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A Note From Superintendent

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Grace and peace to you from God our Creator and Jesus Christ our Brother.

During the last six months many of you have heard from me either because of your donations to McCurdy in the form of the thank-you letters that go out for gifts or because you have visited our webpage at www.mccurdy.org.

Since my arrival at McCurdy, we have completed the fall term of the 2008-09 academic year. Pre-school students are learning to accommodate themselves to the idea of being in a school setting; seniors are getting ready for life beyond McCurdy as they contemplate where they might be able to con-

tinue their academic preparation.

Volunteers are very much an integral part of McCurdy; we simply could not function without the assistance of people who come from around the country, whether for a day, a week, a semester. If we were to place a monetary value on the work contributed by volunteers, we would more than double our budget. We are grateful for you.

People have come to spend renewal time at our retreat center as they draw nearer to God and visit around the area.

We have staff who are dedicated to the idea that students can learn in a Christian setting,

and they attempt to be faithful to God as they work in ministry.

And of course the support of many from across the United States, whether you are alumni/ae, former staff, United Methodists or otherwise people who believe a McCurdy education is essential for the students of Española Valley, has been essential to our being in ministry these last 96 years. I cannot thank you enough, whether you donate once a year or monthly, and I do so on behalf of the students who benefit from your generosity.

Keep us in your prayers, as we strive to be **The Light in the Valley**.

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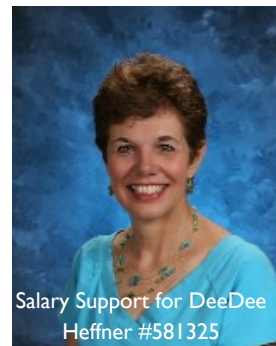
A Note from the Office of Church Relations

The Office of Church Relations (OCR) is looking for individuals who are willing to help us keep the McCurdy Message coming to you on a quarterly basis. This publication costs OCR approximately \$7000 each time we print and mail it. There are so many good things happening on our campus, and we want our supporters to know that what they do for us really matters. We are asking for someone to step up and offer to cover the costs of our quarterly mailings. If this is something God might be calling you to do, please contact Vickie Luviano, Assistant Director of Church Relations at (505) 927-3683 (cell), (505)753-7221, ext. 268 or via e-mail: vickie@mccurdy.org. Thank you for taking this into prayerful consideration.

CENTENNIAL FUND

In November, **the board of trustees decided to authorize contributions through direct bank transfers.** This may provide a convenience to those of you who contribute to McCurdy on a regular basis. You can decide on the frequency of your giving. A form for this possibility is enclosed with this mailing. Your continued support of McCurdy is very much appreciated, and you can be assured that your gifts will bless the lives of many students. We are grateful for your support. **The board of trustees also authorized the creation of the “Centennial Fund” to enhance McCurdy’s endowment.** The attached form indicates how you may contribute to this through bank transfers as well. While the endowment is very important to our second hundred years, we want to encourage your continued support for our current needs, so we ask that you think of the Centennial Fund as a second effort in addition to current support.

United Methodist Advance for Christ Program Changes



In a matter related to donations, with which many who read this are by now familiar - United Methodists who support McCurdy through the Church's **Advance for Christ and His Church**, as of January 1, 2009, we have only two Advance Special accounts through which you may contribute to McCurdy: 1) **General Program Support, Number 581479**, and 2) **Salary Support for DeeDee Heffner, Number 581325.**

You may still support **Need-Based Scholarships** and **Project Cariño**, if these have been your specially preferred projects, by sending your contributions directly to the school. Please state on your check the program you are supporting. Some of you may support individual classes through the **Adopt-A-Class** program or you may give to specific needs of McCurdy. All these gifts are very much appreciated, and we could not continue in ministry without them.

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Individual ACH Authorization Agreement

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(Financial Institution Name)

(Address

(City/State

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Type of Acct: ___ Checking ___ Savings

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(Frequency)

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And send the offsetting entry credit to the financial institution and account indicated below.

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(Signature)

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(Date)

For Bank Use Only

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McCurdy School Gala 12

As you read this article, McCurdy's 12th annual Gala will probably have come and gone. This year's theme was *A Night in the Orient*. It is amazing how the McCurdy Memorial Gym can be transformed each year into such a magical place where up to 400 people come to enjoy a catered meal and wonderful entertainment! This year, we acquired over 350 items for our silent and live auctions! If you'd like to see some of these items, go to the McCurdy website, www.mccurdy.org, and click on the **Gala** links.

