

LORD, I AM THANKFUL

*For my heating bills, ...because it means I am warm.
For the mess to clean after a party,...because it means that
I have been surrounded by friends.
For the clothes that fit a little too snug,... because it means I
have enough to eat.
For a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning,
and gutters that need fixing,... because it means I
have a home.
For the wife who says we're having hot dogs tonight,...
because she is home with me, not with someone else.
For the husband who is on the sofa watching his favorite
TV show,... because he is home with me, not out at
the bars.
For the teenager who is complaining about doing dishes,...
because it means he is at home, not on the streets.
For the taxes that I pay,... because it means that I am
employed.
For all the complaining I hear about the government,...
because it means that we have freedom of speech.
For the parking spot I find at the far end of the parking lot,
because it means I am capable of walking and that
I have been blessed with transportation.
For the person behind me in church that sings off key,...
because it means that I can hear.
For the pile of ironing and laundry, ... because it means I
have clothes to wear.
For the weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day,
because it means I have been capable of working
hard.
For the alarm that goes off in the early morning hours,...
because it means that I am alive.*

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SPECIAL NOTE: The "Word" Newsletter will not be issued on Monday, November 23rd, since it is Thanksgiving Week, and the office will be closed on November 26 & 27.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

UMW NEWS

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

UMW is again selling Entertainment Books after church in the narthex. Cost is still only \$35.00 and benefits our mission projects.

THE WORLD THANK OFFERING –

Don't forget to submit your World Thank Offerings to be used in countless ways throughout the world to bring the wholeness and hope of God's love to children, families, and all people whose lives we touch. Place your donations in Box #8, UMW Treasurer, in the church office prior to November 23rd.

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CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS: If you pass by the children's Sunday School rooms during Sunday School Hour, you hear Bible lessons being taught with joy and love and laughter. We have regular attendance, and are seeing how Bible stories have lessons for everyday life. The older children will be finishing up the first "leg" of the Route 66 journey on December 6th, as they finish the books of history Genesis through Esther). Stop by the rooms and see the Bible maps, the illustrations of clean and unclean foods, and the genealogy of Abraham through Jesus. Come and see what we have learned.

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BIBLE REFLECTIONS – Monday, December 7, 9:30 a.m. with Missionaries Bill & Jeri Savuto.

M&M BOARD MEETING will be held after Bible Reflections on Monday, December 7th.

GAME DAY – Monday, November 23rd, at 11:30 a.m. at Copper Canyon Restaurant, 5455 Gibson Blvd. SE. Make your reservations with Lenita, 256-1316.

CUIDANDO LOS NINOS COLLECTION – Sunday, November 29th

PRAYER REQUESTS

For all men and women in military service, with prayers for our country and the world
Prayers for the victims of disasters in the world, and also for those giving aid and assistance
Bill Bailey, health problems (Jeri Hestwood-Bailey's father-in-law; requested by Donna Hestwood)
Lydia Larson, has been very ill; is now feeling better
Eileen Whitaker, continued healing for recent heart surgery (friend of Carole Ernst)
Tanya Cano, battling bone cancer, is in Alpine, TX (Tanya is a young mother connected with a Methodist Mission Project); her address is 411 E. June, Alpine TX 79830 if you would like to send a note to cheer her
J.W.Knapp, lung surgery last week, surgery went well; pray for complete healing and recovery
Jeff Robinson, age 24, diagnosed with cancer (Nancy Stewart's nephew)
Warren Brown, recent cataract surgery; has had some problems with his eye following the surgery
Pray for jobs available for people needing work, (requested by Jim R.)
Rosa Castillo-Wilson, diagnosed with breast cancer; she is facing several weeks of chemotherapy, with surgery in early February which will be followed by radiation treatments; please keep Rosa's family also in your prayers
Lynn Wolford, will undergo chemo treatments for cancer until in March, 2010 (Evelyn Thole's cousin)
Please pray for God's shield of protection and comforting presence for Chaplain Wes Gornall as he serves in Afghanistan; also for the other military personnel serving with Wes; for Wes's address please call the church office
Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Nadine Pierson who recently passed away; Nadine had been a member of Christ UMC for many years
Our deepest sympathy to Dennis & Nancy Kirkpatrick and family on the death of Nancy's mother, Genevieve Jacobs, last week
Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Pat Pozenel who passed away last weekend (friend of Eloisa Mummy)

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MISSIONS – Bill & Jeri Savuto are Covenant Partners in Mission through the General Board of Global Ministries. They will be at our church on December 6th & 7th. On December 6th we will have a soup potluck at 6:30 p.m. After the potluck they will speak to us about their mission work in Maua, Kenya. Sign-up sheets for the potluck are available in the narthex if you can help with this Mission time together. They will then meet with M&M’s Bible Reflections on Monday morning, December 7, 9:30 a.m.

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**THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY
WORSHIP SERVICE**

Our Thanksgiving Community Worship Service will be held Tuesday, November 24th, 7:00 p.m. at Highland Baptist Church, 417 Palomas Dr. SE. Flyers are available in the church office if any of our members would be willing to take them to be posted in various areas/businesses around town. Also, please bring canned donations to the Worship Service to be used to support the SE Heights Food Bank.

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REMEMBER OUR PEOPLE IN SERVICE: Thank you for your support for our service people. It is still an ongoing project for those serving in our military. Following is a list of their needs:

- soap
- dried fruit
- beef jerky
- red licorice & hard candy
- tooth brushes & tooth paste
- baby powder
- razor blades, disposable shavers
- shaving cream, aftershave
- small flavored water packets
- AA batteries
- \$1.00 bills (U.S.)
- homemade cookies
- (chocolate chip & others)
- any Santa hats

There is no PX. Capt. Wes Gornall and the others with him are under fire all the time. They so greatly appreciate our thinking of them

and their needs. There is a box in the narthex for any help you can supply.

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**OUR ALL-ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held
Thursday, December 3rd, at The Shrine Ballut Abyad Center,
6600 Zuni Road SE, 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$15:00 per person.**

Please RSVP by Tuesday, November 24, to Mary Lou Schleher, 268-2982, or mlschleher@msn.com or Treva Hill, 266-3837, or daletrevahill@comcast.net.

We hope you will be able to come and enjoy this special evening with your Christ UMC family.

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GRACE GATHERING will meet on Tuesday, December 1st, at 6:00 p.m. We will meet at the home of Lois Goble, 3208 Utah St. NE for a potluck dinner. Please bring a gift that will be given to our shut-ins. Plan to join us for this evening of fellowship time together.

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**DONATIONS FOR HONDURAS MISSION TRIP NEEDED –
MISSION TRIP SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 2010:**

Need any minor home repairs/improvements, yard work? Need your personal income taxes done? Need some computer training/support or other services performed. If yes, **“let’s make a deal!”**

We currently have two known persons (and possibly more) on our upcoming Honduras Mission team who would like to donate their services in exchange for a donation. Just call one of our contacts, Rich Davies (294-1122) or Charles Langston (256-0109) for more information, and we’ll attempt to match your need with our expertise. We want to serve you, as well as the Honduran people. We aim to please! Thank you for your consideration.

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**CRAFT SHOW/QUILT AUCTION/BAKE & STUFF
SALE**

THANKS to all who participated in any way – donating “stuff,”

baking wonderful goodies, making terrific crafts, quilting, participating in work days, pricing, hauling, selling & buying! Our total is now up to **\$4,140.78!** It was a terrific day and joint effort of so many.

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Mission Team

– Darlene

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