

# Good News

From Darrtown United Methodist Church  
for March / April, 2006



What a year we have had as of this writing!

We had a warm January and are in the midst of a frigid spell in February. Darrtown has had wonderful attendance this year and McGonigle set a new record attendance of 114 on Love Sunday. More about that elsewhere in this epistle.

Our Family Night/Talent Night will be on February 25<sup>th</sup>. So far, seventeen separate acts will be enjoyed. We are looking for a capacity crowd.

Now I have to polish a crystal ball and look into March and April. It will be spring and that should brighten our lives. We will be holding another opportunity for new members to join our growing and deepening fellowship.

But the big news for Christians is Easter. Another family fellowship time will be Palm Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, with our annual Easter Egg Hunt. That begins Holy Week – details are in this newsletter. Maundy Thursday will be April 13<sup>th</sup> at

Darrtown. And Good Friday will be at McGonigle-Millville on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Each church will have an Early Easter Service with breakfast following. The regular Easter Service will be at the regular time for each church.

Easter will be our focus for these two months. At Easter, God shows that He will not allow death to have the last word. Since God has raised Christ from the dead, we need have no fear of death and we can rejoice in the light of eternity which shines upon the worst that life can throw at us.

See YOU in church,

*Rev. Ed*



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## Upcoming Events

(DT - Darrrtown / MM - McGonigle-Millville)

- Every Wednesday: Choir Practice 7:00 pm
- March 1: Ash Wednesday
- March 6 (Monday): United Methodist Women's meeting at 7:00 pm
- March 12 (Sunday): Baptism of Abby Mehl
- March 16 (Thursday): Spirit Seekers at M-M
- March 17 (Friday): T.G.I.F. trip to Talawanda High School play, with Cameron Hansel performing in "The Pajama Game"
- March 19 (Sunday): Blanket Sunday - UMW mission
- March 25 (Saturday): Annual Otterbein Men's Fellowship Breakfast at 9:00 am (see details below)
- April 3 (Monday): United Methodist Women's meeting at 7:00 pm with special guest speaker
- April 9 (Sunday): Palm Sunday - joint Easter Egg Hunt at M-M
- April 10 (Monday): Administrative Council meeting at 7:00 pm
- April 13 (Thursday): Maundy Thursday service at DT at 7:13 pm
- April 14 (Friday): Good Friday service at M-M at 7:14 pm
- April 16 (Sunday): Easter Sunrise Service at DT at 7:00 am, followed by breakfast. Regular worship service at 9:00 am. Sunday School at 10:00 am
- April 20 (Thursday): Spirit Seekers at M-M
- April 30 (Sunday): Resurrection Sunday

### LOOKING AHEAD TO MAY & JUNE

Mark your calendars for these special events; more details to be provided in next newsletter.  
 May 1: UMW meeting at Darrrtown at 7:00 pm

- May 7: Noon New Member Orientation joint class to be held at M-M
- May 12: Mother's Day Banquet at DT joint church event. Entertainment provided by Undivided Hearts
- May 14: Mother's Day - New members to be Received
- May 18: Spirit Seekers at M-M at 7:00 pm
- May 21: United Methodist Women's Day at DT
- June 5: UMW meeting at DT at 7:00 pm
- June 11: Father's Day Picnic at M-M - joint event
- June 14: UMW and choir to sing at the Matrix
- June 15: Spirit Seekers at M-M at 7:00 pm
- June 17: Pork Chop Dinner at DT

### HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE

Mar: Jane Jewell-Menke and Tonya Cornthwaite

Apr: Karen Meador and Caren Hansel

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

### 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); Michael Eversole (Iraq); Thomas Streit (Iraq); Chris Williams (Afghanistan); Mel Snider; Ersia Coombs; JoAnn & Bill Coombs; Melva Ward; Tim Roberts; Patty Stephens; Hazel Etheredge; Lawrence Baumann; Wanda Ruth Settles; Louise Haddock; Laura Gover; Donna Wageman; Ray Day; Jessie Shepherd; Jerry Ukes

We continue to pray for our men and women serving our country in Iraq and Afghanistan. Between the two churches, we have a number of people related to or friends of our fellowships. We were glad to welcome Jesse Jones back to McGonigle-Millville Church.

