



WestWind Church

Community of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

1300 Sarah Brooks Drive, Keller, Texas

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February 15, 2012 NEWSLETTER

Journey to the Cross 2012

This year's Lenten Theme is *Journey to the Cross*. As we prepare our hearts to re-experience the reality changing power of Christ's resurrection, we must first follow Jesus on his *Journey to the Cross*. In this journey we will meet people who encountered Jesus on the way to Calvary. These people embody the pain and suffering all experience in this fallen world suffering from personal and institutional sin that robs people living life as God intended. As we *Journey to the Cross*, we will re-experience the JOY as we rediscover anew the breadth and depth of God's love that reaches people even in the darkest and most forsaken places so that New Life in Christ.

Ash Wednesday Service
February 22, 7:00 pm

"Jesus and the Demon Possessed Man"

Feb 26
Mark 5:1-20

Christ walks into the tormented life of the Gerasene demoniac, this madman, whose life is coming apart at the seams... and He turns it around for him. He gives him a new beginning... a new start... a new birth.

Jesus walked into his life and in essence He said to him: "It doesn't have to be that way!" Is this the message we need to hear today? Is there something in your life right now that needs to be changed? Do you feel like Legion? Do you feel like you are being pushed and pulled and jerked and yanked in so many different directions that you are out of control? Do you feel like your life is out of balance? Out of sync? Out of sorts? Out of step? Do you feel that you are constantly doing battle with everybody you meet? That life is a war... and that it is overwhelming you and ripping you apart? Do you feel worn and tired and rejected?

Thus the goal of the service is that Jesus is speaking loud and clear. If you listen real closely, you can hear Him. He is saying: "It doesn't have to be that way!"

Trinity Brazos Area Call Leadership Transition Project Minister

On February 11, 2012, the area board of the Trinity Brazos Area voted to call Rev. Renee Hoke to be the Leadership Transition Project Minister. The vote comes at the end of a nine-month search. Renee is currently serving as the interim minister of Cypress Creek Christian Church, Spring TX. Prior to that, she served as the senior minister of Kingwood Christian Church in Spring, Texas from 1997-2010 and as the associate minister of FCC-Duncanville from 1994-1997. Renee is a graduate of Brite Divinity School '94 and of Texas A&M University '75. Renee had a significant career in broadcast news, media relations and corporate communications before beginning her seminary work. Renee has passions and skills in the areas of congregational leadership, evangelism, justice and mission. She has served on a number of area and regional boards and committees, including her current service as the Moderator of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Southwest.

Her position responsibilities will include:

Transition toward a new model of area ministry. The area board has approved continued exploration of a co-op model of ministry. The co-op model is intended to identify key mission components of the area's ministry and share these ministry components with several members of a ministry team working part-time and receiving a stipend for their work. Initially, these ministry outcomes are recruiting, receiving, rejuvenating and renewing. In a motion offered, discussed and passed before Rev. Hoke's name was brought before the board, the board voted to affirm that the central charge of the newly called minister is to lead the transition to a co-op model. To reinforce this charge, the board voted to entitle the position—Leadership Transition Project Minister and not Interim Area Minister. Renee will also be making contact with each of the churches in TBA during her first 90 days to explain the new model, the discerning process, and to receive feedback.

Attention to essential ministry responsibilities in the area. Rev. Hoke will assume responsibilities for assisting churches in the search and call process, overseeing the area staff, enabling the area programming and offering pastoral care to area pastors. However, this work will be done with the clear understanding that the area is in the process of discerning what the essential ministries of the area are, how these ministries should be prioritized, how success in ministries is assessed, and who within the new ministry structure serves specific ministry outcomes.

Participation as a member of the CCSW Regional Staff. The Trinity Brazos Area belongs to the Christian Church in the Southwest. In the past, the area minister has served as a member of the regional staff. Rev. Hoke will continue to maintain TBA's relationship to the region and work closely with the Regional Minister and other Area ministers. This will be done both to maintain TBA's covenantal relationships with the CCSW and the General Church and also to explore the possibility of collaborations that might occur as other areas explore their future as well.

