

Good

News

From Darrtown United Methodist Church
for May / June, 2007



Dear Friends,

In the midst of a cold April that ruined a lot of spring color, both churches had a lot of warm excitement. Just the highlights were: Resurrection Sunday with all three choirs singing at Darrtown, and moving into a

nearly finished Sanctuary at McGonigle.

May and June bring lots of excitement in the churches, as well as continuing challenges and opportunities for spiritual growth for all of us.

If you are not attending or participating on a regular basis, you are holding your soul back from full growth. Why? Why, when it is so easy to work with God to build a mansion in heaven.

Both churches join for our Mother's Day Family Banquet on May 10th.

McGonigle just completed their Yard Sale and Darrtown has their Rummage Sale on June 1st and 2nd.

In their 185th year of service to our Lord and Savior, McGonigle will celebrate the dedication of their completed Sanctuary on June 10th. Invite your friends, and stay for dinner after church.

And since we like to eat, Darrtown will offer a Pork Chop dinner on June 16th.

Youth: Be sure to look over the camp opportunities!

And... 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
- May 6: Sacrament of Communion
- May 7: United Methodist Women's meeting at 7:00
- May 10: Mother's Day Family Banquet at 6:30 pm at McGonigle-Millville (see details below)
- May 12: Rev. Ed & Robyn participating in the annual Celiac Walk at Sharon Woods, walkers are welcome and support appreciated (post office food drive)
- May 13: Mother's Day celebrated at worship
- May 14: Administrative Council meeting at 7:00 pm
- May 17: Spirit Seekers at 7:00 pm at McGonigle
- May 19: Pre-Conference Briefing 10:00 – 12:00 Ohio River Valley District
- May 20: Blanket Day, "A Rainbow of Caring" to children and families the world over; Ascension Sunday is the last Sunday of Easter
- May 23: Clergy Session of the West Ohio Annual Conference
- May 27: Pentecost and Memorial Sunday; Chris Trumbull is guest speaker
- June 1 & 2: Darrtown UMC's rummage sale; Friday & Saturday, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm
- June 3: Sacrament of Communion
- June 4: United Methodist Women's noodle-making session at 8:30 am; UMW meeting at 7:00 pm
- June 8: Graduation, Tallawanda High School
- June 10: Dedication Service for the renovated Sanctuary at McGonigle-Millville UMC; dinner served after worship
- June 11: 6:30 pm Trustees; 7:00 pm Admin. Council
- June 16: Pork Chop Dinner – 4:30-7:00 pm
- June 17: Father's Day; Recognition of Graduates
- June 21: Spirit Seekers at 7:00 pm, McGonigle
- June 24: Open House for Robyn and Ed's 25th Anniversary at Darrtown, 2:00 – 5:00 pm (see insert)

GREETERS & USHERS

May: Sally Hansel and Ida Mae Lemmons
June: Bill Coombs and Wayne Weber

HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE

May: Danielle Brown & Austin Burkholder;
Ida Mae Lemmons & Etta Jean Crawford
June: To be scheduled
When a trade is needed, contact Etta Jean at 524-2144.



Melva Ward
Mallory Hollister
Juanita Anderson
Connie Bowling
Gene Weber
Ashley Leck
Jill Sandy
Robyn Beck
Dorothy Russell
Nancy (former student of Robyn's)
Mark Schultz

PRAYERS REQUESTS

Jill & Dave Morris (Iraq)
Michael Eversole (Iraq)
Chris Williams (Afghanistan)
Lawrence Baumann
JoAnn & Bill Coombs
Frank Secula
Barbara Lovejoy
Family of Don Jefferson
Dee & Carl Arnold
Nancy & Luke Ponder
Anna Kincaid
DeAnna Ricardy
Gary Farthing Family

CONDOLENCES To Family of Horace Akeley

Looking Forward

MOTHER'S DAY FAMILY BANQUET

Please join us for a wonderful dinner and fantastic entertainment on Thursday, May 10 at 6:30 pm. Bring your family and friends and share in a good time at this joint church event to be held at McGonigle-Millville. A wonderful dinner, at no cost to you, will be served. If you would like to make a donation to help defray costs, that would be welcomed.

