

Happy Birthday!

- 1 Alyssa Grogan
- 3 Karin VanDam
- 5 Bailey Hill
- 6 Carol Deutsche
Brogan Shurtz
- 7 Shane Heinrich
- 8 Jozey Williams
- 10 Mandy Rolstad
- 13 John Paul Neddo
- 16 Brenden Blackstone
- 19 Megan McClure
- 23 Teyler Gabiger
- 24 Andi Neddo
- 25 Mark Heinrich
- 26 Brandon Nyman
- 27 Terry Shannon
Martha Moon
Heather Shaw
Judy Coltrin
- 28 Elizabeth VanDam
- 31 Jody Felton

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Praise Worship: 9:00am
Sunday School 9:45am
Worship Service 11:00am

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Rev. Karen Puckett



News of Living Hope Rev Karen Puckett January 2012

Kuna United Methodist Women invite you to an
Epiphany Lunch



Come and enjoy entertainment by The Sweet Adelines, followed by a wonderful luncheon and time to visit and relax with friends. Please bring a donation of personal care products to be distributed through the Kuna Food Bank – Child care provided

**Saturday, January 7 at 11:00 am—At Living Hope ~ KUMC
4th & Franklin—922-4745**

By Water and the Spirit

Do you remember your baptism? Were you too young to remember? Have you been considering baptism for yourself or a child in your family? Do you know how we baptize in our church or why?

In connection with “Baptism of Our Lord Sunday” (which is January 8), Rev. Karen will be teaching the next mid-week adult study using the book *By Water and the Spirit*. (There is no book to purchase. You are encouraged to read materials online or sign up in the back of the sanctuary to receive a print copy of the readings.) Adult classes will be held on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. on January 10, 24, 31, February 7, and 14. All are welcome to explore and learn with us!

A Grateful Start to a New Year

I am starting 2012 with a grateful heart! I am continually overwhelmed in wonderful ways by this Living Hope family of faith!

On a personal note, I am grateful for your thoughtfulness shown to Ed and me during the holidays! We were humbled to receive expressions of love in many forms. We both count this congregation as a tremendous blessing in our lives and wish to thank you for helping us to make this place home.

A significant part of our holidays at Living Hope was the emphasis on celebrating Christ by recognizing Jesus in others and in ourselves. You received a challenge to look at Christmas differently and to show it with your giving. As a result, this family of faith is changing the world! You met that challenge head-on and offered incredible support for famine and drought relief through UMCOR (the United Methodist Committee on Relief), as shown by our Christmas Eve offering! It's not too late to add your contribution to this special offering. In the weeks ahead, we will announce an amazing grand total and celebrate Christ working through us! I am very grateful to be part of a church that gives sacrificially and joyfully to the children of God in need.

Though July 2011 seems like a long time ago in many ways, I cannot forget to count my smooth transition here as a tremendous blessing. That was only possible thanks to the diligent and faithful work of many leaders in this church. I deeply appreciate all who had a hand in these efforts. Getting the parsonage and office ready was just the start! All who held leadership positions were gracious in receiving a new pastor, discerning new directions, and accepting many changes. I am grateful for those who have served this congregation in the past year and for those who have answered the call to serve on the new Leadership Team, which begins with this New Year!

We will celebrate the members of our Leadership Team at the 11 a.m. worship service on January 15. I celebrate the gift of leaders who served in ways that prepared Living Hope for this transition. Please offer your gratitude for all who faithfully completed their leadership roles on committees and teams:

Hoyle Moore, Rick Baker, Ken Greger*, Gary Burke, Brett Reitmeier, Bonnie Heinrich*, Mark Kirkpatrick, & Sharon Ingram. The * designates committee chair. These people served on Trustees and SPRC under the old committee structure.

Sharon Wimer, Don Johnson, Ruby Duncan, Ruthe Reed, Judy Yamamoto and Wendi Homan have completed their service on the Lay Leadership Committee.

Ginny Greger as Ad Council Chair...and all the others who have served.

Prayer Concerns, continued

Prayers of recovery for Don after his hospital stay.

Prayers for Teri, Betty, Maxine and others.

Prayers for Travis. Blessings for Monica for taking care of the children.

Prayers of thanksgiving for family & friends. Prayers for soldiers who are serving & are away from their families.

Prayers for Dan & Carroll Gealy.

Prayers for those looking for employment.

Prayers for all grieving – family of Warren Shaffer, Fern & her family, and for all who are ill.

Prayers for healing and good reports from tests this week.

For God's healing with Derrick's shoulder surgery.

For Vi Baker (Rick's mom)

Prayers for Leila's brother, Jim, who is in the hospital.

For Kira, Abel, Natalie, Brayden, and baby-on-the-way

For Noeske.

