation to put pennies in a large jar that was prominent on the 3rd floor of the church. Well, on December 18<sup>th</sup>, the count is in, and the children are thrilled... \$287. The children decided they could buy a Llama, a Pig, and a Flock of Chickens!*

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

*My thanks to all of you for your prayers for my second book, "Stunned by Your Glory," that it would continue to bring glory to God.*

*My publishing company has given me the honor of including one of my poems in a new anthology they are putting together, entitled "Eber and Wein Publishing Best Poets of 2010." I am honored they want my work in their new book, but even more, I see this as a further opportunity to bring glory to God, and to share the message of His wonderful salvation with a wider reading audience. Please pray for His continued blessing on this.*

*I wanted to share this poem with all of you, my*

*church family. This poem is new and is not found in either of my books. I offer it with my thanks and appreciation to all who sing or play instruments to the glory of God.*

*—Grace and peace, Joyce Keedy*

PSALM OF PRAISE

O come to the sanctuary and worship the Lord,  
For His greatness and power, may His name be adored!  
Praise His name O ye heavens, come exalt Him again  
Till the whole earth resound with the wondrous refrain.  
Praise Him with trumpets and brilliance of brass,  
Praise Him with tambourines, with timbrel and dance.  
Harps, lyres, and strings add your soft flowing voice,  
Loud clashing cymbals crash forth to rejoice!  
Come pipe to His glory, ye silvery flutes,  
Add your sweet ancient voices, O psaltery and lutes.  
Sing forth with gladness, ye smooth suave trombones,  
Clarinetts, join His praise with your cool liquid tones.  
Praise the Lord, saxophones, so creamy and mellow,  
Deep robust tubas and rich vibrant cellos.  
Strong mighty organ, sing with full jubilation,  
Come praise ye the Lord, for He is our salvation!  
O ye heavens shout forth, O ye earth echo well  
Of the glories of God and His majesty tell.  
Join the dance of creation, Son-showered with grace,  
Let all things that breathe come together in praise!

## PATHWAYS Tutoring

Our PATHWAYS year will start strong with additional tutors and support personnel stepping up to make sure 2011 holds many opportunities for our students from Baltimore City and Baltimore County Schools. Career Days will begin, Enrichment Sessions will be folded into the mix, and new students will be added.

The Board of Directors would like to thank Kevin Gralley for his support over the past four years. He has been a voice of reason and always followed through on his various assignments and investigations on behalf of PATHWAYS. We will miss him!

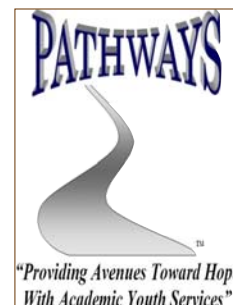
We had a wonderful Christmas Party for the students on December 21<sup>st</sup>. Crafts, computer games, board games, pizza, music, and goody bags rounded out the fun. Thank you to all who donated cookies and sweets to help make this a festive occasion.

All through my involvement with PATHWAYS there have been numerous times when God has provided whatever the program needed. It has gotten to the point that I just giggle at the amazing and unexpected ways God has solved a problem, soothed hurt feelings, or adjusted my own attitude when necessary!

I need to share a special realization I had this morning while looking over my tutor list of names. Among my list of names of tutors are two quite unusual names that caused me to giggle once again at God's sense of humor and timing. The newest tutors' first names are Blessing and Miracle. Really, I am not kidding! I have never in my life ever met anyone named Blessing or Miracle. Have you?

The PATHWAYS program is both a Blessing and a Miracle . . . enough said.

*— Stephanie Kimmons, Director*



## Scouting News



Our Cub Scouts continue to have fun as new members join. Our newest member is David Gaines who joins our Tiger Den (1<sup>st</sup> grade). David and Ian Coman have both recently earned their Bobcat badge.

Aidan Reimer earned a recruiter patch for telling David about and inviting him into the Pack. Matthew Georges finished his requirements for the Citizenship and Fitness activity pins as he prepares for bridging into the Boy Scout Troop early this Spring. During December's Pack meeting, the boys played marbles and were visited by Santa, who provided all with a Pinewood Derby car kit for the January Pinewood Derby. We have plans for plenty of fun and activities this year. Come join us at our monthly Pack meetings on the third Friday of the month in Fellowship Hall. Contact Beverly Mosley at 410-339-7129 or by e-mail at [gustav30@msn.com](mailto:gustav30@msn.com) if you have questions about Cub Scouts at our church.