There are many ways to become involved in the McCurdy Gala. Listed below are the different levels of financial support you can help with. We would also love for you to be able to *attend* the Gala. You could request a Volunteer in Mission (VIM) application, and schedule your time for the week before and week after (short-term VIMs) Gala. We could always use your physical help in setting up/taking down. To request a VIM application, please e-mail vickie@mccurdy.org. With a gift of financial support, your name is listed in our Gala Program. Please note: A ticket is required to attend—all tickets are \$60.

For Alumni Supporters, your name and year of graduation will be listed. With an additional donation of \$25 and up, you can also be listed as a Gala Supporter.

We also need individuals, churches, church groups, and/or United Methodist Women units to be Sponsors for the Gala and to be Gala Supporters. We raised nearly \$86,000 from the 2008 Gala with 10% of that being given to the McCurdy School Endowment. Check the school web site at www.mccurdy.org for more information and pictures.

Be a Gala or Alumni Supporter, a Sponsor, and/or attend. Please return this form with payment to McCurdy School Gala, 261 McCurdy Rd., Espanola, NM 87532. When using the enclosed envelope, mark "Gala" on it. Make checks payable to "McCurdy School Gala". Donations will be accepted after the Gala through April 1. Donations received after that date will be included in the 2010 Program Book.

Thank you for supporting this United Methodist Mission. For additional information, please contact us by mail, email, or phone 505-753-7221, ext. 233 or Eufemia Romero, ext. 210. If you want to be on our fall Gala mailing list, please let us know.

Gala 12 Committee

gala@mccurdy.org

Please **print** below how you want to be listed in the Program Book for Gala 12.

Alumni Supporter: \$25 (each person) _____ Year of Graduation _____

Gala Supporter:

Diamond \$1000 and up _____
Ruby \$500 - \$999 _____
Emerald \$250 - \$499 _____
Sapphire \$100 - \$249 _____
Topaz \$50 - \$ 99 _____
Turquoise \$25 - \$ 49 _____

Sponsors: (Info is available)

Underwriter \$15,000 _____
Platinum \$ 5,000 _____
Gold \$ 2,000 _____
Silver \$ 1,000 _____
Bronze \$ 500 _____

Tickets: \$60 each _____ Total Amt. Encl. _____

I would like information on other ways I can help with the Gala. _____

Name (if different than above) _____

Phone _____ Mailing address _____

Email _____

RELIGION DEPARTMENT NEWS

The McCurdy High School Religion Department celebrated the eleventh annual Narnian tea!

The event is a presentation for the Pictures of Christ class after the reading of C. S. Lewis' "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe". Many people may not know the story is religious allegory to the life of Christ and all he has done for you. The students learn about the adventures of four children when they find themselves in a magical world where they meet Aslan, the great lion who protects them and eventually defeats the white witch. The Narnian tea is a small tea party where the religion department prepares and serves food from the book such as Mrs. Beaver's marmalade roll, Mr. Tumnus' tea cake, hot tea and last, but not least, (un-enchanted) Turkish delight. At the beginning of the tea a prayer is said blessing the food and curing it of any enchantments and/or spells that may be cast upon it. The students also have the chance to demonstrate the turning point in the story. The religion department has celebrated the event for eleven years and it has become a steady tradition that we hope to continue for years to come.



Volunteers in Mission (VIM)

Thank you to the wonderful individual Volunteers In Mission who come to help at McCurdy. Our VIM program is going strong!

Our short- and long-term VIMs come to McCurdy from throughout the country throughout the school year. They come and share their time and talents.

We also have several local volunteers who serve daily, weekly or on an as-needed basis. McCurdy School would

never be able to accomplish the things we do without our volunteers!

If we had to pay for all the donated hours from our individual VIMs and Mission Work Teams, our budget would have to be doubled each year!

If you are being called to service, please e-mail vickie@mccurdy.org or call (505) 753-7221, ext. 268, for an application or for more information.



Homecoming 2009

MARK YOUR CALENDERS

SEPTEMBER 25-27, 2009

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU

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2008 McCurdy Mission Work Teams

McCurdy School was once again blessed with Work Teams from throughout the United States in 2008. We were grateful to have 38 Work Teams on campus doing a variety of jobs. Our teams did everything from remodeling the Gift Shop and sanding and varnishing floors to pulling weeds and cleaning our 44-acre campus.

Our first teams arrived in March with our last teams coming in No-

vember. There is so much that we could not accomplish without you.

We want to say thank you for your hard work and dedication to McCurdy School and the children of northern New Mexico who need you. If you would like information or to schedule a Mission Work Team for 2009 or 2010, please e-mail Vickie@mccurdy.org. Come join our "Wall of Fame" soon!

