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## A ReNEWal Year's Resolution

It is hard to believe, but 2010 has arrived! January 1st is more than just a date on the calendar; it is an opportunity to start over and make this year different from last year. At this time of year we make resolutions to kick bad habits, or pick up healthier habits. Included in the list of resolutions for many people is a desire to be closer to God. So many of our hungers in life can be traced back to our innate need to be close to God, which is a good thing, since we were created to be in relationship with God. Too often God feels distant from our lives. Maybe you are feeling that 2010 may be the year you get closer to God?



I would like to invite you to make 2010 a year of *Renovaré*, which is the Latin word meaning "to renew." We will be using the book, "Learning from Jesus: A Spiritual Guide." Could there be a better way to renew our lives than by learning from Jesus? By attending a *Renovaré* group, you will be committing to a 12 week experience that will involve scripture, prayer, discussion, and reflection. This does involve some preparation before the groups meets.

There will be two *Renovaré* groups doing the same thing on different days. You are welcome to choose the group that works best for you based on your schedule.

The Tuesday *Renovaré* Group will meet on Tuesday mornings at 10am beginning on Tuesday, January 5, 2010 and will continue for 12 weeks. The Sunday *Renovaré* Group will meet at 9am (not 9:15 as Sunday School does) beginning Sunday, January 10, 2010 and will continue for 12 weeks.

If you would like to sign up for one of these groups, please call Teri in the office at 453-2545. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at 453-2545. Please do call soon so we can get materials ordered.

*"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect."* (Romans 12:2)

May God bless each of us with ReNEWal this year!

Yours in Christ,  
Seth



*Circles will meet on  
January 13, 2010*

Rebekah – at the church 10:00 a.m.  
Hostess: Jeannie Sutton  
Moderator: Sandra Correu

Martha – at the church 1:00 p.m.  
Hostess: Maxine McKinney  
Group Discussion

Lydia – 7:30 p.m.  
Hostess: Cheryl Woolley  
(at her house)  
Moderator: Jennifer Artz

The MLM collection items for the month of January is peanut butter and jelly



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## **Save the date!**

The next gathering of Synago will be Sunday, January 24th in the evening. Plans are still being finalized, so keep checking the bulletin for updates.



## **Sunday School Party**

There will be a Sunday School party for 3 years olds through 4th grade January 24, 2010. Lunch served after the church service. Join us for fun and games until 2:00.

## **Session Notes**

Session met on Wednesday, December 16 and here are some of the highlights  
The annual Congregational meeting will be January 31st, immediately after services. The 2010 budget was approved by Session and will be presented at that time. Other items of business will be the final 2009 financial report, approval of the Pastor's terms of call, election of an officer nominating team, and the annual team reports.

Total revenues ending November 30th were \$22,676.05. Total expenses were \$28,414.08, which leaves a net income of -\$5,738.03. The General Fund cash balance on November 30th was \$18,375.61.

January and the first week of February will be "Souper Bowl" food collections by the Mission Team.



Photos for the new member directory will be taken on the following dates.

- Thursday, January 14 2:30 – 9:00 p.m.
- Friday, January 15 1:30 – 8:00 p.m.
- Saturday, January 16 9:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Sign-ups are available on line at [www.northminsterkc.org](http://www.northminsterkc.org), look for the link on the left side. You can also call the office.

## **Deacon Beacon**

The Deacons had the pleasure of delivering amaryllis to the shut-ins for Christmas.

We hope your holiday was blessed and wish you a prosperous New Year!



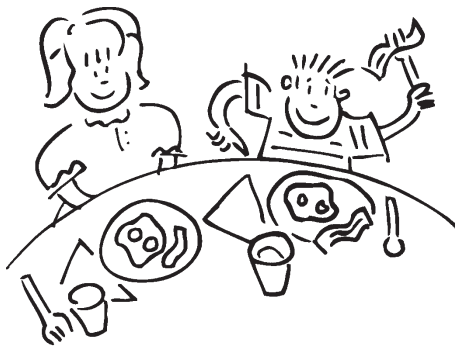
When: January 10, 2010  
 Where: Northminster Fellowship Hall  
 Time: 2:00 p.m.  
 For: Jennifer and Chad Howerton  
 Registered: Baby-R-U's and Target



After worship service on January 10, we will be taking down the Christmas decorations. Anyone who is available to help would be very welcome!



