

Good News

*From Darrtown / McGonigle-Millville Charge
United Methodist Churches
May / June, 2010*



Dear Friends,

As we continue the Easter Season, we have had a wide variety of ways to minister in recent weeks. We have had a bunch of funeral dinners and expressed our sympathy to members and non-members alike. We have helped several families in need and said thank you to former pastors, even though we may not have known them.

As Easter, and Darrtown's Bicentennial continue, I offer this little "wakeup" piece for our consideration:

"You Took My Parking Space at Church"

One day, a man went to visit a church. He got there early, parked his car and got out. Another car pulled up near the driver, got out and said, "I always park there! You took my place!" The visitor went inside for Sunday School, found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated, "That's my seat! You took my place!"

The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing. After Sunday School, *the visitor* went into the sanctuary and sat down.

Another member walked up to him and said, "That's where I always sit! You took my place!" *The visitor* was even more troubled by this treatment, but still he said nothing.

Later as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, *the visitor* stood up, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out, "What happened to you?"

The visitor replied, as his hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from his eye,
"I took your place."

When you read this, say a prayer. This is powerful. Maybe, just maybe, we can get the world to start thinking of who took our place.

See you in church!

Rev. Ed

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Bicentennial Updates

The Bicentennial Year for Darrtown is one-third complete. May 2nd is our next Bicentennial Celebration with Lynn Huffman, pastor from 1976 to 1979, bringing the message.

There will be a special brunch after Darrtown's worship. Rev. Beck will bring the message "Dreaming" at 10:45.

Harold Braley brought the first celebration message to both churches on January 31. A good group enjoyed our first 2010 Fifth Sunday Potluck at Darrtown.

Larry Brock brought the second celebration message on Valentine's Day. That was also McGonigle's Love Sunday. And a large number stayed for lunch with Larry after church.

Nancy Ratz helped serve Communion and brought our third celebration message on March 7th. The first brunch was held for Nancy after Darrtown's worship, while Rev. Beck brought the message at McGonigle.

Our Fourth Celebration message was on April 18th with our District Superintendent, Rev. Randy Stearns. We had a great lunch at Darrtown at 12:18 pm after Randy Stearns preached at both churches. All four messages were very insightful, helpful, and power-filled.

Even though this is Darrtown's special Bicentennial year, both churches have benefitted from the wonderful sermons shared at both churches. We have been, and continue to be, in good hands.

In June, Norm Wright will return on the 13th with a brunch following. Rev. Beck will preach at 10:45.

In July, we hope to have a float in Oxford's Bicentennial parade, then on the 18th Bob Schneckler will preach at both churches. Darrtown will provide a lunch at McGonigle at 12:18 pm.

Rick Stuhmer, who is currently recovering from Guilliane-Barre disease, is still counting on being able to be with us August 29th.

The month of September will have something special each week, with the BIG Sunday of the year on September 26th. Bishop Bruce Ough will be with us that morning. Worship will be at 10:30 and include the congregations of McGonigle and Seven-Mile.

October will bring Phil Rice on the 31st and Dick Lehto will be with us on November 28th. To end the year, we will honor Judy Henderson and other deceased pastors on the last Sunday of 2010.

It continues to be an exciting year for both churches, so we want to see you at each event!

- Bicentennial Committee

May 2010

- May 2: Darrtown's 5th Bicentennial Sunday, Lynn Huffman (1976-1979) will speak at Darrtown with a special brunch following. Rev. Beck will bring the message at McGonigle's 10:45 am worship service.
- May 3: 7:00 pm, Mother's Day Celebration at United Methodist Women at Darrtown. Both churches invited.
- May 4: 7:00 pm, Bicentennial Committee Meeting
- May 9: Mother's Day Celebration at 9:00 and 10:45 am. Message will be "Heavenly Marriage." A gift will be presented to each mother present.
- May 16: Sunday School & Worship at each church
- May 23: Sunday School & Worship at each church. Another Bicentennial Moment at Darrtown by Marna Evans.
- May 30: Memorial Sunday 9:00 and 10:45 worship. Bicentennial Moment by Marna Evans.

