

## Christ Notes, January 5, 2011

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Happy New Year! I hope that your 2012 is off to a great start and that God's blessings be with you for the next twelve months and beyond.

This is the time for resolutions. Did you make one? Several? It has become a popular trend to make resolutions every January 1. Some people choose to set goals rather than make resolutions believing that it will bring a higher rate of success. New year's resolutions are funny things. They seldom last very far beyond February and yet we make them every year anyway. Statistics show that nearly half of us make resolutions each year, and nearly half of them fall by the wayside after the first month. (Statistics also show, however, that there is a benefit to making resolutions. People who made explicit resolutions were ten times as likely to reach their goals as those who did not.)

While we make resolutions about lots of things, from our physical health to the health of our relationships, many of us will resolve to improve our financial health. We may resolve to lessen our debt, to build our savings or simply to spend more wisely. Even our best efforts, however, rely on the cooperation of economic conditions. In addition to resolutions, this new year brings many questions about what will happen in the state of the economy during the next twelve months.

This is why our upcoming sermon series deals with this very topic. Beginning this Sunday, January 8, we will begin a new sermon series called *God, Money and the Global Economy*. We will address many of the questions that arise in times like these. How does God view money? How can we honor God with our money? And where is God when the economy crashes?

Whatever resolutions you have made or goals you have set for the new year, I hope they help you to grow as a follower of Jesus Christ. May you mature with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. May you increase in wisdom, in patience and in joy. And most of all, may you draw ever close to the God who created us.

Blessings,

Rev. Nancy

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### God Money and the Global Economy

A new sermon series beginning January 8

Money affects all of us. Ask anyone whose lives have been changed by the recent economic downturn. Ask anyone who lives in a developing nation. How we use our money – whether we spend, save, invest or give it away – will impact our lives, as well as those of people a world away. In this new sermon series learn how God views money, how we as Christians can honor God in our financial lives, and how a bad economy cannot rob us of abundance in God.

*Sundays, January 8 – 22; 11:00am, Sanctuary*

### **Monday Night Bible Study**

Join Tim and Lee Read as they lead us in “Looking at Luke”. The Gospel According to Luke has everything a book club could ask for – victors & villains, Beelzebub & beatitudes, Christmas & Easter, miracles & murder, conspiracy & confession, sacraments & sacrilege, parables & Pharisees, disciples & demons, redemption & resurrection. And it’s non-fiction! Make it your New Year’s resolution. All are welcome!

*January 9, 7:15-8:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall*

### **CORRECTION**

The date of training event is January 21

### **Church Leader Training**

Save the date for our church wide leadership training. On Saturday, January 21, all committee members and chairs are invited to a time of learning and conversation. We will discuss the roles of each work area and best practices for working together to move our church forward in ministry!

*Saturday, January 21, 8:00am – 3:00pm; Sanctuary*

## **CORRECTION**

Contact e-mail for our UMYF program is [christumyf@att.net](mailto:christumyf@att.net).

### Youth Fellowship

On January 8<sup>th</sup> 2012 we will be launching Christ United Methodist Church U.M.Y.F (United Methodist Youth Fellowship) program. The youth program will meet once a week for fun and learning. It will also participate in the North Georgia conference youth activities and special events throughout the year. This is a chance for all youth to grow and develop in the walk of Christ in a fun and exciting way. We will meet at the church at 5:30pm on the 8<sup>th</sup> and carpool to the home of Tim and Lee Reed who will be hosting our first event. Please spread the word and invite any youth that would like to be involved.

*January 8, 5:30pm, meet at church, contact: [christumyf@att.net](mailto:christumyf@att.net)*

### Week at a Glance

<b>Monday</b>	<b>January 9, 2012</b>
7:00pm	Bible Study
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>January 10, 2012</b>
7:30am	Men's Prayer Breakfast
11:30am	Young @ Heart Luncheon
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>January 11, 2012</b>
6:00pm	Wednesday Night Supper
7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 13, 2012</b>
10:30am	Bible Study
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>January 14, 2012</b>
8:30am	UMM Breakfast
10:00am	UMW Martha Circle
10:00am	Nimble Fingers

On Tuesday January 10th, Young @ Heart will be going Williamson's Barbecue, located at 1425 Roswell Road in Marietta. Telephone #770-971-3201. Reservations are for 11:45, the Church Bus will depart at 11:10am.