The position has been approved as a 12-month, full-time call and in order of priority, the goal of leadership transition is the primary responsibility. The board leaves open the possibility for Rev. Hoke to continue in some capacity with the area when the new area structure is determined. This decision making will be based on both the area's assessment and the Rev. Hoke's sense of call.

FEBRUARY IS WEEK OF COMPASSION MONTH

This month in our church we are lifting-up Week of Compassion. We may not all be aware of the help that Week of Compassion (WOC) has given to us at WestWind Church. Week of Compassion aided our youth mission trip. They have been contributors to Habitat for Humanity builds for many years. When there was flooding from the Mississippi and the tornadoes in Joplin, Week of Compassion was there to help.

Week of Compassion is a Disciples of Christ based organization. It does work alongside Church World Service in many cases. Much of the money we contribute comes back to us for mission trips and various other projects in which our church participates. Week of Compassion envelopes will be in the February 19th worship bulletin. A check written to WestWind Church with a " memo ", Week of Compassion, is also acceptable.

Please plan to give as you are able to Week of Compassion during this month of February. ***We are familiar with showing our love in February; let's also show our compassion as a part of the larger community of Christ.***

"The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference. The opposite of art is not ugliness, it's indifference. The opposite of faith is not heresy, it's indifference. And the opposite of life is not death, it's indifference."

—Elie Wiesel

CHILLI COOK-OFF!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 6:00

It's that time of year again to get out your pots and pans for the chilli cook-off and best of desserts.

Sign up sheets can be found at the entry of the church.



BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

February 5
2012





Painting Class!



Join us for an afternoon of painting after church on February 19th from approximately 1pm-2:30pm. Bring a sack lunch for yourself or a salad to share before we begin. Painting supplies are provided, all you have to bring is your creativity! We will have a few different painting examples for you to choose from and then three TCU art education students will assist you with step by step instruction of the painting to make sure you end up with your very own masterpiece! If you want to bring in your own image or photo that you want to re-create, that's great too!

Cost is \$10 per person and benefits TCU students who are raising money to attend a national art education conference in New York next month. ALL ages and ALL levels of painting skill are welcome! Invite your friends to join us! Reservations are still available if you call or email by Friday, 2/17/12 before supplies are purchased. Let Heather Shoop know if you have any questions: 817-602-3498 or h.e.shoop@tcu.edu



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We build homes and hope in partnership with God's people.

To Donate to the Disciples Build

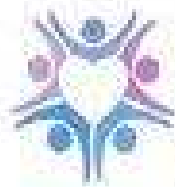
make checks to "Habitat" and mark "Disciples 2012"

Mail to: Trinity Habitat For Humanity,
3345 S. Jones St., Fort Worth, TX 76110

To join the Disciples Build

**please contact Rob Morris,
Ridglea Christian Church**

817-738-0612 - church
rob@ridgleachristian.org



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Haltem City, TX 76117

817.759.1506

Fax: 817.759.1508

January 29, 2012

Westwind Church
1300 Sarah Brooks Dr.
Keller, TX 76248

Dear Sir or Madam,

On behalf of N.E.E.D., I would like to thank you for your support. With the help of faithful supporters like you, N.E.E.D. is able to improve the lives of many families in our community with food, clothing, prescriptions, rent, and other assistance.

Total donation received for the period of Jan. 1, 2011 – Dec. 31, 2011: \$1,513.00

No goods or services were provided to you by N.E.E.D. in exchange for this donation.

For more information on how your donation is helping to make a difference in the lives of so many in our community, we invite you to sign up for our emailed quarterly newsletter. You will also receive information on our upcoming events for this year and volunteer opportunities. Please email editor@need-tarrant.com, if you are interested.

Thank you again, and we look forward to your continued support.

Sincerely,

Michelle Allen
Treasurer

The NEED Annual Meeting and Potluck Luncheon is March 8 at noon at St. Michael Catholic Church, 3713 Harwood Road, Bedford, TX 76021.