The Boy Scout Troop practiced their cooking, orienteering, and geocaching skills during the November campout. The rest of the November and December meetings were spent on honing their knife, saw, and axe skills. Chris Iler was elected as the new Senior Patrol Leader and is joined by Tony Sheaffer as his assistant, and Tyler Baker, Chris Caudill, and Jack Iler as the Patrol Leaders. After elections, the Scouts took time in December to visit Washington, DC where they toured the Air & Space and Natural History museums before finishing at the National Christmas Tree and Boy Scout monument. During the annual steak cookout night, the Boy Scouts were also visited by Santa Scout, who handed out the 2010 Troop 102 Christmas ornament. All the Scouts and their newly elected leaders are looking forward to the January cabin camping trip. Troop 102 meets almost weekly all year on Friday nights. Contact Scoutmaster Steve Mosley at 410-339-7129 or by e-mail at [gustav30@msn.com](mailto:gustav30@msn.com) with any questions about Boy Scouts.

## News

### FRESH FRUIT — Sunday, January 2

Fresh fruit will be collected in the main lobby of our church before the worship services for Manna House, a Baltimore City soup kitchen.



### COMMUNION / MISSION OFFERING

Sunday, January 2  
League of Dreams

This month's "Moment on Mission" and Communion collection is for the **League of Dreams**, a nonprofit volunteer-based organization that provides baseball opportunities for disabled children. Our focus has been with children of Army personnel from Aberdeen Proving Grounds, children of civilian employees, and other youth who reside in the community. These children rarely have that simple pleasure that all children should have.

Recently, TUMC members have been working with the School Based programs of the League of Dreams at APG. Right after the holidays, we will be at the base volunteering with the men and women who have served our country, and in early spring, the School Based Program and Parks and Recreation baseball program will begin.

As League of Dreams, Inc. president Frank Kolarek, former Oakland As player, said, "We embrace all groups, including Special Olympics, wheelchair or hearing impaired individuals. It brings non-disabled kids and disabled kids together. This creates an opportunity

to interact, and they become teammates." Young and old alike can volunteer to help provide an opportunity for these children to play. The first time you see this organization or meet the children and their parents, you will understand the importance of play.

Their motto is "For every player who has a dream." The nonprofit organization exists because of donations and charity events. Please give generously and bring a smile to the face of a child in your own community and maybe even your own backyard.

To learn more about volunteering for League of Dreams, please contact Lu Ann Blackman at [theblackmanfamily@comcast.net](mailto:theblackmanfamily@comcast.net), Charlie Woodbury at [cew16@erols.com](mailto:cew16@erols.com) — or Vernon Sevier at [herc1@netbrain.com](mailto:herc1@netbrain.com).

To learn more about this organization, see their website, [www.leagueofdreams.org](http://www.leagueofdreams.org).



### VIM LITE

Our next VIM (Volunteers in Mission) Trip will be on the LITE side. We will be working at Mission Central Warehouse in Mechanicsburg, PA on **Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, January 19-21, 2011**. Work hours are 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Lodging will be at the Camp Hill United Methodist Church, which has showers and a kitchen available. The work will probably be packing supplies for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) disaster relief. You may work one, two, or all three days. Contact Jim Andrew at [jlandrew2@comcast.net](mailto:jlandrew2@comcast.net) to sign up or for more information. Visit [www.missioncentral.org](http://www.missioncentral.org) to learn more about the Warehouse.

## More News



**AN ACTC FUND RAISER**  
**Please join us for a High Tea**  
**Saturday, January 15, 2011**  
**TWO seating times: 11 AM or 1 PM**  
**at the Immaculate Conception**  
**Church Parish Hall**

**Adults, \$20.00... Children (5-10 years old) \$8.00**  
Reservations required; payment due by January 7.  
Proceeds will benefit The Assistance Center of Towson Churches (ACTC).  
Please send reservations and payment of cash or check (payable to Immaculate Conception Church) to:  
Immaculate Conception Church TEA, 200 Ware Ave.,  
Towson, MD 21204.  
Your name will appear on the reservation list at the door.



**WE ARE COLLECTING**  
**GENTLY USED—CLEAN—**  
**JACKETS ...for**  
**Margaret Brent Elementary/Middle**  
**School students**

As your kindergarten and older student grows out of jackets, or if you have jackets you no longer need, please bring them to church in a plastic bag and place near the Sharing Bins in the main lobby. If it needs minor repairs, place a note on the bag, and we'll make sure it gets fixed.



