

Fayette Community Church Communicator

January 2010

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a NEW creation;
the OLD has gone, the NEW has come!"*

2 Cor. 5:17 NIV

The Way to a Happy New Year

*To leave the old with a burst of song;
To recall the right and forgive the wrong;*

*To forget the things that bind you fast
To the vain regrets of the year that's past;*

*To have the strength to let go your hold
Of the not worth while of the days grown
old;*

*To dare go forth with a purpose true,
To the unknown task of the year that's
new;*

*To help your brother along the road,
To do his work and lift his load;*

*To add your gift to the world's good cheer,
Is to have and to give a Happy New Year.*

—AUTHOR UNKNOWN

New Year's Eve Party

At the Tegeler's
Come between 6:30 & 7:00 PM
(or any time thereafter!)

The whole church family is invited! Bring a goody to share and come have a blast! Please contact Sue Tegeler if you have any questions or need directions.

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"MAYBE YOU SHOULD TELL ME A LITTLE MORE
ABOUT THIS GOD OF YOURS BEFORE WE GO ON"

Ladies Scrapbooking Day

**Saturday, January 9th
9:00 AM - ?**

All ladies of the church are invited; bring your photos and any scrapbooking supplies you have – you can work on your own scrapbooks or help with the church scrapbook. An egg casserole brunch & soup dinner will be served; please bring finger-food snacks for grazing and your own drinks. Contact Randa Harrison if you have any questions.

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Trustees & L.B.A.

The Board of Trustees will meet on Tuesday, January 12th at 6:30 PM. followed by the Local Board of Administration at 7:00 PM.

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Wesleyan Women

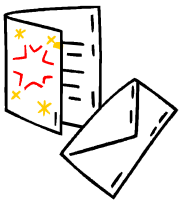
**Tuesday, January 19th
6:30 PM**

All ladies of the church are invited; Secret Sisters will be revealed! Please contact Ellen Post if you have any questions.

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Creative Cards by Loving Hands

**Friday, January 22nd
5:00 – 7:00 PM**



All adults and youth are welcome to bring your imaginations any card supplies you may have and join the creative fun! If you have any questions, contact Kate Adams.

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YOUTH SPONSORED

Family Game Night and Soup Supper

**Sunday, January 31st
6:00 PM**

The youth are inviting the whole church to come fellowship together over board and card games and bowls of warm, delicious soup. So bring your favorite soup to share and gather up your games and the whole family and come join the fun!

Special Guest

Dr. Everett Piper

from

Oklahoma Wesleyan University

“A university where Jesus is Lord”

On Sunday, January 17th Dr. Piper will be with us for the Sunday morning worship service and giving a special presentation at 2:00 PM. Youth and parents, this is an opportunity for you to learn more about the university, so come prepared with any questions you might have.

The SHINE Home School group and quizzers from other churches are invited and are welcome to share in our monthly fellowship dinner before the afternoon presentation. (For our congregation, this means a little more food will be needed that day.) We welcome anyone who would like to participate in the presentation and learn more about this Christian university. If you would like to find out more about the college to help prepare your questions before Dr. Piper’s visit, you can go to <http://www.okwu.edu/>.



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Tuesday, January 19th

Ministry Leaders: Don’t forget to fill out your activity forms for activities & events in February and give them to Kate by the deadline (this includes dates you need put on the calendar.) Extra forms are available on the small table at the back of the sanctuary. Please contact Kate with any questions.

Recipe Corner

Flat Bread

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| UP TO 3 cups flour | 1 cup water |
| 2 tsp. salt | 2 tbsp. canola oil |
| 2 tsp. baking powder | 1 tbsp. olive oil. |
| 1/2 tsp. garlic powder | (plus oil for cooking in) |

Sift together 2 cups of flour, salt, baking powder and garlic powder. Add water, canola oil and olive oil. Mix well. (You will need to add up to 1 cup more flour to make it the right consistency to roll out.) Roll out dough with rolling pin or flatten with your hand. Place in well oiled skillet and cook until it bubbles. Flip it, let it bubble, then take off pan.

Eat while warm; great with hot dips! Be creative with this recipe. (Ex: If you are having Italian type foods add some Italian seasonings and Parmesan cheese, etc.)

Submitted by Linda Tenney

Mission News

For a child has been born—for us! The gift of a son—for us! He'll take over the running of the world. His names will be: Amazing, Counselor, Strong God, Eternal Father, Prince of Wholeness. His ruling authority will grow, and there'll be no limits to the wholeness he brings.
Isaiah 9:6-7 *The Message*

Missionaries during the Christmas season:

Pray for missionaries as they plan Christmas programs and celebrations. **Pray** that the gospel message would be clearly presented and that lives would be transformed.

