

## What Gift Can We Bring

This past Sunday we sang the hymn that has the same title as this article – “What Gift Can We Bring”. It’s a song that reminds us to be thankful for all God has done and to consider how we might respond to His gifts to us. As we head into the last of this year there are two things I’d like to share with you regarding the gifts we can bring.

First, I hope you will consider a gift to God during the holiday season. We are working to finish strong as we run the race that is 2010. Many ministries within the church and beyond the church remain strong through our support. Personally I making plans to divest myself of some items I no longer use – thinking EBAY or Craigslist might be my best options. This is a way I can give thanks to God and help make other ministries stronger in the process. A special gift given by members of Asbury will do great good.

Secondly, as we look ahead to 2011 we have made the decision to begin in January with a “tithe” of our giving. We will take 10% of all we receive and send it out beyond our walls. We believe that God is at work in our church and is calling us to live fully in the generosity of His Spirit. That will allow us to make other ministries stronger and cause us to not just be focused on our own needs – we believe that is pleasing to God.

As you get ready for the busy holiday season consider what gift you can bring. Take time to pray and ask God what he would have you do to help others. I look forward to an amazing end to the year.

Blessings,



### *Growing, Leading, Serving...*

**Wed -Friday, Nov 24 - 26**  
**Church Office Closed**  
*Happy Thanksgiving!*

**Sunday, December 5th**  
**8:00 - Noon**  
*Mini-Bazaar & Bake Sale*

**Friday, December 10th**  
**10:00 am**  
*Day School Christmas Program*

**Saturday, December 11th**  
**4:30 pm**  
*Youth Progressive Dinner  
& Caroling*  
**6:30 pm**  
*UMW Christmas Dinner  
& Program*

**Sunday, December 12th**  
**8:45 am**  
*Christmas Cantata  
(with Chancel Choir)*

**Sunday, December 19th**  
**11:00 am**  
*Christmas Cantata  
(with Praise Band)*  
**5:00 pm**  
*Live Nativity  
& Hayride Caroling*

**Friday, December 24th**  
**5:00 pm**  
*Children's Service*  
**7:00 pm**  
*Traditional Service*  
**9:00 pm**  
*Contemporary Service*

## Memorials & Honorariums

To the Scholarship Fund in Memory of:

**Eurline Lyman**

by Anonymous donor

To the Scholarship Fund in Memory of:

**Thelma Peeples**

by Asbury United Methodist Women

To the Scholarship Fund in Memory of:

**Bruce Guinon's father**

by Anonymous donor

To the Building Fund in Memory of:

**Jack Fink**

by Anonymous donor

To the Building Fund in Memory of:

**Eurline Lyman**

by Donald & Carolyn Springer

To the Memorial Fund in Memory of:

**Jack Fink**

by Anonymous donor

To the Memorial Fund in Memory of:

**Eurline Lyman**

by Evadell Murdock *and*

Pasadena Volunteer Fire Dept - Station 4

To the Memorial Fund in Memory of:

**Jack French**

by Evadell Murdock

To the Upward Soccer Fund in Memory of:

**Jack French**

by Two anonymous donors

To the 2010 Apportionments in Memory of:

**Eurline Lyman**

by The Fishermen's Small Group

To the Scholarship Fund in Honor of:

**Bettie Ellisor**

by Asbury United Methodist Women

To the Building Fund in Honor of:

**Letha Bissonnet**

by Anonymous donor

*For more information about memorial gifts  
or honorariums, please contact  
the church office at 281-484-4814.*

## Welcome New Members!



Jon & Julie Harrison, son Michael

The Harrisons joined during the 11:00 am Worship Service on November 14th. Jon and Julie are members of the Wesleyan Sunday morning Small Group, and Michael is active in our Cross Talk Youth.

## Baptism



Mark Groves was baptized Sunday, November 1, 2010 during the 11:00 am Worship Service. He and his wife Patricia are members of the Wesleyan Small Group, and have been active in several Mission opportunities at Asbury, including Rebuilding Together Houston.

## Serving Those in Need

On Sunday, November 21st, over 70 adults, youth, & children gathered together in the Youth Room to put together over 100 Thanksgiving Baskets, which were delivered to families in the Pasadena area that otherwise would not be able to have a Thanksgiving Dinner. Thanks to all of you for your support of our Turkey Quest Mission. A special thank you to Asbury Day School for the canned goods...we could not have done it without your support! It was indeed awesome to see the interaction between the different generations as they reached out beyond Asbury to Serve those in need!



