

# Cornerstone Newsletter of



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## SPIRIT OF LOVE DINNER

If anyone is interested in *heading up, scheduling and planning* a Spirit of Love Dinner for the month of February please contact one of the Elders or the church office.

## MOTHER/DAUGHTER BANQUET

If anyone is interested in *heading up, scheduling and planning* a Mother/Daughter Banquet in the month of May please contact one of the Elders or the church office.

**SENIOR SAINTS LUNCHEON**  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 12:00 P.M.

Bring a side dish and table service

2009 OFFERING ENVELOPES WILL BE  
AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE



Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Wayne McGough and his family on the sudden passing of his brother on January 2nd. May the Lord comfort them in their time of need.

It sadden our hearts to say goodbye to our long time friend, Butch Merrill, who went home to be with the Lord suddenly on Tuesday, January 6th. Butch and his wife, Donna and their children joined our church family on May 22, 1988. The memories of Butch will live on in the hearts of all who knew him. Our prayer is that the Lord will comfort Butch's family and friends during this most difficult time. Until we meet again our friend.

On January 22nd Todd Kennedy went home to be with the Lord after a hard fight with cancer. Todd was baptized on November 8th here at Manchester and we know that he is no longer in pain and is walking with the Lord. Todd was the nephew of Leona Phelps, son of Kenny Kennedy and an employee of Stafford Plumbing. May God give all who knew Todd comfort during this time of separation.

January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009 was "Commitment Sunday" at MCC. The thrust of the day was to remind and encourage all those who are part of the body of Christ that life in Christ is a commitment. It is a covenant between Jesus and that one who chooses to call Him Lord. This commitment requires a true life change.

In 2009, I'm hoping that MCC will see a great change because of these commitments! I'm hoping that our members will all be searching and asking for areas in which they may serve the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom. Each one of us knows people in this community who either do not know Jesus Christ as Lord, or else if they know He is, they still aren't committed to His Lordship. These are the people we most want to reach! Growing a church is not about finding Christians and enticing them to join our efforts at MCC; it's about finding those lost sheep, whether they ever knew Jesus or not.

In the foyer for the next few weeks, you'll see a table display with the "All on the Line in 2009" t-shirts which are available for purchase, if you'd like one. They are not required, obviously, but they can be a helpful tool for you throughout the year. They can be a reminder to you that you've made a commitment to Christ, and they can also be a conversation starter for you and someone else who does not know Christ. The front of the shirt says, "All on the Line in 2009", and gives a place for you to sign your name on the line. On the back of the shirt it has the MCC logo, and underneath are the words, "I'm committed."

Buying the shirt—or even wearing it—is not going to fulfill your commitment to Christ. But it's a visual aid to you and anyone who sees you wearing it that you've made a commitment, and you need to keep it. If you want a shirt, they're only \$7 each, and that's exactly what they cost us. I appreciate Gameday Sportswear for giving us a great price on these shirts. They have indeed been a good friend to MCC from the Manchester Community.

And the board will be on display all year long...if you haven't signed to show your commitment but would like to do so, that's what it's there for. Whenever anyone is ready to affirm their commitment, the board will be there. Remember, there are four things we are asking you to commit to:

- Commit to Jesus Christ as Lord
- Commit to your family
- Commit to Manchester Christian Church
- Commit to the Manchester Community

Are you ready to lay it "All on the Line in 2009"? I hope you are. And I trust that God will bless you and MCC richly because of it!

Glad to be serving with you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. Kelly Gowen".

Senior High & College  
**TRACK**  
 Wednesdays  
 6:30 - 8:00 PM



2XL  
 Wednesdays  
 6:30-8:00 PM  
 Grades 6th-8th



A new teacher for S.O.L.E. is needed!!!!  
 (Serving Our Lord Everyday)

Wednesdays 7:00-8:00 p.m. For grades K-5th

Until the position is filled - S.O.L.E. will not be meeting.  
 Contact the office if you would like to take on this ministry.



It is with grateful hearts that we say thank you to our church family for all you have done during this most difficult time. The flowers, the cards, the prayers, the calls, the

dinner-everything was appreciated beyond words. Butch is going to be missed deeply, but we know that with the help of family, church family and friends we will get through this.

Again thank you for all your love,  
 The family of Butch Merrill

We would like to take this time to say thank-you to all who sent us food to the house, the cards and the monetary gifts. We also appreciated all the prayers you sent our way. Thank you also for the beautiful white flower arrangement, it was very thoughtful.

With sincere thanks, The family of Jason "Bitty" Bitecofer

#### COFFEE SHOP REMINDER



There is no charge for the regular or decaf coffees, nor for the teas, however there is a \$.50 *per cup* charge for all the cappuccino/hot chocolate type drinks. There is also a request that donations be made for the pastries provided (muffins, doughnuts, honey buns etc.)

**PARENTS:** we really appreciate your help in seeing that your children are supervised in the coffee shop area.



Family Life Center Open for Walkers/Joggers  
 Monday through Friday the FLC is open  
 at 10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

Open Gym Volleyball for age 14 and up  
 Mondays at 8:00 p.m.



FLC OPEN GYM BASKETBALL  
 for age 18 and up Thursday 8:30 p.m. & Saturdays at 8 a.m.