WESTWIND Youth Calendar

February 1 - CYF Mid-Winter Retreat forms due

February 3-5 Chi Rho Mid-Winter Retreat

February 11 – Trip to Grapevine Mills (Movie is possible)

February 24-26 CYF Mid-Winter Retreat

COMMUNITY GARDEN

The WestWind Church Community Garden, under the leadership of Master Gardener, Pat Wiszneaukas, will have a garden open house and workday on **Saturday, 2/18/12**. We will begin by 9:30 am and you are encouraged to help for an hour or two. Many hands make light work! We will be installing a garden sign in addition to building elevated garden beds for the physically challenged.

Renew your plot or rent a new one today! Forms are in the church foyer or on our website at www.westwind-church.org/Community_Garden.html Some plots are available to adopt so come and pick your spot! Give back to the community through weekly harvests which donate approximately half of the produce to the Keller Community Storehouse. Enjoy fellowship with nature and build friendships with experienced and inexperienced gardeners in our church and community. Appreciate what God has given us with the gifts of enjoying our beautiful property while nourishing the earth and growing a variety of healthy fruits and vegetables.

Approximately 20 members of the community, in addition to only five WestWind families, had garden plots in 2011. It is currently composed of raised beds – twelve 4'x16' (subdivided to 4'x8') and eight 4'x4' beds. Yearly plot charges are as follows: 4'x 4' \$20.00, 4'x 8' \$25, 4' x 12' \$30, 4'x 16' \$35 per year (Feb. 1st to Jan. 31st). The fee includes the bed and water. Mulch, compost and soil amendments will be provided as available. A rebate of \$10.00 will be given at the end of the growing season once your plot is cleaned up, or you may apply it toward your fee for the following year. Help to spread the word to your friends and neighbors! Join the garden team on February 18.





WestWind Church Community Garden

~ Plant Hope, Grow Faith ~

Gardening and Giving Back...for good health and strong communities.

Providing opportunities to learn, share, nurture earth and community, enrich lives.

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Church office: 817-428-6775
www.Westwind-Church.org/Community_Garden.html



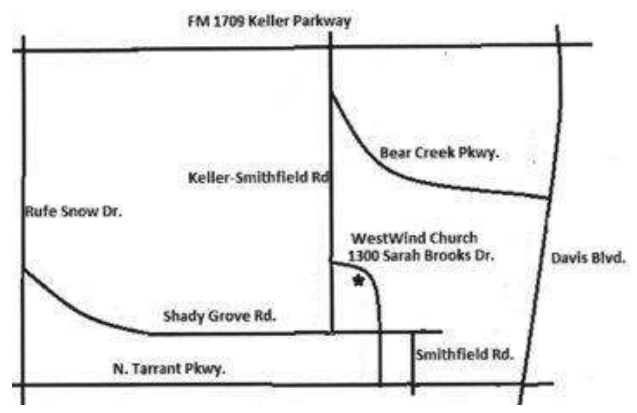
Square foot gardening techniques
Organic growing methods
50% of produce donated to needy
2011 – 570 lbs. to Keller Community Storehouse



- **Adopt-a-Plot** now available February 2012 – 1st come, 1st served. First workday 2/18/12. We are building beds more accessible to people with limited physical abilities. Future expansion planned.
- Planting beds and water provided; mulch, compost and soil amendments as available.
- Bring your own seeds and tools.
- Nominal yearly fee per plot: \$20 to \$35 depending on plot size. [4x4 - \$20, 4x8 - \$25, 4x12 - \$30, 4x16 - \$35. Rebate of \$10 to apply to following season, if plot cleaned at end of growing season.]
- All levels of gardening experience welcome!
- Calling all Neighbors, Seniors, Students, Scouts, Master Gardeners, Volunteers...
- Grow your own fruits and vegetables – Eat healthy – Save money
- Support others – Grow friendships We had 20 gardeners the first year, including 5 members of WestWind.



We are located adjacent to **Shady Grove Elementary School** at 1300 Sarah Brooks Drive, Keller, TX



WestWind Church Community Garden of Keller, Texas

Rules and Contract

By signing below, I agree to the following rules.

