

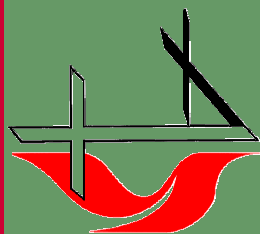
Happy Holidays



December 2012

HAYSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Messenger



## Advent Schedule

**Hanging of the Greens Services, Sunday, Dec. 2, 8:30 am & 11 am:**



Begin your Advent season with this Interactive Worship Service where our Sunday School classes actively participate in worship.



**Family Memories of Christmas**  
December 9,  
8:30 am & 11 am

Our Children's Christmas Program, "Family Memories of Christmas," is a sharing between generations of the story of Bethlehem. Adults have been interviewed about their memories and the children will be reenacting the Nativity. We will also have the kids singing and a solo! Don't miss this special day of celebration and memories! Remember, it isn't the presents-it's the PRESENCE!

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### Christmas Caroling



We will take 2 buses Christmas Caroling to our Homebound members on Wednesday, Dec. 12 from 6-8 pm.

### A TASTE OF CHRISTMAS

On Dec. 15 from 6-9 pm, come taste samples of our favorite Christmas Foods.



Each paid admission (\$5) receives a Cookbook with all of the nights' recipes! Food, decorations, music, fellowship, and the gift of Christmas... what could be better? Please come join us! For booth information contact Tena Luongo, 316-648-2951.



### You Are Invited!

**What:** A Birthday Party for Jesus  
**When:** Dec. 23, 9:30 am

**Where:** Family Life Center  
Cake, crafts, A piñata AND FUN!  
Everyone welcome!

### Christmas Eve Worship

Enjoy two special services: 7 pm & 11 pm. Experience the joy and tranquility with special music, candlelight and more!



## While on the Journey...

"Okay...I've got the milk...got the bread...even remembered the kitty litter. Now what did I forget?"

I scanned the shopping list quickly. I was in a hurry; I had a lot of things to get done today. "I hate shopping on a Saturday--especially so close to a holiday. Too many crowds. Can't get done as fast..." I muttered to myself as I checked my list.

And then it caught my eye.

I had hastily scrawled my list on the back of the nearest piece of paper--a note from my sister. At the top of the page was her closing, "Hope to see you soon."



Hope.

There it was --at the top of my list.

Had I remembered the Hope? Would I be bringing that home today or would my family be hearing only my frustrations about the price of peas and the difficulty in finding a parking place?

Holidays are Holy Days --Hopeful Days--Days that are meant to remind us of what we've been given and what is to come. And God has told us what is to come--the Hope of All the Ages. Not worry about the petty things at hand, nor fear about fiscal cliffs and Mayan calendars,

but Hope for the things that are eternal, and the advent of each new day filled with the love of Christ!

"Fear not," God tells us.

"I bring you tidings of great joy....Unto YOU is born a Savior," God's messengers sang. "I am with you always, even to the end of the age," Jesus reminds us.

Suddenly the day was calmer, brighter. As peace enveloped my heart I knew I hadn't forgotten anything, for I had already been given it all.

Wishing you a blessed, Hope-filled Christmas.

In His Love, *Phyllis*



**Dec. 1:** HUMM's 35th Annual Pancake Feed, 7 am-2 pm,

FH & Kitchen, UMW Cookie Walk, 7 am-1 pm

**Dec. 9:** Children's Christmas Program, both services

**Dec. 12:** Christmas Caroling, 6-8 pm

**Dec. 15:** "A Taste of Christmas", 6-9 pm, FH & FLC

**Dec. 16:** Crusader's Progressive Dinner, 5:30 pm

**Dec. 18:** Church Conference, HUMC, 7 pm

**Dec. 23:** Jesus' Birthday Party, HUMC, 9:45 am

**Dec. 24:** Christmas Eve Services, 7 pm & 11 pm

**Dec. 25:** Christmas, Office Closed!

**Dec. 26-27:** Office Closed!

**Dec. 28:** HYM Youth 1/2 Lock-In, 6:45 pm-Midnight,  
Whole Facility

**Dec. 31:** New Year's Eve—Office Closed!



### Record of Our Faithfulness

**96% of what is needed to date has been given for God's glory. Thank You!**

**November Total Attendance:** 807

**November Sunday School Attendance:** 429

# HUMM 35th Annual Pancake Feed

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It's almost here! On Dec. 1 we will have the 35th annual HUMM Pancake Day!

