

Good News

*From Darrtown / McGonigle-Millville Charge
United Methodist Churches
July / August, 2011*



Dear Friends,

It seems in today's society, everything we see and hear reminds us to be "heart healthy." Rarely a day goes by that we aren't reminded of this by news reports stating the latest findings on heart disease. With so many of our friends and family suffering from heart related problems, we must take these warnings seriously.

While it is indeed important to keep the physical hearts that God has given us strong and healthy, we also need to focus on our spiritual hearts. We must remember that as Christians, we are called to be lights to the world. We are called to not just look like Christians, we are to bear fruit for His Kingdom. Jesus tells the parable of the fig tree in Mark 11:12-14. "The next day, when they had come out from Bethany, He was hungry. And seeing from afar a fig tree having leaves, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. In response Jesus said to it, "Let no one eat fruit from you ever again." And His disciples heard it."

Fig trees, a popular source of inexpensive food in Israel, require three years from the time they are planted until they can bear fruit. Each tree yields a great amount of fruit twice a year, in late spring and in early autumn. The figs normally grow as the leaves fill out, but this tree, though full of leaves, had none. The tree looked promising but offered no fruit. Jesus' harsh words to the fig tree could be applied to the nation of Israel. Fruitful in appearance only, Israel was spiritually barren.

Jesus was showing His anger at religion without substance. Just as the fig tree looked good from a distance but was fruitless on examination, some Christians look impressive at first glance. We have to be careful that when our spiritual hearts are examined that they are healthy for Christ. We want Jesus to see that we have fruit beneath our religious leaves. We all need a heart check-up but not just for high cholesterol and healthy arteries. We all need to make sure our hearts are spiritually healthy, showing others that they can find the fruit of the Lord beneath our outward leaves.

This summer, take time to examine your own heart. Together as the church, we want the community to see that we not only have leaves but that they are ripe with the fruit of the Lord.

See YOU in church!

Rev. Ed

Calendar of Events

Watch for news each week in your weekly bulletin

July, 2011

- July 3: Independence Day weekend; The Sacrament of Communion; 10:00 am, Darrtown Finance Committee will meet
- July 10: Love Offering at both churches
- July 11: 7:00 pm, Trustees; 7:30, Church Council at Darrtown
- July 12: 8:30 am, UMW noodle-making
- July 13: Darrtown Community Free Cookout, 6 – 7:00, sponsored by Darrtown Church
- July 16: 2:00 pm, Darrtown Church Council Work Session
- July 17: Hold for new member class and luncheon
- July 18: 6:30 pm, Trustees; 7:15, Church Council at McGonigle
- July 24: Hold for new member class and luncheon
- July 26: Jen Ludwin on the Rachel Ray Show. This is a young woman for whom we prayed. Watch at 11:00 am (NBC) and see the results of prayer.
- July 31: Fifth Sunday Potluck at noon, hosted by Darrtown Church

August, 2011

- August 6: 4:30 – 7:00 pm, Darrtown's famous and long-running Ice Cream Social
- August 7: Communion
- August 14: Love Offering at both churches
- August 26: Yard Sale at McGonigle
- August 27: Yard Sale at McGonigle



HAPPY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Refer to our calendar pages.

F Y I

(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.

LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

Our military personnel	Tomado / Flood Victims; Farmers
Several Unnamed	Rita Burns
Ruth Childers	Family of Charles Foley
Jim Gifford	Irene Hansel
Pam & Ron Hatten	Frank Irwin
Pete Jewell	Jim Jewell
Don Jones	Linda Agee
Don & Sheila Mayberry	Sarah Meyers
Sara Jane Nichols	Irene & Carl Nutley
Clara Owen	Noah Trumbull
Chris Williams & Family	Carol Beckett
Irene Young	David Guenther Family
Evelyn Kuhlmann	Connie Mulcahay
Howard Matrey	Fred Guiler
Racon Dillingham	Woody Dennison
Jimmy Hansel	Debra Steger & her mother
Helen Omell	Molly Vogel
Jennifer Jones	Carol Sawyer
Vacation Bible School	Cub Pack 937

CONDOLENCES

† To the Foley family in the death of Charles Foley. A memorial service was held on Sunday, July 26th at the Oxford Senior Center. Special thanks to Brenda Graham for providing drinks and desserts for the reception.