After dinner, the amazing women's singing group, Something Good, will be performing. Those of you who have attended Hopewell's Christmas Service are familiar with this group. Believe me, you won't want to miss this opportunity to hear them again.

We do ask if you know in advance that you will be attending, please fill out one of the reservation sheets in the church bulletin, or call Robyn Beck at 896-4025. Hope to see you there!

MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION

You're invited to the 109th Memorial Day Celebration to be held on Sunday, May 27th at 2:00 pm in the Darrtown Cemetery.

This year the program will have two goals: 1) to honor both the living and deceased Milford Township veterans of the US Armed Services; and 2) to show off the ten new shade trees from the Plant-A-Tree project and recognize both the donors and recipients of the tree markers.

The Oxford Community Band will perform patriotic music for your enjoyment. We will make a concerted effort to get a large number of area veterans to participate and we ask all of you to encourage these men and women to join us. Those who were part of the Plant-A-Tree project should also come to be acknowledged in our program. Everyone is welcome to this special Memorial Day Celebration, so please plan to attend and bring your folding chairs (no chairs will be provided). In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved to the Collinsville Community Center.

Jane Menke and Marna Evans, Co-Chairs

SPIRIT SEEKERS

We had a wonderful April meeting and welcomed another new member, Danielle Brown, from the Darrtown church. She brought along a friend, Chris Baecker, and so we grow! We continue to rejoice in the good things God is doing in our lives. Our focus of the group is encouraging each other's growth in faith. We are also doing a "Women of the Bible" study. In May, we will be discussing Hannah, and in June, Esther. If you are unable to read the chapters ahead of time, please come anyway. We review the material and you will be brought up to speed quickly. Amy McDiffett did a beautiful job summarizing our study of Ruth in April.

We meet the third Thursday of each month throughout the summer. The next dates are May 17 and June 21.

Robyn Beck

LOVE OFFERING

The church Administrative Board decided to have a "Love Offering" taken on the second Sunday of each month. This offering is to be used to assist families in need. Where, and to whom, the funds go will be determined by Rev. Beck since he is the one made aware when a need arises. In many Methodist churches, this is called the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. The names of the families involved are

kept confidential and help is usually provided in the form of food gift cards or a check written for a specific purpose, rather than handing out cash.

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETINGS

If you are curious as to what is going on with your church and would like to be a part of the decision-making or have a concern to express, please plan to attend a meeting. Everyone is invited! These Board meetings take place on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. A reminder is placed on Sunday's bulletin.

CHURCH FAMILY TREE

Our church Family Tree in the Social Room needs to be updated. If you would like your name or family's name on a leaf, please let Caren Hansel or Donna Gallagher know. The costs are \$5.00 for individual names and \$10.00 for family names. This money goes into the general fund to pay church expenses.

CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE UPDATE

The dates for the rummage sale have been changed to the first weekend in June, **June 1st and 2nd** Friday and Saturday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. Hopefully, this will be a better time for most people. We will begin accepting donations the first week of May and continue until May 29. We will need volunteers to help set up on May 30 and 31 and to work the days of the sale. Call with questions or to arrange drop-off times – 895-1785.

Phyllis Flick

Included with the rummage sale, the United Methodist Women will be having a bake sale. Baked goods donations would be appreciated. A light lunch will also be available.

PORK CHOP DINNER

Plan to join us on Saturday, June 16th for our Pork Chop Dinner, 4:30 – 7:00 pm. Menu will include: grilled pork chops, baked potato, green beans, salad, applesauce, and homemade desserts. Cost is \$8.00 for adults, and \$4.00 for age 12 and under.

Any dessert donations and volunteers to help would be appreciated. Check with Myra and Jerry Krauth if you have questions.

EDUCATION

Sunday School units of study this spring are "Hosanna," the children understand why Jesus is a different kind of Messiah than the one the people expected; and, "Alleluia," Jesus is alive, Jesus is the Son of God. Being a follower of Jesus means something special; also, "Living in Love," the children will learn what it truly means to love one another. Children will learn to put Christian faith into action.

We need a teacher for the month of May for preschool through 3rd grade. You may teach on a weekly or monthly schedule, whatever is best for you. Come and share some time with our children.