Yes, for the past 35 years, the HUMM have prepared the most tasty pancakes and sausage that you have ever wrapped your lips around. Wash it down with coffee, milk or OJ. Just in case you're still hungry, you are welcome to have a serving of biscuits and sausage gravy. These too, are included in the price of the event. Tickets are \$5.50 at the door; \$5.00 if a ticket is purchased in advance.

These discount tickets can be purchased from a HUMM member, in the Church office or between services in the Gathering Area. The HUMM look forward to serving you in Fellowship Hall from 7:00 am - 2 pm.

*Gary Gibbs*



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## Announcements

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Due to the Christmas holidays, the church office will be closed Dec. 25 - Jan. 1. If there is an emergency, please call Pastor Phyllis or Linda Dixon.

Due to holiday and vacation schedules, all Messenger articles for January are due by Dec. 10.

The Crusaders SS Christmas Progressive Dinner and white elephant gift exchange is Dec. 16 at 5:30 pm.

Rebecca Circle's next meeting will be Dec. 20, 10 am, at Rolla Crum's house for brunch.

Celebrate a Victorian Christmas with Marti McCartney on Dec. 9 at 2 pm at the Haysville Community Library. Marti will be the Captain's Wife, and will tell how Christmas was celebrated in the 1870's. There will be stores and music, crafts and 1870's refreshments. This program is free and open to the public.



The Crusader's Class will be taking donations of hats, gloves, scarves and socks for the homeless during the Christmas season. There will be a box in the Gathering Area to place them in. Thank you for your gifts!

Dillon's gift cards for our church fund raiser (digital sign) can be purchased at the church office. Also, remember that these cards can be used at Kwik Shop to buy fuel, etc.

## Thanks

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Many thanks to everyone for all the cards and e-mails I received, as well as those who attended my birthday party at the church. It made my 80th birthday great! *Glenn Crum*

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Thank you, Ardith, for the sweet card. It made my day! *Sandy Nahrendorf*

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Thanks to everyone who helped with the Turkey Dinner. We served over 350 dinners. It takes everyone to serve and love to care for this many friends in about 4 hours!

Tables, chairs and food all have to be ready. Thanks to the Youth of our church and our leaders. It takes lots of supervision from all of us. Pies to be made, desserts for the bake sale, crafts for the craft show...the list goes on.

Thanks to all the men who stepped in and helped. Ladies, we need more of you young women to join the UMW. All of the money we make goes to different missions and our church growth. Thank you, *Carole Gonzalez*



Thank you to the Rake-N-Run "angels." You brightened our holiday knowing you were doing a job I couldn't get done. Our yard looks so wonderful! *Phyllis & Ron Panizzi*

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### **Beyond Measure:**

How can anyone measure friendship—  
The firm, warm clasp of a hand,  
The comfort found in the welcome sound  
Of the words, "I understand?"

How can one measure courage—  
The strength we find to fight,  
To suffer life's anxieties,  
To stand up for the right?

How can one measure beauty, hope,  
Or happiness, or love?  
What man-made measure can encompass  
Faith in God above?  
So much of life—the best of life—  
The things we truly treasure,  
Are these, the gifts of boundless depth  
Beyond all earthly measure.

