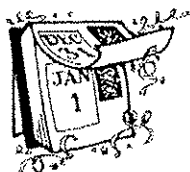


Events for November & December

- Each Sunday: Darrtown – 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 December 20, 2013

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

LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Darrtown / McGonigle-Millville Prayer List

Our military personnel	Unnamed persons / families
Our new pastor	Larry Farmer
Rev. Robert & Holly Heiliger	Melba Gross
Sheila & Don Mayberry	Carol Beckett
Margaret Kilgore	David Foley
Pete & Jan Jewell	Jim Wright
Bernice & Lester Coleman	Phoebe Bolser
Margaret Kalivoda	Sarah Myers
Dillingham Family	Park Family
Jerry & Myra Krauth	Larry Simison
Joann Coombs	Noah Trumbull
Lois Snider	Jim & Mary Wells
Don & Joy Jones	Pat Disney

Testing 101

When you are going through something hard and wonder where God is, remember the teacher is always quiet during a test.

“Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God’s kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile.”
- Mother Theresa

JOINT CHURCH EVENTS

JOINT CHURCH YOUTH GROUP

The Advisory Committee of the Youth Group met on October 27th to plan activities. Our next youth meeting will be November 10th at 6:00 pm at Darrtown UMC. Everyone is invited to attend. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Advisory Committee of the Darrtown and McGonigle UMC Youth Group, contact **Debbie Hawkins** 513-887-1166.

DARRTOWN'S ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER

Plan to join us on Saturday, November 2nd from 4:30-7:00 pm for our annual Turkey Dinner, Bake Sale and Bazaar.

McGONIGLE-MILLVILLE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Plan on attending our church Christmas Program during our worship service on December 15th. The choir will be presenting “Comfort and Joy” with participation from our Angel Church children and the congregation. Please join us in worship to celebrate Christ’s birth. As always we will have a soup and sandwich lunch hosted by the choir immediately following the service. And remember to tell our children that Mrs. Claus will join us for lunch and will have something special for them.

CHRISTMAS MISSION

The 2013 Christmas Mission for United Methodist Women is clothing for the elementary schools in the district and donations are needed as follows:

- child’s sweatpants sizes S,M,L
- child’s underwear, boys and girls, sizes S,M,L
- child’s socks, boys and girls, sizes S,M,L

If you want us to shop for you, please give cash or check made out to Darrtown United Methodist Women to Etta Jean. This mission has been done for several years and is very much needed and appreciated. Thank you!

SHUT-IN'S CHRISTMAS PROJECT

The Darrtown United Methodist Women visit shut-ins during the Christmas season. If you know someone you would like us to visit, please contact Cathy Richardson at 513-523-4350.

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*A Tip for Cooks..... It is bean cooking season!
When cooking dry beans, do not add any acidic ingredients such as tomato products until after beans reach desired tenderness. Acid prevents beans from softening.*

DARRTOWN NEWS

NEWS AND PAST EVENTS

TURKEY DINNER, CRAFT BAZAAR & BAKE SALE

Your help is needed on Saturday, November 2nd!!!!
Please sign up to make donations and/or help work during our turkey dinner.

During the dinner, the United Methodist Women have a craft bazaar and bake sale. You can bring items to the church on Friday, November 1st or anytime on Saturday. This is a major money-maker for our mission budget.

ICE CREAM FOR SALE

Homemade ice cream in gallon containers. \$14.00 gallon. Contact Rhonda Knight if you are interested in purchasing ice cream for your upcoming holiday events.

NEWS FROM OCTOBER ADMIN COUNCIL MEETING

- Harry Ogle was nominated and voted to the position of Vice Chair of the Darrtown Administrative Council. A complete list of officers for 2014 will be included in the January newsletter.
- A nomination was made and passed that a paver for the Darrtown Bicentennial Memorial Walk be sponsored on behalf of the Darrtown United Methodist Church, as a cost of \$50.

