

**NEWS FROM THE  
LAMONI HEARTLAND MISSION CENTER  
December 7, 2008**



***Liberty Hall Christmas Tea***

The Christmas Tea at Liberty Hall will be held on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. This year we will be honoring Alma and Kay Blair. They both are in their 80<sup>th</sup> year (one soon will be). Cards and greetings for them would be very appropriate. They have been very active in many of the community activities as well as religious endeavors. All are invited to join in these two celebrations of this time of year, to share the joy of Christmas as well as Good Wishes. Alma's gifts and his many hours of volunteer endeavors have helped make Liberty Hall what it is today.

***Operation Christmas Child***

The annual Children's Christmas Rally will be held **today**, from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the West Des Moines Church. Heartland North Senior High will be hosting this unique party for children, 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades. As part of the Christmas celebration, we will be packing gift-filled shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, a ministry of Samaritan's Purse. Last year, approximately 7 million shoeboxes were delivered in over 100 countries, to children who might otherwise never receive a Christmas present. Children from Lamoni Heartland Mission Center are invited to be part of this amazing ministry by bringing a shoe box containing toys, toiletries and school supplies, a letter and photo for the recipient, some Christmas wrapping paper and \$7 to cover the cost of shipping. Every child in the Mission Center is encouraged to participate in this activity whether they can bring gifts and the \$7 or not. As always, we will have an assortment of items available to choose from at the Rally, for those whose shoeboxes aren't quite full. Individuals/congregations can help the children with this project by donating small gift items and cash. Contact Dee Jones ([djones@cofchristlhm.org](mailto:djones@cofchristlhm.org)) for more information.



***Heartland North Senior High Youth***

Heartland North Senior High Youth are helping with Operation Christmas Child **today**, at the West Des Moines Church. Senior High youth are asked to meet at 1:00 p.m. Following the children's party, the senior high youth will have their own party with laser tag, pizza and a white elephant gift exchange. Wrap up your white elephants (or any funny, unwanted, unneeded, useable items) and have fun exchanging them. Registration of \$12 pays for pizza and one laser tag game; additional games are \$6 each.

***Northwest Congregation Cantata***

The Northwest Congregation will be performing the Cantata, "Evening in December", on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. at the Northwest Congregation (3003 62<sup>nd</sup> Street, Des Moines). Everyone is invited to attend and share in this wonderful collection of music.

***Heartland North Senior High Youth***

On Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, the Heartland North Senior High Guys are going to a Buc's game. Meet at the Northwest Church at 5:30 p.m. for supper, Bible Study and then the Buc's game. This is a free activity, but you must contact Terry Jones at 515/681-6950 if you are planning to attend, so that tickets for the game can be purchased.

On Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, the Heartland North Senior High Gals will have a Pajama Party at Dee Jones' home (5008 Tamara Lane in West Des Moines), beginning at 7:00 p.m. They'll have munchies, watch chick flicks, do pedicures and have Bible Study. Bring your sleeping bags, your Bible and a snack to share. Parents can pick you up at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday.

***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.

***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@cofchristlhm.org](mailto:dgregory@cofchristlhm.org) or (515) 423-2335 (cell); or (515) 265-4244 (office).