

Good News

From Darrtown United Methodist Church
for November / December, 2005



It is difficult writing this for the last two months of the year: November and December are always so exciting and so busy. Two of the three biggest holidays fall in these two months: Thanksgiving and Christmas. Both are spiritual events. So, in spite of the secularization of Thanksgiving and Christmas, we Christians are aware of their deeper, more important nature.

It is true that we should be thankful every day of our lives. How important it is that we live thankful lives. And have you given thought to how quickly crime and violence would cease if we all could keep Christmas in our hearts year round? It is true!

We have a lot to be grateful for in our churches this year of 2005. For the end of the year comes at another special day, New Year's Eve.

These two months give you many opportunities to see God at work. I pray your eyes may be opened to His presence in your life and the life of your church – this church and His church worldwide.

See YOU in Church,

Rev. Ed



Upcoming Events

- October 29 (Sat.): McGonigle-Millville Ham & Turkey Dinner – 4:30 – 7:00 pm
- October 30 (Sun.): New Member Orientation and Dinner at McGonigle-Millville at noon
- November 5 (Sat.): Annual Turkey Dinner and Bazaar – 4:30 – 7:00 pm
- Every Wednesday: Choir Practice at 7:00 pm
- November 6 (Sun.):
Communion
Reception of New Members
Youth and Guests Fellowship Movie
- November 7 (Mon.): United Methodist Women to travel to Woodland Manor to sing and deliver lap robes
- November 8 (Tues.): Election Day
- November 14 (Mon.): Admin Council meeting at 7:00 pm
- November 17 (Thurs.): Spirit Seekers group meeting at McGonigle-Millville at 7:00 pm
- November 20 (Sun.): Thanksgiving Sunday; World Thank Offering Boxes collected
- November 24 (Thurs.): Thanksgiving Day
- December 3 (Sat.): Annual Christmas Party
- December 12 (Mon.): Admin Council meeting at 7:00 pm
- December 14 (Weds.): Community Christmas Music Fest
- December 15 (Thurs.): Spirit Seekers meet at McGonigle-Millville at 7:00 pm
- December 18 (Sun.): Children's Christmas Program at 9:00 am worship service
- Hanging of the Greens: Weekend of Nov. 26-27
- December 24 (Sat.): Christmas Eve Service at 7:24 pm at Darrrtown
- December 25 (Sun.): Christmas Morning Service at 11:00 am at McGonigle-Millville; No Sunday School; Joint Service
- December 26 (Mon.): This week the Youth will have a special event at Darrrtown

[See details for major events on following pages]

HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE

Nov: Maxine and Bill Harris

Dec: Donna Gallagher; JoAnn & Bill Coombs

* When a trade is needed, contact Etta Jean at 524-2144.

ACOLYTES

Nov: Megan Beckemeier

Dec: Chloe and Carly Hansel

GREETERS / USHERS

Nov: Helen & Wayne Weber

Dec: To be announced

* When a trade is needed, contact Helen and Wayne Weber at 756-0021.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to honor or remember a relative or friend with flowers, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the church annex. Fill in the appropriate information and Caren Hansel will handle the arrangements.

PRAYERS REQUESTS



Jill & Dave Morris (Iraq); Jessie Jones (Iraq); Chris Williams (Afghanistan); Michael Eversole (Iraq); Thomas Streit (Iraq); Mel Snider; Ersia Coombs; JoAnn Coombs; Melva Ward; Braxton child (cancer); Frank Mottolo; Bob Corbin; Russ Baker family; Tom Ogle; victims of recent hurricanes; Tim Roberts; Ellen Dennison; Patty Stephens

Let us remember in prayer all those who serve our country.

WELCOME VISITORS!

We would like to welcome all of our visitors and extend our sincere thanks for choosing Darrrtown UMC as your place of worship. We hope you found us to be warm and loving and that you were lifted by our service. Please come back and let us be your church family!

LOOKING FORWARD

THE BIG FALL DINNERS

SATURDAY, October 29th at McGonigle-Millville
and SATURDAY, November 5th at Darrrtown

Tell your friends and neighbors. These meals are famous in our communities.

