

The Cito Fellowship News

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UMCOR Needs Your Help!

An earthquake, centered in the Indian Ocean, sent tsunamis crashing into a dozen countries Dec. 26, killing over a hundred thousand people and leaving countless others with inadequate food and shelter. The United Methodist Committee on Relief is asking for monetary donations to help the survivors. If you would like to donate money, put a check in the offering plate. Make the check payable to Cito UMC with "disaster relief" on the memo line. If you would like to give cash, put the money in an envelope and write "disaster relief" on it.

New Women's Bible Study

The new women's Bible study will follow Beth Moore's series *Jesus: The One and Only*. The series will take women on a journey through Mary's obedience to God's calling to bear His Son, through Jesus' ministry, to the cross, and conclude with His resurrected Glory.



The study group will meet for eleven Thursday mornings at the church from 9:15 to 11:30AM beginning January 13. A staffed nursery and a study workbook will be provided. Registration forms are available in the narthex. Contact Terri Booth at 485-5514 for more information.

Cookie Walk Raised Hundreds

Our Christmas Cookie Walk made the front page of the Fulton County News! Thanks to all who baked, donated, and bought cookies for our 12th annual cookie sale. By 10AM Saturday we had very few cookies left. Like the article said, raisin-filled are the most favored cookie. Thanks to all those ladies of the church who came out on Thursday to make 53 dozen of the raisin-filled. Our profit from this project is approximately \$600.

CPR & First Aid Recertification

Recertification of CPR/First Aid skills will be held in the Cito Fellowship Hall Jan. 15 beginning at 9AM. Class members will have the opportunity for review and will receive instructions for AED certification prior to testing. Please sign-up in the narthex by Jan. 9 if you are interested in recertification.

District Leadership Training

"Faith-Full Leadership" is the theme of this year's district leadership training event (formerly the Know Your Job Workshop). Mark your calendars for Jan. 22 and spend the day at St. Paul's UMC in Chambersburg. Training begins at 8AM and lasts until 12:30PM.

Participants will choose two one-hour workshops to attend during the day. Workshop topics include

- Holy Administration: Spiritual Resources for Ministry
- Church Insurance Basics
- From Parking Lot to Postlude
- Pastor/Staff-Parish Relations Committee
- Ministering to the Caregivers of Older Adults
- When Disaster Strikes, The UMC Responds
- Telling Your Story on Your Church Webpage
- Sharing Your Ministry with the Community: Using Media for Promotions
- Are We Relevant? Young Adult Ministry
- UM Men/UM Women: Men and Women in Prayerful Ministry
- Mission Accomplished: Adventures in Uruguay
- Lay Speakers as Leaders of Laity

Our new Bishop, Jane Allen Middleton, will give the keynote presentation, entitled "Called to God's New Future." For more information or to register, please contact Roger DeShong by Jan. 9. The snow date for this event is Jan. 29.

Souper Bowl of Caring

Survivor Youth Group will collect donations for the Souper Bowl of Caring to benefit a local charity. To contribute to this cause, drop your donations into the soup pots in the narthex Feb. 6. In the past, donations from this event supported the Hershey Ronald McDonald House, Relay for Life, and the Fulton County Food



Basket. This year our youth hope to fill the soup pots with donations for the Holy Grounds Camping Campaign.

Survivor thanks you for your support in our effort to reach out.

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For the Prayer Chain,
call Beverly Smith at
485-3862.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Brandi Mellott's Birthday	Choir Practice—7PM	Adam Hollinshead's Birthday	Julie Shearer's Birthday	15 CPR & First Aid—9AM	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Alisa Truax's Birthday	Linda Clippinger's Birthday	Choir Practice—7PM	Women's Bible Study—9:15-11:30AM	Movie Night—7PM	CPR & First Aid—9AM
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Survivor Youth Group—2-3:30PM Fundraiser Due	Church Growth Committee—7PM	Church Council—7PM	Choir Practice—7PM	Women's Bible Study—9:15-11:30AM	Linda DeShong's Birthday	Leadership Training —8AM @ St. Paul's
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Survivor Youth Group—2-3:30PM		Trustee Meeting—7PM	Choir Practice—7PM	Women's Bible Study—9:15-11:30AM Newsletter Info Due	Karen Peters' Birthday	
Dave Albrecht's Birthday	Janey Snyder's Birthday	Terry Booth's Birthday	Kayla Mumma's Birthday	Women's Bible Study—9:15-11:30AM	Jacob Everts' Birthday	
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
Survivor Youth Group—2-3:30PM Hymn Sing—7PM	Faye Bard's Birthday	Choir Practice—7PM	Choir Practice—7PM	Women's Bible Study—9:15-11:30AM		
Betty Buterbaugh & Seth Smith's Birthday						

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Greetings to Our Church Family,

Christmas is such a wonderful way to end the year. The hopes, dreams, plans, and disappointments of one year are forgotten, or at least laid aside, to celebrate the greatest event in human history. This will be the twelfth Christmas that Phyllis and I have celebrated together in McConnellsburg. Time sometimes seems to fly by so quickly.

These have been busy and eventful years. In that time we have seen children of the church grow up and start families of their own. A new generation is moving into leadership. Some, who were pillars of the church, have passed away. Some have seen dramatic changes in their relationship to Christ and the church. New families have become part of our fellowship. Our physical facilities have expanded. In many ways, we are different from the church of 1993. The church, like any family, is a dynamic unit

that is forever changing. We cannot stop or prevent change. Change is a part of life.

