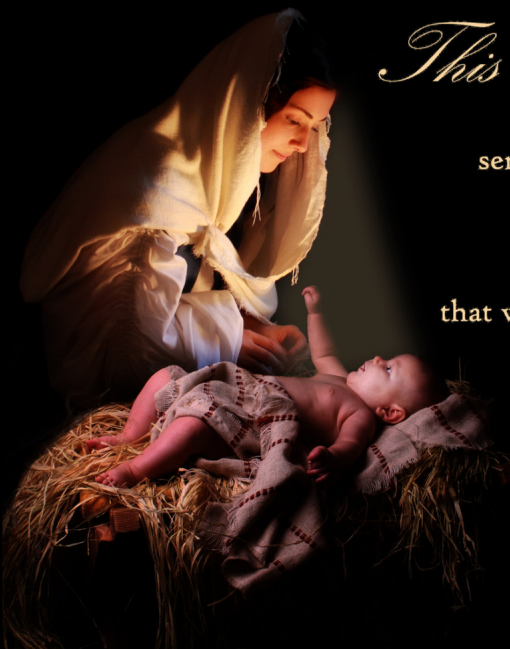


Mt. Auburn United Methodist Church—11/30/2011

# Celebrate Christmas at Mt. Auburn!



*This* is how GOD showed  
his *love* among us; He  
sent his one and only *Son*  
into the **WORLD**  
that we might live through  
**him.**

1John 4:9

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**DON'T FORGET!**  
**The Haiti Share Night**  
**Thursday, Dec. 1 @ 6:30 p.m.**  
**RSVP to [beng@mtauburnumc.org](mailto:beng@mtauburnumc.org)**



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## December Birthdays

Dec 1	John Burdsall	Dec 11	Jeff Kruse
Dec 2	Alice Bishop JoAnne Pfeifer	Dec 12	Alan Rice Logan Wade
Dec 3	Kirk Northern	Dec 13	DeeDee Cox Tonya Overton
Dec 4	Alice Burdsall Avery Drane Dennie Lohr	Dec 14	Keith Barrett Joel Rifkind
Dec 5	Carolyn Darstek Steve Nordholt Paige Pine Eric Robe	Dec 17	Doris Waters Dottie Morris Nancy Board Mary Harbert
Dec 6	Scott Nichols Gillian Semmler Roy Umbarger	Dec 18	Walt Umbarger Macile Fleenor Rick McNeely LaTheda Noonan
Dec 7	Heather Bonser Zachary Kroll Barbara Letts A.J. Patton Trevor Speer	Dec 19	George Roach Evan Simpson Jeff Brewer Alyssa Harrell Jim Newcomer
Dec 8	Clint Carson Jerry McRoberts Teresa Tom	Dec 20	Ernie Wilson Susan Boltz Emily Grider Conner Walsh
Dec 9	Chase Hawkins	Dec 21	Beth Coffey Paula Kopko Sara Moening Ed Orme David Coles
Dec 10	Ella Brown Darrell Francis Damien Noonan Ted Polk Ellie Todd		



Dec 21	Betty Crouse Jason Miller Charlie Platt-89 yrs! Jane White
Dec 22	Luke Appleton Taylor Carter Jenna Coy Gabriella Hoover Roland Lorenz Cristy Roleson
Dec 24	Aileen Beeler Phyllis Kidd Clara Sjoquist
Dec 25	David Lorenz Douglas Meyer Mary Walker
Dec 26	Mary Marshall Alex Plummer
Dec 27	David Armenoff Melissa Carson Norma Jones Mary Kinder Joel McClurg Jamie Newcomer Nate Robe Cassidy Stiffler
Dec 28	Claudia Braman Reese Brichler Katie Gainey Sean Gainey Tyler Hansen Kathy Rice Heather Silvertooth Duane Sjoquist, II
Dec 29	Meredith Braman Jackie Grider
Dec 30	Debbie Bryant Lora Thompson
Dec 31	Jordan Coy Drew Dobbins

## December Anniversaries

Dec 2	Pat & Donna Nix (55 years!)
Dec 4	John & Paige Pine
Dec 7	Jerry & Kathy Heistand
Dec 15	Denny & Valerie Blessing
Dec 22	Ted & Alecia Adams
Dec 23	Leon & Ramona Nicholzen



My Dear Friends,

Last Sunday we experienced a spectacular beginning to the Advent Season. The words from the prophet Isaiah gave comfort to many of us in worship. How good is it to know that God's love and grace are far stronger than His wrath and anger? Then, many came out to help decorate the trees in the afternoon. They look marvelous! Quickly it was 6 p.m. and time for Rodney Barbour and the Christmas organ concert. What a superb ending to an awesome day!



