

Good News

From Darrtown United Methodist Church
for July / August, 2005



Summer is a wonderful time. In spite of the heat and humidity that summer brings, it also enables us to be outdoors. Neighbors that we have hardly seen during the cold months are visible again. Contacts and friendships are re-made. Outdoor picnics, walks, and events are possible and enjoyed again. Mowing grass replaces shoveling snow. Summer vacations are the big events for which we have planned so long.

In the midst of all this activity and excitement, I hope you will take your time alone with God as often as possible. Be sure to also keep your lifeline alive with worship each week.

As you re-new your acquaintances with neighbors and friends, share with them how great it is to think small – your small church that is! Lots of exciting events are coming up soon – Vacation Bible School which is an important time of learning and fun for the children, and the annual Ice Cream Social in August. Please mark your calendars and join us – and bring a friend.

See you in church!

Rev. Ed



Upcoming Events

- July 10 (Sunday): Vacation Bible School preparation
- July 11-15 (Monday-Friday): Vacation Bible School - 6:30 - 8:30 pm [see details]
- No Trustees or Administrative Council in July
- July 10-15 (Sunday-Friday): Youth Bike Camp on the Little Miami Bike Trail for those entering 8th - 13th grade. Cost is \$125 per camper. Ask your pastor for a brochure or call Rev. Ann Myers, Olive Branch UMC, Oregonia, Ohio. Phone: 513-932-3943.
- July 24: Butler County Fair begins
- July 25 (Monday): UMW noodle-making at 8:30 am
- July 30 (Saturday): Otterbein Lebanon's Annual Fish Fry, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
- August 6 (Saturday): Darrrtown Ice Cream Social - 4:30 - 7:00 pm. This annual event keeps getting bigger and bigger. Mark your calendars to join us for plenty of good food, homemade ice cream and fellowship. Contact Carolyn Russell at 523-6768 for more information or to offer your services.
- August 8 (Monday): Trustees and Administrative Council meeting at 6:00 pm
- August 26 & 27: McGonigle-Millville Yard Sale
- September 10 (Saturday): Pig Roast at McGonigle-Millville
- September 18-24: National Religious Music Week

HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE

July: Jane Menke, Rhonda Knight, Etta Jean Crawford
 August: Harry & Dodie Ogle, Sally Hansel
 * When a trade is needed, contact Etta Jean at 524-2144.

ACOLYTES July: Stephanie Ison
 August: Carly Hansel

GREETERS / USHERS

July: Wayne Weber, Bill Coombs
 August: Maxine & Bill Harris
 * When a trade is needed, contact Helen and Wayne Weber at 756-0021.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to honor or remember a relative or friend with flowers, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the church annex. Fill in the appropriate information and Caren Hansel will handle the arrangements.



PRAYERS REQUESTS

Jill & Dave Morris (Iraq); Jessie Jones (Iraq); Chris Williams (Afghanistan); Mel Snider; family of Emma Shoker; family of Charlotte Bunger, Cindy Gilbert's mother; family of Bernice Lindley, Wayne Weber and family in the loss of his son; Ersia Coombs; JoAnn Coombs; Robyn Beck; family of Russ Burr; Carolyn Russell (surgery); Ida Mae Lemmons (pending surgery); Pam Hatten (surgery); Dale Gross (surgery); Braxton child (cancer)

MILITARY

Let us remember in prayer those who serve our country.

- ★ SSgt. Michael Eversole
- ★ Dale Wm. Baumann
- ★ Mitch Voeke
- ★ Kristopher Nelson
- ★ Robert Mills



WELCOME VISITORS!

We would like to welcome all of our visitors and extend our sincere thanks for choosing Darrrtown UMC as your place of worship. We hope you found us to be warm and loving and that you were lifted by our service. Please come back and let us be your church family!

Opportunities to Serve

Are the majority of Christians in the world today really aware of the simple and sometimes difficult needs of others, as Jesus had been? Opportunities to serve are all around us. In our churches, volunteers can commit to being a disciple of Christ by willingly giving of their time and talent.

