

# Good News

From Darrtown United Methodist Church  
for March / April, 2007



*Dear Friends,*

Our March/April Newsletter, which you hold in your hand, reveals only a portion of what these two months have to offer you and your church.

Lent began on Ash Wednesday. It begins a 40 day journey to the cross and Easter. It is a time of repentance. Those present at worship that evening received a cross of ashes (from last year's palms) on their forehead to signify this repenting and forgiveness of our sins. We then move from the penitence of Lent to the joy of Easter. From winter to spring.

In these two months, McGonigle-Millville's new sanctuary will be unveiled, even though it will not be completed. Dedication of the new sanctuary will take place in May or June, after the new pews arrive. My friends, it's going to be a beautiful tribute to our Lord!

Plans are currently being made for Vacation Bible School, Mother's Day/Family Banquet, Hopewell church service, summer church camp, youth activities, yard sales, and many other activities.

In the midst of the church excitement, however, we must get our priorities straight. We must approach Easter with the respect that it deserves. Now is the perfect time, with the anticipation of spring, to dedicate your life anew to God. Christ brought hope and the promise of a new life for each of us when he died upon the cross. He waits for you to let Him in. He knocks at the door of your heart, with a quiet, gentle knock. He waits patiently to come in. What a better time than this glorious Easter season to begin your life anew with a spiritual rebirth!

So, in these next two HOLY months, I hope to ... See YOU in church!

*Rev. Ed*

**Upcoming Events**

- Each Week: Sunday Worship at 9:00 am; Fellowship and Sunday School at 10:00 am; T.G.I.F. at 10:00 and special events; choir rehearsal each Weds at 6:30 pm
- March 4: The Sacrament of Communion
- March 4: Youth and children to practice for Resurrection Sunday during Sunday School
- March 5: UMW meeting at 7:00 pm; guest speaker Chris Shultz to share about the Butler County Parachute Children's Advocate Program
- March 10: Butler County UMCs sponsoring the Yale Spizzwinks in concert at The First United Methodist Church in Hamilton. Cost \$10.00, refreshments after
- March 11: Time change; Love Offering for local charity
- March 12: Administrative Council meeting at 7:00 pm
- March 15: Spirit Seekers meet at 7:00 pm at McGonigle- Millville UMC
- March 17: 9:00 am United Methodist Women's "kitchen cleaning day". Volunteers are needed.
- March 18: Blanket Sunday, a UMW mission
- March 25: First photo session immediately following the morning service for Darrtown's new photo directory
- April 1: Palm Sunday; second photo session immediately following the morning service for Darrtown's new photo directory; Noon-1:00 at McGonigle-Millville, join us for an Easter Egg Hunt and Lamb Photos (see more details)
- April 2: UMW meeting at 7:00 pm
- April 5: Maundy Thursday Service at McGonigle-Millville UMC at 7:05 pm
- April 6: Good Friday Service, Darrtown at 7:06 pm
- April 8: Early Easter Service at 7:00 am; breakfast following; regular Worship and Sunday School at usual times
- April 9: 6:30 pm Trustees meeting; Administrative Council meeting at 7:00 pm
- April 19: Spirit Seekers at 7:00 at McGonigle-Millville
- April 22: 9:00 am Resurrection Sunday at Darrtown with pancake breakfast following
- April 27 & 28: McGonigle-Millville's garage sale
- April 29: Joint churches are sponsoring a speaker from the Children's Home for area United Methodist Churches, to be held at Darrtown, with dinner being provided by our two churches for all.

**HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE**

March: Tonya Cornthwaite & Jane Jewell-Menke  
April: Caren Hansel & Karen Meador  
 When a trade is needed, contact Etta Jean at 524-2144.

**GREETERS & USHERS**

March: Bob & Donna Rungay  
April: George & Linda Stegmeir & Phyllis Flick

**ACOLYTES**

March: Megan Beckemeier  
April: Stacy Ison



Melva Ward  
 Mallory Hollister  
 Juanita Anderson  
 Horace Akeley  
 Gene Weber  
 Ashley Leck  
 Connie Bowling  
 Robyn Beck

**PRAYERS REQUESTS**

Jill & Dave Morris (Iraq)  
 Michael Eversole (Iraq)  
 Chris Williams (Afghanistan)  
 Lawrence Baumann  
 JoAnn & Bill Coombs  
 Frank Secula  
 Sarah Meyer  
 Family of Arthur Miller  
 Barney Cheek  
 Nancy & Luke Ponder  
 Ruth Cummins & family

The McGonigle-Millville church has had numerous serious illnesses and surgeries since the beginning of the year. Keep those in your prayers also.

