



McPherson Free Methodist Church

*An intergenerational community of faith striving to
become by grace what God is by nature - in our
worship, our work, and our witness*

**December 25, 2011
Christmas Sunday
10:00 a.m.**

Gather for Worship

*Christmas Gloria—Choir
(Congregation join as directed)*

O Come, All Ye Faithful #145

Worship Through Giving

Joy to the World—Choir

Praise in Song

One Small Child #164

Once in Royal David's City #155

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day #152

Hear the Message

Rev. Deborah Somerville

"IF I Were Preaching..."

Isaiah 62:6-12; Psalm 97; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:1-20

*Welcome to the McPherson Free Methodist Church. We seek to be
a congregation that joins God's mission of sharing the gospel and
making disciples. As His disciples become more like Jesus
(2 Corinthians 3:17-18), the church thus acts as the body of
Christ, transforming the community and the world for the
kingdom of God. Whether you are a first-time guest or a regular
attende, please fill out the Friendship Folder when it is passed to
you. We value your comments, prayer requests, and updated
contact information.*

If you are unable to join us in person...

Every Sunday at 10:30 am, our worship service is
broadcast live on McPherson's KBBE 96.7 FM

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Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday

PRAISE AND PRAYER NOTES

• HEALTH CONCERNS

John Buehrle, Helen Louise Cheesman, Claudine Ferrell, Sue Hervey, Cleora Nelson, Jan and Danny O'Dell, Virginia Morraine, Wayne Pickerell, Dorothy Pounds, Chuck Schmidt, Joanne and Marion Wood

• PRAYER REQUESTS FROM OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Kevin Wilborn (Brandts' son-in-law), David Peach (Tammy Rose's father), Ken Martin (Dea Favara's Father), Richard Colbert (Elsie Dossett's brother-in-law)

• CONGRATULATIONS

This week, Kerrey and Karolyn Moore welcomed their first grandson (they have granddaughters). Dane and Candice (Moore) Meinen became parents of Luke Wesley Meinen on 12/20.

• GREAT PLAINS CONFERENCE

Superintendent Chuck and Annie Frankenfeld

• CENTRAL CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Pray for our students and families. Pray for travel protection. Pray the Lord continues His work and blesses CCC this winter.

• OUR MEN/WOMEN IN SERVICE

Cameron Blackford, Adam Ediger, David Esau, Brandon Hawkes, Nathan Reagan, Andy Rott, and Tyler Wiggins

• OUR GLOBAL WORKERS

Rachael Walker—China

FROM FREE METHODIST WORLD MISSIONS

Friday night, December 16, a flash flood hit the city of Cagayan de Oro (population 500,000) in Northern Mindanao, Philippines. Eight inches of rain came within 12 hours and released muddy waters that rose to more than five feet while people were sleeping. News reports indicate that nearly 1,000 people have lost their lives and many are missing. The Balulan FM church was hit hard, as well as many of the members of the community. Bishop Jim Tuan immediately went to the area and is assessing what needs to be done in relief for members and the community. The Bishop's Crisis Response Fund will be providing assistance.

Year-End Giving Report	
Annual Budget	\$512,315.00
Amount received to-date	\$494,722.47
Needed to reach 2011 budget	\$17,592.53
Amount Given in December	\$42,608.00

Year-End Giving/Office Hours: The church office is open this week Tuesday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.—Noon. If you have year-end gifts for inclusion in your 2011 contributions, note these limited holiday office hours. Thank you!

Our Staff
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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Day	Time	Event
Sunday, 12/25 <i>Merry Christmas!</i>	10:00 am	CHRISTMAS SUNDAY No Sunday School Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Monday, 12/26		Office Closed
Tuesday 12/27		Office open from 8:00 a.m.—12:00 Tues—Friday
Thursday, 12/29	8:00 am 9:00 am	Office open from 8:00 a.m.—noon this week TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) (RM 201) Play Date (Meet at Jan's—308 N. Elm)
Saturday, 12/31	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group (Dining Room)
Sunday, 1/1 <i>Happy New Year!</i>	9:15 am 10:30 am 6:00 pm	Sunday School (Various Rooms) Worship Service (Sanctuary) Evening Service @ Cedars (Cedars Courts, Floor 2)

A very special **THANK YOU** to Lenny Favara and Shane Dawson for their expertise in designing and building the backdrop on the platform. Because of their contributions of time and materials, we can more easily enter into The Christmas Story with soul, mind, and body.

[COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES]

- **Poinsettia Deliveries:** The poinsettias adorning the sanctuary need good homes, and your assistance is requested. Following morning worship, come to the front of the sanctuary and take a poinsettia, a protective wrap, and choose the card specific to various individuals or families who are homebound, who have lost a loved one this past year, or who are dealing with illness or recuperating from treatments of various kinds. Let's bless them in this way and let them know we haven't forgotten them.
- Information about the upcoming Women's Bible study—Beth Moore's *The Inheritance*—is available at the TWIGS table. The study will be **Thursday** nights from 6:30—8:30 beginning **January 5th**. Sign up sheets available.
- **Loaves and Fishes:** Our church is responsible for the Loaves and Fishes ministry in **January**. It is a wonderful opportunity for small groups, Sunday School classes, or just 6-8 people to volunteer and provide fellowship and food to approximately 40-50 people. The meals are served at the 4-H building on Sunday afternoons at 4:00pm. Please be in prayer for helping with this ministry. We need a group for **each** of the **5 Sundays**. Contact **Vaughan or Debbie Johnson**, (242-4227).
- **Membership Class** is an important and meaningful way to learn about the history of the church and is required to become a full member. **Classes begin 1/8** and will meet at **9:30** for five **Sunday Mornings**. Those who wish to learn more about the Free Methodist Church, including an overview of basic Christianity, are more than welcome to attend. Talk to Dallas (dburgeson@macfmc.org) if interested.

Outreach McPherson has bags of groceries available underneath the coat rack at the southwest entrance of the church, on Sunday mornings from before Sunday School and immediately following the worship service. Please take a bag if you or someone you know needs it.