McGonigle church serves ham or turkey with dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, cranberry relish, green beans, cole slaw, drink, rolls and choice of a multitude of desserts. Adults cost \$6.00, children 4-10 - \$3.00 and under age 3 are free. For carry out orders, call 863-6388.

Darrrtown church serves turkey and dressing, homemade noodles, mashed potatoes and gravy, cranberry relish, green beans, cole slaw, drink, rolls, and a choice of a multitude of desserts. Adults cost \$6.50, children under 12 cost \$3.50.

TURKEY DINNER & BAZAAR

Join us on Saturday, November 5th from 4:30-7:00 pm for our annual Turkey Dinner and Bazaar. We are grateful in the past to have had plenty of volunteers and donations to make this event a huge success. Please plan to help again this year, Our pie list has grown to 32 in number!

The United Methodist Women's Bazaar will offer baked goods and crafts. Visit our booth to see the embroidered kitchen towels! These would make nice Christmas gifts.

COMMUNION SUNDAY AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

November 6th worship service will be Communion Sunday and Reception of New Members. Please be sure we have a nice crowd to welcome them.

T.G.I.F. (Teens Growing In Faith)

Teens Growing In Faith (T.G.I.F.) met for the first time this fall on September 18th. We had a pizza party at Rev. Ed and Robyn's home followed by a planning session. We had a fun evening and a nice turnout.

Our next activity was decorating the fellowship hall at Darrrtown for our Fall (Halloween) Festival which was held on October 23rd.

The Darrrtown youth has their own Sunday School class each Sunday at 10:00 am.

On Saturday, November 5th, our youth will be helping with Darrrtown's annual turkey dinner by serving and bussing tables.

The next day, Sunday, November 6th, we will be gathering at Darrrtown church for an afternoon movie at the Hamilton theater. We will be seeing the new movie "Dreamer." The time will be announced.

During the week between Christmas and New Year's Eve, we will have something special! This will close out 2005.

All youth grades 7-12 are invited to join us for any or all T.G.I.F. events. You do not have to be a part of either church to participate. We encourage all youth to bring their friends. For more information, call Rev. Ed or Robyn at 896-4025.

CHANGE IN SUNDAY SCHOOL TIME

After completing a survey and speaking personally to many parents, it was decided to move Sunday School to 10:00 am, immediately after the worship service. Sunday School will run to 10:45. So far, this seems to be working well.

IN THE SPIRIT OF GIVING

The church finance committee met on October 10th to determine the church's budget for 2006.

As expected, the church experienced increased costs in many areas since last year. Conference and district apportionments, utilities, custodial work, and pastoral commitments are some of the areas requiring additional funds. Fortunately, our church has kept up with most of these increases through additional parishioners, Vacation Bible School donations, and our new Fish Fry fundraiser. But, since the expenses exceed the income it is necessary to ask everyone to consider giving additional offering if they can. Your consideration is sincerely appreciated. Darrrtown UMC thanks you for helping us make a difference in people's lives during this exciting time of growth in your church. "All must give as they are able, according to the blessings given to them by the Lord your God." DT 16: 17

Jack Davis

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WORLD THANK OFFERING

This special annual offering will be collected on November 20th during Thanksgiving worship service. Each box holds 464 pennies.

THANKSGIVING DAY

Although there is no Thanksgiving service of worship, we all need to stop on November 24th and say "thank you!" Thanks to God, to family, to friends, to school, to church, and to — well you get the idea. It truly should be a day of *Thanksgiving* for each of us.

CHRISTMAS MISSION PROJECT

The United Methodist Women will repeat their Christmas Mission Project again this year. Please plan to contribute some of the following items:

- Sweat pants only for children's sizes small, medium and large
- Girl's and boy's underwear, sizes small, medium and large
- Winter gloves, preferably water resistant
- Children's socks, sizes small, medium and large
- Boy's T-shirts, sizes medium and large

These items will be distributed in the Talawanda School District. Thank you for your participation.