June 2010

- June 4 & 5: Rummage Sale at Darrtown UMC.
- June 6: Marna Evans' Bicentennial Moment at 9:00
- June 7-10: West Ohio Annual Conference
- June 7: 7:00 pm United Methodist Women, Darrtown
- June 8: 8:30 am, UMW noodle-making, Darrtown
- June 13: Darrtown's 6th Bicentennial Celebration. Norm Wright will be the guest speaker with a special brunch following.
- June 14: 6:30 Trustees, 7:00 pm Church Council, Darrtown
- June 20: Father's Day. Darrtown 9:30 am at Hopewell with a gift for each father present. McGonigle's Father's Day Celebration at 10:45 with a gift for each father present. VBS preparation at Darrtown in the afternoon.
- June 21: 6:30 Trustees, 7:15 pm Church Council at McGonigle. Vacation Bible School at Darrtown.
- June 21, 22, 23, 24, 25: VBS at Darrtown
- June 27: VBS Sunday at Darrtown for all children involved at 9:00. Regular service at 10:45.
- July 3: Oxford's Bicentennial Parade. Darrtown plans to have a float in the parade.

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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.

Darrtown / McGonigle-Millville Prayer List (Newer concerns)

Our military personnel in the US	and abroad
Tim Congers	Granville Strong
Billy Keller	Pastor Rick Stuhmer @ home
Elizabeth Johnson	Noah Trumbull
Lawrence Schlaubach	Linda Roemer
Lester Coleman	Jeanette Stephens
Ray Lykins	Ruth Childers
Mark Barnes	Gail Fleenor
Glen Owen	Judi Luzi
Inga Lapp	Bo Petri
Judy Bohne	Andy Petri
Cub Pack 937	Shannon Family
Irene & Carl Nutley	Lou Ponder
Vickie Barnett	John Burkholder
Bernice Kolb	Pat and Pam Lyons
Family of Donald Beckett	Family of Audrey Brooks

See your church's prayer list each Sunday.

JOINT CHURCH EVENTS

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 Darrtown.

The May 5 meeting will be dedicated to all mothers. All women are encouraged to come and bring something quilted (quilt, jacket, baby quilt, table runner, purse) to share with the group.

On June 7 the guest speaker will be Marna Laurito representing the Oxford Women's Care Center.

FATHER'S DAY PICNIC

We will be celebrating Father's Day the Sunday after, on **Sunday, June 27**, with a joint church picnic at McGonigle-Millville UMC at noon. Bring a covered dish. Meat and drinks provided. Plan to attend and bring a friend.

MCGONIGLE-MILLVILLE NEWS

EASTER LILIES ADORNED THE ALTAR AT EASTER

In memory of:

- ❖ Diana Beckett from Don & Dorothy Beckett
- ❖ Lucile Sauer from Luella DeCeglie
- ❖ Parents and son, John B. Beckett, from Carol & John Beckett
- ❖ Our loved ones from the Lester Coleman Family
- ❖ Our parents from Mike & Brenda Graham
- ❖ Fern & John Keller and Bill Owen from Jim & Phyllis Keller

In honor of:

- ❖ Rev. Ed & Robyn Beck from Mary F. Beck
- ❖ Clara Owen
- ❖ Peggy Sue Keller & Chuck Sullivan
- ❖ Patty & Dave Lykins
- ❖ John Keller & Sue Rogers
- ❖ Pam & Steve Stephenson
- ❖ The Keller grandchildren & great-granddaughter
- ❖ Shelly Bennett, Joe, Greg & Laura – all from Jim & Phyllis Keller
- ❖ Lily presented by Amy McDiffett

2010 ANNUAL SPRING YARD SALE

Our annual spring yard sale is now history and again we have been so blessed. Our sales totaled \$3,189.76 at last count.

Many thanks to all of the wonderful people who donated items for our sale, and to our faithful parishioners for their delicious food preparations and other donations which made our sale possible. We could not have done it without you.

Thanks to First Fruits for all the hard work, Brenda Graham for organizing and service our delicious food. We are very grateful to all who worked on Brenda's team, and all who set up and worked in the sale pricing and organizing. Our clean-up crew made a very hard job seem easy. As always, many thanks to Rev. Beck and Robyn for everything.

If you were unable to be with us during this sale, you missed a lot of fun. Please plan to join us in the fall.

NEW ADDRESSES

Justin & Angela Baldwin, 2 Chapel Hill, Fairfield, OH 45014
Bernice Kolb, Chesterwood Village, 8073 Tylersville Road, Room 41, West Chester, OH 45069

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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 continued sympathies go to the family of Donald H. Beckett. He was finally released to go home to our Heavenly Father on April 19th. A family service was held on April 22 at the McGonigle-Millville UMC. A public service was held at the Darrtown Cemetery following that. The procession stopped at the farm with Don's old tractor standing at attention. The procession also went by the Beckett Store in Darrtown. A wonderful luncheon was provided by both churches at Darrtown UMC that afternoon. Our sympathy to Dorothy, Don, Darrel, and all the family.

