

Good News

From Darrtown / McGonigle-Millville Charge
United Methodist Churches
May / June, 2009



Dear Friends,

Recently, one of our youth asked a question that became the focus of the Resurrection Sunday sermon on April 26th. Megan Beckemeier, a freshman at Ohio Northern University e-mailed us for advice on how to help a friend who was suffering. A

serious car accident had taken the life of one friend and seriously injured two others.

Megan wrote, "I can't say that I really know why these things happen, but if you could help me explain to my friend why sometimes really bad things happen, that would be a great help."

The question that Megan raises was also asked by Job in 7:17 & 18: "What is man, that You should magnify him, that You should set Your heart on him, that You should visit him every morning, and test him every moment?" In other words, he was asking "Why do I have to suffer?"

There are many causes of suffering. Some are of our own making, our own sin. Some adversity comes not because of anything we or others have done. In Luke 13:1-5, Jesus declared that victims of two local tragedies died simply because they were in the wrong place at the wrong time. Because we live in a dangerous world, we must be ready to meet our maker at any time.

In our fallen world, invaded by sin, suffering comes to all. The Good News is that because of Christ's death upon the cross and His resurrection, we have the assurance that God is watching over us now and that we will live with Him eternally.

When we look to Jesus with faith and trust, we can move from suffering to victory!

See YOU in church,
Rev. Ed

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

Darrtown Sundays: 9:00 am Worship; 9:15 Church School; 10:00 Fellowship Time; Wednesdays: 6:30 pm Choir

McGonigle-Millville Sundays: 9:30 am Church School; 10:45 Worship; 11:00 Angel Church

- May 2: 4:30-7:00 pm Pork Chop Dinner at Darrtown
- May 3: Third Great Sunday After Easter; The Sacrament of Communion; 6:00 pm T.G.I.F.
- May 4: 7:00 pm United Methodist Women, Darrtown
- May 8: 6:30 pm Family Banquet for Mother's Day At McGonigle; David Caine, Christian entertainer
- May 10: Fourth Great Sunday After Easter; Love Offering; Mother's Day; The Sacrament of Baptism
- May 11: 6:30 pm Trustees; 7:00 Admin Council at Darrtown
- May 16: Pre-Conference Briefing at The Korean Madisonville UMC
- May 17: Fifth Great Sunday After Easter; The Love First West Ohio Conference Miracle Offering; 6:00 pm T.G.I.F.
- May 18: 7:00 pm Trustees 8:00 Admin Council at McGonigle
- May 24: Sixth Great Sunday After Easter
- May 31: Seventh Great Sunday After Easter; Peace with Justice Sunday; Fifth Sunday Potluck – noon at McGonigle

JUNE

- June 1: 7:00 pm United Methodist Women, Darrtown
- June 5-6: Darrtown's Rummage Sale
- June 7: Eighth Great Sunday After Easter; Children's Day; The Sacrament of Communion; 6:00 pm T.G.I.F. West Ohio Annual Conference begins
- June 8-11: West Ohio United Methodist Conference
- June 9: 8:30 AM - UMW noodle-making at Darrtown; again noodle-making on July 7th, in preparation for the August Ice Cream Social
- June 14: Ninth Great Sunday After Easter; Flag Day
- June 21: Tenth Great Sunday After Easter; Father's Day; 9:30 am Darrtown hosts the worship service at Historic Hopewell Church; 6:00 pm T.G.I.F.
- June 24: Deadline for July-August Newsletter
- June 28: NOON – Joint Church Father's Day Picnic at McGonigle UMC

LOOKING AHEAD

- ❖ Vacation Bible School – Joint VBS July 6-10, 6:30 to 8:45 pm. Darrtown UMC, St. Matthews Lutheran, and McGonigle-Millville UMC offer this joint VBS for the community. July 12 is VBS Sunday at 9:00 am at Darrtown UMC, then at noon St. Matthews hosts the VBS picnic at Darrtown's park. Volunteers are needed. See form at end of newsletter.
- ❖ Both churches Administrative Councils meet in July
- ❖ Darrtown's Ice Cream Social is August 1st
- ❖ McGonigle's August Yard Sale is the 21st & 22nd
- ❖ August 30 is the next Fifth Sunday Potluck



**HAPPY BIRTHDAYS
& ANNIVERSARY
CONGRATULATIONS**

Refer to our calendar pages.

LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Darrtown

Our troops in Iraq/Afghanistan
 Lawrence Baumann's Family
 JoAnn Coombs
 Dottie Ennis
 Nathan Garrison
 Richard Hansel
 Irene Hansel
 Richard Hansel
 Mother Jerry & Myra Krauth
 Mother of Beth Fulmer
 Tony Sansone
 Stella, the Webster's grandchild
 Noah Trumbull
 Melva Ward
 Don & Dorothy Beckett
 Jim Pate's Family
 10% growth for 2009
 Traveling mercies
 Loss of jobs and services

McGonigle-Millville

Our troops in Ira/Afghanistan
 Vickie Barnett
 Don & Dorothy Beckett
 James Beckett
 Ruth Childers
 Robbin Dillingham & Family
 Dorothy Fulmer
 Brenda Johnson Family
 Pat & Pam Lyons
 Ray & Sue Lykins
 Irene & Carl Nutley
 Clara Owen
 Marny Owen
 Lucile Sauer
 Esther Schlaback
 Betty Stanton
 Charlie Sullivan
 Noah Trumbull
 10% growth for 2009



JOINT CHURCH EVENTS

NEWS

JOIN US FOR A JOINT CHURCH FAMILY NIGHT

AT MCGONIGLE-MILLVILLE UMC
A MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION
FRIDAY, MAY 8
DINNER AT 6:30 PM
(baked chicken, potato bar, salad, dessert)
DAVID CAINE
CHRISTIAN FAMILY ENTERTAINER

2009 WEST OHIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Both our churches are part of The Ohio River Valley District, which is one of the eight Districts that make up The West Ohio Annual Conference. The annual meeting of its name runs from June 7 through June 11, 2009. The meeting place is the beautiful town of Lakeside, Ohio.

2009 LOVE FIRST MIRACLE OFFERING

The West Ohio Annual Conference goal is \$325,000. We will target Sunday, May 17th as our Special Offering Sunday for our share of the goal.

- 1) \$75,000 will go to support clergy and lay leadership training in our four mission partnerships in Southeast Asia, the North Katanga Conference in the Congo, the Oriental Conference in Mexico, and the Volga District in Russia
- 2) \$100,000 will go to support West Ohio Conference's Next Generation leadership development efforts
- 3) \$150,000 will be given by or for school kits for children in the United States and around the world (see article in this newsletter - Mission - May 2009).

NEW MEMBER OPPORTUNITY

If you have been thinking of becoming a member of either church, please speak to me so that we can work out a mutual time. I am thinking of June - what about you?

- Rev. Ed

FATHER'S DAY

Darrrtown's opportunity to host Historic Hopewell Church is on Father's Day this year. We will distribute a memento of that day to all the fathers present at Hopewell at 9:30 am or at McGonigle-Millville at 10:45.

Father's Day is June 21st. Our annual joint church Father's Day Picnic will be hosted again by McGonigle the next Sunday, June 28, at noon.

Plan to attend both Father's Day and the Picnic!

NEW DIRECTORIES COMING SOON

Please see that Rev. Beck gets any changes in address or phone, and additions of e-mail or cell phones that we can or should include in the new directories. Cell phones for many people is our best way to get in touch.

Either clearly write the new information on the pew pads, or in a note handed to Robyn or Ed.

BAPTISMS

On Palm Sunday, April 5, 2009, **Silas James and Holly Jane Petri** were baptized at the McGonigle-Millville church. This is the first set of twins that Rev. Ed has baptized. Andy Roll Petri and Susan Marie Wagner Petri are the parents. Sara is their older sister.

The same day, **Brianna Grace Pate** was baptized at Darrrtown church. Brianna was presented by her grandparents, Jim and Mickey Pate. Brianna's parents are James and Miranda.

On Mother's Day, **Noah Webster** will be baptized at McGonigle.

NOTE: We had forgotten to mention that on January 11, 2009, **Seth Michael Guenther** had been baptized at McGonigle. Seth's parents are Shannon Mary Emily and David Michael Guenther.

FIFTH SUNDAY POTLUCK



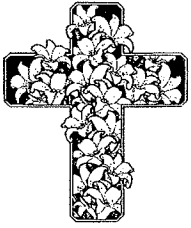
We had a great crowd for both our Guinea Pig Dinner and our March 29 Fifth Sunday Potluck.