DARRTOWN BICENTENNIAL FUNDRAISER

The Darrtown Bicentennial Committee is holding another fundraiser on Saturday, November 9th at the Collinsville Community Center. Our church has been asked to donate desserts and help serve. Please volunteer to Cathy Richardson at 513-523-4350.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

If you wish to donate money for a poinsettia to be placed on the altar during the Christmas season, please see Cathy Richardson. They cost \$10 and can be in memory or honor of a loved one.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

The Hanging of the Greens will be after church on Sunday, November 24th. Homemade soups and desserts will be provided. We need your help!

REMINDER – WORLD THANK OFFERING BOXES

The World Thank Offering boxes filled with pennies will be collected on Sunday, November 24th during worship service. If you need a box, contact Etta Jean.

ANNUAL CHURCH FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

The United Methodist Women are again sponsoring the Family Christmas Party on Sunday, December 5th at 5:00 pm. We will enjoy a potluck dinner (meat and drinks provided), followed by games, crafts and music. Please plan to attend.

NEWS FROM FINANCIAL COMMITTEE

The committee of the Helen McVicker Manser Foundation issued our first scholarship on August 11, 2013. It was awarded to Kayla Hawkins. The committee consists of Cathy Richardson, Sally Hansel and Ken Russell. We want this to be the first of many scholarships. We like to think of these scholarships as "investing in our youth."

The committee also issued the second scholarship on September 29, 2013, to Ruthlene Cowgill. She will be attending nursing school. Congratulations to Ruthlene!

- Ken Russ

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Two children come eagerly every Sunday to hear the Good News. Jodiellen and Cory Richardson are our little ones. Jodiellen is 6 years old and in first grade at Bogan Elementary. She is learning how to read and has lots of friends. Jodi listens to our Bible story every week and takes it all in. She has become a gracious hostess to visitors of our Sunday School. Cory is a cute little 3 year old who always has a smile on his face. He loves the crafts and loves to take off the felt pictures from our story board. It is a joy to be able to teach such precious children.

We have been learning all about Jesus from the Gospel of John. We started this study in February and have covered many Bible stories such as the wedding in Cana, the healing of the official's son, the feeding of the 5,000, the walking on the water, the healing of the blind man, the raising of Lazarus and the pool of Siloam. Also, we have tackled theological issues dealing with who Jesus is and the meaning of faith in Him. John presents Jesus as the Son of God and gives us wonderful names for Him: the Lamb of God, the Messiah, the King of Israel, and the Savior of the world.

We have also talked about what Jesus says about Himself. Jesus makes statements about His deity in the form of "I am" statements. He said, "I am the bread of life," "I am the light of the world," "I am the good shepherd," "I am the resurrection and the life," "I am the way, the truth, and the life," and "I am the true vine." We have had some interesting discussions about this. Now here is an interesting fact from the Gospel of John: when the soldiers came to the Garden of Gethsemane to arrest Jesus He asked them, "Whom do you seek?" They answered "Jesus the Nazarene." When Jesus said, "I am He," they all fell down to the ground. I laugh every time I read that.

Now we are wrapping up the Gospel of John. We are studying all that happened around the crucifixion. (continued)

McGONIGLE-MILLVILLE NEWS

NEWS AND PAST EVENTS

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

We will again be decorating our church altar area with poinsettias in memory or honor of your loved ones. These names will be listed in the bulletin on December 15 and 22. Remember to give your order to Sherri by December 1st. The cost will be \$9.00 each. Thanks in advance for helping to make our sanctuary beautiful during this blessed season.

COVERED DISH DINNER HONORS NEW PASTOR & HIS WIFE

On Sunday, October 13, 2013, the congregations from Darrrtown UMC and McGonigle-Millville UMC gathered together at 12:30 pm at the McGonigle church to welcome our new pastor, John Allen and his lovely wife Donna. Many delicious covered dishes were brought in to share. It was a wonderful way to enjoy fun, food, and fellowship together as church families.

