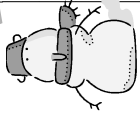


**Special points of interest:**

- WOW is January 23 & 24 in Springfield
- Youth Musical - Flashback - will be presented February 14
- Recycle aluminum cans only
- Community Seminar is April 10
- Work Camps are being scheduled



**RSVP'S & REMINDERS**

- ...Deadline for WOW money to Anne is January 20
- ...Talk to Anne about getting volunteer hours credit
- ...Can you help with the Youth Coffee/Tea Table on Sundays?
- ...Memorize your lines for the Youth Musical
- ...Tell your parents about the Community Seminar on April 10

**WOW! | January 23-24, 2010**

It's almost here! For those of you who are making the journey to WOW, we will be leaving from the church at 7:30am Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please make sure you have change of clothes, toiletries and bedding as we will be staying overnight in a local church in Springfield, MO. Also, be sure that your money is turned into me or the church office by Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>.

anorton@blueridgechurch.org or 353-1325

**Volunteer Hours**

Do you need credit for volunteer hours? Are you in Boy Scouts, NHS, Girl Scouts or any program that requires you to accumulate volunteer hours? Join the Youth Group to earn them! We will be doing two service projects a month.

**WORK CAMP DATES**

Mid high will be having work camp 7/4 or 7/5 through 7/8 or 7/9 - more info to come soon.



Senior high will be having work camp 7/18-7/24. We will be traveling back to Cedar Rapids, IA to help with the continued rebuilding after the flood of 2008.

**Aluminum CAN Recycling**



We continue to recycle - aluminum cans ONLY. You may drop them off on the back patio of the Youth House and we will take care of the rest! Please NO tin cans, only aluminum CANS - no other aluminum, please!

**YOUTH NEWS**

*Sunday School*

**Mid High Sunday School (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade)**

*Teachers: Ted Hinrichs & Sherri Woodward  
 Meet in the Green Room, lower level of the church  
 10:30-11:30*

The emphasis in the Mid High Sunday School class is an exploration of spiritual maturity. In the class we try and balance Bible Study, Spiritual understanding, respect for each other, and fun. Grapple®—the Sunday school curriculum that plunges them into the Bible to get answers to their biggest questions about God, others, and themselves.

**Senior High Sunday School (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)**

*Teachers: Donna Eaton, Anne Norton  
 Meet in the Youth House 10:30-11:30*

Currently, this class is participating in a study called "Through the Bible in 12 weeks". The 12 week study series gives the youth an overview of the "big story" of the Bible. The goal is to develop an understanding that all the books of the bible are interlinked, purposeful, intentional and part of an ongoing adventure! It will help the youth locate themselves within this big story as they come to understand God's plans and purposes in their lives and respond to God's invitation to be part of his kingdom.

**Anne's Corner** 353-1325  
 anorton@blueridgechurch.org

This has been a roller coaster of a month. With all the busyness and celebrations of Christmas and New Year's we also had a bit of a health crisis too. Some of you may have heard that Aaron's dad, Jim, suffered a stroke on Christmas. It came as quite a shock and with Aaron being the only child and no other family in town, our routine was quickly shattered. We became care givers to not only our own children but now also to his dad. There were many hard days, especially in the beginning and many times that I was mad, sad, wanted to cry at the situation. Daily visits and calls to the hospitals. Extra bills, laundry, schedules to figure out. I just wanted my life to be the way it used to be.

But then I read a powerful scripture; 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 But he said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest in me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

God is just waiting for me to realize that I can't do it on my own and when I come to that realization, I allow Christ to fully shine within me and not only give strength to me but also to others.

Anne

**Notes From Linda** 353-4826  
 lmann@blueridgechurch.org



MEMORIZE YOUR LINES!!!!!! Hope you had a wonderful Advent Season!

MEMORIZE YOUR LINES!!!!!! and are staying warm during this cold weather, and since you are sitting inside you can MEMORIZE YOUR LINES!!!! for the youth musical!! Remember MEMORIZE YOUR LINES by practicing them once a day, out loud, with someone else reading the other parts, and before you know it you'll have MEMORIZED YOUR LINES!!!!!! Thought for this month: "The Divine Call is not simply to do something great, but to live close to God, to share God's loving intentions for the world." (M. S. Thompson and S. D. Bryant) This is something each of us can do every second of our lives, and we will certainly be sharing God's loving intentions by MEMORIZING OUR LINES and presenting our musical and sharing God's love. Take care during this cold season, rest and stay healthy, be looking for a 60's top to wear with your jeans for the musical, mark your calendar to not miss a rehearsal and keep the weekend of the musical open for extra rehearsals. By the way, did I mention MEMORIZE YOUR LINES???????????? (-:

Linda



**LOGOS STARTS AGAIN!**  
 LOGOS will resume again on  
 Wednesday, February 10, 5p-8p.



**Community Seminar - Inside the World of Teenagers with Dr. Chap Clark**

**Friends...Don't Miss...all parents and grandparents should attend!**

Come hear the latest research on adolescent development, family and social systems, and the rapidly-changing environment that every teen faces. This seminar is guaranteed to help parents gain insight into their child's journey and develop a more authentic and effective parenting strategy. With outside pressures from peers, parents, teachers and coaches, an ever changing social environment, and a growing culture of systematic abandonment from adults, this generation of adolescents has it tougher than ever. Inside the World of Teenagers is a seminar for the community by Chap Clark, Ph. D., a professor of Youth, Family, and Culture at Fuller Theological Seminary. Dr. Clark spent a year as a participant-observer at Crescenta Valley High School where he conducted an ethnographic study on teens.

**Event Info**

Saturday, April 10, Seminar 9-12pm, Lunch on your own, Q & A Session 1-3pm  
 Platte Woods UMC 7310 NW Prairie View Road, Platte Woods, MO 64151  
 Registration is \$17.50  
 Visit their website for more information and to register, [www.fliteministries.com](http://www.fliteministries.com)