

**NEWS FROM THE  
LAMONI HEARTLAND MISSION CENTER  
December 21, 2008**



***Merry Christmas***

The staff at the Lamoni Heartland Mission Center Offices wishes each one a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Blessed New Year. The offices will be closed from Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, through Friday, January 2, 2009. We will be open again on Monday, January 5, 2009.

***Christmas Eve Service at Des Moines Central***

The Des Moines Central Congregation will host a Christmas Eve Service at 6:00 p.m. December 24<sup>th</sup>. All are invited to attend.

***Christmas Eve Service at Lamoni***

The Lamoni Congregation will host their annual Christmas Eve Service at 7:00 p.m. December 24<sup>th</sup>. The service will be presented by Ceaseless Praise. All are invited to attend.

***Senior High Yuletide Retreat***

Senior High youth are invited to the Yuletide Retreat December 30 – January 1 at Guthrie Grove. Come for a celebration of the New Year, an opportunity to have fun with friends, and time to learn about our relationship with God and others. Cost for the retreat is \$50.00. Bring warm clothes, bedding, towel and toiletries, nice clothes for the New Year's Eve Party, your Bible and a friend. The retreat begins on Tuesday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 p.m. and ends on Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, at noon. Registration deadline has past. If you have not registered and are planning to attend, you need to call Shelly Twitchell today (phone 641/784-7805).

***IYF Fundraiser***

Starting Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, the senior high youth will be selling Caesar's pizza, pies, and cookie dough for an IYF fundraiser.

***Guthrie Grove Staff-In-Training Workshop***

The Guthrie Grove Staff-in-training Workshop will be held at Guthrie Grove December 29-30, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Monday, December 29<sup>th</sup>. Any senior high youth wishing to be a camp counselor this summer is urged to take this course. Cost is \$15.00. See newsletter for details.

***Young Adult Spring Break '09***

College Students, spend Spring Break with us in New Orleans, March 14-22. Cost is only \$250 for the WHOLE WEEK! We will be repairing homes damaged by Hurricane Katrina. We can take 30 students, so sign up soon! Questions? Talk to Dan Gregory, [dgregory@cofchristlhmc.org](mailto:dgregory@cofchristlhmc.org) or (515) 423-2335 (cell); or (515) 265-4244 (office).

***Liberty Hall's Tea***

In spite of the wind and dropping temperatures, it was warm and friendly at Liberty Hall's Christmas Tea on December 14. Thank you, to all of you, for coming to honor Alma and Kay as well as visiting us. It was wonderful to hear the laughter and conversations as well as the provided music. I believe that most of us enjoyed the cookies, cake, punch and apple juice that was donated by many people. Thank you to them as well as all of you, that when called, you willingly said you could come. If I tried to name everyone that helped, I would undoubtedly leave someone out. So, I hope ONE BIG THANK YOU, will reach all of you. Happy Holiday Season! With Christian Love, Martha McKain

***Lamoni Heartland Junior High are Goin' Skating***

**Saturday, January 17, 2009**

**1:30 to 6:30 p.m.**

Junior High youth in the Lamoni Heartland Mission Center are invited to an afternoon of ice skating followed by supper, fun, and fellowship back at Northwest Community of Christ. Meet at the Northwest Congregation at 1:30 p.m. (rides will be leaving Lamoni Church at 12:00 noon and returning there at 8:00 p.m.) Please eat lunch before you come. Cost for this activity is \$10. You may want to bring extra money to purchase snacks at the concession bar. Please see your youth newsletter for registration form and more information.. **You must pre-register for this event by Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>!**

***Young Adult Buffet and Bowling***

Buffet and Bowling: All young adults are invited to Osceola on Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, for Chinese food and bowling. We will meet at the China Star Buffet at 6:00 p.m. for dinner, then go to Alley Bowl at 7:00 p.m. for two hours of bowling. Please RSVP to Dan ([dgregory@cofchristlhmc.org](mailto:dgregory@cofchristlhmc.org)) so that he can make reservations for bowling lanes. Directions: Take I-35 to Exit 33; head east to IA-69/Main St and turn left (north). Both places are about 2-3 blocks north.