

Good News

*From Darrtown / McGonigle-Millville Charge
United Methodist Churches
September / October, 2010*



Dear Friends,

On August 22nd I concluded a four-week sermon series on “gifts” with “The Gift of No More Excuses.” Since only McGonigle was able to hear this, I decided to include the way in which one church extended an invitation to church family and friends to attend church:

- To make it possible for everyone to attend church next Sunday, we are going to have a special “No Excuse Sunday.”
- Cots will be placed in the foyer for those who say, “Sunday is my only day to sleep in.”
- There will be a special section with lounge chairs for those who feel that our pews are too hard.
- Eye drops will be available for those with tired eyes from watching TV late Saturday night.
- We will have steel helmets for those who say, “The roof would cave in if I ever came to church.”
- Blankets will be furnished for those who think the church is too cold, and fans will be available for those who say it is too hot.
- Score cards will be available for those who wish to list the hypocrites present.
- Relatives and friends will be in attendance for those who can't go to church and cook dinner too.
- We will distribute “Stamp Out Stewardship” buttons for those who feel that the church is always asking for money.
- One section will be devoted to trees and grass for those who like to seek God in nature.
- Doctors and nurses will be in attendance for those who plan to be sick on Sunday.
- The sanctuary will be decorated with both Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies for those who never have seen the church without them.
- We will provide hearing aids for those who can't hear the preacher and cotton for those who say the preacher is too loud.

(author unknown)

We may not be going to such extremes to welcome you to our churches, but we hope you “get the drift” and know how welcome and invited you and your family and friends are.

See you in church!

Rev. Ed

Calendar of Events

September, 2010

- September 5: 9:30: Jean Derickson, guest organist, to begin Darrrtown's special Bicentennial month. Tim Derickson, our state representative, will bring a welcome. Both churches will observe communion. 9:30 Sunday School at McGonigle. 10:45 Worship at McGonigle. Larry Brock will sing at both churches.
- September 6: Labor Day – holiday
- September 7: United Methodist Women meet at Darrrtown at 7:00 pm
- September 9: Living Waters Lasagna meal at St. Mark's UMC at 6:00 pm
- September 11: 4:30-6:30 pm: Annual Pig Roast at McGonigle. Advance tickets \$8.00
- September 12: 9:00: "Something Good" – a great vocal chorus will present the worship service. Love Offering Sunday at both churches. T.G.I.F. begins this evening.
- September 18: Beginning at 9:00 am, clean-up day at Darrrtown. See Trustees or UMW for assignments, even if you want to work another day on a project.
- September 19: 9:00 am: The group bringing our special music has not been confirmed at this time.
- September 26: **Our Big Day** – The combined worship service of Darrrtown and McGonigle United Methodist Churches with our long-time joined church at Seven Mile will be at 10:30 am. Bishop Bruce Ough is our featured speaker. The afternoon will feature lots of sharing memories and the dedication of the St. Matthews Lutheran gift tree with the release of four symbolic doves. Lots of special music.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Refer to our calendar pages.

October, 2010

- October 3: World Communion Sunday, both churches. The Blessing of the Animals returns at 2:00 pm.
- October 4: 7:00 pm, United Methodist Women at Darrrtown
- October 5: 8:30 am, Noodle-making at Darrrtown
- October 9: 8:30 am-noon: Festival of Sharing at Otterbein College
- October 10: Worship at 9:00 and 10:45. Church School at 9:00 and 9:30. T.G.I.F. meets.
- October 11: 6:30 pm Trustees; 7:00 Church Council at Darrrtown
- October 17: Worship at 9:00 and 10:45. Church School at 9:00 and 9:30
- October 18: 6:30 pm Trustees; 7:15 Church Council at McGonigle
- October 23: 4:30-7:00 pm, McGonigle Ham and Turkey Dinner
- October 24: Worship at 9:00 and 10:45. Church School at 9:00 and 9:30. T.G.I.F. meets.
- October 31: Rev. Phil Rice will be guest speaker at both churches. Fifth Sunday Potluck luncheon at Darrrtown at 12:15 pm

LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

Our military personnel

Robyn Beck
Ron Hansel
Dillingham Family
Lawrence Schlabach
Bernice Kolb
Family of Tom Agee
Jim Gifford
Family of Erica Thomas
Cub Pack 937
Pat & Pam Lyons
Sarah Meyers
Granville Strong
Nevie Halcomb
Irene & Carl Nutley
Rick Stuhmer
Vickie Barnett
Don Mayberry
Betty Stanton

Noah Trumbull
Jim Hansel
Bob & Marge Leck
Erika Cole
Carol Beckett
Dorothy Beckett
Ruth Childers
Family of Maxine Harris
Eric Lykins
Sue Lykins
Glenn Owen
Sheila Jones
Jim Leitsch
Bo Petri
Doug Wooten
Lester Coleman
Clara Owen

Joint Church Events

FESTIVAL OF SHARING

We are participating in the Festival of Sharing, West Ohio Conference 2010, preparing Baby Kits, and we need your help! Please review the following list and bring one (1) kit or more if you choose to do so. The kits will be collected in a container marked "Mission" at the church entrances. If you are unable to purchase a whole kit, please consider contributing one item from the list. Monetary gifts are also appreciated for this project, with or in place of the kit. We will purchase your kit and prepare it for you.

All kits and supplies must be received at church by Sunday, October 3rd. The kits will be dropped off on Wednesday, October 6th. Timing is very important. We will label kits with our church name and pastor's name.

The church will provide cloth diapers for each kit and has allocated a nominal amount of money to purchase additional items as needed to complete kits.

Baby Kits:

- 2 T-shirts or undershirts (no onsies)
- 2 Wash cloths
- 2 Gowns or sleepers
- 2 Diaper pins
- 1 Sweater or sweatshirt
- 2 Receiving blankets (one can be hand-knitted or crocheted baby blanket)

Put all baby items inside a plastic bag. We (McGonigle) will add 6 cloth diapers for all kits made and prepare for drop off. Please follow the kit guidelines carefully.

Thank you very much for your support. We know that these kits are prepared with love and caring for our brothers and sisters in need. We cannot be successful without you!
Happy is the generous man. Proverbs 22:9

-- Ann Jones, Missions

NOTIFICATION IF SOMEONE IS ILL

It is important to call Rev. Beck when someone you know is in a hospital, nursing home or rehabilitation center. He cannot offer pastoral care if he doesn't know. Your information is part of "caring for one another." (1 Cor. 12:25-27) Remember, these facilities no longer notify churches as they once did, due to the privacy act. Your help is appreciated, so don't hesitate to call.

*Recall it as often as you wish, a happy
memory never wears out.*

SAFETY NOTE

1. Reports have been made about child car seats beside the road, sometimes with a baby blanket over it. This is a ruse to get you to stop and become the victim of a robbery - or worse. Do not stop, dial 9-1-1 and report what you saw.
2. If you are driving at night and eggs are thrown at your windshield, do not operate the wiper and do not spray water because eggs mixed with water become milky and block your vision up to 92%. You are then forced to stop beside the road and become a victim of thieves.

McGONIGLE-MILLVILLE NEWS

PIG ROAST

Remember to mark your calendar for the McGonigle-Millville UMC Annual Pig Roast on

Saturday, September 11th

from 4:30-6:30 pm. Tickets are \$8.00 presale, \$9.00 the day of the event, and \$5.00 for children ages 3-10.

Menu: roast pork or BBQ pork sandwich, macaroni salad, slaw, baked beans, cornbread, homemade pie or cake, beverage. Carry-out available.

We appreciate those who are selling tickets to make this event a success. If you need tickets or information, call 894-2519. Thanks for your support as this event is important to our general fund to pay our winter bills.

HAM & TURKEY DINNER

Mark your calendars for the Annual Ham & Turkey Dinner at McGonigle-Millville UMC on

Saturday, October 23rd

from 4:30-7:00 pm. Prices are: adults: \$8.00; children 4-10 years old: \$4.00; children 3 and under, free.