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## Looking Forward

### HOLY WEEK

The most significant week of the year for Christians begins April 9<sup>th</sup> with Palm Sunday. This recalls Jesus triumphant entry into Jerusalem 2000 years ago.

One third of the Gospel stories focus on this last week of our Savior Jesus' life. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, He taught in the Temple. Thursday evening He and His disciples celebrated a Seder meal - the Jewish Passover - and instituted what we call The Lord's Supper, The Last Supper, Communion, The Eucharist. Both churches will gather at Darrtown at 7:13 pm for worship on Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.

Good Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, the remembrance of Jesus crucifixion on behalf of the forgiveness of our sins will be observed at 7:14 pm at the McGonigle-Millville Church.

Early Easter Services will be at 7:00 am at each church. There will be a special breakfast after worship. Rev. Ed will bring the message at McGonigle-Millville and Robyn will preach at Darrtown.

At Darrtown's 9:00 am Easter Worship, Rev. Ed will preach, while Robyn will bring the message at McGonigle-Millville at 10:45 am.

Sunday School will be held at the regular times of 9:30 am at McGonigle-Millville and 10:00 am at Darrtown.

Be certain to take advantage of these spiritual growth opportunities of Holy Week.

### EASTER EGG HUNT

The Family Fellowship Committee is hosting a joint Easter Egg Hunt to be held on Palm Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. It will begin at noon and will be held at the McGonigle-Millville Church. Beth Fulmer and Erica Cole are heading up this event. Please tell your friends, neighbors, and family about this special day. The Easter Bunny has visited us for the past two years and we hear she's planning to

be with us again. She's beautiful and the children love to get their pictures taken with her.

### RESURRECTION SUNDAY

On April 30<sup>th</sup>, Darrtown UMC will celebrate its third annual Resurrection Sunday. It is a very special worship time, like an old-fashioned homecoming. There will be a delicious pancake breakfast following worship, so be sure to make plans to stay. There will be no Sunday School that day.

Your job as church family is to support this service by your presence as well as by bringing at least one other person with you that day. We are proud of our beautiful church and want the community to share in our celebration. Invite your family and friends to an uplifting service and hearty breakfast.

Special music is being planned by our choir as well as our youth and children. A special recognition will take place that you won't want to miss, as we pay honor to our seniors over 80 years old. Help us celebrate this very special day and share your beautiful church with those you love.

### TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees have voted to replace the handicapped ramp since the existing one is showing signs of deterioration. Both the decking and railing system will be replaced with a new vinyl material. The Administrative Council also voted to support the Trustees' action. Several bids were received and the Freedom Fence and Deck Company of New Paris, Ohio, gave the best bid of \$3,654. We will be proceeding immediately with this project. The company has already been notified and the materials have been ordered.

Again, we are coming to you as members of the Darrtown United Methodist Church to help defray the cost of the ramp. The ramp is important to several of our members for access

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to the building and would also add to the outside appearance of the grounds of the church. Feel free to place your donations in an envelope and identify as "ramp replacement" and place in the Sunday offerings, or mail donations to Sally Hansel at 2976 Oxford-Trenton Road, Oxford, Ohio 45056. Thank you in advance for your support in this project!

Secondly, several of the Trustees met, cleaned and rearranged the office area (off the kitchen). Please help keep this area neat and organized. We need to keep this space open for its intended use as an office, for making copies and phone use.

Shawn Gallagher, Trustee

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

Think Spring! And then Think of the Annual Otterbein Men's Fellowship Breakfast to which you are invited on Saturday, March 25, at 9:00 am in the main dining room at Otterbein. A great breakfast will be followed by a great program. The speaker will be Norman E. DeWire, president of Methodist Theological School of Ohio at Delaware, Ohio. President DeWire is retiring this year and, in addition to hearing him, this will be an opportunity for us to congratulate him and wish him well in his retirement from a lifetime of serving the United Methodist Church. It will also be an opportunity to hear the Otterbein Lebanon Men's Chorus which often performs in this area.