The next Potluck will be May 31. Each of these are hosted by McGonigle Church at noon.

Plan to be with us as we continue to grow in fellowship with each other.

McGONIGLE-MILLVILLE NEWS

EASTER LILIES ADORNED THE ALTAR



In memory of:

- ◆ Jim Jones, from Ann and Jennifer Jones
- ◆ Our special friend, Edie Farmer, from Evelyn Kuhlmann and Carol Beckett
- ◆ Our parents and son, John B. Beckett, from Carol and John Beckett
- ◆ Our loved ones, from Nikki and Mike Baker
- ◆ Betty Taggart and our loved ones, from Theresa Williams
- ◆ Charles and Mildred Conrad, from Shelly Bennett and children
- ◆ Our loved ones, from the Lester Coleman family
- ◆ Our parents, from Mike and Brenda Graham
- ◆ My husband, Richard Young, and our son, Richard Anthony (Bub) Young, from Carol Young
- ◆ Dorothy and Dan Eichel, from Jan and Dick Boling
- ◆ Charles Myers, Howard Wagonfield, Ethel Wagonfield, and Dick Wagonfield, from Sarah Myers
- ◆ Fern and John Keller and Bill Owen
- ◆ Lily presented by Amy McDiffett

In honor of:

- ◆ My mother, Katie MacIntyre, from Debra Steger
- ◆ Clara Owen
- ◆ Peggy Sue Keller and Chuck Sullivan
- ◆ Patty and Dave Lykins
- ◆ John Keller and Sue Kogers
- ◆ Pam and Steve Stephenson
- ◆ The Keller grandchildren
- ◆ Our great-granddaughter, Jada Keller
- ◆ Shelly Bennett, Joe, Greg and Laura, from Jim and Phyllis Keller

2009 ANNUAL SPRING YARD SALE

Our 2009 Spring Yard Sale has come and gone and things are back to normal and in order again.

With so much attention to detail, our sale was a success. Physical help coupled with friends we could consult for their valuable experience in past sales sure teamed up to make this one memorable. I especially enjoyed helping out.

Yard Sale proceeds: \$3,010.00. Ten percent into the Love Offering Fund - \$301.00; General Fund - \$2,709.00.

There are so many people to thank, I hardly know where to begin. Please let me know if I have omitted anyone. I will be happy to include your name in the next Newsletter. I will begin with First Fruits and Kenny Coleman. Sincere thanks for all of the heavy work. Special thanks also to Jim Keller, Lester Coleman, Noah Webster, Evelyn Kuhlmann, Joyce Jones, Betty Stanton, Carol Beckett, Sarah Myers, Norma Coleman, Fred Campbell, Bernie Coleman, Phyllis Keller, Paul and Sherry Berger, Mary Harrison, Cliff Farmer, Sheila Mayberry, Robin Dillingham, Ida Boettger, Mike and Nikki Baker, Loma Wynn, Mike Graham, Jennifer Jones, and a special thanks to Brenda Graham for organizing the food. Brenda planned, prepared, and served our great lunches and snacks. Also, many thanks for the foods prepared by our members. It could not have been better. Many thanks to the wonderful people who donated and helped make our sale possible.

Of course many thanks to Rev. Beck and Robyn for their continued leadership and behind the scenes help.

C.S. Lewis once wrote, "I believe in Christianity as I believe that the Sun has risen, not only because I see it, but because by it, I see everything else."

Again, thanks to all! See you in church.

- Ann Jones

USHERS / GREETERS

We still only have the same few people acting as our ushers/greeters and we would love to involve others in this area of service for our church. Please let Peggy Keller know if you are interested. E-mail at itsmycj@fuse.net, cell phone 513-678-7674 (leave message if no answer) or let me know at church. Thank you in advance for your help and support.

- Peggy Keller

NEW ADDRESS

Pat and Pam Lyons have moved into an apartment in Trenton which will be more convenient for them. Their address is: 204-1 Poplin Place, Trenton, OH 45067.

CONGRATULATIONS TO GRANDPARENTS



♥ Twin daughters, **Brooklyn Elizabeth Fink and Brianne Noel Fink**, were born March 20th to Jeff and Beth Fink. Jeff is the son of Jan Boling.

