

# **TOGETHER** *in 2011*



*Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.  
The People of the Frostburg United Methodist Church.*

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is Friday, October 7 and I cannot believe that I am sitting down to write a newsletter article about the Holidays of 2011. It seemed like it was just yesterday that we were celebrating Easter. I am now working on worship services for Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas—Please mark these dates and times on your calendar. I guess we all know that the holidays will be here before we know it! It will be that time of year again when we pull out our tubs of Christmas decorations and our holiday recipes. Our houses will fill with the aroma of cookies, candies, cakes, and ciders. It will also be the time that our credit cards will get a work out and the stress of knowing what and how much to buy for our loved ones will go up. This is the time of year for many to be traveling by car, train, and plane to visit family and friends beyond the borders of the town as well.

Oh yeah....This is the time of year when we celebrate God's great gift of the baby Jesus who would become the savior to the world!

How is it that when we think of the holidays the very last thing that comes to mind is the Christ child? At what point in time did exchanging gifts, bouncing from home to home, and eating until we fall asleep become the real meaning of Christmas?

I am not sure when or how this tradition really began, but this Christmas I urge you to take some reflective time to think about what the real meaning behind the cookies, cakes, and bright colored boxes that are under that tree. If you have children ask them to help you decorate the house for a birthday party for Jesus. Maybe make cup cakes and cookies for the party and sing Happy Birthday to Jesus. When you put out your nativity scene take time to pull out your bible and reread the Christmas story. When you purchase a gift for someone, buy another gift to give to someone who may not receive any. When you sit down to write your Christmas party list, leave room for one or two people who you know will not have someone else to share the holidays with.

When you prepare for Christmas this year put Christ into it! Let the meaning behind all that you do and say be about the gift of our Lord Jesus Christ. May you do all things with love, hope, peace and joy!

**In Christ,  
Pastor Jen**

# CHURCH NEWS



## News from the Finance Committee

### RESTORATION, RENOVATION, ENDOWMENT, AND CELL TOWER INCOME

In order to be able to make final payments on the sanctuary restoration and roof loan and on parsonage renovation and new office construction projects by June 30, 2011 so that we could bring the Capital Campaign to a close and be DEBT FREE when Pastor Jen began her appointment, the Finance Committee recommended and the Church Council authorized the withdrawal of \$38,000 from the church's Endowment Fund to complete these payments. As a result of three withdrawals from the Endowment for these projects and also of recent stock market declines, our Endowment, which once approached \$500,000, now has a balance below \$300,000. This is important not only because we were able to complete these extensive projects only with the help of withdrawals from the Endowment but also because we annually use interest from the Endowment to fund part of our operating budget.

To begin what will be a longer process of rebuilding the endowment principal the Finance Committee and Church Council has taken two additional actions: (1) developed a policy on church use of unrestricted major gifts to the church and (2) approved a policy revision for use of income from the cell tower steeple lease. In both cases, 10% of any future unrestricted major gift and 10% of cell tower income will be deposited into the principal of our endowment.

The unrestricted major gift policy was approved in April of 2011; and the cell tower income provision was just approved by Council, with the support of the Finance Committee and the Trustees, to begin January 2012. For the last two years, almost all the cell tower income was used for renovation and restoration funds, with the exceptions of 10% being used for Mission/Outreach projects.

For 2012, the Church will receive \$15,909 in cell tower income and will divide that income as follows according to the policy revision:

*Missions 10%, Endowment 10%, Children and Adult Studies and Worship 10%, Capital Equipment Replacement Fund 20%, and Building and Grounds Maintenance 50%.*

### CURRENT BUDGET FOR 2011

So far in 2011, income and expenses for our operating budget are in the black, despite a little drop in pledged income receipts during the month of September.

After nine months of the year have been reviewed, income exceeds expenses by slightly more than \$3,000. Much of this surplus is due to the fact that we did not have to pay benefits (beyond salary) to Pastor Gary when he served as our interim and that we are paying Pastor Jen only  $\frac{3}{4}$  of her base salary while she is completing her seminary studies. If, as usually happens, people play catch-up and overall giving picks up for the last three months of the year and there are no unanticipated increases in expenses, we just might have a chance of ending this year with a positive balance, even though our budget as passed and revised included a planned deficit.

