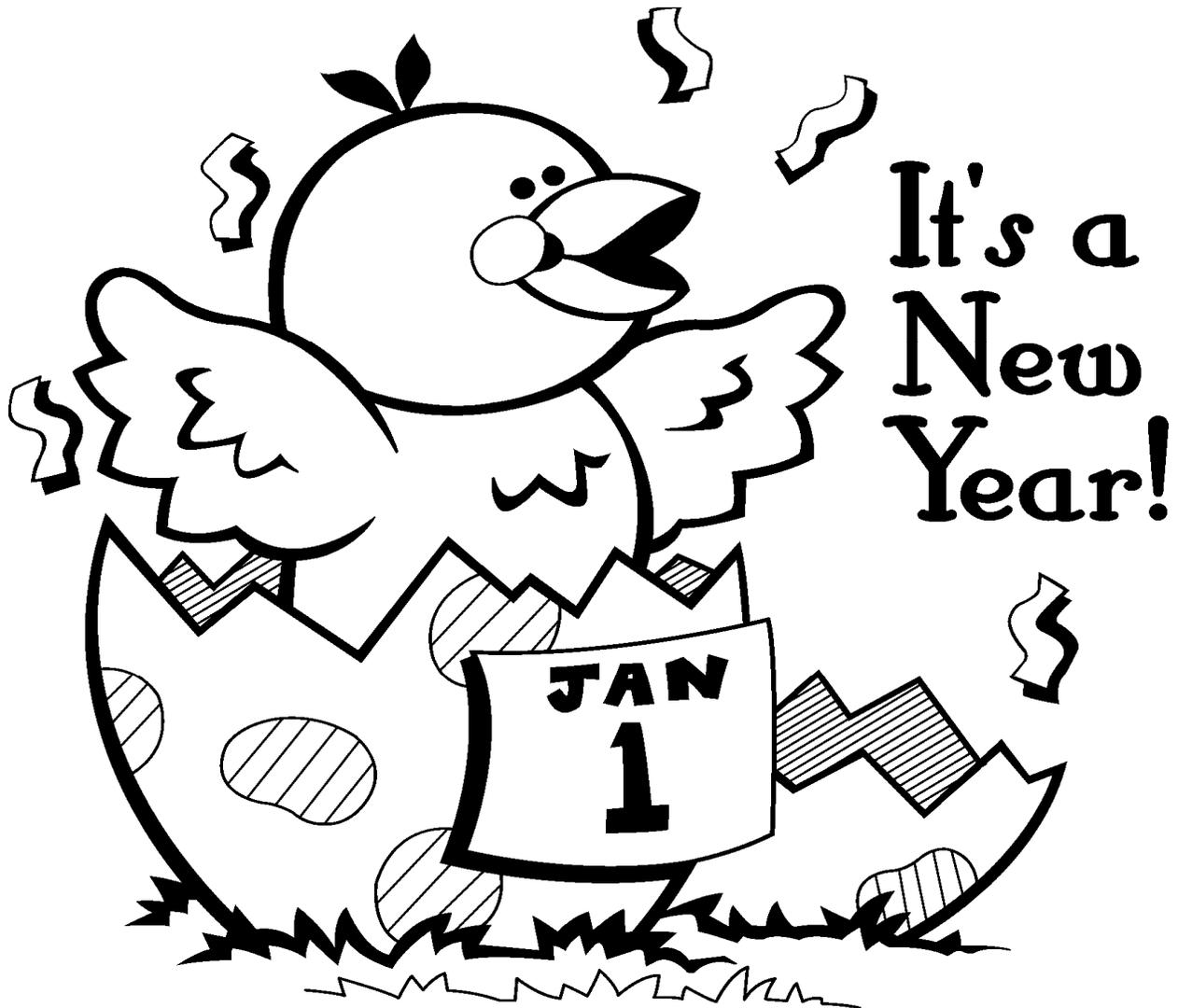


East Columbus United Methodist Church

A Church for Everyone!

