

# Good News

From Darrtown United Methodist Church  
for July / August, 2007

*Dear Friends,*

I was moved on Father's Day as I watched and listened to our youth speak of God's love. Though their busy schedules keep them away at times, especially in these summer months, it is obvious that they are committed to God and their church.

As you know the churches are linked as a Charge, united with one Pastor. We are blessed as a Charge to have such a large (16 to be exact), active, spirit-filled youth group. The group participates in activities and

services at both churches, as they did on Father's Day.

We all need to take a lesson from these young people. In the midst of their full lives and the many temptations that seek to pull them away, they see THEIR church as a priority. They attend Sunday School at their respective churches each week (except this summer when the classes are combined), participate in youth choir, help with fundraisers for the churches such as dinners and yard sales, and in general, make themselves available when needed.

They are self-motivated. When their parents back-slide, they remind them of the importance of being in church and youth class. They have made a commitment to the group and are respectful of their place in God's house. They even, at times, get themselves to church when their parents can't make it.

These young people are indeed **Teens Growing In Faith!** They desire to KNOW God. They ask the right questions and reach out to others. They love one another. They look for ways to help a friend in need. Robyn tells me of her experiences as she works with them and how it seems these youth are further along on their faith journey than many adults.

We are richly blessed in these churches by these young people. Let us learn from them, respect them, and praise them for their self-motivation and encourage their continued participation.

As Proverbs 22:6 instructs us, "Teach your children the right path and when they are older, they will remain upon it."

Let us then watch for the glorious things the Lord is doing in the lives of these young people who are serving Him. For "True life is found in serving God" – Matthew 16:25.

See YOU in church!

*Rev. Ed*



Upcoming Events

*July*

- July 1: Sacrament of Communion at 9:00 & 10:45 am
- July 2 (Mon): UMW Noodle-making 8:30 am, in preparation for the Ice Cream Social in August
- July 4: Independence Day
- July 7: Wedding at Darrtown UMC
- July 8: Worship at 9:00 and 10:45 am
- July 9: John Wesley window removed for renovation
- July 9-13: Vacation Bible School 6:30-8:45 pm
- July 13: India Children's Choir at Grace UMC 7:30 pm
- July 15: VBS Sunday at 9:00 am
- July 22: Worship at 9:00 and 10:45 am  
Darrtown hosts service at Hopewell at 9:30 am
- July 29: Worship at 9:00 and 10:45 am

*August*

- Aug. 4 (Sat): Ice Cream Social 4:30-7:00 pm
- Aug. 5: Sacrament of Communion at 9:00 & 10:45 am
- Aug. 6 (Mon): UMW and others visit Woodland Manor Nursing Home. Meet at church at 6:30 pm.
- Aug. 12: Worship at 9:00 and 10:45 am; charge picnic at noon at McGonigle-Millville UMC
- Aug. 13: 6:30 pm Trustees; 7:00 pm Admin Council
- Aug. 16 (Thurs): Spirit Seekers at 7:00 pm (M-M)
- Aug. 17 & 18: Promise Keepers Convention at US Bank Arena
- Aug. 19: Worship service at 9:00 and 10:45 am
- Aug. 24 & 25: McGonigle-Millville yard sale 8:30 am
- Aug. 26: Worship at 9:00 and 10:45 am

GREETERS & USHERS

July: Mallory Hollister  
Aug: To be announced

HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE

July: 1st & 2nd Sunday: Helen Weber, Etta Jean & Ida Mae  
3rd Sunday: Donated cookies for VBS  
4th Sunday: Donated cookies for Hopewell  
5th Sunday: Bill & Maxine  
Aug: Volunteers needed on a two-week basis  
When a trade is needed, contact Etta Jean at 524-2144.