I hope you know that I think its fun to serve the Lord. I can't imagine a better life, and with Bill Waddle's passing over Thanksgiving we were reminded that it's only going to get better from here. We loved Bill and he is going to be terribly missed, but we also know he has moved to a better place. And, how do we know that? It's all because of Jesus, and this glorious season that we prepare to welcome His coming into our world. What a story! It never gets old!

Hopefully, you are ready to totally worship these Advent Sundays in December, and then fully prepared to welcome the Christ Child and bow again before His manger this Christmas. I must admit I felt some disappointment this fall as I hit a wall at the end of October and the beginning of November. I just don't understand people who are not excited and sold out to worship each week. No wonder so much of life seems routine and grey to them. I'm a Jesus radical and proud of it! His coming changed the world forever, and He has changed my life.

So, let me encourage you for the thousandth time. Let's enjoy thoroughly and completely all these December Sundays, finish the year strong, and hit the road running in 2012!

Please note that Christmas Day and New Year's Day are Sundays, and there will be a schedule change for both. We'll have One Great Service both Sundays at 10 a.m. Let's fill *The Courts* to overflowing as we enjoy worshipping all together.

When I was beginning to feel a little depressed, the men returned from the mission trip to Haiti and they inspired me. I had been listening to the wrong voices, and they reminded me that God is powerfully at work in the lives of many in our congregation. What a joy it is to serve the Lord with you!

*Jim Hertel*

### Weekly Report of General Giving:

Week Ending	Budgeted Ministries	Debt Reduction Funds	Capital & Sanctuary Funds	Other Funds	Total Received
11/13/11	\$23,663.56	\$2,420.30	\$673.60	\$4,643.10	\$31,400.56
11/20/11	\$20,687.20	\$1,670.00	\$210.00	\$23,751.00	\$46,318.20
11/27/11	\$19,155.84	\$2,005.00	\$686.20	\$1,240.40	\$23,087.44

Needed weekly for Budgeted and Debt Reduction: \$21,719.

Highlighted Other Funds include: Christian Help Trailer Concert Fundraiser \$720.55; Bill Waddle Memorial Funds \$285.00; \$8,000 Cell Tower Signing Bonus; \$15,000 ICC Grant for Capital Funds; Christian Help Trailer Bike Fundraiser \$1,277.00; local missions/needed families \$875.00

### Weekly Report of Attendance

Week Ending	Worship Attendance	S.S. & Life Groups
11/13/11	495	311
11/20/11	524	267
11/27/11	514	255

WITH  
*Gratitude* 

*By the Numbers . . .*

**305** Mt Auburn generously gave **305** bags of groceries for the Thanksgiving food drive this year to The Lord's Locker, InterChurch Food Pantry and Salvation Army. Thanks to all who donated, delivered the groceries and to Travis and the youth group for doing the sorting. — Missions Committee

**235** For Operation Christmas Child, Mt. Auburn packed **235** boxes to be sent to children around the world. Thank you again for your generosity!

**\$720** At the Christmas Organ Spectacular, an offering for Christian Help, Inc., was taken by the Young Adult and Early Career Life Group and their trailer rehab project. Over **\$720** was donated!

# Thanks!

**My dear Sisters in Christ,** My aunt is Dorothy Cooper. When she came to visit us in Red Bay, AL, she brought a "prayer shawl" for my mother, Becky Jenkins. I want you to know how much we appreciate such a precious gift. I know each stitch is full of love. The prayer shawl is something we will always cherish. With a grateful heart, Madeena Jenkins

**Dear Mt. Auburn,** The Operation Bundle Up committee would like to thank all those at Mt. Auburn who helped with OBU by donating gently used and/or new coats. Because of your generous efforts, over 1,500 coats were distributed to nearly 300 Johnson County families. More than 730 children and 350 adults received coats, hats, scarves, mittens or gloves to keep them warm this winter. A huge thank you to the Mission Committee for their most appreciated donation to purchase coats for OBU for 2012. Thanks again!