Plan on letting your children participate in "kite flying" on May 20th. Watch for more details to come.

Carolyn Russell

TRUSTEE REPORT

Already this year, improvements are underway at church. There has been additional parking spaces added along Walnut Street, and the landscaping along the social room wall by the parking lot has been completed. Weather-stripping has been placed around the back door. The double doors out of the kitchen to the parking lot will be replaced soon with ones to match the social room door.

The most ambitious undertaking is about to get underway. Our stained glass windows are well over 100 years old and in bad need of repair. We have found a company in Middletown, BeauVerre Studios, who will work with us on this project. They will repair one or two windows a year, giving us time to raise money for the work. The Trustees have voted to ask church families to step forward and sponsor a window. When a family does this, a plaque will be placed by the window with the family name, or if they would like to dedicate it to a loved one, this would work as well. We already have one window sponsored and part of a second. If several families would like to sponsor one window, we could work this out as well. For the glass work only for two large windows, the cost is \$5000 each. The glass work for the eight small windows will cost \$2500 each. The woodworking and painting will be an additional expense. The Trustees are going to do some of the wood-working and painting. If you are interested in sponsoring a window, please contact one of the Trustees.

Shawn Gallagher

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

June 17, 2007 at 9:00 am:

Tara Menke	Miami University
Lauren McCartney	Tallawanda High School
Alisha Meador	Tallawanda High School

CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORIES

Thanks to everyone who participated in the new photo directory project. The directory will be available to the congregation in mid-May.

Laura Cohen & Ida Mae Lemmons

CONGRATULATIONS

- 👍 To **Megan Beckemeier** for recently being inducted as President of the Key Club!
- 👍 To **Cameron Hansel** for trying out for and getting the lead of "Danny" in "Grease" (performances in August). More details to come.

SUMMER CHURCH CAMP

An old time summer activity is back in full swing with incredible selections. Camp books are available so be sure to grab one. The church will pay half of the cost of camp. Scholarships are available if needed. Camp Wesley is our closest camp. Kayla Hawkins is already registered for 2theXtreme, July 29 – August 3 (for grades 7-9). Will Hawkins is registered for Camp Wild, July 22 – 25 (for grades 2-3). Cassie and Tanner Eck, Joe, Laura, and Greg Bennett have been regulars at camp. This will be Kayla's fourth year. Camp Wild also has a six-day camp for grades 4-6, starting July 22 and running two days longer.

Other schedules include:

- June 17 – 22: Slumber Party / girls (grades 4-6)
- June 24–29: J-Factor: Life to the Fullest (gr. 4-6 & 7-9)
- July 1 – 6: Sugar 'n Spice / girls (grades 7-10)
- July 8 – 13: Elementary (grades 4-6)
- July 8 – 13: Middle School (grades 6-8)
- July 8 – 13: Sr. High (grades 9-12)
- July 22 – 25: Camp Wild (grades 2-3)
- July 22 – 27: Camp Wild (grades 4-6)
- July 20–Aug 3: 2theXtreme (grades 7-9)

RESURRECTION SUNDAY

What a wonderful celebration it was on Resurrection Sunday! We were overwhelmed by the music. The Sanctuary Choir consisted of 16, the Youth Choir was 14 strong, and the Children's Choir had 10 participants. The music was beautiful and all choirs were impressive. The weather that day was perfect for such an uplifting service.

Robyn, upon my request, brought the message. It was a moving message of faith entitled "Faithful To The Fall." It seemed fitting that she deliver this message. Our attendance was approximately 130, and about 100 people were served at the pancake breakfast that followed.

A big thank you goes out to many who worked hard to make this day possible: Donna Gallagher to the music and breakfast arrangements; Laura Cohen for the Sanctuary decorations; Caren Hansel for the table decorations; Robyn, Tonya Cornthwaite, Ram Russell, and Tara Menke for the children's and youth choirs; and special thanks to Barney Beckemeier and his crew for cooking a wonderful and delicious breakfast. Good job, Barney! Those pancakes tasted great! He had a good crew of Myra and Jerry Krauth, Sandy Beckemeier, Carolyn and Ken Russell, Bob and Donna Rungay, and Karen and Jim Meador. Thanks for the fruit, Etta Jean!