# 'Tis the Season



**Salvation Army Christmas Stockings...** Take a stocking (or two) to fill this Christmas season. More information and a complete list of items needed may be found in the Education Hall.

## TOYS FOR TOTS

In conjunction with the Pasadena Volunteer Fire Department, Asbury will be contributing to the Toys For Tots Drive. Please help by bringing **unwrapped** toys and placing them under the Christmas tree in the Main Hall by December 12th. The toys should be for children ages 0 - 16 years old.

*If you would also like to help wrap the gifts, you may go to the Corrigan Center (Hwy 225 @ Pasadena Blvd) at 7:00 pm on December 13th & 14th, with the 15th as an alternate date. All families are welcome to help wrap.*



*Would you like to honor or memorialize a friend or loved one during this holiday season?*

Poinsettias that will grace our sanctuary from December 12th through Christmas Eve, are now available for order. The plants are \$10 each and you may pick them up **following the 9:00 pm Christmas Eve worship service**. A special bulletin announcing those being honored will be printed. Order forms are available in the Main Hall. Payment should be made at the time of your order and **orders must be received by Wednesday, December 8th**. You may also call the church office (281-484-4814) during the week to place an order.

## Youth Progressive Dinner & Caroling...

Calling all youth 6th - 12th grade...Our annual Progressive Dinner & Caroling to our shut-ins will be Saturday, December 11th. We will meet at Asbury at 4:30 pm to begin the fun.

Parents are needed to help with transportation. Please talk to Laurel Waller if you will be able to participate.

Then on Sunday, December 19th @ 5:00 pm will be Asbury's Live Nativity & Hayride. Our Cross Talk youth will lead the Live Nativity, and all children are welcome to participate. Please be at Asbury no later than 4:30 in order to prepare for this event.

*Christmas is just around the corner* and we would like to invite all children ages 3 through 5th grade to be part of our special Family Christmas Eve Service. Each year, our children participate in a short pageant about the birth of our Jesus Christ. We will be rehearsing for the play on Sunday evenings beginning at 4:30 pm. We have roles for all the kids, so even if they can't be at all the rehearsals, they can still be a part of the fun. For more information contact Glenna Tolley by e-mail at [glenna.tolley@sbcglobal.net](mailto:glenna.tolley@sbcglobal.net)



### Christmas Cantatas

*Sunday, December 12th @ 8:45 am  
presented by the Chancel Choir*

*Sunday, December 19th @ 11:00 am  
presented by Asbury's Praise Band*



## Christmas Eve Worship, December 24th

*5:00 pm Children's Service*

*7:00 pm Traditional Service*

*9:00 pm Contemporary Service*

*with Candlelighting & Communion*

*We seek to honor our covenant through our prayers, our presence, our giving, and our serving...*

