

THE STEEPLE BELL

Brandenburg United Methodist Church
215 Broadway
Brandenburg, KY 40108

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JANUARY 2011 EDITION
MINISTER: Jim Robinson

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:00 A.M.
SUNDAY WORSHIP: 8:45 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.



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January 2011

Half-Time Kickoff is January 19 with guest speaker Patrick Henry Hughes

We are excited that Patrick Henry Hughes will kick-off our Wednesday night Half-Time program on January 19 with a service during which he will share his inspirational testimony. Patrick came into our view when his family's home was rebuilt on the ABC Television program, *Extreme Makeover – Home Edition*.

We will begin the evening with another delicious meal from Karen Ilario and Shirley Aebersold at 5:45 p.m., and the service with Patrick Henry Hughes will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. **Please make reservations for the meal no later than Monday, January 17.** Our classes will not meet that night, but will begin on January 26. A listing of the classes and groups is found on Page 3 of this Steeple Bell.

Patrick Henry Hughes is a remarkable young man who was born without eyes and without the ability to fully straighten his arms and legs, making him unable to walk. Additionally, two steel rods were surgically attached to Patrick's spine to correct scoliosis.

Patrick has overcome these physical issues to excel as a musician and student. He started playing the piano at the age of only 9 months, and also plays the trumpet and sings. He even participates in the University of Louisville Marching Band with help from his father, Patrick John Hughes, who tirelessly maneuvers his son's wheelchair through the formations with the other 220+ members of the Cardinal Marching Band. Patrick is usually a straight 'A' student, having received only three 'B's' during his entire primary/secondary educational experience, and he

graduated magna cum laude from UofL. Patrick is a Spanish language major and speaks Spanish fluently.

A virtuoso pianist, vocalist and trumpet player, Patrick has won or finished very high in numerous competitions, as well as winning awards acknowledg-



ing the circumstances he has overcome to achieve these heights. He has been featured on ESPN, ABC-TV, Oprah, CBS-TV, The Ellen Show, *Extreme Make Over Home Edition*, FOX-TV, CSTV, NBC-TV, The Today Show, Million Dollar Round Table,

The Grand Ole Opry, People Magazine, Sports Illustrated, Star Magazine, and many, many others.

Patrick has made appearances from California to New York and Chicago to Texas and Miami and countless points in between, even performing in Asia, Canada, South America and Europe. His first book, *I AM POTENTIAL*, is published and available around the country and world in different languages. He has recorded two CD's.

Plan to attend this special evening January 19, and invite your family and friends to this inspirational service. There is no charge for this event, but a free-will offering will be received in appreciation of Patrick Henry Hughes' message to our church and community.

COMMUNION OFFERING
Human Relations Sunday
January 2, 2011

Sunday, January 2, our Communion offering will be for Human Relations Day. This is one of the six yearly United Methodist church-wide offerings. Human Relations Day calls the church to recognize the right of all God's children to realize their potential as human beings.

It also supports programs for community development voluntary services and police-community relations. Your offering provides a secure foundation for God's children of all ages. More than thirty church-based community developers work in racial and ethnic minority communities in the United States and Puerto Rico providing vital outreach.

Your offering on Human Relations Day models Christ's love through:

- Local church youth offender rehabilitation projects that match United Methodist mentors with first-time, nonviolent young offenders;
- A multiracial network of grass-roots social justice organizations related to United Methodist Voluntary Service.

God calls us to model Christ's love in our churches and communities and to lead others to Christ. Please give generously on Human Relations Day. Your gift can make a world of difference!

Fifth Sunday Offering

Sunday, January 30, will be the first Fifth Sunday of 2011. Our special offering on this day will go to the United Methodist Homes for Children and Youth. This offering is vital in supporting the ministry to abused, neglected and hurting children and youth. It enables us to help give hope to these children for a brighter future. Please give generously and help our Methodist Homes offer these children a chance to live in God's grace and abundant love.

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

– Matthew 5:16

In early January, a booklet entitled "*Opportunities to Serve in 2011*" will be sent to each family on our membership roll. This booklet will provide a thumbnail sketch of the many ministries and opportunities to serve and fellowship with us at Brandenburg United Methodist Church. When you receive your booklet, please take time to consider how you wish to be involved and be prepared to return your sign-up sheets (located at the back of the booklet) during morning worship on Sunday, February 6, 2011.