Thanks to all who helped out in every way!

Thanks for all who attended and shared in our festivities!
Rev. Ed

LOVE PACKAGES

Regarding our "Love Packages" project, approximately 800 pounds of various types of literature were collected. Both Darrtown and McGonigle-Millville participated in this effort. The used Christian readings, Bible School instructions, music tapes, devotion booklets, magazines, books, etc, will be distributed in the mission field, and may those on the receiving end be blessed.

A donation of \$300 was given to Eagle's Nest Ministries of Butler, Illinois, to help defray postage expenses

The Mission Committee wishes to thank all who shared.
Ida Mae Lemmons

Exercise Daily - Walk with the Lord!

MS WALK

The annual MS Walk was held on Saturday, April 21st in Oxford. Six people from our church participated in the walk and helped donate a total of \$135.00. Thanks to all who gave to this worthy cause.

*Thought for the Day...
Even when we cannot see it,
God is working for good in our lives.*

NOTICE: DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

The next deadline date for submitting articles is **June 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.



**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

- May Meeting: May 7th (Monday) at 7:00 pm
Hostesses: Rhonda Knight & Maxine Harris
Program: Carolyn Russell
Planning for Mother's Day Family Banquet, May 10th at McGonigle-Millville UMC
- June Meeting: June 4th (Monday) at 7:00 pm
Hostesses: Carolyn Russell & Christy Heinrich
Planning for visit to Woodland Manor Nursing Home

McGONIGLE'S SANCTUARY DEDICATION

We rejoice in our partner church in the completion of their Sanctuary renovation. After new pews arrive, they will dedicate their beautiful new worship space at 10:45 am on Sunday, June 10th.

We are invited to join them for worship and a carry-in dinner afterwards.

PLANNING AHEAD

This year's Vacation Bible School will be held from July 9 – 13, 6:30 – 8:45 pm, and the theme will be "Take the Plunge, Make a Splash for Jesus." Be sure to plan for your children to attend this special and exciting week.

Looking Back

EASTER FLOWERS

- ❖ In Memory of Parents and Grandparents, by Bill, JoAnn Coombs and family
- ❖ In Memory of Warren Hansel, Charlie Hansel, and Jack Hansel, by Irene and Sally Hansel
- ❖ In Memory of Paul and Myrtle Jewell, and George Kenneth Jewell, by Shawn and Donna Gallagher
- ❖ In Memory of George Hansel, Warren Hansel, Charlie Hansel, and Jack Hansel, by Corby, Caren, Cameron, Chloe and Carly Hansel
- ❖ In Memory of George Hansel, by Jean Hansel and Randy Hansel
- ❖ In Memory of Mary Lou Simison, by Larry Simison and family
- ❖ In Memory of Grandpa Ison, by Stephanie and Stacey Ison
- ❖ In Memory of Mom, by Mickey Julian-Page and Jim Pate
- ❖ In Memory of Janet Metcalf and Howard Hammel, by Corby, Caren, Cameron, Chloe, and Carly Hansel
- ❖ In Memory of George Hansel and Minva Hansel, by Myra and Jerry Krauth and Patricia Oelrich
- ❖ In Memory of Tammy McCartney, by Mike, Lauren, and JP McCartney

THANK YOU TO CHOIR

Thanks so much to all the choir members who diligently came to practice and gave of their time to learn new songs. The choir sang for Palm Sunday, Easter Sunrise, and Easter Regular services and did a wonderful job. It is so good to see all the chairs in the choir loft filled. Special thanks to those who sang duets. We have so much talent and it's a joy for all of us to hear their voices.

Also, thanks to Laura Cohen for providing our music on CDs. Many of us practiced while traveling! Thanks to Maxine Harris for donating the white folders which were used for the Easter Services.

Donna Gallagher

THANK YOU TO YOUTH CHOIR

I just want to say how proud I am of our Youth Choir. They did a wonderful job both at Easter, Resurrection Sunday at Darrrtown, and at McGonigle-Millville on April 29th. The songs they sang were challenging and yet they were willing to practice hard and met those challenges. They are without a doubt, a great bunch of youth – all 17 of them! Our churches are so blessed to have such dedicated and faithful youth.