*Please confirm with Evelyn Yarbrough at 770-993-3945*

## Children & Youth Ministry



Please check out the link below to view the Children's Lessons plans in addition to CUMC news. Thank you.

[christumc-roswell.blogspot.com](http://christumc-roswell.blogspot.com)

### Safe Sanctuary Training for Sunday School volunteers

If you have signed up to help with the children's Sunday school, thank you. There are still opportunities for more people to help, contact either Fez ([fezekasaige@gmail.com](mailto:fezekasaige@gmail.com)) or Lisa Wille ([lisa11675@gmail.com](mailto:lisa11675@gmail.com)).

There are two training sessions scheduled for our volunteers.

Safe Sanctuaries training January 15 immediately following the church service: If you are signed up or think you will be helping in any children's or youth ministry you are required to attend this training. Safe Sanctuaries equips us to provide a safe and nurturing environment for our children and youth. Volunteers must commit and comply with the guidelines specified in Safe Sanctuaries. The training is valid for 2 years. If you have previously taken the training and are not sure if you need to be re-trained please contact Maggie Franz ([maggi Franz@juno.com](mailto:maggi Franz@juno.com)).

In Classroom Training, January 22 at 10 am. All volunteers get to sneak a peak into the classroom. Please report to the Sunday school class downstairs at 10 am. Share in the Sunday school activities for the morning and have fun interacting with our wonderful young disciples. Lisa Wille will send out reminder emails for our volunteers for this training as well the day you have specifically signed up for.

January 15, 12:30pm and January 22, 10:00am

## Worship

Last week we received contributions of \$2,768

Pastor Nancy is available for short term counseling. While she is often in the office, appointments are the best way to secure some time. Just call the church office at 770-993-3945.

### Floral Ministry:

Altar Flowers are placed in celebration of our Family in Christ Church. The flowers and bud vases are gifts to the honorees to take home as a token of the love that we share every day but especially on our "special days".

We don't want to miss a single birthday, anniversary, in memory of, special recognition (job promotion, new job, new grandbaby, niece, special friend, thank you, etc.). You tell us what you want to celebrate! Please help us to not miss anyone!!!

Contact Marcia & Phil Moser at 770-516-4452 or [moserma@bellsouth.net](mailto:moserma@bellsouth.net)

## Members/Friends Service Directory

In these hard economic times, we can help our brothers and sisters in the Church by utilizing their businesses for necessary services.

Joanne Rooks Mom's Table, a prepared meals company with locations at 1207 Canton St., Roswell. View the menu at: [www.MomsTableOnline.com](http://www.MomsTableOnline.com) .

Mary Jane Warren Stone *Fine Art and Illustration*. Realist portraits of people, animals and places, and exhibits and illustration in support of educational and environmental concerns. Please contact Mary Jane at 770-578-8881

Chrissie Thead Christina's Interior Finishes. Her company offers color consultations, decorative painting and faux finishes for walls, ceilings, cabinets, mantles and furniture. [www.christinasinteriorfinishes.com](http://www.christinasinteriorfinishes.com) or 404-317-2090

John Clark private music instruction for piano, voice, and composition; classical, rock, and jazz styles; trains students to read music as well as play by ear. [www.JohnClarkStudio.com](http://www.JohnClarkStudio.com) or call 404-218-9150.

Steve Musker Private music lessons are available on trumpet, trombone, baritone and tuba. Teaching experience in both individual and group settings. For information call 770-518-4499 for details

Maggie Franz Avon Representative Contact Maggie at 678-939-2851 or email her at [www.youravon.com/maggiefranz](http://www.youravon.com/maggiefranz)

Kirk Smith Home Improvements Inc. Home Repairs, Renovations and Additions. Call Kirk Smith for a free estimate Office # 770-565-0489 or Cell 404-787-4340

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