

Good News

From Darrtown / McGonigle-Millville Charge
United Methodist Churches
March / April, 2009



Dear Friends,

March and April are highlighted by the most significant eight weeks in the year. March 1st is the first Sunday in Lent. Those are special times for us to prepare ourselves for the Easter event which changes

our lives. No matter what your level of Christian commitment, Easter has and will again change you. Lent ends with Holy Week. We have special worship events on Thursday and Friday of Holy Week. Then Easter. Every year we are reminded again of God's love through Jesus. He died upon the cross for us on Friday, then on Easter He rose from the grave with the promise of immortality for all who follow Him. Resurrection Sunday at Darrtown is April 26!

Tony Compolo, one of Christ's greatest contemporary witnesses tells a powerful story of when he was working at a Junior High Christian Camp:

"I was asked to be a counselor in a junior high camp. Everybody ought to be a counselor in a junior high camp just once! A junior high kid's concept of having a good time is picking on people. And in this particular case, at this particular camp, there was a little boy who was suffering from cerebral palsy. His name was Billy. And they picked on him. Oh, they picked on him. As he walked across the camp with his uncoordinated body, they would line up and imitate his grotesque movements. I watched him one day as he was asking for direction. 'Which...way...is...the...craft...shop?' he stammered, his mouth contorting. And the boys mimicked in the same awful stammer, 'It's...over...there...Billy.' And then they laughed at him. I was irate!

"But my furor reached its highest pitch when on Thursday morning it was Billy's cabin's turn to give devotions. I wondered what would happen, because they had appointed Billy to be the speaker. I knew that they just wanted to get him up there so that they could make fun of him. As he dragged His way to the front, you could hear the giggles rolling over the crowd. It took little Billy almost five minutes to say seven words 'Jesus...loves...me...and...I...love...Jesus,'

"When he finished there was dead silence. I looked over my shoulder and saw junior high boys bawling all over the place. A revival broke out in that camp that day after Billy's very short and very simple testimony. And you know, to this day I find missionaries and preachers who say to me, 'Remember me? I was converted at junior high camp when Billy gave his testimony.'

"We counselors had tried everything to get those kids interested in Jesus. We even imported baseball players whose batting averages had gone up since they started praying. But God chose not to use the superstars. He chose a kid with cerebral palsy to break the spirits of the haughty. He's that kind of God.

"Paul writes, 'I will boast...about my weakness, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weakness, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, I am strong.'" (II Corinthians 12:9,10)

Be strong, worship each week, witness each day, and put both together by inviting all who you love and respect to worship with you.

See YOU in church ----- *Rev. Ed*



JOINT CHURCH EVENTS

NEWS

BISHOP OUGH

Bishop Ough of the United Methodist Church West Ohio Conference, has been elected to serve as President of the Ohio Council of Churches, a leader for more than 230,000 United Methodists in 1,188 congregations in 58 Ohio counties.

ASH WEDNESDAY

The Darrtown/McGonigle Charge will not be holding their own Ash Wednesday service this year. You are encouraged to worship at one of the following nearby United Methodist Churches:

Oxford; Grace; Lindenwald; all services at 7:00 pm

GUINEA PIG DINNER

March 15th at 6:00 pm at McGonigle. The idea is that each of us are guinea pigs for your covered dish. Everyone is to bring a covered dish that you have never prepared before. The dishes should be anonymous.

Try not to let others know what you are bringing and your dish will be assigned a number. Each guinea pig (those who eat your dish) will vote on these untried dishes. Prizes will be awarded for 1) best tasting, 2) most unusual, and 3) most attractive.

This promises to be a great fun evening. Plan to attend. McGonigle church is hosting this event for both churches. They will provide drinks and table service.

At least for this year, this event is replacing the talent show.