CHURCH COUNCIL FOR 2011

McGonigle

July 18
September 12
November 14

Darrtown

July 11
September 19
November 21

Each church Board of Trustees meets before their church council on the same evening.

"MAY HIS HAND BE ON YOUR SHOULDER"

*May His hand be on your shoulder
Through these trying hours and days.
His guiding light surround you
As you tread these shadowed ways.
May you know His warmth
As sadness breaks its cold wave on your shore.
May you feel His love enfold you
With a faith sound and secure.
May His presence close beside you
Give you strength to carry on,
Trusting in His tender promise
Of a new and brighter dawn.*

- Helen Lowrie Marshall

**NEXT NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY
AUGUST 20, 2011**

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or Rita Burns (rburns38@cinci.rr.com)

Joint Church Events

FREE COMMUNITY COOK-OUT

The first free dinner for the Darrtown community will be a cook-out on July 13, 2011 at BDOT park. Our Darrtown church will give this meal to the community. We want all of Darrtown to know we care about them with hot dogs, hamburgers, etc!

NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON AND CLASS

For anyone desiring to become a member of either church, there will be a new member luncheon and class on August 7, 2011. This will be held at noon at McGonigle church. We will talk about the Sacrament of Baptism at that orientation also. Please let Rev. Beck or Robyn know of your interest (513-896-4025).

FIFTH SUNDAY POTLUCK

On July 31st we shift to Darrtown as host for the Fifth Sunday Potluck. It will be at 12:15 to allow McGonigle people to get over to Darrtown.

Church provides drinks and table service. Bring a covered dish of meat, salad, vegetable or dessert.

DARRTOWN'S ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Mark your calendar for this year's Ice Cream Social: **AUGUST 6 - 4:30-7:00 PM**, featuring great food and fellowship, homemade noodles, ice cream and desserts. Watch for our ad in the local newspapers.

McGONIGLE'S FALL YARD SALE

Mark your calendar for McGonigle's fall yard sale: **AUGUST 26 & 27 (Friday & Saturday)**.

Its time again to clean out homes, yards, closets, etc. Just recently, First Fruits was "caught napping." We need to get things ready to be picked up for our sale, and keep them busy! The food is always great. Our sales always provide many opportunities to help our church and meet friends. There will be a sign-up sheet in fellowship hall in July. We need your help. For any questions, please call Ann Jones at 513- 737-7522, Kenny Coleman at 513-464-1842, or Jim Keller at 513-330-0132.

T.G.I.F.

The youth are taking a break for the summer, however, their help was appreciated at Vacation Bible School and they will be helping with the special community picnic/cook-out at the park in Darrtown on July 13th.

LOVE OFFERING UPDATE

Four families were aided in May and June. Thanks to those people who give gifts of love to sustain the Love Offering.

MOTHER'S DAY TEA PARTY

- AN AFTERNOON OF ELEGANCE

Sunday afternoon, May 1st, ladies and gentlemen gathered for afternoon tea, celebrating Mother's Day. Upon entering the Darrtown UMC's social hall, the registry table was covered in "years-gone-by" embroidered and embellished Ecru linen runner, handkerchiefs and ladies' gloves.

Favors of a homemade napkin embroidered with a teapot were waiting at each place setting, along with a lavender booklet with facts about tea which contained hints, a bag of tea, and a writing of "The Miraculous Tea Plant."

Soft music kept playing while we enjoyed visiting and watching the tea lights flicker in the tea lamps decorated with lace and ribbon. At the center of each table a beautiful teapot was placed, along with small rosebuds.

Rev. Ed gave devotions. The "Tea" began by going to the serving counter, selecting your favorite kind of tea and a variety of sandwiches. The next table contained many selections of homemade scones and beautiful pastries.

While enjoying tea, Cathy Richardson introduced a Barbershop Quartet for entertainment. Their performance was excellent and enjoyed by all. They sang "I Love You" to Cathy, and "Happy Birthday" to Sally Hansel.

Afterwards, Maxine Harris introduced time for games. One game involved guessing the name of a recipe by giving hints of ingredients. Several recipes were taken from our new Bicentennial Cookbook. Prizes were tea towels with an appliquéd teapot and a fancy handkerchief. In the meantime, guests were refilling their teacups.

Thanks to all who helped arrange this nice event, and thanks be to God for the fellowship and guidance and most of all, the blessed mothers!