*FUMC Finance Committee*



### Stewardship News

Be on the lookout in the mail for a stewardship letter and pledge card for 2012 giving. We hope to have all pledge cards returned in time for them to be received and consecrated as part of the worship service on Sunday, November 20, 2011.



## CHURCH NEWS



### OUTREACH

This summer, members of the FUMC Outreach Work Area have been meeting with Pastor Jen and her husband, Rob Webber, to find ways to improve how we serve the community, region and world through our actions to help others. Included in our discussions is the idea to focus of *TWO* of our many outreach programs during each third of the year (fall-early winter; late winter-spring; summer). For each program chosen we will suggest prayers, study, use of resources and actions. For the fall, we will be promoting the “Pennies into Potatoes” program and the “Safe and Snug Coat” program.

The outpouring of pennies and other coins and bills has been tremendous. New coats are beginning to arrive.

The “Change the World” weekend was a great example how those in our Church and community can respond to a call to help others.

Our Church offers many ways of service; we ask that members of the congregation support those that their interests and abilities allow. Remember that, whatever you commit yourself to, there will be other workers in our church and community who will share the interests and work.

The 72<sup>nd</sup> Mission Dinner was a significant success: Great food, good fellowship and an inspiring talk by Connie Newhouse, who, among other honors, has been West Virginia Teacher of the Year. She pointed out that, whatever we have done or not done in the past to serve others, can be changed by what we do in the future.

*Tony Crosby, Outreach Leader*

### SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS GIFT BAGS

Our church loves to fill the gift bags for the less fortunate, disadvantaged, and needy infants, children, and teens in our community. This year there are even more families in need, due to the continued economic downturn. Our church's goal is to fill 150 bags.

You are welcome (and even urged) to take several gift bags. Take whatever number you want to fill. There will be printed lists of suggestions for Christmas gifts in each bag. These gifts must be new. You can choose the age of the child or children.

You may pick up the empty bags on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 or anytime after that in Fellowship Hall. Please return the filled bags to Fellowship Hall no later than SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11. It is extremely helpful to return the bags as soon as possible.

This project brings out the true meaning of Christmas: giving to others and worshiping Christ, the Newborn King!



Contact *Martha Weser*, Outreach Committee, at 301-689-9318 for more information.



**Christmas Eve Services: Saturday, December 24**

Family Christmas Service 7:00 pm  
Candle Light Service 10:00 pm

**Christmas Day Service: Sunday, December 25**

No Sunday School  
10:30 am Christmas Celebration Worship Service

# Events



## Chili Cook Off

There will be a fundraiser for *Frostburg State University United Campus Ministry* on Friday, November 4 from 5-8 pm in the FUMC Fellowship Hall. There will be dine-in or takeout available.

There will be a People's Choice Award for *Best Chili in Frostburg* (you can taste and vote on 5 different bowls of chili). The entertainment will be: Piñata for Children at 6:15 pm, followed by Free Latin Dance Lessons 6:30-8 pm, and prizes for the Best Chili Contest will be awarded at 7:45 pm.

The cost of the fundraiser is \$8 for Adult Tickets and \$12 for Family Ticket (1 Adult + any Children under 12). Tickets will be available at the door or can be bought in advance.

For advance ticket sales or to enter your chili in the contest, contact Chaplain Cindy Zirlott for contest rules and entry information at [c.zirlott@frostburg.edu](mailto:c.zirlott@frostburg.edu) or call 301-687-7490.

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## Bicentennial Seeks Pictures for Bicentennial Keepsake



The Frostburg Bicentennial Committee is happy to announce its partnership with artists Michael Lease and

Kimberly Wolfe to create the official keepsake book of Frostburg's 2012 Bicentennial Celebration, *Frostburg: Document 2012*.

The book will consist of photographs submitted by the public and will serve as a community photo album, depicting the history of Frostburg through the families and communities of the region. The artists will be scanning submissions for the book at a number of locations over the next six months. **The next scanning day is Saturday, November 12. They will be at Main Street Books from 10 - 5 and Dante's from 8-10.**

All photographs should date from 1962 to the present. Limit five photographs per person.