Thanks to all for your prayers, cards, calls and memorials to the church and caring this past year. The birthday cards always lifted our spirits. Leroy fought the good fight and joined the Great Shepherd. Love, *Joan Smoot & Family*

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## UMW

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What a pretty day and nice evening we had for our annual Turkey Dinner and Craft Show held on Nov. 8. We will use the money we made on Mission and church projects. We cleared \$1,864.72 on the dinner, \$194.80 on the bake sale, \$315.00 for our share of the craft show, and \$283.00 on the quilt, which was donated by our church quilters. The lucky winner of the quilt was Betty Turkle...our congrats to her!

In December, our Executive meeting will meet in the church on Dec. 6 at 5 pm. The Mary Martha Circle will meet on Dec. 11 at 7 pm at the home of Diana Hanley. Rebecca Circle will meet Dec. 20 at 10 am for a Christmas Brunch at

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## December Birthdays

Tammy Fleming 12/1  
 Sky Singley 12/3  
 Ina Zimmerman 12/3  
 Evelyn King 12/5  
 Michael Lee 12/5  
 Angela Beehler 12/7  
 Mark Evans 12/8  
 Jonathan Fleming 12/8  
 Rory Storm 12/8  
 John Kane 12/9  
 Shawn Simmons 12/10  
 Michael Graham 12/11  
 Brady Simmons 12/11  
 David Graber 12/12  
 Ellen Lair 12/12  
 Joetta Branch 12/13  
 Sandy Hatcher 12/13  
 Iris Huddleson 12/13  
 Trenton Good 12/14  
 Leon Jelinek 12/14

Esther Koontz 12/15  
 Diana Pile 12/17  
 Carla Loffland 12/18

James Sherman 12/19  
 Blanche Rintoul 12/21  
 Raetta Kruse 12/22  
 Garrett Stout 12/22  
 Rolla Crum 12/23  
 Rosemary Smith 12/25  
 Jessi Mericle 12/26  
 Angelica Ravenstein 12/27  
 Jordan Ravenstein 12/27  
 Brooke Simons 12/27  
 Marilyn Houchin 12/28  
 Jennifer Daily 12/29  
 Elizabeth Green 12/29  
 Jeana Morgan 12/29  
 Cinda Brozek 12/30  
 Jonell Davis 12/30  
 Wilma Eliot 12/30  
 Pat Patnaude 12/31  
 Paul Severt 12/31



## Prayers of Joy and Concern

### **Death:**

Jim Crane  
 Suzie Peltier  
 LaVaun Anderson  
 Clarence Deaver

Morgan, Velma Long, Gene Kaufman.

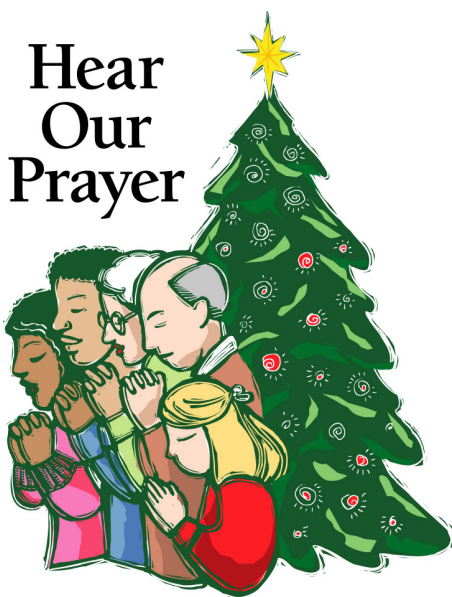
### **Immediate Prayer Needs:**

Margie Bridwell, Klingin-smith Family, Stathis Family, Kathy Hain, Raymond Lankford, Jack Barton, Jeff & Anita Arbaugh.

### **Our Shut-ins:**

Edith Hill, Susan Mason, Ken Watkins, Reba Booher, June Stearns, Ruth Clark, Burch & Mary Boys, Sam Logan, Gene & Lois Smith, Fleda

Hear  
 Our  
 Prayer



## Anniversaries

Kathy & Mitch Self  
 12/30

Sandy & Ed Hatcher  
 12/31

## UMW, cont'd.

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Rolla Crum's house. Everyone is to bring a breakfast food item to share at the brunch.

