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Voices of Women in the Pulpit

Sunday, January 4

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Golden Oaks Christmas Store Report

The "Christmas Store" at Golden Oaks Education Center was a very big hit with the children as well as the teachers again this year. Each child was able to "shop" for two gifts and have them gift-wrapped. Thank you for your generosity in donating items to make this possible

Heartland Men's Chorus Ambassadors

Guest Musicians in Worship

Sunday, February 1

The HMC is a volunteer chorus of gay and gay-sensitive people who are making a positive cultural contribution in the Kansas City area through outstanding musical performances. They will sing several songs during worship and afterwards join us for a Coffee Talk. This is part of the on-going education program we are having to help us "clarify our stance regarding homosexuality, and our relationships and ministry with the homosexual community in order to share Christ's love with a community of people who are often rejected and condemned by the Church" (a goal in our Three Year Strategic Plan)

Coffee Talk

February 1 following Worship

Celebrate Micah's Birthday

February 1 at Harvesters

We will celebrate Micah's birthday by volunteering at Harvesters. After coffee talk, we will car pool to Harvesters' warehouse where we will sort food from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Bring comfortable clothes, closed-toed shoes, and yourself. Harvesters suggests each person brings 10 cans of vegetables. This is a great way for us to expand our Hunger Ministry and have some fun together.

Souper Bowl Sunday

Sunday, February 1 is "Souper Bowl Sunday." We will collect canned food to be taken to Harvesters and money to help alleviate world hunger.

Children's Ministry Events

FOR THE MONTH

Celebration of Community

Children are invited to
participate.

Sundays

9:00 a.m.

SCE

Sundays

9:30 a.m.

Thank You

Thank you for making all the cute and delicious "Santa's Sacks" for the food pantry. Everyone greatly enjoyed them.

"Pardon Our Mess"

During a special business meeting on December 21, the church approved four remodeling projects:

- 1) Champion's Club area will receive new floors.
- 2) Hunger Ministry room will be remodeled so that it can be used to store and sort food
- 3) A handicap accessible/family restroom will be added near the existing women's restroom.
- 4) An automatic door opener will be installed
- 5) A new handicap accessible water fountain will replace the current water fountain.
- 4) The existing restrooms will be remodeled and updated with new flooring, partitions, paint, lighting, and paper towel and soap dispensers.

Hunger Ministry Report

Thank you so much for your donations of food and money to the food pantry. With your help we were able to provide food to 24 households (40 adults and 18 children) in December. We were able to purchase 542 lbs. of food from Harvesters for \$234.59. In addition to the generous donations from our church members, Creative Arts Academy donated a case of spaghetti and a case of spaghetti sauce. Our January Mission Project will be our own food pantry. We are requesting the following items: pancake mix & syrup, pasta, spaghetti sauce, cake mix, crackers, soap, shampoo, and toilet paper.

In December, *Feeding America* released a new survey reporting that food banks across the country are experiencing an average increase of 30 percent in requests for emergency food assistance. More than 90 percent of food banks cited food prices and unemployment as the primary factors contributing to the increases in demands. More than 70 percent of food banks reported that they are currently unable to meet the needs of hungry people in their community without having to reduce the amount of food they are distributing to their agencies and clients. We have also seen big increase in the number of families we serve through our food pantry, but, because of your generous support we have not reduced the amount of food we give.

Recycling

Thank you for recycling. In October we recycled 3.39 tons and received \$33.99. We saved 10.64 cubic yards of landfill space. The first two recycling bins are for paper, catalogs, junk mail, magazines, etc. Magazines and catalogs are an important part of the recipe to make new newsprint from recycled paper. They also are heavy and help us earn more money for our homeless ministries. We receive \$10 per ton if we recycle 1-4 tons in a month and \$20 per ton if we recycle more than 4 tons in a month.

We have added a new "commingled" bin to collect: **metal** (no electronics), **phone books**, **cans** (labels are fine, rinse) **cardboard** (break down boxes), **plastic** (labels are fine, remove lids, rinse) Please sack all small items in clear plastic bags. Do **NOT** place glass, electronic items, food, or trash in the bin. If the bin is full, **please do not leave sacks or cardboard around bin**. Also, please do not leave items sticking out of the top or sides of the bin. Items not properly secured in the bin create a nuisance. Each properly recycled item helps the environment. Currently, Abitibi Recycling is offering this valuable service to their paper recycling customers at no charge. We save valuable landfill space and reduce our carbon footprint by recycling.

Thank You

• Dear Friends, Each year always brings special challenges and rewards and 2008 has definitely been a year filled with smiles and sadness, but in our memories it is the friends who have come alongside us to celebrate or assist that will make this year special in our hearts. All of us at Shepherd's Center of the Northland thank you so much for the ways you have supported and contributed to our ability to serve older adults in Clay and Platte Counties and we look forward to another year of collaborating and deepening our relationship with you. SCN wishes you, your family and friends a New Year filled with God's choicest blessing.