2012 January Newsletter





Not too long ago I was sitting in a hospital's cancer surgery waiting room when a young couple walked in with a very young son in his pajamas. He was perhaps 4 or 5 years of age. When this child got off the elevator he was in a place he recognized and greatly feared. He immediately started crying in a loud and wailing voice so loud everyone on the whole floor could hear his poor little soul's anguish. **"NO DADDY, NO DADDY, THEY'RE GONNA KILL ME--THEY'RE GONNA KILL ME"**. This went on for many minutes, over and over his wailing and sobbing and screaming. I don't know if I could have been able to endure the pain of that moment if I would have been that little boy's mom or dad. I know they must have hated to bring in their child for surgery, the fear, the pain, the watching the little man suffer, but to have him be so aware and so very frightened, it broke my heart.

I wish I could tell you that everything came out just fine but I never saw them again. But I have prayed for that family almost every day since I saw the boy sobbing in his daddy's arms.

So often we are discontented with life because we don't have this or that toy, or our house is not like some picture in "Home and Gardens" or we are too short or too fat. When we look around and see with the eyes of Jesus the pain that some must carry none of those things seem very important. Paul tells us in I Corinthians 10:10 "Do not grumble." He says in Philipians 4:4 to "Rejoice always." We who belong to the Lord and know his great salvation have so much to be thankful for. Most of us have healthy children. Most of us are pretty healthy ourselves. Most of us have food on the table and change in our pockets. We know that even when disease and death catch up with us we are going to our real home and getting new bodies. When we stop to consider how blessed we are does our grumbling embarrass us?

In this brand new year what are those things that upset you? That cause you to grumble or to forget to rejoice? It could be something petty or serious; it could be an action of another person that has wronged you or some material thing you wish you had. But when you start to complain and moan, I want you to think about that young father holding his screaming and sobbing son in his arms, desperately and vainly trying to console him. In that moment do two things; Thank God for the blessings you have (count off one or two just to remind yourself of how God has shone you his love and grace), then pray, pray for someone you know who could use a blessing from the Lord for healing or encouragement, and if you cannot think of anyone from your family or our church, then pray for that young dad and mom, trying to cope with a sick and frightened child with cancer.

God bless you in 2012

—*Pastor Charlie*



A Note From Terry Snyder

Many of you might remember when I had Jim Hutson (WYGS deejay and singer) here to talk about his motorcycle accident. He and his brother sang for a few years in a local group called "New Generation" starting in 1985. Bryan moved on to professional singing in the Southern Gospel field (most notably two stints with the Kingsmen) and is as I write this getting ready to move to another group which serves his families long term goals better. Bryan was also worship leader at a church for a while and earned an Associate's degree in Theology from North Carolina College of Theology. Bryan writes and posts notes on Facebook and I typically read them (if I see them while surfing at home.) Anyhow, I asked Bryan if I could share one of his in our newsletter and he graciously agreed. Thanks, Bryan for allowing me to share this, Terry

"Reaction."

by Bryan Hutson on Tuesday, February 22, 2011 at 2:19pm

I have a lot of pet peeves. One of my biggest is when someone says "I'd never DO THAT" or "I'd never act like that." When faced with a situation. Usually, it's a situation that "those people" have never faced. Yet, they still "look down" or brag about how they SHOULD act.

A few weeks ago, yours truly was guilty of that very thing.

A friend of mine called me and told me that he had run into a situation and he reacted in a way that was (in my opinion) very childish and very un-Christian like. Now, the initial situation was unavoidable, but where the problem was how he reacted to it.

I was telling Yvonne about it a couple days later and was almost "bragging" about how ridiculous my friend acted and "how I couldn't believe he acted that way." We (Yvonne and I) discussed it at length and even had the subject matter during our nightly devotion.

We had no sooner closed our devotion book when the VERY situation came knocking at my door.

Guess what? I reacted almost the exact same way, childish and very un-Christian like.

James wrote about reading God's Word and not applying it. However, when we see someone going through something, I believe God ALLOWS us to see it to help us, for we may go through the same thing one day or the next minute.

James 1:22-25

"But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it."

