

# Good NEWS

From Darrtown / McGonigle-Millville Charge  
United Methodist Church  
September/October, 2008

*Dear Friends,*

We have been exposed to the Core Processes of United Methodist Church life for several years. However, as both of our churches move into the future, we need to be more intentional about these core processes and the committees that help them happen.

This issue of the Newsletter let me lift into our focused attention these four core processes. In that way as we complete 2008 and move into a new year, we can



explore how they can make our churches strong and more healthy.

Peggy Garrison, the new Pastor at First UMC in Hamilton, shared with her people the following (used by permission):

"You might ask, 'What do the core processes have to do with me?'" I would suggest that you have lived them in your life of faith, or you would not still be involved in a worshipping congregation. How?

**Radical Hospitality** – Someone taught you that you were welcome at church. It might have been your parents who brought you. Maybe it was a sermon that told you that God loved you, regardless. At some point, you experienced radical hospitality that invited you into that fellowship.

**Passionate Worship** – When the Bishop starts talking about this core process, he recalls his childhood and the importance of the organ for his worship. That is what made his worship passionate. We are not talking about one style of worship, but something that moves our souls – brings out our passion for God. It could be silence. It could be jumping up and down as you sing a song. For many of us the most passionate worship we experienced was at campfires. The point is that the focus is on God and not the form.

**Faith Forming Relationships** – I do not care what anyone says; we cannot be a Christian by ourselves. When we are alone, it is too easy to think that what we think is what God thinks. We need others to expand our faith, to call us to witness, or teach us to pray. These are faith forming relationships. Most of us know them as Sunday School, where a group struggles with faith questions around God's word. We need to know other people and to be known by them. We need an experience of Jesus in our midst. You know what Jesus said, "where two or more are gathered in my name...."

**Risk Taking Service** – If all I do with my faith is to sit in church, then I have not been a faithful Christian. John Wesley taught us that we have to take our faith to where people are. That means we need to be engaged in missions, both local and global. Sometimes the mission is within the church family, such as helping refresh a couple's lawn who could no longer garden. Sometimes it is in the community, such as the meal at Living Waters. Sometimes the mission is around the world, such as the Nothing But Nets campaign to limit malaria. All of this is service for God.

I invite you with me to be a part of these four core processes. I invite us to be a church that is grounded in God's love and lives out our call. It is past time for us to seek new ways to do God's work. Let's work together.

See YOU in church!

*Rev. Ed*

**CHURCH CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

**SEPTEMBER:**



- Each Sunday:  
 Darrrtown: 9:00 am Worship;  
 9:15 & 10:00 Sunday School; 10:00 Fellowship Time  
 McGonigle-Millville: 9:30 & 11:00 Sunday School;  
 10:45 am Worship
- Sept. 2 (Tues): 7:00 pm – UMW meeting, Darrrtown
- Sept. 4 (Thur): Pre-Charge Conference Briefing;  
 10:00-noon at New Vision UMC
- Sept. 6 ( Sat): 4:30-7:00 pm – Pig Roast at McGonigle
- Sept. 7 (Sun): Sacrament of Communion
- Sept. 7 (Sun): T.G.I.F. 6:00 pm, Bunco Night at DT
- Sept. 7 (Sun): **NEW: i MARRIAGE** – A marriage enrichment program will start at Darrrtown UMC at 6:00 pm (more details inside)
- Sept. 8 (Mon): Darrrtown: 6:30 pm Trustees; 7:00 pm Admin Council meeting
- Sept. 14 (Sun): Love Offering Sunday; 12:15 pm – New Member Luncheon at Darrrtown
- Sept. 15 (Mon): McGonigle: 7:00 pm Trustees; 8:00 pm Admin Council meeting
- Sept. 21 (Sun): Reception of New Members
- Sept. 21 (Sun): 6:00 pm T.G.I.F. Scavenger Hunt in Oxford until 8:30 pm
- Sept. 21 (Sun): 6:00 pm – i Marriage Enrichment
- Sept. 22 (Mon): 7:00 pm Radical Hospitality Committee Meeting at Darrrtown (see note in this newsletter for names of committee members)
- Sept. 27 (Sat): Fish Fry, Darrrtown, 4:30-7:00 pm (Note: change of date)

