

Good News

From Darrtown United Methodist Church
for September / October, 2005



Summer is over and it is time to return to church and Sunday School. As Christians, we are called to be disciples of Jesus, the very Son of God. That will make us different in some of the ways we live our lives.

God intends the Sabbath to be a break from the work week. However, too much emphasis is placed upon sports on Sunday for our children and youth.

Though the Sabbath was created by God as a day of rest, He did not mean it as a day to sleep in or catch up on chores. Growing up, Dad opened and closed the church on Sunday. He taught me to watch the neighbors, and sure enough, as he said, we got just as much done around the house as those who slept in or started chores early.

The real intent of God for the Sabbath is worship and praise. God's plan for the Sabbath is in danger of being lost. If you were told that a small change in your lifestyle would save your life, you would undoubtedly make it. Well, I am telling you that is what God desires of you regarding the Sabbath.

I will do my best, and so will Robyn, to make it worth your lifestyle change at worship. And others will be working the same way for Sunday School.

Now: See YOU on Sunday!

In Jesus Love,

Rev. Ed



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Upcoming Events

- September 6 (Tuesday): UMW meet at 7:00
- Every Wednesday: Choir Practice at 7:00 pm
- September 10 (Saturday): McGonigle-Millville Pig Roast 4:30 - 7:00 pm
- September 10 (Saturday): Sunday School Campout at 4:00 pm
- September 11 (Sunday): Sunday School Kick-off, worship each week at 9:00 am; Sunday School each week at 10:30 am
- September 12 (Monday): Admin Council meeting at 7:00 pm
- September 15 (Thursday): Spirit Seekers group meeting at McGonigle-Millville at 7:00 pm
- September 18 (Sunday): Recognition / Dedication of Acolytes
- September 18: National Religious Music Week
- September 24 (Saturday): Darrtown Fish Fry - 4:30 - 7:00 pm
- September 25 (Sunday): Choir Recognition
- September 27 (Tuesday): Clergy-Lay meeting at Church of the Savior, Cincinnati at 7:30 pm
- October 1 (Saturday): 8:30 am - 3:00 pm Leadership Training at Milford First UMC (\$10)
- October 2 (Sunday): World Communion Sunday
- October 3 (Monday): UMW meeting at 7:00 pm
- October 8 (Saturday): 5:30 pm church wedding
- October 9 (Sunday): Celebration of Darrtown UMC's 195th Anniversary
- October 10 (Monday): Admin Council meeting at 7:00 pm
- October 17 (Monday): UMW noodle-making at 8:30 am
- October 19 (Wednesday): Deadline for church newsletter for November and December
- October 20 (Thursday): Spirit Seekers group meeting at McGonigle-Millville at 7:00 pm
- October 22 (Saturday): Fall Funfest Halloween Party at Darrtown UMC - 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- October 29 (Saturday): Ham and Turkey Dinner at McGonigle-Millville

- November 5 (Saturday): Turkey Dinner at Darrtown UMC

HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE

- Sept: Tara and Kathy Menke
Oct: Laura Cohen and Connie Davis
* When a trade is needed, contact Etta Jean at 524-2144.

ACOLYTES

- Sept: Stacy Ison
Oct: Megan Beckemeier

GREETERS / USHERS

- Sept: Jane Jewel-Menke and Tonya Cornthwaite
Oct: Barney and Sandy Beckemeier
* 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; Ersia Coombs; JoAnn Coombs; Robyn Beck; Carolyn Russell; Ken Russell; John Winter; Pam Hatten; Dale Gross; Pete Jewell; Melva Ward; Braxton child; Wayne Weber & family; Ginger Raby; Frank Mottolo & Herb; Venita Allen; Bob Corbin; Lewis Jones

MILITARY

Let us remember in prayer those who serve our country.

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



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WELCOME VISITORS!

We would like to welcome all of our visitors and extend our sincere thanks for choosing Darrtown 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!

LOOKING FORWARD

PEDALING WITH A PURPOSE



The Tammy McCartney Memorial Scholarship Fund will eventually give back to our community. The scholarship fund was created in the fall of 2004 as a way to continue the cycle of service and good cheer that epitomized Tammy McCartney as a teacher, parent and friend. Your pledge will make the 6:00 am training rides and hills a little easier!

Cindy Kettlewell and Barbara Hamilton are working hard this summer, pedaling to prepare themselves to raise money for the scholarship fund. They will bicycle a century (that's 100 miles in one day!) on September 17th as part of the Oxford Odyssey Ride.

The scholarship fund, administered by the Oxford Community Foundation, will benefit a Talawanda High School graduate and honors longtime Talawanda Middle School teacher Tammy McCartney who passed away last September after a valiant struggle with cancer.