ATTENDANCE and FINANCIAL REPORT
as of NOVEMBER 30, 2010

DATE	S.S.	WORSHIP				
Nov. 7	141	8:45 a.m.	195	11:00 a.m.	148	Total 343
Nov. 14	184	8:45 a.m.	200	11:00 a.m.	185	Total 385
Nov. 21	166	8:45 a.m.	180	11:00 a.m.	157	Total 337
Nov. 28	155	8:45 a.m.	188	11:00 a.m.	148	Total 336

BUDGET FOR 2010: **\$448,000.00**
 (\$8,615.38 per week)

Budget income received as of November 30:	\$363,530.86
Budget income needed as of November 30:	\$410,641.00
Short of meeting Budget (YTD):	(\$47,110.14)

DESIGNATED OFFERINGS:

Christmas Baskets	50.00
Coffee Sales	82.25
Communion Offering	221.00
Congregational Care Contribution	16.00
Golf Mission	100.00
Half-Time	1,050.00
Lightning Insurance Claim	6,058.24
Mission Fund	100.00
Pink Link	500.00
Shoebbox Fund	548.41
Upward Basketball	12,724.00
Youth	379.00

Rick Nelson, Treasurer

Half-Time classes and groups begin January 26

Our Wednesday evening Half-Time program has helped many grow in their faith and has built up the fellowship and ministry of our church. As you saw on the front page of this month's Steeple Bell, the spring semester will kick off January 19 with dinner and a service featuring Patrick Henry Hughes. **Please make a reservation for that meal and the meals to follow.** Classes will begin the following Wednesday – January 26. Sign-up sheets for meals and classes may be found on the table in the hallway outside the gym. We will have eight sessions for this spring semester with classes meeting from 6:30-7:20 pm. The last session will be held on March 30.

Class and group offerings are listed below.
 ★ **Psalm 91: God's Shield of Protection** by Peggy Joyce Ruth and Angelia Schum. The class will be led by Mary Beth McQuary. This study has been used by military chaplains working with men and women deployed to various assignments around the world where they may be in harm's way. Psalm 91 tells us of God's promise to watch over and protect them in these assignments. This study will be helpful for those of us who are facing less threatening situations at home.



Dear Brandenburg United Methodist Church,

We wanted to thank you for your love and prayers during my father's illness and death. And for the wonderful dinner after the funeral. Also for the beautiful flowers. Your kindness will not be forgotten.

With love,
The Dock Wardrip Family



I would like to thank everyone for all the beautiful cards, lovely gifts and delicious goodies.

Rose

★ **Detective Stories from the Bible** by Ellsworth Kalas. The leader of this class is to be announced. The Bible contains some detective stories, but they might best be called "life mysteries." These stories are not all mystery stories in the conventional sense of the word, but they investigate incidents, personalities and topics that ought to catch the interest of anyone with a detective's turn of mind.

★ **Preschool Choir** led by Michelle Hobbs and Sandra Dupin. This age is very impressionable and we must begin training them at this age to prepare them for the Christian faith.

★ **Classes for Grades 1-6**
 Amber Plemmons and Kelly Capozzi will be teaching a class for girls, "Beautiful In God's Eyes."

Collie Scott will teach a class for boys, "Bad Guys & Heroes of the Bible." He will be assisted by another man to lead in a project or athletic event.

★ **Class for youth in grades 7-12.** Classes will be led by our Director of Youth Ministries Barrett Howard.

★ **Chancel Choir** led by John Trotter. The choir will meet at 7:30 p.m. following classes.

If you have any questions about the Wednesday night activities, contact Russell East, Director of Programming.

Dear Brandenburg United Methodist Church,

We are very thankful that you gave us an opportunity to say hello in person and to share all that God has done and the possible future for us. We are blessed to have you alongside us as we follow God's plan for our lives. Together we will be able to bring the gospel to those that may have never heard.

Blessings,
The Hoelzers



Dear Brandenburg United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for the monetary gift to my class. We appreciate the opportunity to set up for your dinners. It helps to teach the students about teamwork and responsibility. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Kristin Hibbard
Meade County High School



No, dear brothers and sisters, I am still not all I should be, but I am focusing all my energies on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I strain to reach the end of the race and receive the prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us up to heaven.

Philippians 3:13-14

Let that scripture from Philippians sink in for a moment. Is that not the attitude we should all have as we begin 2011? None of us are perfect or sinless. Forget the mistakes made in 2010 and look ahead to opportunities to improve our life, better yet, our relationship with Christ in 2011. You up to the challenge?