- Oct. 25 (Sat): McGonigle's Ham & Turkey Dinner, 4:30–7:00 pm
- Oct. 26 (Sun): Hold for Halloween Party or Campfire/Weiner Roast – TBD
- Nov. 1 (Sat): Turkey Dinner, Darrrtown, 4:30-7:00 pm



**PRAYERS REQUESTS**

<b>Darrrtown</b>	<b>McGonigle-Millville</b>
Jill & Dave Morris (Iraq)	Armed Forces men/women
Joan Dyer & Family	Robyn Beck
Lawrence Baumann	Carol Beckett
JoAnn & Bill Coombs	Don & Dorothy Beckett
Elsie Nichols	DeWanna Beckett
3 Unnamed families	Ruth Childers
Robyn Beck	Rawn & Robbin Dillingham
Neal Akeley	Dottie Ennis
Al Menke	Beth Fulmer
Jacob Brown <b>was healed!</b>	Dorothy Fulmer
Mickey & Jim Pate	Irene Nutley
Cathy Richardson	Pam Lyons
David Lawrence	Clara Owen
Roseann Abrams	Lucile Sauer
Hollister Family	Lawrence & Esther Schlabach
Jerry Krauth	Betty Stanton
Ben Brown (Iraq)	
Dodie Ogle	10% growth – both churches
Brenda Timler	
Debbie Baumann	
Jennifer Jones	
Del Berry	

**CONDOLENCES**

Sympathies to Phyllis Keller and family in the loss of her father, Bill Owen.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAYS**  
**& ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS**

Refer to our calendar pages.



**OCTOBER:**

- Oct. 5 (Sun): Sacrament of Communion
- Oct. 5 (Sun): 3:00 pm – Blessing of the Animals at McGonigle shelter
- Oct. 5 (Sun): 6:00 pm – T.G.I.F. preparation for a future service project, Darrrtown
- Oct. 5 (Sun): 6:00 pm – i Marriage Enrichment
- Oct. 6 (Mon): 7:00 pm UMW meeting, Darrrtown
- Oct. 7 (Tues): 8:30 AM, UMW noodle-making
- Oct. 12 (Sun): Love Offering Sunday
- Oct. 19 (Sun): T.G.I.F. 6:00 pm Bonfire at the Hansels, 950 Beissinger Road



## JOINT CHURCH EVENTS

### NEWS

#### PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

The month of October is Pastor Appreciation Month. You are urged to show our pastor how much he is appreciated by sending a card or gift of your choice.

#### NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON

Anyone interested in becoming a member of this church should plan to attend the New Member luncheon on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at 12:15, after church, at Darrrtown UMC. New members will be able to join the following week.

Brenda Graham will prepare a simple luncheon and Rev. Beck will give a quick review of United Methodist history, structure and beliefs.

#### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

October 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm: Big ones, small ones, from horses to birds, and all in between! Plan to bring your pets and other animals to the McGonigle church shelter. Refreshments for pets and people, and a certificate to be provided by "Tails from God."

St. Francis of Assisi, Lover of all Creation, is the inspiration for our blessing event. Francis, whose feast day is October 4<sup>th</sup>, wrote "All praise to you, Oh Lord, for all these brother and sister creatures."

Take this opportunity to bring your animal companions to church. Something new will be a part of this blessing event!

#### LOOKING AHEAD -



#### FIFTH ⑤ SUNDAY POT LUCK

McGonigle church wants to begin something new - a Fifth Sunday Noon Pot Luck. We would like for this to be a joint church event each fifth Sunday. The first one will be held on November 30<sup>th</sup>. This is also the first Sunday in Advent.

Put this on your calendars and plan now. As this evolves, we can add entertainment and other activities.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

Bishop Bruce Ough was reassigned to our West Ohio Conference during the North Central Jurisdictional meeting July 14-19. Bishop Ough has been our Bishop for the last eight years and will now serve another four.