Melva Ward  
Juanita Anderson  
Dorothy Russell  
Helen Campbell  
Ashley Leck  
Anna Kincaid  
Bob Leck  
Carolyn Kincaid  
2 missing Otterbein women and their families

PRAYERS REQUESTS

Jill & Dave Morris (Iraq)  
Michael Eversole (Iraq)  
JoAnn Coombs  
Lawrence Baumann  
Jerry Krauth  
Barbara Lovejoy  
Tim Swartz' family  
Arlene Hurley  
Joe & Linda Schuler  
Jim Pate  
Traveling mercies for summer

CONDOLENCES

To: Ken Russell's family in the death of his brother-in-law, Frank Secula.

Looking Forward

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Grab your sunglasses and beach towels and get ready for some splashing fun at our "Take the Plunge and Make a Splash for Jesus" community Bible School. Children will take the plunge at Raise the Reef Praises, the Snack Shack, Craft-Away Cove, Oceans of Motions, and Bibleland Bay. Each day will begin at 6:30 and end at 8:45 pm, starting July 9 thru 13. There will be classes for ages 3 thru 12. Registration forms will be on the table in back of the sanctuary for our church families. There will also be registration on the first evening of Bible School starting at 5:30 pm. Come and join in the fun!

Carolyn Russell

AUGUST 4 ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Mark your calendars so you won't miss our annual Ice Cream Social, 4:30-7:00 pm, Saturday, August 4. Menu: Hot chicken sandwiches; barbecue sandwiches; potato salad; baked beans; home-made noodles; cole slaw; deviled eggs; pies; cakes and drinks. Laura Cohen is our new chairperson. Please give her all the support and help she needs. I'm sure she will do a great job! Thanks again, Laura.

Carolyn Russell

**SPECIAL MUSIC FOR SUMMER**

We encourage anyone who would be interested in doing a musical special for the months of July and August to contact Donna Gallagher or Laura Cohen.

We will disband as a choir these two months. However, we will need one practice session before the July 22 service at Hopewell. Donna will call the choir members for a Wednesday evening closer to that time.

**JULY 22 SERVICE AT HOPEWELL**

Darrrtown United Methodist Church is providing the service of worship at 9:30 am on Sunday, July 22. Hopewell Church is located on Camden-College Corner Road near Hueston Woods. Our Laura Cohen is Treasurer of the non-profit board that preserves this historic site.

Even though we are hosting the service on July 22, our church will be open for worship as usual at 9:00 am followed by Sunday School at 10:00 am. Because of the growth that continues to take place in our church, we feel it is necessary for us to remain open for any visitor who might attend and for those of our congregation who are unable to get to Hopewell.

The Jewell family will provide the worship on August 19. The annual meeting will be held at 4:00 pm on August 26, and the Christmas Celebration will be at 5:30 pm on December 9.

**SPIRIT SEEKERS**

Spirit Seekers continues to study women of the Bible. In June, we learned about Esther.

We welcomed another new member of our group at our May meeting. Brenda Johnson is our newest member and it is a pleasure to have her as part of our group. If you feel God's nudge upon your heart to learn more about the way He works in the lives of those who seek Him, then please join us on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at McGonigle-Millville UMC.

NOTE that there will be NO meeting in JULY. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, August 16. Hope to see you then.

Robyn Beck

*God offers to do what we cannot do  
for ourselves: change our heart.*

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

We rejoice that Caren Hansel has reaffirmed her willingness to carry on the ministry of altar flowers. There will be occasions when she will be unable to do this, so the Administrative Council authorized artificial flower arrangements to be used at these times.

We want to encourage you to give flowers in honor or memory of a loved one on any given Sunday. Caren wants to invite you, if you care to, to provide your own flowers. If you would prefer that she gets the flowers for you, however, she will be happy to do so. Just let her know the date and to whom the flowers are to be dedicated.

Caren has created a flower chart for you to sign up for any Sunday you choose on a first come-first serve basis. You may also split the vases if two families are interested for the same Sunday.

Please contact Caren Hansel, Flower Coordinator, at 868-8739 (home) or 523-7597 (work), or you may e-mail her at [ceh@dzshq.com](mailto:ceh@dzshq.com). Flowers cost about \$10.00 each week.

