

Word of Hope

MOUNT HOPE
United Methodist Church



Pastor McGill Writes. . .

Beginning a New Year!

Starting a new year is always exciting. People all over the world will welcome 2010 with magnificent fireworks and unforgettable celebrations. Some will just be glad that 2009 is over. But if you are like me, you are full of anticipation about the next 365 days, 8760 hours, 525,600 minutes and 31,536,000 seconds that will make this a truly Happy New Year!

So how do we make every second of 2010 count? How do we make sure that this new beginning will have a happy and successful ending? I have discovered a great starting point in Isaiah 46: 9-10 (NLT), "*And do not forget the things I have done throughout history. For I Am God—I alone! I Am God, and there is no one else like Me. Only I can tell you what is going to happen even before it happens. Everything I plan will come to pass, for I do whatever I wish.*"

There is no one else like our God! Throughout His Word, we can read many wonderful examples of His amazing power to protect, deliver, heal and provide for the needs of

His children. Actually, the Bible is a parade of miracles! Think of it—the Lord opened up a pathway through the Red Sea so that the Israelites could escape certain death at the hands of the Egyptian army. He also provided manna from Heaven to feed the multitudes as they wandered in the wilderness. This was no small undertaking! That generation knew by personal experience that there is no one else like our God!

We are reminded repeatedly in the scriptures that nothing shall be impossible with God. Do you remember the way that God responded to Sarah's doubt-filled laugh when she overheard His plan to send a son to her and Abraham in their old age? It is recorded for us in Genesis 18:14: *Is anything too hard for the Lord? I will return about this time next year, and Sarah will have a son.*" God knew what was going to happen even before it happened.

Reading God's Word is a sure way to strengthen your faith as you begin 2010 or whenever you face any impossible situation. That is exactly what the prophet Daniel did while searching for God's help for his nation.

"I, Daniel, learned from reading the word of the LORD, as revealed to Jeremiah the

prophet, that Jerusalem must lie desolate for seventy years.^[a] 3 So I turned to the LORD God and pleaded with him in prayer and fasting. I also wore rough burlap and sprinkled myself with ashes." Daniel 9: 2-3 (NLT)

While in captivity, Daniel found great inspiration from the prophetic words written by Jeremiah under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit: *"...you will be in Babylon for seventy years. But then I will come and do for you all the good things I have promised, and I will bring you home again. For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. In those days when you pray, I will listen. If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me. I will be found by you," says the LORD. "I will end your captivity and restore your fortunes. I will gather you out of the nations where I sent you and will bring you home again to your own land."* (Jeremiah 29: 10-14 NLT).

Like Daniel, and countless thousands of others, you can find great encouragement from the amazing promises of God found in

January 2010

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Special points of interest:

- ◆ **1st: Happy New Year!**
- ◆ **3rd: Epiphany Sunday, Communion; first day of the New Year to order Angel Food**
- ◆ **16-17th: YF Advisers retreat**
- ◆ **17th: Human Relations Sunday; baptism**
- ◆ **18th: Martin Luther King Day; office closed; week of prayer for Christian Unity begins**
- ◆ **24th: Confirmation parent meeting; YF Mid-Winter Madness**

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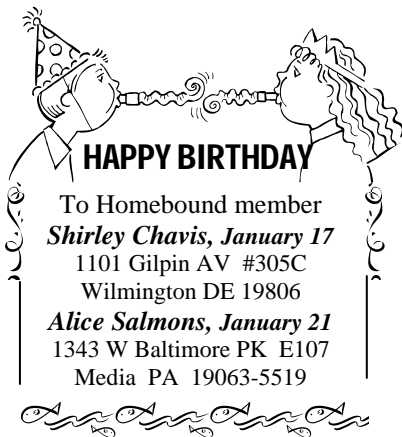
Samantha Hickey, December 13, daughter of Steve and Toni Hickey

Kerrigan MacElroy, December 13, daughter of Brian and Natalie MacElroy

Gavin Rennar, December 1, grandson of Bill Rennar

NEW MEMBER

Amanda Neary, November 29



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To Homebound member
Shirley Chavis, January 17
1101 Gilpin AV #305C
Wilmington DE 19806

Alice Salmons, January 21
1343 W Baltimore PK E107
Media PA 19063-5519

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Dear Mount Hope Church Family...