For safe travel for Rev Karen & Ed and all others.

For Anne and Ashden as they adapt to changes and widen the circle of family

Thanksgivings, Joys, Praises & Blessings

For God's abundant love and grace

For our country and the freedoms we enjoy

For the blessing that an accident at the Grange building wasn't worse (and for guidance in the repair process)

For life!!

For Joe Farris's 14th birthday!

For the excitement that comes with the holy-day season

For those who make our church a place of beauty, hospitality, and hope every day

For traveling mercies over the Thanksgiving holiday

For friends, fellowship, Christmas music, kindness, and loving relationships

For Rev. Karen, our family, and our church family

For all the blessings reigned down upon us

For special servants, including Leila, Ted, Ronda, and more

For young disciples who practice, memorize, and sing their faith at the holidays!

For all who share with others in order to make the season more joyful for those in need

For guests in our church and the welcome they receive from this loving congregation!

For my care circle!

For this time of year when we celebrate Jesus' birth

For the outpouring of generosity our church and the food bank are both experiencing

For Julie's health and wellbeing

Praise for the amazing gift of baby Jesus; for family, friends, this church!

Praise for God's abundant love and grace.

Prayer Concerns

For those who are lonely during the holidays--may they find comfort in our church family
For help and hope for all who are ill, who are hungry, who are cold
For all who grieve, including Dennis, Liz Moor, Alvina Unser
For relationships
For those seeking work or unable to pay the bills
For a fair resolution to the LID
For Liz Moore and family as they grieve the death of Liz's husband, Roy
For Teri McIntyre's 22 mo. old great nephew, recently diagnosed with autism
For Mike and Cheri M.
For Violet B., who has serious medical concerns
For Floyd, that he might have renewed health
For Mike and Virginia Hall, that they might have health and endurance through a difficult time
For Orval, Mindy, Jayden, Tor, Andi, Tyler, and Willie
For peace
For care givers
For Robert (Elizabeth Burke's son), undergoing tests at the Mayo Clinic
For Norm (Cathy Gealy's family friend) who will have surgery on Tuesday
For Don, Michael, Jim, and Sherrie
For 4 year old Richard who will have open heart surgery next month (Judy Young's 2nd cousin)
For Susan (Brett Reitmeier's cousin) who is battling breast cancer and recovering from surgery
For Russ who needs a heart transplant
For Kara, that her job will be secure
For all who are ill, including Warren, Fern, and others
For an upcoming doctor's appointment, that all will go well
For Ken and Susan as they grieve their son Brian's death
For my brother-in-law and his wife as they struggle with their marriage
For the family of Homer Smith as we struggle through the holidays
That all may know love
For Troy and others who are seeking employment
For patience in these years of waiting
For Shane and Lindsey as his new career causes them to be apart
For newborn Baby Roseland (Glenda Randall's granddaughter), who is ill
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For Elizabeth Burke & Pat Huckstep
For job-security for Kara and a successful job search for Shane
For mothers who struggle to care for themselves and their children



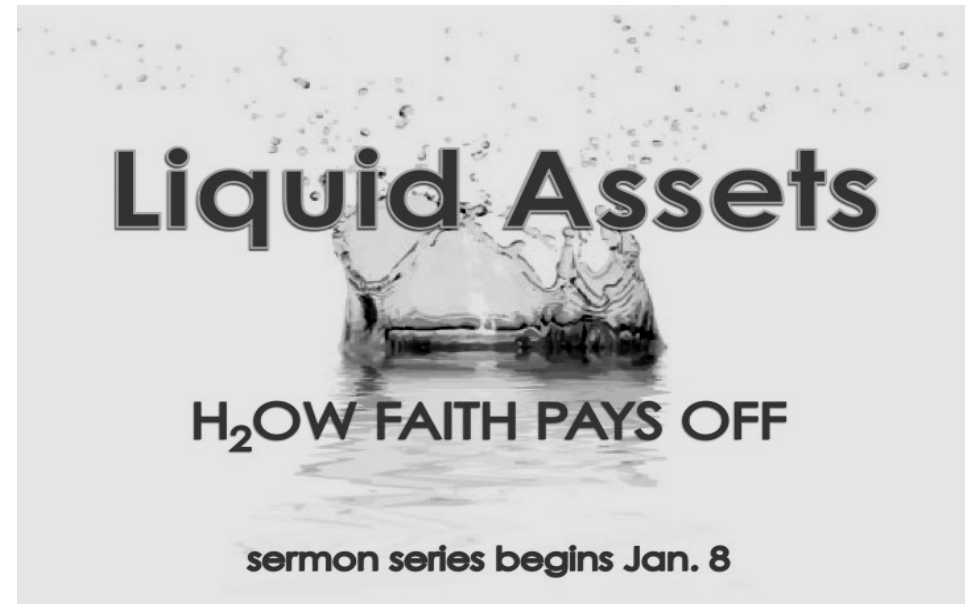
Pastor's Message Continued

The list of things for which I am grateful never ends, but the final blessing I will name here is gratitude for my call to ministry. I thank God that I am called to this journey of faith that allows me to serve God and the Living Hope congregation! I am blessed by the adventures that come along with this call—participating in the Young Pastors Network (Nov. 2011), ordination interviews (Jan. 18-20, 2012), and the opportunities to live our faith with each of you through the most joyful, most difficult, and even the most ordinary of days.