**HAMILTON LIVING WATER MINISTRY UPDATE**

Hamilton Living Water Ministry announces the commencement of its 2007 Fund Raising Campaign. This ministry is located in Hamilton's 4<sup>th</sup> Ward where 80% of the residents have income below the poverty level. Many of these persons do not have the education or life-skills to coach their children with homework or to model for them the social skills necessary to become productive citizens later in life. HLWM is providing help in these areas as well as aiding the adults in locating and taking advantage of community resources that are available. Lives are being impacted in a very positive way. Opportunities are available to work with the children in the programs. In addition, financial support for this faith-based non-profit organization would be **greatly appreciated**. Donations may be mailed to Hamilton Living Water Ministry, 734 Sycamore Street, Hamilton, OH 45011. Credit card donations can be made via a secure website that can be linked from [www.hamilton-living-water-ministry.org](http://www.hamilton-living-water-ministry.org). The HLWM phone number is 513-894-9892.

**CHURCH PHOTO DIRECTORIES**

The new photo directories are available. If you have not picked one up, they are in a basket at the back of the sanctuary.

**DISTRICT-WIDE BENEFIT GOLF OUTING**

10<sup>TH</sup> Annual "Scramble" – July 20 Deadline

Both churches have information and application sheets for the Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup> "Shot Gun" start golf scramble at the Glenview Golf Course. The proceeds benefit Sunday meals for the homeless and residents of Over-the-Rhine at Nast-Trinity UMC. The \$75 fee includes golf, for the 8:00 am start, green fees, cart, prizes, and lunch!

**INDIA CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

The India Children's Choir, presented by Church Community Concerts, will be held Friday, July 13, 2007, at the Grace UMC, 1200 Main Street, Hamilton.

Rev. Beck has tickets which sell for \$6.00 which underwrites expenses. A free-will offering will be received at the event to further help the choir and their sponsor, Bibles for the World.

**FOR MEN ONLY**

Promise Keepers comes to Cincinnati's US Bank Arena on August 17 and 18. The theme is: "Take your life to the limit. That's where the adventure to significance BEGINS."

Promise Keepers has become the premier experience for men who want to live deeper in faith and commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord of their lives.

**Looking Back**

**SPECIAL FATHER'S DAY THANK YOU**

Thank you to our youth who delivered a beautiful Father's Day message. It was certainly a moving service. Twelve of our youth participated in the service. For those of you who were unable to attend, we would like to share an overview of the message for it reflects the thoughtful, caring hearts of these youth and their relationship with God.

The message began with an introduction by Mallory Hollister. (Mallory) This message was born out of an idea that I had for our youth group. I asked the group if they would be willing to write letters to the young people in Children's Hospital who are facing hard times. I think these children need to hear about how God can help them and how important He is in our lives. Before we do this, Robyn said we needed to put ourselves in their place and think of questions they might be asking. Then she said we should search for the answers in scripture and think and pray about

what we should say in our letters. We know that sometimes we have only one chance to reach someone who is hurting. We want to be God's vessel for healing, so this is how we began.

The following questions were written by the youth as they tried to put themselves in the place of those hurting children in the hospital at the Residential facility of Children's Hospital.

1. Why do I have to go through these rough times? Why does life have to be so tough?
2. But I wonder where God is sometimes. Are you there beside me Lord?
3. Sometimes I doubt God's presence. How can I feel Him when I don't understand why I have to go through these hard times?
4. When will these tough times be over and why does life have to be so complicated?
5. How will I know God's will and plan for me?
6. Do I just have to trust God to guide me? And how do I follow Him?
7. I see hurtful things that people do and say to one another, even within the family. Sometimes I think, "Where is the love?"
8. How can I forgive someone who has hurt me so deeply?

If you were there for the message, you know that scriptures were read following each question and then answers to the questions were shared.