—The United Way of Johnson County, OBU Committee, Karen Geaban

**Dear Mt. Auburn,** I can truly say that I was overwhelmed by the beauty of the prayer shawl and all of the prayers, thoughts and well-wishes that went into making it. Thank you to the knitter, who kept me in her thoughts and prayers during the whole process. I feel the blessings from the shawl daily—comfort, security, peace, love, hope and joy. I am not despondent or despairing. I believe that prayers and faith make the main difference in a person's care and healing. Your generosity has been truly humbling. —Chris Luckino

**To Mt. Auburn,** A few days ago I received a nice card and a note from a member of the church who I had befriended several years ago, which prompted me to write this much belated thank you note to many dedicated people on the Visiting Committee that have faithfully visited us at The Hearth these past 4 years: Doris, Andy, Dorothy, Linda, Gwen, Moe, Lanna & Molly, Bob and Carolyn, Donna and Pat, and Mary Ann. This also goes to John which we see quite often as he entertains the residents here at The Hearth. We enjoy his talent and witty conversation. I go to church here each Sunday but I still miss church at Mt. Auburn—mostly the congregation, and Jim & Ben. Thanks again, God's blessings to you all. —Fondly, Jacki Umbarger

### Baby Congratulations!

Clara Sloan Berger was born on November 9 to Andrew and Emily Berger. First-time grandparents are Susan and Pat Berger!

Congrats to Darrell and Sherri Tucker on the birth of their new granddaughter Molly Abigail Tucker. She was born Nov. 6.

### Notes of Sympathy

Doris Schroeder's son Dan Schroeder passed away on November 16, after a valiant battle with a Parkinson-like illness. His funeral was on Saturday, November 19, at 11am at the Jessen Funeral Home in Whiteland. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Please keep Fran Waddle and family in your prayers over the passing of her husband, Bill on Sunday, Nov. 20. His memorial service was held at Mt. Auburn on Saturday, November 26, in Trinity Hall.

## 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 12 noon, Friday, December 30. If you intend to gift to the church by stock donation for the 2011 year, please do so on or before Monday, December 19 to allow adequate processing time. If you need help with this, please call the Business Office at 530-1302. Thank you for your support of our ministries.



## Future & Generational Planning Series Coming in 2012

Health Care Ministries will host a series to help you and your loved ones prepare for the future. Please save the date for the following "Future & Generational Planning" series on Sundays from 1:30-4:30pm at the church: March 11, April 15, May 6, June 3. Please contact Lisa Stiffler, Parish Nurse, with questions.

## Looking Ahead to Next Year!

Mark your calendar now for the Leadership Setup Meeting on Saturday, January 21, at 9 a.m. This is one of the most important meetings of the year for the congregation, and every member of the Administrative Board, Council on Ministries, Board of Trustees, and the members Finance, Staff Parish, and Daycare Committees should attend, as well as the Ministry Team leaders and the shepherds of the Life Groups. More later.



Most everyone has an email address today. Have you given the church your email address? If not, please do. The postal service is becoming more unreliable for getting the church news to you on time.

This is why many of you receive the newsletter *after* an event has happened. We recommend receiving your newsletter electronically. You will receive the church news immediately, and best of all – it's *Free*. You can help save the church a lot money. Send your email address to: [amys@mtauburnmc.org](mailto:amys@mtauburnmc.org).

## Upcoming Newsletter

The next church newsletter is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2012. Please send items for submission to the church office or to [amys@mtauburnmc.org](mailto:amys@mtauburnmc.org) by the Monday of that week.

## Celebrate Christmas at Mt. Auburn!



Make plans to attend our many Christmas events. Invite your friends & neighbors to come and see what God is doing at Mt. Auburn!

## Faces Around the Manger—Sundays in Advent

JAM (*Jesus and Me*) Children's Worship Celebration (4-11yrs) will learn about different characters in the birth story each week at 10:30 a.m.

