



# Logos Update

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For weeks of Dec. 20 - Jan. 9

## Church Family Happenings

### Prayer Concerns:

- Howard West
- Kim Bannon
- John Scott (Jan Scott's husband; Dani Scott's father)
- Justin Brown
- Kris Wheatley's mother
- Ray Griswold

### Prayers for Comfort:

- Dan Hahn in the death of his son
- Pascha Medlin and family in the death of their aunt, Ginger

*I appreciate all the birthday cards I received. Thank you for your thoughtfulness. A special thanks to Judy and Elvin Rainer.  
-- Jess Shade*

**If you have an emergency and need to get a hold of a pastor after open church hours, please call  
Pastor Cindy, 217-2522, or  
Pastor Christopher, 516-4190.**

*Prayer consideration items submitted for print will generally be published twice unless direction is given otherwise.*

**West Heights keeps all persons serving in the military in our thoughts and prayers.**

## Logos

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## Our Purpose:

Changing lives by connecting hearts to Jesus Christ.

### Festival of Choirs

Festival of Choirs will be on December 20 during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Come celebrate with our children, youth, adult and bell choirs as we experience the story of Christmas in scripture and song.

### Crowson Family Christmas

On Sunday, December 20 in Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m. a musical ensemble with Dennis Hardin, Richard Crowson and friends, will be pickin' and grinin' to some of your favorite seasonal tunes. The concert is free but there will be free will offering.

### The Stan Kenton Christmas Brass

#### On KCTU TV

The Stan Kenton Christmas Brass, with commentators Rev. Cindy Watson and Rev. Sam Muyskens, will air on KCTU Channel 43 Monday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m. and again on Thursday, December 24 at 6:00 p.m. KCTU is a station that reaches the many who do not have access to Cox Cable, AT&T UVerse, or satellite dishes. To watch KCTU, you either use an antenna (rabbit ears are fine) and tune in to 43.1, or you tune in to KCTU.com over the internet. On the KCTU.com home page simply click on 43 Live Online 24/7. Each Monday evening Rev. Sam enjoys the call in comments by those who are watching "The River City Forum." Feel free to call, 316-267-8855, and share your Christmas Greetings with the listeners of the show. West Heights is honored that Rev. Sam Muyskens would select the WHUMC "Stan Kenton Christmas Brass" to be his Christmas Special for this year.

### Christmas Eve Services

- 5:30 p.m.** Family Friendly 45 Minute Candlelight Service, no communion. Combined Children's Choir, The Christmas Story *A Mysterious Star* by Joanne Marxhausen.
- 7:30 p.m.** Family Friendly Candlelight Service, with communion. Adult Chancel Choir, The Christmas Story *A Mysterious Star* by Joanne Marxhausen.
- 11:00 p.m.** Traditional Candlelight Service, with communion.  
Sermon: *ReThinking Christmas: A Holy and Sacred Night*

Nursery available 5:30 & 7:30 p.m.

All Christmas Eve Offerings will be divided evenly between three missions: United Methodist Open Door, United Methodist Grace Med and UMCOR.

### Christmas Day TV Broadcast

WHUMC's Family Friendly special Christmas presentation will be on Friday, December 25 from 12:05 to 12:35 a.m. on Channel 12 and again at 11:30 a.m. on Channel 5.

### Boxing Day Open House

Cindy and Andrew invite you to the Boxing Day Open House SATURDAY, December 26 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Their address is 1449 N. Fairview, Please bring a canned good or several for United Methodist Open Door.



We are finishing up Advent and our ReThink Advent sermon series. Christmas eve will soon be here and we will light the Christ Candle. "The light shines in the darkness and the darkness shall not overcome it." As a congregation we have been so generous to United Methodist Open Door (total at the end of November was 27,307 pounds of food, 271 sacks of hygiene products, 10 boxes plus 66 packages of diapers. The in-kind value of the food alone is estimated at \$27,307. This does not include all the coats and blankets for Operation Holiday, the bags and bags of clothes for the Klothes Kloset, the Campbell labels, the arts and crafts fair, Fall Fling and all the special offerings. I would note that is one top of regular Sunday offerings. There are many things I need to "rethink" in my life, but being pastor at West Heights is never one of those things. Your generosity and service and willingness to reach to those in need this last year has made a real difference in our congregation, in Wichita and indeed across the world. We are blessed, I am blessed and I look forward to 2010 being partners in ministry in the name of Christ. Merry Christmas to you and yours and may the Light of Christ shine in you and through always.

