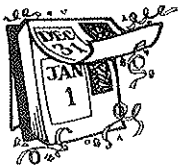


Events for January & February, 2014

- Each Sunday: Darrrtown – worship at 9:00 am; church school at 9:10 & 10:30; McGonigle worship at 10:45 am; church school at 9:30 & 10:55.
- Refer to your Sunday bulletins for upcoming events through year end, as well as information contained in this newsletter.

BE ALERT...

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



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

NEXT NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY February 20, 2014

Give to Maxine Harris (maxakers03@aol.com)
Ida Mae Lemmons (idamae87@yahoo.com)
or Peggy Keller (itsmycj@fuse.net)

LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Darrrtown / McGonigle-Millville Prayer List

Our military personnel	Unnamed persons / families
Our new pastor	Larry Simison
Rev. Robert & Holly Heiliger	Melva Ward
Noah Trumbull	Melba Gross
Ashley Less	Ruby Finkbine
Pete & Jan Jewell	Sarah Myers
Family of David Circle	Sue Snider
Jerry & Myra Krauth	Clara Owen
Lois Snider	Jim & Mary Wells
Nicole Lewis (granddaughter of Gale Fleenor)	Margie Combs
Stephen Coombs	Don Mayberry
Joann Coombs	Robin Smith
Jim Gifford	Carol Beckett
Eric Lykins	Margarete Kalivoda
Cheryl Frost	Glen Yordy
Charles Sullivan	Carl Nutley Family
Margaret Kilgore	Lester Coleman
Jim Wright	Diana Richardson
Kim Newcomer	David & Elizabeth Foley
Theresa Brevard	Bobbie Spurger
Elaine Owen	Joy & Don Jones
	Middle East problems

Inspirational Quote

“Do more than belong: participate. Do more than care: help. Do more than believe: practice. Do more than be fair: be kind. Do more than forgive: forget. Do more than dream: work.”

- William Arthur Ward

MCGONIGLE-MILLVILLE NEWS

NEWS AND PAST EVENTS

ANNUAL HAM & TURKEY DINNER

Thank God for all our blessings! McGonigle-Millville UMC had our annual Ham & Turkey Dinner on Saturday, October 26, 2013 and it was a great success, thanks to all of you! It was a busy, but extraordinary week preparing for the dinner. We served everyone who came to eat and even had some leftovers to share with a local shelter in need of food donations. Being able to share our blessings with others is what makes it all worthwhile.

Nikki and I would like to take this opportunity to give many thanks to every one of you for all your hard work that was contributed to this dinner. We enjoyed all the fun and fellowship that was shared while preparing for the dinner Monday through Saturday, then during the dinner, however there were some who were greatly missed.

It was a blessing to have everyone working together to achieve such success and we did a spectacular job.

Some of you may think you didn't do much, but it takes a lot of little things to add up to the final event. We hope you are all proud of each other for the splendid outcome. We know we can't even begin to name everyone, but you know what you were able to contribute and you did it. Thank you! We're very pleased to say everyone did an excellent job pulling together and appreciate everybody's assistance. **We couldn't have done this without ALL of YOU! We are truly blessed to have you! GREAT JOB EVERYONE AND THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH!**

With many thanks and blessings to all, Nikki Baker & Norma Coleman, Committee Co-Chair Persons

FIRST FRUITS

First Fruits sessions are open to anybody interested in participating in fellowship or working the church's "honey-do" list. Sessions can be scheduled anytime to fit people's schedules as tasks need completed. First Fruits activities can be used as a weapon to eliminate boredom. If you have any questions, talk to Jim Keller or Kenny Coleman.

FIRST FRUITS CAUGHT RESTING

Since the previous newsletter, tasks completed are:

- Collected and put trash to curb as needed
- Snow removal and salt spreading as needed
- Called Duke Energy to report flood light of parking lot needed repairs
- Opened and closed building for people renting our facilities as needed
- Replaced light bulbs as needed
- Delivered canned goods to food pantry
- Picked up supplies at Baker Hardware as needed
- Cleaned and lubricated latch mechanism of basement exterior door
- Discovered water heater leaking, cleaned up mess, moved stored items to prevent water damage
- Researched options for replacement water heater
- Removed old water heater; ordered new unit
- Installed new water heater, expansion tank and anti-back flow valve

PERPETUAL FOOD DRIVE

On December 8th we delivered over four pounds of nonperishable food to the local food pantry. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Over seventeen pounds have been collected and delivered to the food pantry this year. There are people in need every day, so please continue to bring nonperishable food items and place them in the food drive barrels at the entrances to our building. THANK YOU!

NOTE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Trustee Committee would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped care for and beautify our church property during 2013.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

The Administrative Council decided to purchase 20 additional copies of the hymnal "Faith We Sing." They each cost \$14.00. If you want to purchase copies in honor of or in memory of someone, talk to Kenny Coleman.