Presently, they live in Mason, Ohio, but are originally from West Virginia. What a blessing we feel to have Pastor Allen give us the sermons and messages that God wants us to hear. God has blessed us with a bright future.

PIG ROAST UPDATE

Thank you to all those who helped with the 9th annual pig roast. Whether you sold tickets, baked pies, helped cook, pulled pork for sandwiches, served or helped with set-up or cleanup, all the jobs were important and made the event a success. Thank you to Dan Reed for roasting the pig and Don Wendel for providing a 390 pound pig at a very reasonable price. Neither are members of our church but both have always been willing to help with this fundraiser. This year's roast totaled \$1360 in profits.

We look forward to the 10th annual pig roast in 2014!

THANK YOU FOR THE FLOWERS

A huge debt of gratitude goes to Loma Wynn for making our church entrances and yard around the building so beautiful. Also for her countless hours of meticulous grooming. Flowers speak their own language, and we are listening! Thank you, Loma, you are loved.

(The Board of Trustees recognizes Loma's green thumb as well, and sends special thanks!)

Song of Solomon 2:12, "The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come."

- Ann Jones

DEAR McGONIGLE FAMILY

We shall always remember the fond memories we made together over the last ten years. You are a faithful and caring family, sincere in your faithfulness to Jesus. We thank you for your part in caring for Kaylee as well. Thanks also for your significant gift upon our retirement.

In love and faith, Ed and Robyn

LOVE OFFERING IN ACTION

Because you generously support the Love Offering, your church helped a young man who was off work due to injuries purchase needed medication, and gave a donation to United Methodist Children's Services.

FIFTH SUNDAY POTLUCK DINNER

The Fifth Sunday Potluck dinner was held on September 29th at noon. About thirty people from both churches attended, sharing good food and fellowship.

We look forward to seeing you at the next one on December 29th.

PERPETUAL FOOD DRIVE

On September 1st we delivered over six pounds of non-perishable food items to the local food pantry. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Over twelve pounds has been delivered to the food pantry this year. There are people in need every day, so please continue to bring non-perishable food items and place them in the food drive barrel at the entrances to our building. **Thank you!**

FIRST FRUITS CAUGHT RESTING

Since the previous newsletter, tasks completed are:

- Collected and put trash to curb as needed
- Lawn care as needed
- Yard Sale: Pick up, receive and sort donations; set tables in annex for formation; take down and put in storage road signs; open building to load leftovers
- 5th Sunday Potluck: set up tables and chairs
- Welcome Luncheon: set up tables and chairs
- Pig Roast: Erect road signs; clean and prepare annex; set up and take down tables and chairs; take signs down
- Turkey Dinner: erected road signs; set up tables and chairs; arrange furniture
- Picked up supplies at Valley Janitorial Supplies
- Take down ladders and return to owners
- Deliver baskets and vases to Flower Corner
- Break down cardboard boxes to deliver to recycle
- Clean and light over pilot light
- Replace light bulbs as needed
- Repair three tables

We will finish the Gospel by going back to the beginning to the birth of Jesus in December. Listen to those timeless words of John from the first chapter: "In the beginning was the Word (Jesus), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... In Him was life, and the life was the light of men." Awesome. Oh come let us adore Him!
- Debra Steger

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S SUNDAY

On Sunday, October 20th the Darrrtown United Methodist Women celebrated Women's Sunday. Becky Coning was our speaker on the theme of Faith, Hope and Love in Action.

We recognized **Carolyn Sadler** as "United Methodist Women of the Year" for all her extra giving, including cleaning the ovens, organizing dinners and especially her lemon bars. She received a gold "Special Mission Recognition" pin.

Also we recognized **Mike Hawkins** as "Friend of the Church." His expertise is appreciated in areas such as lay leader, Cub Scout liaison, sound system expert, and chief dishwasher.

Congratulations to both!

