

March & April, 2014

- Each Sunday: Darrrtown – 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.



**BIRTHDAYS
& ANNIVERSARIES**
Refer to our calendar pages.

**NEXT NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY
April 20, 2014 – FIRM**

Note: Maxine will be leaving on vacation on April 26th.

Newsletter must be completed before then.

Give to Maxine Harris (maxakers03@aol.com)

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or Peggy Keller (itsmvcj@fuse.net)

LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Darrrtown / McGonigle-Millville Prayer List

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|---|---------------------------|
| . Rev. John Allen | . Larry Simison |
| . David Dorschu | . Jerry & Myra Krauth |
| . Noah Trumbull | . Melba Gross |
| . Bill Lawson | . Ruby Finkbine |
| . The Jewell Family | . Sarah Myers |
| . Ken Lehmkuhl | . Sue Snider |
| . Jerry & Myra Krauth | . Clara Owen |
| . Kim Newcomer | . Jim & Mary Wells |
| . Nicole Lewis (granddaughter
of Gale Fleenor) | . Marie Combs |
| . Stephen Coombs | . Don Mayberry |
| . Joann Coombs | . Bob Roemer Family |
| . Jim Gifford | . John & Carol Beckett |
| . Eric Lykins | . Margarete Kalivoda |
| . Cheryl Frost | . Glen Yordy |
| . Charles Sullivan | . Charles Lagadrost |
| . Margaret Kilgore | . Lester Coleman |
| . Jim Wright | . Diana Richardson |
| . Debbie Moore Family | . David & Elizabeth Foley |
| . Theresa Brevard | . Bobbie Spurger |
| . Park Family | . Joy & Don Jones |
| . Elaine Owen | . Chuck Stenger |
| . Mark Imfeld | . Fred Campbell |
| . Patty Lyons Family | . Eileen Leffter |
| . Lucille Giffen | . Cyndi Williams |
| Our military personnel | Unnamed persons |
| Victims of Natural Disasters - | Middle East Problems |
| | Fires (CA); Floods (CO) |

Prayer for Lent

Jesus, the Crucified, when we must walk the way

which thou hast trod, go thou with us.

In the wilderness of temptation, fortify us.

From the standards of the world, release us.

In the waters of renewal, cleanse us.

At the place of witness, inspire us.

In the hour of decision, guide us.

In the darkness of sorrow, console us.

On the mountain of vision, transform us.

At the table of betrayal, comfort us.

At the court of earthly judgment, support us.

At the pillar of scourging, strengthen us.

On the way of suffering, uplift us.

On the cross of sacrifice, accept us.

From the tomb of death, raise us.

At the throne of grace, crown us.

In the mansions of heaven, give us life and

peace with thee forever. Amen.

- G.A. Cleveland Shrigley

Events of Interest to Both Churches

MATTHEW 25 MINISTRIES MISSION TRIP

If you would like to donate a couple hours of time, you are welcome to join a group of us on Saturday, March 8th to visit the Matthew 25 Ministries warehouse in Blue Ash. We are scheduled to work from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. In addition to donating our time, we will also be taking our collection of medicine bottles and any unwanted clothing you wish to get rid of. Contact Phyllis Flick at 513-895-1785 or Peflick@aol.com if you have questions.

SPAGHETTI DINNER FOR MISSIONS

Please come on Saturday, March 22, 2014, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm, to the McGonigle-Millville UMC for a spaghetti dinner. There will also be a silent auction provided by various local businesses. All profits will go to the Open Hands Pantry in Hanover Township and Lights on Campus Ministry in Oxford, Ohio. Great food, good fellowship, and lots of fun, so mark your calendar and join us.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED (and men)

The Annual World Day of Prayer Service, sponsored by the Church Women United of Oxford, will be held on Sunday, March 9th at 3:00 pm at the St. Mary's Parish Hall. Program has been prepared by World Day of Prayer women of Egypt – "Streams In The Desert" based on the words of the Prophet Isaiah, "I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the desert." Men are also invited. For any information, call Ida Mae Lemmons (513-523-6285).



The first to apologize – Is the Bravest.

The first to forgive – Is the Strongest.

The first to forget – Is the Happiest.

Darrtown / McGonigle-Millville Charge, United Methodist Churches

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Darrtown UMC, McGonigle-Millville UMC, and St. Matthews Lutheran Church in Darrtown will be joining together to hold Vacation Bible School on June 23 to 26, Monday through Thursday, from 6:30 to 8:45 pm.

Every other year we choose a new VBS theme. On the alternate years we recycle a VBS theme from the past. This is the year to recycle. We will meet at Darrtown UMC on March 12th at 7:00 pm to choose from the past VBS themes (before 2007). Please come and vote on a theme. We will be looking at the Bible stories, songs and possible crafts for each one. We need your help.

