

MT. COMFORT BLESSING



ROOTED IN CHRIST

DECEMBER 2011



UPWARD SOCCER 2012 -SEASON THREE-

Even with some snowy days ahead, the anticipation of the 2012 soccer season is warming many hearts. I have heard numerous times since last season, "I can't wait till Upward starts."

Season three planning is underway and from the great new opportunities emerging, God has some big plans.

New this season will be a Mt. Comfort UMC Upward Soccer Facebook page. We will also be welcoming volunteers and players from The Movie Theater Church, Warren Baptist and Park Chapel. Jesus is planting seeds not only at Mt. Comfort but all through the community. PRAISE HIS NAME!

The soccer registration will begin February 1, 2012. Registration brochures will be available as well as online at www.upward.org

Ages K-6th grade can participate at the reduced cost of \$69.00. The eight game season will begin on Saturday, April 14, and conclude on June 2. A carnival themed season ending celebration will be held on June 9.

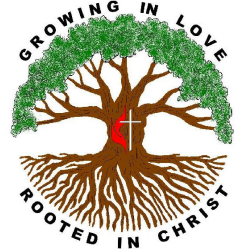
To help make this the best season yet, share the good news of how Upward introduces children to Jesus Christ by creating opportunities to serve through sports.

In His service,

Kenny Thompson
Upward League Director

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Mount Comfort UMC



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DATES TO REMEMBER

December 18, 10:30
a.m., "He Is Still the
King of Kings" cantata

December 24, 5:00
p.m., Family and
Children's Christmas
Eve Service

December 24, 9:00
p.m., Christmas Eve
Candlelight Com-
munion Service

December 25, 10:30
a.m., Christmas Day
Service

DAYTIME MINISTRIES
PAT ZARSE—DIRECTOR

*For unto you is born this day in the city
of David a Savior, which is Christ the
Lord.*

Wishing all of you Christmas Blessings from
our Daytime Ministries staff. Thank you for
your support and prayers this past year.

Serving HIM,
Pat

PRESCHOOL

To express the joy of Christmas Love, we will
be “decorating” a tree with new gloves, mittens,
and hats to be shared with children in our area.
We encourage the preschoolers to do chores at
home to earn money to shop and purchase these
items with their parents. Our hope is they have
a better understanding of the joy that comes
from caring and sharing. We ask our church
families to join us with our December Mission
Project.

This past month the children learned about the
Food Groups and Thanksgiving. They tasted
foods from each group and made art projects
about the food groups. To end our two weeks
unit on Thanksgiving, the children dressed as
Pilgrims and Indians and dined on a feast of tur-
key, corn bread, pumpkin muffins, “friendship”
fruit salad, and popcorn.

During this time of Advent, the children will re-
enact daily the Nativity, read about Jesus’ birth,
make gifts for their parents and conclude with a
birthday celebration for Jesus.

Preschool classes will conclude Friday, Decem-
ber 16, and start again in 2012 on Monday,
January 9.



CHILDCARE **PAT ZARSE**

The curriculum emphasis for this month is Jesus’
birth. Children will be talking about Advent and
how to prepare for that very special day. Their
tree is up and waiting to be decorated with all the
ornaments the children will be making in the
next few weeks. They really are a creative
group! The Christmas Party with all our families
is planned for Friday, December 16, at 4:30 p.m.
We will have singing, games and prizes, and re-
freshments. What an exciting time of the year –
JESUS’ BIRTHDAY!!

Childcare will close Friday, December 23, at
6:00 p.m. Childcare will be closed between
Christmas and New Year’s Day and re-open
Monday, January 2, 2012, at 7:00 am.