I can't believe how fast 2010 flew by. When I look back at my first full calendar year with our youth, I'm amazed and humbled by the work our God has done. The lock-ins, ski trips, retreats and camp trips were all fun, but I'll always remember the tears, hugs, letters and spiritual growth that took place with our students. We confirmed 12 students this spring. Twelve students rededicated their lives to Christ. Students are bringing friends to youth group on Wednesday night, not just the "fun trips." I pray our students are able to feel God's love in their lives and continue to spread that love to others. I'll ask that you continue to pray for our students as well.

Having said all that, we hit the ground running in January.

★ January 23 will be Youth Sunday in both the 8:45 and 11:00 services. Please put this date on your calendar and come worship with our young people

★ Annual Snow Ski Trip. As I write this, I'm still working on a date, but it will probably be on a Saturday in January or February. Please let me know if you would like to help chaperone this trip. We will need adults to help with transportation and to keep an eye on the slopes

Would you like to Adopt-A-BUM? I brought this idea home from the National Youth Workers Convention in Nashville. Basically, we partner an adult member of the church with one of our students. You'll have the opportunity to get to know each oth-

er, share praises and prayer requests and help each other grow in your faith. Anyone who volunteers will be assigned a student through the end of the summer. When school starts again in August, we'll assign new partners and start over. My hope is that if we keep this program alive, and it's successful, a student that begins this program in 7th-grade will have at least six adult members of our church (besides parents and other family) who have invested in their foundation of faith. This should go a long way toward ensuring our students won't walk away from God at graduation, but will take their faith to college or the workplace. You'll get more information on this soon, but if you think you might be interested, please e-mail me at bmhoward44@gmail.com and let me know.

Finally, let me send out a HUGE "Thank You" for everyone who chaperoned, provided transportation, donated financially, opened their home, baked or bought a baked good and supported our youth group with prayer in 2010. I'm honored to serve our church as Youth Director and all of you make my job so much easier!

Happy New Year!

Barrett Howard
Youth Director



"Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

Luke 24:32 (NIV)

The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. The program's approach seriously considers the model of Christ's servanthood and encourages Christ's disciples to act in ways appropriate to being "a servant of all."

For those interested in participating in the Walk to Emmaus, the next opportunity is coming soon. *The Men's Walk is March 10-13* (Thursday evening to Sunday afternoon). *The Women's Walk is the following weekend, March 17-20.*

There are also opportunities for youth and young adults - Chrysalis and YAC (Young Adult Chrysalis).

For more information, visit the Elizabethtown Emmaus Community's Web site at <http://www.etonemmaus.org>.



Military News

- Mary Beth McQuary

Thanks to all who contributed goodies for the soldiers at Ft. Knox preparing to deploy to Afghanistan. I heard they were gobbled up and enjoyed by everyone at brigade headquarters! 1SG Crudup writes that he is leaving on 6 January 2011; others are leaving next week. Please add the soldiers of 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT) to your prayer list for 2011. Several thousand soldiers will be deploying and all need your prayers.

If you are interested in "walking" the distance to Afghanistan with me, some 7,000 miles, I believe (someone will look it up, I am certain!), then let me know! It might be a fun project for the New Year for you, your family, your group or your Sunday School class. Send me the names of folks interested in participating with you via e-mail at mbmcquary@gmail.com. I will set up a map and log the distance for all to see each month if enough people are interested in this project. Thirty minutes of aerobics will count as two miles, two bike miles will count as one walking mile, 15 minutes of basketball or soccer can count for one mile! Whatever your activity is, let me know and we can assign mileage to it! And, of course, while you are working out, think on these brave men and women!

If you want to adopt a soldier for the year, please let me know as well. I will be visiting various Sunday School classes in January. Some of you have already adopted a soldier. If so, please contact either Tom or me in the next couple of weeks.

I need pictures of soldiers on our prayer list to post on the bulletin board. Please drop off at the office with Rose. Along with the pictures, I need addresses of the new soldiers added to the prayer list.

Thanks again to the Sunday School classes who adopted a soldier over the holidays.



Ian Jay Welch joined Brandenburg United Methodist Church December 19, 2010, on profession of faith. He was baptized in the Chapel of the Laken Heith Royal Air Force Base in the United Kingdom. He is employed by the Jefferson county Public Schools as a math teacher at Western High School.