LOOKING FORWARD

CUSHIONS FOR PEWS



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year's theme for VBS is "Ranch House Kids: Adventure of the Open Door" at the Circle G Ranch, where God is at the center and the love never ends. The fun includes Bible stories, songs, games and crafts.

Our friends from the Lutheran Church will be joining us this year. We are asking for the loan of items pertaining to a Western theme: cowboy boots, jackets, clothing, ropes, etc. Money donations are appreciated to defray the cost of this community mission. Please feel free to join us and help with the children beginning July 11 thru 15, Monday thru Friday, 6:30-8:30 pm.

MILFORD TOWNSHIP BICENTENNIAL

The Milford Township Bicentennial Committee is seeking copies of any Milford Township man or woman in uniform, living or deceased, who is or was in the U.S. Armed Forces during any U.S. war or conflict. We are also looking for a picture of the World War II Memorial Board which listed servicemen and women and sat in front of the Darrtown K of P Lodge in the mid-1940s. Since we are celebrating 200 years of history, we would like copies interesting pictures or stories of Milford Township's people, places or events. Please help by calling 523-5957 (N. Pitman) or 523-1193 (M. Evans). The program and display will be in August, however, we need items now. Thank you.

Marna Evans

SMITH & OGLE FUNERAL HOME

Harry Ogle announces the new location of their funeral home at 5086 College Corner Pike, Oxford, Ohio. The phone number remains the same.

DARRTOWN CHOIR

The choir will disband for the months of July and August. However, we need special music. Please contact Ida Mae, Laura or Donna if you can offer suggestions or know of anyone willing to share their talents. Thank you!

Donna Gallagher

Thoughts and plans are under way to possibly purchase pew cushions. We have a sample on a pew in the Sanctuary. Ignore the color, give it a try, and let us know what you think. Though we need to complete payment on the parking lot, this could be a good fall or winter project. The cost would be less than \$4,000 for the whole church.

OTTERBEIN LEBANON AUXILIARY

Otterbein Lebanon Auxiliary is an organization to assist Otterbein Lebanon in its ministry to older persons. It has been some time since our church has been involved with this mission. I would like to extend the opportunity for us to become active again, either by becoming Auxiliary Members, or by donating items. Memberships are: Regular: \$2.00 per year; Patron: \$5.00 per year; Family: \$25.00 per year.

A specifically marked box will be available in the Annex for collecting items that will be delivered to Otterbein. Some personal items needed by the elderly are: toothpaste, jewelry, hosery, earphones for TVs, shoe laces, etc. If you have extra craft items such as floral tape and wire, ribbons, thread, quilt fillings, edgings, etc., these would also be welcomed. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Otterbein Lebanon's annual open house, fish fry and arts and crafts festival will be on Saturday, July 30, 2005, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Maxine Harris

LOOKING BACK

SECOND YEAR

On July 3, 2005, Rev. Ed will be celebrating his second year as our pastor. He began ministering at Darrtown and McGonigle-Millville on the first Sunday in July, 2003. We feel really blessed to have had his leadership and guidance, and look forward to many more years!

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Zack Russell, Ken and Pam Russell's son, high school graduation. Zack was honored by Rev. Ed on Sunday, June 19th with the presentation of a book., The Purpose Driven Life, by Rick Warren.

