

WORSHIP THIS WEEK

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY USHERS

Elmer Family

SUNDAY GREETERS

9:00a Dan & Marcia Whitt

10:30a Greg & Barb Miles

USHERS

9:00a Cantata: Head Usher, Jeff Baldwin,
Jerry Boals, Jamie Cynor, Jane & Jim Fastle
10:30a Cantata: Head Usher, Ray Lockhart,
Jodie Erickson, Sanford McDonald, James & Annie Pratt

FLOWERS SUNDAY...are provided by John & Sandra Pearman in celebration of their 42nd wedding anniversary and Sandra's birthday. Flowers are also provided by Nathaniel Jones to commemorate the 2nd anniversary of the death of his mother, Edna M. Thorpe, who died on Dec. 14, 2006.

SPECIAL NOVEMBER CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS ARE READY

They are on a cart in the Narthex area. Please review immediately for accuracy. Contact Sandra Pearman if questions, spearman@rosemountumc.org, or 651-423-2475, ext. 201.

Still needed Christmas Week at Rosemount UMC

Ushers, Greeters, Communion Servers, Cookie Servers, Luminaria helpers –for all services! There is a sign up chart near each worship entrance, or ask the ushers.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday, Dec. 14, 9a, 10:30a & 7p

"The Voices of Christmas" a Christmas Cantata

Wed., December 17, 7:00p

Bluegrass Christmas

Thurs., December 18, 7:00p

Longest Night Service

Sun., December 21, Sunday Worship

9:00a & 10:30a Traditional

10:30a Contemporary

Wed., December 24, Christmas Eve Services

1:00p – Communion & Candle Lighting

4:00p - Family Friendly Worship

7:00p; 8:30p; 10:00p Carols & Candle Lighting

Rosemount UMC has the following available for use while attending our worship services and activities:

Wheelchairs; Walkers

Large Print Bibles

Large Print Hymnals

Magnifying Sheets

Hearing and Communication Devices

Please inquire at the welcome desk or ask an usher.

Fragrance Free Area

There are speakers in the Narthex for those who need to walk with a restless child.

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Rosemount UMC
Seek. Serve. Celebrate.

Weekly Update December 14, 2008

Welcome!

We're glad you're here today.

FIRST TIME GUESTS... are invited to stop by the Welcome Desk for a coupon for a free cup of coffee at one of three local coffee shops. We're glad you're here!

SPECIAL THANK YOU...Special thanks to my church family for their thoughts and prayers in the loss of my daughter Debra's husband, Greg. Vi Eslinger and Family.

NEW DATE....ROSEMOUNT UMC COOKIE EXCHANGE. Tuesday, December 16th, 10:00 a.m. at Heidi Hutchinson's house, 13414 Cormack Circle, Rosemount. If you'd like to participate, just give Heidi a call or drop her an e-mail and, bring 5 dozen or 10 dozen cookies, depending on how many you want to take home. 952-891-5373 hhutchinson@rosemountumc.org.

ADDITIONAL THANKS FOR THE CHRISTMAS ELVES, Dave and Helen Fuchs and Terry Field for the FLC tree decorations, Bob and Pat Peterson for putting new LED lights on the courtyard garlands. And thanks from all of the decorating elves to Terry for providing a delicious soup lunch for the Monday decorators and staff.

GDK [God's Discovery Kids] Preschool registration forms for the 2009-2010 school year are now available on the Rosemount UMC Children's Welcome Table and on our website at www.godsdiscoverykids.org. Completed registration forms are due by January 28, 2009. We will be offering classes for three, four, and five-year-olds. Contact Wendy Rippenburg at 651-423-4127 wriphenburg@rosemountumc.org for tours.

BABY SHOWER FOR JESUS!

Please bring a baby item in honor of the birth of baby Jesus. Items can be placed in the Manger anytime before Christmas.

All items will be distributed to Rosemount families in need.

Most Requested: Diapers & Formula

Please no wrapped items

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Inclusion and Welcoming Teams are seeking volunteers to help assist visitors and members who use the handicap spaces in our parking lot. Volunteers would greet the drivers in the handicap parking lot, open doors and assist visitors and members to the front door. We would like to have this service in place especially over the winter months. We are particularly seeking volunteers for the Christmas Cantata and for all the Christmas Eve services. Volunteers arrive 20 minutes prior to the service and must be 16 or older. For further information please call Joyce Richardson at 651-894-0455. hhutchinson@rosemountumc.org.

THE CHRISMONS, Christ monograms, along the narthex wall were originally made for a mobile. The Chrismons are the STAR that guided the Magi in Matthew 2:1-12; the ANGEL, a messenger from God to Mary in Luke 2:26-38, to Joseph in Matthew 1:18-25, and the shepherds in Luke 2:8-20; the MANGER from Luke 2; the CROWN represents the kingship of Jesus Christ, First Timothy 6:15, and James 1:12; the FISH was a secret symbol to and for the early Christians and is an acrostic in Greek capital letters of the first word in the sentence "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior" and may be scripturally related to Luke 24:42; the IHS is the first three letters in capitals in Greek for Jesus; and *the WORLD, John 3:16.*

The mobile hung in the sanctuary, the current fellowship hall, during Advent from about 1966 -1982. Don and Jean Rathbone helped make these Chrismons on the dining table of Dr. Clare and Donna Fitz. They retired to Arizona. He was a veterinarian and also contributed the rope which is on the sanctuary cross. Jean thinks the rope was Donna's artistic addition, and in a 2004 telephone conversation Donna didn't have an explanation for the rope. How do you interpret the rope?