The new year will bring fresh opportunities to be in ministry. It will be a year of reflection, change, dreaming and moving forward. God has a plan for his children and his church. God will bless his work. If he is Lord of our lives and we are in his will, we will receive his blessings. As we look to 2005, may each of us pray that God will use us and our beloved churches to proclaim the good news of Jesus the Christ.

May God bless you and your loved ones in this holy season.

In His Service,

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Daily Devotions for January

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
3 Mark 1:40-45	4 Mark 2:1-5	5 Mark 2:6-12	6 Mark 2:13-17	7 1 John 2:9-17	8 1 John 4:7-21	9 Ephesians 4:25-32
10 Mark 3:19-19a	11 Mark 6:6b-13	12 Matthew 10:5-15	13 Luke 9:1-6	14 Philippians 2:1-11	15 Philippians 3:12-4:1	16 Philippians 4:4-9
17 John 6:41-51	18 John 6:52-59	19 John 6:60-69	20 Matthew 16:13-20	21 Matthew 16:24-28	22 Mark 8:27-30	23 Mark 8:31-38
24 Mark 9:33-37	25 Mark 10:13-22	26 Mark 10:23-27	27 Mark 10:28-31	28 Mark 10:35-45	29 Matthew 20:20-28	30 Matthew 23:1-12
31 Psalm 6:1-7	1 Psalm 31:9-15	2 Psalm 77:1-10	3 Ruth 1:1-5	4 Ruth 1:6-11	5 Ruth 1:12-17	6 Ruth 1:18-22

New Upper Room

The January-February issue of the Upper Room is available on the table in the narthex. These are available in large and regular print. Please take a copy and use for your daily devotions.

Newsletter Deadline

Please give information for future newsletters to Kate Carbaugh by the **27th** of each month. You can call 485-3077, email information to news@citoumc.org, or place information in the newsletter box in the church office.

Greeters for January

Jan. 2 – Max & Mary DeShong
 Jan. 9 – The Shearers and Nellie Richards
 Jan. 16 – The Shives Family
 Jan. 23 – available
 Jan. 30 – Roger & Linda DeShong
 Feb. 6 – The Booth Family



2005 Tithing Envelopes Available

To those who use offering envelopes, please pick up your 2005 box on the bench in the narthex. If you would like to start using envelopes, contact Sharon Glenn. Each box contains an envelope for a weekly tithe plus an envelope each month for general building fund offering.

Children’s Worship Bulletins

Children ages 3-12 should receive a special bulletin before each worship service. This bulletin provides activities to help children understand the worship service and to support the Sunday morning message with activities for the week. Please ask your greeter for the children’s worship bulletin every Sunday morning or pick one up in the narthex.

Worship Service Volunteers Needed

We are very fortunate to have a multimedia presentation every Sunday morning that we can share with others in the community. We need two individuals in the sound booth every Sunday morning to operate lights, the projection screen, and microphones. If you are interested in helping on a Sunday morning, at special services, or other church events, please contact Jason Carbaugh or Hope Moore as soon as possible. Individual training sessions will be provided.

Reader Highlights for January

Adult: *Rejoice*

Brooke Baxter has it all—a prestigious career, a beautiful home, and two wonderful children. Her recent return to her faith is an encouragement to her family. But as she faces tremendous loss, can her fledgling faith and her rocky marriage survive?

Youth: *Surprise Endings*

See if Christy makes the cheerleading squad. How does God play a part in her success?

Children: *Children’s Letters to God*

See what children ask for and how they pray to God.

You can find this month’s selection on the barrel in the church library. Please remember to be kind to others who may want to read these books by returning them within two weeks.

Cards Sent for Prayer Concerns

Each Sunday we pray for individuals and families that may need encouragement, healing, and sympathy. In addition to the prayers of the pastor and the congregation, the Membership Care and Nurture Committee sends cards to these people. If you would like this committee to send a card from the church, complete the prayer concern forms found in each pew and place them in the collection plate.

Advent Offering Ends This Month

Instead of using the Advent coin cards this year, we provided an offering envelope. The money from this Advent/Christmas offering is used for 11 different mission projects through the United Methodist General Conference. So far, we have received \$209. In past years we normally received \$400-\$500 from the coin cards. If you have not returned your offering envelope, it’s not too late. You may do so through the end of January. If you did not receive an envelope, there are extra ones on the table in the narthex. Thank you for your contributions.

Impact Scheduled for March

Impact is a continuation of the Alive 2004 conference some of our middle school-aged youth attended in November. The Impact conference prepares high school students and leaders to face the challenges of the new millennium. This high School conference will be held in Ocean City, Maryland, March 18-20. Youth in grades seven through twelve are encouraged to attend this event.

If you are interested in attending this conference or are interested in chaperoning this conference, please contact Hope Moore by January 16. For more information about the conference, please visit impactalive@impactalive.net.

Movie About Coming of Age

Join in family fellowship Jan. 14 at 7PM for the monthly movie night. This month will feature...

Secondhand Lions

Starring Michael Caine, Robert Duvall, and Haley Joel Osment, this story centers on a shy, young boy sent by his irresponsible mother to spend the summer with his wealthy, eccentric uncles in Texas. From his uncles’ stories of adventures in exotic lands involving kidnapped princesses, Arabian sheiks, and lost treasures, he learns about integrity and manhood.

Attendance for December

	<u>Dec. 5</u>	<u>Dec. 12</u>	<u>Dec. 19</u>	<u>Dec. 26</u>
Worship	134	115	126	106
Sunday School	47	54	63	34