Menu includes: ham or turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry relish, green beans, cole slaw, dessert, and rolls.

For this dinner to be a success, WE NEED YOUR HELP! We will need food donations. A sign-up board will be in the Narthex of the church to sign up for the items you would like to donate. We also need volunteers. Do you like to bake? The week of the dinner, we need cooks to bake cakes, pies, and turkeys. Are you good with a knife? We need carvers to cut up the turkeys. Is a food processor your favorite kitchen electronic? We need someone to grind the meat, shred the cabbage, (cont.)

and grind cranberries. We also need help the day of the dinner getting everything started at 9:00 am until after the clean-up. Any and all help is appreciated. Thank you in advance for your support.

*-- Norma Coleman & Nikki Baker,
Committee Chairpersons*

RARE ITEM FOUND AT CHURCH

Each Sunday morning it appears at 9:30 am.
Many churches do not have one.
All adults are welcome, male and female.
Coffee is available.
Reading and discussion is required.
Learning could happen or faith could grow.
Participants can get to know each other and/or become better acquainted.
WHAT IS IT?

GET WELL WISHES

Cliff Farmer is recuperating at Westover from double knee surgery on the August 16. Good wishes go out to him for a speedy recovery.

CONDOLENCES

- † Our condolences go out to Maxine Harris on her family's losses: her husband, Bill Harris, on June 30; her brother Val Akers on August 11; and her sister-in-law Betty Akers on August 20.
- † Condolences go out to Tom and Linda Agee in the loss of Tom's mother, Evelyn, on August 22.

McGONIGLE'S CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Roxane and Jim Leitsch have stepped into the roles of lead teachers for McGonigle's 9:30 am Children's Sunday School class. The class resumed on August 22. The Leitsch's will also be taking over Andrea's position in Angel Church. We are grateful to Andrea Berger for her dedication and capable leadership in the past at both Sunday School and Angel Church. A meeting was held on August 22 and several parents volunteered to help them. Anyone interested in volunteering to help at either Sunday School or Angel Church is asked to contact Robyn Beck. She is coordinating helpers to be put into a rotation schedule.

We hope all parents will bring their children to the 9:30 am Sunday School class. An adult Sunday School class meets at the same time and is led by Kenny Coleman. Our church is blessed by dedicated teachers and we encourage all to enter into this time of study and spiritual renewal.

ANNUAL FALL YARD SALE

I once heard – the party is over, the tent is down, and the crowd has gone home. No tent, but the crowd has gone home, and again we truly have been blessed. Our Lord is faithful.

There is a word I often hear these days, and that is "awesome," so I am going to use that word to describe the yard sale and crew. That just sums it all up! What a wonderful group of dedicated people. We filled a lot of needs, and a lot of wants. Our total at last count was \$2,400. Ten percent of that will go to the Love Offering. We hope you came out to join the fun, and ate some great food. Thank you, Brenda, for the "awesome" food. Brenda did a spectacular job as always. If you were unable to make this sale, please mark your calendars and plan to join us in the spring. We will be looking for you!

-- Ann Jones

THANK YOU – McGONIGLE-MILLVILLE UMC

Dear Friends in Mission:

A massive earthquake on January 12 devastated Haiti, taking thousands of lives and leaving more than a million in need of water, food, shelter and medical care. Within hours, United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) friends like you responded with prayers and gifts.

Thank you for your gift received on 05/19/10 for \$560.00 through The Advance, the designated giving channel of The United Methodist Church. Because of your support, UMCOR is able to address not only immediate needs, but also the long-term recovery of those whose lives have been shattered. Your contribution is helping UMCOR to be in Haiti for as long as it takes to understand the people's needs, and work to create a sustainable integrated infrastructure and address the psychological impact to a traumatized nation.

Thank you for being there...for being hope...in Haiti. As UMCOR prepares to aid the Haitian people in their long-term recovery, we are grateful that you will be our partner in rebuilding homes, lives and families. Your generosity offers a spirit of hope in the midst of devastation.