Pray for missionaries who are separated from their families and friends. **Pray** for missionary parents and their children (MKs) who are separated from each other.

Pray that each missionary & MK would personally experience the joy of the Lord deep in their hearts and be able to praise God saying, "Glory to God in highest heaven" (*Luke 2:14 NLT*)

Pray for our missionaries and MKs to be blessed with spiritual, physical, and emotional health for the coming year. **Pray** for assurance in their hearts that their lives are in the Father's hands and that He is always with them.

Matt & Crystal Blake: Dear Friends and Prayer Partners, THANK YOU for praying for us. The personal notes that many have sent to us have been encouraging and so wonderful. When I heard that many churches took time out of the pulpit to pray last Sunday, it brought on tears. THANK YOU so much! It has been confirmed over and over in the last few weeks that GOD IS GOOD and He is taking care of us in so many ways. I'll start from the beginning. Last January, I found a lump in my breast. This was nothing to be worried about...and not newsletter worthy news. However, since then I have been more aware of what could happen, so when I found the second and third lump this Fall, I realized that something out of the ordinary was happening. At the same time I was discovering the lumps, God was preparing Matt that something big would be coming into our lives. The basics are this: In answer to your prayers, I, Crystal, have received a clear diagnosis and now a plan of action. I now know I have breast cancer. I will meet with my oncologist next Wednesday, but already the team of doctors has put together a plan that begins with chemotherapy and radiation, and then a surgery. Matt and I can feel your prayers because we are optimistic and know without a doubt that God is going to use this for His GLORY! Already we've had times that we could share with doctors and we look forward to seeing how we can testify to God's peace and presence with the many people we come into contact here. As I was reading Thursday night, God gave me a verse. This is the truth and the promise I will hold onto throughout this journey: "For I am the Lord, your God, who holds you in his right hand, and says to you, Do not fear, I will help you." Isaiah 41:13. First, God says that He is God. Second, He tells me that He has been holding me – even before we knew this diagnosis. And thirdly, He talks to us and says He will help us. How perfect is that? God is God. He is holding me. He will help us! This verse and others like it are keeping us close to God right now.

Thank you again for continuing to pray for us. As we stay here in Czech for the treatment and follow up, you can help us by sharing your own journeys of faith—how God has been faithful to you. We are looking forward to this next week when we meet with the doctors and begin the treatments, as well as celebrate Thanksgiving and Jakob's 4th birthday. We walk forward with hope and realize we have so many blessings to be thankful for.
Happy to be a CHILD of the KING!

Crystal and Matthew Blake, Josh, Abby, and Jakob

Dear Family and Friends,

To keep you up to date on my health condition, I created a CaringBridge website. You can follow my progress and show your support. Visit my website in two easy ways:

1. Visit my CaringBridge website at the link below:

<http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/crystalblake>

2. Enter my website name, crystalblake, at www.CaringBridge.org.

Show your support

- Visit and keep up to date.
- Leave a message in my guestbook.
- Receive e-mail notifications when my journal is updated.

Thank you,

Crystal

Thank you for your prayers during my first chemo treatment. It was so nice to know all over the world people were praying! We are full of praise for how God is providing, not only with doctors, but in other areas as well. We are able to stay here in Brno and have the treatment, thereby not disrupting our kids' schooling. Matt is at home helping the family & will work from home with fewer hours in the office with Leadership Development in Europe. It's great that his work can be done through correspondence right now.

Philippians 4:4-7: "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer & petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts & your minds in Christ Jesus." A couple of ways you can be part of God providing is through giving. We recognize that right now is a difficult time of year to give. Some of you may not even have enough to share...for those of you who can, please consider giving to the ministry in Europe. Your gifts will help us to stay here in Czech, ministering both to the Czech people as well as work with other national pastors. Giving has been very low these last couple of months, yet I believe that God wants us just to share our needs. We believe that people around the world will come together to help. Our support fund is over \$8000. Less than what we need by this time of the year. Also, we have need for a new "used" car. Our hope is to buy a car in February when the prices are the lowest. We want to be good stewards of God's mercy & believe that getting a good used car is the best thing." Crystal

(Note: If you want to help with their car, make your check out to FCC & mark it "Blake car" and it will be sent through Global Partners to them.)

Submitted by Joyce Duncklee