#### MANY THANKS

Many thank yous have been received in the last two months. We are sure to have missed some, but following are a sampling:

- ✓ Rev. Ed and Robyn expressed thanks for the many cards, expressions of appreciation, and gifts. Robyn sent special thanks to McGonigle for the lovely bouquet of flowers for her birthday.
- ✓ Lucile Sauer sent special thanks for the celebration of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday at McGonigle. She especially noted the covered dish luncheon. "The food was all good. I ate more than I have for a long time." She will remember her special day with church family, family and friends for a long time.
- ✓ Both Church World Service and UM Children's Home at Worthington have sent thanks for gifts of ministry. "We were able to help special needs children in Ohio, and provide food, shelter, health care, and clean water to refugees and others forced to flee their homes."
- ✓ The "Love First" offering and "Nothing But Nets" offering generated great appreciation as the West Ohio Conference exceeded their goal by a great amount.
- ✓ Thanks was shared by the Boy Scout Troop at Cheviot UMC for a memorial gift in memory of Bill Owen, Phyllis Keller's father. A number of the McGonigle church family were able to attend his memorial service.
- ✓ Thank you to Ron and Pam Hatten and Debbie Hawkins for working with our youth in the past year. To Jim and Mickey Pate for hosting the T.G.I.F. swim party, and to the group of parents who met to brainstorm!

#### ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL / TRUSTEES MEETING SCHEDULE

At recent action of both Administrative Councils, the Admin Councils and Trustees will meet six times a year on alternating months. They will meet January, March, May, July, September, and November. The alternate months will be good opportunities for committees to meet.

Currently Darrrtown has VBS in July. If that continues, Darrrtown will meet either in June or August.

Times remain the same: Trustees at 6:30 pm at Darrrtown and 7:00 pm at McGonigle; Admin Council at 7:00 pm at Darrrtown and 8:00 pm at McGonigle.

## McGONIGLE-MILLVILLE NEWS

### PIG ROAST

McGonigle-Millville UMC Pig Roast  
Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 – 6:30 pm  
Tickets: \$9.00 pre-sale price; \$10.00 day of the event;  
\$5.00 children 3-10 years; Carry-out available

Roast Pig and all the fixings! Games for kids and adults. Purchase your tickets from a church family member or call: Sherri Berger at 894-2519.

### ANNUAL HAM & TURKEY DINNER

Our church invites you to attend the annual Ham & Turkey Dinner on Saturday, October 25, 2008 from 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm. The menu includes: ham or turkey with dressing; mashed potatoes and gravy; cranberry relish; green beans; coleslaw; dessert; drink; rolls. Prices are: adults - \$8.00; kids 4-10 years old - \$4.00; kids 3 and under – free. Carry-out orders are available. If you would like to help with the dinner, call Betty Jo at 895-4621 or Kenny at 896-4439. We need lots of help for Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. It is a lot of work but also enjoyable working together. Bring your family and friends

### FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Our current janitor will not be able to continue providing our church with the wonderful gift of her services in this capacity. She did an excellent job and we wish her well. The good news is that this is an opportunity for some other person or persons to bless our church with their services. Each of us receives 24 hours each day as a gift from God. Here is an opportunity to give some of your gift from God to our church. For more details, talk to Kenny at 896-4439.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO

#### **LUCILE SAUER ON HER 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY!**

On Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> we had the privilege to help Lucile Sauer celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday during and after the worship service. A covered dish dinner was followed by a concert performed by the Barachah Valley Bluegrass & Gospel. All enjoyed an afternoon of fellowship wishing Lucile a Happy Birthday.

**TIFFANY & JESSIE JONES** on the birth of Cailia Maria Jones on August 5, 2008. Siblings are Madison and Caiden. Address: 3875 North East Drive # G, Clarksville, TN 37042. Proud grandparents and great-grandmother are: Mike and Nikki Baker

and Loma Wynn. We were happy to have Tiffany and Jessie and their family visit with us in church on August 17<sup>th</sup>.

### CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST

On Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, McGonigle Millville held a Christmas in August party. The hall was decorated for Christmas including a beautiful Christmas tree. Mrs. Claus arrived in time to join us at the carry-in meal. After the meal, we enjoyed watching the Christmas program from last December that Dave Sackenheim had filmed. Everyone who attended the Christmas program was a star performer in the show. The choir sang, the children sang and the adults were all participating. All who attended the party enjoyed the show and the meal.

- Bernice Coleman

### ANNUAL FALL YARD SALE

**THANK YOU** to all who made this year's yard sale a success and enjoyable. Many people work many hours to put our yard sale together, for this is truly a labor of love for our church. You all are very much appreciated! We realized a profit of \$1,980.10, ten percent of which goes into our Love Offering fund to help the needy in our community. The balance is used to pay the bills of the church. God bless you all!