- 1) I understand that WestWind Church Community Garden of Keller, Texas is providing me with a garden plot from February 1st to January 31st. At the end of this time I will have an opportunity to renew if I have followed the rules below.
- 2) I will have something planted in the garden within 3 weeks of my contracting the garden plot. This applies to the last average freeze date of March 17th. I will keep it planted and clean all summer long, otherwise, I will forfeit my right to the plot.
- 3) If I must abandon my plot for any reason, I will notify the church office ph-817-428-6775, Pam Shoop ph-817-798-8470, Pat Wiszneauckas (Master Gardener) ph-817-898-0109 or Jim Buresh ph-817-846-9281. The plot will then be assigned to another participant or be tilled under.
- 4) If my plot becomes unkempt with weeds or trash, I understand I will be given a one-week written notice to clean it up. If it is not cleaned up, I will forfeit my right to the plot. I will pick my own crops unless given permission by another plot user to pick their crops. If I am for any reason unable to harvest produce, I will contact the church office ph-817-428-6775, Pam Shoop ph-817-798-8470, Pat Wiszneauckas ph-817-898-0109 or Jim Buresh ph-817-846-9281. I will give notice if someone else will pick my produce or if I need a committee member to pick it and if the committee may give it away.
- 5) I understand the garden promotes organic methods of gardening. I will not use fertilizers, insecticides, herbicides or weed repellents that will in any way affect other user's plots. If the need arises for use of questionable products, the committee will need to be contacted.
- 6) I will supervise children in the garden and will not let them disturb others' plots.
- 7) If pets are brought to the garden they must be on a leash and not allowed to disturb plots. Any droppings must be picked up and removed.
- 8) I will use my own garden tools.
- 9) I agree to be careful in my usage of water which will be available from the garden faucets. I will verify water faucet is turned off completely after using. I will put all hoses back after using and will be careful in dragging and placing hoses so others' plots and produce aren't damaged. (The use of mulch is highly recommended.)
- 10) Yearly plot charges are as follows: 4'x 4' \$20.00, 4'x 8' \$25, 4 x 12 \$30, 4'x 16' \$35 per year (Feb. 1st to Jan. 31st). A rebate of \$10.00 will be given at the end of the growing season once your plot is cleaned up or you may apply it toward your fee for the following season. This small fee will offset some of the expenses of the garden. (Please make checks payable to WestWind Church).
- 11) I understand that neither the garden group nor the owners of the land are responsible for any of my actions. I THEREFORE AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE GARDEN GROUP AND OWNERS OF THE LAND FOR ANY LIABILITY, DAMAGE, LOSS OR CLAIM THAT OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH USE OF THE GARDEN BY ME OR ANY OF MY GUESTS.
- 12) ANY DISPUTES CONCERNING THE GARDEN MUST BE WRITTEN UP, SIGNED, DATED AND SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE.
- 13) THE PURPOSE OF THE GARDEN IS TO HELP PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY IN NEED. IT IS OUR GOAL THAT ALL MEMBERS DONATE 50% OF THEIR CROPS FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Revised 2/13/2012

WestWind Church Community Garden of Keller, Texas – Contract

Print name _____ Plot number(s) _____

4x4 - \$20 _____ 4x12 - \$30 _____

4x8 - \$25 _____ 4x16 - \$35 _____

Plot Fee(s) _____
Less "Earned" Rebate _____
Total _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Address _____

Email _____

Landline phone: _____ Cell: _____

Others who have permission to work my garden:

_____ Phone # _____

Cell: _____

_____ Phone # _____

Cell: _____



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TBA Women's Spring Retreat

March 23-25 Athens, TX



Keynoter: Deborah Morgan Stokes **"Transforming Women's Ministries"**

Rev. Deborah Morgan Stokes is a native Dallasite who graduated from Bryan Adams High School in 1980. She attended TCU where she received her B.S. in Education, and spent three years teaching public school at L. G. Pinkston High School in West Dallas.

During her time as a teacher, Deborah's call to ministry intensified, and so, acknowledging Christ's invitation, she made her way to Vanderbilt Divinity School in Nashville, TN, where she completed her Masters of Divinity degree and was ordained in 1990 at her home congregation, Northway Christian Church.