Also want to thank the parents who saw that their children made it to practices, as well as all the services. I know they are as proud as I am.

You can look forward to hearing more of their beautiful voices as I am determined to keep this choir going! We must encourage such talent to be used for His glory!

Robyn Beck

NEW CHOIR CHAIRS

We will be getting two new choir chairs. Special thanks to Penny and Shawn Webster for donating the chairs! We appreciate your generosity and thoughtfulness!

The chairs were purchased from Colonial Woods in McGonigle. One of the owners of Colonial Woods was a member of our church for a long time. Mrs. Jean Derickson and her family were members. Jean also played our organ when we celebrated our 125th year at the church. She is an accomplished organist and a very sweet lady.

Donna Gallagher

MISSIONS

- Month of May: Blanket Day on May 20: each \$5.00 donated will provide a wool blanket to some needy person somewhere in the world who has faced a disaster.
- Month of June: Planned visit to Woodland Manor Nursing Home.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance as of April 2 was \$421.02. Our April offering will be sent to Prayer and Self-Denial.

MARCH MEETING

Chris Shultz with Parachute of Butler County gave an educational and insightful presentation at our March 5th meeting. This organization seeks to provide volunteer representation of abused children as they go through the court system. The advocate can be an impartial witness on behalf of the child and help influence the court to make the best decisions regarding a child's future.

OLD CELL PHONES

Our March meeting inspired our unit and especially Lori Richardson, to begin collecting old cell phones. If you have old cell phones and are wondering what to do with them, don't throw them out. They just take up space in our garbage dumps. Parachute is a program which provides children in Butler County foster care a court appointed special advocate (CASA) who will help them through the scary process of the court system. Since Parachute is a non-profit organization, they must raise funds to help with expenses. One way that we can help is through donation of a new or used cell phone. Cell phones can be reused or melted down and recycled for funds.

A basket in fellowship hall will be provided for your donations during the month of May. Thank you for helping with this worthy cause.

APRIL MEETING

Cathy Richardson led us in the Prayer and Self-Denial Program. Readings were shared from deaconesses from around the world regarding their mission work.

JACKSON SEED MISSION

Sandy Beckemeier took care of mailing all seeds collected for this mission project. The seeds get distributed to needy people in Appalachia. Thanks to all who donated.

KITCHEN CLEANING

Much was accomplished at our spring kitchen cleaning and organizing day. Thanks to all who helped.

Special thanks to Dick Sadler for painting our two rusty roaster cabinets!

Special thanks to Josh Russell for helping install the linoleum under the kitchen sink!

Happy Birthday!

May 29: Sarah Jane Nichol

June 15: Audrey Brooks

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.

Forgiveness Therapy

*Forgiveness is not something
you do for someone else; it is
something you do for yourself.
Give yourself the gift of
forgiveness.*

**TEENS GROWING IN
FAITH**

By: Megan Beckemeier

Some teens in the TGIF have been making news...

Cassie Eck, Kayla Hawkins, and Mallory Hollister are all members of the Destination Imagination Group at the middle school and recently had their picture in the newspaper.

Jessica Hudson, who is in the middle school cheer-leading squad, recently participated in a competition. YAY! GO JESSICA!

Lamb Pictures

Were a major success and we made approximately \$260.

Thanks to all who participated!

Resurrection Pancakes

The pancake breakfast was a fun and different service project that the youth group helped with.

Flower Fundraiser

Is just around the corner.
Watch for more information.

Show on the Road

The youth choir has taken the show on the road, singing at both churches.
Hope you enjoy the show!

Friendship

*Friendship is a treasure rare
A gem of priceless worth,
We cannot have
Unless we share
The lovely things of earth.
It grows more beautiful with use
'Twill never wear or fade,
More precious than a jeweled crown,
Is the friendship we have made.*

Florence C. Mostert

Kid's Corner

Features Ty Burkholder

Ty is 10 years old and a fourth grader at Bogan Elementary School. He is the son of Dan Burkholder and Danielle Brown. He has an older brother, Austin, who is in the seventh grade and a member of TGIF.