Participation is free, participation is fun, and if all goes well, the book will be available for free to every Frostburg household during the bicentennial celebration.

We hope you'll take part and help make a lasting record that preserves the history and people of Frostburg for future generations. Michael Lease + Kim Wolfe [804-200-8859](tel:804-200-8859) [www.frostburg2012.blogspot.com](http://www.frostburg2012.blogspot.com)

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## Christmas Cantata

The chancel choir will be singing the Christmas cantata *The Promise of a King* by Lloyd Larsen and Joseph M. Martin on Sunday, December 18, during our 10:30am worship service. This will be a wonderful opportunity to come and celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior! So, please spread the word and invite your friends and family to this special worship service. *Sean Beachy*



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## SAVE THE DATE !

Our annual children's Christmas program will be presented on Sunday evening, December 18, 2011 in the Fellowship Hall. All families are invited to participate in this production of NATIVITY: LIGHTS! CAMERA! ACTION!. The entire congregation, family and friends will be invited to a dinner that evening followed by the presentation of the program. Look for more details about this holiday fellowship event in the coming weeks!



# Events

**CHANGE  
THE WORLD**



A call was put out to all Methodist Churches in The Baltimore-Washington Conference to "Change the World." Over 10,000 volunteers responded! The Frostburg United Methodist Church decided to start locally by holding "Change the World: Feed Frostburg First" which included a curb-side food drive, free community lunch and worship service.

On Saturday, October 8, 2011, the church held a curb-side food drive from 9 a.m. to noon to benefit the Frostburg Interfaith Food Pantry (located at 44 West Main Street, Frostburg). From noon to 2 p.m. members of the church provided a free lunch for the community. Displays of services offered by the church and opportunities for volunteers were set up in the Fellowship Hall. Several individuals and families who attended the lunch were also assisted by the Food Pantry that day.

On Sunday, October 9, the church celebrated the success of Change the World: Feed Frostburg First with a praise and worship service. A band performed, food was collected from the congregation and a slideshow highlighted the events of the day before.

During the three hour food drive, almost 2,000 pounds of food and over \$800 was collected! The Frostburg United Methodist Church and the Frostburg Interfaith Food Pantry would like to thank the Frostburg community for all their support. Plans are already being made to hold another event next year.

If you, or someone you know, could benefit from the Food Pantry, please call Helen at the FUMC office at 301-689-6626.

## **Coins for Care**

Remember your change does make a difference! The coins in our offering goes toward our Coins for Care fund. This fund helps our needy neighbors pay for utilities, rent, medicine, and so on. If you would like to give a larger donation, please make your check out to FUMC and mark it for "Coins for Care." Thank you!

# The BRIDGE Program

## BRIDGE NEWS !

First we give honor and glory to our Lord and Savior for His strength and mercy. We can do all things through our Lord.

Our staff is all geared up and ready for another school year.

Leticia Shelton – Director  
Tausha Smith – Assistant  
Heather Emerick – Aide  
Allison Perkins – Aide  
Darlene Shelton – Substitute

We welcome Pastor Jen and her husband Rob, along with Roxie, Bentley, and Luke to our church family. We are so happy to have them here.

*Our BRIDGE motto is, “No matter how young or old, you CAN make a difference in the lives of others.”*

The BRIDGE Program offers morning care, preschool care and after school care .

Morning Care:	Accommodates parents who work earlier than the school opens. We take the students to school or make sure they get on the bus.
Preschool:	Preschool is for children ages 2 to Kindergarten age. They learn school rules, make friends and get used to a schedule. We do circle time, spelling and learn our colors. Math is also introduced. We also visit the Senior Citizens Center. We are taking the children trick or treating to area businesses on October 26 <sup>th</sup> . Please stop by and see the children.
After School:	We pick up the children from the school bus or school. We have homework time, play games, and snack time. The Center closes at 6:00 p.m.

We teach our children outreach throughout the year. We do many fundraisers to help others. One of our annual holiday traditions is to fill love bags for the residents of Frostburg Nursing and Rehab Center (St. Vincent DePaul). Items needed are toothbrushes, toothpaste, brushes, combs, socks, shampoo, mouthwash, lotion, stuff animals, crayons, coloring books, puzzles, books, lap blankets. We also do several community sing-a-longs during the Christmas holiday.

