

Good News

*From Darrtown / McGonigle-Millville Charge
United Methodist Churches
March / April, 2010*



Dear Friends,

On February 21st I preached on "Mud and Stars." The sermon dealt with two basic attitudes toward life. I used the poem:

Two prisoners looked through bars,
One saw mud, the other stars.

Our attitude makes all the difference in the world. Dr. Karl Menninger once said: "Attitude is more important than facts."

A few more quotations that I did not use that morning are:

"Most people are about as happy as they make up their minds to be." - *Abraham Lincoln*

"If you can't change your fate, change your attitude." - *Amy Tan*

"Work like you don't need the money. Love like you've never been hurt.

Dance like nobody's watching." - *Leroy Robert "Satchel" Paige*

What is your attitude toward life, toward others, toward yourself? What is it that we communicate to those around us? Do we present a positive attitude or one that is filled with negative images?

The great preacher, Charles H. Spurgeon, was teaching a class the finer points of public speaking. He emphasized the importance of making the facial expression harmonize with the speech. "When you speak of heaven," he said, "let your face light up, let it be irradiated with a heavenly gleam, let your eyes shine with reflected glory. But when you speak of hell - well, then your ordinary face will do."

Mud or Stars? Oh, how vividly we wear our attitude on our face, and we are responsible for the message it delivers. During the days of Lincoln's presidency, a trusted advisor recommended a candidate for the Lincoln cabinet. Lincoln briefly considered the possibility before declining to make the appointment. When asked why, Lincoln said, "I don't like the man's face." "But the poor man is not responsible for his face," Lincoln's advisor said. "Every man over forty is responsible for his face," Lincoln insisted, and the prospect was considered no further.

What was it that Jesus said about "letting your light shine, so you will bring honor and glory to God in heaven."

On the 21st I closed by stating that we can be better men and women if we understand where our proper citizenship lies.

And sometimes our facial expressions and our attitudes are more honest than the words we speak. We communicate so much to others by our attitude.

May our attitudes be characterized by the faith and hope we have in Christ, and may people see that new life in our faces, in our words, and in our lives.

God loves you! Love others! I'll see you in church!

Rev. Ed

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Darrtown's Bicentennial Celebration

In January, we had a great time at both churches with Rev. Harold Braley (1981-1989). There was a wonderful lunch at Darrtown with approximately 35 attending. We didn't break up until after 2:00 pm.

February's guest speaker at both churches was Larry Brock (1993-1998). Darrtown had a great time and it was McGonigle's Love Sunday with 83 in attendance. The lunch was hosted at McGonigle and 87 people were served. We didn't break up until after 3:00 pm.

In March, we will be blessed by the presence of Nancy Ratz (1989-1993) and in April, our District Superintendent will bring the 4th Bicentennial Celebration message.

The rest of the schedule is:

- ✓ May 2: Lynn Huffman (1976-1979)
- ✓ June 27: Norman Wright (1974-1976)
- ✓ July 25: Bob Schneckner (1993-1995)
- ✓ August 29: Rick Stuhmer (1998-2003)
- ✓ September 26: Bishop Bruce Ough of the West Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church will lead us in worship. Robert Bumgarner (1979-1981) will participate. We will be joined by the McGonigle and Seven Mile Churches.
- ✓ October 31: Phil Rice (1969-1971)
- ✓ November 28: Richard Lehto (1971-1974)
- ✓ December 26: Judy Henderson (deceased) and other past deceased pastors will be honored.

March 2010

- Mar. 1: 7:00 pm, United Methodist Women meet at Darrtown. Guest speaker, Barbara Condo, with One Way Farm. Both churches welcome.
- Mar. 3: 6:30 pm, Choir rehearsal each week, both churches. 7:00, Bible Study, McGonigle. Both churches welcome.
- Mar. 7: Darrtown 9:00 am - 3rd Bicentennial Celebration. Nancy Ratz (1989-1993), guest speaker, special brunch follows. 10:45 Rev Ed to preach at McGonigle. Third Sunday of Lent; Sacrament of Communion observed. T.G.I.F. will sing at both churches.
- Mar. 14: Fourth Sunday of Lent; One Great Hour of Sharing offering (see article); Scouting Ministries

Sunday; Daylight Savings Time Begins; T.G.I.F. meets.

