



# ENEWS December 2011

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### GRATEFUL

At a recent Parent Meeting, Rev. Dickerson asked if there were any concerns or suggestions from the parents. It was an open-ended invitation to share ideas or anything on the parents' minds.

One of our new Kindergarten parents, Desmond's mom, stood and just wanted to say thanks.

"I'm so grateful that my son gets to go to a Christian school," she explained. "When he comes home, he tells me everything he learned."

She went on to explain how much Unity has helped her and her son. By the time she was done, she had tears in her eyes, as well as many others.

Is Unity making a difference? Yes, indeed. The Light of Christ is making a difference in the lives of the students - and the parents. Homes are being changed, because of Jesus. Keep that in mind as you continue to support this mission with your prayers and your offerings.

### NEW PROMETHEAN BOARDS

Brand new Promethean Boards have now been installed in all of our classrooms. A Promethean Board is similar to a Smart Board. The board, about 4'x5', is mounted in front of the classroom, with a projector overhead. The whole system is connected to the teacher's computer. Whatever is on the teacher's computer is also on the screen. The big advantage is that the teacher can manipulate the screen with a special pen that acts like a mouse on the computer. There are loads of on-line activities, plus several really cool teaching tools on the Promethean Board itself.

Long gone are the days of chalkboards. Now, white boards and overhead projectors are also becoming obsolete. We are grateful (and excited!) about this new technology in our classrooms.

### MEMORIALS

During the year 2011, gifts were received in honor of these loved ones:

Carmen Alm	Charles Kitley
Delores Thayer	Earlene Fuchs
Elizabeth Becker	Fayetta Page
Florence Klueter	Frances Burbank
Jackie Kollmann	John Eggerding
Marie Evans	Marjorey Pippin
Nyle Schmedeke	Pauline Berns
Ron Schirmer	Vivian Sievers
William Hamilos	

**"Census Time In Bethlehem"**  
**Our Annual Children's  
Christmas Program**  
**Thursday, December 15, 2011**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**Please come and join the  
students as they give their  
praise to Jesus, the Savior.**  
**You will enjoy!**

### IN HONOR OF

Gifts were also received to honor of these friends on a special occasion:

Mark Arbeiter	Paul Miller
Shirley Knippenberg	Betty Johnson

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray:

- That our teachers use their new Promethean Boards to make instruction clear, especially teaching about Jesus.
- For God's resources for Unity to be provided.
- For all congregations and schools throughout the Southern Illinois District.

### WISH LIST

Drying Racks for Art Projects  
Bottles of Pine Sol (bigger is better!)  
Bottles of Bleach  
Spray Disinfectant

Please, no more Kleenex or liquid hand soap. We already have a lifetime supply of both.)

### 10 WAYS

Look on our website for 10 Ways you can provide financial aid for Unity without writing a check. Really! It can happen! Check it out at

[www.unityesl.org](http://www.unityesl.org)

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