*Don't expect things to just happen
without movement on your part.*

Love, live, worship, serve, pray on purpose.

THANK YOU

👍 To **Andrea Berger** for her teaching leadership at our 9:30 Sunday School and 10:45 Angel Church. Thank you Andrea, and good wishes to you!

👍 A giant thank you to **Ann and Jennifer Jones** and their entire yard sale crew for their many hours of work in preparation for a most successful yard sale!

👍 While our choir, who gives us such beautiful music, took a short summer break, **Jennifer Jones** delighted us with her violin solos. Thank you so much, Jennifer!

👍 **Luella DeCeglie** and her family placed a beautiful bouquet of flowers at the altar in memory of Luella's mother, Lucile Sauer.

👍 Thanks to **Nevie Halcomb** for making the new Bible/Hymnal page markers for use during our worship service. Nevie is never idle. Even while she is convalescing from her severe back injury, she is working for the glory of the Lord. Take care, Nevie, and we pray for your quick recovery. We miss you and look forward to seeing you in church.
by Sherri Berger

👍 As some of you have noticed, our hymnals and Bibles have new ribbon markers installed in them. I personally wanted to bring this to your attention. I do use them most of the time to aide me in preparing for the day's hymnals and passages.
by Noah Webster

REMINDER

👉 Just a reminder that Bible Study is held at McGonigle every Wednesday evening from 7:00-9:00 pm. One member has attended every Wednesday since she was born! Muffin is one of the most faithful members and behaves herself, too!

LOVE OFFERING IN ACTION

Doing things for other people is the most fulfilling work one can participate in during our lifetime. If you doubt what I say is true, try it for yourself. Remember to inform me of your findings.

Through the Love Offering and the Tithe account, our church was able to help a couple pay their electric bill; contribute to an account to help a young man in our neighborhood pay medical bills incurred after an auto accident; provide a lady in need with some groceries.

-- Kenny Coleman

A NOTE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

We would like to thank **Don Mayberry** for the many laps across our church yard he has made to keep our yard looking beautiful! Due to changes in Don's health, he will not be able to continue as our lawn care specialist. THANKS, DON!

FIRST FRUITS CAUGHT RESTING

Since our previous newsletter, between rest periods: the trash was collected and set to the curb as needed. Yard sale donations were picked up from several locations. Yard sale items were sorted; erected yard sale road signs at four locations. Grass was mowed as needed. Vertical blinds were installed in two windows of school room in basement. Measured and acquired vertical blind hardware for kitchen window. Set up and took down chairs and tables in fellowship hall as needed. Watered flowers as needed. Performed visual inspection of fire extinguishers.

PERPETUAL FOOD DRIVE

Our Perpetual Food Drive is ongoing. Food barrels are at both entrances. Please remember to bring non-perishable food for the barrels.

Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Matt. 25-40



Holidays are just around the corner and we found a great recipe to sweeten your loved ones. We served this at our fall yard sale and it was a success. It is so easy.

Crock Pot Chocolate Candy Recipe

Put the following ingredients into a large crock pot in the order listed. Cover. DO NOT STIR.

- 1 large jar (16 oz) unsalted peanuts
- 1 large jar (16 oz) salted peanuts
- 1 bar (4 oz) German chocolate
- 1 package (12 oz) semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 2 (24 oz) packages of almond bark (white chocolate, or combination)

Cook for 3 hours on low. DO NOT LIFT LID until 3 hours have passed. Stir and drop by rounded teaspoon onto waxed paper. Put foil under waxed paper to protect table.

-- Ann Jones

DARRTOWN NEWS

FESTIVAL OF SHARING

Both churches will be participating in this mission project for the West Ohio Conference. Complete details are listed under "Joint Church Events" on page 2 of this newsletter. If you skipped over it, please go back and read about the Baby Kits and plan to be a participant in this important mission. The deadline is October 3, 2010.

