

Good News

*From Darrtown / McGonigle-Millville Charge
United Methodist Churches
January / February, 2013*



Dear Friends,

This newsletter may come to you between Christmas and New Years, even though it is for January and February. And even though it comes later than that "between week" I want to share these thoughts from a friend.

He speaks of a time when he worked as dispatcher for a trucking firm. He tells how the drivers, office workers, and dock workers looked forward to the time between Christmas and the New Year. After the busyness of the Christmas season, there was little to do the week after Christmas. At first it was a relief, but after a few days everyone became bored. The offices could be cleaned and the docks swept only so many times and the time went so slow.

January and February are a lot like that. Everyone seems to step back a bit and slow down, even if the weather does not force it.

This is a good time to take the advice of the prophet Isaiah, who long ago wrote these wise words: "They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." (Isaiah 40:31)

This is a good time for us to wait for the Lord, to reflect on the special ways He has crossed our paths, even directed them, in the past year. The result, according to the prophet, is that our strength will be renewed like the eagle's and we will be empowered by the Holy Spirit to move through 2013 with new insight, direction, and energy. When we wait for the Lord, He WILL touch us in marvelous and mysterious ways.

See YOU in church!

Pastor Ed

IT'S A BRAND NEW YEAR

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Watch for news each week in the weekly bulletins.

January, 2013

- Jan. 1: New Year's Day. Both churches closed.
- Jan. 2 (Wed): McGonigle choir rehearsal at 6:30; Bible Study at 7:00
- Jan. 3: Darrtown – no choir rehearsal in January
- Jan. 6: Worship at 9:00 and 10:45 am
 - Sunday School – Darrtown: 9:15 & 10:20
 - Sunday School – McGonigle: 9:30 & 10:55
- Jan. 7 (Mon): United Methodist Women at 7:00 pm
- Jan. 9 (Wed): McGonigle choir rehearsal at 6:30; Bible Study at 7:00
- Jan. 12: Ohio River Valley Training Day, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Armstrong Chapel UMC
- Jan. 13: Worship at 9:00 and 10:45 am; Love Offering
 - Sunday School – Darrtown: 9:15 & 10:20; Trustees meet at 10:00 am
 - Sunday School – McGonigle: 9:30 & 10:55
- Jan. 14 (Mon): Tentative start for Women's Bible Study, led by Shelee Webster
- Jan. 14 (Mon): Darrtown Church Council, time TBA
- Jan. 16 (Wed): McGonigle choir rehearsal at 6:30; Bible Study at 7:00
- Jan. 20: Worship at 9:00 and 10:45 am
 - Sunday School – Darrtown: 9:15 & 10:20
 - Sunday School – McGonigle: 9:30 & 10:55
- Jan. 21 (Mon): McGonigle: 6:30 Trustees, 7:00 Church Council
- Jan. 23 (Wed): McGonigle choir rehearsal at 6:30; Bible Study at 7:00
- Jan. 25 (Fri): 7:00 pm, game night; host, McGonigle
- Jan. 27: Worship at 9:00 and 10:45 am
 - Sunday School – Darrtown: 9:15 & 10:20
 - Sunday School – McGonigle: 9:30 & 10:55
- Jan. 29: 10:00 am Rev. Beck at Cluster meeting
- Jan. 30 (Wed): McGonigle choir rehearsal at 6:30; Bible Study at 7:00

February, 2013

- Feb. 3: Worship at 9:00 and 10:45 am (Communion will be postponed to Ash Wednesday, tentatively scheduled for noon and 7:30 pm)
 - Sunday School – Darrtown: 9:15 & 10:20
 - Sunday School – McGonigle: 9:30 & 10:55
- Feb. 6 (Wed): McGonigle choir rehearsal at 6:30; Bible Study at 7:00
- Feb. 9 (Sat): 2:00-4:00 – Ida Mae Lemmons' 90th birthday celebration at Darrtown
- Feb. 10: Worship at 9:00 and 10:45 am
 - Sunday School – Darrtown: 9:15 & 10:20 (Boy Scout Sunday – Pack 937 is part of our service)
 - Sunday School – McGonigle: 9:30 & 10:55
- Feb. 13 (Wed): Ash Wednesday, Beginning of Lent
- Feb. 17: First Sunday in Lent; Worship at 9:00 / 10:45
 - Sunday School – Darrtown: 9:15 & 10:20
 - Sunday School – McGonigle: 9:30 & 10:55
- Feb. 20 (Wed): McGonigle choir rehearsal at 6:30; Bible Study at 7:00
- Feb. 22 (Fri): 7:00 pm game night; host, McGonigle
- Feb. 24: Second Sunday in Lent; Worship at 9:00 and 10:45 am
 - Sunday School – Darrtown: 9:15 & 10:20
 - Sunday School – McGonigle: 9:30 & 10:55
- Feb. 27 (Wed): McGonigle choir rehearsal at 6:30; Bible Study at 7:00