First Christian Church of Waynesboro, TN, was Deborah's first call after seminary. She came to East Dallas Christian Church in 2006 after 14 years of ministry serving Saguaro Christian Church in Tucson, Arizona. Deborah loves her work with this historic congregation-in-transformation, and gives thanks for God's call that brought her home to the North Texas Area. Deborah is recently married to Don Stokes.

She feels this is proof that miracles still happen!!

Check-In

Upon arrival, Friday after 4:00 p.m., you may check in at the registration table which is set up in the Lodge. Please check in first to get your dorm assignment and your copy of *The Spark* before unpacking.

Fund Raisers

All DWP groups are encouraged to bring their fund raising items to sell during free time on Saturday afternoon in the Lodge or in the dorms.

What to Bring

Bible	Soap
Bed Linens	Toiletries
Change for Soda	Night Light
Earplugs	Flashlight
Coffee Mug	Snacks
Tissues	Group Games
Towels and Washcloth	Clothing
Sunday Offering	Light Jacket
Paper and Pencil	Walking Shoes

Registration Form

Make Checks Payable to: TBA DWM

Return this form with payment by February 18, 2012 to: Barbara Miller, P.O. Box 1923, Temple, TX 76782.
 Phone: 254-319-4983(cell), 254-773-0475(home) Email: bariller@mpibook.com

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ E-Mail: _____

Phone: _____ Church: _____ City: _____

Check each appropriate item below. If there is NO mark, we presume NO.

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|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> This is my first retreat. | <input type="checkbox"/> I require a lower bunk due to health/age | <input type="checkbox"/> I prefer a lower bunk |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday night (staying overnight). | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday night (staying overnight) | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday night dinner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday breakfast | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday lunch <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday dinner | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday breakfast |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Add me to the Retreat Directory! | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am diabetic or require a special diet (please explain) _____ | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I have other physical/medical limitations (please explain) _____ | | |

Turn over to continue registration for focus groups...

Name Tags

Show your spirit and bring your own unique name tag! The silver stick will be awarded at Sunday worship.

Service Projects

- 1. Donations of diapers and wipes for Inman Christian Center.
- 2. Love offering for the Riverside Disciples Center kitchen which is in need of updating.

Love Offering

There will be a love offering taken at our Sunday morning worship. It will be divided among the Disciples Mission Fund, Quadrennial Scholarships/Speakers and the remainder in DWF Fund.

The Spark

Please submit any ideas, information or advertisements for **The Spark** to Diane Weger by email to diane@disciplesmission.org or by phone to 817-727-1285 (home), 817-677-2430 (cell) - **Deadline: March 16, 2012**

Focus Group Descriptions:

Info Session on Inman Christian Center – Susan Rohde & Candace Sheppard – Susan and Candace transported the donated diapers and wipes from last fall's retreat to Inman and have pictures and a video to share documenting their trip, Inman history and the current work they do. See why Inman is a beacon of light to so many in the San Antonio area.

Up Close & Personal with Keynote – Deborah Morgan – This is your time to talk with Deborah about her ideas regarding transformation of not only our Women's Ministries but what it takes to transform our churches as well. She has much to share!

Prepared to Serve – Carol King & Sharon Canclini – Carol and Sharon are both nurses with a passion for helping people in the church and community to be healthy and prepared for all emergencies. They will share ways to prepare our families and our churches to be ready in times of crisis to meet the needs of the community.

Woman to Woman & the Congo – Beth Morris – Beth currently serves the TBA as the Interim Youth Minister, and also is wife to Robb Morris, minister at Ridgela Christian Church in Ft. Worth. She is eager to share her 3 week life changing trip to the Republic of Congo with the Disciples' Woman to Woman program.

Liturgical Dance – Jana Howell – If you love contemporary Christian music and you like to move with it, come meet with Jana and have her lead you to experience the music in a deeper way. Both workshop participants and audience alike will be inspired.



Registration Continued...

