

# Good News

From Darrtown / McGonigle-Millville Charge  
United Methodist Church  
January / February, 2009



*Dear Friends,*

What will 2009 bring to our two churches serving this area between Hamilton, the County seat, and Oxford, the seat of learning?

Are you praying for a 10% growth for your church? What new people will become a part of our churches?

Who will you minister to in 2009? How will you live out the stewardship of your life, your gifts, and your talents in this community, your church, even in your family?

I am simply reflecting some of the questions Lee Strawhun is asking about one of our District's great churches, Westwood UMC in Cincinnati. Having served there for four years, I can visualize people, places, the church and the streets around it.

Dr. Strawhun acknowledges the good done and the people touched by that church. Yet, on a smaller scale, I can say the same thing about both Darrtown and McGonigle. The love and hope of God through Jesus, our Lord and Savior, has been and continues to be shown and shared.

2009 will bring both challenges and opportunities. Let us rejoice that God continues to trust us with the privilege and responsibility of sharing His divine love with everyone around us.

See YOU in church Sunday -----

Where it all begins!  
*Rev. Ed Beck*

## McGONIGLE-MILLVILLE NEWS

### CONGRATULATIONS TO...

David and Shannon Guenther on the birth of their baby boy, Seth Michael Guenther, on November 4, 2008. Seth Michael weighed 7 lb. 7 oz.

Andy and Susan Petri on the birth of their twins on November 14, 2008. Silas James weighed 6 lb. 9 oz. and Holly Jane weighed 5 lb. 9 oz.

Noah and Shelee Webster on the birth of their baby boy, Nolan Randall Webster, on December 24, 2008. Nolan Randall weighed 6 lb. 7 oz.

### CELEBRATION

Mike and Nikki Baker celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with the Renewal of Vows on Sunday evening, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Family and friends gathered at the church to witness this special occasion, then joined the happy couple in the church fellowship hall for refreshments.

### WELCOME

We are happy to welcome as guests, Jan and Richard Boling, 1661 Salman Road, Hamilton, Ohio. We extend a sincere welcome to them and hope they continue to worship with us.

### LOOKING BACK

A moving Advent season was completed on December 21<sup>st</sup> with a powerful and moving Cantata presented by the Sanctuary Choir.

Our seven voice choir presented an adaptation of Handel's "Messiah." Bernice Coleman read the Scripture passages and Jim Leitsch, Nikki Baker, Shelee Webster, Amy McDiffett and Sherri Berger each took turns as soloists. The whole choir sang as well. During the "Hallelujah Chorus," the audience stood, as is traditional.

The children sang "The Friendly Beasts" as part of the Cantata. Jacob and Jillian Berger, Austin Rice, Alexis Dillingham and Nick Withrow were the Friendly Beasts directed by Andrea Berger. The children were so cute and knew their parts and spoke up very well. They added a lot!

Theresa Williams accompanied the choir, soloists, the children and congregation.

A wonderful Christmas luncheon was enjoyed by nearly all the 78 people in attendance.

## POINSETTIAS DECORATED OUR ALTAR

The Christmas poinsettias were presented by:

- ⇒ In memory of my grandparents from Amy McDiffett
- ⇒ In memory of our parents and our son, John, from John and Carol Beckett
- ⇒ In memory of our loved ones from the Lester Coleman family
- ⇒ In memory of Dorothy Eichel from Jan and Richard Bowling
- ⇒ In memory of John and Fern Keller and Bill Owen
- ⇒ In memory of Charles and Mildred Conrad from Shelly, Greg, Laura and Joe Bennett
- ⇒ In memory of Joseph Stanton from Betty Stanton and Betty Jo Berger
- ⇒ In memory of our parents from Mike & Brenda Graham
- ⇒ In memory of Betty Taggart from Theresa Williams
- ⇒ In honor of Jim and Phyllis Keller from their children
- ⇒ In honor of Clara Owen
- ⇒ In honor of Peggy Sue Keller and Chuck Sullivan
- ⇒ In honor of Patty and Dave Lykins
- ⇒ In honor of John Keller
- ⇒ In honor of Pam and Steve Stephenson
- ⇒ In honor of Shelly Bennett-Conrad and children
- ⇒ In honor of the Keller grandchildren
- ⇒ In honor of our great granddaughter, Jada Keller, from Jim and Phyllis Keller

### DECK OF CARDS

A young soldier in Afghanistan, knowing that he was not allowed to have a Bible or other spiritual books, decided to talk to the Lord by studying a deck of cards:

- The Ace reminded him that there is only one God.
- The Two represents the Old and New Testaments.
- The Three represents the Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
- The Four stands for the Apostles: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.
- The Five is for the five virgins. There were ten, but only five of them were glorified.
- The Six is for the six days it took God to create the Heavens and Earth.
- The Seven is for the day God rested after working six days.
- The Eight is for the family of Noah. God saved the eight people from the flood that destroyed the earth.
- The Nine is for the lepers that Jesus cleansed of leprosy. He cleansed ten but nine never thanked Him.
- The Ten represents the Ten Commandments.
- The Jack is a reminder of Satan.
- The Queen represents the Virgin Mary.
- The King is for Jesus, for He is the King of all Kings.