BE ALERT...

Be alert for additional plans and events to come. A bimonthly newsletter means some events come after the current newsletter is published.

F Y I (For Your Information)

Please be sure to let the church know if you or a loved one will be entering the hospital. Also, in case of pastoral emergency and you are unable to reach Rev. Beck or Robyn at 513-896-4025, you may contact them by using their cell phone number, 513-226-1314.

See your church's prayer list each Sunday and remember those named in prayer.



**BIRTHDAYS
& ANNIVERSARIES**
Refer to our calendar pages.

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LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Darrtown / McGonigle-Millville Prayer List

(See your church's prayer list each Sunday)

Our military personnel	Unnamed persons / families
Rita Burns	Ruby Finkbine
Cheryl Frost	Fred Geisler
Fred Guiler	Pete Jewell
Don Jones	Delmar Klahn Family
Charlotte & Wilbur Kreite	Eric Lykins
Sarah Myers	Kim Newcomer
Irene & Carl Nutley	Harry Otto
Clara Owen	Marian Ponder
Bunny Snow	Charles Sullivan
Noah Trumbull	Jim Wells
Dale Werk	Irene Young
Sam Jones	David Foley
Bill Kuhlmann	Mike Flick
Rev. Robert Heiliger	Victims of Hurricane Sandy
All our shut-ins	Families of CT school shooting

NEXT NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY FEBRUARY 20, 2013

Give to Maxine Harris (maxakers03@aol.com)

Ida Mae Lemmons (idamae87@yahoo.com)

or Rita Burns (rburns38@cinci.rr.com)

JOINT CHURCH EVENTS

LENT: FEBRUARY 13 – MARCH 31, 2013

Lent and Easter arrive early this year. Lent is a time in the church year that is NOT just "a time when..." It is special! It is not something that we watch; it is an experience that happens deep within us.

We can attend a play, movie or sports event and get excited. We can participate emotionally in what is happening. As we identify with the actors or players, we go through something of the same feelings and emotions that they do.

However, the point of Lent is the next step. We are called to IDENTIFY. We are called to relive the events we are recalling. We are called to participate and celebrate the mighty acts of God whereby our salvation has come, and by this participation make these events a part of our own life story.

To observe Lent is to identify with the suffering and death of Jesus the Christ. To observe Lent is to accept the invitation to relive the events of His Passion. Our task and invitation in Lent is to enable them to happen again IN US!

You need to participate in worship and go beyond that to do the additional work of sharing in daily devotions and prayer and reading again the story of these events. Experience again the focus on His death which is means of overcoming death. For if we do not pass through the death which is Lent, we cannot participate in the entrance into eternal life which is Easter.

May Lent, 2013 bring you through the challenges of Lent and into a discovery anew of the joys of Easter.

- Rev. Beck

THANK YOU...

To the people in both congregations for all the Christmas greetings and gifts that we received. Thank you so much!

- Rev. Ed, Robyn and Kaylee

DARRTOWN COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS MUSIC FEST

Thanks so much to Darrtown for hosting the beautiful Community Christmas Music Fest on December 6, 2012. Everyone sounded great and Darrtown UMC was beautifully decorated, adding to the festive evening. Ida Mae, you really know how to throw a party!

- Ann Jones

MCGONIGLE-MILLVILLE NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEW SMALL GROUP BEGINNING IN JANUARY!