*Ladies: Pick one focus group from each session.
You can always change your mind when you get here!*

1st Session

- Info Session on Inman Christian Center – Susan Rohde & Candace Sheppard
- Up Close & Personal with Keynote – Deborah Morgan
- Prepared to Serve – Carol King & Sharon Canclini
- Woman to Woman & the Congo – Beth Morris

2nd Session

- Liturgical Dance – Jana Howell
- Info Session on Inman Christian Center – Susan Rohde & Candace Sheppard
- Prepared to Serve – Carol King & Sharon Canclini
- Woman to Woman & the Congo – Beth Morris

Registration Fees:

Full Weekend:	\$80
1 Night Only: (either night)	\$35
Saturday Only: (3 meals included)	\$25
Late Fee: (deadline Feb. 28)	\$10

Total Remittance:



DIRECTORY

Now that directories have been delivered, please look over your page and if there are corrections, please send them to LBen12844@aol.com so that I can make all of the corrections at once. ***Be sure and check telephone number, email address, birthdays and everything on your page.*** If there is something that needs to be added please send those to me also.

Linda Bennett

LEADERSHIP TEAM

The 2012 Leadership Team officers are:

- Moderator – Rikki Rice
- Treasurer – Rick Needles
- Secretary – Linda Bennett

WEEK OF COMPASSION

February 19-26

There will be offering boxes in the foyer February 19, for those who want to take one. Inserts and envelopes will be in the bulletin on February 26.

REMINDER - The deadline for **bulletin announcements** and **newsletter articles** is the Wednesday before publication dates. Please contact the church office via phone or email, WestWind6775@clear.net, with a detailed description of the event. Charlotte will post the event in the church Calendar.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Jim Bisch
- 8 Brittany Mikel
- 10 Kevin Bush
- 12 Ty Bennett
- 12 Carolyn Stubblefield
- 14 Deidre Bynum
- 14 Corey Uribe



February 2012 WestWind Schedule - **UPDATED**

Open Church for February - Gary & Pam Shoop

February 5	
Greet Before Worship	CUB SCOUTS & BOY SCOUTS
Prepare Communion	The Uribe family
Children's Time	BOY SCOUTS - Jeremy Bartlett
Children's Church	Cynthia Walker, Victoria Daniel
Read Scripture	BOY SCOUTS - Cody Shoop,
Communion Meditation	BOY SCOUTS - James Bartlett
Communion/Offering	BOY SCOUTS
Clean-up Communion	Ruth Middleton, Jeanne Rogers
Count Offering	Mike Bartlett, Linda Bennett
Clean Church for this Sunday	WestWind Youth
February 12	
Greet Before Worship	WestWind Youth
Prepare Communion	The Daniel family
Children's Time	Charles Allbright
Children's Church	Chris Wymore, Kaylee Uribe
Read Scripture	Victoria Daniel, Tom Uribe
Communion Meditation	Sherry Uribe
Communion/Offering	Linda & Allen Bennett, Jennie & Rikki Rice
Clean-up Communion	The Daniel family
Count Offering	Allen Bennett, Eric Wiszneaukas
Clean Church for this Sunday	Rick & Dawn Needles
February 19	
Greet Before Worship	Claire Allbright, Kaylee Uribe
Prepare Communion	The Bartlett family
Children's Time	Sherry Uribe
Children's Church	Melissa Dillon, Rebekah Stutheit
Read Scripture	Jeremy Bartlett, Gary Shoop
Communion Meditation	Rick Needles
Communion/Offering	WestWind Youth
Clean-up Communion	Jim & Vonette Buresh
Count Offering	Peggy Currie, Richard Daniel
Clean Church for this Sunday	Jennie & Rikki Rice
February 26	
Greet Before Worship	Jennie & Rikki Rice
Prepare Communion	Carole Murray, Dawn Needles
Children's Time	Katherine Daniel
Children's Church	FAMILY SUNDAY
Read Scripture	Lexie Uribe, Bob Murray
Communion Meditation	Victoria Daniel
Communion/Offering	Pam, Gary & Cody Shoop, Fred Elick
Clean-up Communion	The Uribe family
Count Offering	Mike Bartlett, Rikki Rice
Clean Church for this Sunday	Jim & Vonette Buresh

