

# Rehoboth Reflections

January, 2010

## *A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR*

Dear Rehoboth Family:

It seems as if the year 2009 just started yesterday, and here it is the last days of 2009. The Lamb's Book of Life has just come to its closing. I'm reminded of God's many splendored grace in each of our lives. God has delivered us from many a spiritual battle — some battles we're aware of, some we're not.

I want to thank you for your many acts of kindness, cards, letters, thoughts, and gifts.

Come now with me as we pause and envision the scene at God's royal dining room. Drive not by our beauty but by His promise. He calls us to himself and invites us to take a permanent place at His table. Though we often limp more than we walk, we take our place next to the other sinners-made-saints and we share in God's glory. May I share a partial list of what awaits at His table:

You are beyond His condemnation (Rom.8:1).  
You are delivered from the Law (Rom 7:6).  
You are near God (Eph. 2:13).  
You are a member of His Kingdom (Col. 1:13).  
You have been adopted (Rom. 8:15).  
You have access to God at any moment (Eph. 2:18).  
You will never be abandoned (Heb. 13:5).  
You have an imperishable inheritance (I Peter 1:4).  
You possess every spiritual blessing.

How wonderful are the many blessings God has given us. Thank you for your hard work on our 2009 budget but even more thank you for all that you do serving in God's kingdom.

The key for you and me to building God's cathedrals in all of humanity is found in the last stanza of "*O Little Town of Bethlehem*":

O holy child of Bethlehem  
Descend on us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in,  
Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us  
Our Lord Emmanuel!

May the blessing of Christmas abide with you now and the Bethlehem star shine its light in all your paths in the year 2010.

His Blessings on All,

Jim

**prayer**

**anytime/anywhere. . .just ask.      1-800-251-2468**

**The Upper Room Prayer Center**

# January 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<i>1</i> New Year's Day Church Office Closed	<i>2</i>       <b>Grayson Hensley</b>
<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> 6:00 Trustees 6:00 Adult Bell Choir 6:30 UMW 7:00 UMM 7:00 Boy Scouts  <b>Matthew Howe</b>	<i>5</i> 6:45 Prayer Breakfast 10:00 Sutton/ Brown Prayer  <b>Allen Zahner</b>	<i>6</i> 7:00 Adult Choir   <b>Norman Bowen</b>	<i>7</i>   <b>Mike Priest</b>	<i>8</i> 8:30 Soup Kitchen   <b>Carlisle Smith III</b>	<i>9</i> 9:00 Planning Meeting 9:30 Produce Giveaway  <b>Christopher Miller</b>
<i>10</i> 12:15 Children's Choir	<i>11</i> 6:00 Adult Bell Choir 7:00 Finance 7:00 Boy Scouts	<i>12</i> 6:45 Prayer Breakfast 10:00 Sutton/ Brown Prayer 11:00 Virginia Wingard Circle 6:00 UMM to DJJ <b>Virgie McLemore J.M. Windham</b>	<i>13</i> 6:00 Wonderful Wednesday 7:00 Adult Choir  <b>Buck Evans</b>	<i>14</i>   <b>Connie Strickland</b>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>   <b>Bill Carson Dee Hook Earle Kirkley</b>
<i>17</i> 12:15 Children's Choir	<i>18</i> 6:00 Adult Bell Choir 7:00 Church Council 7:00 Boy Scouts  <b>Shannon Gardner</b>	<i>19</i> 6:45 Prayer Breakfast 10:00 Sutton/ Brown Prayer  <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> <b>Patrick Saunders</b>	<i>20</i> 7:00 Adult Choir   <b>Austin Jones</b>	<i>21</i>   <b>Loretta Joyner</b>	<i>22</i>   <b>Mark Hatley McKenzie Priest</b>	<i>23</i>   <b>Ken Dalton Charlotte Weekley</b>
<i>24</i> 12:15 Children's Choir  <b>David Mitchum</b>	<i>25</i> 7:00 Boy Scouts	<i>26</i> 6:45 Prayer Breakfast 10:00 Sutton/ Brown Prayer  <b>Dan O'Donnell</b>	<i>27</i> 7:00 Adult Choir	<i>28</i>   <b>Cliff Connolly Joan Deremo</b>	<i>29</i>   <b>Don Fulmer Matthew Hudson Palmer Hudson</b>	<i>30</i>   <b>Clyde Strickland</b>
<i>31</i> 3:00 SPRC Training Event  <b>Kerry Ridings</b>						

## UMM NEWS

**UMM Purpose:** To declare the centrality of Christ in every man's life, to promote the spiritual growth of men through effective discipleship, and to model the servant leadership of Christ in our daily lives.