LOVE OFFERING IN ACTION

Because you generously support the Love Offering, your church helped a man in need obtain a place to shower and get some much needed sleep. Also you helped a family in need obtain groceries to have a family meal to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. It is difficult to put into words how one is affected when helping a person in need. Once you experience it, it is easier to understand why God teaches the importance of doing so. Your continued generous support of the Love Offering enables this interaction to have its effect on more and more people.

DARRTOWN NEWS

NEWS AND PAST EVENTS

2013 CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

In Memory of:

- Alston Family & Ogle Family (Harry Ogle)
- J.G. Lewis (Gale Fleenor)
- Helen McVicker Manser (Lois Tompkins & family)
- Bill Williams (Rose Williams)
- Mary Lou Simison (Larry Simison)
- Warren, Irene, Jack, Charley Hansel (Sally Hansel)
- George W. Hansel & Minva L. Hansel (Jerry & Myra Krauth)
- Robert & Alice Krauth (Jerry & Myra Krauth)
- Lester & Audrey Brooks, Clarence & Ruth Flick (Phyllis & Mike Flick)
- Paul & Myrtle Jewell, Jordan & Kay Gallagher (Donna & Shawn Gallagher)
- Sarah Jane Nichol (Cathy & Lora Richardson)

ANNUAL CHURCH FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year's party took place a week later than usual. On December 15th people arrived to the sounds of Christmas carols and a wide array of delicious classic Christmas foods. There was visiting and games and prizes. Santa appeared! The children laughed and played and were so happy as Santa gave out gifts. The craft committee set us a craft project of dressed up felt ginger boys and girls.

Thanks to the United Methodist Women for a good time celebrating Jesus Christ's birth. Before leaving, everyone had a gift!
- Ida Mae Lemmons

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

We returned to the Gospel of Luke for December to learn about the Christmas story. I wrote a short Christmas play for Jodi, Cori and me to perform for the congregation titled *Two Princesses and a Little Prince Search for the Newborn King*. The two princesses are Magi who study science and the universe. They have seen a new star in the night sky and determine it belongs to someone very important that has been born – the King of Kings. They discuss the ancient scriptures of Isaiah that tell us about the King of Kings. Isaiah 9:6 says "For a child is born to us, a son is given; and the government will rest on his shoulders. His name will be called Wonderful, Councilor, Almighty God, the Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." The Magi decide to take the camels and follow the star. Prince Cori

wanted to take a tractor to the new king but they decide to take him gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Sunday School will begin our studies in the Old Testament in 2014. We left the Old Testament in November ending with Samuel. We will begin to study King David's life in January. We will learn about the shepherd boy who fought wild animals to protect his sheep. We will follow his life as he is first anointed by Samuel as the future king, fights Goliath, serves King Saul and finally becomes King of Israel.

David is a man after God's own heart. He has a relationship with God that matures through his life. David writes poetry about God, sings praises to God and dances with joy to the temple. Hopefully, through this Bible study, we will learn what it means to have a relationship with God. Hopefully, He will change our hearts and lives. Hopefully, we will develop a heart like His. *- Debra Steger*

THANK YOU

I want to thank everyone for the beautiful cards and well wishes. The well wishes were greatly appreciated. I have a long way to go before everything is working like it is supposed to, but more than one person tells me I have spunk! Prayers have been greatly appreciated, as you can tell – prayers can be answered. Thanks again for all your cheer for the holidays. God bless you all and remember God loves us all. *- Linda Agee and family*

NEW ADDRESS

Larry Simison
Cottingham Retirement Community
3995 Cottingham Drive
Cincinnati, OH 45241
513-563-3600

(exact room location is not known at this time)

ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this year's turkey dinner, bake sale and bazaar a huge success! As expected, everyone put forth a great effort and did a wonderful job.

FROM THE FINANCIAL COMMITTEE

Congratulations to Laura Bennett, the third scholarship recipient from the Helen McVicker Manser Foundation.



We could learn a lot from crayons; some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, while others bright, some have weird names, but they all have learned to live together in the same box. *- unknown*

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

From Our President:

Thank you for the generous giving for the Christmas mission of children's clothing. I was able to take two full boxes to the school. The clothing is really needed in this cold weather.

The few who attended the annual Christmas party had a great time. The four children had a visit from Santa and made fun crafts. The rest of us played games and enjoyed the fellowship. The food was scrumptious.

The "Hanging of the Greens" was attended by quite a few people, which gave us lots of help to decorate and everyone enjoyed the four wonderful soups. Thanks for all your help.

Special thanks for all the desserts donated to the Darrtown Bicentennial fundraiser in November. It was a busy night.

Thank you to all who donated poinsettias for the Christmas altar. It was a beautiful sight.