- Thank you for helping Central to continue to train our students to spread the gospel. Your contribution is vital to our mission. This semester I am team teaching with President Marshall the course *Introduction to Spiritual Formation* at our Murfresboro, TN, site. I have been privileged to see firsthand the formation of those students in their quest to fulfill God's call. As part of the class we have observed several faith practices, including the practice of testimony. Long before the biblical story was written, it was told – over and over and over again. As a class we tapped into the rich tradition . . . When we share our own and our church's faith journey, we continue *The Story of the People of God*. Our stories form us as a community and they have the power to transform us and world around us. Thank you for being a part of our story at Central.
- Director of Seminary Relations*
- I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to my Englewood friends for all your prayers, visits, and cards which you extended to me while I was in the hospital and at home recovering recently. Hopefully I'll soon join you at Worship.
- Englewooder*
- Thank you for the \$510 given to Cooperative Baptist Fellowship for Global Missions to support field personnel salaries, benefits and ministry expenses.
- Thank you for the \$760 given to Change for Children in Kenya. They will be able to purchase 7½ bee hives and receive training from a co-op in Kenya.
- Dear Englewood Family, All of your generosity at Christmas was such a blessing to me and to my family. Thank you so much for the various gifts – it made our celebration just that much better. I am very thankful to be a part of the church family. You have truly made me feel at home. *Blessings, Gloria Flanery, accompanist*
- To my church family, greetings. I have felt the presence of God in the actions of each of you, through cards, prayers, visits, phone calls, food and words of encouragement. Your presence in my life continues to mean so very much.
- Blessings and Peace to each of you this year, Englewooder*
- Thank you for helping us provide Thanksgiving and Christmas meals this year. Here are two examples of those helped. Maudia is an "underemployed" immigrant and her family of six struggles to keep food on the table. She thanked us with tears in her eyes. Linda has a son with Down's syndrome. It is difficult for her to maintain a job while caring for her son so she has used the NAC food pantry off and on over the years. This year she asked if they could provide a turkey. Thanks to the generosity of so many people, 31 Northland families received a turkey and all the food required to prepare a thanksgiving feast. In addition to these meals, Northland Assistance Center provided approximately \$41,000 worth of food to clients this year, and over \$52,000 in financial aid to clients in need of utility and other assistance. We also partner with the KC Medicine Cabinet NAC and provided over \$18,000 in aid to assist with medical and prescription needs.
- Thank you, Northland Assistance Center*



Celebration of Community

Sundays

9:00 a.m.

Worship

Sundays

10:45 a.m.

Thanks for helping us have a great lock-in!

We had a lot of fun!

Contact the church office at 816-453-0975 for more information about upcoming events and activities.

The Staff at Shepherd's Center of the Northland

2008 Ministries Report

Englewooders were very active in missional activities this year. We reached out to needy people— in our community, across the nation, and around the world. Many volunteered in a variety of ways—bringing food to the food pantry, sacking for the food pantry, packing totes for high mobile pantry, volunteering at Shepherds Center and other area organizations, repackaging pasta at Harvesters, etc. The list could go on for a very long time—Englewooders give very generously of their time and money to help others. Here are a few of the ways Englewooders helped reflect the Kingdom of God:

- Englewooders gave food and money to stock the food pantry. **We helped 137 households this year – 333 people (216 adults and 117 children).**
- We collected 450 cans of soup for Souper Bowl Sunday and collected \$195 for World Hunger.
- Many participated in an offering of letters to encourage efforts to address world poverty.
- Nine Englewooders went on a mission trip to Helena, Arkansas. The mission team worked in extreme heat. Some gardened and beautified the area, some worked on construction, and others worked with children in the swim camp. Englewooders gave generously to offset the expenses of the trip, enabling the mission team to devote a week of their lives to the important, heartbreaking work in Helena without worrying about the cost (gas was almost \$4 a gallon at the time). Englewooders also paid for supplies for VBS crafts, gathered books for the Stories on Wheels program, and collected totes and towels for the Swim Camp.
- We collected snacks, prizes, and school supplies for Champions Club.
- We collected scarves, gloves, hats, and coats for the Lakota Indians.
- We have a total of 8 youth friend volunteers.
- We collected school supplies, incentives, and items for a Christmas store at Golden Oaks. We provided a pizza party for honor roll students. We had a teacher appreciation luncheon with thank you gifts for the teachers. We threw a graduation party for the two seniors. We provided a gift to each graduate and treats for the entire school. **We were named the 2008 North Kansas City Schools “Partner of the Year” for our partnership with Golden Oaks Education Center.**
- Collected sheets, cleaning supplies, and personal supplies for Forest Avenue.
- We sponsored an emergency preparedness seminar for the community.
- We assisted the Meadowbrook PTA with teacher appreciation and a carnival.
- We collected items to fill 25 shoe boxes for needy children in northern Europe.
- We did yard work for fellow Englewooders.
- We collected cleaning supplies to Hillcrest Transitional Housing.
- We collected items for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners through Northland Assistance.

2008 Missions Giving

Total given for missions through budget and designated gifts	14,875
Alliance of Baptists	100
Baptist Children’s Home	300
Bread for the World	300
Change for Children in Kenya	840
Central Baptist Theological Seminary	600
City Union Missions	360
Clay Platte Baptist Association	1,250
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship	2,085
Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Missouri	1,050
Golden Oaks Education Center	600
Forest Avenue	560
Food Pantry - amount spent in 2008	1,050
Philippine Medical Mission Trip	500
Mission Trip to Helena, Arkansas	2,365
Hillcrest Ministries	100
Harvesters	150
Miles of Smiles	200
Northland Assistance Center	100
Souper Bowl Sunday (offering sent for World Hunger)	195
Other	2,170