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

### COMING UP

- **Monday, Jan. 5 – 7:00 pm meeting:** Hostesses: Mickey Pate, Sally Hansel, Irene Hansel. Program: "Litany On The Purpose." Installation of Officers. Distribution of World Thank Offering boxes for 2009.
- **Monday, Feb. 2 – 7:00 pm meeting:** Hostesses: Sandy Beckemeier, Rhonda Knight.

### MISSIONS

- ❖ The UMW theme for 2009 is "Who's At the Table?" Answering the question in a broader way in today's world is complex and reveals great divisions in our society, divisions of age, race, income, ethnicity, education and access to health care, to name a few. As United Methodist Women members answer the question, we live into our call to be in mission with the world. We are called to be a supportive fellowship and practice and share a life-giving and justice seeking faith. We move to analyze things as they are and advocate for change when necessary.
- ❖ New 2009 UMW Program Books will be available soon.
- ❖ The UMW has raised an additional \$659 to be added to the dishwasher fund, bringing the total to \$2,271.
- ❖ UMW Treasurer's Report: Balance is \$924.15.
- ❖ UMW Christmas Mission: Clothing for schools – Thanks to everyone who donated sweatpants and underwear to this mission for the elementary schools in the district. Even with the recession, we had a generous outpouring of Christmas Love! Thank you for your kindness. Cathy Richardson, Chair.
- ❖ The UMW Shut-In Project: Six Christmas baskets were delivered to shut-ins of the community and church. Thanks to Donna Gallagher and Sandy Beckemeier for organizing these acts of Christmas cheer.
- ❖ On November 7<sup>th</sup>, Ida Mae attended "World Community Day" sponsored by Church Women United. This service was held at the AME Church in Oxford, and the theme was "God's Wisdom Sets Us Free." One subject was

prison ministry. The poem "I Believe" was written by an incarcerated lady. May her words help us to strengthen our own faith.

### **I BELIEVE**

I am learning new ways to cope.  
I see a light that shines, a shimmer of hope.  
My days seem more cheerful and bright,  
It's because of the flame, the shimmering light.  
I have faith that my hopes and dreams will come true,  
I believe in my God, I believe in You.  
I feel your presence, I feel You there,  
I know You listen, and I know you care.  
I no longer feel that empty space in my heart.  
It was not really empty, You were there from the start.  
I just needed to open the door and invite You in,  
I just didn't realize when I did I'd feel free from my sins.  
I know now You'll stay, You'll always be near  
To hold my hand and ease my fear.  
I now have faith my dreams will come true.  
I believe in God, I believe in You.

### REMINDERS

- ✓ Save Campbell Soup UPC labels
- ✓ Begin saving your coins for the 2009 World Thank Offering

### **Happy Birthday UMW!**

<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>
1/01 – Carolyn Russell	2/04 – Joan Dyer
1/16 – Pam Hatten	2/09 – Ida Mae Lemmons
1/19 – Malka Mertes	

### ♥ *Forgiveness Therapy* ♥

"I can forgive, but I cannot forget" is only another way of saying, I will not forgive. Forgiveness ought to be like a canceled note – torn in two, and burned up, so that it never can be shown against one. (quote by Henry Ward Beecher, American Clergyman – 1813-1887)

### **NOTICE: DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

The next deadline date for submitting articles is **February 20, 2009**. Items can be given to Maxine Harris, Ida Mae Lemmons or Evelyn Kuhlmann. E-mail Maxine at: [maxakers03@aol.com](mailto:maxakers03@aol.com); or Evelyn at [ebkuhl@brecnet.com](mailto:ebkuhl@brecnet.com).

# Darrtown - McGonigle Millville UMC

## February 2009 - Birthdays, Anniversaries, Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion	2 7:00 pm UMW meeting Walter Davin John Halcomb Don Jones	3 Lawrence Coleman	4 Joan Dyer	5 Phyllis Keller	6 Cass Cohen Koen Broshear Theresa Williams	7
8 Love Sunday Tom Steger	9 Ida mae Lemmons Peggy Keller Caden Michael Jones	10 Ron Hatten	11	12	13 Andrea Berger Sharon Hansel	14 Andy & Helen Bruck
15	16	17	18 Dick Sadler Maryl Gross	19 Lawrence & Esther Schlabach	20	21
22 Mark Lowe	23 Carol Beckett	24 Angela Baldwin	25 Ash Wednesday	26 Julie Hollister Doug Decker Jim Mertes	27 Ken Russell Sr. Jonathan McCartney	28

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL & COMMITTEES, MCGONIGLE-MILLVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH –  
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Financial Secretary: Nikki Baker  
Administrative Council Secretary: Bernice Coleman  
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Passionate Worship: Sherri Berger  
Risk Taking Service: Ann Jones  
Faith Forming Relationships: Andrea Berger  
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Nikki Baker	Dick Roemer	Susan Petri
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Lay Leader: Paul Berger (6 at Large)

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Carol Beckett	Ida Boettger	Edie Farmer
Ken Coleman	Robyn Beck	Susan Petri

LOCAL CHARGE CONFERENCE SECRETARY: Bernice Coleman

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Bob Ison	Myra Krauth	Cathy Richardson / Cyndi Mehl

(9 at Large)

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