Please save empty 11 oz. coffee cans with lids for VBS. We will use them for a mission project for the Living Waters Mission in Hamilton. We need 150 empty cans. Please bring them to church and I will collect them. Thanks!

- Debra Steger

MCGONIGLE-MILLVILLE NEWS

NEWS AND PAST EVENTS

PRAYER CHAIN

The church has a new prayer chain starting. If you, or anyone you know, need lifted in prayer through the week, please call Jim Keller at 513-756-9590. He will start the chain. Prayer works Miracles!

EASTER LILIES

The McGonigle Millville Choir will be selling lilies at \$9.00 each, to decorate our church altar for Easter Sunday Services. You may purchase them in honor or memory of a loved one and we will list it in the bulletin on Easter Sunday. See Sherri to place your order by Sunday, April 13th.

EASTER SUNRISE BREAKFAST

The Choir will be providing breakfast immediately following our Sunrise Service. Please join our early service followed by breakfast, Sunday School and our regular Easter Sunday Service. We look forward to cooking for a full sanctuary of worshippers.

A HUGE 'LOVE' HUG....

And special thanks to Joyce Leyrer, Nevie and John Halcomb, and Susan Petri for all their preparation and work to make our LOVE SUNDAY a success. All have organized and were hands on in this event in the past, so it was wonderful to see them at the helm again. Congratulations on a terrific day.

PERPETUAL FOOD DRIVE

The 2014 Food Drive has begun. On February 2nd we delivered over eight pounds of nonperishable food items to a local food pantry. This is a really good start. Continue to bring a nonperishable food item and place it in the barrel each week. THANK YOU!

BE AWARE!

I wanted to share info about a telephone scam. It is called the "one ring phone scam." If you don't recognize the number of an incoming call, do not answer the call. If it really is a legitimate phone call, they will leave a message. It goes like this – your phone will either ring one time or will show that you missed a call but there is no voice mail. If you don't recognize the area code, DO NOT call the number. It could be a scam that directs your call to an unscrupulous company that charges high per minute rates for their services and they will use different tactics to keep you on the line to increase the charges incurred. Bottom line, if you don't recognize the area code, don't return the call.

- Ken Coleman

DARRTOWN NEWS

NEWS AND PAST EVENTS

PACK 937 SCOUT UPDATE

The pack has been busy last fall and winter. In November, the scouts helped serve at Darrtown's annual turkey dinner. Everyone enjoyed seeing the scouts in their uniforms; this is one of many service projects for the Pack. Our annual Thanksgiving dinner was held at IWLA in Oxford. In addition to a great meal, a canine unit from the Oxford Police Department gave a demonstration of how dogs are used in law enforcement. Thank you to DUMC for donating funds for the turkey!

At our Christmas party in December, the scouts were awarded their prizes for the popcorn sale. Canned goods and hats, mittens, and scarves were collected and donated to a local food pantry and the Marshall Elementary School. In January, we held our Pinewood Derby Race at IWLA in Hamilton. The scouts displayed their car-making and racing abilities. The three fastest cars in each den (age group) and the three fastest cars in the pack received trophies. This is always a fun event for the scouts and their families. Also in January, we held an Arrow of Light ceremony at the Darrtown church. seven scouts were presented the highest award in Cub Scouts. Several members of the church attended and were very impressed with the ceremony.

DUMC hosted Scout Sunday on February 9th where scouts from the pack participated in the service. The scouts and their leaders were recognized during the service, and the church was presented an honorary Arrow of Light plaque, thanking them for their support. A pancake breakfast was served immediately following the service to honor the scouts and their families. Thank you to all who helped make this a great service and meal. The annual Blue and Gold Banquet was held at Talawanda Middle School on Saturday, February 22nd. Scouts received their rank advancements and five boys officially crossed over to Boy Scouts and joined their new Boy Scout Troop. Entertainment for the event was provided by Safari Sam from Indianapolis, IN. They put on a great show.

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Upcoming activities include a dessert auction for charity, a spring campout, and a rocket launch. - Mike Hawkins



SCOUT SUNDAY

Thanks to Mike Hawkins for the wonderful program for Scout Pack 937. The Arrow of Light ceremony was uplifting. The boys awarded the Arrow of Light to the church. We will hand it in the social hall. The boys did a fine job participating in the Sunday Service on February 9th. Thanks to Debra Steger who had a lot of extra boys in Sunday School who made Valentines for everyone. Thanks to all who stayed for the pancake breakfast and those who helped serve and clean up.

THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Pancake Breakfast. I received several positive comments from the scout parents about the service and the meal. I'm grateful for the support our church provides to Pack 937.