Make checks payable to the Oxford Community Foundation and mail to: McCartney Scholarship Ride 2005, 5850 K Bell Road, Oxford, Ohio 45056. Questions? Contact Cindy Kettlewell at 513-844-2433A.

PIG ROAST AT MCGONIGLE-MILLVILLE UMC

Everyone is invited to McGonigle-Millville UMC for a Pig Roast on Saturday, September 10th, 4:30 - 7:00 pm. Menu: roast pork; macaroni salad; slaw; baked beans; cornbread; homemade pie; beverage. Tickets: \$7.00 pre-sale price; \$8.00 day of event. Please call 894-2519 for tickets or information.

ACOLYTE RECOGNITION

On September 18th we will recognize and say thank you to our acolytes. Those are the young people who light and extinguish our candles each Sunday during worship. Bringing the Light to worship reminds us that Jesus is the Light of the World. When they carry the light out at the end of worship, it serves to remind us that we are to carry Jesus' light into our world.

FISH FRY AT DARRTOWN UMC

The Darrtown church will continue their tradition of good food and desserts on Saturday, September 24th. From 4:30 to 7:00 pm, there will be a fish fry at the church. The proceeds will complete the expense of resurfacing the parking lot.

CHOIR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

The week of September 18 - 25 is National Religious Music Week. Stewart Jones of Hamilton is the founder of this National recognition event. We can be proud of this Hamilton resident, but even more so, we can be proud of our volunteer choir. They sing for us on the second and fourth Sundays, September through June.

On September 25th at the 9:00 am worship service, we shall honor them and allow them to rededicate themselves to their service of singing for our worship. Afterwards, join them for our continental breakfast.

DARRTOWN CHOIR

Beginning September 7th, the choir will resume weekly practice each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Please plan to join us! We also need suggestions for special music. Please contact Ida Mae, Laura or Donna if you can offer suggestions or know of anyone willing to share their talents.

Donna Gallagher

OCTOBER - PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

We invite you to take part in this special celebration during the month of October, and join together to thank Rev. Ed and Robyn for their sacrificial dedication, spiritual teaching and counsel to this congregation and community.

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OUR 195TH YEAR!

Darrrtown church is 195 years old in 2005. As we move toward the end of our 195th year in history, we will celebrate our history on October 9th during the 9:00 am worship service. This is a special time as we count down to our Bicentennial Year in 2010.

DEDICATE A HYMNAL

We still have ten hymnals not yet "paid for." If you would like to dedicate a hymnal in memory of or in honor of someone you love, they are \$16 each. Put the name of your honoree on your offering envelope.

Tonya Cornthwaite

FALL FUNFEST

Last year, our Halloween party was a great success. Our attendance was well over 100 and we had all ages present. If you missed it, you will definitely want to mark your calendar for this year's event on Saturday, October 22nd from 6:30-8:30 pm at Darrrtpwm UMC. The party will be for both churches and the Family Fellowship Committee representing each church will be contacting you for help. It takes a lot of people to make this event a success.

Last year adults, as well as children, came dressed in costume and won a lot of nice prizes. Those who didn't want to come in costume were welcome and just came for the fun. So come, costume or no costume, and join the fun, food and fellowship.

TURKEY DINNER

November 5th will be our annual Turkey Dinner. By the time the next newsletter is produced, plans will already be complete for this event. You may be called upon to help. Put this date on your calendar and invite others to join us. The UMW's bazaar will be held at this time also.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT TRAINING EVENT

Aiming for the Heart, Exploring the CORE Process, Saturday, October 1st, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm at Milford First UMC, 541 Main Street, Milford, Ohio. Keynote Speaker, Mr. Bruce Boyd, Conference Lay Leader. Cost: \$10 per person, includes box lunch and resources. Contact Rev. Ed if interested.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SURVEY & QUESTIONNAIRE

The following is an excerpt from a letter written by Rev. Ed and Robyn and mailed to members of our church family who have young children. If you have not had the opportunity to view and respond to the questionnaire, please take time to do so. Everyone's opinion is valued and important at this critical time. Please mail your responses to Rev. Ed Beck, 835 Coleman Drive, Hamilton, Ohio 45013.

"...at this time we are evaluating and planning our Sunday School program. Please help us by completing the questionnaire. We need to know how to best serve the needs of our families. Our goal is to offer different opportunities, both spiritual and social, so that our children will grow up being involved in the life of the church..."