**“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.” Proverbs 27:17**

**“Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only.” James 1:22 (KJV)**

### **2010 Schedule:**

- Monday, January 4: 7 p.m. meal & meeting
- Tuesday, January 12: 6 p.m. UMM to DJJ
- Monday, February 22: 6 p.m. 27th annual fish fry

**Coat Ministry:** Thank you so much to everyone who has donated cold weather clothing to the “Homeless Ministry” project. We are still collecting these items. A collection bin is set up in the hallway of the Education Building outside the choir room.

“If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are past away; behold, all things become new.”  
2 Corinthians 5:17 (KJV)

“Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoner.”  
Hebrews 13:3 (NIV)

## UMW NEWS



The annual UMW Christmas get together was held at the home of Jan Smith - lots of delicious food and great fellowship were enjoyed by all. The Rehoboth food pantry received an outstanding supply of canned goods and staple items.

The January meeting will be held on Monday, January 4, with the social time at 6:30 p.m. and the regular meeting beginning at 7 p.m. On January 10 the UMW and the RUMC youth group are providing refreshments and giving school supplies to the youth at Epworth Children's Home. The mission project for January is collecting snacks and drinks for Epworth Children's Home youth group.

**ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!**

## NEW MEMBERS

A red carpet welcome is extended to Jose Manuel, Maria, Julian, and Brisa Juarez. The Juarez family lives at 7234 Middle St., Lot #1, Columbia, SC 29223. Their telephone number is 714-0979. A red carpet welcome is also extended to Christopher Mullins, Gabrielle Green, Ashanti, and Kylie. They reside at 1888 Two Notch Rd., Columbia, SC 29223. These two families joined the Rehoboth family on December 20.

## THANK YOU

Dear Rehoboth Family: I would like to express to you my deep appreciation for the cards, calls, thoughts, and most especially the prayers during my hospitalization and recovery. Love to all, Elaine Henrick

## SYMPATHY

The Rehoboth family extends its deepest sympathy to Joe & Mary McGee on the death of Mary's sister, Jean Lukens, in Connecticut on December 15.

**WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY**

**January 13, 2010  
6 p.m.**

## FOOD PANTRY & PRODUCE GIVEAWAY

I'm starting my notes early, maybe from a sense of guilt. Elaine had to remind me I missed the newsletter deadline for November. I also hoped by writing now I could convey the sense of joy and thanksgiving I've experienced the past few days. (SIDEBAR: Joe and I intensely dislike doing yard work but seldom have anyone come in and do it for us.) I contacted Mike Hahn (the person who does the yard work at the church) to come clean up our yard for fall including cutting up a tree Joe had cut down. Mike came on Tuesday, November 17, and did a wonderful job. When I went to pay him, he told me to make the check out to the church for the food pantry. This was to make up for the times he missed this summer taking food to the pantry because he was very busy. Poor man - I gave him a big bear hug.

Then there was the yard sale at Maria Kistler's house. Janice Petty, Maria, Alice Milton, and Barbara Herndon (Joe hauled tables and stuff) helped make it a success. Jean Kesler's neighbor cleaned out closets and sent "things" to be sold. Then there were the two neighbor ladies (Lonnie and Sandy) who bought "stuff" and then went home and brought back "things" to be sold. A close friend (Lynette) arrived mid-morning, gathered up a little over \$40 worth of items, and then doubled the amount on the check she wrote. And then there's Janice who worked, bought, and gave 3 new adorable children's backpacks each selling for \$20. We had great fellowship, made some new friends, and saw once again God's provision for Rehoboth's Food Pantry ministry. We collected \$541 after expenses.

The extra money is certainly a blessing. We're spending about \$100/week and often by Wednesday the pantry is so low we've been closing. Clients can come only once a month and most agree they would rather wait and receive a full serving.

By this time everyone probably knows that SPRC has decided that the church's secretary is no longer to work in the Food Pantry. Elaine has done a fantastic job of serving our many clients, and I often think of her as the heart of the program. Having one constant "face" identified with the food distribution has been a distinct advantage and has been a major contribution to the smooth running of the pantry. She will be greatly missed by clients and the faithful crew alike.