CANNED FOOD/ PAPER PRODUCTS

Reminder: Our church has a continuous canned foods/paper products drive going on throughout the year for the needy. Please plan to contribute by placing items in the basket near the sanctuary annex entrance. Your generosity is appreciated.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

It is time to update our directory. Please provide new information, cell phones, e-mails, etc. so that our information can be up to date. Call Rev. Beck or Robyn at 896-4025.

THANK YOU

👍 Thanks to everyone who participated in helping our annual Ice Cream Social be a success!

👍 We now have a newly installed, fully functional dishwasher! Thanks to everyone who helped make this project a reality! It was put to the test during the Ice Cream Social and worked wonders!

👍 Thanks to **Marna Evans** for providing historical information about the Darrtown church with her Bicentennial Vignettes!

👍 Thanks to **Jennifer Jones** for her wonderful violin solos!

👍 Thanks to the **Jewel Family** for conducting our worship service on August 22, with wonderful music and message!

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SPECIAL THANKS

To my very special church family:

I have received so many expressions of kindness, love, prayers, concern, gifts, cards, food, and offers of "Is there anything I can do for you," during Bill's illness and since his death. Your sympathies and concern have continued with the loss of my 90 year old brother, and his wife, my sister-in-law, age 91, all three deaths within a two-month period of time. Please accept my sincere thanks for helping carry me through this difficult time. I'm so happy to have you in my life. As my thank you card said, "God's spirit shines through in people like you."

-- Maxine Harris

SANCTUARY CHOIR

Our choir is back from vacation. For anyone interested in joining, we meet every Wednesday evening at the church at 6:30. We would like to have all the chairs filled for our 200th Anniversary Celebration on September 26th. We need you to attend practice to learn the songs. Come and be part of our choir. -- Donna Gallagher

CHURCH THERMOSTATS

We are asking for everyone's participation in helping keep our church comfortable and at the same time, conserve electricity. During summer months when the building is unoccupied, settings should be at 78 degrees. While occupied, the settings should be changed to 75 degrees. During winter months when the building is unoccupied, settings should be at 68 degrees. While occupied, change to 72 degrees. If you do not know how to make these adjustments, ask someone for assistance.

OFFICE ROOM (OFF KITCHEN AREA)

This small room doubles as an office and as space for cutting and preparing desserts for our dinners. Occasionally, large items have been placed in this room that should have been taken to the storage building or stored in another location. These items could also interfere with heating and air vents if they get covered. We are asking for the congregation's cooperation in keeping this room neat and uncluttered. Please ask for a Trustee's assistance if you are unsure where to store an item. Thanks for your cooperation.

NEXT NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY 10/20/2010.

Give to Maxine Harris (maxakers03@aol.com)

Ida Mae Lemmons (idamae87@yahoo.com)

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

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

From our President:

HELLO ALL, I personally am glad the worst of the heat is behind us, and am looking forward to a comfortable autumn. No meetings in July and August but still a very busy bunch of women with noodle-making, ice cream social, brunches and lunch at McGonigle, dishwasher, July parade, and planning for the September celebration.

Our September meeting: This meeting will be held on **TUESDAY**, September 7 at 7:00 pm. The speaker will be from the Oxford Resource Center. Everyone is invited to attend. Hostesses are Carolyn Sadler and Malka Mertes.

Our October meeting: Will be held on Monday, October 4 at 7:00 pm. Lots of planning for the November dinner and Bazaar. Hostesses are Donna Gallagher and Etta Jean Crawford.

Important Date: Saturday, September 18: we need help to clean the kitchen, windows, etc. to be ready for our September 26th celebration. Please offer your assistance.

OUR CONTINUING MISSION PROJECTS:

- ❖ **Choice Food Pantry:** Our church will continue to collect canned foods throughout the year for the needy. Place the cans in the basket near the sanctuary annex entrance. The donated items will be delivered to this food pantry located on the corner of Route 27 and North Locust Street in Oxford.
- ❖ **Campbell's Labels:** Save only the barcodes and the "Labels for Education" logos.