## The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent—December 4

Dr. Hertel's message for both services this Communion Sunday will be "*The Dividing Christ*" taken from Jesus' words in Matthew 10:34-39.

## Breakfast with St. Nick—Saturday, Dec. 10

An event for the whole family!  
Two Seatings: 9 a.m. & 10 a.m. Call for reservations.

## The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent—December 11

Pastor Ben Greenbaum will be preaching a message titled, "Absurd."

## There is a Rose—Sunday, Dec. 18

A Carol Cantata presented by Mt. Auburn's Music Ministries  
9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

## Christmas Eve Services—Saturday, Dec. 24

7 p.m. Family Service; 11 p.m. Candlelight Service  
"The Gospel on Manger Street" by Dr. J. Wesley Hertel

## Christmas Day Worship (One Service)—Sunday, Dec. 25

10 a.m. "The Sufficiency of Christ" by Pastor Ben Greenbaum

## New Year's Day Worship (One Service)—Sunday, Jan 1

10 a.m. "All You Need to Know for the New Year" by Dr. J. Wesley Hertel



**Breakfast with St. Nicholas at Mt. Auburn UMC**  
Saturday, Dec. 10 • Two Seatings: 9 & 10 am

Join us for breakfast  
French toast sticks, scrambled eggs, sausage links,  
coffee cake, beverage

Children's activities include  
Crafts, games, a visit & photo with St. Nicholas!

Cost  
\$5.00 for adults  
\$4.00 for children 3-11 years/Free for 2 & under

Tickets  
Must be purchased in advance & are available beginning  
Sunday, Nov. 27, and thereafter in church office!  
Seating limited. Get tickets soon!



### What is Advent?

Advent is the season when we prepare ourselves to receive God's gift of Jesus. It is a time of "getting ready" for the celebration of Christmas. During this time, Christians observe a season of prayer, fasting and repentance, followed by anticipation, hope, and joy.

Many Christians celebrate Advent not only by thanking God for Christ's first coming to Earth as a baby, but also for his presence among us today through the Holy Spirit, and in preparation and anticipation of his final coming at the end of time.

Watch each week at Mt. Auburn as we light a candle representing this special time.

1st Sunday of Advent (Nov. 27) – Hope  
2nd Sunday of Advent (Dec. 4) – The Way  
3rd Sunday of Advent (Dec. 11) – Joy  
4th Sunday of Advent (Dec. 18) – Peace



## Here's what's happening!

### SHALOM CIRCLE – GIFT WRAPPING AT DAMAR SATURDAY, DEC. 10, 9:30a.m.—NOON

If you are planning to make our annual trip to DAMAR for wrapping gifts, you need to let me know by Friday, December 9. We don't want to leave anyone behind.

Meet in the front/south parking lot at church at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 10...out close to Stones Crossing Road. We are also planning to have lunch at Gray's Cafeteria after we're finished at DAMAR, so bring your appetite with you.

Don't forget to bring your Christmas wrapping paper, tape, and scissors. This 'project' is great fun, so looking forward to another year of the same. See you on the 10<sup>th</sup>. — Marlene (881-7194)

### BOOKIES TO MEET—DEC. 20, AT 6:30 p.m.

The Bookies will meet for the Christmas get-together on December 20th at 6:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Park Clubhouse. For dinner we will be having stuffed shells and you may bring a side dish or dessert. We will have our annual book exchange and will be discussing Philip Gulley's "Christmas in Harmony". The selection for January 17 is "Ernie Pyle's War" by James Tobin and in February we will be reading "Moloka'i" by Alan Brennert. The March selection is "Legacy" by Danielle Steele. You are welcome to join us. Just read the book and expect to join in a lively discussion.

### SHALOM CIRCLE—DEC. 12, at 7 p.m.

Just a reminder that our December 12, meeting is at the home of Susan Alexander at 7 p.m. Susan will be serving a buffet, so don't forget. Program will be by Lois, and Susan will also do devotions. Hope to see everyone there. — Marlene

### AGAPE CIRCLE TO MEET—DEC. 13, at 1 p.m.

Change of Date: Agape Circle will meet for dessert and planning for the 2012 meetings at 1 p.m. on Dec. 13 in the Community Room.

