



# Avondale Ambassador

Early Worship 8:30 a.m.    Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.    Holy Communion 9:19 a.m.

JANUARY 23, 2012

## Our Staff

- Rev. Gary Ponder Williams**  
Senior Pastor
- Judy Everley**  
Visitation Minister
- Mark Keeney**  
Program and Bell Choir Director
- Pat Hart**  
Christ is Counting on You Ministries
- Mark Whitaker**  
Youth and Young Adult Director
- Kevin Hershberger**  
Choir Director
- Linda Prewitt**  
Organist
- Sandra Smith**  
Secretary
- Amanda Goodfellow**  
Nursery Attendant
- Michelle Murray**  
Nursery Attendant

## Pastor's Ponderings

### "GREAT GRATITUDE FOR AMANDA GOODFELLOW"

What a blessing it has been to have Amanda Goodfellow serve as one of our Nursery Attendants here at Avondale United Methodist Church during the last couple of years!

Amanda has asked that we find a replacement for her so that she will be able to be involved in worship and other parts of the church.

Thank you, Amanda, for all the wonderful ways you care for the children and encourage their involvement in the life of Avondale United Methodist Church.

Applications are being accepted for a nursery attendant position. We are grateful that Michelle Murray continues to serve as nursery attendant.

Application forms and a complete job description can be picked up at the office of Avondale UMC from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, or requested with an email to: [pastorgary@kc.rr.com](mailto:pastorgary@kc.rr.com)

Applications will be received until 4 p.m. on February 7, 2012. Beginning compensation will be \$10 per hour.

Some of the requirements include:

1. Availability to work 3 to 4 hours Sunday mornings from 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., with the opportunity for additional hours at other church events.
2. Agree to an in-depth background check. The cost for this screening will be provided by the church.
3. Complete Avondale UMC's Local Safe Sanctuary Training.
4. Preference will be given to applicants who are over 21 years of age. Those over 18 years of age will be considered.
5. Nursery workers should not have child care responsibilities of their own during paid hours.
6. Nursery workers are required to be CPR certified within three months of employment. Defibrillator Training will also be required. The church will pay for this training.
7. Must be a non-smoker.

### "LOOKING TOWARD LENT"

Providing safe water for Haiti will be explained during the Ash Wednesday Worship at 7 p.m. on February 22 in the Sanctuary. Child care will be provided. At the conclusion all will be invited to receive the Sign of the Cross on our foreheads or the back of one of our hands, made with the ashes of palm branches.

Jeffrey Baker from the Office of Creative Ministries will be our guest speaker. He has been to Haiti several times doing the groundwork for Volunteers In Mission teams that are installing water filters. These filters are capable of producing five gallons of 99% clean drinking water in about 20 minutes. Each filter lasts about 10 years.

Our theme will be *"Beatles for Lent"* during the Sundays between Ash Wednesday and Easter. We will reflect upon how some of the songs of the *"Beatles"* can connect with certain passages of scripture and teachings of the faith.

*"With A Little Help From My Friends,"*

Pastor Gary

**THE NEXT  
NEWSLETTER  
WILL BE  
FEB. 6  
10 a.m. Deadline**



**SAVE THIS DATE:  
February 25  
Ham and Bean  
Dinner  
and Silent Auction**



## Being Faithful

January 15, 2012

### Our Presence

8:30 a.m. Worship Attendance.....	33
10:50 a.m. Worship Attendance .....	77
Candles & Coffee Worship.....	12
Sunday School .....	85
Needed This Week.....	\$6,641.88
Received This Week .....	\$4,211.00

### Other Receipts

Capital Improvement .....	\$735.00
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January 22, 2012

### Our Presence

8:30 a.m. Worship Attendance.....	26
10:50 a.m. Worship Attendance .....	87
Sunday School .....	71
Needed This Week.....	\$6,641.88
Received This Week .....	\$3,176.00

### Other Receipts

Capital Improvement .....	\$235.00
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### GENERAL BUDGET