### Hymn Titles by Occupation

Dentist's Hymn – Crown Him with Many Crowns  
Weatherman's Hymn – There Shall Be Showers of Blessings  
Contractor's Hymn – The Church's One Foundation  
Tailor's Hymn – Holy, Holy, Holy  
Golfer's Hymn – There's A Green Hill Far Away  
Politician's Hymn – Standing on the Promises  
Optometrist's Hymn – Open My Eyes That I May See  
IRS Agent's Hymn – I Surrender All  
Gossip's Hymn – Pass It On  
Electrician's Hymn – Send The Light  
Shopper's Hymn – Sweet Bye and Bye  
Realtor's Hymn – I've Got a Mansion Just Over the Hilltop  
Massage Therapist's Hymn – He Touched Me  
Doctor's Hymn – The Great Physician

AND for those who speed on the highway:  
45 mph.....God Will Take Care of You  
65 mph.....Nearer My God to Thee  
85 mph.....This World Is Not My Home  
95 mph.....Lord, I'm Coming Home  
100 mph.....Precious Memories

## **DARRTOWN NEWS**

### **i MARRIAGE**

**A** marriage enrichment program will start at Darrtown UMC Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Everyone is welcome, married or single. This is a six session program, with a session held every two weeks. Next program will be held on September 21.

There will be a DVD shown with discussion following. Refreshments will be served. Material used is from Andy Standley, Pastor of Campuses of North Point Ministries. For more information, call Carolyn Russell at 513-523-6768. Child care provided.

### **RADICAL HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Mark** your calendars for Monday, September 22 at 7:00 pm for this important meeting. The committee includes:

Jane Menke, Donna Gallagher, Dodie Ogle, Carolyn Russell, Robyn Beck, Sally Hansel, Maxine Harris, Sandy Beckemeier, Rhonda Knight, Ida Mae Lemmons, and Rev. Beck.

### **TRUSTEES REPORT**

**After** much work with our furnace, it has been determined that the furnace for the church must be replaced. It is estimated to be over 40 years old, parts are not available, and it is not very efficient. We are replacing it with a smaller much more efficient unit. The cost for the new furnace, including labor and installing a six-inch stainless steel chimney line will be about \$6,000. We are asking for help from all of the church members to cover the cost. Whatever you can do to help with this project will be very much appreciated. If writing a check, please indicate "Furnace Fund."

- Shawn Gallagher

### **UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S DAY**

**On** Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup> the morning worship service was conducted by the UMW. Special thanks to Maggie Trumbull who was our guest speaker. She gave a great message on "Acquaintances – One in the Spirit."

The Special Mission Recognition pin was presented to Etta Jean Crawford for her untiring dedication to church and community. She chairs the kitchen hospitality responsibility, makes quilts (along with Cathy Richardson) and is the weaver of rugs which she donates and are sold at the November Bazaar. In her name, our UMW unit made a donation to mission of the Global Board of Missions.

The lily on the altar was in memory of those who have gone before us. After our service, the lily was given to Audrey Brooks, she being the oldest UMW member. Thanks to all who took part in this service.

- Ida Mae Lemmons

### **SHOEBOX PROJECT FOR SOLDIERS**

**We** have collected several shoeboxes filled with items for our service personnel. I also have great news to go along with these boxes. My sister, Denise Nicholas, is the principal at Willowville Elementary in Batavia. This happens to be the same school that our beloved Matt Maupin went to. I am working with her to ensure that every box has a letter in it. Also, my son, James Reams, has given me the name of a chaplain in the US Navy in order to help distribute the boxes to those in Iraq during the holidays.

Thanks once again for a great show of support!

- Mickey Pate

### **HISTORIC HOPEWELL CHURCH**

**Thanks** so much to everyone for coming to Hopewell this past July. The flooding in Hueston Woods did present a problem to those of us driving through the woods, but we ultimately made it to the church and we were sure glad we did! Everyone in the Hopewell family enjoyed the message, special music, old hymns and fellowship. Darrtown UMC is the ONLY church in the Hopewell summer schedule that hosts a fellowship time after church. Darrtown is a special congregation to make the effort to host the service and fellowship.

