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Dear Friends,

"Twas the season before Christmas and all round the church, there was busyness galore — from every nook and perch. The decorations were fixed (by the worship committee) with meticulous care, anticipating the Christ Child soon would be there. The children were singing, the choir all a-tune, ready to lift praises with all in the room. The only place settled was in Hoppy's lap, down in the nursery, as she put the wee ones down for their naps. Out in the yard, on the roof, in Fellowship Hall, and the storage closet, there arose again clatter, that several of us rose to see what was the matter.

When, what to our wondering eyes should appear, but church-mates with tool-belts, ladders and gear. Their eyes were a-gleam, they were lively and quick, and we knew in a moment it must be Paul, Greg, and Mic. More rapid than eagles the work crew they came, as they whistled, and shouted, and called them by name; "Now, Brown, Art, and Dick! Now, Laban and Joan! Now, Teresa and Lee!" They encouraged them on. "On, Marvin and Mark! On, Dick Straw, you too! To the top of the steeple! To the top of the Fellowship Hall! Now clean, fix and repair, then dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly, they vanquished their tasks in four or five blinks of an eye (give or take a blink). All through the church, these workers they flew, anticipating the Nativity as if it were new, preparing the building as a sleigh ready for toys, ready to hold the great Christmas Joy!

And through the commotion, we heard down the hall, the chatter of visitors, members and all. The visiting laughter, the crescendo of care, warms heart and mind as God's love we share. Exchanging their greetings, dressed ready to bring their best to the manger and Christ Jesus the King.

Angel tree gifts were set down round the tree, promising laughter and smiles this Christmas to see. Their eyes — how they'll twinkle! Their dimples — how merry! It reminds us of the pure joy shared by Mary.

The congregants gather in this season so bright to break bread together with common delight! The aromas they waft toward Heaven with glee, from the cooks led by Judy, Joan and Jerre! A celebration at the Table is annual fare, to welcome one and all and fellowship there.

The prayer group is praying and the Friendship class sings, proclaiming their faithfulness — for surely Christ is King! So come one and all to join with the rest, we're here to rejoice that God sends us the best. The Christ Child is coming to again show us the way, bringing hope and good will to hearts willing to stay. So come join the chorus, the work crew, or those at the Table, we're preparing and praying as we come to the stable. **Adapted from Clement Clarke Moore or Henry Livingston's poem, 'The Night Before Christmas'**

In Christ's service wherever He leads,
David



December Anniversaries

December 24 Mary Anne & Rob Potter
December 31 Charlotte & Jerry Coyle

December Birthdays

December 1 Julie Knecht
Jim Latham
Joshua Sanchez
December 2 Rob Shackelford
December 3 Don Bohlcke
Jane Keene
December 5 Don Slape
December 8 Betsy Horn
December 9 Ethan Knecht
December 14 Mark Slaight
December 15 Priscilla Long
Jan Loughry
Carl Zerweck, III
December 17 Allison Jane Clifford
December 20 Pauline McGoodwin
December 24 Jeannine Frank
Geoff Gafford
December 26 Edie Slape
December 29 Henrietta Wilson

Thank You

Thanks to Kristin and Mark Slaight, the nursery has a new, very nice changing table.

CCC Calendar of Events

Saturday, December 4

2:30 p.m.—“The First Leon” rehearsal in sanctuary

Sunday, December 5

7:30 a.m.—Elders’ meeting
8:30 a.m.—Elders’ book study
9:00 a.m.—“The First Leon” cast call
9:30 a.m.—Sunday school
10:50 a.m.—Worship/Children’s Program
12:00 p.m.—Fellowship Time
7:00 p.m.—Executive Committee meeting

Wednesday, December 8

6:00 p.m.—Stitchers meeting
7:00 p.m.—Choir Practice

Thursday, December 9

10:00 a.m.—Spiritual Disciplines Prayer Group

Saturday, December 11

9:00 a.m.—Membership setting up F/H for potluck

Sunday, December 12

9:30 a.m.—Sunday school
10:50 a.m.—Worship/Choir Cantata
12:00 p.m.—Potluck luncheon

Wednesday, December 15

8:00 a.m.—Load Mike’s Kids trailer
7:00 p.m.—Choir Practice

Thursday, December 16

10:00 a.m.—Spiritual Disciplines Prayer Group

Saturday, December 18

8:30 a.m.—Property Workday

Disciples Women's Fellowship News

Thanks to additional clothing donations from Heartpaths, our boxes for Mike's Kids continues to grow past 80 and will possibly exceed 100 boxes!

We have also made a \$100.00 donation to Mike's Kids for new underwear. We supported outreach needs of \$500.00 to Network and \$500.00 to Hunger Pantry. Network has sent a thank you letter for our support and donation which was applied to the Food Fund.

Christmas gifts for six residents of Pearl Nordan Center at Juliette Fowler, in addition to paper goods and essentials for Fowler Apartment residences, will be delivered on December 1st. I encourage you to continue to bring additional paper goods, and other essentials such as liquid kitchen detergent, hand soap, etc. for delivery to Fowler Apartments on January 28, 2011 when we host the Juliette Fowler Birthday Party.