### TIME TO DANCE!

Come join us for Beginning Ballroom at 10 a.m., Intermediate Ballroom at 11:15 or Country Line Dancing at 1:15pm on Wednesdays in the Community Room. Great exercise physically and mentally! This is open to the singles and couples. \$5 per person, per lesson if paid monthly. \$7 per person on a pay-as-you-go basis. Jerry Rummage, Instructor. Questions? Contact Gwen Burns @ 317-535-4512.



### Four Corners Mission Opportunity

After the tags are off the Angel 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

### 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 no later than 12/18 and make all checks payable to Mt. Auburn.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of/in honor of (circle): \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

## Indian Fellowship to Meet

**Sunday, December 11,  
& Sunday, December 25**

10:30 a.m. in the Community Room

Invite an Indian Friend or Neighbor Today!



### Be an Angel... Pick an Ornament!

The tree for the Christmas Angel project is up!

Beginning Sunday, Dec. 4, you'll be able to select one or more "ornaments" and purchase the gifts indicated on the tag for the 60 children of the families that Mt. Auburn adopts.

The shape and color of the paper ornaments indicate the family and child represented. Five gift tags will be made for each of the 56 children we will serve this year. Here are a few things to keep in mind:

1. Please select one or more ornaments;
2. Purchase only the gift specified on the tag;
3. Wrap the gift;
4. **Tie** the paper ornament to the gift (please do not tape the ornament tags to the packages);
5. **Return these to the church by noon on Sunday, Dec. 18.**

Mt. Auburn has always been a generous congregation, and we know you will want to help provide some holiday joy for these families in need. Please, though, only purchase the gift as designated. Since there are multiple children in most of the families we have adopted, we want to be sure that each child receives the same number of packages.

Volunteers are needed to deliver the gifts to the families, who are all in the Greenwood/Whiteland /Franklin areas the week of Dec 18. If you can help or have questions, please contact Maureen at [Maureen@peigenesis.com](mailto:Maureen@peigenesis.com) 535-8292, or during the day at 328-7700.

### Salvation Army Bell Ringers Needed



What: Ring bells for the Salvation Army  
 When: 9am-9pm on Friday, Dec. 9, & Saturday, Dec. 10  
 Where: Friday @ Kroger (135 and Fairview),  
 Saturday @ Mall (Food Court Entrance)  
 Experience: None required!

Sign up at the Welcome Center on Sunday.



### Musical Worship on December 18<sup>th</sup>

Mt. Auburn Music Ministries looks forward to presenting a special time of musical worship on Sunday morning, December 18<sup>th</sup>, as we present the cantata *There Is a Rose*.

We will offer this time of multi-sensory worship in both the 9:00 and 10:30 services. Music from the Chancel Choir, Chancel Bells and a chamber ensemble will use original songs and familiar carols to explore the image of Jesus Christ, the Rose.

Please support us in prayer as we continue to prepare the music. Then join us at 9:00 and/or 10:30 on December 18<sup>th</sup>. As the (adapted) saying goes: "Take time to stop and – listen to – the roses."



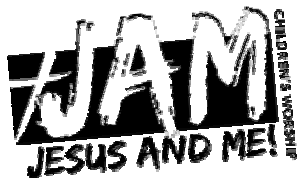
Dear Mt. Auburn **JAMMERS**

Join us in **JAM** this Christmas Season as we celebrate the birth of Jesus by meeting people whose faces you would see around the manger.

- Nov. 27 — Zechariah and Elizabeth with the Angel Gabriel
- Dec. 4 — Mary and the Angel Gabriel
- Dec. 11 — Joseph and the Angel Gabriel
- Dec. 18 — The Innkeeper and his Wife
- Dec. 25 — At the Manger with the Shepherds
- Jan. 1 — Wise Men following a Star

As always great singing and lots of participation! We look forward to seeing you this Sunday and every Sunday.