In closing Mallory stated, "We have learned of God's abiding love for us. We have learned of His promises that will protect us and see us through these rough times. We know that He has a will and a plan for our lives and that He wants us to live for Him. Now, because we have learned of His promises, we can offer hope to other suffering children. We now feel equipped with the knowledge and love of God and will trust Him to guide us as we seek to do His will.

Anyone who would like a copy of this message which includes the scripture readings should see one of the youth. They would be happy to share a copy with you.

Rev. Beck followed the youth's message with a very special reading of "A Father's Love Letter." It was a powerful service and the youth are to be commended for their willingness, dedication, and service to both churches.

The youth will be writing their letters over the next several weeks and then will be delivering them to the children at the Residential Unit of Children's Hospital in College Hill.

Submitted by Robyn Beck, Youth Leader

**CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE**

With the help of many, our annual rummage sale and lunch was a success. We raised \$2405.50 to be used for the church building fund. We could not have had a successful event without the donations of goods, time and money from so many. So thank you to everyone who donated items, helped advertise, set up and organize the sale, participated on the days of the sale assisting buyers, prepared and served lunch, shopped or donated money and transported the leftovers to McGonigle. It was good to hear all the nice comments about our beautiful church from people who said they look forward to our annual sale. Thank you all.

Phyllis Flick

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CAMPS**

Thanks to Mike and Debbie Hawkins for providing scholarship money for our youth to attend UM church camps. Their daughter, Kayla, will attend a camp, as well as Mallory Hollister.

From McGonigle, Greg and Joe Bennett will attend, supported by scholarship funds from that church.

Youth – plan to attend UM church camp next year!

**MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM**

On May 27<sup>th</sup>, a sunny Sunday afternoon, many people from the community gathered at the Darrtown Cemetery to enjoy and appreciate the Memorial Day Program. The Veterans were recognized, and the location of one of the trees donated by our church was shown. The program was arranged by Marna Evans and Jane Menke. Thank you, Marna and Jane, for your dedicated community service.

**CONGRATULATION TO OUR GRADUATES**

Tara Menke	Miami University
Lauren McCartney	Tallawanda High School
Alisha Meador	Tallawanda High School

**NOTICE: DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

The next deadline date for submitting articles is **August 20, 2007**. Items can be given to Maxine Harris or Ida Mae Lemmons. You may also send information via e-mail to Maxine at [maxakers03@aol.com](mailto:maxakers03@aol.com).

**CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOUS**

- 👍 Congratulations to Mickey & Jim Pate on their wedding!
- 👍 Thanks to all who have contributed to the Horace Akeley Memorial Fund. It stands at \$1,000.
- 👍 It had been noted that our 2006 payment in full of conference apportionments had been listed in "The Grapevine." However, it was discovered that our church was coded in an incorrect district. The correction has been made and thanks expressed to our church for both 2006 and 2007 full payments. District payments for both years have also been made in full and acknowledged!
- 👍 Myra Krauth reported profits of over \$1100 from our June 16<sup>th</sup> Pork Chop Dinner. Thanks to everyone who made donations, helped cook, serve and clean up! Your time and efforts are appreciated.
- 👍 Thanks to Gary and Roma Lowe, the kitchen has a new water faucet, with spray!
- 👍 Thanks to Etta Jean, the men's restroom area has a new curtain which hides all the "tools and stuff."
- 👍 Congratulations and good luck to Lori Richardson for becoming a foster parent to a small baby!
- 👍 Thanks to Linda Agee for her dedication to knitting newborn baby hats and donating them to McCullough Hyde Hospital! (We witnessed this as she knitted *and completed* one during the Rummage Sale.)
- 👍 Thanks to Larry Simison for his generous donation toward the repair of a stained glass window.

**ED & ROBYN'S 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

We would like to thank both churches for the very special Open House given in honor of our 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. We were overwhelmed by your hospitality and will always remember that very special day.