I claimed (in a way) that I was godlier than my friend, but I was wrong. I reacted the same way he did. I bragged to my wife how "I would've reacted." However, I failed miserably.

I failed, yet I am not a failure. God is a God of forgiveness, mercy and restoration. I learned a lesson that day and am doing my best to work on that part of my life.

God knows what we struggle with and wants us to have victory over our struggles.

When we fail, ask for God's forgiveness, then see and feel His REACTION. He will extend His grace and allow us to move on...that's the right "reaction."



Pastor Charlie & Judy Aigner

We had a great month of December. First of all we want to thank the church for the air hockey table, foosball table, flat screen TV and monetary donation for our room. We have some more to do, but the youth room is really shaping up. We truly appreciate your generosity.

We had a wonderful time at our Feliz Navidad Progressive Dinner. Thanks to the Walkers, Parks and Coxes for opening their homes and providing us with some wonderful food. We closed the evening at the church where the Voils served us a delicious dessert and we watched a movie.

We took a break from our regular meetings for Christmas and New Year's but will resume on January 8 and continue to study James during the 5 p.m. hour. AfterALL hosts for January are Larry and Darla Cox on the 8th, Ralph and Jenny Carroll on the 15th, Nate and Tiffany Heisey at the church on January 22nd, and Charlie and Judy Aigner on the 29th. We thank you in advance! If anyone would like to host AfterALL for the youth either in your home or at the church, please contact Judy Aigner.

All-4-One will be leading the second service on Sunday, January 29. Please join us for worship! Upcoming dates include:

February 21 — Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper

March 30 — Winter Jam in Indianapolis

Over the next few months we are going to profile members of All-4-One. This month we are profiling Elizabeth Cox and William Voils.

“Hello there, my name is Elizabeth Cox. I am a freshman at Columbus East High School. I am also a cheerleader. I enjoy cheering. About a year ago I had back surgery. I now have two rods in my back; they are on each side of my spinal cord. My family and I are glad to be back at East Columbus United Methodist Church. We love seeing the faces of the church members each and every Sunday. I love doing things with my church family.”

William Voils: I am 15 years old and a Sophomore at Columbus East High School. “I play tennis. I am in student government, Key Clue, Bestbuddies, and the Happiness Club. I play basketball at FFY, and I like to water ski, boating, and camp with my family. I also like to sing, play football with my brother, and help others as much as possible. My mom is Melissa; my dad is Mark, and I have one younger brother, Thomas.”

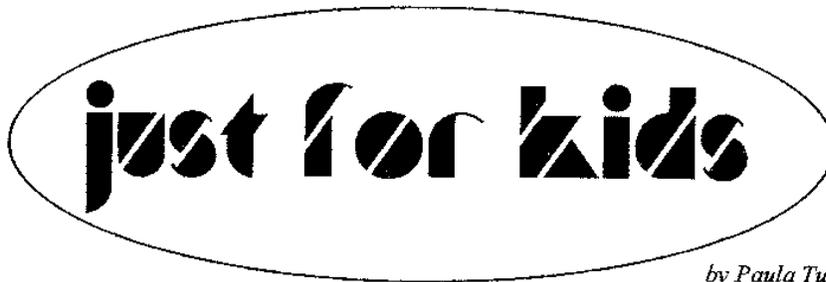
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by Paula Turnbow

**Kids' Club children,
mark your calendar for a special
January outing.**



**Sunday, January 22, 2012
after 2nd Service
we will have lunch at the church
and then go to the Commons Play Mall!
Parents, you can pick your children up at
the Commons at 1:30 p.m.**

**Questions, call Paula at 378-5288
or 376-0732.**

Children's Ministry Meeting is planned for 6 p.m. Monday, January 16. Parents, please come to help plan activities and times for your children in 2012. Anyone interested in working with the Children's groups such as Sunday School, Kids' Club, Think Tank, and Children's Choir, please come, the possibilities are endless.

