



# The Good News

January 2012

## The Word

**January 1**

*"Last Words"*

Luke 2:22-40

**January 8**

*"Just to Give  
a Baby Some  
Perfume"*



Isaiah 60:1-6

Matthew 2:1-12

**January 15**

*"Each One, Reach One"*

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

John 1:43-51

**January 22**

*"Kingdom Come"*

Psalms 62:5-12

Mark 1:14-20

**January 29**

*"Cheer Fear!"*

Psalms 111

Mark 1:21-28

*Pastors:*

*Rev. Justin Fisher*

*Rev. Michael Lawson*

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## Timeless

How do you worship a God who lives complete in eternity? How do you worship a God who created time and yet is at once timeless? How do you worship a God whose nature and character are unchangeable when we live in a world of change? Boethius, a Christian Martyr from the sixth century, describes God as living, not simply enduring. Boethius describes eternity as completion, fullness, and not simply the relentless movement of time.

In January, we think about time a lot. We watch the clock click over from 2011 to 2012, counting down the seconds. Some of you undoubtedly blow noise makers or bang pots together. Maybe, like my family with German roots, you will spend New Year's Day eating cabbage and pork chops. Maybe you even have a kiss at midnight!

It's a funny thing, though, the way Christians tell time. The church had our New Year's Day back on the first Sunday of Advent on November 27<sup>th</sup>. We begin our year with the expectation of the Birth of Christ. Every year we replay the story of Jesus' birth as if it is happening again, as if Mary is ready to walk down our middle aisle and the gracious life of Jesus will begin anew. When we finally arrive at Easter we will walk through the tragic story of Holy Week as if Pontius Pilate were still walking among us. In the Easter Vigil, a long and beautiful service commemorating Christ's resurrection, the opening prayer reads, "This is the night when death is swallowed up in victory..."

Forget the fact that these events happened thousands of years ago, the church through a special movement of the Holy Spirit retell them and re-experience them in real time. Just as our God has one foot in time and one in eternity, so too do we travel seamlessly from Moses to the Messiah to MTV and back again. We are storytellers, and we are time travelers.

Therefore, as we approach a new year, this Year of Our Lord 2012, let us remember that we are to live it as though we are being fitted for eternity. Let us live as a people seeking to live each moment with God, so that one day we may live in the midst of God, eternal, timeless, constant, faithful, steadfast, and true.

Happy New Year!

*Pastor Michael*

**The church will be closed  
on Mon., January 2.**

## 2011 Tithes and Offerings

Received to date:  
\$ 458,766.72  
Needed to date:  
\$ 480,361.96  
\$1 Club to date:  
\$ 4161.00  
Bishop Children's  
Offering  
\$ 427.00

## January Mission Prayer Focus

Open Door Clinic

Haiti Solar Ovens

Henderson Settlement

The **Upper Room** is a bi-monthly devotional book. It can be found in the east and west breezeways. A donation of 75¢ is requested. Large Print available.

## January Missions

### Open Door Clinic:

This free clinic is located downtown in Frankfort. Open two days a week, it serves people who are underinsured or have no insurance. Volunteer opportunities are available.

### Haiti Solar Oven Project:

This is our second year to support this project. Donations go to creating solar ovens so the people of Haiti can cook without electricity.

### Henderson Settlement:

This mission is located near Beverly, KY, and serves many families in that region in a variety of ways. St. Matthew has sent mission teams to help build and serve in the mission store.

### Mission Calendars

If you have not received a 2012 Mission Calendar, please stop by the mission table or the church office to pick up your copy.



### Special Guests:

On Jan. 15, we will host two special guests who will speak to the Confirmation class and give a brief presentation at the 11am service about their spiritual journey/conversion from the Muslim faith to Christianity.

Tauqir and Jessica are former members of the Muslim faith: he from a devout Muslim family and she through conversion to the faith. After a couple of tragic incidences in their lives, Jessica began to question her faith because she was shown love by Christians who didn't judge her by her faith. Despite her fear of divorce and exile from her community, Jessica chose to follow Jesus which brought her indescribable peace and joy. Tauqir noted the changes in his wife after her conversion and discovered that he had a lot of questions. Through much conversation and pondering, Tauqir accepted the

gift of grace of Jesus.

This couple has answered the call of Jesus to minister to others of the Muslim faith. They have joined the Pioneer mission agency and are reaching out to Muslim refugees and planting churches among them in Indianapolis.

For more information about this couple, please see Melinda Grismer.

### Ministry of Hope

We will be recruiting volunteers to help with meals at either the Senior Resource Center on Tuesdays or Faith Family Ministries on Thursdays in 2012. If you volunteer, you need to arrive by 4:30pm. Call the office if you have questions.