**CONDOLENCES**

- To: Nancy & Ed Wolterman, in the death of Ed's father, Ed Wolterman
- To: Cathy Richardson and family, in the death of Arthur Miller
- To: Helen & Wayne Weber, in the death of son, Keith George
- To: Debbie Hawkins & family, in the death of Uncle, Raleigh Shepherd

*Happy moments, praise God.  
 Difficult moments, seek God.  
 Quiet moments, worship God.  
 Painful moments, trust God.  
 Every moment, thank God.*

## Looking Forward

### HOLY WEEK

#### APRIL 1: Palm Sunday

- Sermon: "The Shepherd of My Soul" by Robyn Beck
- Photo Session: Immediately following worship service – family photo for new directory
- Noon–1:30 pm: Easter Egg Hunt and Lamb Photos taken with children at McGonigle-Millville

#### APRIL 5: Maundy Thursday

- Service at McGonigle-Millville at 7:05 pm

#### APRIL 6: Good Friday

- Service at Darrrtown at 7:06 pm

#### APRIL 8: Easter Sunday

- Early Easter/Sunrise for both churches will be at 7:00 am. Rev. Beck will bring the early Easter message at Darrrtown; Robyn will bring the early Easter message at McGonigle-Millville. Both churches will have breakfasts afterwards.
- 9:00 am – Robyn Beck will preach at Darrrtown
- 10:45 am – Rev. Ed will preach at McGonigle-Millville

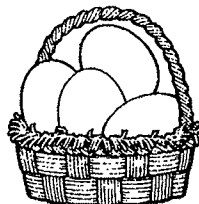
### NEW CHURCH FAMILY PHOTO DIRECTORIES

Our Admin Board has voted to proceed with hiring a local professional to create a photo directory of our church family. Buffy Hannah, EJ Hannah Photography, has been scheduled to come to our church on **Sunday, March 25**, and **Sunday, April 1**, to take black and white photos. Each photo will consist of a complete family. For example, (1) single person, (2) husband and wife, (3) husband, wife, and children, or (4) any other combination that applies to your family. Included in the directory will be your photo, name, address, phone number and e-mail address.

The finished directories will be available in May. This will be an invaluable tool for getting familiar with and keeping in contact with our church family. If you are not able to be at church on the two photo session days, please contact Laura Cohen at 523-8597. If you are a church member and we do not get your photo, only the text information about you will be included in the directory.

Thanks to Ida Mae Lemmons and Laura Cohen for coordinating this exciting new project.

**THANK YOU** – to Rhonda Knight, Rev. Ed and Robyn for putting together an updated church directory with names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses.

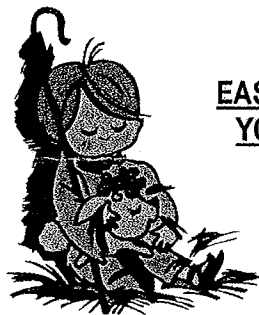


### EASTER EGG HUNT

An Easter Egg Hunt will be held at McGonigle-Millville on **Sunday, April 1** from 12:00-1:30 pm. It is a joint church event and we hope children from both churches will attend and bring their friends. Children will be grouped by ages: 1-2 years, 3-5 years, 6-10, and 11 and up. Plenty of eggs and treats will be available.

A special event this year, along with a visit from the Easter Bunny, will be an opportunity to have your child's Easter picture taken with a live newborn lamb! (See details below.)

Robyn Beck



### EASTER PHOTO OPPORTUNITY – YOUR CHILD HOLDING A LIVE, NEWBORN LAMB!

We hope you will take advantage of a rare opportunity to have your child photographed with a newborn lamb. You won't find a better Easter photo setting than this. Picture this: your precious child holding a baby lamb, with a wooden cross and face of Jesus in the background. The lamb, the symbol of God's sacrifice of His son on the cross, is the perfect photographic memory this Easter and we are providing it at a minimal cost.

The youth group, Teens Growing In Faith (T.G.I.F.) is sponsoring this event to raise money. The lamb is being provided by Dan Burkholder of the Darrrtown Church. Rev. Beck and Robyn will be taking the photographs. The charge is \$10 for a beautiful 8x10.

Please spread the news of this opportunity to your family, friends and neighbors. The photos will be taken at the McGonigle-Millville Church on **Sunday, April 1** (Palm Sunday) from 12:00-1:30 pm. This is the same time as the Easter Egg Hunt. The children can get their picture taken and then enjoy the festivities.

John 1:29 "The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."

