

## Waterloo Parish News December 11, 2011

A warm Welcome is offered to everyone gathered to worship God and celebrate life here at Waterloo United Methodist Church.

Caroling at House of the Good Shepherd: TODAY, from 11:30 to 12:15, we will visit the House of the Good Shepherd to spread holiday cheer. All are welcome, and the residents really appreciate our visit.

Choir practice will be held after church today, with our performance during next Sunday's worship service.

Nickels for Nets is this fall's Sunday School service project, "Imagine No Malaria." Our congregation and Sunday School students are welcome to donate spare change, through TODAY, to the jar in the Narthex. Thank you! (See details on reverse.)

Please see the flier in the narthex about Christmas gift packages being collected for children in Haiti. Items must be given to Jen by Wednesday, December 14.

Christmas Gift Bags for Birth Haven in Newton: We are collecting personal items for the young women residing at Birth Haven this Christmas. Birth Haven provides hope and shelter for young mothers. It is an independent, non-sectarian, non-profit organization that provides shelter, support and education for homeless, pregnant women and girls. The agency provides a safe and nurturing environment in which to carry an unexpected pregnancy to term, while additionally helping the resident learn the tools necessary to achieve greater self-sufficiency. Individuals served by the organization include both those who intend to raise their child after delivery and those who opt for adoption placement. The personal gifts we have given in the past have been well received and appreciated by former residents. Please put donations in the box in the Parish House. Suggested items are hair products, bath items, stationery, socks, slippers, and sealed small boxes of holiday cookies or candies. If you would like to donate money instead, please see Linda. We will put the bags together next Sunday, December 18, and the gift bags will be delivered Christmas week. Thank you to everyone who has already donated. Please contact Linda, with any questions or suggestions.

The Sunday School children have hung stockings in the Parish House. People in the congregation can place cards, candies or goodies in the stockings until December 18. It should be fun for the kids. Thanks so much to everyone who participates. If you have questions, please see Betty or Lynne.

On Sunday, December 18, at 4 p.m., NJ Conservatory presents the Christmas portion of Handel's 'Messiah' featuring its Baroque Orchestra, Symphonic Chorus, Advanced Youth Chorus and Adult Chamber Choir. Included on the program are folk carols from around the world and Christmas hymns by such notable composers as Corelli, Schiedt and Mendelssohn. Venue: Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 246 Woodport Rd., Sparta. \$30 preferred seating, \$25 general admission, 30% student discount. Please call 973-402-2004.

Volunteer to participate in an upcoming worship service or to bring goodies for fellowship time. Please sign the clipboard in the narthex. Thanks to all who are participating today to enhance our worship experience.

### Mark Your Calendar:

Sun. Dec. 11 – Children's Choir practice – 9 a.m. (before church); Children's Choir Performance - 10 a.m.

Adult Choir practice after worship; Caroling - House of the Good Shepherd - 11:30-12:15 a.m.;

DEADLINE for Nickels for Nets collection/"Imagine No Malaria." - Sunday School service project

Wed. Dec. 14 – Deadline to give items to Jen for children in Haiti

Sun. Dec. 18 – Assemble gift bags for residents of Birth Haven – after church;

Handel's 'Messiah' performed at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Sparta  
Sat. Dec. 24 – Children's Choir Performance during 7 p.m. service – Tentative  
Sun. Dec. 25 – Enjoy your family and friends on this blessed day – no worship service

Prayer Concerns/Announcements/Email and Mailing List: Please give announcements and Prayer Concerns, by Tuesday, to Jen. To join our email or mailing list, please also contact Jen.

### **Imagine No Malaria – “Nickels for Nets” Update**

**Malaria is a parasite that is transmitted to humans through mosquitoes, which feed at night. The parasite enters the bloodstream, multiplies in the liver and returns to the bloodstream, attacking red blood cells. Early symptoms of malaria are fever, chills, headache and nausea. Left untreated, malaria causes convulsion, coma, organ failure and death.**

**Imagine No Malaria is an effort of the people of The United Methodist Church to raise \$75 million to eliminate death and suffering from malaria in Africa by 2015. We are making a difference. Today a child dies every 45 seconds from malaria; just a short time ago, it was every 30 seconds. The clock is slowing down. The number of deaths per year has dropped from 1 million to 800,000.**

**Since launching in April 2010, your support has helped Imagine No Malaria ([www.imagenomalaria.org](http://www.imagenomalaria.org)) deliver more than 588,000 bed nets, train 3,500 local health workers and create 15 in-country health boards which empower the people of Africa to fight malaria.**

**Malaria is a disease of poverty. It severely affects those who cannot afford treatment or have limited access to health care. Malaria is both preventable and treatable. There is currently a plan to eliminate malaria in our lifetime.**

**Insecticide-treated mosquito nets are a simple, cost-effective way to prevent malaria, but nets are only part of the solution. To overcome malaria, we must continue to support the most effective prevention methods, while also improving education about the disease, establishing community-based malaria-control programs, and revitalizing hospitals and clinics to improve treatment across Africa.**

**The United Methodist Church, for more than 160 years, has been a key player in the fight against malaria, operating hospitals, clinics and mission centers across Africa. Social holiness has always been a hallmark of who we are as United Methodists. John Wesley encouraged his followers to live like Jesus—to reach out to those on the fringes of society, heal them and send them back into their community for a greater good.**

**We are in this fight, and we will win it. We will save millions of children's lives, making sure these smiling faces see a bright future.**

**The Waterloo UMC Sunday School will be collecting “Nickels for Nets” through 12/11/11. Donations can be made in the jar in the Narthex. Thank you!**

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