

Skyland United Methodist Church
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**Making Disciples
 of All Nations**

CHURCH STAFF

John Freeland, Pastor

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| 12/1 Harold & Virginia Burrell | 12/15 John Freeland |
| 12/6 Tim Flanagan | Diane Smith |
| 12/7 Daniel Walsh | 12/19 Susan Salosky |
| 12/8 Eleanor Flanagan | 12/20 Isabel de la Cruz |
| 12/9 Blake Borg | Max de la Cruz |
| 12/11 Martha Pirkle | 12/21 Martyne Gilleland |
| Leslie Pirkle | 12/25 John & Esther Stroud |
| 12/14 Salvador Mendoza | 12/30 Mary Lou Dennison |
| | John Holt |

PRAYER REQUESTS: Martyne Gilleland, Carolyn Mull, Helen Buffington Faye Freeland, Lois Ellis, Dave & Evelyn Smith, Margaret Barnwell, Velma Jackson, Rhoda Hall, Pam Johnston, Sgt. Benjamin Stewart, Jinnifer Hoyla Shirley Bryant, Jan Boehn, Jeenece O'Donald, Chris Barber, Kay Whaley Michelle Barnette, Lois Horner, Doc Pirkle, John & Mary Turner, Jodie Holt, Dolores & Ose Stephens, Mikel de la Cruz, Edna Williams

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**ARTICLES FOR
 JANUARY SKYWRITER
 DUE DECEMBER 13**



SKYWRITER

From the Pastor's Desk

by Rev. John Freeland

Our young adults are amazing, and they are accomplishing great things for the Kingdom of God. Our worship band is a prime example of the excellence we have come to expect from this group of believers at Skyland. I don't know about you, but when I was a young adult I had big plans, but I never actually carried through with any of them. You are about to witness the fruit of the labors of some of Skyland's young adults.

You probably noticed the announcement about the Skyland Premiere of JUSTICE WAITING. Shortly after I came to Skyland, Pete and Brian Wages told me they wanted to make a documentary about some of the Christian ministries in the Untied States that have a world-wide impact. God was doing something in a different way and they felt called to document it for the rest of us. After four years of planning and work, JUSTICE WAITING is the result of that dream. But this documentary didn't come about with idle talk and pipe dreams. It took many hours of travel, film, and work. They put their feet, brains, energy, and finances behind the call that God had given them to document His move in the world. This kind of boldness will

bring the world to Christ! JUSTICE WAITING uses II Chronicles 7:14 as an outline for the film. 2 Chronicles 7:14 says, "If my people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land." Pete and Brian effectively document how this verse is coming to pass in our lifetime. Join me for the Skyland premiere on December 6 at 6:00pm. DVDs of the film will be available for \$20. For more information on JUSTICE WAITING please visit www.justicewaiting.com.

Another of Skyland's own took her call and put action with it. Meredith Freeland's first album will be released December 12, 2009. The album consists of all original music and lyrics and was professionally produced and mastered. She began talking about making an album a couple of years ago. In her room, she wrote and rewrote lyric after lyric, chord after chord. One Tuesday night as we were praying in the Sanctuary she talked to God about her album.

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At the same time, Charlie Chastain approached me and offered to produce it for her. Charlie produced some highly successful bands and still has the equipment and expertise. He put both to work and the result will be released 12/12/2009. For more information please see <http://refiningfire.org/meredith-freeland-music/>.

These young adults stand out because the fruit of their labors are tangible and touchable. You can touch, hold, and own Pete's and Brian's DVD or

Meredith's CD, but our other young adults are just as talented and just as driven for the things of God. Take a look at any of our worship band members and you will see their desire for the things of God. You can hear the passion for God is Matt Hurd's voice and see it in Kristen Wage's leadership. Jenny Morgan and Shelia de la Cruz are stepping up to take over two critical areas for Skyland's future, and I hope you will be there to stand with them and help them. Jenny will be leading our missionary efforts in

2010, and she has plans for hands on ministry with the community around us. Her heart is to bring people to God. Shelia is equally excited and hopes to see all of Skyland involved in evangelism in the coming year. But, even still there are others who are stepping up. This generation is the future of Skyland, and that future is bright.

Your servant,




Weekly Attendance			
Date	Small Groups	10:00 Service	11:00 Service
10/25	54	72	52
11/1	69	55	49
11/8	58	50	58
11/15	67	52	57
11/22	67	54	44

Offerings			
Date	Mile of Pennies	General Funds	Designated Funds
10/25	6.90	2,228.50	1,110.00
11/1	12.70	11,072.99	597.81
11/8	33.00	2,992.44	135.00
11/15	29.00	4,690.10	723.00
11/22	35.00	2,225.61	32,300.00

Designated Funds	
Aldersgate Homes	1,020.00
Wesley Walk for Others	190.00
Property Maintenance	2,031.81
Good Samaritan	736.00
Tal In Israel	500.00
Christmas Toys	100.00
Mildred Holt Memorial	50.00
Postage	10.00
Scholarship Interest	668.00
Choir	10.00
Flowers	50.00
Parlor Renovation	22,000.0
Parsonage	7,000.00
Library (Frances Lindsey)	500.00

justice waiting

UNDER THE THRESHOLD PRODUCTIONS presents JUSTICE WAITING
Directed and Edited by PETE WAGES and BRIAN WAGES



Showing at Skyland UMC
Sunday, December 6 at 6pm

DVD will be available for purchase for \$20
Refreshments will be served



- 12/1 12:00pm **UMW Arts & Crafts** (Betty Mitchell)
- 12/5 10:00am Fellowship Class Brunch (Cathy Wages)
- 12/9 11:30am **UMW YWOAA** (Mandarin Palace)
- 12/10 11:45am Sky Angels (Fellowship Hall)
- 12/12 12:00pm Friendship Class (Olde Mill Steakhouse)
- 3:00pm Open House (Matt Hurd)
- 6:00pm Young Adults (Matt Hurd)
- 6:30pm Walter Murphy Class (The Colonnade)
- 12/16 11:30am Staff Lunch (Place TBD)
- 4:00pm Kings' Kids (King's Kids Room)
- 12/17 11:30am **UMW Thurs Noon BS** (Donnie's)
- 12/20 4:00pm Youth Unite (Youth Room)



- Wednesday, December 2**
Hanging of the Greens - 6:45pm
- Sunday, December 13**
Christmas Cantata - 10:00am
Children's Play - 6:00pm
- Sunday, December 20**
Traditional Worship - 10:00am
Contemporary Worship - 11:00am
- Thursday, December 24**
Candlelight Service - 6:00pm
- Friday, January 1, 2010**
Light Supper - 6:15pm
Friday Night Fire Service - 7:00pm