Are you tired of trying to be a good Christian? Are you overloaded and worn out with church activities? Do you sometimes feel as if you are just going through the motions of the Christian life? Do you experience heaviness or shame more than joy or freedom in your Christian life? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then perhaps God is calling you to something deeper. Please join us in an interactive study group called "Seeking Him," a Life Action Ministries book by Nancy Leigh Demoss. The purpose of the study is to reveal more of God and His ways to you, to gently expose your heart, and to lead you on a pilgrimage toward greater freedom, forgiveness, fullness, and spiritual fruitfulness. The study is 12 weeks long, will be on Monday evenings, starting January 14th. All are welcome! Contact Shelee Webster at 513-498-7214 for additional information.

"Break up your fallow ground, for it is time to seek the Lord, till He comes and rains righteousness on you." Hosea 10:12 NKJV

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GAME NIGHTS

Friday, January 25th and Friday, February 22nd – There will be an opportunity to let your hair down and get your competitive juices flowing with two game nights beginning at 7:00 pm, or whenever you can get there. McGonigle church will host both evenings.

Bring games or cards and a snack to share. And most of all bring a spirit of fun and enjoyment.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETINGS

As of this writing, both church council meetings are scheduled for:

Darrtown – January 14, 2013 at 7:30 pm

McGonigle – January 21, 2013 at 7:00 pm

Darrtown voted to consider an earlier time for 2013 to allow people to avoid some driving in the dark. More info to come.

Darrtown is moving Trustees to after church at 10:00 am on the Sunday before Church Council. That will begin January 13th.

PAST EVENTS AND NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS

To Phyllis Keller's mother, Clara Owens, on reaching her milestone of 100 years!

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Adorning the altar in December, were:

In Memory:

- ❖ Of our loved ones by the Lester Coleman Family
- ❖ Of George & Luella Eaton from Jim & Joyce Leyrer
- ❖ Of our loved ones from Mary Harrison, Paul & Sherri Berger
- ❖ Of Fern & John Keller, Tom Keller & William Owen from Jim & Phyllis Keller

From Jim & Phyllis Keller, In Honor:

- ❖ Of Clara Owen
- ❖ Of Peggy Sue Keller & Chuck Sullivan
- ❖ Patty & Dave Lykins
- ❖ John & Sue Keller
- ❖ Pam & Steve Stephenson
- ❖ The Keller grandchildren and great-grandchildren
- ❖ Of Shelly Bennett and Greg, Joe and Laura

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“There’s always going to be bad stuff out there. But here’s the amazing thing: Light trumps darkness, every time. You can stick a candle into the dark, but you can’t stick the dark into the light. — author, Jodi Picoult

THANK YOU...

- To Brenda Graham and her Elves for the cookies and deliveries for McGonigle-Millville shut-ins.
- To the McGonigle choir for the special music and worship program on December 16th. Thanks to the choir also for the wonderful meal after worship. Thanks to Shelee Webster for the children’s participation in the special program. The children were precious as they portrayed the Christmas Story.
- To Mrs. Claus and her Elf for being at the McGonigle Christmas program. You are always welcome!
- Thanks to Jennifer Jones for the new directory of members and friends at McGonigle Church.

LIVING WATER MINISTRIES' 2012 LIVING TREE

On behalf of Living Water Ministries' Cathy Hester, and Rev. Ed and Robyn Beck, thank you so very much for your participation and generous Christmas gifts for the children entered in the 2012 Living Tree event at Living Water. All cards were accounted for and gifts were delivered as scheduled. We hope your Christmas is as happy as you have made these beautiful children. — Ann Jones

FIRST FRUITS CAUGHT RESTING

The Trustee Committee would like to thank everyone who contributes to First Fruits activities. Some of the tasks completed since our previous newsletter:

- Turkey dinner road signs taken down and placed in storage
- Picked up yard sale items as needed
- Delivered food from turkey dinner to Haven House and First United Methodist Church
- Repaired four light fixtures in Fellowship Hall
- Collected and put trash to curb
- Changed engine oil and filter of tractor
- Vacuumed vent cover of drinking fountain, bathroom exhaust fans, above stove hood, under stove and ceiling fan blades in Fellowship Hall
- Moved popcorn and hot dog machines from annex to Fellowship Hall
- Installed mounting hardware of vertical blinds on two windows in sanctuary
- Discovered water damage on west wall; determined caulking around window was defective; scraped and installed three tubes of caulking (cont)

- Researching to find replacement covers for outlets of kitchen floor

The Trustee Committee would also like to extend a big THANK YOU to each person who has worked tirelessly during 2012. Everyone working together transforms a group of people to a living church. A living church is a wonderful thing to participate in and observe.