The pastors of Mount Hope Church want to thank you for your love and support. Your cards, prayers, phone calls and hospital visits during our times of special need were deeply appreciated. We have been truly blessed by you. Words cannot express

how grateful we are for your ministry to us.

Your generous Christmas gifts mean a great deal to us, especially during these difficult times. It is with gratitude that we receive your gift. May God bless it back to you. Your many cards, goodies, etc do not go unnoticed or unappreciated.

May God's blessings of peace and joy be upon your homes this Christmas season and may goodness and mercy follow you all the days of your lives.

Grace and Peace,

Pastors Tom, George and Phil

Looking Ahead

For Lent, I am encouraging you to purchase the paperback book, *Names of God,* by Nathan Stone. We will use this book as a study for the Lenten season. When you understand the Names of God, you gain insight into His character and understanding of the fulfillment of those names in Jesus Christ. Through His Names, God is revealing Himself intimately

so that His people will not be deceived. Rather, they will better understand the glory, majesty and power of God, and how He works in their behalf.

You can pick up the book at the Word bookstore at 3250 Concord Rd, Aston. Do it now. Lent will be here before you know it. The Lenten season begins on February 17th with Ash Wednes-

day worship.

Valentine's Day, February 14th, 2010, is on a Sunday this year. We are planning some special activities with a possible reaffirmation of wedding vows for those who would like to participate. Mark your calendar for Valentines Day, Sunday, February 14th.

Confirmation 2010

This year's Confirmation Class will begin with a parents meeting on Sunday January 24th at 9:30am. Classes will be-

gin Saturday January 30th in the lounge from 10am till noon. Graduation is Sunday March 21st at 11am. Any young person 13 years old or

older who is interested in this faith exploration is encouraged to attend. Please call the office or Pastor Phil to sign up, space is limited.

Mount Hope's Got Talent

Can you sing, play an instrument or dance? On Sunday February 7th at 6:30pm Mount Hope will be hosting an evening of music and talent for the entire family. The eve-

ning is open for people of all ages who wish to share with others the talents and gifts the Lord has given. All of those who wish to share in this fun family night are encouraged to make their reservations with

Pastor Phil and if you are requiring any instrumental accompaniment for your selection no later than January 24th 2010. The program will conclude with refreshments in Habbersett Hall.

Chili Bowl/Soup Challenge

Last year's winner of the Mount Hope Chili Bowl, Stephen Poor will be facing some *heated* competition this year as he seeks to defend his title. So if you have a recipe or think you have what it takes to compete in the Chili Bowl, please plan to at-

tend this year's event scheduled for Saturday February 28 at 6pm.

This year the contest will expand as we have learned that there are some mighty fine soup makers in our congregation who felt left out by limiting the competition to chili only. So this year

we will also be crowning a Mount Hope Souper Champion.

So please come as a family and invite your friends to this evening of friendly competition. You do not have to bring an entry to attend, but you do have to bring your taste buds.



Lighthouses

Not just a light for the nations,
not just being a light
The Light shining in the world,
in the darkness.
Lighthouses, beacons,
keeping all safe, away

from the shoals, the rocks, the hidden dangers
Dangers hidden in the fog, the clutter of daily life.
Leading those out on the seas safely to shore

To a sheltered harbor
Home in the arms of our Lord.

*...now are ye light in the Lord:
walk as children of the light...Ephesians 5:8*

Volunteer vs. Professional

If you look up the meaning of the word “volunteer”, it is a person who voluntarily undertakes or expresses a willingness to undertake a service. Often a volunteer is not paid for the work that they provide.

A “professional” is characterized by participating for gain or livelihood in an activity or field of endeavor often engaged in by amateurs. It is also described as following a line of conduct as though it were a profession.

During this Christmas season, I have taken the opportunity to attend several choral concerts. One was a group of young boys, 10 to 14 years of age. The other was a group of men whose ages ranged from the 50s through the 80s. Both of these groups sounded phenomenal! They knew the music, just happened to also have the words memorized, the words (vowel sounds) were uni-

form, their cut offs were exact, dynamics are wonderful - essentially they are well rehearsed and watched the director for the necessary cues.

Besides age, what was the difference in the groups – virtually NOTHING!!! They were people that have a desire to express themselves through music.