A NOTE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

First Fruits has two scheduled meetings each month. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Many various tasks were completed during the first four months of the year. Meetings with heating contractor and electrician; made sign for spaghetti dinner; adjusted door seal of bell tower exterior doors; checked dehumidifier in basement and ordered new one; received bid from ICB Audio; received bid from HVAC contractor for furnace and duct work; cleared snow off parking lot and sidewalk; picked up and delivered yard sale items; measured windows for valance hangers; measured for shelving in pie room; moved tables from annex to fellowship hall; put trash to curb; picked up supplies at Baker Hardware; made miscellaneous repairs; installed road signs for spaghetti dinner; spread salt on parking lot; installed light bulb in sanctuary; arranged sale items in annex; straightened hitch on mower; set up tables and chairs; set clocks and thermostat clock; picked up supplies at Baker Hardware; met with blind dealer; checked smoke alarm batteries; set up for yard sale. - *Ken Coleman*

MARCH & APRIL LOVE OFFERING

During the past two months, our church gave \$560 to help the people of Haiti recover from the earthquake. A local family was in need, so the love offering was used to pay their utility bill. We also sent proceeds of \$1,081.46 from the

spaghetti dinner to Living Water Ministries. Thanks to everyone who helped make this possible.

DARRTOWN NEWS

RUMMAGE SALE

The annual rummage sale will be held June 4 and 5, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. As in the past, we will be offering lunch and a bake sale. Set-up will begin on Sunday, May 30th after social time, with the setting up of tables and moving donated items to the main room. The rest of the week will be devoted to arranging and pricing items for sale. Please be generous with your donations and time, as this is a large endeavor. I hope we can be more successful than ever this year. - *Phyllis Flick*

BICENTENNIAL QUILT

Reminder – Please sign a quilt square as soon as possible, before the quilting begins. It will be available in the fellowship hall on Sunday mornings.

BICENTENNIAL ORNAMENT

A special memento, the Bicentennial flame and cross ornament, is being offered for sale for \$5.00 each. These attractive wooden ornaments were made by David Marshall of Ohio Valley Crafts to commemorate our 200 years. See Harry & Dody Ogle or Donna & Bob Rungay.

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*

CONDOLENCES

† Our sympathies to the family of Audrey Brooks. Audrey was a long-time member of Darrtown UMC before her passing on Sunday, March 28, 2010. Her funeral was at the Smith-Ogle Funeral Home and burial was at Darrtown Cemetery beside her husband, Lester. A luncheon was served by and at the Darrtown church. Sympathy especially to Phyllis Flick and Linda Stegmeir. She also leaves a son William and a daughter Penelope Weiz.

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FUNERAL LUNCHEONS

Other funeral luncheons were recently provided to the families of Helen L. Manser and Jacqueline M. Folker. Another was held in February for the family of Richard Allen Davish.

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.

GOOD-BYE

We say good-bye to Andy and Helen Bruck. Andy's illness has made the move to Virginia, the home of two sons, more attractive. They moved after Easter.

Their new address is: 56 Gardenside Blvd.
Lebanon, VA 24266

CHURCH SCHOOL

A piece of Church School education was presented during worship time by Debra Steger, Education Leader. She shared how the class used shoeboxes to demonstrate the building of the Tabernacle of God. Inside the open boxes were the Golden Table of the Bread of Presence, the Golden Altar of Incense, the Golden Lampstand, and the Veil hanging at the door of the Holy of Holies where the Ark was placed, containing the Ten Commandments.

The shoeboxes were on display in the Annex after services. Also, a triple display board was set up with Power Points. Thanks, Debra, for this demonstration by the children during the Lenten Season!

Also, it was a joy to hear the Youth sing a different and beautiful version of "Amazing Grace" during Lenten Season.