♥ A daughter, **Emma Claire Hucke** was born to Amy (Graham) and Aaron Hucke on March 10th. Mike and Brenda Graham are the grandparents.

NOTE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Some shingle tabs had blown off the steeple roof. We determined that the shingles were 22 years old and it was time to replace them. While obtaining bids for the steeple replacement, it was brought to our attention that the sanctuary roof shingles had wind damage. The trustees decided to file an insurance claim. The insurance company agreed it was storm damage and paid the claim. These actions all took place before any leaks occurred. Praise the Lord!

The Board of Trustees would like to give a big thank you to everyone who helped make the April 2009 Spring Yard Sale successful. - Ken Coleman

RESURRECTION SUNDAY

At our Sixth Annual Resurrection Sunday service, our church was filled with over 100 members and friends and those over 80 years of age were recognized.

1. Sadly, **Lawrence Baumann** passed away the day before we could honor him. Bravely, some of his family was able to attend church. Lawrence was one of our over 90 group. He began attending in 1951.

2. **Audrey Brooks**, also in our over 90 group, was represented by her two daughters, Linda and Phyllis. She began attending in 1941. She now resides at Westover.

3. **Marna Evans** has been faithfully attending DUMC for about 4 years. She enjoys the people and is quite an asset to our church. You can see her each week in the back pew.

4. **Irene Hansel**, mother of ten with eight still living, was honored by four generations attending. She began attending in the 1940s. Sally, Ronnie, Raymond and Jimmy were present, along with many grandchildren and her newest great-granddaughter, Ella.

5. **Jean Hansel**, Irene's sister-in-law, was unable to attend and was represented by two of her four children, Myra and Corby.

6. **Ida Mae Lemmons** began attending in the 1950s and is presently President of our UMW. She also sings in the choir and plays piano/organ as needed. Carolyn and granddaughters were present to honor her.

7. **Fred Guiler**, another of our 90 plus group, was joined by all three of his children, Connie, Sharon and Bruce. Fred and family have attended since 1925.

8. **Lois Ann Snider** is our youngest of the over 80 group and is still reluctant to admit it! Lois and her deceased husband Melvin began attending in 1972.

9. **Larry Simison** still, after many years, mows the church lawn. His daughters, Nancy and Peggy, were both out of town this Sunday, but they often attend church with him. Larry was present with his special smile that we all remember.

10 and 11. **Helen and Wayne Weber** have been attending for 11 years and have been members for five. Each has lost a child and their names are memorialized in the west sanctuary windows. They will be married 13 years on June 14.

12. **Emma Leibforth** was unable to attend but for years she was active with church dinners and the United Methodist Women's group. She now resides at Westover.

The Pancake Breakfast that followed the service was a big success! We had a great committee of Jerry and Myra Krauth, Donna and Bob Rungay, Barney and Sandy Beckemeier, Donna and Shawn Gallagher, Dick and Carolyn Sadler, Harry Ogle, Gary and Roma Lowe and Mark Lowe. Pam and Ron Hatten helped pour coffee and clean up. Special thanks to Sandy for the beautiful floral table decorations. We served approximately 90 people. Thanks to everyone who helped.

DARRTOWN NEWS

EASTER FLOWERS

In memory of:

- ◆ Paul and Myrtle Jewell, by Bill and JoAnn Coombs and Shawn and Donna Gallagher
- ◆ Warren Hansel, Charlie Hansel and Jack Hansel, by Irene and Sally Hansel and family
- ◆ George Hansel, by Corby, Caren, Cameron, Chloe and Carly
- ◆ Harry and Dodie Ogle's families
- ◆ Parents, grandparents and brother, by Ken and Carolyn Russell and family
- ◆ Robert Lemmons, by Ida Mae Lemmons and family
- ◆ Bill Crawford, by Etta Jean Crawford
- ◆ Mary Lou Simison, by Larry Simison and family
- ◆ Janet Metcalf and Howard Hammel, by Caren, Cameron, Chloe and Carly
- ◆ George W. Hansel and Minva L. Hansel, by Jerry and Myra Krauth and Patricia Oelrich
- ◆ Howard "Kirk" Kirkpatrick, by the Richardson family

In Honor of:

- ◆ Mothers of Mickey and Jim Pate
- ◆ Lilly Steger, by parents Tom and Debra Steger