MISSIONS

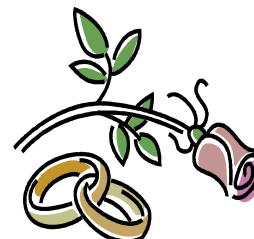
Once again Mt. Comfort UMC was a relay collec-
tion center for Samaritan’s Purse, Operation
Christmas Child. This year MCUMC contributed
108 shoeboxes, with an overall total of 1,769 shoe
boxes collected at the church relay center. The
shoeboxes, filled with gifts, will be distributed
worldwide to underprivileged children through
the Christian charity, Samaritan’s Purse. Opera-
tion Christmas Child has reached over 77 million
children in 130 countries with Christmas gifts
since 1990 (samaritanspurse.com). Thanks to
Rose McKinney for organizing and managing the
project and to all of those who assisted her. As-
sisting in the packing of 128 cartons were Sandy
Abel, Janet Kleine, Pat Ringer, and Karen
Stumph. Assisting in the transport of the cartons
to Heritage Christian Center were Jack McKin-
ney, John Stumph, and Steve Ringer. Thanks to
Roger Hudson for the daily set up, folding, filling,
and loading cartons, and the post-clean-up. A
special thank you goes to all who contributed
shoeboxes to this mission project.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Tiffane Brown	12 Nick Keene
Linda Triarsi	13 Ruth Carder
4 Janet Nylund	16 Tom Hillsman
Nathan Weiler	Blake Johnson
5 Norietta Miller	21 David Sutherlin
7 Nancy Holder	22 Kevin Grandstaff
Christina Bundy	23 Dale Watson
8 Terry Beeson	25 Alicia Pierce
Christa Watson	29 Harry Hensley
11 Amalia Moss	31 Bill Moore

**DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

18 Bill and Linda Yates
22 Roger and Helen Pryor
26 John and Maureen Bowery
29 Gail and Bob Malloy



NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR ELAINE HOLLOWAY

The season of Advent is near and with it we find ourselves caught up in the hustle and bustle of the commercialism of the season. Are you personally ready to receive this tiny baby? The child who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born to a very young girl who was engaged to a carpenter? The child who was born to save us all from our sin by dying on the cross? Is this a story we just keep retelling the same old way without really thinking deeply about why God sent His Son to this earth? Is He still the King of Kings?

Join the Chancel Choir and the youth during the service Sunday morning on December 18th as we present "He's Still the King of Kings." We have good reason to pause, reflect and rejoice as we celebrate the birth of the one who is the true Prince of Peace.

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11

Have a blessed Advent Season!

Your Music Director,

Elaine

FIFTY-YEAR MEMBERS HONORED

Fifty-year Mount Comfort United Methodist Church members were recognized during worship service this fall. Terry Beeson, Dawson and Mary Catherine Fry, Kenneth Fry, Dennis Fry, Wilma Hancock, and Lloyd and Leona True joined the Mount Comfort Methodist Church on April 2, 1961. Reverend Bantz served as



Terry Beeson, Dawson Fry, Mary Catherine Fry, Leona True, and Lloyd True were recognized as fifty-year members in Mount Comfort church..

pastor. Previously recognized fifty-year members include Jerry Fentz, Irene Beeson, Wanda White, Virginia Waymire, Floyd and Virginia Kuhn, Leona Brown, Jim Harris, Velma Thomas, Mildred Kingen, Pat Fentz, Sandy Able, Jim Holden, Sharon Farmer Harold Olin, Jr., Sharon Kingen, Helen Kottlowski, and Marjorie Hillsman. A plaque in honor of fifty-year members is in the church archives.

HELPWANTED!

Shepherding Committee needs you

Would you like to help your church family? Could you prepare a dish for somebody? Could you drive someone to an appointment? Are you able to do simple home repairs? Would you be willing to sit with or visit a shut-in?

If you can help in any of these ways, the Shepherding Committee could use your spiritual gifts. The committee is in need of many people willing to serve our church family, and you do not have to be a member of the committee or attend any meetings in order to help. You simply volunteer for a task at your own convenience. Can it get any simpler than that?

We all have gifts that we should share with others as Christians. If you feel God has called you to assist the Shepherding Committee, please contact Cindy Kendall or Jinny Waymire – or just use the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center in the narthex. Thanks!



MISSION PROJECT

Christmas Giving Tree

Help make the Christmas season brighter for some local families by participating in the giving tree project. The Christmas tree in the church foyer will have the names of children and their wish lists. Select a name by taking the card, and then purchase the requested items, gift wrap them, and place the card on top. Bring the gift to the church, and place it under the Christmas tree no later than Sunday, December 18. Your participation in this project can help these children feel the spirit of Christmas and Christ's love. If you have questions, please contact Rose McKinney at 317-894-8687.

