

Good News

*From Darrtown / McGonigle-Millville Charge
United Methodist Churches
May / June, 2012*



Dear Friends,

May brings to us many events. May flowers, Memorial Day, Pentecost, but the most significant is Mother's Day. As I was going through a file folder on Mother's Day, I discovered an old newsletter from a former parish of mine. Margery Grossman, a dear friend, lay leader and a lovely lady whose wedding I performed had submitted the following:

Mother Maintenance

Many of us take better care of our cars than we do of our mothers, and yet we only expect our cars to last 5-6 years but we expect our mothers to last for a lifetime. Maybe we need a maintenance manual for mothers so we would know how to take care of them at least as well as we do for our automobiles!

Engine – A mother's engine is one of the most dependable kinds you can find. She can reach top speed from a prone position at a single cry from a sleeping child. But, regular breaks are needed to keep up that peak performance. Mothers need a hot bath and a nap every 100 miles, a babysitter and a night out every 1,000 miles, and a live-in babysitter with a week vacation every 10,000 miles.

Battery – Mothers' batteries should be recharged regularly. Hand made items, notes, unexpected hugs and kisses and frequent "I love yous" will do very well.

Carburetor – When a mother's carburetor floods, it should be treated immediately with Kleenex and a soft shoulder.

Brakes – See that she uses her brakes to slow down often and come to a full stop occasionally.

Fuel – Most mothers can run indefinitely on coffee, left-overs and salads but an occasional dinner for two at a nice restaurant will really add to her efficiency.

Chassis – Mothers function best when their bodies are properly maintained. Regular exercise should be encouraged and provided for as necessary. A change in a hairdo or makeup in spring and fall are also helpful. If you notice the chassis begins to sag, immediately start a program of walking, jogging, swimming, or bike riding. These are most effective when done with fathers.

Tune-ups – Mothers need regular tune-ups. Compliments are both the cheapest and most effective way to keep a mother purring contentedly.

If these instructions are followed, the average mother should last a lifetime and give good service and constant love to those who need her most!

See YOU in church Mother's Day, etc!

Rev. Ed

Calendar of Events

Watch for news each week in the weekly bulletins.

May, 2012

- May 2: 7:00 pm at McGonigle: Bible Study resumes. New Testament study begins.
- May 3: National Day of Prayer: Breakfast (7:30) and dinner (5:00) with Jan and Richard Boling, 992 North Hill Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45224, 513-407-6507
- May 6: Native American Sunday, guest speaker is Ahuk Shawandasse Nishnabe Peckewe Andakwa Neeake Fred Albert Shaw. He will also serve communion, all in Native Indian costume.
- May 7: 7:00 pm at Darrtown: United Methodist Women will celebrate Mother's Day
- May 12: Darrtown social hall in use
- May 13: Mother's Day celebrated at both churches: 9:00 and 10:45 am; love offering will be received
- May 14: Darrtown Trustees at 7:00; Church Council at 7:30 pm
- May 20: Aldersgate Sunday: this Sunday celebrates John Wesley's "heart warming experience" that began the Methodist Church
- May 21: McGonigle Trustees at 6:30; Church Council at 7:15 pm
- May 27: Pentecost and Memorial Day fall on the same Sunday this year. We will celebrate with the reception of new members into our fellowship.

June, 2012

- June 3: Children's Day will be observed at 9:00 and 10:45 am; the Sacrament of Communion will be shared.
- June 4: 7:00 pm United Methodist Women at Darrtown
- June 8 & 9: Rummage Sale at Darrtown
- June 10: West Ohio Annual Conference begins. Conference runs through the 13th.
- June 12: 8:30 am UMW noodle-making
- June 17: Father's Day at both churches. Darrtown's worship changes time and location. Darrtown will worship at 9:30 am at Historic Hopewell Church. McGonigle will worship at 10:45 as usual. Cookies at both.
- June 24: Darrtown social hall in use in the afternoon
- June 25: Vacation Bible School begins. VBS is sponsored by Darrtown, McGonigle, and St. Matthews Lutheran Church. This year VBS will be 4 evenings hosted at St. Matthews.

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(For Your Information)

Please be sure to let the church know if you or a loved one will be entering the hospital. Also, in case of pastoral emergency and you are unable to reach Rev. Beck or Robyn at 513-896-4025, you may contact them by using their cell phone number, 513-226-1314.

See your church's prayer list each Sunday and remember those named in prayer.

LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Darrtown / McGonigle-Millville Prayer List
(See your church's prayer list each Sunday)

Our military personnel	Unnamed persons
Linda Agee	Louise Johnson
Mary Beck & Charlene Haddock	Connie & Bill McDaniel
Sarah Myers	Glenn Owen
Thomas Stenger	Chuck Stenger
Charlotte & Wilbur Creek	Erin Golden
Fred Guiler	Fred Geisler
Herman Marcum	Don & Sheila Mayberry
Irene & Carl Nutley	Jim & Mickey Pate
Ron Volker	Ed Beck
Rita Burns	David Foley
Jennifer Jones	Betty Lempl
Sally Malacote	Clara Owen
Bunny Snow	Charles Sullivan
Kim Newcomer	Eric Lykins
Christine Craft	Guy & Marge Belew
Don Jones	Sam Jones
Bob Keller	



HAPPY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Refer to our calendar pages.

NEXT NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY JUNE 20, 2012

Give to Maxine Harris (maxakers03@aol.com)
Ida Mae Lemmons (idamae87@yahoo.com)
or Rita Burns (rburns38@cinci.rr.com)

*Keep your thoughts positive, they become your words.
Keep your words positive, they become your actions.
Keep your actions positive, they become your habits.
Keep your habits positive, they become your lifestyle.
Keep your lifestyle positive, it becomes your destiny.*

Joint Church Events

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

If you are not presently a member of either the Darrtown or McGonigle-Millville United Methodist Churches, you are cordially invited to join us for a light lunch at noon on May 20, 2012 at McGonigle. Rev. Beck will share some needed information about the church.

New members will join on Pentecost Sunday or afterwards when schedules work out. Let Rev. Beck know at 896-4025.

MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day is May 13th this year. We will celebrate our mothers and honor them as well. Each mother will leave with a flower from the arrangement at the front of the sanctuary.

Bring your mother and/or children on this special day.

ALDERSGATE SUNDAY

John Wesley's heart warming experience at a meeting on Aldersgate Street on May 24, 1738 was a true life changing event. It also was to be a world changing event as this man was on fire for Jesus. England was saved from a devastating revolution such as swept France by this band of small groups that eventually became the Methodist Church.

During worship at 9:00 and 10:45 am, we will learn something more from the early history of John Wesley. At noon at McGonigle, there will be an opportunity for anyone who desires to learn more. This will be an orientation for new members as well.

2012 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This year's West Ohio Annual Conference will be held June 10-13 at Lakeside, Ohio. The theme is "Unleashed, Proclaiming the Good News and Healing People Everywhere." Our representatives will be Kenny and Carolyn Russell.

Forgiveness Therapy

Get below the surface to what is hurting you; then, to soothe the pain, let the right people know – but in a healthy way. If you get stuck, seek help from a counselor.

Perhaps we have not fully understood that anger is a secondary emotional cover for hurt.

McGONIGLE-MILLVILLE NEWS UPCOMING EVENTS

CHURCH DIRECTORY

It's time for a new directory. Please see that we have correct addresses and phone numbers.

PAST EVENTS AND NEWS

SPAGHETTI DINNER REPORT

Many thanks to each of you who donated to our Silent Auction and attended our Spaghetti Dinner Benefit on March 24th. We made a total of \$1,140 from the dinner and the auction. Serve City in Hamilton and Oxford Choice Pantry each received \$570 from the proceeds. Many thanks also to Brenda Graham and Sheila Mayberry. The food was wonderful. The fellowship was superb. Big thanks to Kenny Coleman for all his help, and special thanks to Peggy Keller for advertising in our church bulletins. Also, what would we do without our faithful workers and cleanup crew! Because of each of you, it was a successful event. Thank you so much. - Ann Jones

EASTER FLOWERS

Easter Lilies were abundant and beautiful on Easter Sunday morning as church members presented the following:

- In Memory of our loved ones from the Lester Coleman family
- In Memory of Fern & John Keller and William Owen
- In Memory of Ruth & Tom Hawkins and Don Park from the Park family
- In Memory of our loved ones from Paul & Sherri Berger
- In Memory of our parents and son John from Carol & John Beckett
- In Honor of Clara Owen
- In Honor of Peggy Keller & Chuck Sullivan
- In Honor of Patty & Dave Lykins
- In Honor of John & Sue Keller
- In Honor of Pam & Steve Stephenson
- In Honor of our grandchildren & great-grandchildren
- In Honor of Shelly Bennett, Joe, Greg & Laura from Jim & Phyllis Keller
- In Honor of our dear friend Rita Burns

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PERPETUAL FOOD DRIVE

Over 16 pounds of non-perishable food was delivered to the food pantry in Oxford on March 5th. Total collected so far in 2012 is 16.91 pounds.