Many times I am reminded by the members of the different choirs that I’m involved with, that I’m working with volunteers, as if to say I’m not to expect as much from them. In my opinion, whether you are paid or not, the only difference between professional and volunteer is your heart and willingness to do what it takes to accomplish the task at hand. If your heart is in the right place, you will strive to learn and do your best.

The two groups I heard – the first was the Vienna’s Boys Choir, a renowned group of young boys who have a love for music at a very young age and know it is a great honor to be chosen for this

choir. The second group was the Bryn Mawr “Mainliners”, a group of older men who have probably sung in a choir somewhere their whole life and still have a love for music.

So which group do you consider the professional and which the volunteer and why? Isn’t it really just how dedicated and willing one is to learn a “profession”? A “volunteer” group can sound as good as a “professional” group. Besides, getting paid as a “professional” adds a lot of pressure.

Without minimizing the schooling, money spent and years of dedication of any musician, I just want you to think about the fact that, as my mother said to me growing up, you can accomplish anything you put your mind (and heart) to.

Our choirs are ALWAYS looking for new members. Won’t you give us a try? We are an equal opportunity employer. You will get your “pay” in heaven!

Sharon Kope

Red Cross Bloodmobile

The next Red Cross bloodmobile will be here at Mount Hope Church on Monday, February 1st, from 1:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Habbersett

Hall.

To schedule a time to donate blood, please contact Jeanna Imbesi at 610.497.0199, or jeanna59@comcast.net.

Include your name,

phone number and a time that is convenient for you to come in and give the gift of life.



Stationary Time

We are frequently thinking
That time’s running fast.
The present seems fleeting
And soon becomes past

But time is a measurement
Standing quite still.
It’s we who are moving...
Or stopped, by our will.
~Peggy Ferrell





Children's Center News

January Bible Verse:
"Jesus is the light of the world." John 8:12

A Happy and Christ-centered New Year from all of us at the Children's Center. All of our families were very magnanimous again this year. We collected many boxes and cans of non-perishable food, all of which went to our food pantry here at Mount Hope, and as usual our Hat and Mitten Tree was filled to capacity. It is wonderful to see the evidence of our families' knowledge of how important

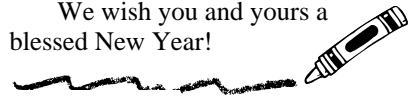
it is to teach their children the true meaning of the Christmas Season.

January seems quiet after all of the excitement of the Christmas Holiday. We begin evaluating the children to make sure that they are all on track for their age appropriate skill level. The children have reading contests that conclude with ice cream parties at the end of the month. They study polar animals and the colors of the month are black and white (think penguins!). Our 3-year old class will be having their pajama party this month. This month our Fruit of the Spirit is

"Kindness", our 2-year old class will host our chapel on Thursday, January 28th and Friday the 29th at approximately 9:30 AM.

We will begin our in-house registration for the 2010-2011 school year, registration forms go home with my newsletter at the beginning of this month. We really fill up early, so if you have an interest, please come and visit our program and our happy children! If you would like more information, please call 610-558-0442.

We wish you and yours a blessed New Year!



Sowing Blessings

If you want to make a difference In other people's lives,
Be thoughtful and considerate,
Be slow to criticize.
Be helpful when you're needed,
Let others know you care,
Be patient and forgiving

When hurts are hard to bear.
Do always unto others
As you'd have done to you,
For when you sow God's blessings,
You'll reap His harvest, too.
~ Vi Chevalier
A great way to make a differ-

ence and sow blessings is to volunteer for H.I.S. (Hearts In Service) Ministry, when our members go to homes in the community to lend a helping hand. Contact Debra DePrinzio to put hands and feet to your faith!

What's New In the Library

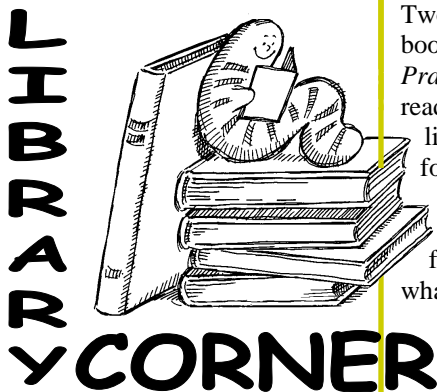
To start off the new year, I'd like to share my experience with a series I've just added to the library. Two years ago I picked up a book called, *The Yada Yada Prayer Group*, intending to read it before taking it to the library. It sat on my shelf for those two years because every time I looked at it, I decided it was too fluffy-sounding and not what I was interested in. Finally, one day this fall when I wasn't feeling well, I took it out, think-