We thank our Frostburg United Methodist Church family for all their support. May God continue to use our BRIDGE program to give back to others.



Want to make a difference in a young child's life?--Support the Bridge Program!

The Bridge Program is one of FUMC's outreach areas and provides a safe and fun learning environment for children ages 2 to 12. Bridge is a place in which pre-schoolers can come and learn their ABC's and 1-2-3's as well other fundamental educational curriculum. It is also a safe place for children to rest and play before and after school. Bridge would like to see the members of Frostburg United Methodist Church become more involved in this great outreach program.

If you would like to donate simple items such as crackers, granola bars, whales, and/or other nutritional snacks to fill the stomachs of our growing and hungry children, it would be greatly appreciated. You can also donate Lysol and tissues to help ward off seasonal colds and flues. Do you have a favorite children's book or bible story? See Miss Tisha for a time to read it to the children! You never know how God may work in any of these simple acts of generosity. Bridge thanks you for your support and prayers! *Pastor Jen*

# Church Calendar

*An Abundance  
of Thanks*

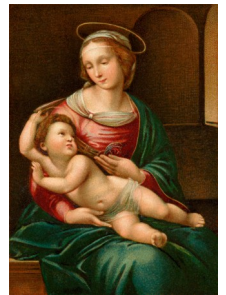


## NOVEMBER CALENDAR

November 1	7:00 PM AAUW
November 2	6:30 Cub Scouts Wolf Pack 6:30 Chancel Choir/ 7:30 Handbell Choir
November 4	5:00 pm FSU UCM Chili Cook off
November 6	9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service followed by Lunch (Homecoming Sunday, Honoring 50yr members; and Rev Gill will be preaching this Sunday) 7:00 pm Scouts
November 7	7:00 pm Garden Club
November 9	6:30 Chancel Choir/7:30 Handbell Choir
November 12	9:00 am Methodist Men
November 13	9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service, Youth Sunday 7:00 pm Scouts
November 14	6:00 pm Cub Scouts
November 16	6:30 Chancel Choir / 7:30 Handbell Choir
November 20	9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service 6-7:00pm Community Thanksgiving Dinner in Fellowship Hall 7-8:00 pm Worship Service 7:00 pm Scouts
November 21	7:00 pm Worship Meeting
November 23	6:30 Chancel Choir / 7:30 Handbell Choir
November 24	Thanksgiving
November 27	9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service 7:00 pm Scouts Advent Begins!
November 30	6:30 Chancel Choir/ 7:30 Handbell Choir Cub Scouts Wolf Pack

## DECEMBER CALENDAR

December 1	6:30 Sandwich Dinner followed by Decorating the Church for Christmas
December 4	9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service 7:00 pm Scouts
December 5	7:00 pm Garden Club
December 6	7:00 pm AAUW
December 7	6:30 Chancel Choir / 7:30 Handbell Choir
December 10	9:00 am Methodist Men
December 11	9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service 7:00 pm Scouts
December 14	6:30 Chancel Choir / 7:30 Handbell Choir
December 18	9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service, Christmas Cantata Evening: Dinner, followed by the Children's Christmas Program, Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm Scouts
December 21	6:30 Chancel Choir / Handbell Choir
December 22	Church Christmas Caroling & Reception to follow at Parsonage
December 24	7:00 pm Christmas Eve Family Service 10:00 pm Christmas Eve Candle Light Service
December 25	NO Sunday School 10:30 am Christmas Day Worship Service
December 28	6:30 pm Chancel Choir/ 7:30 pm Handbell Choir





Dear Rev. Jennifer Webber and the Frostburg UMC,

Thanks very much for again hosting the West River Sr. High Bicycle Camp. You have always provided us with a great place to stay, rest, and prepare for our continued journey along the Great Allegheny Passage. Best wishes to you and until next year, thanks again.