FOOD PANTRY

Mt. Comfort UMC currently is stocking a food pantry. Non-perishable food items are needed, as well as food items for immediate consumption. Bring your donations to the church narthex. This fall MCUMC conducted a food drive for a local family and for Thanksgiving took a collection to purchase grocery gift cards for other local families. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

Mount Comfort UMYF On the Air for God

In September Mt. Comfort United Methodist Church youth kicked off its UMYF season with a television studio related theme. Later in October, Vivian Hoepfner, television anchor for MCTV, along with Jordan Kendall, producer, introduced a promotional video on what goes on "behind the scenes" at UMYF. The group was seen eating, carving pumpkins, and having lots of fun.

Recently the youth began reading and discussing the Bible on scripture relating to Moses. It is their intention to create a modern-day version of their readings in a continuing drama entitled, "The Bold and the Bible." In addition, the station has now produced its first music video, "The Jesus Mash," starring all cast members and friends. The youth presented this hit production to the church congregation in November. At some time they also hope to produce their first sitcom, "The Comfort Zone." As you can see, they have many exciting things in store for us!

The cast members would like to thank Marilyn Walker for the delicious pizza they enjoyed one evening and Jinny Waymire for her scrumptious cookies. They would also like to thank anyone who has given a monetary donation. It is very much appreciated. Any monetary or snack food donation is always welcomed!

Lori Thompson, Station Manager, and Jordan Kendall, Executive Producer of MCTV studio, would like to invite any student grades 5-8 to join the cast for an exciting, fun-filled year! If you are interested, please see Lori or Jordan at church.

Harvest Dinner a Success

The spirit of Thanksgiving was evident November 20 when MCUMC hosted a Harvest Dinner. Decorations from the Kids' Church and UMYF ministries provided a festive atmosphere, and the musical group Agape provided outstanding entertainment. Thanks to the Girl Scouts for donating many desserts and to the youth for working the tables. Special thanks go to Darrell Berry and John Forcum for organizing the dinner and to the many volunteers who made the evening a success.

UMYF Christmas Celebration

Donations are requested for the December 18th UMYF Christmas Celebration and dinner. Plans include making a Gingerbread House, and items needed are graham crackers, colored icing, gum drops, m&m's, licorice, cinnamon dots, and other edible decorations. Please bring Gingerbread House donations to the church. In addition, food donations for the planned menu as well as a few people to serve the meal will be needed. Please contact Lori Thompson for details at 317-894-3368.

KIDS' CHURCH

At the beginning of this school year, Kids' Church started under the leadership of Jordan Kendall and Dale Dickson. Each Sunday, preschoolers on up are invited to the Fellowship Hall for music, scripture study, and Bible related activities during Sunday worship. Lately, the children have been working on "Jesus Loves Me" and "Go Light Your World" with Elaine Holloway, Music Director. While studying scripture relating to Moses earlier this fall, the kids enjoyed singing "Pharaoh, Pharaoh" with David Gioe. The children are very blessed to have these two gifted musicians to help with their music..

Each week after singing, the children divide into two groups where the younger ones color biblical pictures while the older ones read and discuss the same scripture that is used in the adult service. The older students also receive puzzle worksheets that relate to their lesson. Afterward, attendance and offering are taken, and the service is closed with prayer.

Kids' Church is always in need of helpers. Although the helpers do not do the teaching, they provide much needed assistance and support to Jordan, Dale, and the children. If you are interested in serving our youth, please sign up on the sheet provided at the Information and Welcome Center or see Jordan or Dale. Thank you!

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*Celebrate the Joy of the Season
at Mount Comfort United Methodist Church
Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.*

*Going Green: What the Christmas Tree
SHOULD Symbolize*

December 4th—Bring an ornament with your name on it for the Christmas tree. Sermon: Ole, What's His Name?

December 11th—Bring another ornament that is mighty. Sermon: Here He Comes to Save the Day!

December 18th—Cantata with choir and youth, "He Is Still the King of Kings." Sermon: Everlasting

December 24th— 5:00 p.m. Family and Children's Christmas Eve Service

December 24th—9:00 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve Communion Service. Sermon: Behold

December 25th—10:30 a.m. Christmas Day Celebration. Sermon: Prince of Peace

Senior Pastor—C. Reid Walker