



Come to the Table

Belinda Hofer

The Huron Church's Women's Ministries group held their second annual "Come to the Table" banquet on December 10, 2011. The *Come to the Table* banquet is when different ladies in the church bring their best dishes and table decorations and set a table like they would for special guests in their homes. Then they invite lady friends from the community to join them for a wonderful relaxing evening. Every table is decorated differently, but with a common theme. This year's theme was *Christmas* and entitled, "From the Manager to the Banquet." Anne Wham was invited to be the guest speaker. Wham spoke about Jesus as "The" gift at Christmas time. Then as she



opened the gifts on the table she spoke of how Jesus is so many different things to us, but the most important of all is that He is "God with us - Emmanuel. He gave up everything to be

with us." There were two special music numbers provided by Merrilie Wooledge and a wonderful vegetarian dinner provided by the Women's Ministries team of the Huron Church.



Photos by Belinda Hofer

Harvey District Christmas Program

Pastor Wayne Easley

The weather was excellent and the attendance was even better. On Sabbath, the 24th of December, 2011, the Harvey District held its annual Christmas program. This year was a little different in that they invited some non-Adventists folk from the community. Since the Adventist Church is renting their church to the Faith Lutheran Church in Harvey, it seemed fitting to ask some of their members to join in the festivities.

Pastor Fred Westerhold, the Lutheran pastor, sang a number entitled "A Long Time Ago in Bethlehem". Cari Flory, also from the Lutheran congregation, sang two numbers: "Mary did You Know" and "Nothing But a Child". Cari and her husband Kenny, studying to be an engineer for the railroad, told us how much they enjoyed worshipping together and how much they enjoyed the fellowship meal. Cari said, "This is our very first time in an Adventist church and these are just great people."



Joining in the program as well, were Mark and Monica Otter and two of their very talented young girls (they have 5 girls in all). The Otters are from Fessenden, ND and each of them plays a musical instrument. Their songs included, "Angels We Have Heard on High" and "Hark the Herald Angels Sing". Adding to the program were several special Christmas songs sung by members from each of the local area Adventist churches; Goodrich, Manfred and Harvey.

Following the program, the ladies of the district churches served a wonderful meal. I guess one might call it, "The icing on the cake!"

Photos by Wayne Easley

If you have any news to share or would like to be added to the Dakota Dispatch mailing list, please email Jacquie Biloff at jbiloff@yahoo.com.

Dakota Adventist Academy Update

Sharon Heinrich, Development Director

Students and staff returned from Christmas break ready to begin the second semester. The halls are alive again with the sounds of laughter.



First semester ended on a high note with a wonderful weekend of

Christmas praise and celebration. Community and students came together to celebrate the birth of our Savior.



Friday evening vespers was filled with the sounds of

Christmas through music and readings. The Sabbath message was delivered by Elder Neil Biloff. Sabbath evening the academy students shared the meaning of Christmas through a cantata "Christmas is Calling Me Home". Students, families, and friends enjoyed a light supper in the cafeteria, compliments of DAA, before heading home for the holidays.



The first six months of the fiscal year has been good. Donations for the Annual Fund, Worthy Student Fund and miscellaneous gifts totaled \$155,613.

Thank you to all donors for your generosity and prayers.

Second semester has started and is full of exciting happenings for DAA. Grandparents' Day, Senior Recognition, Student Association Talent Show, Alumni Chapter meetings, MAUC Choral Music Festival, DAA Music/Arts Festival, Academy Days and Conference Regional meetings will keep students busy. Please note the dates below and mark your calendars - we love having you visit the campus and experience first-hand the accomplishments of the students.

Please continue to keep the students and staff in your prayers.

*Brentwood students photo by Sharon Heinrich
Photos of Christmas Cantata by Clif Freese*

DAA Calendar Highlights

- January 27** Grandparents' Day
- January 27-28** Senior Recognition, SA Talent Show
- February 1-4** MAUC Music Festival - Union College
- February 2** Lincoln Area Alumni Chapter Meeting - Union College
- February 25-26** Arizona & California Alumni Chapter Meetings - Mesa, AZ and Redlands, CA
- February 29-March 3** DAA Music/Arts Festival
- March 9-18** DAA Spring Break, Senior Class Mission Trip

Watching for the Mailman

Joyce Freese

The four fifth to eighth grade students at Brentwood Adventist Christian School can often be seen staring out the window. No, they're not bored, they are watching for the mailman.

One of the projects for History class is to write to other Adventist schools. In September and October the students researched through the NAD, Union and Conference websites. Each student chose two schools from each of their assigned states. Letters were then written telling about Brentwood, explaining the project, and asking for a postcard from the recipient's state.



It has been fun to receive the responses which have been varied – postcards, student letters and teacher notes. (One teacher attended DAA and another lived in ND). Students write a thank you for each response on a North Dakota postcard.



This project has helped connect students to other Adventist schools both large and small. Students have also learned the organization of the Adventist Church through their research.

This project has been possible because of a donation of computers and volunteer time to build an eight station computer network. This is the second year students have been able to use the computers for research, math practice, spelling, Bible and more.

Photo by Joyce Freese

Creation vs Evolution Dr George Javor Cleveland Adventist Church January 27 - 28	Just Claim It III & Youth Ministries Greensboro, NC March 6 - 10	Men's Retreat Bad Lands Bible Camp Medora, ND March 9 - 11	North East Regional Jamestown, ND March 31
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