Let's get ready for Christmas! — *Pastor John*



**JAM** is a worship celebration for children ages 4 thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Join us—invite a friend or neighbor! Sundays at 10:30 a.m. The Chambers Celebration Center

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# the art of marriage<sup>®</sup>

a six-session video event

When: **SAVE THE DATE—MARCH 2 & 3!**

Where: **Mt. Auburn UMC**

Time: Friday, March 2, 7 p.m. –9:30 p.m. & Saturday, March 3 from 9 a.m. –4 p.m.

For more info: John & Sharon Martin 888-6243 / Jeff & Gretchen Beaman 736-9356

Plan to attend our first marriage retreat 'The Art of Marriage' on Friday, March 2, 2012, from 7 p.m.-9:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 3, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. This biblically based, engaging retreat will enrich every marriage and offer practical solutions. Childcare and lunch will be provided.

### *Spectacular Afterglow*

What a wonderful time of worship and inspiration we experienced Sunday evening as Rodney Barbour brought to us his *Christmas Organ Spectacular*. Rodney is certainly a fine steward of his God-given gifts of music, organ expertise, technological understanding, ministry and humor. He was delighted with your appreciation and response to his playing.

Thanks to everyone who came to listen and participate. Additional thanks to our young adults who served us in various ways throughout the evening, to those who baked and provided hospitality and to everyone who worked behind the scenes to make the programs, set up, clean up, coordinate volunteers and otherwise make the evening possible and special.

May this evening of music bring fresh insights into the celebration of "God with us" that will keep you close to our Lord throughout the season.

♪Ever in Joyful Song,  
Karen Hetrick, Director of Music Ministries

## Get to Know *Jesus, The One And Only* A Women's Study Beginning in January 2012

How did it feel to walk the dusty roads of the Holy Land with the incarnate Son of God? What was He like to know personally? Can you imagine placing your feet in the sand beside His, walking where He left footprints, hearing Him actually speak?

Come join with us as we study Beth Moore's **Jesus, The One and Only**. It will be a life-changing journey we begin at the remarkable announcement of birth of the Savior, through the years of Jesus' ministry on earth, on the road as He sets his face toward the cross and to his victory over the grave. You will be blessed by participating in this study at this time of year, as it coincides with Lent and ends just before Easter.

There are three study times available, beginning the week of January 9, 2012

Tuesdays 9:30 am  
Tuesdays 7:00 pm  
Wednesdays 9:30 am

Study guides are available currently for purchase for \$16. Please contact Myrna Lorenz to sign up or to purchase a study guide.



### SOLOMON'S PORCH SOCIETY NEW STUDY

SPS would like to invite **any Sr. High student** to its new study starting Wednesday, January 4th. Together, we will be reading Francis Chan's book *Crazy Love* in which

Francis proclaims God's relentless pursuit of the human race. Although the book is very readable, this ten-week study *will* challenge you to take a good look at God's love for us and to consider what our response should be to it. For a video preview of Francis Chan and this book, go to [www.crazylovebook.com](http://www.crazylovebook.com).

**Solomon's Porch Society** is a fellowship of Sr. High students who are eager and committed to furthering their knowledge of God through Bible study, various books, and open discussion. We meet every Wednesday evening from 6:30-8:30pm. If you want to walk deeper with God this is a wonderful place to start.

Books are \$10 each

Contact **Travis Taylor** if you have any further questions or would like to purchase a book. 317-535-8555 x1352 or [travist@mtauburnumc.org](mailto:travist@mtauburnumc.org)



**At the 9 and 10:30 a.m. services on Nov. 13, we welcomed several new members to Mt. Auburn!**

**Susan Davis** — Susan is employed as a Computer Specialist at Field Glass. She is the mom of Jeff and Cameron. Her mother is Carolyn Decker. Susan joins on confession of faith. They reside at: 3440 Enclave Crossing, Greenwood, 46143.

**Carolyn Decker** — Carolyn is a retired Welfare Department Supervisor. She is a member of the choir and transfers her membership from Zionsville (Disciples of Christ) Christian Church. She resides at: 3241 Bristlecone Ct., Whiteland, 46184.