We were blessed to have Ed's mother and sister from Atlanta with us for the celebration. Our former District Superintendent, Dr. John Armentrout, who married us 25 years ago, was also able to attend.

A very special thank you to Sally Hansel, Chairperson of Pastor Parish and her committee of ladies from both the Darrtown and McGonigle-Millville churches.

Rev. Ed & Robyn



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN RISE, SHINE, GLORIFY GOD

*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 meetings in July and August.

### MISSIONS

- Month of July: Collection of canned food and non-perishable foods to be donated to the Oxford Resource Center.
- Monday, August 6: Visit to Woodland Manor Nursing Home. Everyone is invited to take part in this singing mission. Meet at the church at 6:30 pm.

### JUNE ACTIVITIES

After a busy two-day long yard sale, and making noodles, the UMW held their regular meeting. Cathy Richardson displayed a beautiful log cabin quilt that she had done since March in her "spare time." What a talent! The meeting was closed by repeating the Mizpah (Genesis 31:49) and refreshments were served. Treasurer's report - balance as of June 4: \$599.55.

The UMW bake sale table at the yard sale realized \$140. Thanks to all who donated such an array of items: cookies, pies, muffins, lemon bars, angel food cake, peanut butter fudge, pineapple upside-down cake, brownies, and monetary donations. This profit will go into the local mission fund.

### REMINDERS

- ✓ Save Campbells Soup UPC labels
- ✓ Save your coins for the World Thank Offering
- ✓ Save old cell phones

### APRIL SPEAKER / DINNER EVENT

Approximately 35 people, representing 4 area churches, attended to listen to Rev. Steve Putka, Director of Spiritual Life and Development, United Methodist Children's Home, speak about the Worthington Children's Home. He was presented with a love offering of \$75. Thanks to all who brought delicious covered dishes to the April 29<sup>th</sup> dinner, and to those who cleaned up and helped make this evening a success.

Rev. Putka spent some time sightseeing prior to the dinner. He was impressed with the large display of pinwheels in front of Edgewood High School. He recognized that the mission of these pinwheels was to bring awareness to child abuse. He mentioned his desire to have the pinwheels once the high school took down the display.

Maxine Harris volunteered to follow up with Edgewood High School. When she contacted a representative at the school, she learned that there were no future plans for the pinwheels and therefore we could have them all – between 2,000 to 3,000!!! In the beginning, the pinwheels were displayed at Ross High School and possibly other schools in the area, and the original number was close to 3,000, representing reported child abuse cases in Butler County.

Following is a portion of the thank you letter written to Maxine by Rev. Putka:

*"Thank you so very much for following up with Edgewood High School! God is clearly blessing this venture. Pastor Jay (our other United Methodist Children's Home chaplain) spoke with the Executive Director of Lakeside, who said we could 'plant' them down at the park right near the lake (during Conference). This will provide great visibility about the issue. Another suggestion is that we hand them out to delegates as the annual conference ends. We'd ask them to show them to their congregations as they give their conference report, sharing ideas and suggestions about how to help children at the home, while also getting involved in abuse prevention in their own neighborhoods.*

*"Your efforts will do so much to bring awareness to many thousands throughout the conference. Thank you SO MUCH for taking the initiative and securing these pinwheels for the benefit of children everywhere."*

### FOLLOW UP AFTER CONFERENCE

(1) Alice Laatsch, with the Oxford United Methodist Church, assisted with finding someone to transport the pinwheels from here to conference at Lakeside. During the

week of conference, she saw that a booth had been set up representing the Children's Home. She knew that a display of pinwheels had been placed near the lake. Seeing them for the first time proved to be a very dramatic, take-your-breath-away experience. She said just imagine thousands of colorful pinwheels shining in the sun and blowing in the breeze that came off the lake! She was in awe! Some pinwheels were placed in the central mural where the worship service was held, and pinwheels were passed out as everyone was leaving.