Cathy Richardson

NURSING HOME VISIT

Everyone is welcome to join the United Methodist Women for an evening of hymn singing at Woodland Manor on Monday, November 7th. We will meet at the church at 6:30 pm. New lap robes which were made by the UMW will be presented to the residents. Our UMW monthly meeting will be held immediately following at 8:00 pm at the church.

ANNUAL CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mark your calendars to join us again this December 3rd at the church at 6:30 pm. Please bring a covered dish. The United Methodist Women will provide meat, drinks and table service. This evening is also the time to share some small gift of appreciation with Rev. Ed and Robyn for their continued hard work and dedication to us all year long.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS MUSIC FEST

The annual Community Christmas Music Fest will be held on Wednesday, December 14th at 7:00 pm at the church. This is a time that we can joyously celebrate the birth of Jesus by sharing our God-given talents. It could be a poem, a short story, a duet, a quartet, caroling and sing-a-longs. Give Donna Gallagher a call with details of your "performance." As part of this evening, plan to bring some canned goods for donation to the Oxford Family Resource Center.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES (JOINT CHURCH SERVICES)

CHRISTMAS EVE: 7:24 pm December 24th at Darrtown UMC. Be sure to work your Christmas Eve family scheduled around this special and moving service of scripture, music and story. Once you have experienced this Christmas Eve service, you will never want to miss it again!

CHRISTMAS DAY: 11:00 am at McGonigle-Millville UMC. Christmas Day falls on Sunday. Since Christmas Eve and Christmas are such special days, we will hold one joint service on Sunday, December 25th at 11:00 am. This will be held at the McGonigle-Millville UMC. There will not be any Sunday School that day.

DARRTOWN CHOIR

Please plan to join us each Wednesday evening at 7:00 for practice! We need suggestions for special music. Please contact Ida Mae, Laura or Donna if you can offer suggestions or know of anyone willing to share their talents.

Donna Gallagher

DEDICATE A HYMNAL

We still have a few hymnals not yet "paid for." If you would like to dedicate a hymnal in memory of or in honor of someone you love, they are \$16 each. Put the name of your honoree on your offering envelope.

Tonya Cornthwaite

Happy



Thanksgiving!

LOOKING BACK

ACOLYTE RECOGNITION

On September 18th we recognized our acolytes: Chloe Hansel, Cameron Hansel, Josh Russell, Alisha Meador, Stephanie Ison, Stacey Ison, Carly Hansel, and Megan Beckemeier. They have chosen to be an acolyte in this church as they open Sunday services and close the services. Thank you and congratulations. An acolyte pin was presented to each.

OUR FIRST FISH FRY

Darrrtown church held it's first Fish Fry dinner on Saturday, September 24th. We served approximately 200 dinners. The proceeds of over \$800 will complete the expense of resurfacing the parking lot.

CHOIR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

On September 25th, our choir members were recognized during worship service. The choir sang "Precious Memories," Etta Jean's favorite song.

OUR 195TH YEAR!

Darrrtown church's 195th year was celebrated during worship service on October 9th. We were reminded about those who went before us, but during their lifetime helped keep things as they are for us today. A history of our church was inserted in the bulletin containing many interesting facts. For instance, the cost of the 394 pound church bell in 1875 was \$118.20. A responsive rededication of our congregation was led by Rev. Beck. This is a special time as we count down to our Bicentennial Year in 2010.

A LION CAME TO CHURCH!

On Sunday, October 23rd the children were surprised by a visit from the Cowardly Lion from Oz! They went to the back of the church and led the Cowardly Lion to the pulpit. He was very afraid, but with Robyn's and the children's help, he learned how to pray and ask God for courage. He also presented the message on "Fear and Faith." Thank you, Cowardly Lion, for helping all of us face our fears with faith.

FALL HALLOWEEN FUNFEST

On October 23rd Darrrtown UMC and McGonigle-Millville UMC joined together to present our second annual Fall Halloween Funfest. Approximately 90 adults and children of all ages and sizes, enjoyed the evening with games, food, prizes for costumes, and can you imagine - the Cowardly Lion came with Dolly Parton!