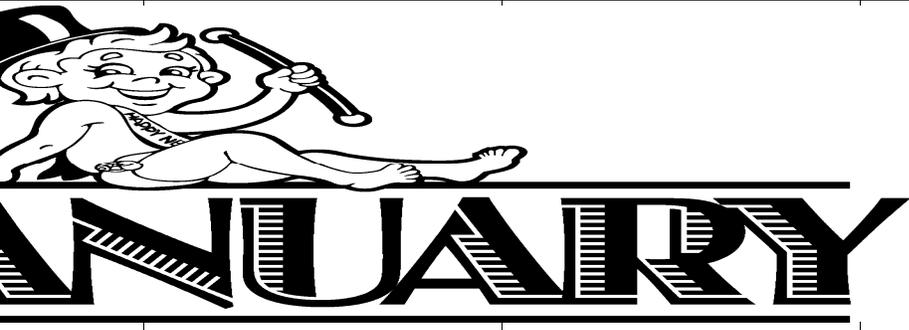


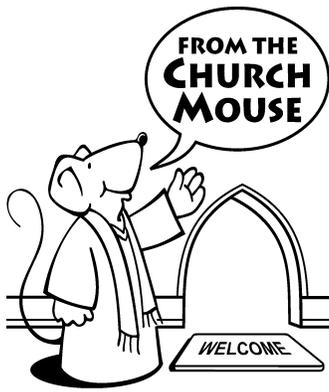
OUR CHURCH MISSION

THE EAST COLUMBUS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IS SEEKING TO BECOME A MORE SERVING CONGREGATION UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST AND THROUGH THE PROMPTING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. GOD HAS CALLED US TOGETHER TO BE THE BODY OF CHRIST AND TO WORSHIP AND GROW SPIRITUALLY; THEREFORE, WE WILL WITNESS TO THE GOSPEL IN ALL OUR ACTIVITIES FOR THE WINNING OF SOULS TO CHRIST.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p>1 Epiphany Sunday Communion 8:30 & 10:40am-Blended Worship 9:40-10:30am-Sunday School 6pm-Casual-Informal Praise Service</p>	<p>2 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>3 1pm-Bible Study 5:30pm-Education Mtg. 7pm-Miriam Circle Mtg.</p>	<p>4 5:15pm-Handbell 6pm-Chancel Ch hearsal 7pm-Bible Study</p>
<p>8 8:30 & 10:40am-Blended Worship 9:40-10:30am-Sunday School 6pm-Casual-Informal Praise Service</p>	<p>9 9am-UMW Service Group</p>	<p>10 1pm-Bible Study 6:30pm-Lunch Group Mtg.</p>	<p>11 5:15pm-Handbell 6pm-Chancel Ch hearsal 7pm-Bible Study/</p>
<p>15 Chrysalis Flight 8:30 & 10:40am-Blended Worship 9:40-10:30am-Sunday School 6pm-Casual-Informal Praise Service</p>	<p>16 Chrysalis Flight 9am-UMW Service Group</p>	<p>17 1pm-Bible Study 6pm-Family Fellowship Mtg.</p>	<p>18 5:15pm-Handbell 6pm-Chancel Ch hearsal 7pm-Bible Study/</p>
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	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Rehearsal Choir Re-	5 6:30pm-Trustees Mtg. 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	6 7pm-Columbus Community Emmaus Gathering at CCC	7
Rehearsal Choir Re- Prayer	12 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	13 6:30pm-Mary Circle Mtg.	14 Chrysalis Flight Housing Partnerships Workday
Rehearsal Choir Re- Prayer	19 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	20	21 8am-United Methodist Men's Breakfast
Rehearsal Choir Re- Prayer	26 6:30pm-Boy Scouts	27	28 5:30-7:30pm-14th Annual Empty Bowls Dinner Fundraiser (Central Middle School)





Ahhhh, can you hear it? Listen closely....yes, it's the silence that comes after all of the presents have been opened...and some returned....the stockings, the lights, the wreaths, the Christmas tree has all been taken down and safely stowed away in the dark part of the attic or garage or basement till at least next Thanksgiving.

And....now that the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season is over....the family has gone home, no more cooking and cleaning and fretting over every detail.....you have time to relax.