(2) Rev. Jay Moyers, who is Assistant Director at the Children's Home, called me to express his thanks and to say that the pinwheels were an amazing success at conference. He also informed me that the pinwheels will be used during "Prevent Child Abuse Month" next April.

Maxine Harris

### Happy Birthday!

July 13: Donna Gallagher

July 21: Rhonda Knight

July 26: Emma Leibforth

Aug. 5: Robyn Beck

Aug. 14: Rev. Ed

Aug. 26: Sandy Beckemeier

### Forgiveness Therapy

*Don't put conditions on your forgiveness, or your inner peace will depend on the decision of the person who hurt you. Make your own choice.*

### Teens Growing In Faith

By Megan Beckemeier

School is out, and sun, fun, and vacations are here. Remember upcoming events for the youth: Sunday singing, bowling, and our end of the summer pool party. Keep your ears and eyes open for dates and times!

As the school year was coming to a close, there were many awards given to many students in the youth group. **Stephanie Ison** got quite a few awards at the band banquet, as did **Megan Beckemeier**. Megan also had perfect attendance at school! For other youth, please contact me so I can mention you in the next newsletter.

Our featured youth this issue is **Mallory Hollister**. Mallory is always helping out at church suppers, but she is taking it to the next level. She helped create the sermon for Father's Day. Hope you all enjoyed the Father's Day sermon! Mallory is going to be a freshman in high school next year! Good luck in high school. Also, she is involved in *Destination Imaginations*, in which her team did really well this past year.

Note to youth.... If you are playing a fall sport, I would like to include your home game schedule in one of the next issues so that the church can see what you are involved in. Have a wonderful summer! See you in Sunday School!

### A FATHER'S DAY POEM "MY DAD"

In 2002, I lost him when Jesus called him home...  
I wasn't ready to let him go, and it left me so alone.

But I have felt his presence so often through the years  
In gentle words from those who cared and wiped away my tears.

But if your father's with you still, right by you every day...  
Take time to show you love him; don't let time slip away.

Just put your arms around him and let him know you share  
The love that is within you, and that you'll always care.

Dads never fail to recognize the source of all their love,  
It's woven in his family and sent from God above.

Written & Read by Donna Gallagher



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## July 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Communion Ron & Roxanna Otto Anniversary	<b>2</b> UMW Noodle- Making 8:30 am	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Independence Day	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Jim Meador Birthday	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Love Offering	<b>9</b> VBS begins at 6:30 pm Jon Gilbert Birthday	<b>10</b> VBS Day 2	<b>11</b> VBS Day 3	<b>12</b> VBS Day 4	<b>13</b> VBS Day 5 Donna Gallagher Birthday	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> VBS Sunday Service at 9:00 am	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Anna Marie Clark Birthday	<b>21</b> Rhonda Knight Birthday
<b>22</b> DUMC at Hopewell 9:30 am w orship Nell Akeley Birthday	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Emma Leibforth Birthday	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Bob Rumgay Birthday	<b>31</b> Jerry Krauth Birthday				

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## August 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Wayne Weber Birthday	<b>4</b> Ice Cream Social 4:30 - 7:00 pm Corby Hansel Birthday
<b>5</b> Communion Robyn Beck & Emily Shoker Birthdays	<b>6</b> UMW & others to visit Woodland Manor. Meet at church at 6:30 pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Phillip Kincaid Birthday Ken & Pam Russell Anniversary	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Jennifer Clark Birthday
<b>12</b> Charge picnic at McGonigle at noon Mallory Hollister Birth day	<b>13</b> Trustees 6:30 pm Admin Bd 7:00 pm	<b>14</b> Rev. Beck Birthday	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Spirit Seekers McGonigle 7:00pm	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Mike & Debbie Hawkins Anniversary	<b>20</b> New sletter Articles Deadline	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> McGonigle Yard Sale Tom Clark Birthday	<b>25</b> McGonigle Yard Sale
<b>26</b> Sandy Beckemeier Birth day	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	