**January 18**  
 in observance of Martin Luther King's birthday



Thank you for supporting my Girl Scout Gold project with your contributions of breakfast foods for SafeHaven. I will be delivering donations for December soon. It takes approximately 4-5 boxes of cereal each day to feed the residents, or 5# of pancake mix. This adds up to an average of 135 boxes of cereal per month. Please continue to bring in your contributions of as of non-perishable breakfast foods, such as cereal, breakfast bars, pop-tarts, pancake mix and syrup, jelly, peanut butter and canned foods, and place them in the collection box in the old Narthex, just outside the fellowship hall.



It's Souper Bowl time please start bringing your cans of soup, and let's see if we can beat last year's total! We'll be collecting through February 7.



**January 17**  
 following worship in honor of Race Relations Day.



### Jamaica Medical Mission Trip

Jamaica Medical/Dental Mission is asking for donations of ointments: 1 oz. tubes of steroid creams, anti-fungal (clortimazole, miconazole, etc.) and Benadryl. Buy generic!!

### Breakfast for SafeHaven

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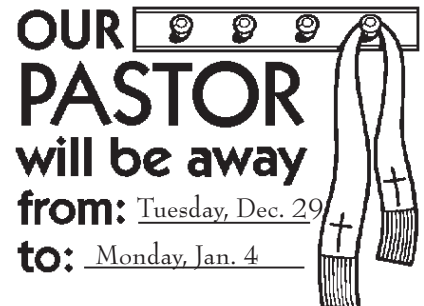
## J.O.Y.

(Just Older Youth)

The JOY meeting will start promptly at noon with lunch. The lunch entrée is bean and turkey soup. The kitchen team is Darling & Dyer.

The January program is a review of the provisions of the Senate health care reform bill. Hopefully the Senate will not have passed the bill by then and we can all get back with Sen,s McCaskill and Bond with our thoughts on the bill. Terri Barr from Sen. McCaskill,s local office will present the provisions of the bill for us seniors as well as the impact on insurance for our children and grandchildren. I am uncertain how long this program will run. I will call a five minute break after about thirty minutes to allow folks with appointments to leave.

The February program is a special valentine,s party. Vocalist David Jackson will be singing Tony Bennett love songs as well as other classic music of the Frank Sinatra/ Tony Bennett era. David lives in Lees Summit and performs in Las Vegas on weekends. You need to arrange you schedule so you can attend this performance. He is outstanding.



He'll be back in the office on Jan 5

# January Calendar

1		Happy New Year! Church office closed
2	9:00 a.m.	Jamaica Medical Mission Meeting
3	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service - Rev. Joe Pallikkathayil in the pulpit
4	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts
5	6:00 p.m.	Bells
	7:15 p.m.	Choir
6	6:00 p.m.	Koinonia
7	12:00 p.m.	JOY Group
9	8:00 a.m.	Men's Square Breakfast
	6:00 p.m.	Fellowship event — Pizza and a Movie
10	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
		Remove Christmas decorations following Worship
11	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts
12	6:00 p.m.	Bells
	7:15 p.m.	Choir
13		Circles
14	2:30 p.m.	Directory Portrait Session until 9:00 p.m.
15	1:30 p.m.	Directory Portrait Session until 8:00 p.m.
16	9:30 a.m.	Directory Portrait Session until 4:30 p.m.
17	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
		Potluck dinner following Worship
18		Martin Luther King's Birthday - church office closed
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts
19	6:00 p.m.	Bells
	7:15 p.m.	Choir
20	7:00p.m.	Session
24	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:00 p.m.	Sunday School party for 3 yr. to 4th grade
	6:00 p.m.	Synago
25	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts
26	6:00 p.m.	Bells
	7:15 p.m.	Choir
31	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
4	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service



# January BIRTHDAYS

3	Eddie Hunter
	Nick Porter
6	Wayne Lucas
13	Lois Hughes
15	Eleanor Stricker
16	Sue Lowe
18	Isaac Wheeler
20	Dottie Hagan
	Jane Lewis
	Mary Thompson
21	Ruby Dickey
30	Debbie Peterson



Thank you to all who have turned in your pledge cards this year. What a joy it is to see God at work all around us!

As an update on our Stewardship Challenge, we would like to share with you that last year we received 78 pledge cards which represented commitments of \$167,970. Thus far, we have received 84 pledge cards which represent commitments of \$187,154.