### TUMC WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

On a cold wintry day it is nice to curl up and read a book. Buy or borrow the selection for this month *Someone Knows My Name* by Lawrence Hill.

This is a beautifully written historical novel detailing the epic story of Aminata Diallo. As a child, she was taken from Africa and enslaved in South Carolina. She escapes during the Revolutionary War to the North and becomes a scribe for the British. The story of her life will hold your attention. **See you Sunday, January 30 at 4:30 PM in the Parlor** for the discussion.

Your contacts for the TUMC Women's Book Club are Marilyn Donoho, 410-825-0789, ronmardon@verizon.net —and— Carol Woodworth, 410-870-1728, carolwoodworth@comcast.net.



### WOMEN'S RETREAT—February 25-27

#### Greenwood Conference Center

If you haven't registered for February's women's retreat yet, pick up a registration form from any of the posters around the church building — or — go online to our church's website, [www.towsonumc.org](http://www.towsonumc.org), and open the PDF found on the homepage.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Every Wednesday from 10:30—11:30 in Room 214-216 we have a study that reviews the lessons heard the previous Sunday. Bring your version of the Bible. Rev. Bill Raker is the facilitator.



### VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2011

Shake it Up Café  
Where Kids Carry Out  
God's Recipe

The materials are ordered and on their way for this year's camp **July 25 – July 29, 2011**  
Check out this year's program on the web at <http://www.cokesburyvbs.com/shake-it-up-cafe>.



### UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONALS...

(in regular and large print) for January/February are available in the main lobby of the church on the devotions table under the stained glass display. The suggested donation is \$1.00.



### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

This vibrant outreach ministry has provided several hundred handmade shawls for persons in need of God's love and our prayers since its inception in the spring of 2007. Comments from some of the people who have received our shawls: "It was a wonderful comfort." "They bring so much comfort and warmth..."

We donate shawls to local hospitals for distribution to patients as well as make them available within the church for persons who wish to give a shawl to a loved one in need. Not only are the recipients blessed by these shawls, but also those who make them. Many who come to our meetings have shared their own personal stories of God at work in their lives. By allowing God to work through us, we too can make a difference in the lives of countless others. Please join us!

### How can you contribute to our Prayer Shawl Ministry?

We welcome all who are interested in participating in this ministry. No special skills are required - instruction in knitting and crocheting can be provided for novices. Gatherings are scheduled three times monthly for your convenience - the group meets on the **1st Wednesday and 3rd Tuesday from 6-8 PM in the church Parlor AND the 3rd Tuesday morning from 9-11 AM -- every month year-round.**

Contact: Susan Brown ([scbrown@boyslatinmd.com](mailto:scbrown@boyslatinmd.com)) and Carol Matlin (410-256-0657; [cmatlin@jhmi.edu](mailto:cmatlin@jhmi.edu)).

# 2010 Lay Leadership Report

## Introducing Members of Towson United Methodist Church Who Agreed to Volunteer to Serve the Church in 2011

*THANK YOU!*

### ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

#### ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD BY OFFICE

<p><b>Chair:</b> Robert Kimmons (2011)          Secretary: Libby Rogers (2013)          Chair of Stewardship: Dale Springer          Chair of Property and Maintenance: Bill Snyder          Chair of Child Development Center: Diane Crider          Chair of Education Work Area: Carolyn Schnur          Chair of Senior Adult Council: Alice Snyder          Chair of Guest Relations: Armilda Beard          Lay Members: Eleanor Brown (2012), Craig Little (2012)</p>	<p>Vice-chair: Nancy Klueh (2012)          Chair of Finance: Stephen Rogers (2014)          President of Trustees: Earl Smith          Chair of Staff-Parish Relations: Tom Cummings          Chair of United Methodist Women: Eleanor Brown          Chair of Mission Work Area: Carole Dean, Dwight Kines          Chair of Worship: Dave Morris          Lay Leaders: Sue Gralley (2012), Dave Garman (2014)          Alternate Lay Member: Peggy Smith (2012)</p>
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#### Members-at-Large

<u>Class of 2011</u>				
Steve Bauer	Paul Bernhardt	Michelle Cline	Kim Connolly	
Megan Connolly	Mary Wynne Eisenberg	James Eustace	Erin Giudice	
Kathy King	Dot Refo	Ryan Wagner		
<u>Class of 2012</u>				
Jay Blackman	Tyler Brewer	Penny Carlo	Andy Engel	
John Engel	Kevin Gralley	Verna Lewis	Judy Meinhart	
Debby Maciolek	Linda Rollman	Donna Russell	Brett Turlington	
<u>Class of 2013</u>				
Doug Barnes	Bill Corun	Jack Deuber	Shirley Derksen	Tara Fritz
Dan Gauer	Sue Hofstetter	Justin Jones	Bill Sleeman	Jill Turlington