Save the following 2011 dates on your calendar:

1-15-11, 10:30 a.m. — Brunch at home of Teresa Gafford

1-28-11, 1:00 p.m. — Hosting Juliet Fowler Birthday Party. Need 3 to 4 volunteers. Please let me know if you can help,

3-19-11, 10:00 a.m. — CCC to Host Brunch for North Texas Disciples Women's Fellowship Board Meeting.

Thank you for your support as we fellowship together for another great year ahead.

Lu Sifferd, Chair

Mike's Kids 2010 (Nov. 6 – Dec. 12)

Last year, 2009, a total of 1,248 banana boxes of new or gently used clothes and toys were delivered to the Valley for Mike's Kids in the Los Fresnos, Texas area. These filled banana boxes brought smiles to many displaced children and families in need.

In addition to the 80 banana boxes that CCC Disciples Women's Fellowship filled with clothing and other items from the garage sale there is always a need for the following items:

- New underwear (male and female, adult and children, all sizes), health kits (wash cloths, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, feminine products, etc. Mark Slaight will also accept donations and go buy these items if church members can't shop for these things themselves.
- New or gently used clothing (appropriate for South Texas)
- Toys (new or gently used),
- Food, etc.



Advent

In an Advent speech in 2002, Pope John Paul II said, "The liturgy of Advent helps us to understand fully the value and meaning of the mystery of Christmas. It is not just about commemorating the historical event, which occurred some 2,000 years ago in a little village of Judea. Instead, it is necessary to understand that the whole of our life must be an 'advent,' a vigilant awaiting of the final coming of Christ. To predispose our mind to welcome the Lord who, as we say in the Creed, one day will come to judge the living and the dead, we must learn to recognize him as present in the events of daily life. Therefore, Advent is, so to speak, an intense training that directs us decisively toward him who already came, who will come and who comes continuously."



Come Celebrate the Season of Advent and Christmas

The season of Advent is here. Mark your calendar for these events. Reach out to family, friends and neighbors and invite them to join us as we journey through Advent to Bethlehem and the birth of the Savior.

- ❖ Sunday, December 5 — Second Sunday of Advent, Children’s Christmas play, “The First Leon”, directed by Pastor Dani Cartwright.
- ❖ Sunday, December. 12 — Third Sunday of Advent, Choir Cantata and Membership Holiday Potluck after the service
- ❖ Sunday, December 19 — Fourth Sunday of Advent
- ❖ Friday, December 24, 6:30 p.m. — Christmas Eve Candlelight Service — Bring family, friends and out-of-town company as we gather around Mary and Joseph and the baby Jesus on this holy night, share the light of Christ and celebrate the joy of Christmas.



2010

\$10.00 Each

No. _____ For Personal Use

No. ___ For Sanctuary Use

Total Ordered _____ Total Cost \$ _____

In Honor Of: _____

In Memory Of: _____

Given By: _____

Paid: _____

Worship Attendance 11/21/10 71

Visitors 11

James D. Blume	America Diaz
Sergio Diaz	Debb Faulk
Tasha James	Caroline Kellam
David Kellam	Arthur Roberts
Anne Speights	Bob Spooner
Khloe Wooten	

Worship Attendance 11/28/10 86

Visitors 17

Michael Maker	Rachel Baker
America Diaz	Sergio Diaz
Debb Faulk	Caroline Kellam
David Kellam`	Adriana Maldonado
Sarah Maldonado	Brian Ramos
Andrea Ramos	Melissa Ramos
Arthur Roberts	Cookie Rodriguez
Anne Speights	Richard & Martha Valencia

Financial Report

(Budgeted weekly revenue: \$2,604.50)

Receipts for 11/21/10 \$3,319.00

Receipts for 11/28/10 \$1,214.00

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of	From
Dick Loughry	Benevolent Patriotic Order of Does #221 Clay Cox & Mrs. Jody Cox

Membership Committee

Don't forget our big Christmas potluck luncheon to be held in Fellowship Hall after worship on Sunday, December 12. Bring your favorite dish as we share good food and good fellowship.

Deacon Serving Schedule—December

The following deacons signed up to serve during the month of December:

Laban DeLay, Proctor
Denise Fairchild
Carol Johns
Joanne McKinley
Bill Whitley



Laban DeLay
Deacon Chair

**Sunday, December 5
Second Sunday of Advent**

The First Leon:
Uncovering the Meaning of Christmas

Worship Participants

Preacher: David Cartwright

Lay Leader: Elaine Kellam

Acolyte: Fletcher Horn

**Sunday, December 12
Third Sunday of Advent**

Choir Cantata

Worship Participants

Preacher: David Cartwright

Lay Leader: Larry Fairchild

Acolyte: Addison DeLay

Leading Worship for December

Elders: Jerre Roseborough, Lu Sifferd

Deacons: Laban DeLay, Proctor

Denise Fairchild

Carol Johns

Joanne McKinley

Bill Whitley

Join Us on Sundays

9:30 a.m. *Sunday School*
10:50 a.m. *Worship Service*
12:15 p.m. *Fellowship Time*

Church Office Hours

Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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Calendar Updates

For updates to the CCC calendar, check with the church office or the bulletin board across from the church office.

The next issue will be Wednesday, December 15, 2010

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Priscilla Long	Organist
Hop Chu	Childcare
Santos Camarillo	Custodian
Greg Hendrickson	Board Chair
Mark Slaight	Board Vice Chair
Julie Knecht	Board Secretary
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Laban DeLay	Chair of Diaconate

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