LOVE OFFERINGS

A family with four children were in need of furniture. We gave them three love seats, a table, four chairs and a bed frame to help them get started again.

A young couple, with two children, dealing with under-employment fell short on housing rent this month. You helped keep them housed through the Love Offering.

BIBLE STUDY

Come one, come all! The adult Bible study class will begin with the New Testament on May 2nd at 7:00 pm.

FIRST FRUITS CAUGHT RESTING

Since our previous newsletter, First Fruits has gotten together to fellowship, rest and even had time to complete these tasks:

- o Open building for annual fire extinguisher inspection
- o Collected and put trash to curb 5 times
- o Erected road signs for Spaghetti Dinner, and took down the signs afterwards
- o Changed furnace filters
- o Erected directional church road sign along Stillwell-Beckett Road, east of Lanes Mill intersection
- o Picked up supplies at Baker Hardware as needed
- o Installed vertical blinds in a school room
- o Repaired telephone in kitchen
- o Delivered food to the food pantry
- o Received and sorted yard sale items as needed
- o Set up tables and chairs as needed; fold and put away chairs as needed
- o Yard work as needed
- o Delivered Spaghetti Dinner leftovers to Haven House
- o Erected yard sale road signs
- o Replaced a light bulb over stage
- o Move sale items from Annex to Fellowship Hall
- o Install power vents on Annex roof

- Ken Coleman

We need your help setting up and organizing the merchandise, helping serve lunch, working the bake sale, etc. After the sale is over, we will need help packing and cleaning up. Please join us in making this event a successful fundraiser and a time of good fellowship. If you have questions, please contact me. - Phyllis Flick

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED – MAY FRIENDSHIP DAY

"Sights and Sounds of Harmony," a time when women of all faiths come together for a day of prayer and fellowship. Church Women United's Doorstep Mission consists of Oxford Habitat for Humanity and The Oxford Choice Food Pantry. All women are invited. Come and bring a friend and a salad to the First Baptist Church at 6701 Ringwood Road, Oxford, at 11:00 am on Friday, May 11th. If you have questions, contact Ida Mae Lemmons.

FATHER'S DAY

Our Father's Day worship will again be at 9:30 am at the Historic Hopewell Church. The church is on Camden-College Corner Road near Hueston Woods, and is the summer worship service for campers and visitors of Hueston Woods State Park. Services are held through the summer months and at the Christmas season.

The church was founded in 1808 as a Presbyterian Church and is the mother church of a number of area Presbyterian churches. It was abandoned in 1915 and revived in 1964. The building was restored in 1999 and is maintained by a volunteer board of trustees.

Darrrtown church provides the worship and refreshments on Father's Day again in 2012.

COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – WAY TO GO! TROLLEY TOURS!

This year's VBS will be **June 25-28**, Monday through Thursday, 6:30 to 9:00 pm: Way To Go! Trolley Tours! It will be held at **St. Matthew's Lutheran Church** (4411 Hamilton-Richmond Road, Darrrtown) in their new church building. This VBS teaches us to be good neighbors. Based on Luke 10:27, Jesus teaches us to "Love God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and love your neighbor as yourself." We will take a trolley tour of four cities: Bethlehem, Emmaus, Zarephath and Gaza. We'll discover how God wants us to love our neighbors by sharing, inviting, giving and telling God's good news of Jesus.

In Bethlehem, we'll meet Ruth and Naomi and learn how Boaz shared his grain with them. On the way to Emmaus, Cleopas and a friend talk to Jesus without

DARRTOWN NEWS UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE – JUNE 8 & 9

It's time to start cleaning out and donating your unwanted items for our rummage sale on June 8th and 9th.

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recognizing him. When they invited him to a meal, they figured out who he was. In Zarephath, a Phoenician town, a widow shares the last of her food with Elijah. Elijah hid in her house from the wicked King Ahab for several years during a famine and the oil and flour never ran out. At Gaza, an Ethiopian riding a chariot is reading Isaiah. Phillip notices the confusion on his face and runs next to the chariot and explains the meaning of Isaiah and how Jesus fulfills Old Testament prophecies.

