



# The Good News letter

United Methodist Church of Madison, South Dakota  
*"Growing Together as Disciples of Jesus Christ"*

## Ryan's Reflections....

Happy New Year! New Year's Day always energizes me! I'm sure it has to do with when I was younger and this was another day off from school or maybe it has to do with all of the great football games! The start of a new year also gives me the opportunity to look back at 2011 and give thanks to God for God's guidance, wisdom and love throughout the year! And like many of you, I use this time to look ahead, to dream and to have visions of what joys and surprises 2012 will bring!

Something exciting is happening in 2012! Our church will embrace a new vision for our ministry! Last month our Church Council gave their support to our new vision statement, **"Love God and Love Neighbor."** These 5 simple words summarize the entire ministry of Jesus Christ! These words are also called the greatest commandments by Jesus!



*"When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and will all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."*

*On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Matthew 22:34-40*

**"Love God and Love Neighbor!"** This is who we are called to be as disciples, followers of Jesus Christ. As we live out our



faith in our world this is how I see us following our vision statement to **"Love God and Love Neighbor."** We will love God as we worship, pray, and study scripture. We will love neighbor as

we serve, care for, and invite others. As we worship, pray, study scripture, serve, care for and invite others we will make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

As you look back on 2011 and look forward to 2012, I pray you will find ways to **"Love God and Love Neighbor"** in all the areas of your life! As always, if you have an idea of how our church can **"Love God and Love Neighbor,"** please share it with me or Pastor Kris or one of our committee chairs! May God continue to bless our ministries in 2012 as we follow Jesus' words to **"Love God and Love Neighbor."**

See you Sunday! Pastor Ryan

## Food Pantry Appreciation

Lake County Food Pantry expresses their profound appreciation for the generous contribution received to support the Food Pantry's efforts. During the year, the Food Pantry provides emergency food supplies is at all-time record levels.

Thanks for your support.

## Invite A Friend to Church

What an amazing Advent and Christmas season! To hear the Good News proclaimed, to share Christ's love, peace, joy and hope with each other was wonderful! Now we start a New Year, but let's not experience a letdown! Let us continue sharing the Good News of Christ's birth by inviting friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to join us for worship!

## January Sermon Series

How BIG is your God? Do you ever make God out to be smaller than God really is? Join us starting on January 8<sup>th</sup> as we look at ways "God IS Big Enough" for all of life's struggles, pain and concerns.



## Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

I want to thank everyone for the ways you have been faithful disciples of Jesus Christ this past year! You have lived out your faith as you shared the love of Christ with children, youth and adults in our church, our community, our Conference, our nation and our world! You have been the hands and feet of Christ as you have blessed those in need of financial assistance, missionaries around the world, families who need food & clothing, adults who need a listening ear or a ride and so much more! Thank you for inviting friends, family and neighbors to join us for worship, fellowship or study. Pastor Kris and I thank you for being partners in ministry as the Madison United Methodist Church continues to be a vital presence of Jesus Christ in our community! It is a privilege, a joy and a blessing to live out our faith in Jesus Christ as we "Love God & Love Neighbor!"

## January Food Pantry: Boxed Meals

During the month of January, you're invited to bring "Boxed meal" donations for the Lake County Food Pantry. We're talking about Mac&Cheese, Hamburger Helpers, Boxed Potato meals, Pasta Meals, stuffing mix, anything in a box!



Don't worry if you don't have any boxed meals...we'll accept all food donations, canned or boxed! Look for the "Grocery Cart" in the North entry to drop off your donations!

## Technology Update

The technology committee would like to thank an anonymous donor for providing funds for the purchase of a 60" LCD television to be hung on the back wall of the sanctuary above the sound booth. Once it is installed, this will be a great addition as it allows our choir, pianist/organist, pastors and worship leaders to see the words that are projected on the screens.

## Serve the Gathering Meal On January 23rd

Everyone is invited to help serve The Gathering Meal on January 23rd! We will need folks to help with cooking in the afternoon, set up at 4pm, serve and cleanup till 7pm. The meal is served from 5-6pm. Come and serve side-by-side as we live out our faith in the ways we "Love God and Love Neighbor!"

## The Gathering Meal Schedule

The following will be serving The Gathering Meal:

January 2nd - **NO** Gathering Meal

January 9th - ABATE

January 16th - PPD

January 23rd - Madison UMC

January 30th - ??

Help will be needed  
on January 23.



**Youth News**  
**Senior High and**  
**Middle School Youth**



**Every Wednesday 6:30-8:00pm**

Youth Group meals: Each year we ask that each youth group family provide one meal (or more if you want) for the group each semester. A sign up sheet and instructions will be located in the youth room right by the light switch.

