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NEWS

From Darrtown United Methodist Church
for July / August, 2006



I still receive newsletters from previous pastorates. One is from Westwood United Methodist Church. Steve Bennett, Senior Pastor, wrote in one about finding a virtual cemetery on the internet. It's a place where genealogy buffs can upload pictures of gravestones of ancestors. He remarked that it might be the kind of place that St. Peter might log on in order to compare records.

Let me quote his next two paragraphs:
"Strange, isn't it? In this information age, it seems like we are headed toward two worlds – a real world and a virtual world. *Virtual* may be defined as "that which is not real, but may be considered to be real while using it." To participate in virtual reality requires the "willing suspension of disbelief" to use a phrase attributed to the 19th century English poet, Samuel Taylor Coleridge. For instance, when we look in the mirror in the morning to comb our hair, we don't worry that the image in the mirror is not really us, we just carry on as if it were because it gets the job done, and done better than if we had no mirror at all. As for me, I'm waiting for someone to come up with some virtual hair.

Now what about Christians? What reality are we living in? Some have accused us of denying the

present reality for the virtual reality of the past. It's a reality that seems more pleasant in our minds. It protects us from having to be responsible for dealing with the harsher realities of the present. Will we retreat to "*the little brown church in the wildwood*," because there is "*no lovelier place in the dale*?" I hope that will never be true of us! Let me encourage us to sing another song, "*To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill. Oh, may it all my powers engage to do my Master's will.*"

I don't know about virtual cemeteries, because I don't even use the computer YET. But I do know that these two churches – one still much like it was in 1871 and the other soon to be restored and improved on its 1915 construction – are monuments of faith built by real saints. I am in awe of the stories of the past and of God's plans for our futures.

We provide a "little brown church in the wildwood" place with traditional worship and old fashioned love and fellowship that looks to serve in our present age. It will require all our strength, love, faith, and creativity to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit in the days that are ahead. We have been benefactors of those who came before us. Now it is our turn to pray "God, show us what You want to accomplish through me now and for the future."

See YOU in church!

Love, Rev. Ed

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Upcoming Events

- July 1: Ohio River Valley District begins
- July 2: Communion and Independence Day Worship; called Admin Board meeting after church
- Each Sunday: Worship at 9:00 am; Fellowship and Sunday School at 10:00 am
- July 4: Independence Day
- July 8: T.G.I.F. (Teens Growing in Faith) to attend the Underground
- July 10-14: Vacation Bible School at Darrrtown, three churches participating – see details below
- July 16: VBS Sunday at Darrrtown – 9:00 am
- July 18: UMW Noodle-making at 8:30 am
- July 20: Spirit Seekers, Secret Sisters revealed at McGonigle-Millville UMC
- July 23: Darrrtown sponsors Historic Hopewell church service at 9:30; no service at Darrrtown
- July 23 (Last Week of July): Butler County Fair
- July 28: T.G.I.F. to attend Butler Co. Fair as a group
- August 5: Ice Cream Social – 4:30 – 7:00 pm
- August 14: Trustees and Admin Council at 7:00 pm
- August 17: Spirit Seekers at McGonigle-Millville
- August 27: Promotion Sunday
- September 1: Annual Fish Fry – 4:30 – 7:00 pm
- September 5 (Tuesday): UMW meet at 7:00 pm
- September 9: Pig Roast – 4:30 – 7:00 pm at McGonigle-Millville; pre-sale of tickets \$9.00 adults, \$5.00 children

HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE

July: Various volunteers

August: The Hollisters; Carolyn & Ken Russell

* When a trade is needed, contact Etta Jean at 524-2144.

ACOLYTES

July: Josh Russell

August: Tori Heinrich

ALTAR FLOWERS

Fill out the sign-up sheet in the Annex to order flowers in honor or memory of a loved one.