PASTOR APPRECIATION

By Donna Gallagher

A - Always loving
P - Pretty darn "cute"
P - Persistent in a good way
R - Ready to help everyone
E - Energetic
C - Conscientious
I - Intelligent
A - Adorable to us all
T - Terrific minister
I - Interacts with everyone
O - Open hearted
N - Noble gentleman

F - Fun loving
O - Our beloved pastor
R - Righteous and reliable

E - Entertaining
D - Delightful

A - Astonishing
N - Neat as a pin
D - Divine

R - Really beautiful
O - Outstanding person
B - Bounteous love for everyone
Y - Youthful
N - Neat lady

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations in the marriage of Lynsey Lewis and Chad Kelley.

SPECIAL ATTENDANCE

- ❖ Family members from four generations of Cathy Richardson's family attended services on October 9: her mother, Alice Miller; Cathy's daughter, Amy Pugh; and Amy's daughter, Elizabeth Pugh.
- ❖ In attendance on October 16th were relatives of Georgia Wills: daughter, Helen, and granddaughter, Debbie.

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO CORBY HANSEL

"We know, Corby, you were just doing your job. But you deserve special thanks and recognition for saving our next door neighbor's life." On Friday, October 14, our neighbor Glynn Abney became suddenly and seriously ill. He was alone and called 911. Corby arrived on the scene and saw the seriousness of the situation. Glynn was trying to be convincing, saying that he didn't need to go to the hospital. Corby felt otherwise and told Glynn that he was not going to leave him alone, that he intended to stay until a family member arrived. Glynn agreed to go to the hospital. Later test results proved that he was suffering from a blood infection called sepsis. His doctor told him that he may not have lived but a few more hours if he hadn't gone to the hospital at that time. Glynn has expressed his appreciation for what Corby did by writing letters to the Sheriff's Department, as well as the Journal News. We also want to say that Corby's dedication had an enormous impact on us personally, because these neighbors, Glynn and Brenda Abney, are like family to us.

Bill and Maxine Harris

NEW PARKING LOT

It is interesting to watch the parishioners on a Sunday morning, as their cars glide in slowly and quietly to find a lined space for parking. This new pavement offers stability in the walk to God's house for the morning service. We just praise the Lord for that wonderful accomplishment!



*Let not our hearts be empty inns
That have no room for Thee,
But cradles of the living Christ
At His Nativity.*

Merry Christmas to All

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

All women of the church and community are invited to be a part of this caring and sharing group, locally and globally. Our reason is to be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the local and global ministries of the church.

UMW NOVEMBER MEETING

Our monthly meeting will be held at 8:00 pm on Monday, November 7th, following a visit and hymn sing to the Woodland Manor Nursing Home, as well as the presentation of new lap robes to the residents.

DECEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our annual church family Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 3rd. The volunteer committee members who will plan this event are Sandy Beckemeier, Sally Hansel, Donna Gallagher and Carolyn Russell.

NOTES FROM OUR OCTOBER MEETING

Caren Hansel volunteered to chair the November Bazaar to be held in conjunction with the church turkey dinner on Saturday, November 5th. She will also put together our new Program Booklets for 2006. Thank you, Caren!

The mission for 2006 was planned for the local charities.

The officers for the coming year will remain the same.

After our meeting, everyone enjoyed tasting Etta Jean's prize winning cream pies! Thank you, Etta Jean and Donna.

UMW DISTRICT ANNUAL DAY

Three of our United Methodist Women traveled to New Vienna, Ohio, where the District women gathered to take part in the regular October meeting. The New Vienna church had been rebuilt within the past three years, after their old church was struck by lightning. One piece of stained glass, a set of beautiful wooden doors, one short pew and an old style library desk were salvaged. These items

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

<u>Chairperson:</u> Harry Ogle	<u>Pastor:</u> Ed Beck
Lay Member to Annual Conference	Carolyn Russell
Lay Leader	Sally Hansel
Treasurer	Sally Hansel
Financial Secretary	Tonya Cornthwaite
Administrative Council Secretary	Maxine Harris
Chairpersons from:	
Radical Hospitality	Ida Mae Lemmons
Passionate Worship	Donna Gallagher
Risk Taking Service	Rhonda Knight
Faith Forming Relationships	Carolyn Russell
Finance	Jack Davis
Representative from Trustees	Shawn Gallagher
Representative from Youth	Pam Russell
Representative from United Methodist Women	Ida Mae Lemmons