- Laura Cohen

### **ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

**What** a nice day we had for the Ice Cream Social this year! Not nearly as hot and humid as last year, so we had a steady flow of guests for dinner and we weren't melting in the kitchen! The entire evening went so smoothly because so many of you helped in so many different ways. This summer was a challenge for me and I can't tell you all how much I appreciate everyone saying "yes" to the tasks I asked you to consider tackling on behalf of the social. Some tasks were small, some quite a challenge. Each and every task contributed to the success of the evening. I want to thank you all for the help and for making Darrtown UMC the place that I proudly call my home church.

- Laura Cohen

### **CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU!**

- ☺ Megan Beckemeier as she goes off to college at Ohio Northern, Ada, Ohio!!
- ☺ To all the young people completing their projects at the Butler County Fair!!
- ☺ Jennifer and Reid Shoker on the birth of their new baby, Elizabeth Marie Shoker. She has a big sister, Emily.
- ☺ Thanks to Laura Cohen for chairing this year's Ice Cream Social.

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- ☺ Thanks to the Vacation Bible School children who donated money to the Heifer Project mission. \$200 has been mailed in for this worldwide mission.
- ☺ Thanks to everyone who wrote articles for this newsletter. Again, there are some great articles.

## TEENS GROWING IN FAITH

T.G.I.F. began the new school year program with a pool party on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. There were 21 youth present. There was lots of good and water and a corn toss tournament. Devotions and a brief meeting was held.

On August 17<sup>th</sup>, the T.G.I.F. sponsored a trip to see the Cincinnati Reds play baseball and a Mercy Me live concert. 18 youth and three adults attended.

T.G.I.F. meetings are planned at 6:00 pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays. Bring your friends!

- Sept. 7 – Bunco night at Darrtown
- Sept. 21 – Scavenger Hunt in Oxford; meet at Darrtown
- Oct. 5 – Service Project, probably baking cookies for a future use; meet at Darrtown
- Oct. 19 – Bonfire and the works at the Hansels; meet at 950 Beissinger Road – the house with the big pumpkin on the front.
- Most evenings will end at 8:00 pm; Sept. 21 at 8:30.



## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

### COMING UP

- **Tuesday:** Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting at 7:00 pm. Plans for the fall and winter projects and activities will be discussed and dates set. Hostesses: Carolyn Sadler and Kathy Menke.
- **Monday:** October 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting at 7:00 pm. Hostesses: Donna Gallagher and Etta Jean Crawford.
- **Tuesday:** October 7<sup>th</sup> Noodle-Making at 8:30 am for fall bazaar and turkey dinner.

### MISSIONS

- ❖ Flood Victims – donations will still be accepted for the flood victims. Make any checks to the Darrtown United Methodist Church with the number 982450 in the memo.
- ❖ The World Thank Offering Boxes will be collected during worship service on Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.

### REMINDERS

- ✓ Save Campbell Soup UPC labels
- ✓ Continue saving your coins for the World Thank Offering boxes to be collected in November

### ♥ *Forgiveness Therapy* ♥

*Victims are helpless, at the mercy of the offender. By showing mercy to an offender, you put yourself back in control. Take charge by forgiving.*

### ME! A CARETAKER?

“This is my home and this is my family. I’m no caretaker.”

That would probably be our reaction if someone came to us and tried to tell us that the things we have do not really belong to us. And yet that is exactly what the Bible tells us. In Psalm 24:1 we read, “The Earth is the Lord’s, and the fullness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein.”

Is not everything we have a gift from God? The Apostle Paul writes to the Christians at Corinth, “What hast thou that thou didst not receive?” (1 Cor. 4:7) Every Christian knows that the answer to this question is, “Nothing.” God has given us everything we have, even life itself. Because all that we have and all that we are belongs to God, we do not spend our time, our strength, and our money to please ourselves, but to please God.

What does this mean? Specifically, how can we live to please God? Certainly God wants us to spend part of our time, talent and resources on ourselves and our families. God has given us our lives and expects us to enjoy them in God’s service. God also wants us to give for the needs – both physical and spiritual – of others.

How can we best do this? By giving to our church and community. Christ founded the church to preach to the world and to minister to the needy in God’s name. Whenever we give to the church we are doing this work for Christ. We do not give to the church because we expect to receive anything in return. We give to the church because that is what God wants us to do with our money. Remember that it is not ours, but God’s; we are simply the caretakers.