Mel Snider
Ersia Coombs
JoAnn Coombs
Melva Ward
Stacey Hansel
Heather Martin
Gene Weber
Helen Feister
Thomas Richardson

PRAYERS REQUESTS

Jill & Dave Morris (Iraq)
Thomas Streit (Iraq)
Chris Williams (Afghanistan)
Nadia Webster
Betty Coombs
Tyler Weisman
Ellen Simpson
Jim Eggeston
George Tome
Cliff Farmer
Jackie Grimes
Henry Snodderly

Looking Forward

DARRTOWN COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

FIESTA!

Where Kids are Fired Up About Jesus

Dates: July 10-14, 6:30-8:30 pm

and Sunday, July 16 at 9:00 am

Get ready for an exciting celebration of Jesus love. You will enjoy Bible stories, treasure verses, games, crafts, unforgettable music and tasty snacks.

Carolyn Russell

MISSION

Our mission for June will be donations to help defray the costs of Vacation Bible School. Envelopes are provided on the chicken at the back of the sanctuary for this important church mission for the community.

Our mission for July/August will be for school supplies. You may donate by check. Be sure to designate "for school supplies." Also, bring in school supplies if you wish. Back packs are the most needed item. Any school supplies can be accepted. There will be a box available for collections.

Ida Mae Lemmons

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ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Annual Ice Cream Social will be held Saturday, August 5th, 4:30-7:00 pm. Menu: hot chicken or barbeque sandwiches, potato salad, baked beans, cole slaw, homemade noodles, deviled eggs, homemade ice cream, pies, cakes, lemonade, ice tea, and coffee. We will need lots of help and food donations for this social. Watch for more information at a later time.

Carolyn Russell

SPIRIT SEEKERS

Spirit Seekers continues to meet the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm in the McGongile-Millville fellowship hall. All ladies of both churches are invited to join us. We enjoy prayer, devotion, study and fellowship.

EMMAUS WALK

Fall Emmaus Walks: Men's Walk – September 7-10; Women's Walk – October 5-8; cost \$85.

If you know someone who would like to go to Emmaus, please get them signed up. Even if they are not sure they can go in the fall, get their applications in so that they can be on the registration list. If there are not at least 20 registrations by 7:00 pm two weeks before the scheduled walk, it will be cancelled. Rev. Ed has application forms.

Looking Back

MOTHER'S DAY FAMILY BANQUET

A group of ladies gathered at the church two days before the May 12th Mother's Day Family Banquet night. It appeared as if they were getting ready to make noodles! But no, those gadgets that were attached to the kitchen counter were not noodle-makers, they were apple peelers. Eighteen pounds of Jon-A-Gold and yellow delicious apples were waiting to be prepared for the famous **Etta Jean Crawford's** homemade apple crisp. Etta Jean was there with her recipe. Pie crusts needed to be made for six 9x13 pans, three pounds of apples needed to be peeled and sliced for each pan, the delicious cinnamon mix was made and set aside. All phases of preparation came together to provide a delicious home-made apple crisp dessert for over 100 people!

Thanks to **Dee Arnold** and **Carolyn Russell** for supervising the roasting of the beef. It was delicious, as well

as the potato casserole, green beans and salad. And the Texas Roadhouse bread rolls were irresistible. What a treat for all families to be served a sit-down meal, followed by many great door prizes. Thanks to the youth who helped serve and to the men who helped clean up the kitchen.

After dinner, we were blessed to experience the wonderful melodies of an all-male singing group named Undivided Hearts.

Maxine Harris

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S DAY

On May 21st Darrrtown's unit of United Methodist Women conducted the morning worship service. Participating in various activities were: **Ida Mae Lemmons, Christy Heinrich, Rhonda Knight, Mickey Julian, Lora Richardson, Cathy Richardson, Sandy Beckemeier, Laura Cohen, Donna Gallagher, Pam Russell, Carolyn Sadler, Carolyn Russell, Maxine Harris, Kathy Menke, Robyn Beck, Caren Hansel, and Sally Hansel.** Special thanks to **Karen Meador** for video-taping the program. The flowers on the altar were in memory of **Myrtle Jewell**, who was an active UMW member for many years. Thanks to everyone who made this service truly special.

Special thanks to Sally Hansel for presenting a very touching and inspiring testimony of "Love, Friendship and Faith."

