



Next Sunday December 26th

Congregational Food & Fellowship....

Bring a prepared food dish and stay for lunch next Sunday. Lunch will be served after the Sunday service during the monthly Congregational Food & Fellowship. The food is plentiful and so is the socialization! If you forget to bring a prepared dish, don't worry, join us anyway, we always have an abundance of food and hospitality!

Financial Report

	12-5-10	12-12-10	Y-T-D
Operating	2,522.15	500.00	84,967.69
Building	235.70	50.00	9,788.70
AV/PA fund	65.00	50.00	2,490.92
Outreach International			1,140.29
Scholarship			200.00
Food Pantry	258.00	25.00	3,755.00
Mission Trip			60.00
Memorial			480.00
Camperships	25.00		366.00
Guthrie Grove	30.00		5,359.69
MC Program	20.00	25.00	1,047.00
World Ministries	2,041.15	400.00	58,277.83
Oblation	507.93	80.00	14,672.60
Oblation World Hunger	175.00		4,406.57
Conference Offering			1,952.25
Total	5,879.93	1,130.00	188,964.54

As of 12-12-10 we are still short \$7488.02 of paying for the roof replacement. We are doing well on the operating budget. As of November 30th, all income to the operating account is \$86,389.00. 11/12 of the budget is \$89,849.00. We are on target for getting the PA/AV loan paid off, FYI the balance due as of November 30 is \$19,007.00.

Janelle Anders and Marie Hawley, CFO's

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Rejoice, Christ Has Come" will be theme for the **Christmas Eve Service** presented by Ceaseless Praise at the Lamoni Congregation December 24th at 7:00 p.m. All are invited.

Joe Shelton will be our speaker **next Sunday, December 26th**, as we consider the theme, "Get Up and Go." Linda DeBarthe will be in charge of the service. Ministry of music will be provided by Rebecca Ramsey and Lorrie Long on the organ. Invite your friends to come and worship with you. The following scriptures will help you prepare for the service:

Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23/3:13-23 IV; I Nephi 1:26, 27; Doctrine and Covenants 162:7c

If you need a ride to church, call Barb Daily (784-6141) or the church (784-4405) on Sunday morning.

Wednesday, December 22nd, 7:00 p.m. Candlelight Service with Lou Clothier in charge. Theme "The Gift of Ourselves" with candles, carols, meditation, prayer

A personal thank you to all of the Community of Christ for supporting us at the Christmas Tea. It takes many of you to have a successful day. Thank You for your part. The weather was very cold, but it was sunny. If we are members of Community of Christ, then you too are part owners and we always want Liberty Hall to offer a friendly visit when you choose to enter its doors. It was one of the first community meeting places in Lamoni because of its size. Liberty Hall's history has always been of wide open doors for all that might enter. We want to keep it a place of peace and welcome. We are wishing all of you a Wonderful Holiday Season and a New Year of many blessings. Happy Holidays! Martha McKain.

The Book of Mormon Study Group will not be meeting until next year. Watch for the date.

Congregational Conversations will not be held next Sunday so that you can spend time with family. *Lamoni Pastorate*

Ellen Garlick, sister of Bill McElroy, passed away on Wednesday, December 15th. A memorial service will be planned at a later time.

Charlotte Gould, a long-time Lamoni resident and member of our congregation, died recently in a care facility in Bonners Ferry, Idaho at the age of 97. A memorial service will be held at Community of Christ in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho where she attended since leaving Lamoni. A graveside service for interment of ashes will be at Rose Hill Cemetery in Lamoni sometime next spring or summer. Memories and expressions of sympathy may be sent to her son, Edward P. Gould at: 7389 South Vista Drive, Bonners Ferry, ID 83805.

A Memorial Service for Plummer Emerson, who passed away on Friday, December 3rd, will be held at the Lamoni Community of Christ on Sunday, January 2, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. A memorial fund has been established by the family.

JANUARY-FEBRUARY DINNER EXCHANGE

Although we are late getting started this year, we are going to work on getting our Dinner Exchange going beginning January. I hope I have included everyone who was involved last year and those who asked to have their names added this year. If I have left someone out or you would like to be included, please let me know by calling me at 6407 or e-mail me at n.hartwig@mchsi.com. We want anyone who would like to participate to have a chance to do so.