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RUMMAGE SALE

Our Saturday, June 4th rummage sale, in conjunction with Darrrtown's Community Yard Sale, was a huge success, bringing in over \$1,600 for the church and over \$200 for the United Methodist Women from their Bake Sale. Over \$1,600 will go toward the blacktopping expense. Thanks to all who volunteered their time and talents to make our 9th Annual Rummage Sale a big success. Our members worked so hard getting everything ready and we had a huge turnout of helpers on the day of the sale. The unsold items were taken to the Goodwill in Hamilton after the sale. Seventeen of our members went to dinner at Tumbleweeds to celebrate the day. What a day of fellowship! Thanks again! Donna Gallagher

Comments by Ida Mae Lemmons

Our view from the Bake Sale table: It was heart-warming to sit back and watch people from many walks of life enjoying and fellowshiping with one another, trying on hats, jackets, sweaters, purses, etc. And children trying out and buying toys. People took time to clap their hands, pat their feet and "swing" to the tune played on the "old piano" by Donna. A couple from Millville bought the old piano. Thanks, Donna, for giving us a break from the serious buying and selling!

HOPEWELL CHURCH SERVICE

On June 12th our church hosted the morning service at the historic Hopewell church near Houston Woods. Approximately 70 people attended. We had a nice turnout of choir members. Thanks to all who participated, especially the men.

Thirteen of our members met at Bob Evans in Oxford for breakfast after the service.

UPDATE ON NEW PARKING LOT

The blacktopping has been completed on our parking lot and the white stripes for individual parking spaces have been painted. Spaces for handicapped parking have been identified. The blacktop makes walking much easier, and will help keep the carpets cleaner. This was a large project for a small church and thanks to all of you who have generously helped us reach for our goal of \$15,000. We are \$2,000

short. Any way you could help to push us over the top on this project would be greatly appreciated.

Shawn Gallagher

THANK YOU

Thanks to Rhonda Knight for completing our new church directory. Please direct any updates to Rev. Ed and Robyn.

CONDOLENCES

- † To the family of Charlotte Bunger (Cindy Gilbert's mother)
- † To the family of Emma Shoker
- † To the family of David Weber (Wayne Weber's son)
- † To the family of Russ Burr: Note from family: *Just wanted you to know how much I appreciated your putting Russ in all your prayers. Though this is a painful journey I much now face without him, I know Russ is home, free from pain and suffering. Maybe he, my brother Steve and my parents are all together. It hurts, but my faith will see me through. Again thank you... with much love and prayers, Susie Burr & family*
- † To the family of Bill Williams: Note from family: *We, the Bill Williams family, thank you for your spiritual help and prayers the past year for Bill. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and kindness in preparing such a lovely meal for us during our time of sorrow and need. It was an unexpected delight to have all this done for us. Thank you again, Rose Williams & family*

RECUPERATIONS

- ❖ Carolyn Russell from heart surgery: Note from Carolyn: *We want to thank everyone for their thoughtful prayers, lovely cards, nice visits and delicious food. We praise and thank God for our church family. Thanks be to God. Carolyn & Ken*
- ❖ Pam Hatten from back surgery.
- ❖ Dale Gross from back surgery.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



Women's Fellowship

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.

SPECIAL MISSION RECOGNITION

On Sunday, May 22nd, Carolyn Russell was awarded the Special Mission Recognition pin by the UMW. This award is presented annually based on a person's dedication and activity in community and church affairs. A donation is made to the Board of Global Mission, which is used for world mission. Congratulations! Carolyn.

SUNSHINE BASKET

The UMW coordinated a gift project called "The Sunshine Basket." Several small gifts were placed in a basket with instructions to "open one each day." This basket was given to JoAnn Coombs in order to lighten her days of recuperation. Feedback was that she really enjoyed each gift and especially the thoughtfulness behind the efforts.

July: No meeting. July's mission is School Supplies for Oxford Resource Center. Items needed are: divided notebook with notebook paper; back packs; #2 pencils; blue and black ink pens; folders; erasers for pencil ends; highlighters.

August: No meeting. August mission is Paper Products for Oxford Resource Center. Items needed are: paper towels; tissues; toilet paper.