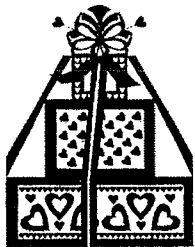
## SPRING YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD

March 11 is the date to set your clocks **forward**. Go to bed an hour early after the Yale Spizzwinks concert on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Then you will be ready for church and Sunday School on time change **Sunday, March 11**.

## RESURRECTION SUNDAY

Darrtown UMC will be celebrating their fourth annual Resurrection Day. The idea was born four years ago out of prayer. Rev. Beck and Robyn were praying about how to carry on with the excitement of Easter and at the same time bring friends and neighbors back to the church. The first Resurrection Sunday was held on April 18, 2004. It was so successful that it has become a tradition. It is a genuine homecoming celebration that you won't want to miss.

This year, it will be held on **Sunday, April 22** at 9:00 am at the Darrtown church. Everyone is invited to come and stay for a pancake breakfast that will follow. McGonigle-Millville friends are invited and can still make it back for their service at 10:45 am.



## LOVE PACKAGES MISSION

Remember, our mission project has been collecting Christian books, literature, CDs, tapes, etc, for missionaries to give to Christians around the world. These materials will be accepted through March 4<sup>th</sup>. These items will be picked up by "Eagle's Nest Ministries" based in Illinois.

Listed below are a few testimonials as reported in the Eagle's Nest Newsletter:

India – there are book stores in the city, but we cannot afford them, plus it takes 2-4 days walking to get there.

Jamaica – They are setting up distribution centers across the island. There is a move to use materials in the schools. Several kindergarten schools already started to use them. A doctor at the main hospital is starting to use material in the pediatric ward, helping the recovery process.

Phillipines – Received a 20-foot container November 25; had trouble pulling the container up the mountain and broke down twice. Unloading the container, we were overjoyed at the many Bibles and Vacation Bible School Kits and thousands of reading materials. These arrived in time for a

Women's Conference Week, School Crusades, and outdoor evangelistic crusade.

Uganda – The attendance at the Training Camp doubled after seeing and receiving materials. Parents also found interest and attended.

Dominican Republic – Superintendents from three regions drove to Santo Domingo to see the literature and take samples back to the Evangelistic Planning Team.

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

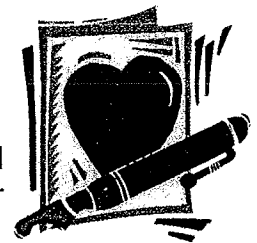
**March 18, 2007** - One Great Hour of Sharing calls the church to share the goodness of life with those who hurt. The history of this ecumenical offering goes back to 1946.

Funds raised in our churches go to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Our gifts will help bring hope, provide relief from hunger and disasters and teaches peace. One Great Hour of Sharing undergirds UMCOR's entire ministry. In 2003, we gave \$3,392,696 as 40.9 cents per member. Special envelopes will be in the bulletin.

The second Sunday of each month is our Love Offering which is used to support local needs.

## LOVE OFFERING

On the **second Sunday of each month**, a special Love Offering will be taken, following our regular offering. This special love offering will be used to help local families in need. Darrtown's Administrative Council approved this special offering each month as they recognized the many needs that come before us as a church. McGonigle-Millville has been doing this special offering each month for years and it is very effective.



## ANNUAL CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

Believe it or not, SPRING is only a few weeks away! Our annual rummage sale has been scheduled for **Friday and Saturday, May 18 and 19**. Keep us in mind as the weather warms and you get the urge to spring clean. Since we are starting the sale on Friday, we must have all donations no later than Tuesday, May 15. The storage shed has room for lots of stuff!

Phyllis Flick

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**  
**GUEST SPEAKER & COVERED DISH DINNER**

On Sunday evening, **April 29**, at 5:00 pm, the United Methodist Women, in conjunction with McGonigle-Millville UMC, will be sponsoring an event which will include dinner and a guest speaker, Rev. Steven Putka, with the United Methodist Children's Home in Worthington, Ohio. Please plan to attend and learn about the great service provided for troubled children.

Since several other area churches are being invited, we are asking that those who attend from Darrtown please be generous and bring two covered dishes. The UMW will provide meat and beverages.

**PLAN AHEAD FOR MOTHER'S DAY**

Mark your calendars for **Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**. A Mother's Day/Family Banquet is being planned for that evening at 6:00 pm. Details will be forthcoming.