The session approved the budget for 2010 in our December meeting. We will give a full report to the congregation on January 31st at the annual congregational meeting.

Your commitment to Northminster is greatly appreciated and with the help of God our collective gifts will further Christ's ministry in and through Northminster.

# January Prayer Requests

Betty Scott, health concerns  
Sean Spletstoser, health concerns, Alarice Jones' son  
Steve Gillespie, job search  
Catherine Lyons, chemo, friend of Jensine Kinate  
Mark Hulett, job search, Pat Hulett's son  
Paul and Evelyn, health concerns, friends of Pat Hulett  
Joanne Roberts, health concerns, Russ Lowrey's sister  
Zorack Napier, surgery, Gladys Hunter's nephew  
Barbara Stinnett, health concerns, Jennifer Howerton's aunt  
Garland George family, Garland's health, former members  
Longbine baby and family, health concerns, Tom Hagan's cousin  
James, health concerns, father of a friend, Don Correu  
Mike Trawinski, health concerns, Kate Trawinski's father  
Sheryl Chester, health concerns  
Becky Hottel, health concerns, friend of Nyla Mischke  
The Palmer family, family situation, Dottie Hagan's relatives  
Tony & Todd, health concerns, Paul and Linda Bavaro's grandson and son-in-law  
Caleb Wolf, health concerns, David and Joann Harper's grandson  
Isobel Miller, Joe and Betty Strausbaugh  
Amy, health concerns, Dana Shafar's sister and Thomas Gilbertson's granddaughter  
Cathy Washburn, radiation, Sharon Brown's niece  
Marge Douthit, health concerns, Donna Douthit and Debbie Peterson's mother  
Lisa Saint, health concerns, friend of Sue Gates  
Marcella Shafar, knee replacement  
Rod Chester, skin cancer  
Eddie and Gladys Hunter, health concerns  
Jim Higbee, health concerns  
Sheila, Dominick and family, Dominick born 8 weeks premature, Judy Gillespie's niece  
Lilly Beardman, pneumonia, Traci Wolf's friend  
Karen Linhart and family, hospice, friend of Pat Hulett  
Neighbors of Stacy Hopper, family situation  
Dan Connor, health concerns, friend of Heather Myers  
Vern Roso, health concerns, friend of Alex Harriger and Kate Trawinski  
Vincie Armato, health concerns, friend of Jo Harper  
Brother-in-law, health concerns, Virginia Battagler  
John Pogemiller, health concerns, friend of Teri & Byron VanGilder  
Rachel Gates, health concerns, Gates' daughter-in-law  
John Gwin, health concerns, close friend of Thompson, Lowe and Kaylors  
Todd Gates, new job  
Bev Mellon, health concerns, friend of Tom and Dottie Hagan  
Jerry Morris, health concerns, friend of Cleta Homer  
Kaye Young, health concerns, Frankie Wainwright's daughter-in law's mother  
Allyson Sinosic, health concerns, step-great granddaughter of the Hagans  
Amanda Sansone and family, death of Vincent Sansone, brother of Stacy Hopper's friend



## **Our Homebound**

Jean Allen  
Virginia Brown  
Pat Fisher

## **Our Military**

Capt. Chad Steel, Lyle Evans  
Ted England, Homeland Security,  
nephew - Sandra Correu & Drew  
Charles Oschner, Navy, Hawaii  
Sgt. Nick Sutherland, Afganistan,  
Linda Sutherland's son  
Ben Morrow, Iraq, Rosalie Minor's  
nephew  
Bryan Wylie, Army, Iraq, friend of  
Alex and Kate Harriger  
Marcus Mitchell, Iraq, Gladys  
Hunter's nephew  
Richard Long, U.S. Army Ranger, son  
of a friend, Luther's  
Lt. Col. Scott Schwarz, USMC,  
Sheryl Chester's son & Rod's stepson  
Nathan Harper, Navy, Japan, David  
and Joann Harper's son  
Joshua Balhuizen, Army, Afghanistan,  
Rich and Mary Thompson's grandson  
Kevin Scheier, U S Navy, son of  
friends, Rich and Beth Luther  
Capt. Nelson Nissley, Iraq, father of  
Andy Nissley (Troop 288)  
Capt. Morgan Smyth, Marine Pilot,  
Tom and Dottie Hagan's grandson  
Dan Schwarz, Afghanistan, Sheryl  
Chester's nephew



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