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**Next Sunday January 3, 2010
The Ugandan Orphan's Choir
10:30 AM Worship**



Brenda

Frank

Saffina

This Sunday we are privileged to have a children's choir from Uganda bring our message in song and dance. The choir of 10 children plus 4 adult chaperones will join us following worship for a potluck lunch. The choir is part of the ministry of Childcare Worldwide, based in Bellingham, Washington. Most of the children speak both English and Luganda. Please invite your friends and family to this special worship service.

FROM THE MINISTER

"What did you get for Christmas?" seems to be the question asked by the younger generation. But I wonder if in ten years we will remember receiving an I-pod or another DVD movie? The things we receive today are often just that -- things. Our garages and closets are filled with things that we once thought valuable but now store for another day. While we all enjoy receiving gifts, most of us know that the greatest joy in life is giving. On my desk now is a gift Gineva and I made for one of our church families on the occasion of their wedding day. We know it will be enjoyed as we enjoyed making it.

This year we had the privilege of giving some children from other families a few gifts. The dollar amount was not that much, but the pleasure of hearing how the gifts were received is still fun to hear about. There is something about a doll received by a 5-year-old that renews one's sense of the joy of giving. Many of our gifts in life are for families we will never meet in person but we give because we can make a difference.

And as we are thinking what we can give to those who have seen a year of pain and suffering,

lets remember that giving our presence is the best gift we can share.

Chris C. Nettles



Amber, Ernie, Vicki & Abigail Rose

We ask Prayers for:

Sally Randall came home from the hospital on
Tuesday December 22nd,
Peace on Earth,
Our military,
For our family & friends to keep our
faith the whole year through,
Prayer for our church without ceasing,
Jim & Wanda Copenhaver,
Blessings on this congregation,
Jewell Magill & Charles, her son,
We pray that we all keep
our faith during these troubled times!
Prayers for our troops,
Health of our church.
Al , Unity & Sally.

**SATURDAY
WOMEN’S BOOK CLUB**

The Women's Book Club is planning an outing to the Riverside Municipal Museum (3580 Mission Inn Avenue) to see "Reading the Walls," an exhibit about the Japanese-American internment camps. (One of the displays includes a picture of Lily Taka). The group plans to meet for lunch at Bella Trattoria on Main & 6th connected to the Mission Inn at about 11:30 then on to see the exhibit. (For additional information or a ride, contact Mary Stuart. Admission to the museum is free; but freewill donations are accepted.

CHURCH CAT AVAILABLE

Perhaps you have seen the church cat in the courtyard. She (or he) is ready to find a loving family or individual to take it home. Chris Nettles will pay for it to be fixed and have the needed shots, if someone is willing to take it home. It is a very loving cat and our nights are very cold now.

CWF

The Joy and Mary Rebecca Groups will begin meeting together on the 3rd Tuesday at 1 PM @ the church
The first meeting will be Tuesday January 19, 2010.

BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday morning group will reconvene on Jan 6. We will begin an eight-nine week study of the book Simple Church. The group will meet from 10:00 to 10:45. Join us for a lively discussion of this very interesting book.

2-4 PM Ugandan Children’s Choir arrives at church

FRIDAY JANUARY 1, 2010

Happy New Year

SATURDAY JANUARY 2

No Homeless Feeding

SUNDAY JANUARY 3

9:15 AM Adult Church School
10:30 AM Worship-Children’s Choir
No Worship & Wonder this Sunday so we can all enjoy the choir
Noon Potluck

MONDAY JANUARY 4

6:30-8:00 PM Youth Group

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 6

10:00-10:45 Bible Study

THURSDAY JANUARY 7

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY JANUARY 3

WORSHIP LEADER Cathy Losee
SONG LEADER Sherry Nettles
COMMUNION PREP Peggy Guzzetta
HOSPITALITY MINISTRY
Shirley Baker
HOSPITALITY Potluck Lunch

Women’s Book Club

Saturday January 16- 8:30 AM

@ Cocos on Trautwein

“The Elegance of the Hedgehog”

Muriel Barery