**Looking Back**

**NEW MEMBERS**

On January 28, 2007, Darrtown was pleased to welcome several new members to our church family:

- o Linda S. Agee – Grace UMC
- o Thomas G. Agee – Grace UMC
- o Danielle Brown – profession of faith
- o Melanie Kim Hollister – profession of faith
- o Michelle (Mickey) Julian – New Life Vineyard
- o John (Jim) Pate – New Life Vineyard
- o Penny Webster – Park Avenue UMC
- o Shawn Webster – Park Avenue UMC

Three additional membership certificates were awarded from a past omission during the transition of pastors in 2003:

- o Megan Anne Beckemeier
- o Stephanie Renay Ison
- o Stacy Jean Ison

*Thought for the Day...*

*All people are imperfect, so we all need to receive and to extend forgiveness.*

**NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON**

My cup runneth over – again! Could it have been because of the bright yellow tablecloth? Could it have been because of the kind, gentle, friendly faces around that table? Could it have been because of that bright ray of sunshine that shone during that snowy day? Could it have been those hot rolls served with butter and crunchy, fresh salad greens? Maybe because of the nice serving of lasagna and a dessert, and hot coffee?

Or could it have been because of the real meaning of our Methodism, so well explained by our Pastor Ed?

Whatever it was, thanks to the McGonigle-Millville church and committee for serving the New Member Luncheon enjoyed by the new members and their sponsors on January 8, 2007. May God continue to bless each and every person as they grow in the spirit of the Lord.

Ida Mae Lemmons

**Teens Growing In Faith**

The youth group had a very successful Souper Bowl collection. We as a group collected over fifty cans and \$70. Thanks to all of the youth for their hard work.

That afternoon was a super success as well. We went bowling and I think everyone had a great time! Thanks to the parents and other drivers also. We couldn't have gotten to the bowling alley without you! Upon our arrival back to the church, we sat down and had some really great soup and Arby's roast beef sandwiches.

Alert to the youth – we have a lamb and will be carrying out plans soon for taking pictures on Palm Sunday at the Easter Egg Hunt. More news to come on this upcoming event.

Keep in touch and see you in Sunday School.

Megan Beckemeier

**NOTICE: DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

The next deadline date for submitting articles is **April 20, 2007**. Items can be given to Maxine Harris or Ida Mae Lemmons. You may also send information via e-mail to Maxine at: [maxakers03@aol.com](mailto:maxakers03@aol.com).



**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
RISE, SHINE, GLORIFY GOD**

*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.*

**COMING UP**

- **March Meeting:** Mar. 5<sup>th</sup> (Monday) at 7:00 pm  
Hostesses: Caren Hansel & Lora Richardson  
Program: Guest speaker Chris Shultz with Butler County's Parachute Children's Advocate Program
- **April Meeting:** Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup> (Monday) at 7:00 pm  
Hostesses: Robyn Beck & Ida Mae Lemons  
Program: Prayer and Self-Denial (moved from March)

**MISSIONS**

- **Month of March:** Collection of garden seeds for the Jackson County, Ohio, Seed Ministry, led by Sandy Beckemeier; deadline for shipment is April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **March 18:** Blanket Sunday, a catastrophic world mission – each \$5 donation will buy a wool blanket.

**JANUARY MEETING**

All officers from 2006 were re-installed for 2007: Ida Mae Lemmons, President; Rhonda Knight, Vice President; Rev. Ed, Honorary Vice President; Maxine Harris, Secretary; Etta Jean Crawford, Treasurer

Thank you, Caren Hansel, for making our 2007 Program Books.

**Happy Birthday!**

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| March 7: Irene Hansel | March 21: Lois Ann Snider |
| March 13: Kathy Menke | April 19: Phyllis Flick   |
| March 15: Pam Russell | April 30: Sally Hansel    |

**LEADERSHIP & TRAINING MEETING**

It was a beautiful sunny morning in January, when the first Leadership and Training meeting for the United Methodist Women of the new Ohio River Valley District was held on Saturday, January 20, 2007, at the First Methodist Church in Hamilton.

Sixty-four women attended. Our unit was represented. The meeting was most fruitful and genuinely meaningful, seeing and meeting new faces, all working in God's world.

It was reported that the Reading Road, Cincinnati, "Resource Center" was closed and moved to Dallas, Texas. The center furnishes us with mission information.

The Reading Program books can be ordered from there, or maybe found in some of our local bookstores; however, the Cokesbury Publishers, who supply Bible Study and Sunday School materials, are still the same.

The new district team appears to be enjoying their new challenge. May God bless each and every member as they work and worship together, helping and guiding our mission work. When I left that day, I felt my cup runneth over!

Ida Mae Lemmons

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Balance as of February 19, \$407.83, plus the meeting's offering of \$35.00.

**KRISTI COOMBS' MISSION TRIP**

Our UMW's unit helped support Kristi Coombs in her recent trip to the Dominican Republic. She sends her "thanks" and reported that our contribution helped provide books and beanie babies for children.