CONDOLENCES TO

- † Family of Lawrence Baumann who passed away April 25, 2009 – Jan Jewell, Karen Meador, Pam Russell, and Dale Baumann
- † Family of Barbara Gail Lovejoy who passed away April 24, 2009 – Jim & Mickey Pate

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MISSION – MAY 2009

School Kits for United States and Developing Countries: All West Ohio Conference congregations are invited to bring at least 10 completed school kits to the 2009 Annual Conference, June 7-11, 2009, to be held at Lakeside, Ohio. The school kits will be laid at the altar in the Hoover Auditorium during the "Love First" Miracle Offering. Our goal is 10,000 completed kits. A truck from the United Methodist Midwest Mission Distributing Center will be at Annual Conference to pick up the kits.

The United Methodist Women will make the bags and donations will be taken to fill them. In the annex is a box for the items and a check-off list for you to check off as you donate. Deadline for this giving will be Sunday, May 24th.

- Ida Mae Lemmons & Rev. Ed

RUMMAGE SALE

It's RUMMAGE SALE time again. The dates for the sale are June 5 and 6. We can begin collecting donations as early as the first week in May. As in the past, we will need volunteers to help set up during the week, as well as workers on the days of the sale. Please try to donate a little time and your unwanted items to this big project. If anyone has questions or needs more information, please call me at 513- 895-1785.

- Phyllis Flick

NOTE FROM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

As most of you know, the remaining five windows are out and being cleaned and re-lead. As soon as the woodwork is repaired, we will need a crew to help paint the outside of the five windows, and the new building over the oil tank. If you can help please contact one of the trustees so we can schedule a time to paint.

Last week we had an oil leak in the furnace room. The filter cup rusted through and leaked a large amount of oil on the floor. Thanks to Corby Hansel and Jim Meador for their quick response and help with cleanup. Also the sump pump in the other basement went out and was replaced.

We want to thank Bill Coombs for trimming and Larry Simison for mowing the church lawn.

- Shawn Gallagher

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

Report from UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief):

- Jan. 15: Zambabwe hospitals and Old Mutare and Mutambara United Methodist Hospitals remained open during their health crisis
- Jan. 27: responded to Gaza Strip for humanitarian relief
- Feb. 3: helped ice storm victims in Kentucky

UMCOR continues to be a partner in the recovery from the 2004 tsunami in southeast Asia. It is supporting recovery from Ike

and Gustav, also the ongoing recovery from Katrina and Rita, as well as massive wildfires that have ravaged parts of southern California and floods that devastated croplands in the United States last year. Your "One Great Hour of Sharing" gifts allow UMCOR to be among the "first responders" when a disaster occurs. UMCOR is also among the relief organizations that stay the longest, continuing to provide assistance long after the disaster has disappeared from the headlines and even if it never grabbed the world's attention. Without this offering, so much of what UMCOR does to bring hope and healing to the world could not happen.

Rev. Kathy Noble, Editor
Interpreter & Interpreter OnLine

T.G.I.F. NEWS

Service Projects

April – the youth spent a day of their Spring Break helping the children at Living Water Ministries in Hamilton. They inventoried every craft supply imaginable. The center is also looking for volunteers in their Children's Center Summer Program. They need a commitment of eight volunteers from noon until three. It is only a commitment of three days for one week. Please see Debbie Hawkins if you are interested.

May – the youth will be serving at the Mother/Family Dinner on Friday, May 8 at 6:00 at McGonigle UMC.

T.G.I.F. Meetings

May 3 and May 17 – We would like to invite parents to join us as we explore *Sweet Dating Skills* with Napoleon Dynamite. We're going to discuss the myths of dating and the do's and don'ts as well. The information about the program will go home with the youth before the class begins.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

COMING UP

- **Friday, May 1 – 11:30 am:** You are invited to attend the CWU "May Friendship Day" Services to be held at the Oxford United Methodist Church. Church Women United is an ecumenical movement that brings together Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox, and other Christian women in the US and Puerto Rico to: work for a just, caring and peaceful society; develop a

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visible, ecumenical community; use responsibly and creatively the resource God has entrusted to us, our intelligence, time, energy and money; and deepen our understanding of what it means to be Christian women of faith in today's world. Theme is "Building On Our Stories." A luncheon will be served.