1. Do you like the current Sunday School time (10:30 am)? _____
2. If not, what suggestion do you have for a different time? _____
3. How would you feel about Sunday School being changed to a time during the worship service? You would come to worship with your children and then after the children's message, they would be dismissed to attend class. _____
4. If we provide class during the worship service, would you be willing to take a turn to help with the class? _____
5. Would you, as a young family, like to get together with other young church families on a regular basis for fellowship and social activities? _____
6. If so, what day of the week is best for you, and how often would you like to schedule a get-together? _____
7. Once a month _____; once every two months _____; once a quarter _____
8. Would your child be interested in a monthly group activity with other children of our church? _____ If so, what is a good time and day of the week? _____
9. Will your child be attending the Sunday School Kick-Off camping event on Sept. 10th followed by worship the next day? _____
10. If so, would you be willing to help with this event? _____
11. Your comments or suggestions would be appreciated.

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LOOKING BACK

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year's Bible School Ranch House Kids Adventure of the Open Door was an enjoyable time for 55 children who came from our church and community, and including McGonigle-Millville UMC and St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. We hope to continue this tradition of combining several churches participation next year.

The children learned to remember God, talk to God, love each other, give thanks, and believe in Jesus. They enjoyed learning songs, playing games, doing crafts, and having snacks. But the highlight of the week was having a visit from Krista Jones and her horse, Rocky. Everyone had a ride on the horse and had their pictures taken. Thanks to everyone who helped make this year's VBS a great success! Thanks to Jack Davis for updating our web site with lots of VBS pictures: www.darrtownumc.org.

BIBLE SCHOOL MISSION

Thanks to everyone who helped make our Bible School Mission a big success. The following items, in varying quantities, were collected: Back packs; Packets of eraser ends; Packages of 2-pocket folders; Packages of pencils; Packages of ink pens; Large packs of notebook paper; Notebooks; Packages of highlighters; Pencil boxes; Boxes of crayons; Glue; Scissors; Ruler.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Thanks for those behind-the-scenes workers at the Ice Cream Social. That event, along with the rummage sale, fish fry, and turkey dinner, are a vital part of the life and livelihood of our church. The fellowship may be even more important than the funds that are raised. Thank you!

Rev. Beck

THANK YOU

The annual August Ice Cream Social was a huge success again this year. We sold 50 gallons of homemade ice cream! All of the food was delicious. Thanks to everyone who spent many hours planning and working on this event. We have a great group of

people who love working for the Lord. The fellowship is wonderful.

Thank you to Bill Harris for correcting the plumbing problem at the kitchen sink when we were all preparing for the Ice Cream Social!

Carolyn Russell

BUTLER COUNTY FAIR

Congratulations!!!

- ★ To **Stacy Ison** for winning a pair of awards; Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion, Market Lamb
- ★ To **Stephanie Ison** for winning First in Market Lamb Class; and First in Showmanship Reserve Champion Sheep Showman of Showman
- ★ To **Chloe Hansel** for winning 4th and 5th place – horses: poles and barrels
- ★ To **Carly Hansel** for winning 6th place – horses: barrels
- ★ To **Chris Heinrich** for winning 2nd place on his welding project
- ★ To **Victoria Heinrich** for winning her horse project: 2nd place on interview; and 3rd place on posters
- ★ To **Etta Jean Crawford** for winning Best of Show for Coconut Cream Pie; and ribbons for Peach Pie and Butterscotch Pie
- ★ To **Sarah Jane Nichol** for winning ribbons for baked goods
- ★ To **Lora Richardson** for winning ribbons for sewing and crafts
- ★ To **Cathy Richardson** for winning ribbons for sewing and crafts

BUILD A BETTER MARRIAGE

Many married couples consider just two options – His way or Her way. But now there is **THE THIRD OPTION**. Join us as we explore topics such as Communication, Respect, Listening, Forgiveness, Trust and many more!

THE THIRD OPTION will meet weekly on Wednesdays, 7-9 pm, starting September 14th in Hamilton, at the Presbyterian Church (across from the courthouse), 23 Front Street, Hamilton, Ohio. There are NO FEES for the program. For more information, call 896-4357. The Third Option program is sponsored by the John Engle Christian Counseling Center, Hamilton, Ohio.

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In His Love, Robyn

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.

VACATION TIME IS OVER

Our September meeting will be held on **Tuesday**, September 6th at 7:00 pm. We will begin preparing for a busy fall. September hostesses will be Pam Russell and Kathy Menke.

WOMEN'S GROUP INVITATION

I would like to invite all women of the Darrrtown UMC to join me and 15-20 others to a unique group called "Spirit Seekers." I began the group a year ago at the McGonigle-Millville church and it has taken off very well. The group meets once a month, on the third Thursday at 7:00 pm at the church. The group consists of not only McGonigle-Millville ladies, but friends from the community.

We chose the name "Spirit Seekers" because our focus is on looking for and sharing ways in which God is working in our lives. We are currently discussing prayer and have been using as a springboard for discussion, Elizabeth George's book, "A Woman's Call to Prayer." You do not have to read the book in order to participate. We learn from one another through sharing our experiences as well as knowledge. You will find it to be an uplifting, spirit-filled evening spent with God-filled friends.

