



# FISHERMEN'S NEWS

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"Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."  
I Thessalonians 5:18

Dear Members and Friends,

Included in this issue is a compilation of recent thank you notes received from various agencies and projects supported by our **Board of Deacons**; many such notes are received throughout the course of the year but have not been included in Fishermen's News. On a related note, you may have noticed appearing in the pews are the **Holiday Food Drive Envelopes**. The annual Holiday Basket ministry (*food baskets distributed to the needy at Thanksgiving and Christmas*) is one of the relatively unsung but hugely well-received programs of our church. Your financial contributions will help purchase Thanksgiving and Christmas food/gift baskets for the needy in our area. The Deacons distributed eighty baskets last year, but will need your support to continue doing so! Thank you for your consideration.

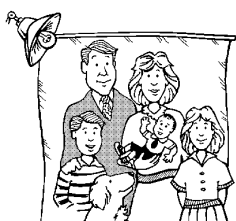


Speaking of donations, you may have noticed the recent Associated Press article in the *Providence Journal* citing research by the Chronicle of Philanthropy that showed donations to the nation's 400 biggest charities dropped by 11 percent overall last year ... the worst decline in the twenty years the Chronicle has been keeping this tally (*"Charity Groups See Big Decline in Donations," AP, Oct. 18, 2010*). This economic recession has also adversely affected several in our community and in our congregation; the double whammy from the record floods in our state last spring took quite a toll on some of you as well. **Thank you** for your continued faithfulness in supporting your church through the difficulties of your circumstances. The September 2010 treasurer's report records overall YTD income is \$4,171 less than last year at the same point in time, an approximately 1.8% decline; however, that figure does *not* include special gifts, including \$16,600 given this year to date to the Capital Campaign. Although we do have some concerns and needs (*please see Stewardship Committee's article within*), overall donations to date have kept pace (*and then some!*) with 2009 levels; according to the Chronicle of Philanthropy, you are faithfully bucking a national trend!

Stephen L. Clark, Pastor



Scenes from Christian Education Sunday, October 17, 2010



## Member Care Committee Presents HOLIDAY FAMILY OR INDIVIDUAL PORTRAITS

November 21, 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Just in time for your Christmas card list, holiday portraits are once again being offered by church member and professional photographer Rachael Czepyha (*who also took the pictures on this page*). Rachael has offered this twice before, and many of you took advantage of her excellent (*and convenient!*) services; my family portrait from Easter 2006 is still on display in my office! The photographer's "studio" will be in the church parlor; portrait sittings will be on a first come, first served basis after the 9:00 service and continuing through the pot luck luncheon. Donations will go to the Capital Campaign and/or the Church Enrichment Fund.