Happy Birthday UMW!

September	October
09/01 – Lora Richardson	10/08 – Cathy Richardson
09/15 – Maxine Harris	10/18 – Caren Hansel
09/23 – Lee Ann Shoker	
09/26 – Etta Jean Crawford	

FORGIVENESS – taken from "The Simple Faith of Mister Rogers," explaining the meaning of a verse from the hymn "A *Mighty Fortress is Our God.*" In conversation with Dr. Orr, Mr. Rogers asks, "What is that one little word that would wipe out the prince of darkness (*one little word shall fell him*)? Dr. Orr replied, "Forgiveness. There is one thing that evil cannot stand, and that is forgiveness."

T.G.I.F. News

Summer

The youth were busy this summer with mission work and service projects. They helped with VBS at Darrtown and completed a mission project at Living Water in Hamilton. We had around 25 youth involved in the two mission projects. By putting service to others first, their love for the Lord grew. In addition to our service project, we also enjoyed a canoe trip together.

Upcoming Events

Bicentennial Celebration on September 26 at Darrtown and lunch to follow at McGonigle. Please plan to attend. More events to be scheduled at our first meeting and please bring your calendars to the meeting.

Meeting Dates

September 12 and 26
 October 10 and 24
 November 7 and 21

Meetings will start with a fellowship time at 6:30 and end at 8:00 pm.

Meet Kayla Hawkins

What is your lucky number?..... #4
 What is your favorite color?..... Green
 What are your favorite subjects?..... **Math and Science**
 What are your favorite pizza toppings?..... **Ham and Pineapple**
 School Activities:..... **Soccer, Cross Country, Swimming, Diving, Track and YIT**
 Most people wouldn't know.....
 I enjoy planting flowers.
 Favorite Bible Verse:..... **John 3:16**
 Favorite Christian Song:.....
 I Will Praise You in this Storm, by Casting Crowns

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<u>September</u>			1 Lora Richardson	2 John & Nevie Halcomb (A)	3 Don Beckett	4
5 Mark & Donna Sprau (A)	6 Labor Day Samantha Sansone Jack Cohen	7	8	9 Cindi Mehl	10 Irene Nutley Don Beckett, Jr. Rochelle Broshear Harry & Dodie Ogle (A)	11 Barney & Sandy Beckemeier (A) <i>Fly your flag in remembrance of 9/11/01</i>
12 Mason Sackenheim Owen Sackenheim	13	14 Josh Russell	15 Joe Bennett Laura Bennett Greg Bennett Maxine Harris Ken & Carolyn Russell (A)	16 Linda Stegmeir Will & Marna Evans (A)	17	18 Belinda & Walter Kern (A) Melba Gross
19	20 Pat Lyons	21	22 Mark Sprau	23 Sam Jones Carl Nutley Alisha Meador	24	25 Jack & Laura Cohen (A)
26 Etta Jean Crawford	27	28	29 Linda Agee	30 Noah Webster Victor Johnson Lester & Bernice Coleman (A)		

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<u>October</u>					1 Alyson Baldwin	2
3	4	5 Karly Broshear Lester Coleman	6	7 Christopher Baker	8 Taylor Morris Fulmer Cathy Richardson	9 Joyce Jones Luella DeCeglie
10	11 <i>Columbus Day</i> Ruth Childers Larry Simison Mike Mehl Rita Burns	12 Donna & Shawn Gallagher (A)	13	14	15	16
17 Donna Rungay	18 Caren Hansel	19 Dick & Carolyn Sadler (A) Tom & Jennifer Clark (A)	20	21 Kaitlyn Baldwin Chloe Hansel Peggy Arcari Jada Marie Keller	22	23
24 Susan & Andy Petri (A)	25 Dorothy Beckett Connie Davis	26 Ty Burkholder	27 Jeremy Fulmer Bill & Evelyn Kuhlmann (A) Tom Agee	28	29 Sharon Blalock	30
31 <i>Halloween</i> Austin Rice Samantha Mehl						