

SONRISE EDITION

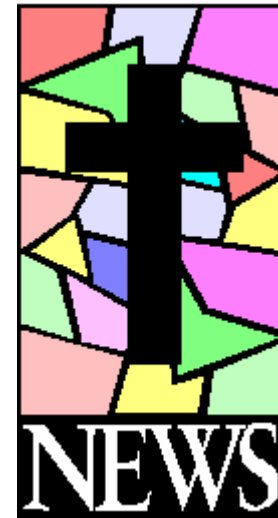
**RANSOMVILLE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
&
FILLMORE CHAPEL
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Your Church Newsletter

December 2004

Ransomville and Fillmore Chapel
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Come and worship! Is there a better feeling than being with your friends and family in worship during Christmas time?

It is a perfect time "to come back home" to church. Come and be with your church family to sing carols and hear the message of the child born in the manger.

*May God's love be with you,
Rev. John
Reverend John*

Reverend John's office hours are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM until 12:00 noon. Due to emergencies and unexpected interruptions he may not always be in the office so you might find it more convenient to call before visiting. Church office is 791-4978. Friday is his day off but Reverend John is always available 24 hours a day if you need him. His home phone number is 751-9376.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

RANSOMVILLE

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| 4 - Richard Wade, Jr. | 20 - Louis York |
| 5 - Jacob G. Denny | 21 - Jonathan Roger Gamble |
| 6 - Emma DeWinter | - William Emerson |
| 12 - Jonah Trank | - Suzannah Emerson |
| 14 - Bernice McLaughlin | 22 - JoAnne Williams |
| 15 - Reeve Gates, Jr. | 31 - Justin Jeffords |
| 18 - Evann Ellen Hauser | |
| - Heidi Jeffery | |

FILLMORE CHAPEL

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| 1 - Shannon Stoelting | 14 - Mitchell Sembert |
| 2 - Laurence Lederhouse | 17 - Allen M. Wills |
| - Harry Schlyer | - Kathy Harris |
| 8 - Jeffrey Skellen | 21 - Terry Skellen |
| 9 - Jeanette Heasley | 24 - H. Bruce Lederhouse |
| 10 - David Johannes | 26 - Pam Tweed |
| 12 - Edmund Wendt | 31 - Chester Sulinski |

ANNIVERSARIES

RANSOMVILLE

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| 13 - Emerson & Marian Frey |
| 21 - Tim & Mary Truesdell |

Ransomville Finance Committee Report

Your faithful and continued financial support to our church is what keeps our church going. As we near the end of the year and look at our expenses and income you can see that we are short of our budget and general expenses. Renting the parsonage has helped with our shortfall.

We urge all of you to prayerfully consider what you can do to help us meet our financial needs. Every dollar helps!

Thanksgiving is a time to remember the blessing that God has given to us and thank Him. Contributing to our church is one way in which we can show our thanks.

The 2005 Budget will be in the mail this month.

<u>Total Income</u> (including Parsonage Rental Income)	\$ 54,892.00
<u>Total Expenses</u>	\$ 62,370.00
 <u>Approximate Shortfall</u>	 \$ 7,500.00

Ransomville Trustee News

The Parsonage is rented as of December 1st.

The painting has gone very well. Please have a look around. The workers will return to finish a few things.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sunday - December 5th - Penny Collection & Food Collection.

Calendar Sale - The **Youth Group** will be selling calendars again this year for \$6.00. Supplies are limited so please purchase yours today.

Christmas Eve Worship Services:

Ransomville - 7:00 PM

Fillmore Chapel - 8:30 PM.

Ransomville & Fillmore Chapel Sunday School Christmas Programs will be Sunday, December 19th.

Fellowship Group Christmas Dinner - Saturday, December 11th, 6 PM at Cas' Family Restaurant in Lockport. If you are interested in attending please contact Nancy Trank.

No Bible Study on Wednesday, December 22nd.

Please submit any information for the **January Newsletter** to Joan by Monday, December 20th.