Each year, our unit chooses someone from our congregation to receive a pin in recognition of their dedication and service to the church. Ida Mae presented the pin to this year's honoree, **Larry Simison.** Larry has been a member of the Darrrtown church since 1951, and has helped with different chores through the years. Larry has spent approximately 14 years mowing grass, even though he is allergic to grass! Larry was truly surprised and commented, "we love our church family." Thanks again, Larry, for your hard work and sincere dedication.

Maxine Harris

Bee Attitudes

Bee busy – doing what you like to do.
Bee true – to the dreams God has given you.
Bee sure – to taste the sweetness of each day.
Bee silly – giggle lots – go out and play.
Bee bold – enough to trust your wings to fly.
Bee-lieve – the power of prayer will get you by.
Bee happy – keep your outlook bright and sunny.
Bee yourself – because you really are a honey.



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RUMMAGE SALE

The church annual rummage, bake sale and lunch were a success in spite of or perhaps because of the rainy day on June 10th. Thanks to the generous donations of so many, the annex, front porch and the back of the sanctuary were overflowing with sale items and we realized a profit of \$1,464. Many people volunteered their time, but special thanks to **Donna Gallagher** for the fliers, signs and dealing with the advertising problems. Also to **Sandy and Megan Beckemeier, Lora Richardson, and Taylor and Shelby Cook** for helping with set up and to **Bill Coombs** for enduring the rain to sell items outside. Thanks also to **Shawn Gallagher** and **Jerry Krauth** for delivering two loads of our leftovers to McGonigle-Millville UMC for their rummage sale to be held in August. Thanks to **Carolyn Russell, Etta Jean Crawford** and all the helpers in the kitchen for providing the good lunch, and organizing the bake sale, proceeds of which went to the United Methodist Women's unit. To everyone who helped in any way, thank you for your hard work and the good fellowship.

Phyllis Flick and Linda Stegmeir

WEST OHIO ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2006 IN THE POTTER'S HANDS

The worship services were wonderful. The singing and the serving of communion to 3,000 people were lovely. It was a joy to be at the service regarding changing the fourteen districts to eight. We are now the Ohio River Valley Conference. We have a Book of Reports if anyone is interested in reading it.

Ken & Carolyn Russell

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Three projects that were approved by the Trustees and Administrative Board are nearing completion. The first was the dry well outside the social room door that will take the water from the downspout and put in into the ground. Second is the new storage building outside the back door off the kitchen. It needs a coat of paint and some shelving inside, but it is already starting to fill up. Third is the new entrance door to the social room. The door and side light gives a new look to this area of the building. The lock on this door is new as well and new keys are available. If you currently have a key that no longer works, see me for a new one.

Shawn Gallagher

A STORMY NIGHT AT THE GALLAGHERS

Thank you, **Donna and Shawn**, for your great hospitality on the stormy night of June 7th, a "one of a kind" final choir practice of the season. At the beginning of this get-together, the weather pounded all the arrivals with lots of rain and thunder and lightening.

Ida Mae was at home wondering if she should venture out in the storm. She said, "As the merry time began at the Gallaghers, one person noticed that I was not there and called me on the phone to say she was coming to get me. Maxine, the taxi driver, left Bill at the party and drove through the raging storm to pick me up, then drove to Etta Jean's house to pick her up. What fun it turned out to be."

Despite the weather, which did get better after awhile, approximately 30 people attended and enjoyed lots of Donna's delicious home cooking. After the meal, the choir group gathered around Donna's organ and practiced for our upcoming engagements. The spirit of God's love was there among us.

Ida Mae / Maxine

UMW NOODLE-MAKING DAY

A group of United Methodist Women met early on Tuesday morning, June 13th, to prepare homemade noodles for our upcoming August Ice Cream Social. We had a great turnout. Ida Mae was concerned that we would be short of help. Thanks to some of our new members who helped for the first time: **Donna Rumgay, Helen Bruck, Dee Arnold, Sharon Blalock, and Melba Gross**. Thanks to **Ida Mae Lemmons, Etta Jean Crawford, Carolyn Sadler, Sandy Beckemeier, Donna Gallagher, Maxine Harris, and Sarah Jane Nichols** who shared their past experience with the new "learners."