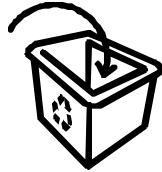
**Don Mull** — Don is a retired machinist and former owner of Mull Engineering. He has many relatives at Mt. Auburn—Mark and Cindi Mull, his grandson Chris, and his 3 great-grandchildren (Lillian, Anderson, and Violet). He enjoys golf, reading, and Jerry's Dance Class! Don joins on confession of faith and was baptized. He resides at: 1285 Severn Ct., Greenwood, 46142.

**The Fuller's** — Peter is co-founder and Vice President of Business Development and Strategic Alliances for Scale Computing, a data storage company. They moved here from the San Francisco Bay Area to establish the company's headquarters in Indiana. Both Peter and Susan enjoy writing blogs for pioniq (pie-on-ick) which is a website to encourage entrepreneurial families. Peter also has podcasts on iTunes called pioniq minute. Susan is a member of the Greater Greenwood Toastmasters and is a stay-at-home mom. They are parents of Aly, a sophomore at CGHS, and Nick, a 7th grader at CGMSC. The Fuller's will be transferring their membership from a church in California.



*Wise Men and Women Still Seek Him*

## MOUNT AUBURN UMC IS DOING ITS PART TO HELP "GREEN" OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY!



We are proud to announce an addition to our sustainability program. We will be participating in a **Commingled Recycling Program** called **EcoRewards**.

The Commingled Recycling bin will accept:

- **Cardboard** - corrugated boxes, brown paper bags, & paperboard
- **Aluminum** - cans, foil and pans (rinse off food)
- **Plastic** - bottles and plastics 1-7
- **Steel** - food cans (must rinse)
- **Phonebooks**

### **Internal recycle bins will soon be located in these areas of the building:**

Trinity Hall  
Fellowship Hall  
Outside Daycare Kitchen/Chambers Hall  
Upper Rooms in common area  
Youth Rooms  
Staff workroom  
Community Room  
Church kitchen



If you'd like to bring your recyclable items from home, please feel free to do so. Put items in a **CLEAR plastic bag and fasten**. Opaque bags (e.g. black or colored) will not be opened due to company policy (workers cannot tell if contents are recyclables or trash).

### **Paper & magazines will continue to be placed in our current outside container.**

Thank you for being a responsible environmental steward! Be on the lookout for the new blue and green **EcoRewards** container outside near the paper container.



## Reporting the Highlights from the Fall Stewardship Campaign

Celebration Sunday is always the second Sunday in November. This is the day when each member of the congregation lays on the altar his/her commitments to God of time, talent, and treasure for the next year. This commitment is between you and God, but it does project the congregation's strength for God in the coming year.

As we enter the final month of this year, here are some of the highlights from the stewardship campaign this year:

- We celebrate 24 first-time commitments.
- It is also extremely encouraging that 81 were able to increase their giving to the church for next year.
- We did have a larger than usual number who felt it necessary to decrease their giving next year. We are entering the 4<sup>th</sup> year of an economic downturn, and it is beginning to show. We can only pray for better times to return and for God's blessings on those who are hurting financially. NO ONE should feel like he/she is alone in times like these. We are all in this boat together.
- At the moment, it appears that we are a little over \$100,000 short of our operating budget goal of \$1.2 million. We'll cut out what we can, and we'll trim everything—except second-mile missions hopefully. Mt. Auburn is a faith-based ministry. We operate on the money given freely and willingly every week. We've faced worse than this in the past and God has never let us down!

Here's the amazing part:

- We have raised almost \$535,000 new dollars for accelerated debt reduction. This is the equivalent to 75 or 76 Gideon Leaders. Our goal is to have 300 Gideon Leaders give \$7,000 over and above their normal tithe to the church's ministry for debt reduction. We've got 3 more years to find 225 more Gideon Leaders to reach our goal to be "debt free in 3." A half million dollars is amazing in these economic times!
- There are 20 people who have indicated that they intend to remember Mt. Auburn in their wills.

Now, there are still a number of people in our congregation from whom we are waiting on a response. We can only hope and believe that you are still praying earnestly about this and you will respond soon. Remember, this is your response to God for all He means to you, and not your response to a pastor or even a church. What you give never hurts you, and what you keep won't help you. If we are waiting for your response, please do so today.



*"You are generous because of your faith."*

Philemon 1:6