ing that fluffy was all I was up for. I was quickly drawn into the lives of the women in the prayer group, and what they learned about prayer from each other. It was a real boost to my prayer life, and I'm hoping many of you will feel the same. One of the high points was finding out that "yada yada" means a great deal more than Seinfeld's "whatever." I ordered the entire series, and as I read each one, I continued to grow in understanding of how to

better live my faith. It is possible to read any of the books individually, but I strongly recommend reading them in order. The stories of the women and their families build on each other throughout the series. And you have to read the first one to find out what "yada yada" means!

Wishing you and your loved ones a wonderful New Year!

Lynn Ward
Library Coordinator





Beginning a New Year (from page 1)

His Word. In addition to the above scriptures, John 10:10 declares that Jesus came so that you would have and enjoy an abundant life right here on earth. You are so important to God that He actually had you on His mind before the foundations of the world (Matthew 25:34) and long before you were in your mother's womb (Jeremiah 1:5). Not only are you on His mind, Ephesians 3:20 tells us that He ... is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly, far over and above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams]" (AMP)

This may sound far-fetched to some people, but this is not an unattainable dream. I believe that the Word of God makes it very clear that the Lord desires to give sound wisdom to those who seek Him for direction in life. "For the Lord gives skillful and godly Wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding.

He hides away sound and godly Wisdom and stores it for the righteous [those who are upright and in right standing with

Him]; He is a shield to those who walk uprightly and in integrity,

That He may guard the paths of justice; yes, He preserves the way of His saints.^(A)

Then you will understand righteousness, justice, and fair dealing [in every area and relation]; yes, you will understand every good path.

For skillful and godly Wisdom shall enter into your heart, and knowledge shall be pleasant to you.

Discretion shall watch over you, understanding shall keep you..." (Proverbs 2: 6-11 AMP).

Notice the wonderful gifts God makes available to those who seek Him. I love to read Proverbs 2:7 in the Amplified Bible, "He hides away sound and godly Wisdom and stores it for the righteous (those who are upright and in right standing with Him) ... " God actually hides sound wisdom—common sense for you and it's never hidden from you! Think of it—God's wisdom is being held in storage for you and every person that will diligently seek Him. You can understand every good path!

Once you understand the value of God's Word, it becomes a delight to search for His wisdom when seeking direction for your life. James 1: 5-6 says, "If you need wisdom—if you want to know

what God wants you to do—ask Him, and He will gladly tell you. He will not resent your asking."

Especially now, as you begin a new year, take time to ask God about the good path He has already planned for your life. Isaiah 48: 17 says, "This is what the Lord says—your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel! 'I am the Lord your God, Who teaches you what is good for you and leads you along the paths you should follow.' "

Make 2010 a year of obeying God. Realize that He has already stored up wisdom so that you can profit in every area of your life. Follow His instruction in Proverbs 3: 21-23 (NIV) which says, "My son, preserve sound judgment and discernment, do not let them out of your sight; they will be life for you, an ornament to grace your neck.

Then you will go on your way in safety, and your foot will not stumble;..."

Strengthen your faith in 2010 by meditating daily on God's Word and trust Him to lead you in the way that you should go. When you do, remember to expect the next 365 days, 8760 hours, 525,600 minutes and 31,536,000 to be glorious.

Happy New Year,
Pastor McGill

Angel Food Ministries



Don't forget to order your Angel Food! Log onto their web site or stop by the church for January's menu and to order your meals.

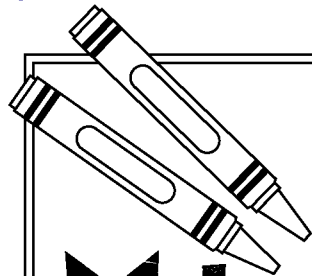
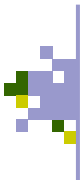
See the calendar on page 7 for the order dates.

The Blank Check (continued from the back page)

is waiting for the next word from God, He is waiting to hear the dream of His people. He longs for us to take our role, not because He needs us, but because He loves us.

This excerpt taken from "Dreaming With God," by Bill Johnson, Chapter 1, Pages 27-28, Destiny Image Publishers. Bill Johnson is the Senior Leader of Bethel

Church, Redding California. He has authored several books, including "When Heaven Invades Earth."