- Ida Mae Lemmons

THANK YOU

- EASTER DAY: There was radiance with flowers and music by the Youth and Sanctuary Choirs. It seemed that everything was brand NEW, with Robyn Beck's interesting Resurrection message at the Sunrise Service.
- SUNRISE BREAKFAST: Thanks to the Sunrise Breakfast Committee, Caren Hansel and Karen Meador, for the delicious breakfast which was served immediately following the worship service.
- HOLY WEEK SERVICES: Maundy Thursday service was held at Darrtown, and Good Friday

service at McGonigle. In each church, Rev. Ed delivered a touching and meaningful message. The choirs also shared their seasonal message in song. Thanks to Mike Hawkins for being out "technician."

- Thank you to Marna Evans for her Bicentennial reports. They have been very interesting pieces in our ongoing celebration.

EASTER FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

In Memory Of:

- ▶▶ Lester & Audrey Brooks, by Phyllis & Mike Flick
- ▶▶ Bill Crawford, by Etta Jean Crawford
- ▶▶ Mr. & Mrs. Earl Koffer and Mr. & Mrs. Hubert Sadler, by Dick & Carolyn Sadler
- ▶▶ David E. Hoffman, Sr. and John O. Mehl, Jr., by Cyndi & Mike Mehl
- ▶▶ Husband and both parents, by Ida Mae Lemmons and family
- ▶▶ Both parents and grandparents, by Harry & Dodie Ogle
- ▶▶ Parents and grandparents, by William & JoAnn Coombs
- ▶▶ Warren, Jack and Charlie Hansel, by Sally and Irene Hansel
- ▶▶ Paul & Myrtle Jewell and Kay & Gordon Gallagher, by Shawn & Donna Gallagher
- ▶▶ Howard Kirkpatrick, and Stella & Lawrence Richardson, by Cathy & Harold Richardson
- ▶▶ In memory of: Mary Lou Simison, by Larry Simison
- ▶▶ William Williams, by Rose Williams

In Honor Of:

- ▶▶ The DUMC choir, by Cathy Richardson
- ▶▶ Rev. Ed & Robyn Beck, by Mary F. Beck

Quote from the United Methodist Women's "Response Magazine." Children's Defense Fund - Educating All Children in the United States. "The test of the morality of a society is what it does for its children."

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer

NEXT NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 06/20/2010.

Give to Maxine Harris (maxakers03@aol.com)

Ida Mae Lemmons (idamae87@yahoo.com)

or Evelyn Kuhlmann (ebkuhl@fuse.net)

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

From our President:

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Our June 7 meeting: Our guest speaker will be Marna Laurito, representing the Oxford Women's Care Center. Hostesses will be Carolyn Russell and Cathy Richardson.

Noodle-making is scheduled for Tuesday, June 8 at 8:30 am.

Bake Sale: Our UMW unit will conduct a bake sale during the church rummage sale, June 4 & 5. Plan to help and bring your favorite goodies.

Bicentennial Cookbook: The UMW are organizing a Bicentennial Cookbook. This project needs to be completed before September 26. We need your recipes typed or printed on plain paper by mid-June. Please call Cathy at (513) 523-4350.

July: No meeting. Noodle-making is scheduled again for Tuesday, July 13 at 8:30 am.

August: No meeting.

Dishwasher Fund: Donations are continuing to come in. More planning and research is now being done.

Report on Past Meetings:

March: Our guest speaker was Barbara Condo from One Way Farm who presented an informative and interesting talk about her creation of and participation in the development of this organization for needy and abused children more than 30 years ago. It is located in Fairfield and has a great thrift store.

April: Our program for the April meeting was presented by Debra Steger. Thank you for a job well done! She talked about "infinity" and demonstrated with a strip of paper, folded and attached together to show the meaning of infinity. It was called The Mobius Strip.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Friday, May 7: May Friendship Day – "Living the Vision"
Time: 11:30 am at Oxford Presbyterian Seminary Bldg.
Church & Poplar Streets.

Bring a salad to share. CWU's goal is to bring together women of all faiths, deepening the understanding of what it means to be Christian women of faith in today's world.

- Ida Mae Lemmons

THANK YOU

Maxine would like to thank all who participated in preparing a Sunshine Basket for Jenny Ludwin. Thank you, Sandy, for making the beautiful purple and white basket, for doing the shopping and putting it all together. It definitely put a big smile on Jenny's face.

Jenny is the 23 year old daughter of my ex-boss who contracted H1N1 resulting in such a severe infection that she lost both feet and both hands to amputation. I had the privilege of visiting Jenny and her parents, and she is an inspiration with her positive outlook on her future. Below is an excerpt from a thank you note, written by her:

"Thank you so much for the basket. I loved all of the gifts. I opened one gift every day, so in a small way it felt like Christmas every day. This was important to me because I have no memories from Christmas.