**January 4:** Poppens Family serving

**January 11:** Clarke Family serving

**January 18:** Olson/Theophilus Family serving

**January 25:** Appelwick Family serving

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**Winter Connection**

Senior High Youth are invited to join us for an overnight of fun in Sioux Falls, January 27-28.

Details:

**Registration:** Friday, Jan 27, 7-8pm

**Concludes:** Saturday, Jan 28, 5pm

**Cost:** \$20 includes 2 meals and Snow Tubing at Great Bear, in Sioux Falls

**Lodging:** Church floor/limited showers

Sign up in the youth room if you would like to attend. Adult volunteers to chaperone and drive will be needed. Contact Pastor Kris if you are willing and able to help.



**Super Bowl Sub Order Form**

Instructions: fill out one form per sub ordered;  
 Check boxes below to build your 6" or 12" sandwich  
 6 inch sub = \$8      12 inch sub = \$12  
 Price includes small bag chips

**Size** (circle one)      6 inch      12 inch

**Bread** (circle one)      White      Wheat

**Meat** (check all that apply)

- Ham
- Roast Beef
- Salami
- Turkey

**Cheese** (check all that apply)

- American
- Cheddar
- Pepper Jack
- Provolone

**Veggies** (check all that apply)

- Black olives
- Green pepper
- Jalapeno Peppers
- Lettuce
- Onions
- Pickles
- Tomato

**Condiments** (check all that apply)

- Mayo
- Honey Mustard
- Ranch


Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 (please print)

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**All Proceeds benefit the 2012 Guatemala Mission Trip**

**Orders Due by January 31, 2012**

Sandwich Pick-up at Church Kitchen between 10:30-11:30am Sunday, February 5, 2012.



**Order your Subs for Super Bowl Sunday**

6 inch Sub is \$8.00  
 12 inch Sub is \$12.00  
 Price includes a small bag of chips.

Order forms located in Entry, church office and youth room.

**Subs must be pre-ordered by January 31<sup>st</sup>**  
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# January 2012

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~ January 2012 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>New Years Day</b> 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship	<b>2</b> <i>Church Office Closed</i> <b>NO</b> Gathering Meal	<b>3</b> 10:30am Staff Meeting Noon Bible Study 2:00pm Bible Study at Heritage Assisted Living 6-8pm Committee Meetings (below)	<b>4</b> 5:30pm Bells 6:30pm Youth Group 6:30pm Dessert & Devotions 8:15pm Praise Team	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 8:30am Choir Practice 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Sunday School/Confirmation 5:00pm Emmaus	<b>9</b> 5:00pm Gathering Meal (ABATE)	<b>10</b> 10:30am Staff Meeting Noon Bible Study 2:00pm Bible Study at Heritage	<b>11</b> 9:15am Peace Circle 5:30pm Bells 6:30pm Youth Group 6:30pm Dessert & Devotions 8:15pm Praise Team	<b>12</b> 1:30pm Joy Circle	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7:30am UM Men's Breakfast
<b>15</b> 8:30am Choir Practice 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Sunday School/Confirmation  <i>Human Relations Day (offering)</i>	<b>16</b> 5:00pm Gathering Meal (PPD)	<b>17</b> 10:30am Staff Meeting Noon Bible Study 2:00pm Bible Study at Heritage 6:30pm SPRC	<b>18</b> 5:30pm Bells 6:30pm Youth Group 6:30pm Dessert & Devotions 8:15pm Praise Team	<b>19</b> 10:00am Brookings Area Ministry Team	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 8:30am Choir Practice 9:30am Worship 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Sunday School/Confirmation	<b>23</b> 5:00pm Gathering Meal (Madison UMC)	<b>24</b> <i>Newsletter Info Due</i> 10:30am Staff Meeting Noon Bible Study 2:00pm Bible Study at Heritage	<b>25</b> 5:30pm Bells 6:30pm Youth Group 6:30pm Dessert & Devotions 8:15pm Praise Team	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  Youth Winter	<b>28</b>  Connection
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# Church Family News



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**



01/01 Brittany Williams	01/15 Justin Tucek
01/01 Carlye Williams	01/16 Cadence Olivier
01/03 Juli Green	01/17 Anthony Benning
01/03 Marlys Mildenberg	01/18 Barbara Kroger
01/04 Barbara McDowell	01/18 Ben Theophilus
01/04 Molly McDonald	01/19 Mayme Coomes
01/05 Theresa Berkness	01/19 John Green
01/06 Don Fox	01/20 Wanda Paul
01/06 Robin Jarrett	01/24 Gillian Mette
01/06 Noah Mutzenberger	01/27 Barbara Meyer
01/07 Gary Breuer	01/27 Nick Prostrollo
01/09 Doug VanDerWerff	01/28 Diane Thomas
01/11 John M Green	01/30 Arnold Baltzer
01/12 Nila Baltzer	01/30 Leland White
01/14 Harley Gross	

If your birthday is not listed or incorrectly listed, please call the church office.