Just for KIDS

Make a joyful noise

People often gather with noisemakers to celebrate the promise of a new year. Be thankful and joyful for the many blessings in your life.

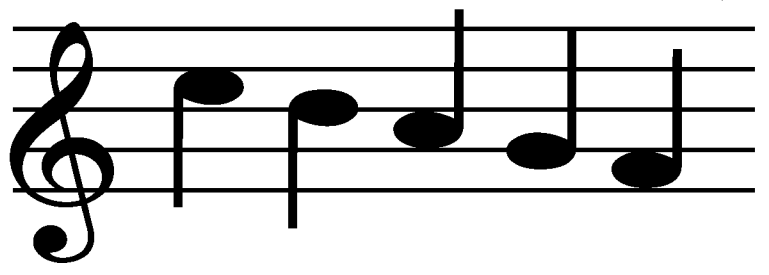
Using the musical note code, write the words of Psalm 100:2 (NIV) in the correct order below.

CODE: before come gladness him joyful LORD songs the with Worship

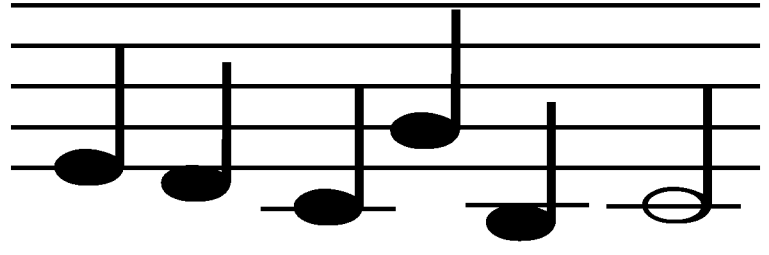


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Answer: Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

JINGLE BELL TAMBOURINE

To ring in 2010, make a joyful noise with this musical instrument.

What you need:

- 2 plastic plates
- Hole punch
- Pen
- Beads or beans (or other small items that will make noise when shaken)
- Tacky craft glue
- 6 pieces of ribbon (each about 5" long and 1/4" wide)
- 6 jingle bells
- Stickers
- Markers



What you do:

1. On the bottom of each plate, write, "Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth" (Psalm 100:1, NIV).
2. Punch six evenly spaced holes around the rim of one plate. Mark the holes with a pen and then punch six matching holes in the second plate.
3. Pour the beads or beans into one plate and then squeeze glue around the rim of that plate.
4. Place the other plate on top, aligning the holes. (Make sure the Bible verses are on the outside.) Let it dry.
5. Thread one ribbon through one hole and through one bell, and then tie the ribbon. Repeat five more times, once for each hole.
6. Decorate the instrument with stickers or markers.
7. Play your tambourine when you sing your favorite songs.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Every Sunday: 8:15 & 11:00 a.m. - Traditional worship 9:30 a.m. - Contemporary Worship 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages</p>					<p>1</p> <p>New Year's Day Office Closed</p> <p>MHCC Closed</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Communion Epiphany Sunday Blood Pressure Screening (HH) 9:00 AM Angel Food orders (HH) 9:15 AM - 10:45 a.m. Library open 10:30 AM Angel Food orders (HH)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>5:30 PM Angel Food orders (HH) 7:15 PM Ark BS (Owsley) 7:30 PM Selah Bible Study</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 7:00 PM Kelli Girls BS (6)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>1:00 PM Angel Food order (HH) 1:30 PM Education (L) 5:30 PM Angel Food orders (HH) 7:00 PM Trustees (L) 7:00 PM Bells of Hope (104)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:30 PM 930 Reh (S)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>4:00 PM WOH Dinner (Ofc)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>4:00 PM Co-Weds Party (HH)</p>
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<p>31</p> <p>9:15 AM - 10:45 a.m. Library open 6:30 PM KFC (FH) 6:30 PM YF SrHi (2,6)</p>	<p>Community Events: Sundays— 6:00 p.m. Cub Den 1 (101) 5:30 p.m. Webelos (103) Mondays— 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (FH) Tuesdays – 8:30 pm AA (FH) Thursdays – 6:00 pm AA (FH) 3rd Friday – 6:30 pm Pack 77 meetings (FH) Jan 23rd: Pack 77 Derby (FH)</p>					



"I Have a DREAM..."