Dates to serve: Feb. 21, May 1, July 12, Sept. 25 and Dec. 11

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The December newsletter will be mailed Wednesday, January 25, 2011.  
Deadline for articles is Wednesday, January 18, 2011.  
Carla Keafer, Editor

# Thank You!

## Prayer Concerns

Ryan Bachman  
 Harold Banks  
 Andy Ehrmann  
 Jim Nickles  
 Connie Young  
 Russell Jones  
 Fern Ferrel  
 Tim Smith  
 Andy Russel  
 Norm Gross  
 Hazel Slater  
 Kevin Mongonia  
 Bob Frey  
 Gabe Peterson  
 David Klingler  
 Dee Burnette  
 Garrett Ferrel

## Person in the Military

Andrew Stewart  
 Kris Kennedy  
 Jeffery Pearson  
 Loren Crone  
 Anthony Louk

## Birthdays

(for those age 90 and above)

Maxine  
 Rothenberger  
 Jan. 13  
  
 Dorothy Languell  
 Jan. 21

Thank you for all the prayers and concerns for our family during this difficult time. We appreciate the love and support from our friends at St. Matthew. It is people like you who make times like this a little easier to endure. Thanks also to the Seekers Sunday School class for the beautiful peace lily plant.

*The Harris Family*

Thank you for the Starbucks gift card! It will be used in the next couple of weeks as I am preparing for my finals. It was a great surprise.

*Kimberly Segraves*

Many thanks to all of you for the love gift this Christmas. Teresa and I are blessed to be in ministry with you at St. Matthew.  
 God bless you all!

*Pastor Jake & Teresa*

Thank you so much for the Starbucks gift card for finals! I am so grateful to have the love and support of my church family always!

*Tenley Catron*

Thank you so much for the gift card. It means a lot. It will be put to good use as I begin my finals. Thanks for your support.

*Andrew Sharp*

We would like to thank Pastor Michael for his comfort and prayers during the illness and passing of our mother, Frances Hoyer, and for the lovely funeral service. We would also like to thank

the church and the ladies who prepared and served the delicious dinner after the service. We are blessed with a caring church family.

*The family of Frances Hoyer*

Thank you, thank you to all the St. Matthew family. Your prayers, cards, flowers and visits made this past year bearable for both of us. We are particularly thankful for the many visits of Pastors Jake, Michael and John Wortinger each making multiple visits while Jim was at St. Vincent's 86th Street in Indianapolis and Wesley Manor Health Care. In December Jim was finally able to return to church. We knew that all your prayers had worked. Thank you.

*Jim & Sally Seatter*

Thank you Chancel Choir for another year of service to our Lord. Your dedication and talents are very much appreciated. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and your very generous gift certificate. Your many kindnesses throughout the year are a blessing to me.

*Carol Goul*

Thank you to the Sheltered Reality members and their families who rang the bell for Salvation Army at various places around town for the December mission project.

## Education

### Children and Youth Sunday School

Pre-K- Kind.:

Room 10

1st & 2nd grade:

Room 6

3rd & 4th grade:

Rooms 8 & 11

5th & 6th grade:

Room 7

7th & 8th grade:

Room 23

9th - 12th grade:

Rooms 24 & 25

### Adult Sunday School

Seekers:

Room 4

Drop-Ins:

Library

Sojourners:

Room 16 (Parlor)

Samplers:

Room 26

Faith 101:

Room 28

Rainbow:

Room 27

### Other Classes

#### Sunday Evening

6pm-7:30pm

God In the Midst of  
Grief

#### Wednesday:

W.O.W. (Worship on  
Wednesdays)

6:30pm - Room 16

### Elementary

#### **Sunday School resumes at 10am On January 8:**

Don't forget that we have classes available for ages 4 - 6th grade on Sunday mornings at 10am.

Parents: See bottom of page for your class choices.

Get ready for some fun!!

Thank you to the Children's Ministries team for hosting the Birthday Party for Jesus. Our thanks go out to Ella Nickles, Thaya Sterret, and Sherry Troyer. We collected several



several

Mark your calendars!!

#### **Roller Skating Party Sun., Feb. 26 4:30pm-6:30pm**

All ages are invited and friends, too!



#### **Youth Group meetings:**

Jan. 8, 15, 22, and 29

5:30pm-7:30pm

#### **Parent meeting:**

Jan. 15 at 10:00am

In choir room (Rm 22)



#### **Youth Group Bible Study:**

Resumes Wed., Jan. 25

6:45pm-7:45pm

#### **Monthly Outing:**

Sat., January 21

Time: TBA

### Adults

Adult Sunday school classes meet at 10:00a.m. every Sunday morning and classes resume January 8.

All classes are welcoming new members. Classroom locations are listed in the far left column.

Faith 101: Study of the Book of Revelations

Samplers: Studying the book of John

Drop-Ins: Joining together for a devotion, prayer, and fellowship.

Seekers: Studying the book, "Courageous," which is based on the movie.

Sojourners: Studying a variety of topics

#### **Looking Ahead:**

*Teach Me To Pray* is a 4-week Adult evening class that will run Feb 19 - March 11 from 6pm-7:30pm at the church. Register in the church office.