## January Worship Facilitators

### Ushers:

Scott Finck, Paul Schultz,  
Dennis Dietterle, Mike Downs

### Acolytes:

**January 1:** Tyler Wardner & Nick Kessler  
**January 8:** Stormy Mette & CC Graham  
**January 15:** Emi Clarke & Mya Maxwell  
**January 22 & January 29:** Sign up calendar on  
bulletin board in fellowship hall.

### Good Samaritan Team - Mark

Don & Donna Amert  
 Dudley & Norma Beck  
 Brian & Lavonne Benson  
 Mike & Peggy Clarke  
 Helen Graham and Marie Hanson  
 David & Kim Heim  
 Linda Johnson and Glen Lee  
 Jeanette McGillivray and Shelly Nelson  
 Russ & Jennifer Olson  
 Doris Rook and Lois Walker  
 Paul & Marilyn Schultz  
 Daniel & Sara Wardner



## United Methodist Men Breakfast

Men of the Church...you are invited for breakfast  
on **Saturday, January 14th** from  
**7:30am – 8:30am.** Come and enjoy food,  
fellowship and devotion. Hope to see you there!

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*Sympathy to:* Ben Zimmerman in the death of his brother

*Health concerns:* Margaret Dick, Kathy Straw, Lisa Baasch, Deanna Mutzenberger, Diane Daniel, Lucille Rush (Lora Milne's mother), Ron Warns (Marty Warns' dad), David Byrd (Marie Hanson's nephew), Robert (Rachel Tillman's uncle), Gloria Pitts (Gary Pitts' mother), Lance Dahl, Wendy Beukelman (Red & Irma's daughter-in-law), Deb Peterson (Marilyn Hanson's daughter), Wanda Harford (Barb McDowell's sister)  
 Willy Kappietchou- prayers for long-term legal residency  
 Our Armed Forces serving overseas and their families.  
 Michelle Kelley (Sue & Marty Warns' niece)  
 Colin Nelson (Sue & Marty Warns' nephew)

## Upper Room and Alive Now

January & February  
Upper Room & Alive Now  
booklets are available.



## Missions



The January  
Mission of the month:  
Food Pantry

## The Gathering Meal

The Gathering meal for **January**  
on **Mondays, January 9, 16, 23, 30 @ 5pm**

## United Methodist Women

**January 6: NO UMW Executive Meeting**

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**January 11:** Peace Circle @ 9:15am  
Hostesses: Dorothy Kracke, Jacie White,  
Ada Hueners

**January 12:** Joy Circle @ 1:30pm  
Hostesses: Members' Christmas leftovers  
**No January meeting:** Angel Circle @ 2:00pm  
**No January meeting:** Faith Circle @ 7:00pm



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Return Service Requested

## Old Cell Phones = \$ for the Guatemala Mission Trip

Do you have an old inactive cell phone lying around? As a non-profit organization, the mission trip can turn that old cell phone into cash for our trip. Just turn in your old cell phone in the collection boxes at the church and we will send them into a company that refurbishes them to be used for 911 emergency service. The phones don't even have to be functional! The company sends the church a check once they have inventoried the phones. Thanks for your help!

## Youth Group Snow Cancellation Policy

Just a reminder that when school is cancelled or released early on a Wednesday due to the weather, we will not have Youth Group or Youth activities in the evening. If you have any questions feel free to contact Pastor Kris or the Church Office.

## Thank You for Blessing Our Family!

Pastor Kris, Anna, Noah and I extend our deepest appreciation and thanks for your Christmas gifts of love and appreciation! Words cannot express the heartfelt blessings we received from all of you during this past Advent and Christmas season!

We are truly blessed to be a part of this community and your lives. Our ministries and family have been richly blessed by all of you.

Thank you again and may God continue to bless you in the New Year!

Pastor Ryan, Pastor Kris, Anna & Noah

## ATTENTION UMW READERS

The Reading Program Books arrived! They will be on the reading cart by January. Here is a book review: "Four Feet Two Sandals" A youth book about two refuge girls and one pair of sandals. A quick read with a message we all can benefit from.