Needed Through Jan. 8, 2012 .....	\$13,283.76
Received Through Jan. 8, 2012.....	\$15,843.12
2012 Budget.....	\$345,378.00

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**AED Training**  
**Sunday February 12**  
**12:30 to 2:30 p.m. AED/**  
**CPR training.**

**\$35 a person for training course**

**Lunch at Noon (donations)**

Call office to let us know who is coming

## Thank You

Thanks to all my church family for the prayers and cards during my recent illness. A special thanks to Pastor Gary and Judy Everley for their visits and calls, and also to Judy Frame and Valerie Goodman for the great meals. It is so good to be a part of such a caring church.  
*Dorothy Joiner*

Thanks to Jason Wimberley for taking down and helping put away the decorations from the Christmas Candlelight Dinner. His help was greatly appreciated.

*Pat Hart*

To The Avondale UMC Congregation,

Thank you for all your generous donations to the Northland Assistance Center. Thanks to in-kind donations we provided Northland children with over 100 backpacks filled with school supplies, provided 80 families with food for the holidays, and although we only spent \$3,200 on food, we provided over \$65,000 in food and goods to our Northland neighbors. In total we provided over \$187,000 in services to over 2,800 clients in the year 2011. We look forward to your continued support. On behalf of our clients and the Northland Assistance Center staff and board we say thank you for your support.

*Rita D. Pearce, Executive Director,  
 Northland Assistance Center*

Dear Friends,

On behalf of myself and my family, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for the many expressions of support and caring related to our Mother's passing. The warm comforting meals, the many kind words of support, hugs, cards, memorials and calls have been very helpful to all of us as we adjust to our Mother's absence, reminding us that her spirit and love lives on through us.

I feel so very blessed to be part of such a compassionate and caring church family. Thank you!

*Kim, Warren and Gordon Heft  
 Kathy Gaskill*

### Honor Flight Presentation

Please join Bob Garrett and Scott Sheridan in the sanctuary on Feb 19th at 9:45 a.m. as they give a presentation about the Honor Flight of Kansas City organization and their trip with the WWII vets to Washington DC. All are invited!!! Hope to see you there!

### Memorials

A contribution has been given in memory of **Lucille Heft** by Jim and Martha Moore.

A contribution has been given in memory of **Jim Steenstry** by Norman and Dorothy Weiss.

## Avondale UMC Calendar

### Wednesday, January 25

6 p.m. Bell Choir, Practice Room  
7 p.m. Cathedral Choir, Practice Room

### Sunday, January 29

8:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary  
9:19 a.m. Weekly Holy Communion in Sanctuary  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
10:50 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary  
Noon Youth Soup Fundraiser in Wesley Hall  
5 p.m. Worship Work Area, Contemporary Life Room  
6:30 p.m. Bible Class in Contemporary Life Room

### Monday, January 30

1:30 p.m. Bible Class in Contemporary Life Room  
6:30 p.m. Cub Pack Pinewood Derby in Wesley Hall  
6:30 p.m. Scouts in Wesley Hall and Education Wing

### Tuesday, January 31

6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Brownies in Education Wing  
7 p.m. Cooley Highlands Neighborhood  
in Contemporary Life Room

### Wednesday, February 1

5 p.m. Staff meeting in Wesley Hall  
6 p.m. Bell Choir in Practice Room  
7 p.m. Cathedral Choir in Practice Room

### Thursday, February 2

1 p.m. Threads of Love in Chapel  
7 p.m. Girl Scouts leaders in Contemporary Life Room

### Saturday, February 4

12 to 2 p.m. Youth "Soup-er Bowl" canned food drive  
at Festival Foods, for Avondale UMC Food Pantry

### Sunday, February 5

Youth "Soup-er Bowl" canned food drive before and  
after both services, for Avondale UMC Food Pantry  
8:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary  
9:19 a.m. Weekly Holy Communion in Sanctuary  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
10:50 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary  
6:30 p.m. Bible Class in Contemporary Life Room

