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Winfield Community United Methodist Church

An Affiliate of Gary United Methodist Church

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As you get this newsletter, I'm in the final days of my historical and educational trip to Rome. We will have seen mosaics of the early church, Pompeii, great works of Bernini and Michelangelo, and crypts of popes and caesars. There are relics and art and fountains.

This class trip is part of my resolution of the year. Now, I hate New Years resolutions. They are often too general and vague that I can't actually work toward any goals. There is often a guilt feeling that I get when I don't follow through, when I forget them a few weeks in. I gave up on resolutions years ago. I don't like failing, so if I don't make any, I won't fail at them.

That being said, throughout the year I make lots of commitments. I have committed myself to working out, to eating more fruits and vegetables and fewer cookies, and reading all my school work. They are commitments I've made with myself and in community with others. And sometimes they last, and sometimes I miss a week or two. But it's not a resolution so it doesn't carry with it the expectations that we have at the beginning of the year.

So by now you must be wondering, she who does not make New Years reso-

lutions, what could be her resolution for the year? I resolve to do something every month I've never done before, particularly things that make me afraid. I resolve that when the offers come up, I will take the opportunity.

I'm hoping this is something that I can keep. This year, I won't my fear of looking silly from keeping me from trying to climb the wall at the gym. This year, I'm not going to let my fear of being wrong to keep me from asking the questions for things I don't understand.

Pastor Leanne



Our Choir rehearsals on Monday nights at 7 p.m. All are welcome to join us.

Please continue to check the bulletin boards for ways in which you can serve in different areas of the church. We are always looking for Sunday School teachers, readers for scriptures and prayers, fellowship and flowers.

Fellowship host/hostesses. Our new format for fellowship continues with a different family hosting a Sunday or even an entire month. Duties include making coffee, lemonade or other cold drink, bringing goodies and cleaning up afterwards. Contact Fran Miller to volunteer. Below is a list of those already scheduled. Thank you for your service.

February - Pam Keller

March - Sweeney/Wang

April - Fran Miller

May - Victoria VanBortel

June - Gloria Dorich

July - Denise Carlson

Needing transportation to church? Jim Wiggins will be happy to provide transportation to anyone who needs a ride to church. Please call him at (630) 293-7324. If anyone is able to help provide transportation on days that Jim is not available, please contact him directly.

Missions. As soon as the Mission Committee receives the Rainbow Covenant Book we will choose mission projects for each color of the Rainbow and designate Sundays through out 2010 for donations of those missions. We will be planning other Mission projects for the congregation to participate in for the coming months.

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Treasurer's Report

The tithes and pledges for November 2009 were \$5,057.00. The total regular receipts for November were \$5,743.67. Operating expenses were \$5,121.62. We were able to make both our October and November apportionment payments. The ending November balance in the operating account was \$2,181.31. We completed our payment for the new furnace as we received from our United Methodist Foundation account \$7,081.70. We also received 800.00 towards the bathroom fund.

The tithes and pledges for December 2009 were \$11,761.00 which included amounts for prepaid 2010 pledges. Special Christmas offerings totaled \$863.00. The total regular receipts for December were \$13,267.00. Operating expenses were \$5,750.10. We made our December apportionment payment and we are again a Rainbow Covenant Church. The ending December balance in the operating account was \$9,499.21. We received \$850.00 towards the bathroom fund and we made our first payment for the bathroom with a payment for the deposit which included the architect's fee. The current bathroom account balance is \$11,350.00.

Thank you for your support of the mission and ministry of the Winfield Church. Please contact John Taylor if you have any questions.

2010 Budget Update

We have received 12 pledges totaling \$32,668.00 for 2010. Our total operating budget is \$64,713.00 with estimated receipts of \$10,000.00 from sources other than members and friends giving. If you have not made a financial commitment for 2010, please send a note to the church office attention Financial Secretary or put our pledge amount into the Sunday morning offering. Your name and total amount of your giving is all that is needed. Your financial support is greatly appreciated. The mailing address of Winfield UM Church is P. O. Box 359, Winfield, Il 60190.

Building Update

So far we have donations of \$13,500.00 for the bathroom project. An architect was hired and has made drawings that were submitted to the Village of Winfield for approval. \$440.00 was paid to the village for this permit. We expect to have the permit to proceed by the end of January.