Tickets are \$6 and this year we are accepting credit cards, if you prefer to pay that way. Cards accepted are: Visa, Master Card and Discover. Call Otterbein Lebanon Church office at (513) 933-2020, extension 4032, to make your reservations.

## JOIN US AT CAMP IN 2006

The Cincinnati & Wilmington Districts will be offering four camps in 2006. KICK (Kids in Christ's Kingdom) Camp is the name of our elementary camp for youth going into grades 4-6 (cost \$215) at King's Domain, June 18-22. JUMP (Jesus Understands Me Perfectly) Camp is the

name of our middle school camp for youth going into grades 7-8 (cost \$255). SCREAM (Serve Christ - Reach, Empower, Assist in Mission) Camp is for our Senior Highs going into grades 9-13 (cost \$250). The Middle and Senior High Camps will be held at King's Domain, June 19-24 so that Ichthus participants can still come to camp. We will also be offering the Bike Camp Adventure again, July 9-14 for Senior Highs going into grades 9-13 (cost \$195). They will begin in Milford and travel the Milford to Xenia bike trail. More details will be on the church bulletin board.

## "ARE NOT MY PEOPLE WORTHY?"

The book by this title is available for \$10.00. This book by Wendell E. Mettey is the exciting story of Matthew 25 Ministries in Cincinnati, Ohio. This is a large international ministry that helps coordinate oversupply in our area to areas of need overseas. Matthew 25 also helps in American emergencies like Katrina.

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

Teens Growing In Faith invites all youth grades 7-12 to join them in fun and fellowship each month. We welcome youth from both churches as well as those who are not church related. We also welcome youth that are affiliated with other churches but who would like the fellowship of our group. We are all here for the same purpose, to worship God and spread His glory.

In January, we elected officers and they are as follows:

President:	Stephanie Ison
Vice-President:	Josh Russell
Secretary:	Taylor Cook
Treasurer:	Cameron Hansel
Missions:	Megan Beckemeier and Stacey Ison
Activity Coordinators:	Chloe Hansel and Chris Heinrich
Sunshine:	Allie Sizemore (cont)

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Our March event will be going as a group to see Talawanda High School's production of "The Pajama Game." The date is Friday, March 17. The play begins at 7:30. (Our own Cameron Hansel plays "Sid".) We will need to know how many are attending by March 3<sup>rd</sup> so we can order tickets ahead of time. Please call Rev. Ed and Robyn at 896-4025 for more information, or e-mail them at [robned2@yahoo.com](mailto:robned2@yahoo.com)

## SPIRIT SEEKERS

Spirit Seekers has been busy the last few months. We planned and participated in both the Love Sunday service and luncheon. We were honored to do so and are actually quite proud of ourselves. We are learning to pray without ceasing and found out now that we can work in the same manner! Thanks to the whole group for their cooperation. We also participated in the Talent Show held on February 25.

Our meetings are the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. they are held at McGonigle-Millville UMC. Bring a friend and remember that they do not have to be related to the church. We are all here to share our faith and everyone is invited. We welcome visitors, so encourage your friends and family to come with you.

We welcomed as guests over the last few months, Carolyn Russell, Maxine Harris, Ida Mae Lemmons, and Jennifer Jones. We enjoyed your company and welcome you back any time.

## OTTERBEIN HOME NEEDS

As you do your spring cleaning, please keep in mind the needs of the residents of Otterbein Lebanon. Bring any items to the church and we will see that they get delivered.

Personal Items: postage stamps, new jewelry, sun catchers for windows, house slippers, hose - ankle hose / knee highs, underwear for women (large), nylon hose/socks (men & women), earphones for TVs, felt tip pens (black), small plastic tote bags, solid air fresheners, suction

thermometer for window, Christmas wrappings, shoelaces, cologne/after shave lotion, hand lotion, bath powder, denture cleaner/adhesive, denture brushes and cups, nail polish and remover, hair spray, make up.