The UMW wishes all of you a Blessed Christmas and a very Happy 2013!

*Jean Armstrong, UMW Historian*





## Youth

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

I was completely blown away by the students and parents who participated in such activities as the Rake-n-Run, Operation Christmas Child, and others. When you decided to serve others you decided to serve Christ.

Upcoming activities include: Christmas Caroling Wednesday, Dec. 12, from 6-8 pm. Be sure to get here a bit early. This will take the place of Youth Group that

night. Also the Half-Lock-in is Dec. 28 (see ad.)



When: December 28<sup>th</sup>  
Where: Haysville United Methodist Church  
Time: 6:45pm-Midnight  
What: Food, Worship, Speaker, Photobooth, Movies, X-Box, Group Games, and Free Time!  
Cost: Absolutely Nothing!  
Who: all Haysville Youth!  
Bring a Friend! For more info, talk to your Youth Pastor!



cerning cost savings! We will either leave Sunday, June 23 or early Monday the 24th-Friday, June 28 to attend "Extreme Camp" at Garden Valley, TX. It is sponsored by Teen Mania Ministries (Acquire the Fire.)

The following are deadlines for registration and costs for camp:

From now until 12/15: **\$229**  
From 12/16 until 2/1: **\$259**  
From 2/2 until 4/1: **\$269**

Camps are always expen-

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### Summer Camp!

Why are we talking about summer camp already? Because there are important deadlines coming up con-

## Young Adults



### Young Adult Ministry

Hope you all are enjoying the current study in Sunday School. I know I am! A lot of times, we take our faith for granted and we assume we know what we believe and why we believe it, but when push comes to shove, we question certain aspects. God has so much for us revealed in scripture and as challenging as it can seem

to take it all in, Jesus does challenge us to engage our minds: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your *mind*." Hopefully you have engaged in conversations with God about who He is and how you should love Him.

In January 2013, we will be breaking new ground on a Young Adult small group which will include the following aspects: Bible study, prayer and accountability. We are looking at possibly a weeknight or a Sunday night. If you have

any thoughts or opinions as to what day of the week, time, or where we should meet, give me a call, shoot me a text or an email. I want your input as we embark on a new opportunity for our church. I'm excited about where God is taking our group and the possibilities that lie ahead of us.

To God be the glory!

*Jim*

*"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." – Proverbs 27:17*



## From the Music Desk...

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"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing" is another of the

**Hymn** more than  
**Origins** 6,500 hymns  
from the pen

of Charles Wesley that have enriched Christian hymnody. It is thought to have been written one year after his dramatic, Aldersgate conversion experience of 1738. This text is generally considered to be one of Wesley's finest. According to John Julian, noted hymnologist, this is one of the foremost popular hymns in the English language. It certainly has become one of the classic, Christmas carol hymns to the present time, sung thousands of times every year all around the world.

Like so many of Wesley's hymns, this text condensed course in Biblical doctrine in poetic form. Following the re-telling of the angelic visit to the shepherds in the initial stanza, the succeeding verses teach such spiritual truths as the virgin birth, Christ's deity, the immortality of the soul, the second or new birth, and a concern for Christ-like living. As the late Eric Routley, noted English hymnist, observes in his book, *Hymns and Human-Life*: "These [Wesley] hymns were composed in order that men and women might sing

their way, not only into experience, but also into knowledge; that the cultured might have their culture baptized and the ignorant might be led into truth by the gentle hand of melody and rhyme."

Charles Wesley is also the author of the hymn "A Charge to Keep I Have" and "Depth of Mercy." Other Charles Wesley hymns include "Christ the Lord is Risen Today." In fact, "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" was originally sung to the tune of "Christ the Lord is Risen Today."

