

# A LIGHT SHINING

December 2014

## Gathering Info



### Next Gathering:

Friday, December 19, 2014

First United Methodist

Potluck 6:30pm

Worship 7:30

Fourth Day Speaker

*Ken Walker*

Child Care is provided for  
Worship. Please invite your  
family and friends.

Gatherings are open to all.

The January Gathering will  
be held on

January 16th, 2015.



From the Community Lay Director

*Sandy Ott*

## *Worship through Relationship*

It's December and we are approaching Christmas, the day set aside specifically for celebration and remembrance of the birth of Christ. As each day passes, excitement of the season stirs in our hearts in anticipation of the events that often take place this time of year. Parties with our co-workers, our church groups and families. Moments to make memories of fellowship and togetherness as friends and family come near enjoying the shared meals, story-telling of days past, games and laughter.

Our great God, no doubt, takes joy and pleasure in the relationships of his children, but I believe what he treasures even more is his relationship with his children. This season of remembrance should be more about who God is and celebrated through worship in our daily lives. Seizing opportunities to serve others, to be generous givers of our time, talent and resources to those who need us most, are active examples of worship. Sharing our testimonies, the story of what Christ has done and is continuing to do in our lives, with people who are seeking Him or in need of encouragement to build their faith. So...

"Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song." Psalm 95:1-2

Merry Christmas and may your Christmas season, and every day, be filled with thanksgiving and worship of the One and Only, Jesus Christ.



**Pray for  
Revival of the Church**

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Lord God,

*We recognize you, you are our Creator! Father we praise you, you are our Redeemer. Almighty we humble ourselves before you, you are the beginning and the end.*

*We faithfully submit our lives to you Lord and ask for our faith to be ignited that You would be seen in all we do and through our words actions. May we, as the church, seek you above all else, committing ourselves to share you with others! In Jesus' powerful name, Amen.*

## **BOARD NEWS**

Several members of the board are retiring at the end of the year, having completed their terms.

**Dana Krofcheck**

**Rick Estep**

**Thomas Malcolm**

**Sandy Ott**

*(completing her term as Community Lay Director)*

Thank you to all of these board members for their dedication and commitment.

At the last Gathering the Community elected new Board members. Thank you for your willingness to serve:

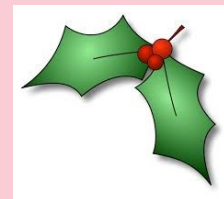
**Sherry Hackworth**

**Mary Alice Edwards**

**Brian Poling**

**Larry Kirkpatrick**

**Lisa Shinn**



Those who have been elected to serve on the board beginning in 2015 are invited to attend the December Board meeting – held in the library of First UMC, Ashland at 5:30, December 19 (right before the Gathering).

Pam Berry will become the Community Lay Director and Rev. Mike Lewis will become Community Spiritual Director in January. Please keep them in your prayers.

*I have a question...*

For this month, let's consider Fourth Day Talks.

**Question:** What is the purpose of a Fourth Day talk?

**Answer:** A Fourth Day talk is designed to "re-answer" the two questions that all of us responded to at the end of our original walks – What did my walk mean to mean? What have I done about it?

**Question:** How is the Fourth Day speaker selected?

**Answer:** After prayer consideration, the Community Lay Director asks the person she or he feels that God is calling to speak to the community to give the Fourth Day talk.

**Question:** What can I do to support the ministry of the Fourth Day speaker?

**Answer:** I believe all of our Fourth Day speakers would ask for your prayers during their time of preparation and your presence during the Gatherings. If something in the talk touches your heart and your spirit, let them know. Your affirmation will be an encouragement to them.

**Question:** Only 10 or 12 people give a Fourth Day talk each year. What does that have to do with me?

**Answer:** We are all called to witness to the presence of Christ in our lives, whether during a Fourth Day talk at a Gathering or in the grocery store. Our Fourth Days are full of opportunities to speak of our experiences with Christ. What is your story? How has God touched your life? Know the answer and be prepared to share it, even when you do not expect to do so. God is calling all of us to give our Fourth Day witness, in what we say each day and in what we do.



### *Treasurer's Report*

#### September 2014

Beginning	\$6,284.22
Receipts	\$1,016.00
Expenditures	\$ 719.00
Balance	\$6,580.78

#### October 2014

Beginning	\$6,580.78
Receipts	\$1,599.95
Expenditures	\$1,642.75
Balance	\$6,537.98



	Offered by	Concerning	Request
Prayer	AAEC	Cristen Pulliam	Recovering from major surgery in Houston. Beginning radiation therapy.
Prayer	Trish Estle	Kathy Kellogg	Trish's mother, health issues, kidney and heart problems
Prayer	Trish Estle	Trish and Monti Estle	Health, financial and spiritual issues
Prayer	Chryl Budd	Hulse and Melissa Budd	Melissa's dementia has progressed. Hulse is beginning to work on nursing home placement.
Prayer	Ellen Fryman	Sally Balkcum	Diagnosed with breast cancer
Prayer	Dianne Herrell	Lenora Riley	Congestive Heart Failure
Prayer	Anita Estep	Christina Frazier	Young mother recovering from breast cancer just diagnosed with liver cancer.
Prayer	Jr. Fitzpatrick	Joe and Carla Skaggs	Joe was recently diagnosed with a brain tumor.
Prayer	Dan Heironimus	Larry and Jessie Fleehman	Passing of Larry's father.



### Spring Walk Dates

Men's Walk #34  
April 9-12, 2015

Women's Walk #41  
April 23-26, 2015

### Gathering Schedule— Mark Your Calendars!!

DECEMBER 19, 2014

JANUARY 16, 2015

FEBRUARY 20, 2015

MARCH 20, 2015