If you would like to add someone to our prayer list, please write the name down and place it in the top tray on Jinger's desk. Names will be listed for 3 weeks unless we are notified otherwise.

Contact Vi Dickerhoof (330-882-3742) with emergency prayer chain request.

**Our Shut-Ins:** ALMA DOZMATI, (Maison Aine, Stow), CAROL KOEBERLE (Essex Health Care - sister of Rose Brown), JERILYN DELAUDER (at home), NELLIE SMITH (Sycamore Run, Millersburg), WILLIAM & KATHRYN GREGG (Shady Lawn), ANN HAGELBARGER (at home), FERNE WILLIAMS (Rose Lane) HELEN WELLS, (Pleasant View & Pointe)



#### NEEDED COMMUNION SERVERS FOR THE NEW YEAR!

Please see Kelly Gowen or Ben Ream  
 your services are needed!

#### Children's Worship Teachers Needed

A sign up sheet is posted in the main hallway for Teacher  
**NURSERY COORDINATOR NEEDED**

We are in need of someone to take on the ministry of our church nursery.

#### CO-ED WINTER VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE FORMING

Age 14 and up

Tuesdays and Friday Nights beginning February 10th  
 6:00—10:00 p.m.

League runs for 10 weeks with tournaments ending April 24th

Check the bulletin board out side of the  
 sanctuary for complete details.

#### SIGN UP DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 3RD

Questions contact Jerry Justiss or Roger Chappell

### FEBRUARY SCHEDULES

#### NURSERY CAREGIVERS



- February 1st: 8:50: Shelly Chappell  
 9:50: Jinger & Shawn Hoffman
- February 8th: 8:50: Joan Greenfelder  
 9:50: Tammy & Samantha Lair
- February 15th: 8:50: Sue Justiss  
 9:50: Linda McGough & Seth Chappell
- February 22nd: 8:50: Maryellen Taylor  
 9:50: Jessie Chappell & Logan Gowen

#### SERVING SCHEDULE

Communion Meditation / Offering Prayer & Servers

#### February 1st: Jack Brown & Jim Taylor

Ray Broughton, John Henderson, Fred Cornell,  
 Ben Ream, Timm Evans, Terry Haddix

#### February 8th: Jim Taylor & Kevin Noble

Randy Duncan, Jack Brown, Alan Garside,  
 Jerry Justiss, Jim Baston, Bill Wells

#### February 15th: Kevin Noble & Bill Wells

Don Wells, Josh Lair, Earl Kirkendall, Ben Ream  
 Lewis Six, Russ Taylor, Josh Lair

#### February 22nd: Bill Wells & Roger Chappell

Kevin Noble, Terry Haddix, Ray Broughton,  
 John Henderson, Fred Cornell

#### OUTSIDE COMMUNION SERVERS

Jack Brown (330-882-2174)

Don Wells (330-854-5461)

#### DEACONESS:

February 1st & 8th: Shelly Chappell

February 15th & 22nd: Kathy Ayres



#### GREETERS





February 1st: Dave & June Luli

February 8th: Jim & Jan Cook

February 15th: Terry & Mindi Haddix

February 22nd: Jim & Becky Taylor



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 Gary Duncan</p>	<p>2 8:00 Open Gym Volleyball age 14+</p> 	<p>3 Andy Taylor Last night of Basketball League</p>	<p>4 6:30 TRACK-Sr. Hi &amp; College Age, 2XL-6th-8th grade 7:00 Adult Bible Study Life Preservers</p>	<p>5 Kirk Ayres Kelly Gowen</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 Dennis Croft Kenny Kennedy 8:00 Open Gym Men's Basketball</p> 
<p>8 Sandy Henderson Mathew Mikulin</p>	<p>9 Donny Wells 8:00 Open Gym Volleyball age 14+</p>	<p>10 Jeff Justiss 6:00 First Night of Volleyball League</p>	<p>11 Patrick Wells 6:30 TRACK-Sr. Hi &amp; College Age, 2XL-6th-8th grade 7:00 Adult Bible Study Life Preservers</p> 	<p>12 Nichole (Adams) Grant</p>	<p>13 Bobby James 6:00 Volleyball League</p>	<p>14 M/M Don Croft '58 M/M Don Wells '92 8:00 Open Gym Men's Basket</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>16 Donna Merrill 8:00 Open Gym Volleyball age 14+</p>	<p>17 12:00 Sr. Saints Luncheon 6:00 Volleyball League</p>	<p>18 Connor Haddix 6:30 TRACK-Sr. Hi &amp; College Age, 2XL-6th-8th grade 7:00 Adult Bible Study Life Preservers</p>	<p>19 Anna Ream M/M Dave Luli '83</p>	<p>20 6:00 Volleyball League</p>	<p>21 Susan Garside 8:00 Open Gym Men's Basket</p>
<p>22</p>	<p>23 8:00 Open Gym Volleyball age 14+</p>	<p>24 Jim Cook M/M Tom Mikulin '84 6:00 Volleyball League</p> 	<p>25 Paule' Sponseller 6:30 TRACK-Sr. Hi &amp; College Age, 2XL-6th-8th grade 7:00 Adult Bible Study Life Preservers</p>	<p>26 Laura Noble</p>	<p>27 M/M Wayne McGough '82 6:00 Volleyball League</p>	<p>28 8:00 Open Gym Men's Basket</p> 