Ian has two daughters, Sarahann, born January 21, 2004; and Grace, born December 28, 2004. They were baptized December 19, 2010, and added to the preparatory roll. Ed and Pat Cates are the girls' grandparents.



Children's Ministries

- Amber Plemmons

The Children's Ministry at Brandenburg United Methodist Church continues to grow. With that growth comes changes, and a few of those changes take effect with the new year.

♥ A baby room for children birth to 18 months is now located across from the nursery.

♥ The nursery will now be a toddler room for children 19 months and up.

♥ Children in grades 5 and 6 (who had been in the classroom across from the nursery) will now meet in a classroom in the Youth Annex. Children are encouraged to go to the Youth Annex in pairs or groups. The entire class will return to the main building at the end of the Sunday School hour, and parents may pick them up in Parish Hall.

We are currently seeking donations of items for the baby room. They include:

- Mini fridge
- Tummy Time mats
- Gliding rockers
- Baby swing

If you have any of these gently used items and would like to donate them to the church nursery, please contact Amber Plemmons at 945-5138.

SERVING OUR CHURCH IN JANUARY

8:45 AM SERVICE

Pray with Pastor: Eric King
 Ushers: Alec Stone, Ed Stull, Doug & Sandra Stone
 Greeters: Narthex - Dave Mitcham
 Parish Hall- Sue Mitcham
 Atrium - Shirley Aebersold
 Information Table: Jessie Moore
 Communion Servers: Bryan & Martha Claycomb
 Nicki & Lenny Banks

JANUARY 2: Children's Moment: T. Parker
 Cherub Church: None
 Nursery: Linda Dodson, Amy Haynes, Lesley Wilson
JANUARY 9: Children's Moment: Alison Howard
 Cherub Church: Rusty & Cassie Padgett, Sarah Greer
 Nursery: Jennifer Honaker, Gwen Gallimore
JANUARY 16: Children's Moment: John Turner
 Cherub Church: Alison Howard, Collyn Bradley
 Nursery: Maggie Wilson, Sandy Dupin, Rachel Harreld
JANUARY 23: Children's Moment: Bill Adams
 Cherub Church: Stephanie Crosier, Hannah King
 Nursery: Angie Phillips, Kristina Phillips, Nicki Banks
JANUARY 30: Children's Moment: Eli Dix
 Cherub Church: Sandy Love, Whitney Hobbs
 Nursery: Michele Dix, Chris Love, Michelle Hobbs

9:45 a.m. Sunday School Nursery Volunteers

January 2: Beth Greer, Kelly Nelson
 January 9: Beth Greer, Jennifer Honaker
 January 16: Beth Greer, Randall Bradley
 January 23: Beth Greer, Val Goins
 January 30: Beth Greer, Chris Wilson

11:00 a.m. SERVICE

Pray with Pastor: Don Martin
 Tellers: Beverly Furnival, Don Dodson
 Ushers: Ron Barger (Head Usher), Bonnie Clendenin,
 Ken Clendenin, Mary Lee Ernst, Jimmy Wilson
 Greeters: Narthex - Terry Nelson
 Parish Hall - Kelly Nelson
 Atrium - 10:00 a.m. - Isabel Wilson
 11:00 a.m. - Christine Ramsey
 Information Table: Joan Wilson
 Communion Servers: Chester & Simone Davisson
 Sue Hayes, Bruno Ilario
 January 2: Children's Moment: Alison Howard
 Nursery: Beth Greer, Kelly Nelson
 January 9: Children's Moment: Russell East
 Nursery: Beth Greer, Kim Robinson, Jennifer Saylor
 January 16: Children's Moment: Lesley Wilson
 Nursery: Beth Greer, Jennifer Miller
 January 23: Children's Moment: Linda Dodson
 Nursery: Beth Greer, Pam Hamilton, Valerie Goins
 January 30: Children's Moment: Amber Plemmons
 Nursery: Beth Greer, Stephanie Stone

There is no Cherub Church during the 11 a.m. worship service. Children ages 3 through Kindergarten are welcome to go to the nursery after Children's Moment.