- Mike Hawkins

LOVE PACKAGES

Please continue to bring unwanted faith related magazines, booklets, and material and place them in the box provided for "Love Packages." These need to be delivered by the end of March.

LOVE OFFERING IN ACTION

A gift of money was given to a couple in our community whose house burned down.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

On Boy Scout Sunday, we had 12 children in Sunday School plus 2 children in the playroom/nursery. We made Valentines for everyone in the congregation from paper hearts, doilies and heart stickers.

The children listened to the story of David, the shepherd boy, who tended his father's sheep in the hills. It was lonely out there

taking care of the sheep and not very exciting. David knew one thing for certain; God was taking care of him. God was planning his life and he trusted God. Every child of God can be sure that God is planning their life. God has great things in store for us.

The story of David and Goliath is worth repeating. The two armies are lined up for battle, the Israelites and the Philistines. Look! Someone has stepped out from the Philistines. It is a giant, 10 feet tall! The hearts of the Israelites are filled with terror as they watch. Goliath's fearful voice roars out, "Who do you think you are that you dare fight against the Philistines? Choose a champion for yourselves to fight me. If he wins, we will become your slaves. If I win, you will become our slaves." The Israelites stand frozen in their places. There is no answer from them. This goes on for 40 days.

David, the shepherd boy, brought food to his three older brothers in the army. He hears Goliath's taunts. David says, "How dare this giant defy the armies of the living God? I will fight this giant!" David took his slingshot and five round stones from the creek. He went out alone, but not really alone. God went with him. David was not afraid because he trusted God.

Goliath laughs when he sees the boy. David responds, "You come to fight me with a sword and a spear. I come to fight you in the name of the Lord of Hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. God will deliver you into my hands today!" David ran towards Goliath and threw his slingshot. The stone sailed through the air and hit Goliath right on the forehead and knocked him out. Then David ran up and cut off the giant's head with Goliath's own sword. That day a great victory was won.

David trusted God and God honored his trust. He answered David's prayer for help. If you trust in God, He will hear your prayer too. No matter what your trouble or difficulties are, God will help you. Nothing is so big that God cannot defeat it. "Call upon me in the day of trouble and I will deliver you." It is one of God's promises for you.

We continue our study of David, a man after God's own heart. Please invite children to come to Sunday School. We recently had Azen and Amara Agee visit us. All are welcome.

- Debra Steger

OUR SYMPATHIES

To the Jewell family during the loss of brother Paul Jewell, and sister Melva Ward, within five days of each other. Pete and Melva are brother and sister to Donna Gallagher and Joanne Coombs. Thank you to all who donated food and came to help serve and clean up for both funeral dinners.



Humans may be social beings, but solitude has been shown to have great societal value. Jesus was a great healer and teacher, but he took time to rest and pray. Solitude is essential for our spiritual experience - it is where we hear the still, small voice.

- Lucille Zimmerman

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

From Our President:

There was no January meeting due to bad weather. The February meeting was our Heart Healthy program – body, mind, heart-healthy recipes, health hints, Bible verses using the word "heart." Thanks to Sue Snider and Rhonda Knight for the delicious refreshments. Thanks to members who donated and bought items for the white elephant auction. Forty-three dollars was raised for our mission budget. Welcome to our new member, Sheila Newberry, from McGonigle-Millville UMC.

March 3rd meeting will be our Call to Prayer and Self-Denial and Lenten Program. Etta Jean and Lora will be hostesses.

Saturday, March 8th will be a trip and work session at Matthew 25 Ministries (see article at beginning of newsletter for more details).

Saturday, March 22nd will be kitchen clean-up day. Anyone from the church is encouraged to come and help get things cleaned up for Easter.

We need to remember our ongoing missions – canned goods, Linus project fleeces, medicine bottles for M25M, Fellowship of the Least Coin, and seeds for Jackson Area Ministries. Seeds are due by April 1st. There is a basket in the social hall.

April 7th meeting will be Ladies Night Out at Bob Evans in Hamilton. We will eat at 6:00. You must sign up with Cathy (513-523-4350).
- Cathy Richardson, President

March Birthdays

03/01 – Sue Snider
03/13 – Kathy Menke
03/15 – Pam Russell
03/21 – Lois Snider

April Birthdays

04/11 – Debbie Sansone
04/19 – Phyllis Flick
04/30 – Sally Hansel

CHURCH COUNCIL & COMMITTEES 2014

Church Council

Chairperson – Linda Agee

Pastor – John Allen

Vice Chair – Harry Ogle

Lay Leader – Mike Hawkins

Lay Member to Annual Conference – Ken Coleman (4 yr. term)

Chairpersons of: Nurture – Carolyn Russell; Outreach – Ida Mae Lemmons; Finance – Ken Russell