The tune, "Mendelssohn" was contributed by one of the master composers of the early nineteenth century, Felix Mendelssohn. He was born into a Jewish-Christian home on February 3, 1809, in Hamburg, Germany, and died at Leipzig, Germany, on November 4, 1847. Mendelssohn was a highly acclaimed boy prodigy, making his first public appearance as a pianist, at the age of nine. Felix Mendelssohn was not only a noted performer and conductor, but also a prolific composer throughout his brief lifetime. His works included symphonies, chamber music, concertos, as widely performed today is the oratorio. The *Elijah*, first performed in England on Au-

gust 26, 1846.

The "Mendelssohn" hymn tune was adapted from the composer's *Festgesang*, Opus 68, composed in 1840. This was a work that Mendelssohn wrote to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the invention of printing. The hymn setting of this music was made by William H. Cummings, a noted English musician and scholar, and was first published in Richard Chope's *Congregational Hymn and Tune Book* of 1857. Although other tunes have been tried with Wesley's text, the "Mendelssohn" has become the recognized music of this carol hymn.

The full text of the song has 5 stanzas. Only three are found in our hymnal. Here are the words to the other two less well-known verses:

VS 4

Come, Desire of nations,  
come,  
Fix in us Thy humble home;  
Rise, the woman's conqu'ring Seed,  
Bruise in us the serpent's head.

Now display Thy saving power,  
Ruined nature now restore;  
Now in mystic union join  
Thine to ours, and ours to Thine.

Hark! the herald angels

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## Family Life

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### **A TASTE OF CHRISTMAS**

Saturday, Dec. 15 from 6-9 pm in the Family Life Center. Come and enjoy tastes of your favorite Christmas food and beverages with music and celebration in the air!

We encourage folks to come up with samples of their favorite Christmas foods and recipes. Participants should prepare about 200 bite-size samples for our guests to taste. We need your recipe by Dec. 2 so we can publish it in the Recipe Book that every paid Admission will receive.

We hope to have at least 30 booths to share with our guests. A Kids Zone will also be available for the little ones. Be sure to decorate your booth to present your food/beverage- prizes will be given for the best decorated table and the best tasting food!

The FLC Team will supply the cups, napkins, etc. for your samples. Admission will be \$5 at the door for our guests and open to the Public. More information can be obtained by contacting Tena Luongo at (316) 648-2951, or there will also be a booth

setup at the church on Sundays to answer any questions you may have.

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### **Spa Day**

Saturday, Jan. 26, 2013, time TBA. Ladies, would you like to spend some time having your hair done, getting a pedicure, or maybe a massage? Well, this can all be done at the Haysville UMC Family Life Center! Multiple vendors will be setup to provide you with very reasonably priced services that you would receive at a Spa... bring a friend and enjoy the fellowship as you relax and

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## Haysville Community Outreach

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### **Haysville Community Outreach**

Every year the Haysville Community Outreach provides food and toys for eligible families in the Haysville School District. The HCO board is made up of people from, different Haysville churches, and is a 501(c) 3 organization. Every year volunteers are needed to help insure the success of the program.

In December, help is needed to sort and wrap toys and fill food boxes. The December schedule is:

Monday, Dec. 10, 6:30 pm, sort toys by age and by family; Wednesday, Dec. 12, 5:30 pm, fill food boxes; Thursday, Dec. 13, 6:30 pm, wrap packages; Saturday, Dec. 17, 9 – 11 am, distribute to families. If you can only come one night, please come Thursday, as it takes a lot of hands to wrap all those gifts! All activities

take place at the West Haysville Baptist Church.

### **Christmas Giving Tree**

Each Christmas season, a "Giving Tree" is displayed in the gathering area of the church. It is filled with cards from Haysville Community Outreach. The cards displayed are for those children in our community who might not have a merry Christmas without our help. Select a card from the "Giving Tree" and buy a gift for that age child.

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## Music, *continued*

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sing,  
"Glory to the newborn  
King!"