Ahhhh, what a relief!

So as you sit in the silence of post Christmas 2011....what *do* you hear?

If you listen very carefully, you just might hear the voice of a child, whispering in that silence. A child from very long ago....who was laid in a manger with only the sheep and cattle as company. No loud parties to welcome Him. Tons of presents were not bestowed upon Him; nor feasts of every kind.

In a quiet, lowly stable with a star shining brightly overhead, a child was born who would save each of us.

Listen, if you will, to this child who merely asks you to honor Him with your love not only at Christmas but every day of the year. He won't be speaking loudly to get your attention over the television, but whispering quietly.... "I love you. And I am here waiting for you. Don't wait. Begin 2012 with Me."

Shhhh, be still and listen for Jesus because He is here and He is calling to us all.

Best wishes to you and yours for a joyous 2012.

Yours in Christ.....*Timothy*



**HOOSIER TRAILS COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

December in Review:

Zack had his Eagle Scout board of review on November 30 and we now have a new Eagle Scout. Congratulations to Zack! Justin will have his Eagle Scout board of review December 20.

December's campout was a lot of fun and we learned a lot. We had a total of 11 boys that attended the outing.

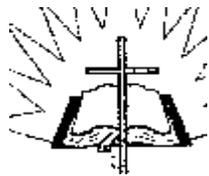
On January 8, we will be tubing at Northern Slopes near Cincinnati, Ohio.

I was contacted by the East Columbus UM church web manager and information has been shared about the scout troop for the new upcoming Web site for ECUMC. When the new web site goes on line, please take a look at the scouting information. Thanks for allowing us to share our troop.

If any member of the church is interested in scouting we will be glad for your visit. Boys need to be 11 years old and less than 18 to join.

Scouts meet on Thursday's from 6:30—8 p.m. at the Youth Center.

Roger Schaefer, Scoutmaster
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Applying Bible Principles

The Steinway piano has been the instrument of choice by masters of the keyboard for many years. Pianists such as Rubinstein, Cliburn, Horowitz, Rachmaninoff, and Liszt knew that a skillfully crafted instrument such as the Steinway produces a rich, wonderful sound.

Steinway pianos are built today the same way they were when Henry Steinway started the company in 1845. Two hundred craftsmen and 12,000 parts are required to produce one of these instruments. Most crucial is the rim-bending process where 18 layers of maple are bent around an iron press to create the shape of a Steinway grand. Five coats of lacquer are applied and hand-rubbed to give the piano its outer glow. Each key is tested 10,000 times to ensure quality and durability.

In a similar manner, Christians - followers of Jesus Christ - are being “handcrafted.” We are pressed, formed and shaped to make us more and more like Him. We are polished until we “glow.” We are tested in the laboratory of human experience to ensure quality and durability.

One of the ways in which we are made in Christ’s image concerns our giving. 1 John 3:17 (why not take time to look it up in your Bible?) says that we demonstrate God’s love when we see our brother in need and give to meet that need. In fact, the Lord Jesus said that we are to love our neighbor just as we love ourselves, and the illustration He provided was that of the Good Samaritan.

Yes, we are to give to the Lord’s work here at East Columbus United Methodist Church. Yes, we are to place a priority in our lives on supporting this ministry financially. But let’s not limit ourselves and our service for Christ to the walls of our church. Instead, let’s be alert to opportunities to demonstrate God’s love to fellow-travelers on the road of life. When we do that, we are demonstrating to ourselves and to all who observe that we have been “handcrafted” in the likeness of the Lord Jesus Christ.



News



From the Mail Box...

Thanks to the church for all the love that was shown to us during Mary Jane's illness and passing. Thanks to brother Charlie for all his visits and for the inspiring message and song. Thanks for all the prayers, cards, food, calls and for being there for us. Also, to those who brought, prepared and served the delicious funeral meal. Thanks to those who set up, decorated, and those who cleaned up after the meal. We appreciate all who came to the calling and attended the service. We are blessed to belong to such a loving and supportive church family. God's blessings to each of you.