- Mar. 16: St. Patrick's Day
- Mar. 20: McGonigle's Spaghetti Dinner. 100% of proceeds go to the Hamilton Living Water Ministries. 4:30-6:30, \$7.00 adults, under 3 free, 3-12 \$3.00 (see article).
- Mar 21: Fifth Sunday of Lent
- Mar. 27: Easter Egg Hunt at McGonigle. Both churches and guests.
- Mar. 28: Palm Sunday; Sixth Sunday of Lent; T.G.I.F. meets.

April 2010

- Apr. 1: Maundy Thursday Service, 7:01 pm at Darrtown.
- Apr. 2: Good Friday Service, 7:02 pm at McGonigle.
- Apr. 4: Easter Sunday:
Sunrise/Early Easter Service, 7:30 am at each Church. Rev. Ed will speak at McGonigle and Robyn will speak at Darrtown.
8:15 breakfast at each church.
9:00 Rev. Beck will speak at Darrtown
10:45 Robyn Beck will speak at McGonigle
Sunday School at 9:15 at Darrtown and 9:30 at McGonigle
- Apr. 5: 7:00 pm United Methodist Women meets at Darrtown. Program presented by Debra Steger, "Mission Comes Home - Gather to Celebrate."
- Apr. 7: Choir rehearsal at 6:30, both churches; 7:00 Bible Study at McGonigle
- Apr. 11: Second Sunday of Easter
- Apr. 12: Darrtown Trustees and Church Council
- Apr. 18: Fourth Bicentennial Celebration; guest speaker at both churches is Rev. Randy Stearns, Superintendent of the Ohio River Valley District; 12:18 lunch at Darrtown.
- Apr. 19: McGonigle Trustees and Church Council - watch for new times.
- Apr. 23-24: McGonigle Yard Sale!!! (see article)
- Apr. 25: Fourth Sunday of Easter; Native American Ministries Sunday.
- May 2: Fifth Bicentennial Celebration Sunday; Lynn Huffman (1976-1981) will be the guest speaker at Darrtown with a special brunch following.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAYS
& ANNIVERSARIES**

Refer to our calendar pages.

LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Each Sunday, both churches print the prayer list for each church. We ask you to take that list seriously and remember those persons throughout the week.

We especially ask you to remember those people common to both lists.

**Darrrtown / McGonigle-Millville Prayer List
(Newer concerns)**

Our military personnel in the US	and abroad
Andy Bruck	Seth Guenther
Jack Davis	Pastor Rick Stuhmer
Jackie Grimes	Noah Trumbull
Azen Agee	Nicholas
Debbie Hawkins re: Aunt's passing	Amanda Drake & family
	Corky Gross re: mother's fall

See your church's prayer list each Sunday.

JOINT CHURCH EVENTS

LENT AND EASTER

-- Lent and Easter fall within the two months of this newsletter. Lent is the season of preparation that leads to Easter. Lent is 40 days plus the 6 Sundays between Ash Wednesday and Easter. The last week of Lent is Holy Week. It begins with Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, the last week of His earthly life -- including Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Easter falls on April 4, 2010.

-- Easter is the day of remembrance of Jesus' resurrection. We have an early service at both churches at 7:30 am. Robyn Beck will bring the message at Darrrtown while Rev. Ed will be at McGonigle.

-- Both churches will have an Easter breakfast at 8:15 am. Rev. Ed and Robyn will share their messages to the other churches at 9:00 and 10:45.

-- The Maundy Thursday Communion Service celebrating Jesus' last meal will be at 7:01 pm at Darrrtown, and Good Friday's service from Light to Darkness will be at 7:02 pm at McGonigle.

-- Be a part of all these opportunities to be drawn closer to the heart of Jesus.

Opportunity may knock once,
But temptation bangs on the door forever.

EASTER EGG HUNT

It's that time of year again for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt! This year the egg hunt will be on Saturday, March 27, the Saturday before Palm Sunday, at 10:30 am at McGonigle. Just like last year, there will be games and other activities to participate in after the egg hunt, so plan on staying to celebrate Easter with us. Donations of candy, prizes, and money would be greatly appreciated. This is a joint church event, so donation/registration stations will be set up at both churches in the near future. Please register your children and grandchildren as soon as possible and we can plan accordingly. If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Berger at 543-7206, or e-mail albmidnight@yahoo.com. -- Andrea Berger



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing lay the foundation of all UMCOR's (United Methodist Committee on Relief) work by covering the costs of doing business. All specific mission gifts can go 100% to project for which they have been given.