*Ronald Adams, Director*



On behalf of Bill Rafferty and the Frostburg Food Pantry Board of Directors, thank you so much to all who donated food for last week's "Change the World" event! This was a huge success! We are so blessed to have such caring people in our church. *Sylvia Twigg*



Thank you to Gloria Eisel for her outstanding job as former *Together* newsletter editor. Thank you for your efforts to spread the good news of the church.



**CHANGE THE WORLD! FEED FROSTBURG FIRST! AMAZING!**

Thanks to everyone's hard work and generosity during our Change the World weekend, we collected 1,512 pounds of food for our Frostburg Food Pantry. We also collected monetary donations of \$818.80. We can make a difference!



**PRAYER CHAIN**

Our church has two very active prayer chains. These are persons who are willing to pray for those who have a need. Anyone can request prayer for themselves or others. The person to be prayed for need not give their name or specific reason for the prayer unless they wish to. God knows our every need and He truly listens to our petitions.

We are in need of more members who are willing to become prayer partners. We have **two** prayer chains: One is an email prayer chain and the other is a phone prayer chain. If you would like to serve on the e-mail prayer chain, please call Helen at the church office, 301-689-6626 or [fumc@twrcommunications.net](mailto:fumc@twrcommunications.net). If you would like to be on the phone prayer chain, please call Dot Workman at 301-689-6484.

Prayer is such a tremendous spirit filled communication with God. It strengthens the soul of those who pray and those for whom the prayer is offered.



**INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY**

If Sunday School and/or Worship is cancelled, Helen will put a message on the church answering machine by Sunday at 8:30 a.m. A message will also be announced on WCBC 107/FM radio. If possible, emails will also be sent.



## The Christmas Night

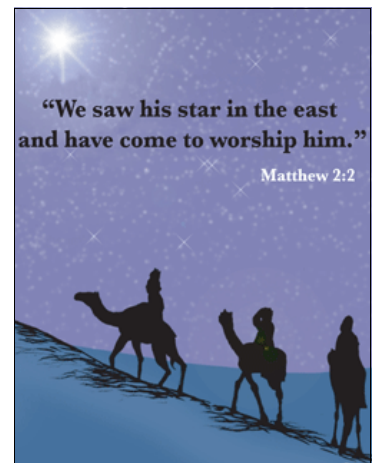
Wrapped was the world in slumber deep,  
By seaward valley and cedarn steep,  
And bright and blest were the dreams of its sleep;  
All the hours of that wonderful night-tide through  
The stars out blossomed in fields of blue,  
A heavenly chaplet, to diadem  
The King in the manger of Bethlehem.

Out on the hills the shepherds lay,  
Wakeful, that never a lamb might stray,  
Humble and clean of heart were they;  
Thus it was given them to hear  
Marvelous harpings strange and clear,  
Thus it was given them to see  
The heralds of the nativity.

In the dim-lit stable the mother mild  
Looked with holy eyes on her child,  
Cradled him close to her heart and smiled;  
Kingly purple nor crown had he,  
Never a trapping of royalty;  
But Mary saw that the baby's head  
With a slender nimbus was garlanded.

Speechless her joy as she watched him there,  
Forgetful of pain and grief and care,  
And every thought in her soul was a prayer;  
While under the dome of the desert sky  
The Kings of the East from afar drew nigh,  
And the great white star that was guide to them  
Kept ward o'er the manger of Bethlehem.

*Lucy Maud Montgomery*





## NOVEMBER

- 5 Patsy Jackson
- 9 Amy Harman
- 10 Alex Whetzel  
Austin Whetzel
- 11 Sharon Koch
- 13 Christopher Lemmert
- 22 Jennie Scott
- 23 Doug Cook

## DECEMBER

- 1 Bob Nelson
- 5 Natalie Tenaglio
- 9 Dot Workman
- 10 Colleen Gordon
- 11 Joline Nelson  
Bernice Lucas  
Gloria Eisel
- 18 Tess Bond
- 19 Katie Precht
- 22 Darrel Harden
- 28 Kenney Bohrer
- 31 Rachel Precht  
Joe Bohrer

Thanks to Nancy Folk for her help in gathering and organizing these birthdays. Please send any additions or corrections to her at [nancyfolk@verizon.net](mailto:nancyfolk@verizon.net) or call 301-689-6587.