JANUARY EVANGELISM AND CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Evangelism Volunteers for first time guests
 Jeff Cannady & Lee Klockow
 Medco and Beehive Visitation
 Beth Greer
 Shut-in Food Preparation
 Week 1 - Joan Wilson, Robyn Proctor
 Week 2 - Bev Furnival, Mary Beth McQuary
 Week 3 - Martha Claycomb, Judy Applegate
 Week 4 - Jessie Moore
 Shut-in Food Delivery
 Week 1 - John Bruington, Phyllis Melton
 Week 2 - Christine Ramsey, Phyllis Melton
 Week 3 - Sandra Stone, Phyllis Melton
 Week 4 - Jessie Moore, Phyllis Melton

If you are unable to serve on the day you are scheduled, please make arrangements, when possible, to switch days with another member.



On behalf of the Prison Fellowship Angel Tree® Program, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for this year's success!

- ♥ All the individuals and groups who so generously provided for the children;
- ♥ Pastor Jim and Pastor East for helping get the word out;
- ♥ Rose who graciously shared her office space with the gifts;
- ♥ The Toys for Tots Program's donation of extra toys and box of books;
- ♥ Suzy Harreld's hefty hauling of food boxes;
- ♥ Kristi and Mary Beth McQuary (and Thomas Mason) who performed magical gift wrapping; and
- ♥ Alana and Sarah Drees – the super helper elves.

You have ensured that over three dozen children will have a happy Christmas on behalf of their incarcerated parent.
 Let's do it again next year!

May God Bless
 Dottie Selter

JANUARY CALENDAR

Regular Weekly Events:

*For church contact and number, see below
Sunday, January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
 8:45 a.m. Informal Worship Service
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service
 5:00 p.m. Brothers in Christ
 Interpretive Movement
 UMYF
Monday, January 3
 5:30 p.m. Upward Basketball practice
Monday, January 10, 17, 24, 31
 3:15 p.m. Special Olympics practice
 5:30 p.m. Upward Basketball practice
Tuesday, January 4,
 6:45 a.m. Brothers in Christ (McDonalds)
 10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ
 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts
Tuesday, January 11, 18, 25
 6:45 a.m. Brothers in Christ (McDonalds)
 10:00 a.m. Sisters in Christ
 3:15 p.m. Special Olympics practice
 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts
Wednesday, January 19
 5:45 p.m. Halftime Supper
 6:30 p.m. Guest Speaker
 Patrick Henry Hughes
Wednesday, January 26
 5:45 p.m. Halftime Supper
 6:30 p.m. Adult Studies & Groups,
 Preschool Choir, Children's Choir,
 Youth, Sisters in Christ,
 Brothers in Christ
 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir
 Brothers in Christ
Thursday, January 6, 13, 20, 27
 6:30 a.m. Brothers in Christ
 5:30 p.m. Upward Basketball practice
 6:30 p.m. Brothers in Christ (EDJ Bldg.)
Saturday, January 8, 15, 22, 29
 7:00 a.m. Brothers in Christ
 9:00 a.m. Upward Basketball games

**Mark your calendars for
 Awaken Women's Conference
 February 11 & 12**

Register online at
www.awakenconference.info
 or call Stephanie Stone at 270-668-8075
 for more information.

New Events:

Monday, January 3
 12 p.m. Ministerial Association Luncheon/Meeting
 6 p.m. Mission Team Meeting
 7:15 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 150 Committee
Thursday, January 6
 11:30 a.m. FLC Reserved
Friday, January 7
 6 p.m. Trustee Meeting
Sunday, December 9
 4:30 p.m. Leadership & Team Meetings
 6:00 p.m. Church Council
Monday, January 17
 Church Office Closed
Tuesday, January 18
 8:30 a.m. VA Officer
Thursday, January 20
 1:00 p.m. NARFE
Sunday, January 23
 9 a.m. Blood Drive
Tuesday, January 25
 1:30 p.m. UMW
 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Pack 150

Halftime Menus

(subject to change)
January 19
 Roast, gravy, mashed potatoes, peas,
 cranberry salad, pie
January 26
 Barbecue sandwiches or corn dogs, potato chips or
 potato pancake, coleslaw, dessert

Brandenburg United Methodist Church will sponsor a **blood drive Sunday, January 23**, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Family Life Center. **Every** two seconds someone in the United States needs blood. Seven out of 10 of us will need blood during our lifetime and you never know when you may need it. Each donor can save as many as three lives with one pint of blood. Giving blood is quick and easy, and you can do it every 56 days.

A sign up sheet will be at the Information Center. Nancy Inman is our blood drive coordinator. If you would like to volunteer to help at the blood drive or if you need more information, please contact Nancy at 422-4413 or contact Rose at the church office at 422-2810.

Give the gift of life – give blood!