### Monday, February 6

10 .m. Newsletter items due  
1:30 p.m. Bible Class in Contemporary Life Room  
6:30 p.m. Scouts and Cub Pack in Wesley Hall and  
Education Wing

### Tuesday, February 7

1 p.m. Susanna Guild at Hometown Buffet  
6:30 p.m. Girl Scout Brownies in Education Wing

### Wednesday, February 8

6 p.m. Bell Choir in Practice Room  
7 p.m. Cathedral Choir in Practice Room

## Repairs at the Thrift Shop

Maintenance issues with our Avondale United Methodist Church's Thrift Shop got the attention of several individuals and groups in our congregation and community. Problems at the shop included issues with electricity, plumbing, the hot water heater, and a leaking roof! Thanks to the electrical expertise of Clint Edmonson, the generosity of Nancy and Russ Mehl, and the Contemporary Life Sunday School Class, the support of the Board of Trustees chaired by Bob Everley, as well as the leadership of the Finance Committee chaired by Russ Mehl, all of these Thrift Shop problems have been solved. Rod Acord of Acord Roofing Company fixed the leaking roof and charged only for the materials involved. Rod donated his own time and the wages of his crew. Rod is not a member of our church but donated the labor costs because he "...saw the good that the Shop does for the Community."

*Anita Gorman*

## Cans 4 Cows News

I have found a newer truck to replace the little red truck. It's a 1994 green extended cab Ford Ranger, with better looking paint, far fewer miles, more room for the grandkids, a better radio and no rust spots. Even though it is green it should work to carry cans and other metals to the scrap yard.

I hope to have it ready to park in the northwest corner of the church parking lot next Sunday. So if you see the green truck instead of the red truck, go ahead and toss the cans in it.

Oh yes, the little red truck will be for sale as soon as the newer green truck is licensed. Let me know if someone might be interested in a truck with a little over 235,000 miles on the odometer.

It may take awhile to get used to a green truck, but let's keep recycling to help Heifer International fight hunger and poverty.

Thanks for your help.  
Bill Conaway  
816-454-4192

**Current calendar information is always available at [www.avondalemethodist.org](http://www.avondalemethodist.org)**

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**Holy Communion 9:19 a.m.**  
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**Email: avondaleumc@gmail.com**  
**Website: www.avondalemethodist.org**

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## **SAVE THESE DATE**

**Vacation Bible School will be  
June 24 through 28, 2012**

### **Jeff Baker To Speak February 22nd** **Unsafe Water Affects Millions.**

Unsafe water affects more people worldwide than AIDS and cancer combined. At least 3.575 million people worldwide die each year from drinking unsafe water. So many diseases are tragically taking lives around the world every day, but this is one epidemic that can be solved.

Jeff Baker will speak about the HydraAid Biosand Water Filter for Haiti at Avondale UMC's Ash Wednesday Worship on February 22 at 7 p.m. Jeff is from the Office of Creative Ministries.

### **Youth News**

Avondale UMC was represented by 11 youth and 5 adults @ WOW 2012 over the weekend. On Sunday, find someone in a light blue t-shirt and ask them about it.

- Youth "Soup" Fundraiser Lunch Jan. 29 at noon with 10% of proceeds to BackSnack;
- Food Drive at Festival Foods Feb. 4, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. and at AUMC Feb. 5 (before/after both services) for Avondale UMC Food Pantry

### **Church Camp**

Need something warm to think about? Think about camping, swimming, hiking, games and activities in the great outdoors.

February 1 is the first day of Church Camp registration. Early registration ensures you can go the camp of your choice. Some camp sessions fill up quick.

**Step 1** Go to [mocamps.org](http://mocamps.org) to look at all the camps that are available for your age group.

**Step 2** Get a church voucher code (worth 80% cost of camp) from Mark Keeney or your Sunday School teacher.

**Step 3** After February 1st go to [mocamps.org](http://mocamps.org) to register using your church voucher code.

**Step 4** Return voucher code form to Mark Keeney. This lets us know what the church needs to pay.