**Building Bridges**



**Building  
Bridges  
Counseling  
Services**

Rev. Dr. Jim Witty, Jr. ,  
DeAnne Kinsey, and  
Ruby Burris offer many  
counseling services.  
Brochures are availa-  
ble on table by church  
office. Phone them at:

Jim 317-846-5912  
DeAnne 317-489-8920  
Ruby 317-397-3224

**Preschool Staff**

**Administrator:**  
Mary Kay Baker  
  
Linda Anno  
Jane Carter  
Jacki Crum  
Kim Ferrel  
Denise Goodman  
Sherri Howard  
Rhonda Hundley  
Janet Mennen  
Stephanie Orem  
Jannine Rule

**Openings in Chancel Choir**



There are still open-  
ings for sopranos, altos,  
tenors and basses. Start  
the new year out lifting  
your voices to God in Praise. Chancel  
Choir rehearses one hour a week on  
Wednesdays at 6:30pm. If you can  
commit to rehearsals and enjoy singing,  
please come and be a part of our group.  
It is a great pick-me-up for the middle  
of the week! Hope to see some new  
faces! If you have questions call me at  
654-6100.  
Carol Goul



**Monday, January 30  
11:30 am**

Lunch menu:  
Chicken Tetrizzini, spinach salad, peas,  
peach cobbler Cost: \$6

Speaker: Will Pullins  
“Theatre Behind the Scenes”



Reservations due Tuesday, January 24

**The Encouragers Support Group**

The Encouragers is a grief support group which meets monthly and is led by Nancy Raidy. The next meeting will be Friday, January 20 at 7:00pm at Nancy’s home. If you have any questions, please call her at 659-9088.

**SOKS – Save our Kids Souls**

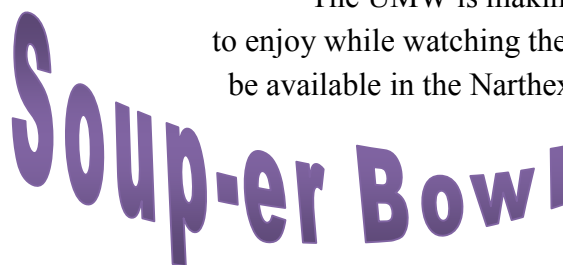
A brunch with all children’s minis-  
tries directors in Clinton County  
will be held here on Sat., Jan. 14 at  
10am. These leaders plan to share  
ideas about outreach and teaching  
all children about Jesus Christ.

Please pray for this endeavor.

**St. Matthew Sheltered Reality:**

Frankfort Sheltered Reality members  
are traveling to Louisville, KY, to  
perform at the Kentucky UMC  
Winter Blitz 2012 on Jan. 28, 2012.  
Showtimes are 1:30, 3:00, 6:00, and  
10:15p.m. at the State Fair grounds  
and Expo center.

We are excited to have  
members participating in  
this event.



The UMW is making soup...again! This time it’s for you  
to enjoy while watching the Superbowl on TV. Order forms will  
be available in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall beginning Jan. 8.

Deadline for orders is Jan. 29.  
Soup: quart of Italian Vegetable  
Cost: \$6

## Events

### Meetings in January

- Jan. 5  
6:30pm Cost &  
Feasibility
- Jan. 9  
7:00pm Trustees  
7:00pm Education
- Jan. 10  
7:00pm Staff-Parish  
7:15pm Children's  
Ministries
- Jan. 15  
10:00am Jr/Sr. High  
Parent mtg
- Jan. 16  
6:00pm Missions
- Jan. 17  
7:00pm Martha Circle  
7:00pm Ad Council
- Jan. 24  
7:00pm Finance
- Jan. 31  
7:00pm McTeam



**Sunday, January 22**

**12noon - 1:15pm**

Meal includes:

**Spaghetti or Fettuccine Salad Breadsticks Desserts Drinks**

Cost:

**Adults \$8 Children \$5**

*Carry Outs Available*



**St. Matthew  
Presents**  
**SHELTERED REALITY**

**JANUARY 22 4p.m. Concert**

**Tickets are FREE at the door**



**WINTER '12 – JANUARY 7-MARCH 31**

**TUESDAYS 5:45pm- 6:45pm**

**SATURDAYS 9:30am-10:30am**

**Cost: \$2/session**

After indulging during the holiday season, come to St. Matthew and work off some of those calories! Will need to bring a towel and water (but water will be for sale). See flyers at church.

Led by Shannon Hibbard,  
Certified Zumba instructor

**St. Matthew**

**United Methodist Church**

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**Our Vision**

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*Make Disciples of Jesus  
Christ*

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**Our Mission**

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*Worship God and  
Experience God's Love  
Invite Others to Faith in  
Christ  
Grow in the Likeness of  
Christ  
Love and Care for  
Others  
Go Forth to Serve,  
Sent by the Holy Spirit*

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**Worship Opportunities**

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**Sunday Morning**

8:45 a.m. Traditional  
Worship

11 a.m. Contemporary  
Worship

**Sunday School**

For all ages: children - adult  
10 a.m.

**Worship on Wednesday  
(W.O.W.)**

6:30 p.m. in Room 16

Nursery provided up to age  
3 for all worship services  
and Sunday school



**Sunday, January 1**

**Church service:**

**10:00 am**

**No Sunday school or  
donuts or coffee**