One Great Hour of Sharing supports emergency and crisis relief programs in America and around the world. UMCOR assists 17 United Methodist hospitals in Africa and Asia in their community-based health programs. Through this annual Lenten offering, we are able to fulfill God's call to: "Act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." - Micah 6:8

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

All women from both churches are invited to attend the United Methodist Women's meetings which are held on the first Monday of each month, 7:00 pm at Darrrtown.

The March 1st meeting will feature speaker Barbara Condo from One Way Farm. The April 5th meeting's program will be given by Debra Steger on "Mission Comes Home - Gather to Celebrate."

Because of Darrrtown's busy Bicentennial calendar, there will not be a Mother's Day dinner. The May 3rd meeting will be dedicated to mothers with a quilt theme. Please come and enjoy these special gatherings.

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SUMMER CAMPS

The variety of camps for United Methodist Youth in our West Ohio Conference is amazing and mind-boggling! You have to see the brochure to believe it. Camps are for a wider age span than ever and begin this summer and go through December.

A brochure is on each church's bulletin board with a registration form. More brochures have been ordered and are on the way.

HAITI

Hopefully, you have taken advantage of one of the ways to help the victims and help the hurting of Haiti. If you choose to help through your church, just mark your gift for "Haiti" and we will include your gift with others to be sent in a second offering. The first offering has been sent.

VOLUNTEERS IN MISSION

Our area is sending a team of "Volunteers in Mission" on a trip to the Henderson Settlement, April 18 - 24. Brochures are available in the Narthex of each church and information packets on each bulletin board.

Our God-given mission is to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Methodism's founder John Wesley reminded us that we are called to step out of our little corner of the world to spread the good news, transform hopelessness into hope and help God's children wherever they may be.

No matter how or where we serve Jesus Christ, United Methodists do God's work in a unique structure referred to as "the connection." This concept has been central to the Methodist movement from its beginning and comes to life through our clergy appointment system, our mission and outreach, and through our collective giving.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

On Friday, March 5th, the women of Cameroon invite us to the country described as "Africa in Miniature" because of its many plants and animals unique to the African continent. Though modest in size, Cameroon is striking in its variety of landscapes, climates, natural resources and ethnic groups. The economy is supported by agriculture, with coffee and cocoa in abundance. Cotton farming employs more than 70% of the population.

The women of Cameroon encourages us to boldly go forth in our worship through song and spirit and "let

everything that has breath praise God." They remind us that with every breath we renew the gift of life, and for this we praise God.

The World Day of Prayer will be held at the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church at 25 East Walnut, Oxford, Ohio, with an African luncheon at 11:30 am, worship service at 12:30 pm. Sponsored by the Church Women United.

-- Ida Mae Lemmons

OTTERBEIN LEBANON MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Saturday, March 13th at 9:00 am - \$5.00. Make reservations by March 10th at 513-696-8537. Speaker Rev. Dean Feldmeyer at 10:00 am. Men's chorus will sing.

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McGONIGLE-MILLVILLE NEWS

LOVE SUNDAY - McGonigle-Millville, UMC February 14, 2010

For the first time since 1999, Love Sunday and Valentine's Day fell on Sunday. We celebrated in style. Larry Brock, Student Pastor from 1993-1998, spoke on "I'll Do It, But I Don't Want To." Rev. Ed and Robyn presented a special "Reflection on Love" during the service. We did not match our record attendance of 120, but we did have 83 in worship and 20 in Angel Church that day.

Special thanks to Susan Petri, Brenda Graham, and their able crew for the meal, First Fruits for set-up, and to all who brought such wonderful dishes.

Special thanks to Nevie Halcomb for the heart box souvenirs and Robyn Beck and Karen Meador for the bookmarks.



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When we love one another,
the invisible God reveals Himself
to others through us, and
His love is made complete.
(quote from our Valentine's Day bookmarks)

SPAGHETTI DINNER BENEFIT

Mark Your Calendar!

March 20 -- 4:30-6:30 pm

It is our pleasure to host a Spaghetti Dinner Benefit for Living Water Ministries. This organization is assisting many in our community with various needs. This benefit will not be successful without you! Please come and join us for a wonderful time of fellowship and answering this very important call.