DO YOU KNOW the history of the manger and crèche figures in the narthex; who donated it or what year it was donated or who donated the figures on the sanctuary altar last year? Please contact me so we can add it to our history records. Janet Ewing janete9@charter.net.

ADULT MINISTRIES

Rosemount UMC Cool Stuff! Brand new Rosemount UMC cool stuff has arrived and is available for purchase! Items include: ball point pens, lip balm, water bottles, oven mitts and messenger bags. These items are being offered at special prices for the holiday season and will make great stocking stuffers! Items will be on sale during the next couple weeks before and after Wednesday and Sunday worship services. You may also contact Kerri Hall at hall.kerri@gmail.com or 612-910-8984 to purchase any items.

do good. T-shirt! In the spirit of Wesley's second rule, DO GOOD, we are excited to offer a new Rosemount UMC T-shirt! We have selected a high quality, preshrunk, pigment-dyed T-shirt available in red or blue. The prices are \$15 for adult XS-XL and \$17 for adult 2XL-4XL. Payment is not due until the T-shirts arrive, so put in your order NOW! Orders will be taken during the next couple weeks before and after Wednesday and Sunday worship services. You may also contact Kerri Hall at hall.kerri@gmail.com or 612-910-8984 to place an order.

Rosemount in Farmington...All Farmington residents are invited to our monthly coffee gatherings at the Ugly Mug on Pilot Knob Road in Farmington. Next date will be Saturday, Dec. 13th from 9:30-11:00am. See You There!

MISSIONS

SIMPSON SHELTER... The month of December for serving at Simpson Shelter is full. Next serving date will be posted in December. A big THANK YOU to everyone that served this year!

ZONE 56

ZONE 56.... Current topic is "Making a World of Difference." Christmas party is coming up on December 12, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. Information was handed out at Zone 56 on November 19.

Elevation Youth Ministries for 7th – 12th grade students

Sr. High (9th – 12th grade students) Dec. 14th from 6-8pm. We will meet for some small group time and check in with each other at 6pm and then we are going to watch the Cantata at 7pm together! Hope you can join us! Remember, Rock Climbing forms are due on the 14th!!

SR. HIGH Rock Climbing at Vertical Endeavors in St. Paul - Sunday, Dec. 21st from 4-6pm. **We will be departing from Rosemount UMC at 3:15pm and returning at 7pm.** Cost is \$18/person. Release form needed to go! Get release form from Josh! Hope you can join us! **Forms for Rock Climbing are due on Sunday, Dec. 14th!!** Adults attending need forms as well whether you are climbing or not. This will be our Sr. High activity on the 21st.

Club 78 news! - Next Club 78 will be Wednesday, December 17th – Please bring a white elephant gift for our gift exchange! Please bring your gift wrapped. Please select something in which you already have at your home. If you purchase something please do not spend over \$5 for the gift. Please also bring a Christmas treat/snack to share! We will have games, snacks, beverages,

and other activities, and some check in time with your small groups!

Confirmation Students - NOOMA Nights are for 8th & 9th grade students and mentors! Next NOOMA Night is Tuesday, December 16th.

WHAT TO WATCH FOR... **Ignite**

Friday, January 16th from 5-10pm @ Hosanna Church in Lakeville. This is for 7th & 8th grade students. Join Rosemount UMC and many other churches from our area for a night to remember! Join us to see Ben Glenn the Chalk Guy, Everyday Sunday Band, Comedy by Ben Kessler, Inflatables, Laser Tag, mini golf and much more! Cost of the evening is \$25 per person. To register please connect with Josh 651-423-2475 ext. 214 or email jcorbett@rosemountumc.org or catch him on facebook! Hope you can join us! Adult help is needed! You may either register online at: www.hosannastudents.org or register with Josh! Please register by Wednesday, January 7th. Please meet at Hosanna Lutheran at 5pm on Friday, January 16th at DOOR #1 Have your ride pick you up at the same location at 10pm. (Hosanna - 9600 163rd St. W. Lakeville, MN. 55044.)

July 10 - 18th will be our Sr. High Mission Trip to Atlanta. (If you are an 8th grader this year you are eligible for this trip!) Cost for the week is \$400. Mark your calendars and begin making plans! Registration materials are out! See Josh for registration materials! Registration and non refundable deposit are due Wednesday, Dec. 31st! Questions contact Josh at 651-423-2475 ext. 214 or email him at jcorbett@rosemountumc.org

UMYS 2009 is coming! Registration materials are out! UMYS is happening Feb. 13th-15th in St. Cloud, MN. UMYS is the United Methodist Sr. High Youth gathering for the state of Minnesota. Join hundreds of other High School students for this awesome weekend event! Cost is \$130/person. This event is for 9th – 12th grade students. Registrations are due on Wednesday, Dec. 31st. Join us for worship all weekend long lead by our very own Josh Corbett and band, keynote speaker Rosemary Brown, games, meeting new people, workshops, and tons more! Hope you can join us! To get your registrations...contact Josh! jcorbett@rosemountumc.org or give him a call 651-423-2475 ext. 214.

**Contemporary Worship Sunday
Fourth Sunday in Advent
Sunday, Dec. 21, 2008**

Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Advent

Praise Songs

Prayer

Offering

Scripture

Message

Song

Blessing