UMW Representative – Etta Jean Crawford

Church Treasurer – Etta Jean Crawford

Financial Secretary – Cathy Richardson

Board of Trustees Representative – Shawn Webster

Pastor-Parish Relations Representative – Sally Hansel

Church Secretary – Maxine Harris

Pastor-Parish Relations Committee (Charge)

Chairperson – Sally Hansel

Lay Leader from Each Church – Mike Hawkins / Paul Berger

Lay Member to Annual Conference – Ken Coleman

Pastor – John Allen

3 at Large: 2014 – Etta Jean Crawford; 2015 – Brenda Graham;
2016 – Susan Petri

Board of Trustees – Charge

Chairperson – Shawn Webster

Class of 2014 – Karen Meador

Class of 2015 – Shawn Webster

Class of 2016 – Sally Hansel / Rose Williams / Larry Simison

Nominations – Charge

Chairperson – Cathy Richardson

Class of 2014 – Carolyn Sadler

Class of 2015 – Cathy Richardson

Class of 2016 – Lora Richardson

Charge Rolls

Treasurer – Sally Hansel

Secretary – Maxine Harris

Nurture Committee

Chairperson – Carolyn Russell

Music – Stacy Ison / Ida Mae Lemmons

Youth – Debbie Hawkins

Family Fellowship – Rhonda Knight / Carolyn Russell

Education – Debra Steger

Pastor – John Allen

Lay Leader – Mike Hawkins

Outreach Committee

Chairperson – Ida Mae Lemmons

Alternate to Annual Conference – to be named

Community Outreach – Carolyn Russell

VBS – Debra Steger

Pastor – John Allen

Finance Committee

Chairperson – Ken Russell

Treasurer – Sally Hansel

Financial Secretary – Cathy Richardson

Chairperson Church Council – Linda Agee

Board of Trustees Representative – Shawn Webster

Pastor – John Allen

UMW Treasurer – Etta Jean Crawford

Lay Leader – Mike Hawkins

Scholarship Committee

Chairperson – Ken Russell

Cathy Richardson

Sally Hansel

Other Duties

Rummage Sale – Phyllis Flick / Carolyn Russell

Ice Cream Social – Malka Mertes / Rhonda Knight

Altar Care – Cathy Richardson

Altar Flowers – Cathy Richardson

Funeral Flowers – Sally Hansel

Turkey Dinner – Sally Hansel / Rhonda Knight

Bulletins/Newsletters – Maxine Harris

Sound System – Mike Hawkins

Follow-Up: Missed Worship, Visitors, Sick/Shut-Ins –

Cathy Richardson

Funeral Meals – Carolyn Sadler / Etta Jean Crawford / Cathy Richardson


After Worship Fellowship – Etta Jean Crawford / Rhonda Knight

Greeters/Ushers/Acolytes – Cathy Richardson

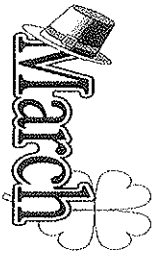
Communion Steward – Phyllis Flick

Organ/Piano – Ida Mae Lemmons / Laura Cohen

DARTTOWN & MCGONIGLE-MILLVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES
2014 BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1  Jean Hansel	2 Cameron Hansel Penny Webster	3 Richard Roemer	4	5
6 Phyllis & Mike Flick (Anniv)	7	8	9 Justin & Angela Baldwin (Anniv) Logan Rice	10 Dan Burkholder	11 Shelae Webster Debbie Sansone	12 Kathy & Ken Menke (Anniv)
13 Palm Sunday	14 Myra Krauth	15	16 Nathan Weingartner	17 Bob Coleman	18 Good Friday	19 Phyllis Flick
20 Easter Sunday	21 Jim & Karen Meador (Anniv)	22	23	24	25	26 Danny Meador
27 Sherri Berger Ron Otto	28	29	30 Sally Hansel Mike & Pam Lindley (Anniv)			

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Justin Baldwin Sue Snider
2 Erika Cole Mike & Cindi Mehi (Anniv)	3 Robbin Dillingham Scott Lykins Barney Beckemeier	4	5 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> Shelby Cook Karen Binegar Roma Lowe	6	7	8 Will Hawkins
9 <i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i>	10	11	12	13 Nikki Baker Pam Lyons Kathy Menke Cori Richardson	14	15 Pam Russell
16	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> Fred Campbell Pam Stephenson	18	19 Charles & Elizabeth Foley (Anniv) Jerry & Myra Krauth (Anniv)	20 Jim & Malka Mertes (Anniv) Karen Meador	21 Lois Snider Jodi Richardson	22 Dave Lykins
23	24	25	26	27 Mike & Brenda Graham (Anniv)	28 Nevie Halcomb	29 Evelyn Kuhlmann Taylor Cook Debbie Hawkins
30 David Guenther	31					