How much then should we give to the church? The New Testament offers several answers to this question. When Zacchaeus, the dishonest tax collector, became a Christian, he told Jesus that he would give half of his wealth to feed the poor. (Lk 19:1-10) When Mary of Bethany realized that Jesus was soon to be crucified, she bought the most expensive gift she could find to give to him. (Jn 12:1-8) When Barnabas, the Levite from Cyprus, became a Christian, he sold all the land that he owned and brought the money to the apostles. (Acts 4:36-37) The action of each of these individuals was different yet each was giving their money in a way that was pleasing to God.

How can we be sure that our gifts are pleasing to God? Here are some suggested ways:

- 1) Pray about your giving. When the offering basket is passed in church imagine that it is Jesus who is holding it. Put into it what you would not be ashamed for him to see. Through your giving show him how much you are willing to sacrifice for him, who sacrificed his life for you.
- 2) Consider the needs of the church. Consider what your church can do in the name of Christ at home and around the world if you give generously. Ask yourself, "What kind of church would this church be if every parishioner gave just as I do?"
- 3) Consider the Biblical standard of the tithe. Before Christ came to save his people they were commanded to give a tenth of their income to God. Now that Christ has come can we give any less?

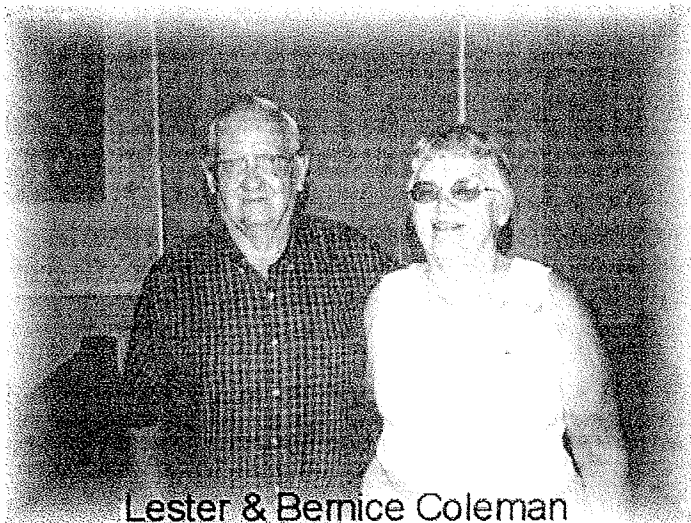
All people are caretakers. Nothing belongs to us; everything belongs to God. Not everyone realizes this, but Christians do and strive to please God in the use of all that God has put in their care.

"Yes, I'm a caretaker – God's caretaker!"

### **IN THE SPOTLIGHT THIS MONTH**

#### **Lester & Bernice Coleman**

Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart  
in full assurance of faith... Hebrews 10:22



Lester & Bernice Coleman

#### **INTERVIEW**

Lester and Bernice Coleman are a quiet, modest couple who for many years have diligently labored in faith to serve the Lord at McGonigle-Millville Church. Although this interview was to be about both of them, Bernice in her usual "shy" way, directed the

conversation to Lester. Lester, a man of few words, did share that his church heritage goes back to his birth almost three-quarters of a century ago. His parents, who then lived on Darrrtown Road, came, bringing him, his brother Robert, and sister Juanita. The church then was like a one room school house, heated by a stove which sat where the choir now sits. On cold days, "you could see your breath," and until 1980 the church had an outhouse. Their memories are many as they have seen pastors come and go, and Lester remembers when some of the early speakers were students from Miami University. The "faith" lessons of Hebrews must have been strong in their hearts, as there was never any money, but with the help of the Lord, they always found a way. Eddie Beeler, the church treasurer, once reported the balance of 67 cents, saying, "We aren't broke, just badly bent." When it was time to replace the old wooden windows or to purchase the adjacent ground, they simply took a "leap of faith," baked a lot of pies, held early yard sales in the 1960s – that had mostly clothes and a few dishes. Annual Homemade Ice Cream Socials were done by members mixing the ingredients, taking this to Oxford to be frozen, then packing in hot (dry) ice for the trip back to church.