Activity Needs: craft items, felt squares, shoe and gift boxes (all sizes), pillow cases to embroider, floral tape and wire, orlon yarn (no wool), video tapes, tissue wrapping paper, craft kits, needlework kits, ceramic molds, glazes, stain, brushes, polyester quilt and pillow filling, sewing notions, lace, bias tape, thread.



## Looking Back

### YEAR END REPORT

Our year end report shows that our average attendance in worship for 2005 was 55.5. Sunday School averaged 14.8. Again in 2005 we have paid all our bills, including the fair share (apportionments) to the Wilmington District and the West Ohio Conference.

### SECOND ANNUAL TALENT NIGHT

Our joint Family Fellowship Committee put together a wonderful evening of food, fun and entertainment. Approximately 130 people attended the second annual talent night presentation at the McGonigle-Millville UMC on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. The room was filled to capacity, with a few people choosing to stand at the back of the room.

A big thank you to everyone who helped make this evening a huge success! A very special thank you to Donna Gallagher for being the emcee. She was very entertaining with her colorful outfit, her "colorful" jokes and funny one-liners. Even her few mix-ups were funny!

Listed below are the talented participants who performed a total of 20 entertaining acts:

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- Group Sing-Along with Young Children to "Hello Dolly" with Donna playing piano
- Chris Heinrich - trumpet
- Tori Heinrich - tap dance
- Megan Beckeiemer - clarinet
- Alan Dunkelberger - solo
- Stephanie Ison and Megan Beckemeier - song "Open Mine Eyes" with Stacey Ison on piano
- Carl and Irene Nutley (each over 80 years old!) - dance
- Stacey Ison - piano "Swan on a Moonlit Lake"
- Pam Russell - solo, with Donna Gallagher playing a faster version of "Amazing Grace"
- Tara Menke - musical movement with children
- Greg Bennett - trumpet
- Laura Bennett - alto sax
- Rev. Ed and Robyn - dancing the West Coast Swing
- Odessa Boettger - solo "Somewhere Over the Rainbow"
- Edie Farmer - an original reading
- Teens Growing In Faith - song "I Will Serve You"
- Jennifer Jones - violin
- Autumn Roemer (3 years old) - song "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star"
- Dick Roemer, Jr. - xylophone
- Spirit Seekers - Scripture Through Music

If you missed this year, plan to join us next year. We would welcome any new talent.

## THANK YOU!!!

- ☺ Thank you to Fred Guiler for providing his packages of homemade sauerkraut to help us get a good start to the new year!

- ☺ From Cathy Richardson: Thanks for including my grandson in the bulletin and in everyone's prayers for the past two months. Jacob was operated on in January, his cast is off, he is doing well and is going back to school for half-days in his wheelchair. Thank you again.

## BAPTISMS

We rejoice in the Baptism on February 19<sup>th</sup> of Emily Jordan Shoker. There were a number of family members and friends to rejoice with Reid and Jennifer, the proud parents.

Our next Baptism is planned for March 12<sup>th</sup>. That morning we will share in the Baptism of Abby Mehl. Abby's parents are Mike and Cyndi and big sister is Samantha.

**G**iggle! That's right, giggle! When things aren't going right, doesn't hurt to see the silly side, in fact it makes life bright!

**C**huckle! Go on - chuckle! You're surely going to find that many hard-luck stories can inspire the "funny" kind.

**L**augh out loud! Yes, shake with laughter - you'll see that when you do, a lot of pleasant people will be there to laugh with you!

**F**or anyone can "sing the blues" (each person has his own), but those who laugh their way through life will never be alone!  
*Doris Faulhaber*

**\*\* Notice \*\*** Deadline for Newsletter Articles  
The next deadline date for submitting articles is April 19, 2006. Items can be given to Maxine Harris or Ida Mae Lemmons. Remember to include WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN and a contact person and phone number. You may also send information via e-mail to Maxine at: [maxakers03@aol.com](mailto:maxakers03@aol.com).

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## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



Women's Fellowship

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.

### JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup> MEETING

Ten UMW members attended our first meeting of the new year. Our new program books were passed out. Our theme for the year is "Building Peace, Piece by Piece." The installation of 2006 officers service was conducted by Cathy Richardson. All 2005 officers were re-installed as officers for 2006.

### FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup> MEETING

Thirteen UMW members attended our second meeting. February's mission is the Jackson Seed Ministry, with the collection of seeds going to and benefiting Ohio's Appalachian area.

Our Treasurer reported a balance as of February 6 of \$456.57.

### MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup> MEETING

Join us on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome. Our meeting will include the "Prayer and Self Denial" program to be presented by Cathy Richardson. Hostesses will be Caren Hansel and Lora Richardson. Our March mission will be Blanket Sunday on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Each \$5.00 donated will provide a warm wool blanket for someone in need in our world.

### APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup> MEETING

Mark your calendars and join us for a special meeting. We will have a guest speaker from an Indian school, Sarah Hulse, from the McCurdy School. Refreshments will be served. Hostesses will be Robyn Beck and Ida Mae Lemmons.

### LOOKING FORWARD TO MAY

A few years ago, we had a Mother/Daughter Banquet and it was a wonderful success. We are again in the planning stages for a joint church event of a Mother/Daughter Banquet to be held at Darrrtown on Friday evening, May 12. We will have entertainment provided by a group of singers called "Undivided Heats." This promises to be a special treat. More information will be provided in the May/June newsletter.

### CAMPBELL LABELS

Please continue to save your labels and place them in the pink shoebox in the Annex.



## Happy Birthday Therapy

*Each birthday is one step higher up the mountain. Behold the view that becomes clearer and more expansive as you climb, that continually unfolds more and more of its glory before you!*

- March 7 - Irene Hansel
- March 12 - Debi Bowman
- March 13 - Kathy Menke
- March 15 - Pam Russell
- March 21 - Lois Ann Snider
- April 30 - Sally Hansel



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Hospitality: Jane Jew ell-Menke & Tonya Cornthwaite	** March 5th Birthdays: Karen Binegar Carl Arnold		1 Ash Wednesday Choir Practice 7:00 pm	2 Fred Guiler Birthday	3 Barney Beckemeier Birthday	4
5 First Sunday in Lent Communion Shelby Cook Birthday also**	6 UMW meeting at 7:00 pm	7 Irene Hansel Birthday	8 Choir Practice 7:00 pm	9	10	11
12 Baptism of Abby Mehl Debi Bowman Birthday	13 No Admin Board Meeting this month Kathy Menke Birthday	14	15 Choir Practice 7:00 Tonya Cornthwaite Birthday Pam Russell Birthday	16 Spirit Seekers at M-M, 7:00 pm	17 T.G.I.F. to see "The Pajama Game" at THS	18
19 Blanket Sunday	20 Karen Meador Birthday	21 Lois Ann Snider Birthday	22 Choir Practice 7:00 pm	23	24	25 Annual Otterbein Men's Fellowship Breakfast
26	27	28	29 Choir Practice 7:00 pm Taylor Cook Birthday	30	31	



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Hospitality: Karen Meador & Caren Hansel						1
2 Communion Cameron Hansel Birthday	3 UMW meeting at 7:00 pm - special guest speaker	4	5 Choir Practice 7:00 pm	6	7	8
9 Palm Sunday Joint Easter Egg Hunt at M-M at noon	10 Admin Board meeting at 7:00 pm	11	12 Choir Practice 7:00 pm	13 Maundy Thursday service at DT at 7:13 pm	14 Good Friday service at M-M at 7:14 pm	15
16 Easter Sunrise Service at 7:00 am w / breakfast	17	18	19 Choir Practice 7:00 pm New sletter Deadline	20 Spirit Seekers at M-M at 7:00 pm	21 Jim & Karen Meador Anniversary	22
23 Claire Cohen Birthday	24	25	26 Choir Practice 7:00 pm Danny Meador Birthday	27 Ron Otto Birthday	28	29
30 Resurrection Sunday w ith pancake breakfast Sally Hansel B-day						