"Ask, and you will receive that your joy may be full"

John 16:23-24

The Blank Check by Bill Johnson

As kids, many of us dreamed about being granted one wish. Solomon got the "one wish." When God appeared to Solomon and gave him that opportunity, it forever raised the bar of our expectations in prayer. The disciples were given the same "wish," only better. Instead of one blank check, they were given an unlimited supply of blank checks. And this gift was specifically granted in the context of their friendship with God.

Surrounding their promotion to friendship, Jesus gave His disciples this amazing list of promises. Each promise was a blank check they were to live by and use throughout their

lives for the expansion of the kingdom. They are as follows:

"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you." (John 15:7)

"You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you." (John 15:16)

"If you ask anything in My name, I will do it." (John 14:14)

"And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever

you ask the Father in My name He will give you. Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full." (John 16:23-24)

In order for us to properly receive what Jesus has offered us in these verses, any robotic understanding of what it means to be a follower of God has to change. God never intended that the believer be a puppet on a string. God actually makes Himself vulnerable to the desires of His people. In fact, it can be said, "if it matters to you, it matters to Him."

While much of the church

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THE MOUNT HOPE YF SCOOP

January 2010

Jr/Sr High Leaders:

Karl Babiak
Elaine Faulkner
Rob Lofthouse
Jim Powell
Lauren Plummer
Dan Vickers

KFC Leaders:

Chris Bergeman
Bill Faulkner
Donna Lofthouse
Dave Saville

Leader Assistants:

Joe Babiak
Katie Tomeo

Fuzzie/Muddy Leaders:

Lynne Bigas
Linda Schmitt
Karl Babiak
Dan Vickers
Rob Lofthouse

Technical/Soundboard:

Michele Thomas

Youth Director:

Cindy Babiak

What's in a Name?

Our names are very important to us. They define who we are. They are a personal description...a part of who we are.

In biblical times, names were very deeply connected to Who a Person was.

In the Bible, God is referred to by many names. Each name reveals a characteristic of God.

In Genesis, He is called "Elohim", which means "God".

In Malachai He is called "Adonai", which means "Lord".

In Genesis, He is called "El-Shaddai", which means "God Almighty", and also "El-Elyon", which means "The Most High God".

God refers to Himself as "I Am That I Am". He is called "Ancient of Days" and "The Beginning and the End", and "Yahweh". There are so many more wonderful names of God all throughout the Bible that tell us who He is and what He does for us.

I challenge you this month to get your Bible and check out all of the names of our Wonderful God.

Who are We?

Mount Hope Youth Fellowship is also looking for a name to help us define who we are and what we want to be. We will be having a name contest this month. The person who submits the winning name will receive a scholarship to the Spring retreat.

Some suggestions already submitted are:

BLAST: Being, Loving, And Serving Together

EPIC: Eager Pursuit In Christ

And CROSSCULTURE. Email your suggestion to

Mthopeyouthgroup@comcast.net. We will vote on our new name at the KickOff! Be creative!!!

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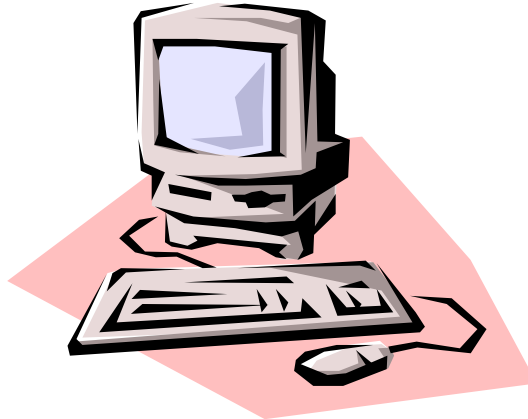
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BUSINESS NAME

Primary Business Address
Your Address Line 2
Your Address Line 3
Your Address Line 4

Phone: 555-555-5555
Fax: 555-555-5555
E-mail: someone@example.com

Your business tag line here.

We're on the Web!
example.microsoft.co
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BACK PAGE STORY HEADLINE

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing

of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.



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This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.



JANUARY 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
No YF 3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Sr. High Homeless Outreach 10	11	Fuzzie Slippers 12	13	Muddy Boots 14	15	16
No YF 17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Midwinter Madness 6:00pm 24	25	Fuzzy Slippers 26	27	Muddy Boots 28	29	30
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