Graced to Serve,  
Cindy

On the Christian Journey.... with Pastor Christopher

By the time you read this another busy semester will have ended. I anticipate having done well again (depending, of course, on how these last papers turned out) and I am deeply appreciative of the support West Heights gives me as a student and pastor that makes this possible. I will again have the honor of preaching on December 27 and January 3 and we will celebrate Christmas! What's that - the world says Christmas was December 25 and it's *over* by then? We know better. Christmas officially lasts until Epiphany, and really, as a season that reminds us of the incarnation and of peace and joy given by Emmanuel, Christmas is essential year round. On December 27, we'll focus on a story that has often puzzled me, Jesus as a boy "lost" and then "found" in the temple. Did Mary and Joseph forget? Then on January 3, we will celebrate the world's new year with Epiphany, Communion, and how the two connect in our lives. Lastly, I will have the privilege of presenting to the New Journeys and Perspectives Adult Sunday School classes in January on some of the most powerful verses of scripture - the creation stories and songs of the Bible and how those then shape my own understanding of the incarnation celebrated at Christmas. I'm looking forward to it and would love to have others join us.

Help Wanted

We are looking for a childcare provider for the infant nursery on Sunday mornings. This is a paid, part-time position. Please contact Joey Bamberger, 640-4720 if interested. Must be 18 or older to apply.



Birthday Party

Ruth Breth (charter member) turns 80 on Christmas day. Her daughter is throwing her a party on December 27 after church. If you would like to attend call Rosalie at 620-562-3322.

New Address for Mehl Cruit  
Rev. Mehl Cruit, has been moved to a care facility in Clearwater.

His new address is:

*Clearwater Retirement Community  
Harbor House  
440 N. 4<sup>th</sup> St, Unite A  
Clearwater, KS 67026*

Mehl isn't accepting visitors but he would appreciate hearing from his fellow clergy and would love letters and cards!



Come join us, beginning January 10, as we begin a new sermon series "Does Faith Matter?" Over six weeks we will explore some of the deepest questions of our times posed to all believers. Can faith and doubt co-exist? Does religion encourage hate and violence? Does religion teach anything of value? Can one accept science and believe in God? Along with the sermon series, there will be a book study beginning Wednesday, January 13 at 6:15 p.m. on the book *Why Faith Matters* by David Wolpe. If you would like to purchase a book, please contact the church office by December 31. Or you can purchase your own.

HAVE YOU HEARD THE GOOD NEWS?

- Thank you to Anne Barber for the beautiful poinsettias she has provided for our church.
- Thank you to Claudia Vickery, Sarah Stolz, Vera Kinceloe, Jeannette Livingston, June Dirks, Cindy Watson, Cindy Carr, Andrew Stover and Janelle Welch for preparing and serving the
  - November meal for the Open Door Drop-in-Center.
- Thanks to Kris Meckenstock and Leslie Wyckoff for having the Christmas Greens and to Marita Barrett for providing the blue and white bows and for the advent arrangement in the Sanctuary foyer. -- Patricia Beckham


Reporter Good News,  
Katie (722-3805, [kallender@westheightsumc.org](mailto:kallender@westheightsumc.org))

### Youth White Elephant Party

Sunday, December 20, 5:30-7:30 p.m.


A themed \$3 common meal will start the evening off. (Just a reminder, all common meals are \$3.) A white elephant gift exchange is a holiday party game. The white elephant party can result in vicious rivalries between players trying to get sought after gifts. The goal of a white elephant party is usually entertainment rather than gain. Gifts are typically inexpensive, humorous items, or used items from home; the term white elephant refers to a gift whose maintenance cost exceeds its usefulness.





**Office Closings**  
The office will be closed December 24 and 25. We will be open until noon on December 31 and closed January 1.

**Youth Seek & Solve Late Night Event**  
Wednesday, December 30, 7-11 p.m.  
Seek & Solve will cost \$2 and replace More than a Movie and will consist of a devotional and large group adventure games like Under Ground Church.



**Youth New Years Pre-Eve Lock-in**  
Sunday, December 27, 9 p.m. – 7 a.m.  
This lock-in is themed "Celebrity." The lesson, "California Dreamin'" will cover "Excess" in our lives. We'll play a new large group game called Paparazzi; there will be a V.I.P. hunt, fine dining, and filming our "Cribs." You may bring one friend. Cost \$10 each.

**Pre-Eve Family Event**  
Wednesday, December 30, 6 p.m.-9 p.m.

Please join us for a fun-filled evening of games. We'll have The Rock Zone open and enjoy some great fellowship. Bring a snack to share and drinks will be provided.

### Year-end Contributions Reminder

Any money received by church (in the offering plate or otherwise) after December 31, 2009, must be reported as 2010 giving for tax purposes. This is true even if the check is dated 2009. The only exception is for checks that are received in the mail and have a 2009 postmark on them.


**First 2010 Worship Caravan Retreat**  
Saturday, January 9, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Our 1st 2010 Worship Caravan Retreat will kick off our 25th annual Caravan. We are headed to Los Angeles to provide Sunday services to Rev. Carry Fincher. Rev. Fincher helped start Worship Caravan in 1985. The retreat is at Woodland UMC, 1100 W. 15th. Please bring: Sack Lunch, \$5, creative ideas, and a snack to share. We'll be developing our theme and brainstorming other aspects of worship.