HOLY WEEK

The week between Palm Sunday and Easter is HOLY WEEK. It is a special time of devotion and commitment to Jesus, who gave His life for us. Maundy Thursday is April 9th. A special service of worship will be held at 7:09 pm at McGonigle-Millville church. Good Friday service will be on April 10th. It will be held at Darrtown church at 7:10 pm.

EASTER EGG HUNT



Its time for our Easter Egg Hunt! This year our egg hunt will take place on Saturday, April 4th at McGonigle-Millville UMC. The hunt will begin at 10:00 am and will be followed by games and activities. Our celebration will end with a grand prize drawing at noon. The age groups will be as follows: 1-2 years (or as young as you want them to participate); 3-4 years; 5-7 years; and 8-12 years. We will also need volunteers to help with the games and activities so any children age 13+ or adults who want to help please let me know. The more help we get the more fun we can have! There will be donation boxes set up at both churches. We need candy to fill the eggs and cash donations to purchase prizes. If you want to give a cash donation please give it to me directly or to Rev. Ed. I will put the boxes out on Sunday, March 1st and collect them on Sunday, March 22nd. Thank you for all your help! We will have a wonderful time! If you have any questions or wish to help, please see me or call 523-8123.

- Andrea Berger

EASTER

Easter is April 12th. The Early Easter/Sunrise Service will be held at 7:12 am at each church, followed with our traditional Easter breakfast.

The rest of Easter will follow the usual schedule:

9:00 am worship and church school at Darrtown

9:30 am church school at McGonigle

10:45 am worship and angel church at McGonigle

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

"In Christ, there are many members, yet one body." The World Day of Prayer will be celebrated Friday, March 6th at the Oxford Presbyterian Church at 1:00 pm. It is being sponsored by the Church Women United at Church & Main Street, Oxford. The program is written by women of Papua New Guinea, a place where diverse communities are of one heart and soul uniting in Christ over evil and good. An offering will be taken to support those women of Papua New Guinea.

- Ida Mae Lemmons

It was determined that the Building Rental form needed a revision. The revised form is now available on the literature rack in the Narthex for anyone wanting to use the church facilities.

Many people were involved in the completion of the above tasks. Thank you all for your time and talents.

- Ken Coleman

NEW METHODIST CHURCH SIGN

A new McGonigle Millville United Methodist Church sign has been purchased with money from the Memorial Fund and will be placed in the front yard of our church. Many thanks to those families who had money contributed to the Memorial Fund in memory of their loved ones: Shirley Baker, Dianna Beckett, Edie Farmer, Charles Myers, LaRue Reynolds, Chuck Taylor and Dick Young.

WELCOME BACK

We are very happy to welcome back to our church, Ralph and Bernice Kolb. They have been away for awhile and we are glad to see them back among us.

CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathies go to Cliff Farmer and his family in the loss of Cliff's wife, Edie, who passed away on Thursday, January 1, 2009.

LOOKING BACK

On February 15, Love Sunday was celebrated at McGonigle Millville with 87 in attendance for the worship service and the delicious carry-in dinner afterwards. All those who helped to make this a very happy occasion are sincerely thanked.

DARRTOWN NEWS

SHARE THE GLORY OF EASTER

EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to order Easter flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, please fill out the form at the end of this newsletter.

RESURRECTION SUNDAY

Resurrection Sunday this year at Darrtown church will be on April 26th. This is our homecoming Sunday.

We fly against the norm by expecting a higher attendance on Resurrection Sunday than Easter. Nearly every church in the world has more people at Easter than any other Sunday. Darrtown has consistently seen Resurrection Sunday bring more people to worship on what is for most churches a down Sunday.

See you on April 26th at 9:00 am. A special pancake breakfast follows worship. Come and stay.

RUMMAGE SALE

Its hard to believe, but it won't be long until its rummage sale time again! My mother found this cute poem in the book, *Down Country Roads*, by Slim Acres (his real name is Harold Pickett and he probably wrote this in the late 1930's or early '40's). I thought it might serve as a good reminder to save your unused or unwanted items as you are doing your spring cleaning. The first weekend in June will be here before we know it.