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
David Haile	Susan Brown	Ryan Wagner
Earl Smith	David Turlington	Sandy Clawson
Dee Bosley	Bob Naeny	Jeff Mayhew

#### PROPERTY AND MAINTENANCE

<b>Bill Snyder, Chair</b>	Charlie Beam	Don Caldwell	Ron Donoho
Bill Gross	Ida Lou Hudler	Janet Kines	Don McWilliams
Ron Miller	Bud Rough	Don Ruggles	Josh Smith
Earl Watkeys	Bruce Wehrle		John Engel
			Mike McWilliams
			David Turlington

#### STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS

<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Andy Gaylor	Jay Blackman	Craig Little
JJ Farley	<b>Tom Cummings, Chair</b>	Penny Carlo
Vicki Coombs	Carol Engel	Karen Morris

#### STEWARDSHIP

<b>Dale Springer, Chair</b>	John Colton	Boyd Eustace
Carol Matlin	Liz Neal	Larry Shirley
		Sherry Kappauf
		Mike Steer

## 2010 Lay Leadership Report... continued

### FINANCE

Chair: Stephen Rogers

Chair of Administrative Board: Robert Kimmons

Chair of Property and Maintenance: Bill Snyder

Lay Leader: Dave Garman

Business Manager: Kim Ayres-Ashby

Stewardship Liaison: Dale Springer

President of the Board of Trustees: Earl Smith

Chair of Staff-Parish Relations: Tom Cummings

Lay Member: Eleanor Brown

Pastors: David Cooney, Mary Jo Sims

### Members-at-Large — (4 year limit; year indicates last year of term)

2011	2012	2013	2014
Bruce Heiner	Charles Woodbury	Rick Gawlik	Dan Singer
Ken Klueh	David Warnock	Donna Hall	Merrill Frank

### HAMPTON LANE CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

2011	2012	2013
<b>Diane Crider, Chair</b>	Dale Craig	Shelby Cooney
Carol Woodworth	Kaitlin Hamilton	Gary Neuen
Barbara Bernhardt	Carol Sims	Emily Sweet

### COMMITTEE ON LAY LEADERSHIP

2011	2012	2013
Linda Gaylor	Bob Gralley	Nancy deLaski
Sue LaHatte	Mike McWilliams	Nancy Steer
Susan Bengel	Bill Rogers	Dene Hogge

## PROGRAM AREAS

### EDUCATION

**Chair: Carolyn Schnur**

At Large: Melba Watkeys, Jo Miller

Cribbery Ministry Group    Coordinator: Sue LaHatte  
Jennifer Tobian

Preschool/Elementary Ministry Group    Coordinator: Leslie Wagner  
Becky Engel, Ginny Cummings, Stephanie Vail, Erin Giudice, Karen Morris, Micki Ingle,  
Kate Buchanan, Susan Mealey, Jo Miller

Christian Connections    Coordinator: Kevin Gralley  
Class Representatives

### YOUTH MINISTRIES

Coordinator: Mary Jo Sims

Sunday School Teachers and Substitutes:  
Robin Barnes, Susan Bengel, Alicia Corson, Ginny Cummings, Libby Cox, Craig Little

Confirmation    Coordinator: Margery Schammel  
Teachers: Dwight Kines, Craig Little, Gary Neuen, Bill Raker, Mary Jo Sims, Margery Schammel

Youth Council    Coordinator: Mary Jo Sims  
Craig Little, Susan Bengel, Linda and Andy Gaylor, Alicia Corson, Lu Ann Blackman,  
Ginny Cummings, Debbie Potter, Anne Sleeman, Trish Turlington, Margery Schammel,  
Steve Headley, Katie Fuchs

## 2010 Lay Leadership Report... continued

### SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY GROUP

Lucette Bowers	Michael Bowers (treas.)	Jack Bransby	Nancy deLaski
Mildred Bailey	Jack Campbell	Lorraine Jacobs	Frank Jacobs
Dee Matson	Bernice Peacher	Bill Raker	Peggy Smith
Bill Snyder	Alice Snyder	Anne Tucker	Lois Winship (sec.)

### MISSION WORK AREA

<b>Carole Dean, Co-chair</b>	Sandy Beane	Lu Ann Blackman	Tyler Brewer
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