HOSTS

Kay & Alma Blair 6407
Benna & Mark Easter 7650
Lorrie Long 442-5160
Deanna & Rod Schall 3479
Ann & Rick Zieger 3730

GUESTS

Joan Green, Marie Hawley 6157/6391
Louita & Dick Clothier 6270
Diana & Elmer Stevenson 7649
Phyllis & Bill Weaver 4707
Jerie Gail & Bob Ramsey 3492

We want to hear/read your testimony (not opinions) on how you share the message of Jesus Christ with others so we are encouraging each of you (member or non member; young, old, male, female – every person) to write a short testimony (no more than 300 words; 12 pt type if you type your testimony) and we will print it in one of our weekly bulletins – one testimony each Sunday. Hand or send your testimonies to one of your pastors.

Birthday Greetings to.

Vikki Morain	Dec. 19
Richard Twombly	Dec. 19
Taylor Fulton	Dec. 19
Evelyn Conrad	Dec. 19
Coby Bates	Dec. 21
Caleb Knotts	Dec. 22
Benna Easter	Dec. 23
Kevin Johnson	Dec. 24



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wed. Dec. 22	7:00 p.m.	Candlelight Service – Lou Clothier in charge
	8:15 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Fri. Dec. 24	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service
Sun. Dec. 26	9:30 a.m.	Church School
	10:40 a.m.	Communication Time – Marjie Foster Worship – Linda DeBarthe presiding
	12:00noon	Food and Fellowship

Sharing the Message of Jesus Christ

by Becky Long

During a recent road trip, we enjoyed sharing in worship with members of our family. One particular man at that Thanksgiving service went out of his way to make us feel welcome. We found that he had spent part of his childhood in Lamoni and we discussed the streets/houses where he had lived, etc. On arriving home we found a letter from this man. He expressed gratitude for our attendance, and then went on to share his testimony. It went something like this: "I had not been active in church for a long time. I was attending a funeral visitation one day and was greeted by the pastor. During the visit he said 'Jim, whenever you are ready to come back to church, in whatever level of activity you choose, you will be welcome.' It was not so much the words he used, but the love and compassion with which he shared them. At that point in my life, he was a 'true shepherd' inviting a lost sheep to come back into the flock. I will never forget that day."

My first thought was that this man was the person designated to follow up with visitors. After talking to a family member, I found this was not the case. The realization that his was a spontaneous response made the letter even more precious to me. I was impressed by the impact of simple hospitality and a note. Jim is passing on that shepherding spirit. It is my sincere prayer that each of us is doing the same.

We received this quote in a Christmas letter,

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings & princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost, to heal the broken,
To feed the hungry, to release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations, to bring peace among brothers,
To make music in the heart.

by Dr. Howard Thurman in [The Work of Christmas](#)



Peace in the Remembrance of the Season

Dick Fisher, Sandra Ogier, Jean Ann Stevenson, Isaac Fisher –
Husband/father, daughters/sisters, grandson/nephew of
Lohre and Janice Fisher

Orville Hiles, Jeffery P. Hiles – husband & son of Norma Derry Hiles

David & Melba Blair; Harold & Laura Tabor – parents of Alma & Kay
Blair

Doc & Juanna Miglore; Wally and Winnie Harvey – grandparents of
Brandon (Mesle) Harvey

Chuck Church – husband of Eldeen Church

Frances Easter – mother of Mark Easter and Benna

Ann Yarrington – wife of Ben Yarrington; mother of Benna Easter and
Mark

Wayne and Mary Updike; Fred and Lois Morain – parents of Vikki &
Tom Morain

Bob Anders – father of Steve Anders and Janelle

William Joseph & Evelyn Breshears; Raymond and Verna Garver
Smith – parents of Don and Barbara Breshears

Chub and Alice Long – parents of Lorrie Long, Dan Long and Becky

Larry Oiler – husband of Lila Barnhouse,
Tanya Barnhouse - wife of Jack Barnhouse

V. D. and Zella Ruch – parents of Velma Ruch

Robert Farnham – husband of Lynda Farnham

Dean & Evelyn Scott; Oscar & Julia Sharp - parents & grandparents
of Deanna Schall

Myron and Celia Schall – family of Rod Schall

Earl & Faith Higdon, Lyle & Ruth McFarlane – parents of Bill & Barbara
Higdon

Kay Mesle – beloved mother and grandmother of the Mesle family

Charlotte Gould – friend of Louita and Dick Clothier

Dave Morgan Sr., Pam Morgan – family of Wanda Morgan, Dave Jr.,
and Niccole

Hope in the New Year to Come

Pat and Jim Jones

Carol and Frank Hough

Ava and Les Gardner

Betty and Bruce Graybill

Diane and Joe Shelton

Judy and Gregg Badder

Katie and Charles Persall

Ann and Rick Zieger

Tammy and Kelly Everett

Bobbi and Ron Ellis