Tickets are available in the Narthex, or from members, and also at the door. \$7.00 -- adults; \$3.00 -- 12 years to 3; free for under 3 years of age.

SPRING YARD SALE

Friday, April 23 -- 8:30 am to 6:00 pm

Saturday, April 24 -- 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

Please mark your calendars and plan to help. We need a lot of help for THE ENTIRE WEEK OF THE SALE. Bring your yard sale items to the church or contact Ken Coleman at 896-4439 for your items to be picked up or for more information. REMEMBER, all of our efforts and work turns into money to keep our church going, and 10% of the proceeds goes into the Love Offering to help others in the community. This is a good fellowship time to meet and greet old and new friends. Soups, sandwiches, drinks and desserts will be available on both days. See you then!

ANGEL CHURCH

Many of you have probably heard of, if not seen, our new Angel Church curriculum. I am excited to inform you that, thanks to Jim and Roxanne Leitch's son Jim, we have been the recipients of a generous donation. "KIDMO" is a media-based Christian curriculum that gets the children excited to learn about the word of God. They actively participate in a video, followed by a craft and other activities. The curriculum, for two age groups, 3-6 year olds and 7+ year olds, was completely donated to us! This would have cost thousands of dollars if we were to purchase it on our own. We truly have been blessed! You can visit www.Kidmo.com if you wish to learn more about it or just come downstairs during Angel Church and witness the

children in action! As always, we can use volunteers for our Angel Church program. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Andrea Berger at 543-7206 or e-mail albmidnight@yahoo.com

ALTAR EASTER LILIES

Order your potted Easter lilies to decorate our altar for Easter Sunday. They are \$8.00 each and will be listed in our bulletin in memory or honor of your loved ones. Please give orders and payment to Sherry no later than March 28th. This is sponsored by the choir and all proceeds go to help offset the cost of our Easter breakfast. Thank you. -- Sherri Berger

EASTER BREAKFAST

The choir invites you to join us for our annual Easter breakfast immediately following our Easter Sunrise Service. The menu will include pancakes, egg strata, sausage, fruit and beverage. After our breakfast fellowship, we invite you to stay for Sunday School and our Easter Worship Service. Bring your family and invite your friends to celebrate our Risen Lord. -- Sherri Berger

McGONIGLE CORRECTIONS

- The Foley's phone # is 1-401-835-1586
- Brenda Johnson's phone # is 513-335-5893

CONDOLENCES

- † Our deepest sympathies go to Luella DiCeglie and Brenda Johnson and their families in the loss of their mother and grandmother, Lucille P. Sauer, who passed away on Monday, December 28, 2009.
- † Our deepest sympathies go to Bernice Kolb and her family in the loss of her husband, Ralph H. Kolb, who passed away on Friday, January 29, 2010.

A NOTE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The 2010 year so far has been busy. Snow removal has been above average. It was determined that the air return registers for the sanctuary furnace were 60% smaller than needed. We believe this was the cause of furnace malfunction. The dehumidifier in the furnace room stopped working and was replaced. We solicited bids for the following projects: sound system

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improvement and electrical repair work. We are also searching for a bracket to secure window valance above vertical blinds and estimating cost to add more storage shelves.
-- Ken Coleman

COMMUNITY GIVING

Due to the generosity of our members, our church was able to spread God's love during January. A contribution was made to the Timothy Mills memorial and also to the Council of Developments Church Builders Club. We also were able to provide a couple with much needed household utensils from our yard sale inventory. Much planning and decision making was also accomplished in preparation for the upcoming spaghetti dinner, a benefit for Living Water Ministries, on March 20.
-- Ken Coleman

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BICENTENNIAL QUILT

All members of the Darrtown United Methodist Church, don't forget to sign the Bicentennial Quilt. It will be available in the fellowship hall on Sunday mornings.

BICENTENNIAL VIGNETTES

HIS STORY IS OUR STORY - On some of the upcoming Sundays, I will relate bits and pieces of the history of our church and its people. It is especially interesting how our church got its start on Ohio's frontier in 1810. I hope that you will find this account of the past 200 years as fascinating as I have.
-- Marna Evans

CHARTER ORGANIZATION FOR BOY SCOUT PACK 937

Remember what we learned about extravagant generosity, radical hospitality, intensive faith development and risk-taking missions and service this past fall? Well, God is about to test us on these topics.