Thank you for living as disciples! I can't wait to see what the year ahead hold for us all!

Peace and gratitude,

Rev. Karen



BOOK CLUB

The book club will meet on January 17th at 7:00pm at Pat Huffaker's home. The book is "A Crime in the Neighborhood" by Suzanne Berne. All are welcome!



Our Leadership Board

The Leadership Board and our new leadership structure takes effect on January 1!

*At Large Member: Wendi Homan

* Faith Development/Mission:

Kim Baker
Barb James
Gwen Larson

* Trustees/Finance:

Kathy Cloepfil (2014)
Margaret Roberts (2013)
Beth Shannon (2013)
Ted Wimer (2012)

* Lay Leaders:

Leila Baker (2012)
Bud Beatty (2013)
Amber Laddusaw (2014)

* Staff-Parish Relations Committee chair: Cathy Gealy (2012-13)

(2012)	(2013)	(2014)
Mary Johnson	Merlene Henry	Elaine Rayanic
Linda Hutchison	Curt James	Sharon Wimer
Bob McClure		Lay Leader

This smaller group will bear a great deal of responsibility. They cannot continue the work of the church alone; *everyone's help is still vital to the life of our church!* Rather the Leadership Board will handle the administrative tasks and the nitty-gritty business, then they will call upon you to share your gifts in all of the ongoing and new ministries of our church.

Sunday Morning Adult Study—Starts Up Jan. 8th

Adult Sunday School will start again on January 8th!

This class will cover various topics throughout the year.

Come and join us at 9:45 a.m. If you would like to lead a study, this would be a friendly opportunity among friends!



ANNIVERSARIES -

Dallas & Florence Chaney
January 4, 2002
Dan & Brenda Blitman
January 5, 1991
Dick & Carol Deutsche
January 6, 1956



Bud & Marie Beatty
January 14, 1978
Duane & Judy Yamamoto
January 20, 1968
Don & Martha Eberhard
January 26, 1951
Jeff & Val Dinicola
January 28, 2002

Financial Status Meeting—January 29th at 12:30pm

It is important for all Christians to live a life of Discipleship. It is also important for everyone to understand how stewardship of our time, talents, presence and gifts fits into our lives as Disciples of Jesus Christ; and in our Church's life.

In order for Living Hope to be healthy and vital we each need to understand what it takes to operate as a Church and to be in mission and ministry. This presentation will show you how we did last year. We have many successes to celebrate! There will be:

- 1) Lots of numbers and slides, but they will be really easy to understand;
- 2) Free food (gotcha!)

We hope you will attend to learn and be more involved in how the financial aspects of Living Hope operate.

Trustee's Report

Many improvements have been done to the parsonage since the arrival of Rev. Karen. She and Ed have painted the living room, kitchen/dining and the master bedroom with colors to match her decor. The painting cost was covered by Rev. Karen.

New carpet was installed on Dec. 7 after the underlayment was painted with Kilz, due to pet stains that continued to reappear after several cleanings. The cost was \$3,794.20 for carpet and \$70.50 for Kilz stain block. A big thanks to the furniture moving and paint crew: Rick & Brian Baker, Bud Beatty, Hoyle Moore, Brett Reitmeier, Woody Woods, Rev. Karen and Cathy Gealy.

The flowerbed in the front of the church has begun it's first phase. Bud Beatty and Terry Shannon removed the dying spruce tree. Watch for more improvements in the future!! *Margaret Roberts, Trustees Secretary*

New Picture Directory—

January 19th, 20th & 21st—lots of time slots available.

Wouldn't it be nice if I could remember everyone's name? Well, it's not just my problem... we all need help. That's why we are doing a **NEW** "Picture Directory." We haven't done a directory in 5 years... and we have many new faces. We want **everyone** to be a part of this directory!

Please sign up to have your picture in the new directory. You will receive a new directory for your time; and you will receive a free 8x10 color portrait. Many people use this opportunity to have a family picture—and there will be an opportunity to purchase extra pictures and poses for grandparents, children, etc.