### CHARLOTTE'S CHUCKLE



Two elderly excited women were sitting together in the front pew of church with a fiery preacher delivering the message. When the preacher condemned the sin of lust, these two ladies cried out at the top of their lungs...AMEN....BROTHER! When the preacher condemned the sin of stealing, they yelled again...PREACH IT REVEREND! And when the preacher condemned the sin of lying...they jumped to their feet and screamed, RIGHT ON ..BROTHER...TELL IT LIKE IT IS...AMEN..

But when the preacher condemned the sin of gossip, the two got quiet and one turned to the other and said, "Now he's quit preaching and gone to meddling'."



An atheist complained to a Christian friend, "You Christians have your special holidays, such as Christmas and Easter. Jews celebrate their national holidays, such as Passover and Yom Kippur. But we atheists have no recognized national holidays. It's unfair discrimination." His friend replied, "You do have your own holiday..... April first!"



A distraught woman asked the advice of her wise pastor. "I was born blind," she exclaimed, "But some people tell me that if I had more faith I could be healed." The pastor asked her, "I see you carry a cane. Next time someone says that, hit them over the head with the cane." he said. "Then tell them if they had more faith it wouldn't hurt!"



#### Things You Never Hear in Church:

- Hey! It's my turn to sit in the front pew!
- I was so enthralled, I never noticed your sermon went 10 minutes over time.
- Personally I find witnessing much more enjoyable than golf.
- I've decided to give our church the \$500 a month I used to send to TV evangelists.
- I volunteer to be the permanent teacher for the Junior High Sunday School class.
- Since we're all here, let's start the service early.
- Pastor, we'd like to send you to this seminar in the Bahamas.
- Nothing inspires me and strengthens my commitment like our annual stewardship campaign!

## Shut-Ins

### **Frostburg Village Nursing Home & Assisted Living** *One Kaylor Circle Frostburg, MD 21532*

Bill DeVore, #414B  
Arvil Garlitz, #102B  
Colleen Gordon, #303B  
Willard Harvey  
Bernice Lucas, #104B  
Joline Nelson, Assisted Living 10A  
Jerry Reeves, #401A  
Irene Strickler

### **Frostburg Heights Apartments** *100 Honeysuckle Lane, Frostburg, MD 21532* Eleanor Kenney, # 201

### **St. Vincent DePaul, 48 Tarn Terrace** *Frostburg, MD 21532* Anna Beachy Martha McKenzie Olive Wilson

### **Egle Nursing Home** *57 Jackson St. , Lonaconing, MD 21539* Sylvia Barnett Mary Layman

### **Goodwill Nursing Home, 891 Dorsey Hotel Road,** *Grantsville, MD 21536* Charlie Sigler

### **Shut-Ins at Home**

Daphne Bradshaw LeDong	Martha Meek
Bill & Darlene Frye	Alleene Plummer
Janie James	Bill Smith
Sharon Koch	Ruth Smith
Evelyn Llewellyn	Helen Walls
William McKenzie	

## DIRECTORY

Pastor	Jennifer Webber
Organist	Sean Beachy
Choir Director	Debi Beachy
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## SERVING OUR COUNTRY

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Lamar Hall	Bobby Smith
Dimas Henriquez	Matthew Sullivan
Jared Jacobs	



### **PENNIES INTO POTATOES**

The Society of Saint Andrew is modeled after Jesus and feeds those who are hungry every day. Volunteers collect potatoes by gleaning fields (going back after harvest and collecting what is left). They also collect potatoes that have been rejected by commercial markets due to slight imperfections such as size or shape. The potatoes are perfectly edible and donated by the farmers. Last year, Saint Andrews collected and distributed over 11.4 millions pounds of potatoes across the United States. The potatoes are free and funds are only needed for packaging and distribution. This means that a pound of potatoes can be given to those in need for a mere 6 cents a pound.

Our church contributes through a program called **Pennies Into Potatoes**. All pennies in the offering plate each Sunday go to this project. Jars are also in the entry way for collection. Volunteers are always needed to sort and bag potatoes when the local food bank is in need. More information can be found at [www.endhunger.org](http://www.endhunger.org)