Remember in Prayer

Buck Peters, Millie Hillman, Clarabell Senek, Elsie Hilton, Barbara Woolson, Florence Kickbush, Richard Wade, Julie Kleylein, John Pirinelli, the Feathers family, Cindy Stewart, Ruth Stewart, Doug Ortiz, Josiah Christy, Mary Ruth Blanchard, Harold Barnes, Marbeth Minnie, Chris & Kim Sembert & Family, Marge Jeffords, and Ruth Schultz.

Remember in prayer the men and women in our armed forces and the families of those who have lost their lives in this conflict.

Activities & Meetings

Ransomville Church Conference & Administrative Council - Meeting is December 9th at 7:00 PM.

Fillmore Chapel Church Conference & Administrative Council - Meeting is December 12th immediately following worship.

Bible Study - Bible study is held each Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM at Ransomville. No Bible Study on December 22nd.

Ladies Prayer and Support Group - Meetings are held each Monday at 10:00 AM in Ransomville.

Choir Rehearsal - Tuesdays at 7:00 PM in Ransomville.

Youth Group - Wednesdays from 6:30 - 8:00 PM in Ransomville.

Healing Service - Next service is December 16th at 7:00 PM in Ransomville Church.

Men's Prayer Breakfast - Next meeting is December 16th at 8:30 AM at Knead the Dough.

United Methodist Women - Next meeting is December 16th at 1:00 PM. Details to be announced.

Sunday School - Fillmore Chapel Sunday School classes begin at 10:15 AM. **Ransomville Sunday School** classes begin at 10:45 AM. **Fillmore Chapel Sunday School Christmas Program** will be December 19th.

Ridge Area Ministers Association Meeting - Thursday, December 2nd at noon at Knead the Dough.

STAMP MINISTRY

Please save your used stamps! Saving used stamps contributes to the spiritual formation of children and young people in Latin America.

The Stamp Project sponsors *Publicaciones Alianza* (Alliance Publications), with offices located in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The money from the stamp sales is used to support preparation and distribution of a new Spanish-language curriculum for Sunday Schools in Latin America.

Last year \$29,500.00 of processed stamps were sold. The Stamp Ministry has sent a total of \$382,861.00 for missions since its beginning in 1971. The Stamp Ministry is located at Shell Point Village, Fort Myers, FL. One of our former church members, Norma Caldwell Briggs, is a part of this program and she donates many hours to the ministry. Our United Methodist Women have been collecting stamps for Norma for several years.

To save a stamp, the stamp should be carefully cut from the envelope, leaving at least a 1/4-inch margin around the stamp. Do not use stamps that are torn or wrinkled. Stamps may be given to Shirley Schroeder, or put on the shelf in the Church entryway.

Remember to save your holiday stamps, so we can help the Shell Point Stamp Ministry.



December



<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1 Youth Group 6:30 - 8:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM	2 RAMA Meeting noon	3	4
5 Penny Collection & Food Collection	6 Boy Scouts 6 PM Ladies Prayer & Support 10:00 AM	7 Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	8 Youth Group 6:30 - 8:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM	9 R Admin Council 7 PM	10	11 Fellowship Dinner 6 PM
12 FC Admin Council Noon - 12:30 AM	13 Boy Scouts 6 PM Ladies Prayer & Support 10:00 AM	14 Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	15 Youth Group 6:30 - 8:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM	16 Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:30 AM UMW Meeting 1:00 PM Healing Service 7 PM	17	18
19 Ransomville & Fillmore Chapel Sunday School Christmas Programs	20 Boy Scouts 6 PM Ladies Prayer & Support 10:00 AM	21 Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	22 Youth Group 6:30 - 8:00 PM No Bible Study	23	24 Christmas Eve Ransomville 7:00 PM Fillmore Chapel 8:30 PM	25 Christmas Day
26	27 Boy Scouts 6 PM Ladies Prayer & Support 10:00 AM	28 Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	29 Youth Group 6:30 - 8:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM	30	31 New Year's Eve	

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