Rev. Ed, Mike Hawkins, Sally Hansel, Shawn Webster, and I (Debra Steger) met in January with Adam Blanchard and Greg Brownfield of the Dan Beard Council of Boy Scouts of America. They presented an idea of a Charter Organization to us. We brought the idea to the Church Council at the February meeting and we voted unanimously to become the Charter Organization for Boy Scout Pack 937, effective immediately. Let me explain what role our church will have in this organization.

Charter Organizations are churches that help oversee Boy Scout packs in areas of choosing leadership for the pack, money management of pack funds, offer suggestions for service projects and hold special Scout Sundays where Boy Scouts and their parents are invited to the church. Pack 937 has about 60-70 boys enrolled. The dens meet in Marshall Elementary School and Collinsville Community Center. The pack has never had a Charter Organization involved and recently their Cub Master and Pack Committee Chair have resigned. They need our help.

Each pack has a Cub Master who organizes special events like the Pinewood Derby and camping. Each pack has a Pack Committee which does fall recruitment in the area schools, registers the scouts and the adult volunteers, takes in dues and fundraiser money, and pays bills. The Pack Committee which runs the pack consists of a Committee Chair, a treasurer, and a secretary. They meet once a month with the Cub Master and a representative from the Charter Organization. Once a year, the Charter Organization (church) audits the pack's accounts. The troop generates enough money through dues and fundraisers to be self-sustaining.

Over the next month, the Boy Scout Charter Committee (Rev. Ed, Mike, Sally, Debra and Shawn) will meet with adults from Pack 937 and choose who will lead this pack in the roles of Pack Committee Chair, Treasurer and Cub Master. Sally will open a new checking account for Pack 937 with her name and address, plus two adults from the pack. We will pay two outstanding bills with troop funds. Sometime in March or April, DUMC will hold a Boy Scout Sunday and invite all dens to participate. We hope to help this excellent Boy Scout Pack get a fresh start by choosing good leadership.

The Church Council feels that God is asking us to put our faith in action by accepting the role of Charter Organization for Pack 937. They need us to help choose new leaders for their pack and to get their finances under control. They need us to be a shepherd for them, caring for them like Jesus cares for us. We need to open our church and our hearts to our community and we can do this by being the Charter Organization for Pack 937. We hope you will support our efforts described here and welcome any questions you may have. If you would like to volunteer to be on the Boy Scout Committee, please let us know.

-- Debra Steger,
Faith Development Chair

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CONGRATULATIONS TO

- ♥ Mike and Cassie (Cousino) McCartney! They were married on January 2, 2010. Now that's the way to begin a new year! Their children are Lauren and Jonathan McCartney and Austin and Allyson Cousino.
- ♥ Kayla Hawkins, Christopher Heinrich, and Jessica Beckett made Highest Honors in the second quarter at Talawanda High School. Cassey Eck made Honors.

CHURCH SCHOOL

We are finishing our study of the tabernacle from the Book of Exodus. The tabernacle was made of tents and was moveable as the Israelites traveled through the wilderness for 40 years. Tabernacle means residence and this is where God dwelled among His people. We made shoebox models of the tabernacle, including the lamp stand, the table of the bread of presence, the altar of incense, the veil which separates the Holiest of Holies, and the Ark of the Covenant. Currently we are making the golden pot of manna, the rod of Aaron, and the tablets of the 10 Commandments which were inside the Ark of the Covenant. We learned how everything relates to the humanity and deity of Jesus, His sacrifice for us and our relationship with Him now. We will be finished soon and will show the congregation our shoebox models.

In March and April, we will study the Trinity and the shamrock, the call of the disciples, the entrance of Jesus on a donkey to Jerusalem, the resurrection of Jesus and various stories of Jesus ministry. Hopefully, we will learn that Jesus, the Bread of Life, is food for our souls, the strength of our lives and the joy of our hearts. Here is a verse we read from our Bibles recently: Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life, he who comes to me will not hunger, and he who believes in me will never thirst." John 6:35

-- Debra Steger

THANKS FROM LINDA AGEE

I would like to thank everyone in my Christian family for their prayers and support during my recent surgery. I was told that I had a 50-50 chance of success for this surgery. There were a lot of health issues against me. All somebody had to tell me was "you can't" and those are fighting words for me! Other than an issue right after surgery, things are going great.