DARRTOWN NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION INVITATION

Please join us for a reception celebrating the 90th birthday of **Ida Mae Lemmons**

Saturday, February 9, 2013, 2:00 – 4:00 pm
Darrtown UMC, Darrtown, OH
R.S.V.P. by February 1, 2013

Annebrewer4631@aol.com 434/384-2592 (No gifts please.)

SUNDAY AFTER WORSHIP GROUP STUDY

Everyone is invited to participate (after fellowship) from 10:30-11:30 am in the Annex. Studies are from an Upper Room Book called "Singing Mary's Song." Come and enjoy.

PAST EVENTS AND NEWS

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

In Memory of:

- ❖ Parents and Grandparents, by Phyllis Flick
- ❖ Robert Lemmons, by Ida Mae & Family
- ❖ Lawrence & Marcella Baumann, by Pam Russell & Family
- ❖ Kelly Rae Kirkpatrick, by Pam Russell & Family
- ❖ Helen McVicker Manser, by Lois Tompkins
- ❖ Irene Hansel, by Lois Tompkins
- ❖ Mary Lou Simison, by Larry Simison
- ❖ Bill Williams, by Rose Williams
- ❖ Bill Harris, by Maxine Harris
- ❖ Our Parents, by Rev. Ed & Robyn Beck
- ❖ Dodie Ogle, by Harry Ogle
- ❖ Mr. & Mrs. Walter Alston, by Harry Ogle
- ❖ Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Coombs, by Bill & Joanne
- ❖ The Jewell Family, by Bill & Joanne Coombs

In Honor of:

- ❖ Lilly Steger, by Debra & Tom Steger
- ❖ Jane Steger, by Debra & Tom Steger
- ❖ Our Family, by Carolyn & Ken Russell

THANK YOU

- ☺ To everyone who attended and donated to the Music Fest and made it a successful and enjoyable event.
- ☺ To everyone who stayed after church and helped decorate the church for Christmas. The church looked beautiful and we all enjoyed a delicious soup lunch.
- ☺ To all who donated to the Christmas mission of clothing for the children in local elementary schools. If you still would like to donate children's sweatpants, underwear and socks or a check, please contact Cathy Richardson or Rhonda Knight. We will make sure the items get to the school anytime this winter. Thank you!!!
- ☺ Heartfelt thanks to all who helped with the November bazaar and bake sale. We had record sales of over \$500. We can now extend our mission giving. Thanks to workers, donors and noodle-makers!
- ☺ To the Darrtown choir under the leadership of Stacey Ison. They have been singing each Sunday of Advent as well as Christmas Eve. Thank you, Stacey!
- ☺ Thank you to Jack Davis for continuing to incorporate our newsletters in our website www.darrtownumc.org

CHURCH FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Sunday, December 2nd, many people enjoyed the evening with games, song and stories as the Spirit of Christmas filled the air. Tables were decorated, the sound of holiday music was present, and a wide array of holiday Christmas dinner for all. One table with guests was unusually loud and noisy in happy holiday joyfulness that trickled over to other tables. Many gifts were under the tree. Little Kaylee and Cory enjoyed their gifts, given by Santa Claus. The Barbie doll, the black police car, and the truck with doors that opened were enjoyed by all.

The evening's temperature was in the 60's, very unusual for this time of year. Thank you, Lord, for the time to enjoy one another in celebration of Jesus, Son of God, our Savior.

- Ida Mae Lemmons

NEW ADDRESS

Wayne Weber
Barrington of West Chester, # 4309
7222 Heritagespring Drive
West Chester, OH 45069

(this is a correction – zip code should be 45069)



A.S.A.P. =

Angels Secretly Always Present.