Lester served in the Army and when he returned, he met the love of his life, Bernice, in 1960 at a square dance at LeSourdsville Lake. They married in September, 1961. This brought Bernice into our church, followed by their three children, Kenny, Lawrence and Norma Jean. There were no little ones attending at this time and Bernice said everyone was excited at the birth of Kenny. (Hasn't been a blessing to this church!) Lester worked for the Talawanda Schools and after their children were older, Bernice worked at McCullough-Hyde Hospital for 18 years before retiring.

All the while, Lester and Bernice have labored at church wherever needed; cleaning the church for awhile, and serving on various committees and functions. Bernice has taught Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, and now sings in the choir. These last few years have brought many struggles with various health problems, but their devotion to God and their church family has never wavered. They are thankful for the caring love they share with their church family and the joy their various church activities has brought into their lives.

- interviewed by Nevie Halcomb



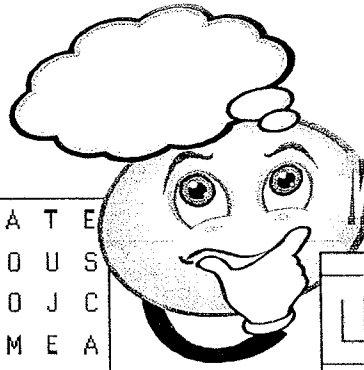
*Have a Happy Fall Season*

#### **NOTICE: DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

The next deadline date for submitting articles is **October 20, 2008**. Items can be given to Maxine Harris, Ida Mae Lemmons or Evelyn Kuhlmann. E-mail Maxine at: [maxakers03@aol.com](mailto:maxakers03@aol.com); Ida Mae at [idamae87@yahoo.com](mailto:idamae87@yahoo.com) Or Evelyn at [ebkuhl@brecnet.com](mailto:ebkuhl@brecnet.com).

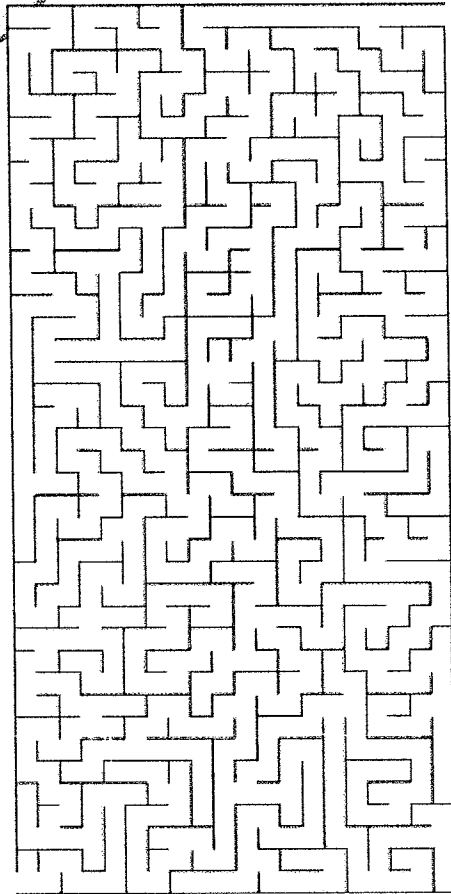
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| CLAYE     | GRIEVED   | PREY       | TILLAGE       |
| CORN      | HEAVY     | PRIEST     | TOBIAH        |
| DAUGHTERS | HOUSE     | READ       | VALLEY GATE   |
| DUNG GATE | ISRAEL    | REBEL      | VEXED         |
| ESCAPED   | JERUSALEM | SANDBALLAT | VICTUALS      |
| FEIGNEST  | JEWS      | SCORN      | VILLAGES      |
| FIGHT     | JOY       | SHEEP GATE | VINEYARDS     |
| FISH GATE | KING      | SLAY       | WELFARE       |
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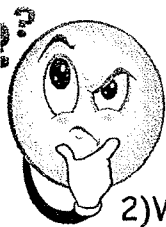
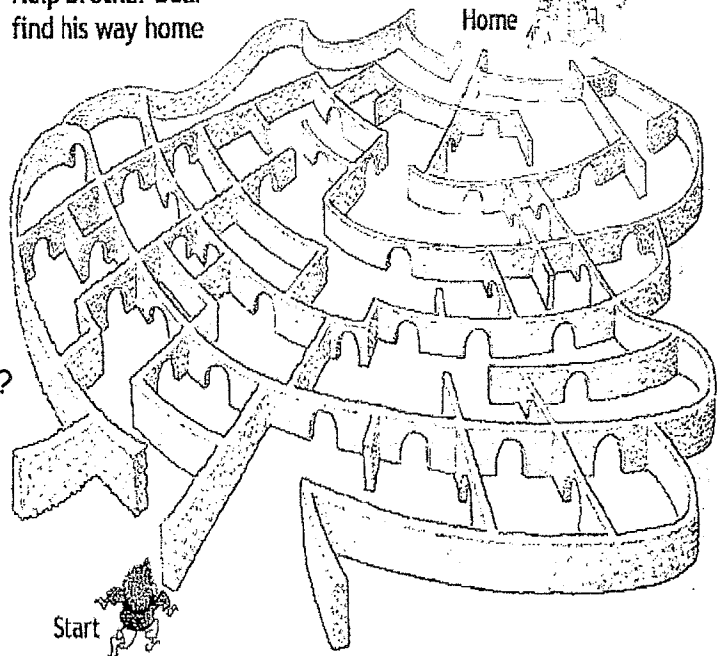
# Jokes...