Rehab was an inspiration. Gifts arrived the next day. They were the gifts of Christmas -- every day a different gift was opened and the last gift was opened on Christmas Day.

After the last gift was revealed, so was the secret person who gave them. We had so much fun that the nurses had to tell us to be quiet at night. Every day I selected a fellow rehabber to open that day's gift. Everyone would gather around, each hoping to have the honor of opening the next gift. They were so excited. This was a unique way to share love, hopefulness, Christmas cheer and much, much more.

I would like to thank Donna and the choir for their thoughtfulness with cards and prayers, and Donna I am working on walking up and down those two steps again! I know that prayers, family assistance and my Christian family will help me in my recovery.

I was discharged from rehab on a Sunday, and lo and behold, the TGIF showed up at my house to cheer me up with Christmas spirit. That evening was the first time I had heard Christmas songs since the December 4th surgery. The youth are the backbone and future of our church. Guidance for this group is very important. Keep up the good work.

-- Linda Agee

THANK YOU

- I would like to thank all of my friends and family for the love and support you have given to me over the last several years. I am so glad to be part of this church family and look forward to spending my life learning about Jesus. Thanks to everyone who attended, prayed, and celebrated my adoption and baptism. --
Jodiellen MacKenzie Richardson
- Thanks to the choir for standing by during and after The Big Snow! *Ida Mae and Laura*

FOR SALE

▶▶ One Bicentennial T-shirt, extra large long sleeved with Darrtown United Methodist Church logo, \$14.00. See Rhonda Knight if interested.

"Not to hurt our humble brethren is our first duty to them. But to stop there is not enough... we have a higher mission. To be of service to them, whenever they require it.

Francis of Assisi

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

From our President:

We are off to a busy start. The January meeting was dedicated with thanks to Ida Mae Lemmons and her service to the women as president since 1985. Thank you to hostess Sally Hansel for the "thank you cake" for Ida Mae.

Installation of officers included President: Cathy Richardson, Vice-President: Rhonda Knight, Secretary: Maxine Harris, Treasurer: Etta Jean Crawford.

Ida Mae and members will begin monthly visits to other members and we are preparing a "Sunshine Basket" for Jenny Ludwin.

The February meeting consisted of Call to Prayer and Self-Denial and preparation for Lent, remembering other women and children over the world who need shelter, food, Bibles, comfort. Thank you to hostesses Sandy Beckemeier and Rhonda Knight.

The March 1 meeting will feature speaker Barbara Condo from One Way Farm. Hostesses are Cathy and Lora Richardson. All women from both churches are invited to attend.

The April 5 meeting program will be given by Debra Steger on "Mission Comes Home - Gather to Celebrate." Hostesses will be Ida Mae Lemmons and Robyn Beck.

Don't forget the ongoing mission of canned goods and paper products.

- **Dishwasher Fund:** Donations are continuing to come in. Thanks to those who are helping us work toward this goal.

MISSIONS

- ❖ **Choice Food Pantry:** Our church will continue to collect canned foods throughout the year for the needy. Place the cans in the basket near the sanctuary annex entrance. The donated items will be delivered to this food pantry located on the corner of Route 27 and North Locust Street in Oxford.
- ❖ **Campbell's Labels:** Save only the barcodes and the "Labels for Education" logos.

Happy Birthday UMW!

March	April
03/07 - Irene Hansel	04/11 - Debbie Sansone
03/13 - Kathy Menke	04/19 - Phyllis Flick
03/15 - Pam Russell	04/30 - Sally Hansel
03/21 - Lois Ann Snider	

♥ Forgiveness Therapy ♥

"It's simple: When you haven't forgiven those who've hurt you, you turn your back against your future. When you do forgive, you start walking forward.

-- Tyler Perry, who forgave his abusive father, and works the theme of forgiveness into every play and movie he writes.

NEXT NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 04/20/2010.

Give to Maxine Harris (maxakers03@aol.com)
Ida Mae Lemmons (idamae87@yahoo.com)
or Evelyn Kuhlmann (ebkuhl@fuse.net)

WHO WOULD THINK?