**SKI TRIP**  
January 15-18


We still have 11 seats on the ski trip. The ski trip cost for youth is \$310\* and includes nearly everything. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is required any time before the end of the year to be "officially" reserve a spot on the trip. A second payment to bring your total balance paid to \$100 is also due before the end of the year. Your remaining balance of \$210 will be collected before you get on the bus January 15. (Make all checks payable to West Height UMC.) Plan on at least six other meals averaging \$7 each = \$42. We'll return January 18 after 8 p.m. A required pre ski meeting is January 3, 7-8 p.m.

\*Adults \$390, child \$290, lessons extra, all Costs are subject to change and a "Post Trip Flex Fee." This fee covers any trip expenses not collected before the trip, due to but not limited to, price changes and empty seats. It will not be more than \$50 per person if needed.



**Advent Tree 2009**

Any gift is welcomed and each time \$300 is accumulated, an ornament is placed on the Advent Tree in the Sanctuary. Your gift will help West Heights finish 2009 on a strong financial note. This year, 25% of the Advent Tree giving will go directly to our Mission and Ministry apportionments!



**A Word of Thanks**

Everything is going splendidly here at Ft. Hays. Yesterday I received a finals week care package from the church. How thoughtful. It contained all sorts of goodies including popcorn, cocoa mix, some Advil, gum, candy and crackers. I suspected Grandma had a hand in telling my address. Thank you West Heights.

--Gavin McCafferty

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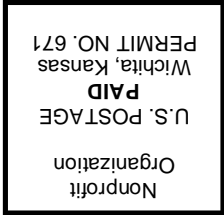
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**NEXT LOGOS ARTICLES DUE**

**Wednesday, December 30 BY Noon!**  
(For December 20 - January 9, 2009)



## Calendar of Coming Events

December 20 - January 9

### Sunday, December 20

8:15 AM Worship w/  
Communion  
9:15 AM Sunday School Classes  
10:30 AM Festival of Choirs  
1:30 PM Basketball Practice  
3:00 PM Funball - Epp  
5:30 PM Youth White Elephant  
6:00 PM Crowson Christmas  
7:30 PM Funball - Davison

### Monday, December 21

9:30 AM Staff Meeting  
5:30 PM Funball  
6:00 PM Finance Committee  
6:30 PM Cub Scouts  
6:30 PM Men's Quartet  
7:00 PM Boy Scouts  
7:00 PM Funball  
7:15 PM Ensemble Practice

### Tuesday, December 22

8:00 AM TOPS  
7:00 PM Worship Planning  
Wednesday, December 23  
7:15 PM Adult Choir

### Thursday, December 24

Office Closed  
Friday, December 25  
Office Closed

### Saturday, December 26

### Sunday, December 27

8:15 AM Worship w/  
Communion  
9:15 AM Sunday School Classes  
10:30 AM Worship w/ Children's  
Time

11:30 AM Ruth Breth's Birthday  
Party

9:00 PM Youth New Years Pre-Eve

Lock-In

### Monday, December 28

9:30 AM Staff Meeting  
7:00 PM Funball  
7:15 Ensemble Practice

### Tuesday, December 29

8:00 AM TOPS  
6:00 PM Funball - Wilson  
7:00 PM Funball - Hawks  
7:00 PM Worship Planning

### Wednesday, December 30

7:00 PM Youth More Than a Movie

### Thursday, December 31

Office Closed at Noon  
7:00 PM Gambler's Anonymous

### Friday, January 1

Office Closed  
Saturday, January 2

### Sunday, January 3

8:15 AM Worship w/  
Communion  
9:15 AM Sunday School Classes  
10:30 AM Worship w/ Children's  
Time

1:30 PM Basketball Practice

3:00 PM Funball - Epp

5:00 PM Boy Scouts Committee

6:00 PM Funball - Wilson

7:30 PM Funball - Davison

### Monday, January 4

9:30 AM Staff Meeting

6:00 PM Funball - Lambert

6:30 PM Cub Scouts

7:00 PM Boy Scouts

7:00 PM Funball

7:15 PM Ensemble Practice

### Tuesday, January 5

8:00 AM Tops

9:30 AM Shepherd's Center Program  
Committee

6:00 PM Funball - Wislon

7:00 PM Funball - Hawks

7:00 PM Worship Planning

### Wednesday, January 6

11:30 AM Preschool Staff

5:15 PM Wednesday Night Supper

6:00 PM Youth Chat

6:15 PM The Rock

6:15 PM Gospel of Mark

7:15 PM Adult Choir

### Thursday, January 7

6:00 PM Funball - Avery

6:30 PM Disciple Bible Study

7:00 PM Gambler's Anonymous

### Friday, January 8

### Saturday, January 9

SCA Crown Tournament



### Check the Website

Make sure to check the West Heights website at  
[www.westheightsumc.org](http://www.westheightsumc.org) for complete and up-to-date  
calendar information.

*Don't forget to load Dillons cards!  
5% for WHUMC!*