- **Monday, May 4 – 7:00 pm meeting:** Hostesses: Phyllis Flick and Maxine Harris; Program: Carolyn Russell
- **Monday, June 1 – 7:00 pm meeting:** Hostesses: Carolyn Russell and Helen Bruck
- **Tuesday, June 9 – Noodle-Making: 8:30 am**
- **July and August – no meetings**
- **Treasurer's report:** Balance is \$509.14.

MISSIONS

- ❖ **School Kits – May Mission:** This project is part of the "Love First Miracle Offering" at Conference which is held at Lakeside, Ohio, on June 7-11. The UMW will make the bags and donations will be taken to fill them.
- ❖ **World Thank Offering** boxes are available for all. Place change in the box each time you feel a blessing has been bestowed upon you. These boxes are collected each Thanksgiving and it is one way of helping the world in our connectional church, locally and globally.
- ❖ **Oxford 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.
- ❖ **Campbell's Labels:** When saving Campbell's labels, keep only the barcode and the "Labels for Education" logos. A new round colorful box has been placed in the annex for collections. Thanks to everyone who participated. Last year, over 600 labels were mailed to the Henderson Settlement of Kentucky.
- ❖ **Hike & Bike For Life 2009:** Calling all "Hike & Bike for Life" Captains, Hikers and Bikers (first-timers and old-timers). It's easy and fun! Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 2. Call 513-523-1814 to get your Hike Packet. Whether you walk, ride a Schwinn or a Harley, or sponsor a walker, come with friends and family.

NITE AT THE CORRAL

On April 6, the United Methodist Women's Unit gathered together for our first "nite-out" event at the Golden Corral. There were twenty-one women who attended. It was good being with Audrey Brooks, Irene Hansel, Lois Ann Snider and Linda Stegmeir whom we don't see very often. Carolyn Russell made it home from Florida in time to attend. And we were happy to have Robyn Beck with us. Stories were shared. Much to our surprise, we found out how old we were and who we were related to! We sang happy

birthday to Phyllis Flick and belated to Sally Hansel. We also enjoyed three grandchildren and little Jodie.

Since we have skipped a scheduled meeting, we will have to work harder to catch up, especially to get the school kits made and filled before June 1st so they can be delivered to Conference.

Thanks to Maxine Harris for the new program books for the balance of the year. If any changes are needed, let Ida Mae know (513-523-6285).

Also, thanks to Donna Gallagher for arranging the dinner.

Happy Birthday UMW!

May

5/29 – Sarah Jane Nichol

June

6/15 – Audrey Brooks

♥ Forgiveness Therapy ♥

No loving relationship is free of hurts. Bind up the wounds of love with forgiveness.

FRED GUILER'S 90th BIRTHDAY GIFT

On March 1, 2009, one day before Fred's 90th birthday, he attended services at the Darrtown UMC, the same church he and his family have attended since 1925. If you do the math, that's 84 years!!

Fred stood up and said, "I would like to make a little speech." He proceeded: "I've had a lot of time lately to think about what I have done with my life. I remember my early years of riding in a horse and buggy and having a lantern for warmth and light. Later came the Model T. One time while traveling up a steep hill on a gravel road, I realized the Model T was not going to be able to make it to the top of the hill. I had to try another way, so I turned the Model T around and drove up backwards. I remember playing Santa Clause and trying not to let Sally Hansel and others know who I was.

"Anyway, to celebrate my 90th birthday, I brought 90 cans of food to donate to the needy."

Thanks, Fred! What a blessing to have you as a faithful contributing member of our church. Many lives have been touched by your generosity over the years of providing eggs and potatoes for our Ice Cream Socials, delicious homemade nut bread and the homemade sauerkraut in time for New Year's Day, so we could enjoy a bit of good luck to begin the new year!

NOTICE: NEXT DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES IS JUNE 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.

Crocodile Dock VBS at Darrrtown UMC
July 6 thru 10, 2009 – 6:30 – 8:45 pm

Are you ready to sink your teeth into BIG fun? That's just what we'll do at Crocodile Dock VBS, where fearless kids shine God's light! Crocodile Dock is filled with amazing Bible adventures, great games, awesome music, and snacks you can sink your teeth into. Come join the fun down at the Bayou and sign up to help.