GROUP STUDY

Our Sunday morning Upper Room Group Study is for everyone. The study is a wonderful "on-hands" way for individual and groups to grow in their prayer life. This consists of a four-week study after fellowship, 10:30-11:30.

Beginning in January, 2014: "A Bead and a Prayer."
Study books will be available. - Ida Mae Lemmons

SOCIAL HOUR

The social hour after church is dwindling. We need donations of money, baked goods and people willing to stay and visit. Please contact Etta Jean Crawford.

THANK YOU

Jacori Isaiah Richardson was born homeless in the heart of Cincinnati surrounded by drugs and alcohol. On September 15, 2013 we celebrated Cori's life, adoption, and baptism. Our family would like to thank our church family for coming to celebrate such a joyous event. We could not have done this without all the prayers and support over the past three years.
- Lora Richardson

"Teach a child how he should live, and he will remember it all his life." Proverbs 22:6

PEACE ANGEL

The lovely "Peace Angel" pulpit hanging was made by Linda Agee. Thank you, Linda!

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

From Our President, Cathy Richardson:

In September, we learned about repercussions of being called a witch in some countries in Africa. Thanks, hostesses Donna Gallagher and Carolyn Sadler.

At the October meeting we had speaker, Nikki Griffen, District Communications Officer, who spoke about Wesleyan Education Center in Cincinnati, and Maxine shared pictures from her trip on the latest Honor Flight to Washington DC with veterans. Thanks to hostesses Carolyn Russell and Etta Jean Crawford. We voted in the same list of officers for the year 2014: President, Cathy Richardson; Vice-President, Rhonda Knight; Secretary, Maxine Harris; and Treasurer, Etta Jean Crawford. Thank you again.

The November meeting will be planning for our Christmas Party and many seasonal events. Hostesses will be Debra Steger and Cathy Richardson.

No meeting in December as we sponsor the Church Family Christmas Party. Hope all of you can join us. Have a Blessed Christmas!
- Cathy Richardson, President

MISSIONS REMINDER: 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!



<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
11/03 – Mickey Pate	12/27 – Carolyn Sadler
11/04 – Brenda Graham	

FORGIVENESS


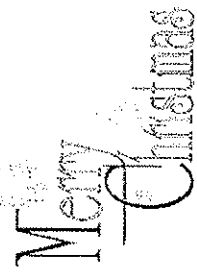
We should constantly seek a greater capacity for love and forgiveness within ourselves. We do this through a "selective remembering," a conscious decision to remember only loving thoughts and let go of any fearful ones. This is the meaning of forgiveness.

- Marianne Williamson, Author

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3 <i>Change Clocks Back 1 Hour</i> Mickey Pate	4 Brenda Graham Seth Michael Guenther	5 Harold & Cathy Richardson (Anniv)	6 Betty Stanton	7	8	9
10	11 Mike Hawkins Sam & Phyllis Jones (Anniv)	12	13 Betty Jo Berger	14 Holly Jane Petri Silas James Petri	15	16 Stephanie & Stacey Ison (birthday) Sarah Myers
17 Melva Ward	18	19	20	21 Bob & Donna Rumgay (Anniv)	22 Rawn & Robbin Dillingham (Anniv)	23 Harry Ogle Jacob Patrick Berger
24	25 Ken Russell, Jr.	26	27	28 John & Carol Beckett (Anniv) 	29	30

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Ann Coombs	9	10	11 Becky Rice Domenic DeCeglie	12 Jim & Phyllis Keller (Anniv)	13	14 Ida Boettger
5	16 Gary Lowe Lilly Steger Jim & Janet Park (Anniv)	17 Corky & Melba Gross (Anniv)	18	19 Tim Lykins	20 Abby Mehl	21 Mike & Nikki Baker (Anniv)
2	23	24 Heather Keller Nolan Randall Webster	25 Donald Mayberry	26	27 Carolyn Sadler	28
9	30 Laura Cohen	31 Donald & Sheila Mayberry (Anniv)	 January 1, 2014 