**PRAYERS . . .**

***In the Hospital (Members):***

Bettie Ellisor

***Health Concerns (Members):***

Linda Alsobrook

Ross Bissonnet

Ronny Bolch

Lonnie Calhoun

Mildred Chesney

Ona Mae Cook

Juanita Evans

Willis Evans

Joe Godail

Megan Metcalf

Maxine Mize

Connie Temple

***Health Concerns (Friends):***

Lionel Ayala

Kenneth Becker

Kenneth Bolch

Johnny Bonds

Tristan Cantu

Castro Family

Susan Choate

Renee Corley & family

Don Custer

JoAnn Dee

Jenni Eckels

Lisa Edmondson

Maxine Edwards

Norma Jean Ethredge

Mary Farrell

Preston Freeman

Hortencia Galvan

Leonilla Gonzales

Johnnie Goodman

Caroline Green

Sue Grounds

Brenda Hairgrove

Robert Heath

Wesley Heil

Don Henderson

Lee & Pauline Hendricks

Ronnie Hernandez

Earl Hester

Tom Higgins

Linda & Mitchell Hoefar

Aidan Immroth

Betty Jacobson

Family of Kyliee Jaynes

Meredith Kelly

Marc Kichline

Yolanda Lerma

Cindy Madere

Kelvin McMain

Alfred Medina

Jimmy Menefee

Debbie Militello

Corey Monzingo

Jim & Betty Moore

Gabriel Murdock

Virginia Peres

Elaine Peterson

Joanie Phiegura

Bonnie Platt

Pam Reed

Nancy Saldivar

Stephen Sherwood

Colleen Scholellkopf

Raymond Smith

Matty Steen

Dale Taggart

Lillian Thompson

Sharon Wallace

Hailey Lynn Watson

Becky Welch

Miriam Williams

Martha & Vasullias Zoy

Our pastor, staff & church

***Prayer requests will be printed for a period of 30 days unless an update is received in the church office.***

***Please pray for those serving our nation, especially:***

Todd Archer, Adam Calcarone, Jeremy Cauley, Michael Chopcinski, Corey Ellis, John Ethredge, Jeremy Farr, Doug Goecke, Christopher Grantham, Derek Greer, Damon Gregory, Jessica Hamilton, Drew Hargus, Drake Inkster, Jeremy Jernigan, Jason Kelly, Todd Lockhart, Johnny Lozano, Carl Mann, Donald Meyer, Jesse Patterson IV, SFC Eric Quellhorst, Ronnie Randolph, Blake Sammons, Amy Southard, Jason Tisdale, Travis Waller, Andy Waller, Calvin Wallet, Jason Williams, national & world leaders.

**PRESENCE . . .**

**Sunday, October 24, 2010**

8:45 am Worship Service 112

Sunday Morning Groups 145

10:45 am Worship Service 174

Sunday Evening Activities 68

**Sunday, October 31, 2010**

8:45 am Worship Service 96

Sunday Morning Groups 163

10:45 am Worship Service 176

Sunday Evening Activities LOTS

**Sunday, November 7, 2010**

8:45 am Worship Service 107

Sunday Morning Groups 155

11:00 am Worship Service 162

Sunday Evening Activities 40

**Sunday, November 14, 2010**

8:45 am Worship Service 111

Sunday Morning Groups 164

11:00 am Worship Service 153

Sunday Evening Activities 50

**Pasadena Community Ministry** is an organization created to help those in need of food, clothing, and money on a short-term basis. We have a box in the Education Hall for donations of food, clothes, and other necessities people might need. ***Supplies needed regularly are toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, toilet paper, bar soap, boxes of detergent, liquid dishwashing soap, diapers size 3,4,5,& 6, infant clothes, socks & underwear for children.***

***PCM is asking that we do not bring clothes for donation at this time as they have too many to store right now. We will be advised when clothes are needed again.***

PCM is located at Faith Presbyterian Church at 2301 South Houston (across from Queens Intermediate) in Pasadena. If you would like to volunteer at PCM, contact Jean Wottrich at 281-991-4336. PCM hours are Tuesdays 9:00 - Noon, and Thursdays 1:00 - 4:00 pm.

***The Chancel Choir invites all those who like to sing to join them in preparing for the Christmas Cantata. The cantata will be during the 8:45 Worship Service on December 12th. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. This year's cantata is "By Heaven's Light" by Allen Pote.***

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***Thanks Received...***

Words cannot express how grateful I am to have been in ministry with so many wonderful people. God has put so many special people at Asbury with so many special talents. I know He has many wonderful gifts for us in the future. Thank you so much for the opportunity to serve God. I truly look forward to what God has in store in this next season. In God's love, Susan Palmer

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What a blessing it is to have the presence and support of Asbury UMC at the CROP walk every year! Thanks to you for your support for Pasadena Community Ministry and Church World Service. Also, thank you to Asbury's Praise & Worship team "for the best music we've ever had!"

In Christ's name we all serve...

Ruth Askine, CROP walk organizer

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Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your calls, cards, and prayers. A special thank you to Pastor Mike for his visit and prayer before my surgery. I am blessed to have such a special church family.

God's peace, Linda Alsbrook



Our Hearts & Handbells have two positions open for anyone wishing to join our group. Handbell practice is on Wednesdays from 5:45 - 7:00 pm. See Kay Lunsford for more information.



***A note from our Library:***

If you are searching for information on various subjects, missions, inspiration, or Christian fiction, check out the selection on the bookshelves in the Community Room. All the books can be checked out and returned later. The most recent are two books given by Jenny Fincher in memory of her mother-in-law Fannie Belle Fincher, "Where Mercy Fails, Dafur's Struggle to Survive", and "Three Cups of Tea, A Man's Mission to Promote Peace in Pakistan." Lu Harrison also donated "The Faith Club" in memory of John Harrison. It is written by three women, (Jewish, Christian, and Muslim), about their search for understanding.

Also available in the library are the United Methodist Women Response Magazines, which are available for loan.

The Reader's Club continues to meet the 1st Tuesday each month at 6:30 pm at Dixie McAdams' home. Our group enjoys sharing their books and opinions. We now have 8 members, and will welcome those interested in reading for enjoyment and fellowship.