I, _____, (phone # _____)
 am willing to:

| <u>Before</u> | <u>During</u> | <u>After</u> |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Praying for teachers and students | <input type="checkbox"/> Missions | <input type="checkbox"/> Writing cards and letters to VBS students |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Making advance phone calls | <input type="checkbox"/> Crafts | <input type="checkbox"/> Take down decorations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preparing craft materials | <input type="checkbox"/> Assisting teachers | <input type="checkbox"/> Cleanup |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Passing out door hangers to Darrrtown residents | <input type="checkbox"/> Registration table | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Snacks | |

SIGN UP NOW!! Drop this form in the collection plate at church or send to Debra Steger, 3556 Darrrtown Road, Oxford, OH 45056. Or call me at 513-523-9901 or cell 255-7857. Thanks for all your support. We'll be swamped with fun!
- Debra Steger

These poems were written by Hazel Green, a 99 year old Darrrtown community resident.

Childhood Days

Memories take us back
 To barefoot days of yore,
 Along the Four Mile Creek
 Fishing from the shore.

There was the old swimming hole
 At the end of Shollenbarger.
 We didn't have much of a goal
 But we sure did love the water.

We ambled along the road
 There was the scent of peppermint,
 Or we would see a hopping toad
 And watch just where it went.

There were many chores to do,
 At dusk or early dawn,
 But they were happy childhood times.
 I am sorry they are gone.

The Sun and the Moon

I heard the old red rooster crow,
 And glanced to see the dawn,
 A blazing sun was rising
 A brand new day was born.

The eastern sky was tinged in red,
 A frosty blanket lay
 Upon the many blades of grass
 At the starting of the day.

As I looked toward the western sky
 A pale moon was going down,
 Far away beyond my view
 To a place I never knew.

Many people in the world
 Will welcome the warm sun.
 Others gaze at a big full moon
 After the day is done.

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May 2009 Birthdays, Anniversaries, Events

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--|---|---|----------------------|---|----------------------------|
| 3 KAYLA HAWKINS KEN COLEMAN Tom & Linda Agee | 4 CARLY HANSEL | 5 ROXANNE LETSCH | 6 | 7 | 8 Family Banquet for Mother's Day - MM | 9 Pork Chop Dinner - DT |
| 10 Mother's Day | 11 KRISTI COOMBS Jim & Mickey Pate | 12 | 13 | 14 JILLIAN BERGER | 15 MARNA EVANS JP BERGER | 16 |
| 17 | 18 JOHN KELLER | 19 Dave & Patty Lykins | 20 TARA MENKE BILL FULMER LOGAN SACKENHEIM Tom & Debra Steger | 21 | 22 BILL COOMBS | 23 KRISTEN EMMONS |
| 24 LINDA ROEMER | 25 Memorial Day | 26 ELIZABETH FOLEY MANDY WITTHROW | 27 Clint & Erika Cole | 28 | 29 NANCY WOLTERMAN SARAH JANE NICHOL JP & Andrea Berger Carl & Irene Nutley | 30 |
| 31 Fifth Sunday Potluck - MM | | | | | | |

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June 2009 Birthdays, Anniversaries, Events

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|--|-----------------------------------|---|---|------------------------------|
| | 1 ANN JONES JANE JEWELL-MENKE | 2 | 3 AMANDA RUSSELL | 4 | 5 LAUREN MCCARTNEY JUSTIN BECKEMEIER Rummage Sale - DT | 6 Rummage Sale - DT |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 David & Shannon Guenther | 11 DONNA SPRAU BRITTANY HOLLISTER | 12 | 13 |
| 14 Wayne & Helen Weber | 15 BETH FULLMER CHARLES FOLEY FRANKIE LINDLEY AUDREY BROOKS | 16 | 17 Jack & Connie Davis | 18 HELEN WEBBER | 19 Jim & Roxanne Leitsch | 20 Shaw n & Penny Webster |
| 21 Father's Day DT Service at Hopewell | 22 | 23 SHELLY BENNETT | 24 Richard & Linda Roemer | 25 | 26 Ed & Robbyn Beck Ron & Pam Hatten | 27 BILL HARRIS |
| 28 Father's Day Picnic - MM | 29 VIVIAN SACKENHEIM | 30 LOMA WYNN ELIZABETH M. SHOKER | | | | |