- Phyllis Flick

The Rummage Sale

*Old shoes and spats
And last year's hats
From attics here and yon,
Old cutaways
From better days,
Now sad to look upon;
Leaky boots
And tattered suits
Threadbare from top to tail;
You buy for cash
Your neighbor's trash
At the Methodist Rummage Sale!*

*You'll see what-knots
And pots and pans,
And sundries unrelated;
The junk they've got
Ain't worth a lot,
But all has been donated.
Tho we cart away
Our share today,
We'll save it, without fail,
Till someday when
Its time again
For the Methodist Rummage Sale!*

Happy Birthday UMW!

March

3/07 – Irene Hansel
3/13 – Kathy Menke
3/15 – Pam Russell
3/21 – Lois Ann Snider
3/29 – Debbie Hawkins

April

4/11 – Debbie Sansone
4/19 – Phyllis Flick
4/30 – Sally Hansel

♥ *Forgiveness Therapy* ♥

Forget about forgetting an injury. That's not always possible – and maybe at times not even desirable. Rather, choose to move on, past remembering to forgiveness.

NOTICE: DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

The next deadline date for submitting articles is **April 20, 2009**. Items can be given to Maxine Harris, Ida Mae Lemmons or Evelyn Kuhlmann. E-mail Maxine at: maxakers03@aol.com; or Evelyn at ebkuhl@fuse.net.



Poem submitted by Ann Jones

Just as Peter on the lake
I set out on a quest
My boat is drifting out to sea
God puts me to the test.

The depth is deep, the width is wide
A storm is setting in.
The waves are thrashing all about
I feel a fear within.

A figure looms, within the mist
I tremble in the night
He seems to walk on water
My heart is filled with fright.

Fear not says he, have courage
I do not bring you harm
For it is I who comes to save
There's no need for alarm.

He bids me walk on water
His flowing robe I see
But I lose faith as I step out
Upon the angry sea.

My trust is gone, I start to sink
I panic as I go
I cry out Lord, please save,
Strong winds begin to blow.

His staff is there before me
His mighty hand comes out
He plucks me from the churning sea,
Why did I ever doubt.

Into the boat, the wind is still,
He calms the restless sea,
If he will soothe a violent storm
He'll do the same for me.

Oh precious child of little faith
You are his son or daughter
Look to the one who calms the sea,
The man who walks on water.

DARRTOWN EASTER FLOWER ORDER

If you would like to have an Easter flower placed on the altar this Easter, please let us know by one of these ways: 1) fill out the below form and either give it to Maxine Harris or leave it on the table at the back of the sanctuary; 2) call Caren Hansel at 513-868-8739; or 3) e-mail Caren at ceh@dzshq.com . Cost will be \$10.00 each.

In honor of: _____

In memory of: _____

From: _____

Darrtown / McGonigle-Millville UMC

April 2009 Birthdays, Anniversaries, Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 Palm/Passion Sunday Communion DT: T.G.I.F. @ 6:00 pm	6 Phyllis & Mike Flick Anniversary DT: UMW @ 7:00 pm	7	8	9 MM: Maundy Thursday Logan James Rice Justin & Angela Baldw in Anniversary	10 DT: Good Friday Dan Burkholder	11 Shelee Webster Debbie Sansone
12 Easter Sunday Kathy & Ken Menke Anniversary	13	14 Myra Krauth	15	16 Nathan Weingartner	17 Bob Coleman	18
19 Phyllis Flick DT: T.G.I.F. @ 6:00 pm	20	21 Jim & Karen Meador Anniversary	22	23 Claire Cohen	24 MM: Yard Sale	25 MM: Yard Sale
26 DT: Resurrection Sunday Danny Meador	27 Sherri Berger Ron Otto	28	29	30 Sally Hansel Mike & Pam Lindley Anniversary		