By Shirley A. Harvey

Who would think that chickens
Could pop from shells of eggs -
Make funny little peeping sounds
As they hop on skinny legs?



Who would think that sunshine
Could help pink roses grow -
And lots of falling raindrops
Make mighty rivers flow?

Who would think that oak trees
Could grow so strong and tall
From little, hard, brown acorns
That drop off in the fall?



Who would think that apples
Begin with tiny seeds?
Must be all these miracles
Are more of God's good deeds!



T.G.I.F



Darrtown/McGonigle U.M.C Youth Group



Truth of the Youth



Teen: Lilly Steger

Age: 14

School: Queen of Peace 8th Grade

1. What's your favorite color?

A: Blue

2. What's your Favorite Movie?

A: I love Pixar movies - Ratatouille, Cars, Finding Nemo.

3. What's your favorite TV Show?

A: Bones

4. What's your favorite Vacation spot or a place you would like to visit?

I went to South Dakota once and I loved it.

5. What's one thing that most people don't know about you?

A: I'm pretty open,

6. Favorite Bible Verse

A: No verse, but the story of the passion.



Bible Verse

"Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, 'I find no pleasure in them' Ecclesiastes 12:1 (NIV)

◆ Thank you to everyone who supported the Youth groups caroling fundraiser. We all enjoyed bringing some holiday cheer to each home.

Leaders:

Robyn Beck

Debbie Hawkins

Stacey Ison (Teen leader)

Upcomming Events

- ♥ Feb. 28th- Fast Food Safari Youth group event 3:15pm at McGonigle.
- ♥ March 7th- Singing "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) at both church services.
- ♥ March 27th- Easter egg hunt help out at McGonigle 10am McGonigle.
- ♥ March 28th- Youth Group meeting and music practice 6pm Darrtown
- ♥ April 4th- Easter Sunday singing "Mighty To Save" At both church services.

Past Events

- ♥ Service project- Jan. 17 The Youth group girls brought in items to make care baskets for three girls of a family in need.
- ♥ Church involvement- Jan. 31 the Youth played "The Price is Right" to raise awareness for our annual can food drive.
- ♥ Youth Outing- Jan. 31 The Youth played a game of Laser Tag. Afterwards they enjoyed some pizza and a scripture lesson.
- ♥ Soup-or-Bowl- Feb 6th Collected canned goods for a local food bank.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>March</u>	1 Justin Baldwin Sue Snider Reese Lindley	2 Erika Cole Fred Guiler Mike & Cyndi Mehl (Anniv)	3 Robbin Dillingham Scott Lykins Barney Beckemeier	4	5 Shelby Cook Karen Binegar Carl Arnold Roma Lowe	6
7 Irene Hansel	8 Will Hawkins	9	10	11	12	13 <u>CHANGE CLOCK</u> Nikki Baker Pam Lyons Kathy Menke
14	15 Tonya Cornthwaite Pam Russell	16	17 Fred Campbell Pam Stephenson	18	19 Jerry & Myra Krauth (Anniv)	20 Karen Meador Jim & Malka Mertes (Anniv)
21 Lois Ann Snider Jodi Richardson	22 Dave Lykins Mike Lindley	23 Brenda Johnson	24	25 Belinda Kern	26	27 Mike & Brenda Graham (Anniv)
28 <u>PALM SUNDAY</u> Nevie Halcomb	29 Evelyn Kuhlmann Taylor Cook Cassie Hollister Debbie Hawkins	30	31 David Guenther			

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April				1 Jean Hansel	2 Good Friday Leigh Ann Lowe Cameron Hansel Penny Webster	3 Richard Roemer Allie Sizemore
4 Easter Sunday Cantrell Decker	5	6 Mike & Phyllis Flick (Anniv)	7	8	9 Justin & Angela Baldwin (Anniv) Logan J. Rice	10 Kim White Dan Burkholder
11 Shelee Webster Debbie Sansone	12 Ken & Kathy Menke (Anniv)	13	14 Myra Krauth	15	16 Nathan Weingartner Cassie Arehart	17 Bob Coleman
18	19 Phyllis Flick	20	21 Jim & Karen Meador (Anniv)	22	23 Claire Cohen	24
25 Chris Heinrich	26 Danny Meador	27 Sherri Berger Ron Otto	28	29	30 Sally Hansel Mike & Pam Lindley (Anniv)	