Obviously the Food Pantry will have to rely entirely on volunteers to staff and distribute the food. Linda Bowen has agreed to be our volunteer coordinator. Please pray about the possibility of donating a couple of hours a week to help distribute the food from the pantry. The current schedule is Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Initially we thought possible shifts would be 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. and 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. The overlap time period is sometimes the busiest or could be used to restock the cupboard. We can be very flexible. Call Linda Bowen at 787-2822.

The Produce Giveaway was great success in December. We had 76 people and gave away the following food: apples, sweet potatoes, white potatoes, zucchini, shredded cabbage, lettuce or spinach, crackers, peanut butter, bread, 1/2 doz. hard boiled eggs, homemade cookies, chocolate Santa, candy canes, and stuffed animals.

The cookies were Joan Deremo's idea, but lots of people baked: Ida Rhyner, Jeannette Burch, Joan Deremo, Maria Kistler, Alice Milton, Pat Hynds, Pat Wood, and Marge O'Donnell. If I missed anyone, it's because I lost my paper with all the names. Ken Wood got the Vietnam Vets Thrift Store to donate not only stuffed animals for our giveaway but also some coats for the UMM's winter coat mission. Pat Hynds gave out a printed inspirational message, and we put flyers for our choir's Christmas concert in each bag.

This is such a special time of year, and I believe the Spirit of Christmas was with all of us this month as you contributed in so many ways to make a few of our neighbors' lives a little easier and showed how God can work through a caring Christian congregation. Thank you one and all!

Donna Palma

## HONORARIUM

A contribution has been made in honor of *Ginger Boyce* by:

Rick & Felecia Boyce

In honor of our loving parents, *John & Ann Kinney*, six chairs have been purchased for the Seekers classroom by L.W. & Jan Smith.

Happy Birthday & Merry Christmas! We love you both!

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

The following have volunteered for various duties during Sunday morning worship for the month of January:

Greeter: Gail McLemore

Ushers: Josh Boyce, Ed Johnson, Christopher Miller, Mark Windham

Lock up: Bobby Dennis

### January 3:

Lay Reader: Paul Elliott

Nursery Workers: Marge O'Donnell & Karen Pratt

Counters: Bill Clark & Ken Wood

### January 10:

Lay Reader: Pat Hynds

Nursery Workers: Holly Echard & Robin Jones

Counters: Janice Petty & Judi Rose

### January 17:

Lay Reader: Forrest Horn

Nursery Workers: Tiffany Jones & Kathy Whitcomb

Counters: Lou Maiorano & Glenda Spadetti

### January 24:

Lay Reader: Christopher Miller

Nursery Workers: Kami Baldyga & Wanda Bennett

Counters: Bill Clark & Ken Wood

### January 31:

Lay Reader: Tommy Jones

Nursery Workers: Billy Crawford & Dee Hook

Counters: Janice Petty & Judi Rose

## SPRC TRAINING

The 2010 SPRC Training event will be held Sunday, January 31, at Washington St. UMC from 3-5 p.m. SPRC members and chairpersons are encouraged to attend.

## OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2010 offering envelopes are available in the hall outside the church office. Please make note of your number as many of them have changed.

## FLOWER CHART

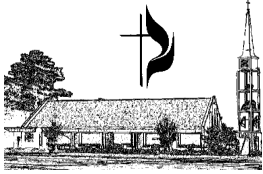
The 2010 flower chart is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. Sign up soon to get the dates you want!



**We are on a mission to fight  
hunger and poverty.**

**YOU CAN HELP!**

**February 7, 2010**



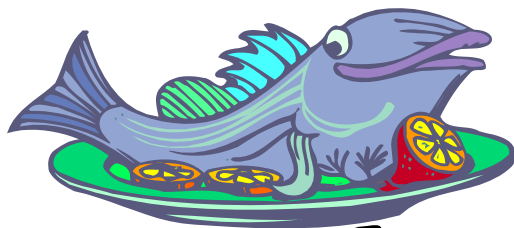
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*Fish Fry*

**27th ANNUAL UMM  
COLUMBIA DISTRICT  
FISH FRY**

**Monday, February 22, 2010**

(Contact any UMM to volunteer to help)