



South Nissouri Presbyterian Church Newsletter

Upcoming Events

December 2014

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January 2015

January 11th
Mission Soup Lunch

January 21st
Annual Meeting

May your heart and home
be filled with the
true spirit of Christmas
- JESUS!



“And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.”

Luke(2:12)

The True Meaning of Christmas

In today's day and time,
it's easy to lose sight,
of the true meaning of Christmas
and one special night.

When we go shopping,
We say "How much will it cost?"
Then the true meaning of Christmas,
Somehow becomes lost.

Amidst the tinsel, glitter
And ribbons of gold,
We forget about the child,
born on a night so cold.

The children look for Santa
In his big, red sleigh
Never thinking of the baby
Whose bed was made of hay.

In reality when we look into the night sky,
We don't see a sleigh
But a star, burning bright and high.

A faithful reminder,
Of that night so long ago,
And of the child we call Jesus,
Whose love, the world would know.

Brian K Walters

Mission Committee Christmas Project



This year the mission committee will be donating to "Sleeping Children Around the World" as our Christmas project. *Sleeping Children Around the World (SCAW) donations provide bedkits to children of any race and/or religion who will benefit the most; typically being located in underdeveloped and developing countries. 100% for donations reaches a needy child.* If you would like to include private donations, please make your cheque out to: "Sleeping Children Around the World" or "SCAW" and forward to Craig. A \$35.00 donation will purchase a bedkit for one child. An individual tax receipt will be issued to each donating member. For more information regarding SCAW visit their website at <http://www.scaw.org/>.

The committee also decided where the rest of the money raised over the year will be going. We thought it appropriate with the increased number of displaced people due to war and violence around the world this year that refugee support would be appropriate. Through Presbyterian World Service and Development, the development and relief agency of the PCC, we will be giving to the van Mossel Refugee Support Fund that provides emergency support for people who have been displaced due to conflict or disaster. The last few years we've given to Boarding Homes Ministries, a mission that builds community with people with mental illness that is close to Heather's heart. This is based in Toronto and is a ministry of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.



We are also looking into supporting people with leprosy in low income countries.



We will continue to support the local Canadian Foodgrains Bank effort with other churches in the area. It is a blessing to be able to share what God has given us in ways that help build compassion and justice around the world in these ways.

On Sunday January 11th after worship we will dine on a delicious soup lunch and hear more about the year's mission projects. Freewill donations will be accepted to go towards the mission fund (and to make up for not doing the bake sale this year). Bring your friends!