**WORLD THANK OFFERING BOXES**

If you have not picked up the blue coin saver boxes, please do so and start saving a few coins each day as you count your blessings. These boxes will be collected during our next Thanksgiving service in November.

**CAMPBELL LABELS**

Please continue to save your labels and place them in the pink shoebox in the Annex. **A change:** Campbells wants only the UPC label with the little man beside it. The entire front of the Campbell label will no longer be accepted.


# Darrtown United Methodist Church



Hospitality: Tonya Cornthwaite & Jane Jewell-Menke

Greeters: Bob & Donna Rungay

Acolyte: Megan Beckemeier

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>March 5: UMW</b> meeting at 7:00 pm Chris Schultz to speak.			1 Reese Lindley birthday	2 Fred Guiler birthday Mike & Cindi Mehl anniversary	3 Barney Beckemeier birthday
4 Communion Youth & children to practice for Resurrection Sunday	5 Sheby Cook Karen Binigar Carl Arnold Roma Lowe 4 birthdays	6	7 Choir Practice 6:30 pm Irene Hansel birthday	8 Will Haw kins birthday	9	10 Yale Spizzw inks at First UMC
11 Love Offering Time change 	12 Admin Borad meeting at 7:00 pm Debi Bow man birthday	13 Kathy Menke birthday	14 Choir Practice 6:30 pm	15 Spirit Seekers-MM Tonya Cornthwaite Pam Russell 2 birthdays	16	17 UMW church kitchen cleaning day - 9:00 am
18 Blanket Sunday Mission	19 Jerry & Myra Krauth anniversary	20 Karen Meador birthday	21 Choir Practice 6:30 pm Lois Ann Snider birthday	22 Mike Lindley birthday	23	24
25 Photo Session for Church Directory	26	27	28 Choir Practice 6:30 pm Natalie Barger birthday	29 Taylor Cook Cassie Hollister Debbie Haw kins 3 birthdays	30	31

# Darrrtown United Methodist Church



# 2007

Hospitality: Caren Hansel & Karen Meador  
 Greeters: George & Linda Stegmeir & Phyllis Flick  
 Acolyte: Stacy Ison

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Palm Sunday Other activities* (see below) Jean Hansel Leigh Ann Lowe	<b>2</b> UMW meeting at 7:00 pm  Cameron Hansel birthday	<b>3</b> Allie Sizemore birthday	<b>4</b> Choir Practice  Cantrell Decker Penny Webster 2 birthdays	<b>5</b> Maundy Thursday Service at M-M 7:05 pm	<b>6</b> Good Friday at DT 7:06 pm  Phyllis & Mike Flick anniversary	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Early Easter Service at 7:00 am with breakfast	<b>9</b> Trustees at 6:30; Admin Council at 7:00 pm	<b>10</b> Dan Burkholder Kim White 2 birthdays	<b>11</b> Choir Practice at 6:30 pm	<b>12</b> Kathy & Ken Menke anniversary	<b>13</b> Aly Mehl birthday	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Cassie Arehart birthday	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Choir Practice at 6:30 pm	<b>19</b> Spirit Seekers at M-M at 7:00 pm  Phyllis Flick birthday	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Karen & Jim Meador anniversary
<b>22</b> Resurrection Sunday with pancake breakfast	<b>23</b> Claire Cohen birthday	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Choir Practice at 6:30 pm  Chris Heinrich birthday	<b>26</b> Danny Meador birthday	<b>27</b> M-M Garage Sale  Ron Otto birthday	<b>28</b> M-M Garage Sale
<b>29</b> 5:00 pm guest speaker from children's home; dinner served	<b>30</b> Sally Hansel birthday Pam & Mike Lindley anniversary					
<b>* April 1:</b> Photo Session DT after service Noon Egg Hunt at M-M; also Lamb Photos at M-M						





McGonigle-Millville United Methodist Church

4th Annual Easter Egg Hunt

for age groups: 1-2 yrs., 3-5 yrs., 6-10 yrs., &  
11 & up. Lots of Surprises for all!



Easter 2007 Memories:

Photos with a newborn lamb as a symbol of God's Love

***Palm Sunday, April 1, 2007***

***from 12:00 - 1:30***

*You will receive an 8x10 color photo  
of your child holding the lamb.*

*\$10.00 donation per photo*

*sponsored by "Teens Growing in Faith" Youth Group*

Please call Rev. Ed or Robyn Beck at 896-4025

for more information

Church located at 2370 Lanes Mill Road

(off US 27 in McGonigle)