Ty loves football and basketball. His football team was undefeated for two years. His basketball team was 11 and 2 this past year. His hobbies are shooting basketball, reading, playing video games, and riding his four-wheeler. His favorite food is his Dad's homemade burritos.

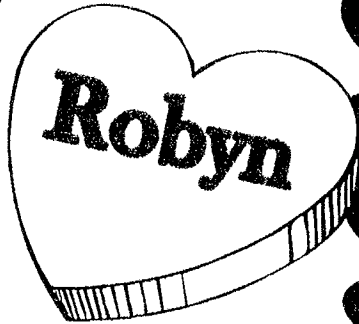
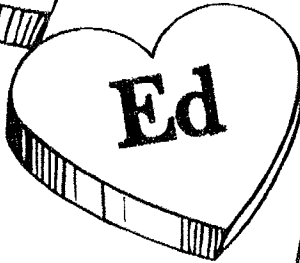
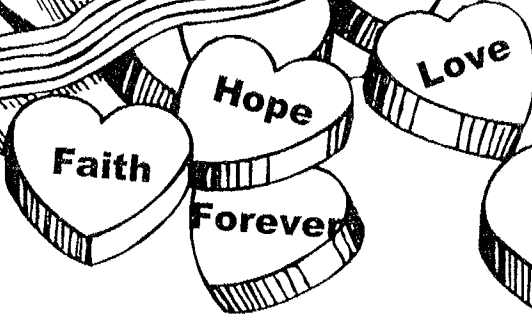
This is Ty's second year in 4-H. He is showing sheep this year at the Butler County Fair.

Ty faithfully attends both Church and Sunday School each week. He sang in the Children's Choir for Resurrection Sunday.

Ty, we love and appreciate your dedication to Darrrtown United Methodist Church!



*You're
Invited!*



Open House
Sun, June 24, 2007
Darrtown UMC
2:00 - 5:00 pm
Salad Luncheon

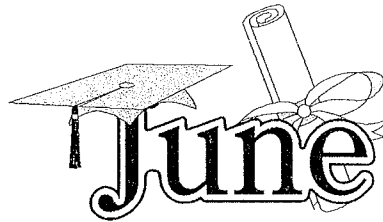
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 6:30 Choir	3 Kayla Hawkins birthday Tom & Linda Agee anniversary	4 Carly Hansel birthday	5
6 Communion	7 UMW meet at 7:00	8	9 6:30 Choir	10 Mother's Day Family Banquet at McGonigle 6:30 p	11	12
13 Mother's Day	14 Admin Council at 7	15 Marna Evans birthday	16 6:30 Choir	17 Spirit Seekers at 7 at McGonigle	18	19
20 Blanket Day Tara Menke birthday Tom & Debra Steger Anniv.	21	22 Bill Coombs birthday	23 6:30 Choir	24	25	26
27 Memorial Sunday	28 Law rence Baumann birthday	29 Nancy Wolterman; Sarah Jane Nichol birthdays Dan & Melissa Burkholder Anniv.	30 6:30 Choir	31		

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Rummage Sale Jane Jewell- Menke Birthday	2 Rummage Sale
3 Communion Amanda Russell Birthday	4 UMW noodle- making at 8:30 am UMW meet at 7 pm	5	6 6:30 Choir	7	8 Graduation	9
10 Dedication Service at McGonigle with dinner at noon Danielle Brown Birthday	11 6:30 Trustees; 7:00 pm Admin Council meets Brittany Hollister Birthday	12	13 6:30 Choir	14 Wayne & Helen Weber Anniv.	15 Frankie Lindley Birthday Audrey Brooks Birthday	16 Pork Chop Dinner 4:30 - 7:00 pm
17 Father's Day Recognition of Graduates Jack & Connie Davis Anniv.	18 Helen Weber Birthday	19	20 6:30 Choir	21 Spirit Seekers meet at McGonigle	22 Melissa Burkholder Birthday	23
24 Open House for Ed & Robyn's 25th Anniversary 2:00- 5:00 pm	25	26 Ed & Robyn's Anniversary	27 6:30 Choir Bill Harris Birthday	28	29	30