What a charming Christmas play written by Debra Steger and performed by Debra, Jodi and Cori! The gifts were being taken to Baby Jesus, gold, frankincense and myrrh. What the rest of you didn't hear was Cori's answer to "What is your gift for the baby?" He answered-----A TRACTOR-----. That is his highest priority for a gift.

We have had some wonderful music from the choir and individuals for our holiday enjoyment. Thank you. Thanks to our musicians: Ida Mae Lemmons, Laura Cohen and Linda Agee.

The UMW have been very busy this season. Our November meeting was busy planning for all the activities. We had our Christmas party and enjoyed holiday food, games and music. Thanks to hostesses Debra and Cathy. Thanks to everyone who donated items for the bazaar and bake sale. It was our largest ever. We were able to increase our mission giving.

No meeting in December as we sponsored the annual Christmas party.

January meeting will be on Monday, January 6, 2014. Hostesses are Sally Hansel and Mickey Pate. We will have installation of officers.

February meeting will be on Monday, February 3rd. The program will be Call to Prayer and Self-Denial. We will have a Valentines party. Remember to bring all your unwanted holiday gifts and we will have a White Elephant auction for our depleted treasury. Hostesses are Sue Snider and Rhonda Knight.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!! - *Cathy Richardson, President*

MISSIONS REMINDER: On-going missions include:

- Canned food and/or boxes (in Annex)
- Fellowship of the Least Coin (pennies to be placed in oversized jar at rear of sanctuary)
- Project Linus blankets for children in local hospitals
- Love Packages: any left-over Christian material to pass on to others (box in rear of sanctuary)
- Recipe Books (on table at entrance to Annex)
- World Thank Offering Boxes for 2014
- Monthly Love Offering
- Matthew 25 Ministries

Happy Birthday UMW!

January	February
01/01 – Carolyn Russell	02/09 – Ida Mae Lemmons
01/16 – Pam Hatten	
01/19 – Malka Mertes	

FORGIVENESS

Allow humbleness, forgiveness, clarity and love, all gifts of the spirit, to take root and bloom, and you draw yourself to God's greatest gift: human beings with open hearts.

- Unknown

A BEDTIME PRAYER

*Now I lay me down to sleep
 And instead of counting sheep
 I will every blessing name,
 Thanking God, from whom they came.*

*Morning sun,
 Air so sweet,
 Food prepared for me to eat,
 Books to read,
 Games to play,
 Little tasks throughout the day,
 Romping dogs,
 Laughing friends,
 Cozy bed when daytime ends.*

*I could name some more, but then...
 I'm so sleepy, God ... Amen.*

- by Josephine Sacripant

**IT'S A
 BRAND
 NEW YEAR
 2014**

Kid's Korner

Turning TRUST into PEACE

By Binney Paik

If we start with trust in God, we'll end up with peace in our own lives. And we will help make the lives of those around us more peaceful. The way we show our trust in God is to do the things God tells us in the Bible.

Here's another way to turn trust into peace. Start with the five letters in trust. On each line, change only one letter from the word just above it to make a new word that fits the clue for that line. (Hint: the dark line shows you which letter will change.)

T R U S T

_____ The dark, outside layer of a loaf of bread.

_____ What we do with cans before taking them to the recycler.

_____ A loud, sudden noise.

_____ A word you use when two colors don't go well together.

_____ A kind of bulb that lights suddenly when you take a picture.

_____ A bottle used in a science lab.

_____ A horse's side.

_____ Pirates make their captives walk this.

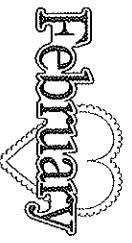
_____ Another name for an aircraft.

_____ A word that means "location."



P E A C E

Answers: Crust, Crush, Crash, Clash, Flash, Flask, Flank, Plane, Place.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
2 John Halcomb Don Jones Walter Davin	3 Lawrence Coleman	4	5 Phyllis Keller Jim Park	6 Theresa Williams	7	8 Tom Steger Jan Boiling
9 Peggy Sue Keller Suzette Keller Caden Jones Ida Mae Lemmons	10 Ron Hatten	11	12	13 Andrea Berger Barbara Callen	14	15
16	17	18 Richard Sadler Meryl Gross	19 Jim Leyrer	20	21 Kaylee Shannon	22 Mark Lowe
23 Carol Beckett	24 Angela Baldwin	25 Jim Mertes	26 Ken Russell	27	28 Charles Withrow (actual day 29 th)	

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5	6	7 Bernice Coleman	8 Mike Graham	9 Bill Kuhlmann	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Pam Hatten	17	18 Susan Petri Shannon Guenther Caitlin Lowe
19 Malika Mertes	20	21	22 Madison Jones Bill & Joann Coombs (Anniv)	23 Roxanna Otto	24 Margarete Kalivoda Adisyn Lykins Donna Allen	25
26 Ariyana Keller	27	28	29	30	31 Rawm Dillingham	