- by the Darrtown United Methodist Women

*Words of Wisdom:
"Exercise daily:
Walk with the Lord!"*

ANNUAL PICNIC IN HONOR OF FATHERS

On June 12th, approximately 43 children of all ages gathered under our picnic shelter after the church service. Rev. Ed led us in prayer, giving thanks for the weather and our meal. We enjoyed hamburgers, hotdogs and many wonderful side dishes and desserts. The older children fellowshiped with one another while watching the younger children run, jump, swing and slide.

- Obtained boards, painted them white and erected one sign at each church for VBS
- Sorted and arranged yard sale items as needed
- Removed and replaced on/off sensor for light in front of the church building

-- Ken Coleman

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

PandaMania, this year's VBS, held at Darrrtown on July 27 thru 30, was very successful with the largest turnout of children for several years, especially with a large attendance of pre-school children. Thanks to Debra Steger and all who helped and worked so hard to make this church and community event happen. We were blessed also with good weather.

DARRTOWN NEWS

SPECIAL WORK SESSION

IMPORTANT: On Saturday, July 16th, at 2:00 pm, all church council and committee members are requested to be present for a special work session at Darrrtown.

RUMMAGE SALE

Once again, through the efforts of many people, our church had a successful event, the 15th annual rummage sale, on June 10 and 11. We realized a profit of about \$1,720 and heard many nice comments about our beautiful church and good food. This was truly a group effort of donors, sorters, arrangers and pricers, as well as cooks, servers, bakers, greeters and money-takers. Then there were those who shopped, tore down, cleaned up, packed and loaded! Many thanks to all who helped in this fund-raising effort.

Besides benefiting our church, this sale helps the efforts of several organizations. One shopper told me she was shopping for household items for low income families who are being served by SELP in Hamilton. Our left-over household items were taken to McGonigle-Millville UMC for their late summer yard sale. Books and tapes were donated to the Lane Public Library for their annual book sale. Rhonda Knight took some small toiletry items to a woman's shelter in Hamilton, and finally, all remaining clothing was donated to Matthew 25 Ministries (see following articles for more details).

VISIT TO MATTHEW 25 MINISTRIES

On Saturday, June 18th, a group of eight loaded the clothing into Rev. Ed's van and delivered it to the Matthew 25 Ministries warehouse in Blue Ash. We stayed and volunteered some time to sort clothing and supplies which will eventually be delivered to people in need somewhere around the world or in the United States. While there, we watched a very informative video about the work of Matthew 25 Ministries and toured a replica of a typical

MCGONIGLE-MILLVILLE NEWS

SPECIAL THANKS

- (1) Thanks to Roxane and Jim Leitsch for their dedication to the Children's Church and Sunday School. We are blessed with many, many children.
- (2) Many thanks to all of you who participated in our annual spring yard sale in May. We had such a great time. The food was wonderful and the fellowship unbelievable. Thanks to all who donated so many nice items. The rain did not dampen our fun. We made \$2,304.70 for our church, with 10% (\$230) going to the Love Offering. Thanks again to all who helped in various ways. If you missed this one, plan to be a part of our fall sale. I promise you will be glad you did! *- Ann Jones*

FIRST FRUITS CAUGHT RESTING

During the days that have passed since our last newsletter and between periods of rest, we:

- Called in the copy count to Office Equipment Service Company
- Performed 400-hour service on Kubota tractor
- Collected and put trash to curb as needed
- Picked up yard sale items four times
- Mowed grass as needed
- Cut down and cleaned up dead pine tree in parking lot

village in a Central American country as well as most of the warehouse. We learned that the ministry now has a facility on site to prepare food packets containing a mixture of soy and rice. Each packet will supply seven meals at a cost of about \$.08 per meal and they are sent to impoverished areas of those stricken by a natural disaster. Recently, an old printing press was donated to the ministry and they are able to print covers and bind notebooks to give to school children in other countries. The accomplishments of this organization are truly remarkable and I hope that this experience sparked enough interest that we will want to volunteer some time again soon.

