

No Church Council meeting was held in December.

Message from Parish Nurse

Greetings from Douglas, Arizona to our church family. Just wanted to send a short reminder about the flu season. I don't know how many of you have gotten the flu, or if you received the flu shot but here in Arizona several people have been ill. The very best way of preventing the flu, outside of the immunization, is to thoroughly wash your hands. Wash them before eating, before and often during the preparation of meals, after using the bathroom and certainly after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing. This one small thing can go a long way in keeping you healthy even if others around you are ill. One other important factor is to be sure to cover your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing. I know these are things our mothers tried to teach us when young but the same principles apply now.



We are attending a very small Methodist church in Douglas whose attendance is usually around 25-35. We miss our wonderful music but the members here know us and treat us like family.

Stay healthy and we'll see you in April.

Pauline Chapman
Parish Nurse

ALL LADIES WELCOME

The Women's Supper Club
Feb. 7th at 6:00 pm



Our Mission is to share the Good News
of Jesus Christ with the world
and express His love through word and action.

February meetings and events

- 2 - Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm
- 6 - Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm
- 7 - Women's Supper Club 6:00 pm
- 9 - Finance Committee meeting 6:30 pm
Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm
- 11- Valentine's Dinner 6:00 pm
- 12 - Children's Ministry Meeting 12:00 pm
- 16 - Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm
- 19 - Church Council Meeting 12:00 pm
Youth Ski Trip
- 23 - Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm
- 26 - K4C - Incredible Pizza 12:00 pm



Congratulations to the Vitale family --
#1 fund raisers for Imagine No Malaria!

My View from the Hill

Happy Valentine's Day



It's Valentine's month and my thoughts turn to chocolate. I love chocolate! Some of you fellow chocolate lovers already know I keep a dish of Hershey's Kisses in my office. Although I say it's for visitors, I have been known to take a chocolate break many afternoons. Snickers is my favorite candy bar. I never get a vanilla cone at DQ - only chocolate. That is, when I'm not getting a hot fudge sundae. My husband David has a tradition of giving each of us -- me, Luke & Laura-- our own box of Fannie Mae candies at Christmas and Valentine's Day. Just another reason I love that man!

Every year when I am surveying the contents of the box, I am reminded of the famous quote from Forrest Gump: "life is like a box of chocolates... you never know what you're gonna get." He was absolutely right. We make our plans each day, but we never really know what the day will bring. The days that come with nuts in the middle are my favorite. (Just another reason I love the people of Bethany! Just kidding!!) The ones with caramel I like but the ones with maple flavor I try to avoid. Then there are days when I don't even open the box. There is no sweetness to days of tragedy or difficulty.

Life is unpredictable. But in the midst of life's uncertainties, we have a God who is always there. His love is steadfast, constant, never failing, and more powerful than anything we might ever face in a day. With King David, who wrote these words in Psalm 34, we can say of our God: "I sought the Lord and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears... The angel of the Lord encamps all around those who fear Him, and delivers them." (4, 7) No matter what the day brings, we face it with the strength of the Lord. Our faith and confidence and hope come from His love for us. No matter what we pull out of the box of chocolates today or tomorrow, we can trust in Him. King David knew that. His psalm continues: "Taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the one who trusts in Him!" (8)

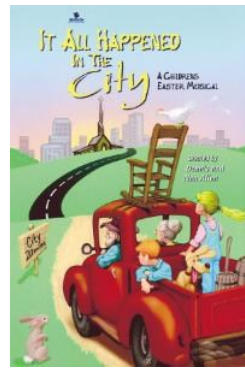
In Christ alone,

Pastor Allynn





Practice for the Easter play begins February 5 during Sunday School music time. The performance will be given the afternoon of Palm Sunday, April 1.



February Birthdays

- 7 Laura Vitale
- 8 Jay Vanatta
- 12 Rachel Stueber
- 19 Deloris Hood
- 19 Fran Rowton
- 26 Becky Keim
- 27 Stan Elliott

Anniversaries

- 17 Jerry and Pat Groves
- 28 Ritch and Denise Keller

We now have a new way to stay in contact with you. You will need to opt-in to this service. Just text **BETHANY to 20673** with your cell phone. Please remember that message and data rates may apply depending on your service plan or carrier .



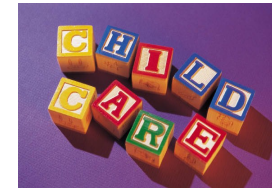
February 26



Meet at the back door at noon. All children grades K-6 are welcome. Anyone attending without a parent must return a permission slip.

Childcare Schedule

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| 8:15 Service | 10:45 Service |
| 5 Betsy Banks George | Sharon Stimmel |
| 12 Amber Reeder | Sue Rieken |
| 19 Kim Dailey | Beth Banks |
| 26 Lisa Bromley | Carol/Allie Sparr |



Ice Skating at Steinberg Rink



WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS

January 1, 2012
 General Fund - \$ 3,926.00
 Designated Special - 20.00
 Total - \$ 3,946.00

January 8, 2012
 General Fund - \$ 9,674.00
 Building Fund - 50.00
 Sunday School - 18.00
 Designated Special - 125.00
 Total - \$ 9,867.00

January 15, 2012
 General Fund - \$ 3,272.00
 Building Fund - 75.00
 Sunday School - 9.00
 Designated Special - 60.00
 Total - \$ 3,416.00

January 22, 2012
 General Fund - \$ 2,867.00
 Building Fund - 25.00
 Sunday School - 24.00
 Designated Special - 65.00
 Total - \$ 2,981.00

January 29, 2012
 General Fund - \$ 4,736.00
 Building Fund - 25.00
 Sunday School - 9.00
 Designated Special - 184.65
 Total - \$ 4,954.65

To meet expenses, we need contributions of \$5,294 weekly.

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Bethany Youth Group

Upcoming Events:

Feb 5th directly following contemporary service we will be having an informal meeting for parents and anybody else who is interested in the Youth program. This will be a great opportunity for those who don't know me, to get to know me, and those who do know me, to get to know the **adult** Derrick.

Feb 19-20th the Youth Group is taking a trip to Hidden Valley Ski Resort in Eureka, MO. There are fliers in the Narthex bulletin board that have all the information you may need.

Feb 24-26th is FireUP at Troy United Methodist Church in Troy, IL. Their website is www.fire-up.org. There are fliers in the Narthex bulletin board.

Sunday Night Youth starts at 630 pm and gets over around 8 pm.

Keep an ear to the ground for **service projects** to help students pay for events.

The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray...