

Mt. Auburn United Methodist Church—12/15/2010

“...you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.”

Luke: 2:12



Sunday, Dec. 19:

Night of the Father's Love

Join us Sunday morning at 9 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. when our Chancel Choir leads us in a musical worship experience: *Night of the Father's Love*. This musical offering of fresh new songs, well-loved carols, and thoughtful readings is a powerful retelling of God's gift to us in the birth of Jesus.

A Christmas Tree Narrative & Birthday Party for Jesus

Children ages 4 through the 4th grade are invited to an interactive play presented by the 5th and 6th grade Sunday school class at 9:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. in the former sanctuary.



Church Office Hours: 8:30am-4:30pm
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★ **Regular Weekly Activities**

Sundays

8:20am Prayer in Chapel
 9:00am Worship, S.S. & Life Groups
 10:00am A Time for Fellowship
 10:30am Worship, Life Groups, & Children's Cornerstone
 5:30pm Jr. & Sr. High Youth
 7-9pm Men's Open Gym

Mondays

2pm Staff Mtg.-Library
 6:30pm Women's Bible Study-Chapel
 7pm Boy Scouts #245 -Sanctuary

Tuesdays

9:30am Women's Bible Study-Rm 205
 9:00am Tai Chi Chair Aerobics-TH
 7:00pm DivorceCare—Youth Rm.

Wednesdays

9:30am Women's Bible Study-Rm 211
 10am-2:15pm Jerry's Dance Class-CR
 6:00pm Bell Choir
 6:30pm Health Counseling—Rm 3

- Solomon's Porch
- Men's Bible Study—Rm 204

 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursdays

9:00am Staff Mtg.-Library
 9:30am Moms N More-CR, YR. RM 10
 7:00pm Band Rehearsal-The Courts

★ These events take place **EVERY** week at the designated times unless otherwise noted on the monthly calendar.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
KEY: S.S. —Sunday School; UR -Upper Rooms; FH -Fellowship Hall; S —Sanctuary; L —Library BS —Boy Scouts; CS —Cub Scouts; GS —Girl Scouts; Rm —Room; Chapel C ; OFLC —O'Dell Family Life Center; CR —Community Room; TH —Trinity Hall; YR —Youth Room; K —Kitchen; The Courts—Cts						
2 ★	3 ★ 5:30-6:30pm Wheeler-Cts 6:30pm GS 919-CR 7pm Staff Parish-Rm 32 No Women's Bible Study	4 ★ 6am Fellowship Grp- 4 Seasons 6:30pm CS-UR No Women's Bible Study	5 ★ 6:30pm Life Grps-Rm 210 & 205 No Women's Bible Study	6 ★ 6pm Daycare Staff-FH 6:30pm GS 2370-CR 6:30pm Life Grp-Rm210	7 2pm Gettum's Life Grp 5-8:30pm GS Cookie Rally-Cts	8 9:30-11am Cooking Discussion Grp-K
9 ★ 10:45 Club 56-YR 4pm New Member Orientation—CR	10 ★ 5:30-6:30pm Wheeler-Cts 6pm Trustees-L 7pm Shalom -Rm 25	11 ★ 5:30pm GS 1044-CR 6:30pm CS-UR 6:30pm BS-C	12 ★ 6:30pm Life Grps-Rm 210 & 205 Newsletter	13 ★ 6pm GS -Rm 12 6:30 GS-S 6:30pm Life Grp-Rm210	14 8:30am Emmaus Reun. StknShake 135 2pm Gettum's Life Grp 6:30 Life Grp-Rm 210 6:30 4:4 Forum	15 9am Life Grp - S.Lapp's 12-2pm MDA-TH 12:30-4:30 Congregational Use-CR
16 ★	17 ★ 5:30-6:30pm Wheeler-Cts	18 ★ 6am Fellowship Grp- 4 Seasons 10am Agape-Rm C 5:30pm GS #1044-CR 7:00pm Bookies-Rm 25 6pm CS-S 6:30pm BS-C	19 ★ 6:30pm Life Grps-Rm 210 & 205 6:30-8:30pm 4H-CR	20 ★ 6:30pm Autism Spt-UR 6:30pm Life Grp-Rm210	21 2pm Gettum's Life Grp	22 9am Church Leadership Mtg 6-9pm Emmaus Gathering-TC
23 ★ 10:45 Club 56 7am-1pm Blood Drive	24 ★ 5:30-6:30pm Wheeler-Cts 30	25 ★ 5:30pm GS 1044-CR 6:30pm BS-C 6:30pm CS-Rm 211 31	26 ★ 6:30pm Life Grps-Rm 210 & 205 7pm Stone Village HOA-CR	27 ★ 6pm GS -Rm 12 6:30pm Life Grp-Rm210	28 ★ 8:30am Emmaus Reun. StknShake 135 2pm Gettum's Life Grp 4pm Womens' Retreat-OFLC 6:30 Life Grp-Rm 210	29 8-4pm CS-S 4pm Womens' Retreat-OFLC

January Birthdays

Jan. 1	Bob Hammill Julie Hammill Paul Schnulle Lori Schooler
Jan. 3	Geoffrey Bryant Dawn Dobbins Pamela Pereira
Jan. 4	Dale Harris (of Grace St.) Portia Lindley Joe Pearson Matt Rosebrough
Jan. 5	Scott Patton
Jan. 6	Chris Alexa
Jan. 7	James Chapella Ray Porter Julie Ruff Doris Schroeder Kevin Walsh
Jan. 8	Elaine Sullender Kathy Taylor
Jan. 9	Jackson Clements Jacqueline Simpson
Jan. 10	Jeffrey Bozarth Robert Holbrook Kitty Quackenbush Melissa Riser Elijah Roleson Barb Wethington Kenneth White
Jan. 11	Laurie Allison Susan Lapp Mike Lewis Matthew Wilham
Jan. 12	Andrew Bonser
Jan. 13	George Galyean Carol Ross Paul Thompson
Jan. 14	Tiffany Brumbaugh
Jan. 15	Chris Brewer Lauren Lewis Patty Wiseman
Jan. 16	Cory Innis Brenda Rittenhouse
Jan. 18	Sarah Coffey Steve Embree Maleah Hester Chrissy Wurster
Jan. 19	Andy Hester



January Anniversaries

Jan. 3	Brian & Julie Ruff
Jan. 8	Mark & Donna Silvertooth
Jan. 9	Mike & Diana Eckert Tom & Beth Stapleton
Jan. 10	Randy & Karen Stapleton
Jan. 15	Jeff & Shelly Weddle
Jan. 18	Bruce & Jeri Mitchell Walt & Jackie Umbarger
Jan. 25	Kirk & Anna Lovell
Jan. 27	Phil & Barb Howard Dallas & Mary Ann Sutton
Jan. 31	Jeff & Cathy Andersen

Jan. 19	Shirley Weddle
Jan. 20	Richard Dougherty
Jan. 21	Alex Hutton Thelma Zaring
Jan. 23	Mike Bishop Deb Hampton Alan Linton Alex VanOsdol
Jan. 24	Daniel Core Adam McClurg Winnie McPherson Haley Williams
Jan. 25	Keenan Hubbard Kirk Lovell Paula Tanier
Jan. 26	Joy Atzinger Dorothy Cooper Carson Heckler Holly Newell
Jan. 27	Alyce Embree Heather Ogden Alicia Sunga Kyle White
Jan. 28	Brett Beaman Dean Henderson Barb Howard Mark Sargent Patrick Southerm
Jan. 29	Dale Kaiser Barb Martin Sadie Morrie Grace Shockley
Jan. 30	Duane Jaeger
Jan. 31	Matt Dean Marge Patton Allison Skaggs Shelly Weddle



My Dear Friends,

Sunday was an awesome day of worship at Mt. Auburn. God showed up! The crowd was huge. The singing was enthused. Love flowed! And, the sermon was terrific. I can say that, because I didn't preach. Ben did. Now, if he could only see how Wesley completes Calvin and the Reformation – he would be going on to perfection! Oh well, you can't have everything, I guess.

This is the Christians' time of year, the season that demonstrates the Father's love for us with the gift of a baby. This baby is not just any baby, mind you, but this baby is God's only Son. If you ever wanted a sign to be sure of the Father's unending and incomprehensible love – THIS IS IT! The New Century Version translates Jesus' words from John 15:13 like this:

"The greatest love a person can show is to die for his friends."

Obviously, you and I have never demonstrated that depth of love to anyone. Hopefully, we'll never have to, but that's exactly what Jesus did. He was born to die. He came to lay down His life on the Cross for you and me. He died in our place. He paid the penalty for your sins and mine.

God could have let us "stew in our own juice" so to speak. He is a holy God. He hates sin and cannot tolerate evil. He could have let us die. But, instead He found a way to uphold the requirements of His righteousness on the one hand, yet fulfill the demands of His love on the other. He sent His Son to this earth to be our Savior. Only a great God would do this. If you are not moved to think this is a pretty special and awesome God – you should be!

Christians, this is our time of year. Let's ring loudly the bells of Christmas, so all may hear and wonder why we are so joyful. And, then when they ask, let's tell them. Or, at least, let's invite them to come to Mt. Auburn with us and hear this wonderful news of a Savior born in Bethlehem.

- This Sunday, Dec. 19, the **Chancel Choir** will present a Christmas Cantata, *"Night of the Father's Love"*, for the adults, and our **5th and 6th grade class** will present "A Christmas Tree Narrative and Birthday Party for Jesus" for the children in both hours. Don't miss this! Not all of us will be able to do so, but some of you might want to attend both!
- On Christmas Eve the message *"And Then You Came"* will be my joy to preach to people in our world today who need some good news.
- And, then, on Sunday, Dec. 26, Pastor Ben will preach again.

This is our time, friends. Let's not allow others to drown us out. Let's make sure the "Good News" gets out!

Jim Hertel



Weekly Report of Attendance and General Giving:

Week Ending	Worship Attendance	S.S. & Life Groups	Budgeted Ministries	Capital Funds II	Other Funds	Total Receipted
12/5/2010	479	316	\$23,291.18	\$4,964.00	\$475.00	\$28,730.18
12/12/2010	537	293	\$14,613.07	\$3,132.00	\$996.00	\$18,741.07

Needed weekly for budgeted ministries in 2010 \$20,971. Other Funds include: \$150.00 for Elizabeth Francis Memorial; \$325.00 Millie Tiepen Memorial; \$200.00 Sanctuary fund in honor of Peggy Sutton.

Year-End Giving Instructions

About 10% of our annual offerings are received during the month of December. If you want to make a gift to the church and receive credit for tax purposes this year, then be sure to have your offering into the church office no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, December 30. If you intend to gift to the church by stock for the 2010 donation year, please do so on or before December 20 to allow adequate processing time. If you need help with this, please call the Church Office.

Pick Up Your Contribution Envelopes

The 2011 contribution envelope packets will be available for pick-up Sunday, Dec. 19-January 2. They are on tables in Fellowship Hall. Packets are pre-labeled for anyone who pledges or regularly gives to the Budgeted Ministries or Capital Funds. If your bank mails payments to the church directly, you won't see envelopes. There is a sign-up sheet available, if you don't see envelopes with your family's name on it, and you would like to receive them. Remember to discard any 2010 or prior envelopes after December 31. Any packets that have not been picked up by Jan. 2, will be in the church office or you may call and ask to have them mailed to you. Please help us save on postage and pick-up your envelopes soon! Thanks.

Sympathy

We mourn the passing of Mary Holman, a member of Mt. Auburn, on Dec. 11. Please keep Melissa Truelove and family in prayers at the passing of her beloved mother. Services will be held in Vincennes on Friday.

Births

Congratulations to grandparents John and Joni Coy and great-grandmother Mary Kinder on the birth of Owen William Andres. Owen was born on Oct. 26 to Jessica and Mark Andres. The family is doing well!

Thank You's

Dear Mt. Auburn Family,

During my two recent surgeries, I felt the love, support and prayer that families give. You truly are my family. You showered Dallas and me with cards, phone calls, visits, lots of yummy food, and prayers. I am a bit of a wimp. I really could not have gone through the surgeries and recovery without you. Thanks to you I am feeling God with me each step of the way to recovery. I thank God every day for Mt. Auburn. We are truly blessed to be members of the family! Thank you, Mary Ann Sutton

Dear Mt. Auburn Family,

We all want to thank you for all you have done for us with the passing of our mother and grandmother. Thanks to Ben and Jim for the hospital visits and for being with the family the day of mom's passing. We also want to thank the many people who came to the funeral and the viewing. The out-pouring of love and compassion was very appreciated. We also appreciate the cards from many of our Mt. Auburn Family. A special thanks to all who made food and set it up for us to enjoy after the services. And too, we want to thank Denise Rosebrough who house-sat at Elaine's during the funeral. In Christian Love, The Francis, Collins, and Blessing Families

From the Piecemakers



The Piecemakers Quilting group continues to bless so many in our community! They delivered 19 quilts to the Johnson County Hospital Pediatric/Maternity Center and 14 quilts to the Greenwood Village Pavilion.

Four Corners Mission Opportunity



After the tags are off the tree, our Christmas tree looks really lonely. Help decorate it by bringing mittens, gloves, hats, or scarves for our friends in the Four Corners area of the U.S. Many of the native Americans live in the high desert area where it gets very cold. It has been our tradition to send these winter items to Shiprock, Arizona, where they are distributed to those in need. Any questions? Call us at 882-0404. Gene and Carolyn Freeman

THE EXCITEMENT IS BUILDING
EQUAL SACRIFICE. NOT EQUAL GIFTS.
MT. AUBURN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Capital Funds II Update
(as of 11/30/2010)

Help Us Hit Our Targets!

Capital Funds II

Responses	226
Dollars Pledged	\$1,130,894.16
Contribution Dollars Received	\$ 916,363.64
Other Sources Received	\$ 469,893.21
Total Received	\$1,386,256.85

Upcoming SERMONS

Message Series Announced for the New Year

Dr. Hertel will begin a winter message series for the New Year on "How to Build a Happy Life." The opening message of the series beginning on Sunday, January 2, is "The Pursuit of Happiness." This will be followed by:

- January 9 – "Who Wants to be Poor?"
- January 16 – "Good Mourning"
- January 23 – "Do We Seek to be Meek?"
- January 30 – "Being Filled at God's Smorgasbord"

Other messages will follow in February. This series will focus on a fresh look at the Beatitudes found in Jesus' Sermon on the Mount – Matthew 5.



Calling All Food Enthusiasts!

We are starting a culinary discussion group at Mt. Auburn. Come with your questions & your expertise (or not) to share knowledge and information on anything food related. Experience is not required—you don't have to have a degree in culinary arts—just have an interest in

food. All are invited to participate in this new group. Some possible topics we might cover are foods in the Bible, cooking techniques, what to do if a recipe starts to go wrong, understanding a commercial kitchen vs. doing something at home, how to plan for small/large parties & have the food all ready at the same time, or other topics for which the group wants to pursue. The direction of discussion may lead to trying some techniques using the OFLC kitchen.

Our first group meeting will be on Saturday, Jan. 8, from 9:30–11 a.m.. in the OFLC (church) kitchen. Other meeting dates will be determined by the group. Joel Rifkind and Marge Patton will be leading this group. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk in Trinity Hall.



Retribution Message Questions?

If you have any questions about last Sunday's message on "Retribution" or "Retribution Theology," please give me a call at 535-8555 ext. 1309, or stop in and see me at church (not in on Friday, that's daddy/ daughter day at the Greenbaum house) or e-mail me at beng@mtauburnumc.org.

I know parts of the message may have been hard to swallow last Sunday, and I obviously still struggle with the issue myself. And I want to dialogue with anyone struggling with a "retributionist" view of God, because I personally know the overwhelming bitterness it can lead to in life. To be honest, there was a time when I lived with bitterness toward God because of the intense suffering and sadness I felt God was unfairly allowing me to endure. And, there have been moments that I have sat on the edge of my bed buried in sorrow, washed in tears repeating to myself verses like:

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding." (Proverbs 3:5) or "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28)

I have sat there repeating these verses and others desperately trying to escape my "retributionist" views of God.

This life, while wonderful, is not easy; we are surrounded by injustice, disease, death and pain, and our finite view of things often corrupts the goodness of God's eternal plan and His infinite love toward his children. So again, if you have any questions, please get in touch; I don't bite; I will not get defensive, but I will listen, so maybe together we can come to know, and TRUST in, the unwavering love of God found through our relationship to Jesus Christ.

Always in HIS grip,
Ben



If you have taken a tag from the Angel Gift Tree, please return the wrapped packages **by noon on Sunday, Dec. 19**. Remember to **tie** the paper ornament to the gift (please do not tape the ornament tags to the packages). If you have questions about this project, contact Maureen Pamachena, 535-8292, or during the day at 328-7700.

Holiday Help Fund

If you wish to recognize a loved one in the Christmas Eve bulletins as a dedication or memorial, we ask that you make a \$5 donation to the church's Help Fund. The Help Fund is used for needy families in the area. Please submit this form or contact Marsha Armenoff at 535-8555 ext. 1304, no later than 12/19. Please make all checks payable to Mt. Auburn.



Name: _____

Phone No: _____

In memory of/in honor of (circle): _____

How many: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____



Sunday, Jan. 9, at 4 p.m. in the Community Rm

Sign up today for our new member class. A light meal will be served followed by an introduction to many staff and programs of the church. Child care is provided. Please RSVP to the church with the card below or call Marsha at 535-8555, ext. 1304.

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Age of children needing care: _____

**Return in offering plate or contact the church office (535-8555)*



Available from the Adult Ministry office....

Are you heading out on a road trip for the holidays? You may want to borrow and listen to Philip Yancy's new audio book *"What Good is God?"*, as you drive along. It has a kind of an irreverent title, but Philip Yancy has been asked this question by people from all corners of the globe. Yancy, a journalist by trade, has written around 20 books thoughtfully answering questions such as "Where Is God When It Hurts?" and "What's So Amazing About Grace?" He has traveled the world speaking to groups who have read his books and want to hear more about the Good News of Christ. "What Good Is God?" recounts Yancy's meetings with leaders of the underground church in China, with Dalits (untouchables) in India, with prostitutes, alcoholics, and charismatic Christians in South Africa, to name a few. As he relives 10 encounters like these - he tells the story behind the story as well as what he said, at the time, to the people he encountered. This unique combination makes for a worthwhile "audio reading" experience and gives first hand evidence that faith really does make a difference - even when belief is severely tested. If you would like to borrow this audio book over the holidays or anytime, please give Myrna a call (535-8555, ext. 1303).

Do you prefer to sit and read? These are new books in the Adult Education Library that are available to borrow...

The Jesus I Never Knew - by Philip Yancy. Philip Yancy applies a journalist perspective on the life and work of Christ. "No one who ever meets Jesus ever stays the same," says Yancy. "Jesus has rocked my own preconceptions and has made me ask hard questions about why those of us who bear his name don't do a better job of following him."

Boundaries - by Henry Cloud and John Townsend. Christians often focus so much on being loving and giving that they forget their own limitations. If you have found yourself wondering: Can I set limits and still be a loving person? How do I answer someone who wants my time, love, energy or money? Why do I feel guilty when I consider setting boundaries? Cloud and Townsend give you biblically based answers to these and other tough questions, and show you how to set healthy boundaries with your parents, spouses, children, co workers and even yourself!

Upcoming Newsletters

The next church newsletter is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 12. If you have something to submit, please send it to the church office or to amys@mtauburnumc.org by the Monday of that week. Thank you.

Here's what's happening!



The Bookies

The December 21st meeting of the Bookies will be at the home of Marlene Withrow at 6 p.m. and includes a light supper. We will be discussing "The Heart Mender" by Andy Andrews. Come join us for an evening of food, fellowship, and a good discussion.

Our selection for January is "House Rules" by Jodi Picoult, and in February, we will be reading "Blind Side" by Michael Lewis.



2011 Church Leadership Meeting—Saturday, Jan. 22

The leadership set-up meeting for the 2011 Leadership Team will be held on Saturday, Jan. 22, from 9 a.m.—1:00 p.m. If you are on the Administrative Board, the Council on Ministries (which includes the team leaders of the various Ministry Teams), the Board of Trustees, Finance Committee, Daycare Committee, or Staff-Parish Committee please plan on attending. Lunch and childcare will be provided.



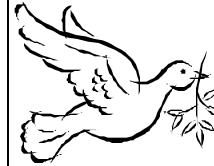
Women's Bible study on the book of Revelation to begin in January!

Have you been thinking that one day you should buckle down and read the book of Revelation? Beth Moore has a new Bible study on the book of Revelation that will guide us through this sometimes daunting book of scripture. Her approach for this study is different from her previous studies. She is calling it "A Lecture Series on Revelation." Because this book is so filled with imagery and prophecy, the emphasis of the personal study time will be reviewing the lecture material. And as strange as this seems—there will be less homework! So busy women—you are going to love this study format!

If you have been thinking about joining a Bible study in January—this is the time! The study will run continuously for 11 weeks beginning the week of January 10th. Here are the times that this study will be offered:

Monday 7 pm	Chapel	beginning January 10
Tuesday 9:30 am	Room 205	beginning January 11
Wednesday 9:30 am	Room 210	beginning January 12

Sign up sheets will be at the welcome center - or you can email Myrna at myrna@mtauburnumc.org to reserve your study guide. (\$9).



Shopping for the Person Who has Everything....

Do you have anyone to buy for that fits that description? If so, Mt. Auburn can help. Last year we offered members in the congregation the opportunity to buy an animal—chicken, pig, goat—in the name of a person that would be given to help an African family. This was a project slow to get off the ground at first, but we can now share some positive results.

First, Pastor Julius Mugabi, from Trinity United Methodist Church, Wanyange, our sister church in Uganda, had to get training for the families receiving the animals. The intention was that they not eat the animals immediately, but breed and multiply them first. They had to learn how to take care of the animals, before they potentially could run a micro-business. And, the chickens were delayed for a time on advice of the government officials because of a bird virus in Uganda.

Eventually, however, all of our money was used to give either pigs or chickens to various families. We have not heard of any goats being purchased at this point. But, this spring (whenever spring is in Uganda) the first litters of little pigs are expected, and the chickens are also doing well.

So, if you'd like to share in a good investment and give a hand to a family somewhere in Uganda trying to get out of poverty, Mt. Auburn is again offering the opportunity for you to buy animals in the name of someone who already has everything.

1. Make your check for any desired amount to "Mt. Auburn" and mark it "Uganda Animal Project."
2. We'll give you a nice "certificate of purchase" that can be presented to your loved one noting what has been done in his/her name.

Pigs in Uganda purchased with money from last year's Christmas Ugandan Animal Project.



Share the greatest story ever told
with your family this Christmas...



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A Christmas Tree Narrative & Birthday Party for Jesus—Sunday, Dec. 19

All children are invited to celebrate the birth of our Savior. 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. in the old sanctuary
(see invitation at right for more information)

Christmas Eve Services—Friday, Dec. 24

Dr. Hertel's sermon "But Then You Came" Luke 2:1-21
7 p.m. Family Service
11 p.m. Candlelight Service

Sunday, Dec. 26

Celebrate the birth of our Savior!
Pastor Ben Greenbaum will be preaching.



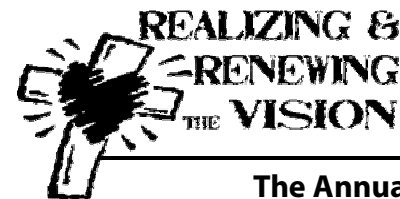
"For today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11

A Christmas Tree Narrative & Birthday Party for Jesus!



Date: Sunday, December 19
Time: During both the 9 & 10:30 service;
Check in begins at 8:50 & 10:20
Place: Former Sanctuary
Ages: Preschool through the 4th grade

Children ages four through the fourth grade are welcome to join us for A Christmas Tree Narrative and Birthday Party for Jesus, presented by the fifth and sixth grade Sunday school class. Join us as we learn about the real meaning behind Christmas as the Sunday school class performs an interactive play. We will then have some fun activities to celebrate the real meaning of the season and a birthday cake, too! Please bring the donation of a canned good for Mt. Auburn's food pantry. See you there!



The Annual Stewardship Campaign Update! Have We Heard from YOU?

We've had a fantastic response so far! The key to finishing successfully is in the hands of those who have yet to respond this year. HAVE WE HEARD FROM YOU? Please, return your commitment forms ASAP.

At 12/15/2010 for 2011 Stewardship:

Total pledges or commitments received	210
Total dollars pledged or committed	\$ 844,726
Estimated dollars received from all sources	\$ 219,328
Giving units not yet heard from	79
Other Revenue Sources (not offering)	\$30,000
Estimated Total Possible	\$ 1,094,054
2010 Budget Goal	\$1,129,430
Time and Talent Commitments Received	306