- Phyllis Flick

CONGRATULATIONS

- To **Lois Ann Snider** on the twin births of great-grandchildren, born to her granddaughter and husband who live in Canada. They were named Logan Andrew and Liam Shaw and they weighed 6 and 7 pounds. They are grandchildren of Lois' daughter Kathy.
- To **Caren Hansel** on her upcoming July 10th wedding to Albert Schlichter! Their address will be: 7700 Brookville Road, Oxford, Ohio 45056

BICENTENNIAL COOKBOOK

There are still a few left. They are \$10 each and have entries from past and present members. Contact any UMW member if you are interested in purchasing books.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

From our President:

May was a very busy month with our first Tea Party to celebrate Mother's Day. Good food, good fun, good company! Thanks to Maxine for the fun games and Phyllis for the lovely table decorations. The Barbershop Quartet was wonderful. Thanks to all who helped bake: Carolyn Russell, Phyllis Flick, Etta Jean Crawford and Cathy Richardson.

Our May meeting welcomed speaker Kathy Hester from Living Waters Ministry. She is a dedicated woman helping many ages of children. We had a plant exchange, which was a new event for us. We also had a lot of fun with a white elephant auction, which raised \$32.25 for the Women's Care Center in Oxford. Thank you, women!

The June meeting was held at the home of Cathy Richardson due to the rummage sale set-up going on at the church. Maxine Harris gave a program about her trip to England. We enjoyed slides and commentary on all the sites. Thank you, Maxine. Thank you to hostesses Ida Mae Lemmons and Etta Jean Crawford, strawberry pie!

After the business meeting, we had another white elephant auction. We raised \$35 for Living Waters Ministry.

Thank you to the women who baked and worked at the bake sale during the church's rummage sale days. We realized \$275 to put toward our missions.

Hope everyone has a great summer. Don't forget noodle-making, ice cream social, and pray for our missions and each other. I am hoping to have a program on Herbs in September. If anyone uses them for crafts, cooking, decorating or medicinal reasons, please contact me at 513-523-4350. See you on September 6th. Hostesses will be Donna Gallagher and Carolyn Sadler. Reminder to bring canned goods each Sunday.

- Cathy Richardson

Happy Birthday UMW!

July

7/13 – Donna Gallagher
7/21 – Rhonda Knight
7/26 – Emma Leibforth
7/27 – Debra Steger

August

8/05 – Robyn Beck
8/14 – Rev. Ed Beck
8/26 – Sandy Beckemeier

"ANYWAY"

People are often unreasonable and self-centered.

Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives,

Be kind anyway.

If you are honest, people may cheat you.

Be honest anyway.

If you find happiness, people may be jealous,

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow.

Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough,

Give your best anyway.

For you see, in the end, it is between you and God.

It never was between you and them anyway.

- Mother Theresa

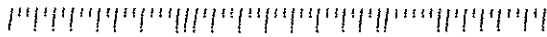
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>July</u>					1 Paul Berger	2 Jack Davis
3	4	5	6 Norma Jean Coleman Tiffany Baker Jones Jim Meador	7	8	9 Kyle Broshear
10 Phyllis Jones	11	12 Victor & Brenda Johnson (Aniv.) Mike McCartney	13 Donna Gallagher	14	15	16
17 Mike Baker Joshua Douglas Berger	18	19 Amy McDiffett	20	21 Andy Petri Rhonda Knight	22 Jim Leitsch Rochelle & Kevin Broshear (Aniv.)	23
24	25 Mary Harrison Richard & Jan Boling (Aniv.) Shawn Gallagher	26 Emma Leibforth	27 Randy & Becky Rice (Aniv.) Debra Steger	28 Sheila Mayberry	29 Patty Lykins	30 Paul & Sherry Berger (Aniv.) Bob Rumgay Jerry Krauth

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<u>August</u>						
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			Wayne Weber	Corby Hansel	Robyn Beck Emily Shoker Caia Marie Jones David Sackenheim Roma Lowe	
7 Noah & Shelee Webster (Aniv.)	8	9 Lawrence Schlabach	10 Walt Kern	11	12 Beth & Bill Fulmer (Aniv.) Mallory Hollister	13 Lucille Sauer
14 Rev. Ed Beck Jim Pate Ken Shannon Bernice Kolb	15 Richard Boling	16	17	18 Clint Cole	19 Mike & Debbie Hawkins (Aniv.)	20
21	22	23	24 Sandy Beckemeier	25	26	27 Darrell Beckett Eric Lykins
28	29 Sarah Petri	30	31 Don & Joy Jones (Aniv.)			

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