Your prayers and support mean the world to me, and my family and I would not be where we are now without the prayers and support.

I plan on going back to OSU to get my master's degree and a PhD. Hopefully, I will get my full ride scholarship back. I still plan on becoming a professor and researcher, but I also want to work with amputees. I think it would be amazing to work in a hospital as an amputee peer supporter. I could have benefitted from having someone to talk to about my amputations, so being a peer supporter could be my way of helping others going through similar situations."

OUR CONTINUING MISSION PROJECTS:

- ❖ **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!

May

June

05/24 – Stephanie Folck None

05/29 – Sarah Jane Nichol

TGIF

Mark Your Calendars

May 9th - Celebrate Mother's Day with your family at church

May 23rd - Lunch meeting at McGonigle at noon

June 21-25 - Help with VBS

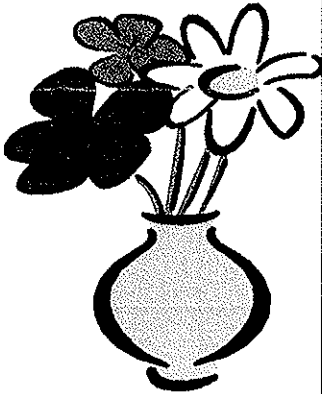
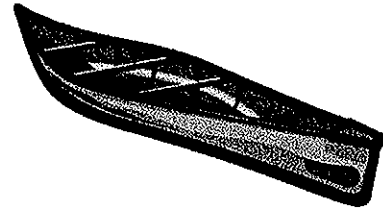
Dates to be scheduled:

Canoe Trip in June

Mission Project at Living Water in June or July

Car Wash in June or July

Help with the float for the 4th of July parade.



Thank You!

Parents, youth, and church members for your support and hard work.

Truth of the Youth

Meet Laura Bennett

What is your lucky number? #2

What is your favorite color? purple

What is your favorite subject and why? English because I like reading and writing.

What is your favorite pizza topping? mushrooms

Favorite Flower? carnation

Most people wouldn't know that Laura, the middle child, use to be taller than her brothers and she has asthma.

Favorite Children's Book - Love You Forever

Most frequently played songs on her I-Pod are..... When She Loves Me from Toy Story and Breeze by Taylor Swift



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>May</u>						1 Jennifer Jones
2	3 Kenneth Coleman Tom & Linda Agee (Anniv) Kayla Hawkins	4 Carly Hansel	5 Roxanne Leitsch	6 Tara Baker	7	8
9 <i>Mother's Day</i>	10	11 Jim & Mickey Pate (Anniv) Kristi Coombs	12	13	14 Jillian Berger	15 J.P. Berger Marna Evans
16	17	18 John Keller Jake Strassberger	19 Dave & Patty Lykins (Anniv)	20 Bill Fulmer Logan Sackenheim Tom & Debra Steger (Anniv) Tara Menke	21	22 Bill Coombs
23 Kirsten Emmons	24 Linda Roemer	25	26 Elizabeth Foley Mandy Withrow	27 Clint & Erika Cole (Anniv)	28	29 J.P. & Andrea Berger (Anniv) Carl & Irene Nutley (Anniv) Nancy Wolterma Sarah Jane Nichol
30	31 <i>Memorial Day</i>					

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6 Norma Jean Coleman Tiffany Baker Jones	7	8	9 Kyle Broshear	10 Phyllis Jones Danielle Brown	11 Brittany Hollister	12 Victor & Brenda Johnson (Anniv)
13	14 Wayne & Helen Weber (Anniv)	15 Frankie Lindley	16	17 Mike Baker Joshua D. Berger Jack & Connie Davis (Anniv) Deborah Burkholder	18 Helen Weber	19 Amy McDiffett
20 <i>Father's Day</i> Shawn & Penny Webster (Anniv)	21 Andy Petri	22 Kevin & Rachelle Broshear (Anniv) Jim Leitsch	23	24	25 Mary Harrison Richard & Jan Boling (Anniv)	26 Rev. Ed & Robyn Beck (Anniv) Ron & Pam Hatten (Anniv)
27 Randy & Becky Rice (Anniv) Bill Harris	28 Sheila Mayberry	29 Patty Lykins	30 Paul & Sherri Berger (Anniv) Elizabeth Shoker			