VS 5

Adam's likeness, Lord, ef-  
face,

Stamp Thine image in its  
place:

Second Adam from above,  
Reinstate us in Thy love.

Let us Thee, though lost,  
regain,

Thee, the Life, the inner  
man:

O, to all Thyself impart,  
Formed in each believing  
heart.

Hark! the herald angels

sing,  
"Glory to the newborn  
King!"

Excerpt from "101  
Hymn Stories" by Kenneth  
W. Osbeck

Many of the hymns that we  
sing in our hymnals have  
more verses than what is  
printed. For example,  
"Amazing Grace" has eleven  
verses. It is simply a matter  
of costs that the publishing  
houses edit and limit the  
number of verses per song.  
They normally select the  
more popular verses.

In music here at the church,  
we now have a kids choir,  
under the direction of Linda  
Dixon. Kids also have music  
time on Sunday mornings in  
the music room between  
services. This music time is  
being led by Linda Graber &  
Alicia Crane. We have also  
started rehearsals for a new  
praise band, under the di-  
rection of Jamey Pegg.

Blessings,

*Kent E. Stuckey*  
*Music Coordinator*

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## H.C.O., *continued*

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Return it, unwrapped, with  
the tag to the tree by De-  
cember 9. The gifts will be  
taken to West Haysville  
Baptist Church for distribu-  
tion.

Volunteer help will be  
needed at West Haysville  
Baptist Church to sort and  
wrap the gifts. Sorting will  
be done Dec. 10 at 6:30.  
Dec. 12 at 5:30 is the night  
to fill the food boxes.  
Thursday, Dec. 13 at 6:30  
will be wrapping and label-  
ing the packages. A lot of  
help is needed to do that.

The gifts will be distributed  
Dec. 15 from 9 to 11 a.m.  
at West Haysville Baptist  
Church. Volunteers are  
needed then, and Santa will  
be there for the children.

After the gifts are taken  
from the church, the "Giving  
Tree" will be the place to  
put socks, gloves & hats for  
the homeless.



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## Youth, *continued*

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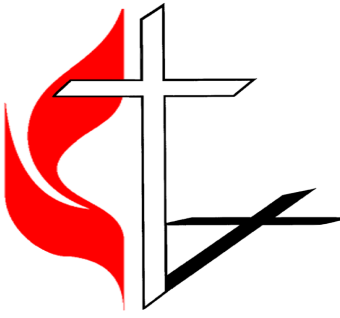
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sive, however, just like last  
year, we want to encourage  
each and every student we  
have from 12 years old on up  
to attend camp! There is al-  
ways scholarship help avail-  
able, so please do not let fi-  
nancial restraints come be-  
tween your student experi-  
encing Christ in a whole new  
way! Hope to see you there  
this summer! For more info go  
to: [http://  
www.extremecamps.com/](http://www.extremecamps.com/)

Thanks and God bless,

*Jim*

*"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it  
springs up; do you not perceive it?" –*



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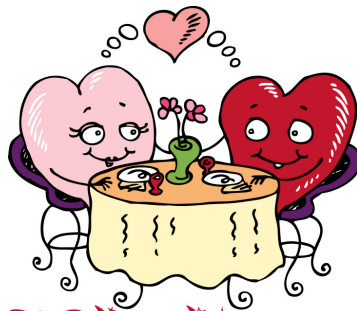
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let yourself be pampered. More information will be available in the January Messenger, or contact Tina Adams at (316) 554-7622 for more information.

### ***Sweetheart Dinner & Dance***

Saturday, Feb. 9, 2013, times TBA. This is our annual time where our we gather to share an elegant catered meal with our significant others and friends. Dress up, fellowship, eat a nice meal served by our Youth, and dance the eve-



### ***Valentines Banquet***

ning away. Music for all generations will be available. Cost will be announced in an upcoming Messenger. Come and enjoy this time of fellowship!... Mark your calendar!

*Pat Lemmons*