An additional date of July 18th at 8:30 am has been scheduled for noodle-making to insure that we have enough noodles for the August Ice Cream Social, the November Turkey Dinner, as well as extras to sell at the November Bazaar. Join us again for this interesting and fun fellowship.

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SINGING AT THE MATRIX

Several members of our congregation went to the Matrix Nursing Home in Oxford on June 12th for a hymn sing. We were surprisingly accompanied by a juice harp player who was a resident there. He knew some of the tunes, however, he attempted to play every song. Many of the residents sang along with us. Thanks, Donna, for playing the small keyboard even though it was more difficult than expected.

PORK CHOP DINNER

The first annual Pork Chop dinner was a success, thanks to all who donated food and their time to make it happen. Approximately 200 dinners were served with a profit of \$1069. Special thanks to **Myra and Jerry Krauth** for chairing this event.

The second annual Fish Fry is scheduled for Friday, September 1st. Mark your calendar and plan to come and support this event.

All funds raised from these events will go toward the building fund for continued improvements in and around the church.

Donna Gallagher

RELAY FOR LIFE

The American Cancer Society's Oxford Relay for Life was held on June 24th and 25th raising over \$69,000 for cancer research and treatment. I had the wonderful opportunity to participate in this event. We started the day off with an opening ceremony and prayer followed by the survivor lap. It was wonderful to see all the cancer survivors taking a "victory lap" in celebration of their lives and fight against cancer. I was very proud to see my children walking right along with me. **Chris Heinrich** walked 123 laps, which is about 25 miles or 42,558 steps! **Tori Heinrich** walked around 75 laps, 15 miles or 29,950 steps! I walked about 17 hours for a total of 170 laps, which is 34 miles or 58,820 steps. As I stated in church, I didn't set out to walk that much but once I started, I found a wonderful sense of fellowship amongst everyone there. My thoughts kept going back to those who were battling cancer and those who have lost their lives to this terrible disease. When my body was exhausted and I felt I could no longer go on, I thought of those loved ones and they kept me going.

Christy Heinrich

SUNDAY SCHOOL

I was given the privilege to teach a class on Sunday, June 11th. I found the material used to teach the class very good and well laid out, making it easy to teach and also helping the teacher to learn. The children were interesting too. Many in our church need to take the step of faith to take a turn teaching our beautiful children, our leaders of tomorrow. You would be glad you did. It certainly helps in giving them a well rounded education.

Love through Christ for the Education Department, Ida Mae Lemmons

CONGRATULATIONS

- 👍 To our four high school graduates: **Cameron Hansel, Claire Cohen, Jarrad Sizemore and Allison White.** We wish them all a successful and blessed future.
- 👍 To **Fred Guiler** as he announces the graduation of **James Andrew Streit** from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Andy graduated with his Master of Arts Degree in Christian Education, and has received an endorsement for leadership and teaching.
- 👍 To our large group of new members who joined the church on May 14th: **Andrew and Helen Bruck, Dan and Melissa Burkholder, Phyllis Flick, Michael and Debbie Hawkins, John and Cyndi Mehl, Robert and Donna Rumgay, and Richard and Carolyn Sadler.**
- 👍 To **Audrey Brooks** as we joined her in celebrating her 90th birthday on June 18th.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

All women of the church and community are invited to be a part of this caring and sharing group, locally and globally. Our reason is to be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the local and global ministries of the church.

COMING UP

- No July meeting
- July 18 – 8:30 am noodle making
- August 5 – Ice Cream Social
- No August meeting
- September 5 (TUESDAY) meeting at 7:00 pm

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Present balance as of June 5: \$405.79.

NEW DISTRICT TEAM

The installation of the new district Ohio River Valley team officers of the United Methodist Women will be Saturday, September 9th at 10:00 am at Springfield, Ohio.

