

**From the Education Director,
Marisol Jimenez**

THANK YOU!!!!!! To the following that made our Christmas Party a success: Urban League for donating books; Burks UMC for hand-knit hats; La Paz for presents and a Christmas tree; Barbara Ashenbrimer for presents; Jacob Vrieswyk for stocking stuffers, gift bags, and pizza; Lynn Meyer for the piñatas and candy; UTC Coach JD and Claire Kyzer for the cotton candy machine; ALL THE VOLUNTEERS that helped with set up and chaperoning; and last, but not least; Santa (aka Manny Rico) for adding just the right festive note!



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CALENDAR

Jan. 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 and Feb. 1
ETC performances of *Arkansaw Bear*
Feb. 3—ETC New Play Tuesday, 7:00 pm
Feb. 12—SAC Board Meeting
Feb. 13—Seniors of St. Andrews Lunch
Feb. 6, 7, 8, 13, 14 ETC performances of
Love Letters

Our Partners include:

Chattanooga Girls Choir	Heavenly International Missions
Chattanooga Sports Ministry	Iglesia Monte Sinai
Chattanooga State Comm. College	La Paz de Dios
Chattanooga Theatre Centre	Plaza Comunitaria
Children's Nutrition Program of Haiti	Sobriedad de Chattanooga
Empowerment Church	Lifespring Community Health
Ensemble Theatre of Chattanooga	Children's Clinic
Girl Scouts / Boy Scouts	Urban Century Institute
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**From the Executive Director,
Rev. Michael L. Feely**

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Happy New Year! I often spend my New Year's Eve remembering the old year, thinking about the coming year, and reflecting on treasured memories (and as I get older, I also spend time struggling to stay awake to watch the ball drop at midnight). This year will be one I'll remember for a long time, as I spent the evening at St. Andrews Center with the Chattanooga Fire Department (who are wonderful people). Our old boiler which heats the sanctuary finally gave up the ghost after 43 years of good service, and caught on fire. Thanks to our fire alarm system, and the fire department (and Pie and John Covington coming over to help turn off the right valves), our building was not hurt, and the smoke dissipated. The boiler, however, is cracked beyond repair and will cost \$30,000 to replace. We are working with the insurance company, and also looking at some different options in terms of heating the sanctuary. But we are thankful that no other damage was done, and are grateful that we have heat pumps for the rest of the building.

I remain excited about 2009. There are some serious challenges ahead for the St. Andrews Center, and there are some real opportunities for us to be in ministry with folks all over the city who are hurting, hungry, cold and hopeless. We will continue to be a place of hope and peace for our neighborhoods - a sanctuary for the community.

We are going through transitions - one of the biggest is the move of Lisa Nichols as she goes to Virginia to become the director of a UMC neighborhood center. I have worked in ministry with Lisa since 2000, and will miss her terribly. But she is going to be doing great things in Virginia, and I have already told her that St. Andrews Center and her center will be partnering in new ministries together (I'm not even giving her a chance to say no!). So I look forward to continued Kingdom work together. And not only with Lisa, but with all of you. Thanks again for your continuing support of the St. Andrews Center.

Come to think of it, maybe we don't even need to replace the boiler. We have so much work to do this year, we may not even slow down enough to get cold!

Michael

**From the Program Director,
Lisa Nichols**

This is my last article for the St. Andrews Center newsletter. I will be moving to Rocky Mount, Virginia on January 19, 2009 to accept the position of Executive Director of the Henry Fork Service Center. The Henry Fork Center is a small mission agency of the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church, focusing on educational enrichment for children of all ages. The Center provides a pre-school program for children ages 2-4 each morning and provides afterschool Christian Education, academic enrichment, and recreation and art experiences for elementary through high school students each afternoon.

I am taking so many learnings with me as I leave St. Andrews Center. I have learned that if the dream is strong enough and you work hard enough, amazing programs can happen. I have learned that if you have the courage to open the doors to the community, diversity will happen. I have learned that organizational and programming structure either allows or prevents many different programs from happening at the same time in the same building and that we have the choice to provide or prevent those structures.

I rejoice to have been a part of the growing years of the St. Andrews Center. Thank you for allowing me to be part of the St. Andrews Center story



1/23, 24, 25, 30, 31, and 2/1—**Arkansaw Bear** by Aurand Harris- a great piece of theatre for the entire family. Fantasy and reality mix in this story where Tish, a young girl, learns a valuable lesson about life. Complete with mimes, talking stars and dancing bears, ARKANSAW BEAR is sure to please. Friday performances are at 7:00, Saturday and Sunday performances are at 3:00. Tickets are \$7 for general admission, \$ 5 for children

February 6, 7, 8, 13, 14. **Love Letters** by A.R. Gurney- Andrew and Melissa, friends from grade school and their neighborhood establish a friendship that lasts as long their lives. This play chronicles that friendship through the somewhat lost medium of letter writing. Join Andrew and Melissa as they read a lifetime of letters from each other; see their relationship mature from adolescence to old age, picking up every nuance along the way. Bring your loved ones to this Valentine's offering.

Friday performances are at 7:00, Saturday and Sunday performances are at 3:00. Tickets are \$10 for general admission, \$8 for students with ID

New Play Tuesday—February 3, 7:00 **DUST** by Rob Smith

The daughter of an alcoholic maestro of music composition returns to take care and make amends with her dying father. However a strained relationship amongst prodigies isn't ever an easy fix. Tickets are \$4