June Meeting: Balance reported by Treasurer, Etta Jean, was \$ 634.38. This amount included proceeds from the Bake Sale of \$207.25. Our lap robe project for the nursing home is progressing well and some were on display. We have begun

embroidery of flower-sack toweling which will be offered for sale at the November bazaar. Thanks, Sarah Jane, for donating the larger towels to the church kitchen. Two noodle-making sessions were scheduled in preparation for the August Ice Cream Social (June 27th and July 25th at 8:30 am). Based on troubled children of the Bible, the story of Ishmael and Isaac was read. A light refreshment was served.

World Thank Offering: Boxes are available in the back of the Sanctuary and will be collected in the fall. Throughout the year when you feel you have been blessed, drop a penny in the box. Each box will hold 464 pennies.

Campbell Labels: Please continue to save your labels and place them in the pink shoebox in the Annex. These are sent to The Henderson Settlement in Kentucky.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT NEWS

UM Nomads at Work

Are you a retired or soon-to-be retired person looking for a new opportunity to serve God? UM Nomads could be for you. Working with Nomads outreach gives the retiree who has an RV of some kind the opportunity to be of much needed service to individual churches and to UMC supported agencies across the United States. Most of the projects are in the south during the cold months where retirees like to spend the winter, although there are more and more projects being held in northern locations of the US during the other seasons of the year. Not only do the Nomads work in camps and for churches but there is much community service being done as well as repairing homes damaged by storms, or by neglect for people who cannot afford to have it done commercially.

Interested individuals can get more information by contacting the Nomads National Office at P.O. Box 25040, Trotwood, Ohio 45426 or by calling 937-837-9849.

*It is the month of July,
the month of leaves and roses,
when pleasant sights salute the eyes,
and pleasant scents the noses.*

THE KITCHEN OF GOD'S HOUSE

Having one of my better days, I was able to help at the Charlotte Bunger funeral luncheon, which was held in the Annex on May 25th. When I arrived, the "crew" already had things "under control." I thought "shall I stay or shall I go home?" As time continued, there were little things to prepare as I enjoyed the sharing and fellowship. All assigned tasks were checked. The tables were dressed up and ready when it was time to serve approximately 55 relatives and friends, plus the workers. Much food preparation and monetary donations by others helped this luncheon take place. As the family parted, left-over food was donated to the Bunger family, with their thankfulness. Last but not least – clean-up time! Ken Russell walked in just at the right time. The dish washer was started and God's working crew's plan was on its way to completion. Congratulations and thanks to all you good young people!

Ida Mae Lemmons

Note: This scene has been and will continue to be repeated as needed, with each family expressing much thanks and appreciation. Thank you to the Bereavement Committee and everyone who donated food. This group has been working hard in the past several months. Special thanks to Sandy Beckemeier for stepping in when Carolyn Russell was recuperating from surgery, and Donna Gallagher was playing for the funeral of Emma Shoker. Thanks to all of you who work tirelessly to make these dinners possible. There are too many of you to list, but know that you are deeply appreciated.

NOODLE-MAKING

The UMW gathered early on Monday morning, June 27th, to make homemade noodles in preparation for our August Ice Cream Social. Our "helpers" roles were changed due to recent surgeries or other demanding appointments. Three new "apprentice" noodle-makers were Sarah Jane Nichols, Carolyn Sadler and Maxine Harris. Although these ladies had been helpers at past noodle-making sessions, this was the first time that Sarah Jane learned from Ida Mae exactly how to mix the dough, and Carolyn and Maxine learned how to use the machines. Thanks to all who came to help. We would like to invite you to join us on July 25th at 8:30 am for another session.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
to Ed & Robyn Beck (June 26)

By Donna Gallagher

*We thank you for your blessings,
We thank you for your love...*
Your caring and your compassion we know comes from God above.
Your 23rd anniversary is today and we want to celebrate the big day too...
So sit back and enjoy the choir number we have selected just for the two of you.
You mean so much to all of us, we can't begin to thank you today...
For all the wonderful things you do, for all the giving that comes our way.
With all the challenges of building a new home, you seem to keep up with the works of our church and more...
Your stamina, smiles and busy lives must sometimes seem like a big chore.
But with God as your beacon of light, you seem to do more than your share...
The 20 hours have turned into 80, 90 or 100 hours which proves to us that you do care.
Thank you again for your blessings, thank you again for your love...
Thank you for sharing your life and helping us to know our loving God above.