As always we'll have fun games, catchy music, and skits of the Bible stories, cute crafts and delicious snacks. Kids love our VBS and they come back year after year. Invite your neighbors, invite your grandchildren, and bring a friend! The more the merrier. Our Community VBS is supported by three churches: St. Matthews Lutheran Church, McGonigle-Millville UMC and Darrrtown UMC. Please donate your prayers, your time and your funds. We need volunteers! We also need supplies for crafts: paint and paintbrushes, birdseed, paper towel rolls, peanut butter, craft/popsicle sticks, foam sheets, empty boxes of muffin mix or boutique tissues. If you have any questions or would like to help, please call me at 513-255-7857.

- Debra Steger

PAST EVENTS AND NEWS

CUB SCOUT PACK 937 NEWS

On Monday, April 14, 2012, Pack 937 held an Arrow of Light and Cross-Over Ceremony for ten Cub Scouts. The Arrow of Light award is the highest award in the Cub Scout program. This ceremony was led by Brian Schlake, the boys' Den Leader and Pack Cub Master. Rev. Ed Beck and Chief of Police Bob Holzworth addressed the boys with stories about "Choices" and charged each one to make good choices as they begin this next phase of their lives and scouting. Five of the ten boys "crossed over" to area Boy Scout Troops; while the others have not yet decided which troop to join.

Our church was proud to host this ceremony honoring the boys' accomplishments over the past five years. We continue to support this pack and share in its mission to nurture boys to become good, responsible young men through a faith-based environment.

- Mike Hawkins



EASTER FLOWERS

- In Memory of Parents and Grandparents, by Mike and Phyllis Flick
- In Memory of Stanley and Anna Mae Coombs, by Bill and Joanne Coombs
- In Memory of Paul and Myrtle Jewell, by Bill and Joanne Coombs
- In Memory of Earl and Louise Young, by Irene Young
- In Memory of Dodie Ogle, by Harry Ogle
- In Memory of Alston, Ogle and Alexander Families, by Harry Ogle
- In Memory of Bob Lemmons and both sets of parents, by Ida Mae Lemmons
- In Memory of Howard Kirkpatrick, by Cathy Richardson Family
- In Memory of Sarah Jane Nichol, by Cathy Richardson Family
- In Memory of Ginny Zimmerman, by Cathy Richardson Family
- In Memory of Arthur Miller, by Cathy Richardson Family
- In Honor of Rev. Ed and Robyn Beck, by the Darrrtown United Methodist Church
- In Honor of Jane Steger, by Tom and Debra Steger
- In Honor of Lily Steger, by Tom and Debra Steger

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

From Our President, Cathy Richardson:

Our March meeting was a recap of missions and a wonderful presentation of the mission of "The Least Coin" by Ida Mae Lemmons.

Our April meeting was attended by nine members having dinner at Bob Evan's restaurant in Hamilton. Great socializing and thinking ahead about the Easter breakfast and our Spring Tea Party to be held on April 29th.

Upcoming:

- The May meeting, Monday the 7th, will have a speaker and preparation for the rummage sale/bake sale/luncheon. We will have our annual Mother's Day program with Bingo. Hostesses are Phyllis Flick and Maxine Harris.
- The June 4 meeting will have a speaker and program. Hostesses are Ida Mae Lemmons and Malka Mertes.
- Tuesday, June 12: 8:30 am noodle-making.
- June 8-9: Rummage Sale. Donations are needed for the rummage sale, bake sale and luncheon.
- No meetings in July and August but we will get together to work on our Linus Blanket Mission. No sewing, just cut and tie knots.
- Happy Birthday to Stephanie Folck on May 24. No other birthdays.

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

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<u>June</u>					1 Ann Jones	2
3	4	5 Lauren McCartney	6 Phoebe Kerby Audrey Kerby	7	8	9
10 David & Shannon Guenther (Anniv)	11 Donna Sprau	12	13	14	15 Beth Fulmer	16
17 Father's Day Jack & Connie Davis (Anniv)	18 Helen George	19 Jim & Roxane Leitsch (Anniv)	20 Shawn & Penny Webster (Anniv)	21	22	23 Shelly Bennett
24 Richard & Linda Roemer (Anniv) Nicholas Withrow	25 Domenic & Luella DeCeglie (Anniv)	26 Rev. Ed & Robyn Beck (Anniv) Ron & Pam Hatton (Anniv)	27	28	29	30