-In Christ's love, The family of Mary Jane Gorman

Thanks to the Caring Ministry for the beautiful poinsettia and to Nancy Owens for delivering it.

-Marianne Taylor

A special thank you to those who delivered pumpkins for Halloween, poinsettias for Christmas and went caroling to the shut-ins. It was much appreciated by all.

-Nancy Owens

Thank you to the Caring Ministry for my beautiful poinsettia and for the Christmas carolers for singing to me.

-Elsie Champion

Thank you to everyone who ordered cheese balls. We made 108 cheese balls; our biggest order ever. We will be making cheese balls again for Super Bowl parties (or just to eat if you're not into football!). We will make them on Saturday, February 4th and will be ready for pick-up on Sunday, the 5th. Order forms will be in the bulletin. The last day to order will be Sunday, January 29. Don't forget to keep April 14th on your calendar for Dinner and a movie with a Silent Auction. This will be the kick-off for our Faith Promise missions Sunday on April 15 in the Information Area.

January Mary Circle will be Friday, January 13, 6:30 pm at the church. Bring cleaning supplies, rags, sponges, bleach spray and disinfecting wipes. Meet in the toddler room. Erin Mattern is hostess.



In memory of
Pauline Swaim
who went home to her
Heavenly Father
December 8, 2011.

Our sympathy to Marianne Taylor (sister) and family at the loss of loved one, Pauline Swaim.

Here's what's
happening!

New Year's Eve Party-See back of Newsletter for details.

Education Committee will meet Tuesday, January 3, 5:30 pm in the Information Area.

Miriam Circle will meet Tuesday, January 3, 7 pm at the home of Nancy Owens.

Trustees will meet Thursday, January 5, 6:30 pm in the Information Area.

Columbus Community Emmaus Gathering is Friday, January 6, 7 pm at Community Church of Columbus, Marr Rd.

United Methodist Women executive meeting Sunday, January 8, 5 pm in the Bible Round Table room.



90th Birthday "Open House" - You are invited to a 90th birthday party in honor of Bertha Bradley on Sunday, January 8 from 2-5 pm. The party will be held at 3513 Berkdale Dr. The party is given by her family. You may send cards to the above address for Bertha and it is requested that you do not bring a gift to the party.

Lunch Group Meeting—A meeting of the committee for Columbus East High School lunch group is Tuesday, January 10, 6:30 pm in the Information Area. If you are interested in attending this meeting you will be welcome. Questions see Shelley Walker.

Chrysalis Flight (teen form of Emmaus Walk) will be held January 14-16 at Hill Top Christian Camp.

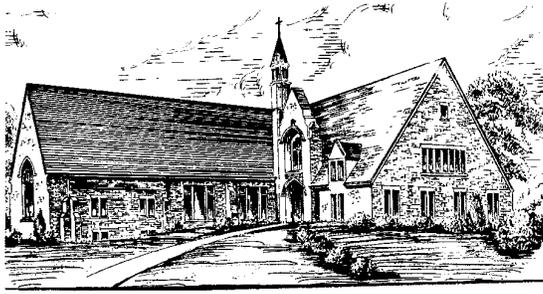
Family Fellowship committee will meet January 17, 6pm in the Information Area.

United Methodist Men's breakfast is Saturday, January 21, 8 am in the Fellowship Hall. All men invited to attend for good food and fellowship.

Church Council will meet Tuesday, January 24, 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Ecumenical Assembly quarterly meeting will be held Tuesday, January 24, 7 pm at The Rock Church (formerly Rocky Ford Free Methodist) on Rocky Ford Rd..

14th Annual Empty Bowls Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, January 28 from 5:30-7:30 pm at Central Middle School. The Empty Bowls Dinner will benefit area food banks.



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Return Service Requested



All-4-One (teens)
are hosting a New Year's Eve party
on New Year's Eve,
December 31, 2011,
from 8 p.m.—12:30 a.m.

There will be games, fellowship and food to enjoy.
The movie "Christmas with a Capital C" will be shown at 8:30 p.m.
A worship service will be held at midnight.
All of the church family invited.