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL OF MISSION

Ida Mae Lemmons will be attending the Christian School of Mission for the week of July 17th at Ohio Northern University, Ada, Ohio. Studies will include "Globalization: the Impact on People's Lives" and "India-Pakistan II" and "Shalom...Peace...Salaam." Fellowship of missionaries, speakers, and music will be enjoyed, as well as recapturing some old friendships.

International Missionaries: it has been reported that there is need for at least 20 more missionaries.

WORLD THANK OFFERING

Reminder – be sure to pick up the little blue box that is available at the back of the sanctuary and drop a coin in when you feel a blessing. These will be collected at our Thanksgiving service. The donations go to the Board of Global Missions, our way of sharing with others of the world and the United States.

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Happy Birthday Therapy

If you want people to remember your birthday, remind them. If you want a party and no one has planned it, throw one yourself.

- 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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CAMPBELL LABELS

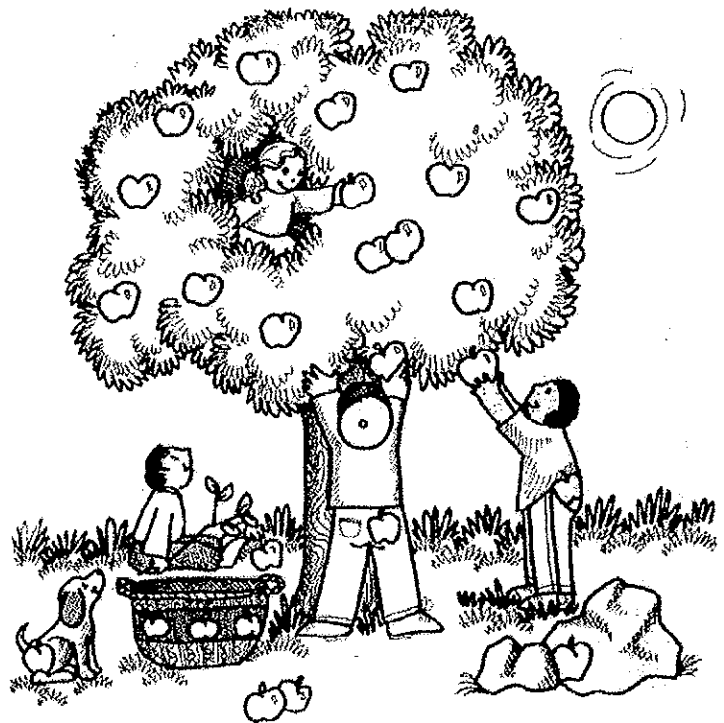
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**** Notice ** Deadline for Newsletter Articles**

The next deadline date for submitting articles is **August 20, 2006**. Items can be given to Maxine Harris or Ida Mae Lemmons. Remember to include WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN and a contact person and phone number. You may also send information via e-mail to Maxine at: maxakers03@aol.com.

Just for Kids

The boys and girls are picking apples to fill the basket. Some apples are in the tree. Some apples are hidden in other places. Can you find 10 apples that are **not** in the tree?



Have a happy summer!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Ron & Roxanna Otto Anniversary
2 Communion & Independence Day	3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8 T.G.I.F. to attend the Underground
9	10 Vacation Bible School 6:30 pm	11 Vacation Bible School 6:30 pm	12 Vacation Bible School 6:30 pm	13 Vacation Bible School 6:30 pm	14 Vacation Bible School 6:30 pm	15
16 Vacation Bible School at 9:00 am worship	17	18 UMW noodle- making 8:30 am	19	20	21	22
23 Historic Hopewell Service at 9:30 am No service at Darrtown	24	25	26	27	28 T.G.I.F. to attend Butler Co. Fair	29
30	31					

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Wayne Weber Birthday	4 Corby Hansel Birthday	5 Ice Cream Social 4:30-7:00 pm Robyn Beck Birthday
6	7	8 Ron & Roxanna Otto Anniversary	9	10	11 Jennifer Clark Birthday	12
13	14 Rev. Beck Birthday Trustees & Board meeting	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 Tom Clark Birthday	25	26 Sandy Beckemeier Birthday
27 Promotion Sunday	28	29	30	31		