We would like to thank everyone for their cards and blessings on our 23rd wedding anniversary. The choir's tribute and Donna's poem made our day extra special. Thanks for your love.

Rev. Ed & Robyn

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<u>Hospitality:</u> Jane, Rhonda, Etta Jean <u>Acolytes:</u> Stephanie Ison <u>Greeters:</u> Wayne Weber, Bill Coombs					1 Ron & Roxanne Otto Anniversary	2 Jack Davis' Birthday
3	4 Independence Day	5	6 Jim Meador's Birthday	7	8	9 Jon Gilberg's Birthday
10 VBS preparation	11 VBS 6:30-8:30 pm Mike McCartney's Birthday	12 VBS 6:30-8:30 pm	13 VBS 6:30-8:30 pm Donna Gallagher's Birthday	14 VBS 6:30-8:30 pm	15 VBS 6:30-8:30 pm	16
17 VBS Day at Church	18	19	20 Anna Marie Clark's Birthday	21 Rhonda Knight's Birthday	22	23
24	25 UMW noodle- making 8:30 am Shaw n Gallagher Birthday	26 Emma Leibforth's Birthday Adam Blalock's Birthday	27	28 Mel Snider's Birthday	29	30 Otterbein Fish Fry
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New Secretary

(Wilmington District News Continued)

On behalf of the Wilmington District Superintendency Committee, I want to announce the employment of Cathy Hanover as an interim administrative secretary for our district office. Lorene Williams will work full time until July 31 and serve in a part-time supervisory capacity through December 31, 2005. Sherry Williams will continue as financial secretary.

With the Annual conference Realignment, we chose someone willing to work through the remaining year of transition fully aware that the position may not exist after July 1, 2006. Thanks for your patience and grace as we work together through the adventure of the future.

Jama Hayes, Chair of the District Supt. Committee

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY THERAPY



Have a personal ritual to mark your birthday every year. For instance, say a special prayer, read a special poem, listen to special music. As the years go by, consider how the meaning of that prayer, poem, or music has changed and deepened for you.

- July 13 - Donna Gallagher
- July 21 - Rhonda Knight
- July 26 - Emma Leibforth
- August 5 - Robyn Beck
- August 14 - Rev. Ed Beck
- August 26 - Sandy Beckemeier

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Just For Kids

The Best Things in Life are Free

Some of the best things in life are free. Some of these free things are more important than anything we could buy. Some of the "free" things are described below. Answer the question rhymes and see what they are. Write each answer on the line.

1. It's being as close as the floor and a rug;
you use your arms to give a _____.
2. It's on a face and I'd walk a mile,
for a very special person's _____.
3. Of all things on earth or heaven above,
this is the best, and that's someone's _____.
4. The world would surely come to an end,
if I lost my very special _____.
5. After a rain this starts to glow,
it's a many-colored, bright _____.
6. Cats, plants, and I think this is fine,
we love to feel the warm _____.
7. You can whistle or hum along,
or use your voice for a pretty _____.

**** Notice ** Deadline for Newsletter Articles**

The next deadline date for submitting articles for the newsletter is **August, 2005**. Items can be given to Maxine Harris or Ida Mae Lemmons. We will be including monthly calendars and we need your help to keep upcoming events, birthdays, anniversaries, etc. noted on these calendars. You may also send information via e-mail to Maxine at: maxakers03@aol.com.

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7	8 Ken & Pam Russell Anniversary Trustees & Admin Board Meeting at 6:00 / 7:00 pm	9	10	11 Jennifer Clark's Birthday	12	13
14 Rev. Ed's Birthday	15 Jon & Cindy Gilbert Anniversary	16	17	18	19	20
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