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

<u>Chairperson:</u> Shawn Gallagher		<u>Pastor:</u> Ed Beck
<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Carolyn Russell	Barney Beckemeier	Mary Lou Simison
Bill Harris	Donna Gallagher	Bill Coombs
Shawn Gallagher	Bob Ison	Larry Simison

FINANCE RESPONSIBILITIES

<u>Chairperson:</u> Jack Davis	<u>Pastor:</u> Ed Beck
Treasurer	Sally Hansel
Chairman of Admin Council	Harry Ogle
Financial Secretary	Tonya Cornthwaite
Lay Member to Annual Conference	Carolyn Russell
Representative from Trustees	Shawn Gallagher
Lay Leader	Sally Hansel
United Methodist Women Treasurer	Etta Jean Crawford

PASTOR-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE (A Charge Committee)

<u>Chairperson:</u> Sally Hansel	<u>Pastor:</u> Ed Beck	
Lay Member to Annual Conference / McGonigle-Millville	Carol Beckett	
Lay Member to Annual Conference / Darrtown	Carolyn Russell	
Three from each church		
<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Harry Ogle (DT)	Donna Gallagher (DT)	Larry Simison (DT)
Peggy Keller (M-M)	Joy Jones (M-M)	Amy McDiffett (M-M)

LAY LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE (Nominations)

<u>Chairperson:</u> Pastor, Ed Beck		
Lay Leader: Sally Hansel (Nine at Large)		
<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>
Larry Simison	Mary Lou Simison	Rhonda Knight
Donna Gallagher	Connie Davis	Karen Meador
JoAnn Coombs	Laura Cohen	Dodie Ogle

CHARGE CONFERENCE SECRETARY: Maxine Harris

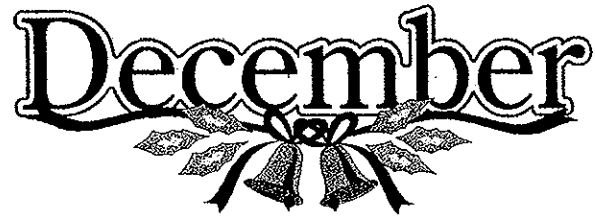
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Acolytes: Megan Beckemeier Hospitality: Bill & Maxine Harris Greeters: Wayne & Helen Weber		1	2 Choir Practice	3	4	5 Turkey Dinner Harold & Cathy Richardson Anniversary
6 Communion Reception of New Members	7 UMW go to Nursing Home - Meet at church at 6:30 pm	8 Mel & Lois Snider Anniversary Cindy Gilbert Birthday	9 Choir Practice	10	11	12 Megan Beckemeier Birthday
13	14 Admin Board meeting at 7:00 pm	15 Al & Jane Menke Anniversary	16 Choir Practice Rick & Sharon Blalock Anniversary	17 Tucker Lindley Birthday	18	19
20 World Thank Offering Boxes to be turned in	21	22	23 Harry Ogle Birthday	24 Thanksgiving Day	25 Ken Russell Jr. Birthday	26
27 Hanging of the Greens	28	29 Christy Heinrich Birthday	30 Choir Practice			

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>Acolytes:</u> Chloe & Carly Hansel <u>Hospitality:</u> Donna Gallagher, JoAnn & Bill Coombs</p>				1 Elsie Nichol Birthday	2	3 Christmas Party
4	5	6	7 Choir Practice	8 Pam Lindley Birthday JoAnn Coombs Birthday	9	10
11	12 Admin Board meeting at 7:00 pm	13	14 Community Christmas Music Fest	15	16 Gary Lowe Birthday	17 Dodie Ogle Birthday
18 Children's Christmas Program	19	20	21 Choir Practice	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Service at Darrtown at 7:24
25 Christmas service at McGonigle at 11:00 am - no Sunday School	26 Zach Russell Birthday	27 Carolyn Sadler Birthday	28	29	30 Laura Cohen Birthday	31