I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity. I'd like to see our Darrrtown ladies share in this type of group for their spiritual growth. Time constraints prohibit me from beginning such a group at both churches, so I hope you will be able to join in our already existing, active group at McGonigle-Millville. Our next meeting is Thursday, September 15th at 7:00 pm. Hope you can join us.

MISSION FOR SEPTEMBER

The Oxford Resource Center will be the receiver of our "Festival of Sharing" mission. The following food items are listed in order by the greatest need:

- Cereal
- Pasta - not just spaghetti
- Boxed meats, Hamburger Helpers, etc.
- Pasta-Roni, Rice-A-Roni, Rice in a box
- Dry potatoes
- Canned fruit
- Baking Mixes (cakes, muffins, etc.)
- Tuna, canned meats
- Baked beans, other canned beans
- Mac & cheese
- Canned meals (Spaghettios, Ravioli)
- Soup
- Peanut butter
- Snack foods, crackers
- Ramen Noodles
- Canned vegetables

Make sure that foods have not expired.

Clients cannot purchase the following taxable items with stamps:

- Laundry detergent
- Dish soap
- Personal care products (shampoo, etc.)
- Cleaning products
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- Saturday, November 5th bazaar
- Program booklets
- Nominations from the Nominating Committee for officers for 2006
- Committee to set up our Pledge to Mission for local charities for 2007
- Make preparations for visit to the Matrix

OCTOBER MEETING

October meeting to be held on Monday, October 3rd at 7:00 pm. Hostesses will be Donna Gallagher and Etta Jean Crawford. We will be voting on the District "Pledge to Mission". We will receive the report from Mission Committee regarding choice of local charities for 2007. We will receive volunteers

for the annual Family Christmas Party. We will made a decision on a Christmas mission.

Looking forward to everyone attending these important meetings.

Ida Mae Lemmons

TREASURER'S REPORT

Our balance as of August 19th is \$634.38.

NOODLE-MAKING

Mark your calendars to come and help make noodles on Monday, October 17th at 8:30 am.

LAP ROBES

Several of our UMW have been making lap robes and these will be presented to the residents at the Woodland Country Manor nursing home.

WORLD THANK OFFERING

Boxes are available in the back of the Sanctuary and will be collected in November. 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THERAPY



If you feel frustrated because you are powerless over certain unwanted circumstances that have not changed since last year, draw on the Power that can manage what you can't. Pray frequently throughout the day: "Let me...let You...lead me."

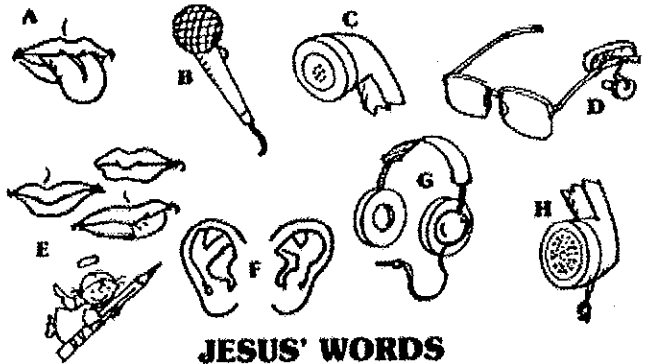
- Sept. 1 - Lora Richardson
Sept. 15 - Maxine Harris
Sept. 26 - Etta Jean Crawford
Oct. 8 - Cathy Richardson
Oct. 18 - Caren Hansel

Just For Kids

HEAR AND SPEAK

Sometimes we speak, and sometimes we listen. Below are pictures of things people use when they speak and when they listen. Decide which things are used for each, and put the letters in the correct box.

Two empty boxes for classification: 'Things that help us with hearing' and 'Things that help us with speaking'.



JESUS' WORDS

Jesus taught his helpers what to say and do when they went out to teach and heal the sick. What did he say to his helpers before they went out to teach in his name? Cross out every third letter. Write what Jesus said on the line below.

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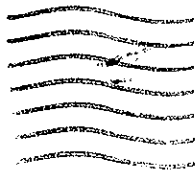


** Notice ** Deadline for Newsletter Articles

The next deadline date for submitting articles for the newsletter is October 19, 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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18 Recognition of Acolytes 9 am Melba Gross birthday	19	20	21 Choir Practice	22 Corby & Caren Hansel anniversary	23 Alisha Meador	24 Fish Fry at Darrtown 4:30-7
25 Choir Recognition Matt Barger's birthday	26 Eta Jean Crawford birthday	27	28 Choir Practice	29	30 Bill & Maxine Harris anniversary	
Sept. 11: Tiffany Shepherd and Brittany Shepherd birthday; also, Emily Barger's birthday						

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