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OUR SMALL STUDY GROUP

On Sunday, December 16th the Darrrtown small study group skipped class and enjoyed a visit to the McGonigle church to watch the Christmas Program. Their Sunday School and Angel Church children were in costume and performed the program called "Ring the Bells," along with the adult choir's music, The Christmas Story. Our favorite was "There Is A Star." Very good! - *Ida Mae Lemmons*

NEWTOWN, CT

We have all just experienced the shock and sadness of another school shooting which resulted in 26 innocent lives lost. If anyone would like to send condolences, Channel 5 News reported the following address for that purpose:

Messages of Condolences for Newtown
PO Box 3700
Newtown, CT 06470

"Take Time"

Take time to pray... it helps to bring God near and washes the dust of earth from your eyes.

Take time for friends... they are the source of happiness.

Take time for work... it is the price of success.

Take time to think... it is the source of power.

Take time to read... it is the foundation of knowledge.

Take time to laugh... it is the singing that helps with life's loads.

Take time to love... it is the one sacrament of life.

Take time to dream... it hitches the soul to the stars.

Take time to play... it is the secret of youth.

Take time to worship... it is the highway to reverence. - *Author Unknown*

The Way to a Happy New Year

To leave the old with a burst of song;
To recall the right and forgive the wrong;
To forget the things that bind you fast
to the vain regrets of the year that's past;
To have the strength to let go your hold
of the not worthwhile of the days grown old;
To dare go forth with a purpose true,
to the unknown task of the year that's new;
To help your brother along the road,
to do his work and lift his load;
To add your gift to the world's good cheer,
is to have and to give a Happy New Year.

- *Author Unknown*

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

From Our President:

At our November meeting, a lot of planning was done for the soup lunch, Christmas party, and shut-in visitation. We had a program titled "Walk with Christ" and learned about Henri Nouwren. Thanks to Debra Steger. There was no meeting in December as we hosted the Christmas party.

The January meeting will be held on the 7th; installation of officers and planning programs for the new year. Hostesses will be Mickey Pate and Sally Hansel.

The February meeting will be on the 4th, with our yearly Call to Prayer and Self-Denial program, Lent and a Valentine's party. Hostesses will be Sandy Beckemeier and Rhonda Knight. We hope for good weather and a good turnout. HAPPY NEW YEAR! - *Cathy Richardson*

MISSIONS: On-going missions include:

- o Canned food and/or boxes (in Annex)
- o Fellowship of the Least Coin (pennies to be placed in oversized jar at rear of sanctuary)
- o Project Linus blankets for children in local hospitals
- o Love Packages: any left-over Christian material to pass on to others (box in rear of sanctuary)
- o Recipe Books (on table at entrance to Annex)
- o World Thank Offering Boxes for 2013
- o Monthly Love Offering
- o Matthew 25 Ministries

Happy Birthday UMW!


January

01/01 – Carolyn Russell
01/16 – Pam Hatten
01/19 – Malka Mertes

February

02/09 – Ida Mae Lemmons

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		 January 1 Carolyn Russell	2 Jim Keller	3	4 Irene Young	5
6 Chris Meador	7 Bernice Coleman	8 Mike Graham	9	10 Bill Kuhlmann	11	12
13	14	15	16 Pam Hatten	17	18 Shannon Guenther Susan Petri Caitlin Lowe	19 Malka Mertes
20	21	22 Madison M. Jones Bill & JoAnn Coombs (Anniv.)	23 Roxanna Otto	24 Margarete Kalivoda	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 Rawn Dillingham		

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<u>February</u>						
					1	2 John Halcomb Don Jones
3 Lawrence Coleman	4	5 Phyllis Keller James Park	6 Theresa Williams	7	8 Jan Boling Tom Steger	9 Peggy Keller Caden Jones Ida Mae Lemmons
10 Ron Hatten	11	12	13 Barbara Callen	14	15	16
17	18 Richard Sadler Meryl Gross	19	20	21 Kaylee Shannon	22 Mark Lowe	23 Carol Beckett
24 Angela Baldwin	25	26 Jim Mertes Julie Hollister	27 Jonathan McCartney Ken Russell	28 Charles Withrow (actual day 29 th)		