- 1) Why couldn't the butterfly come to the dance?
- 2) What do you call a fish with no eye?
- 3) What do you call a cow with no legs?
- 4) What do you call a cow with two legs?
- 5) Why don't monkeys play cards in the jungle?

Answers...

- 1) Because it was a moth ball
- 2) A fish
- 3) Ground beef
- 4) Lean Beef
- 5) Too many cheetas running around

Help Brother Bear find his way home





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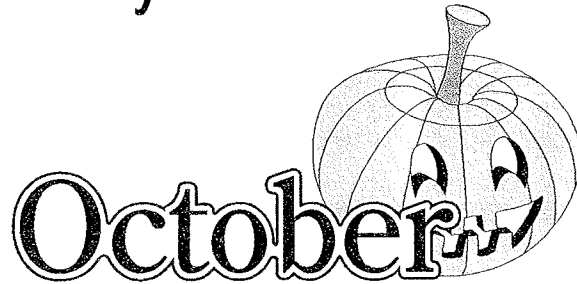


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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Lora Richardson	2 Jessie Jones Anniv: John & Nevie Halcomb	3 Don Beckett	4	5 Anniv: Mark & Donna Sprau	6 Jack Cohen
7	8	9 Cindi Mehl	10 Rachelle Broshear Irene Nutley Don Shiflet Anniv: Harry & Dodie Ogle	11 Barney & Sandy Beckemeier	12	13
14 Josh Russell	15 Greg, Joe, & Laura Bennett Maxine Harris Anniv: Ken & Carolyn Russell	16 Linda Stegneir Anniv: Will & Marna Evans	17	18 Anniv: Walt & Belinda Kern Melba Gross	19	20 Pat Lyons
21	22	23 Sam Jones Carl Nutley Alisha Meador	24	25 Anniv: Jack & Laura Cohen	26 Etta Jean Crawford	27
28	29 Linda Agee	30 Noah Webster Anniv: Lester & Bernice Coleman	Sept. 30: Anniv. Bill & Maxine Harris			

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5 Karly Broshear Lester Coleman	6	7 Christopher Baker	8 Taylor Morris Fulmer Cathy Richardson	9 Joyce Jones Luella DeCeglie	10	11 Ruth Childers Larry Simison Mike Mehl Anniv: Don & Betty Shiflet
12 Anniv: Donna & Shaw n Gallagher	13	14	15	16	17 Donna Rungay	18 Caren Hansel
19 Anniv: Tom & Jennifer Clark Anniv: Dick & Carolyn Sadler	20	21 Katlyn Baldwin Chloe Hansel	22 Anniv: Raw n & Robbin Dillingham	23	24 Anniv: Andy & Susan Petri	25 Dorothy Beckett Connie Davis Carolyn Kincaid
26 Tom Agee Ty Burkholder	27 Jeremy Fulmer Anniv: Bill & Evelyn Kuhlmann	28	29 Sharon Blalock	30	31 Samantha Mehl	