

# Good News

*From Darrtown / McGonigle-Millville Charge  
United Methodist Churches  
September / October, 2012*



*Dear Friends,*

Fall is here at last. School has begun (earlier than usual) and we look forward to cooler and wetter weather.

Both churches have done well through a hot and dry summer. I am sure our air conditioning has helped. Now it is time to think of the deeper parts of our lives with new focus.

The unique thing that church has to offer is worship. There are many groups, clubs, and organizations that give us opportunity to socialize. Many of them offer opportunities to reach out to help others.

Church does this even as it guides us to the WHY and the WHOM that stands behind those desires to socialize and serve.

We also have some opportunities to learn more about this great God who created and sustains us. We have adult classes at 10:10 at Darrtown and 9:30 at McGonigle. There are classes for children at 9:10 at Darrtown and 9:30 and 11:00 at McGonigle.

We also have some plans in the works for fun and fellowship. If you have been ignoring your spiritual life, this is a good time to turn around and get in a new pattern.

See YOU in church!

**Rev. Ed**

## Calendar of Events

Watch for news each week in the weekly bulletins.

### September, 2012

- Sept. 2: Sacrament of Communion at 9:00 & 10:45 worship; Sunday School at 9:10 b& 9:30; Hymn of the Month continues at Darrrtown (#2151); Labor Day Sunday – Celebrate your work
- Each Wednesday at McGonigle: 6:30 pm choir; 7:00 Bible Study
- Sept. 3: Labor Day
- Sept. 4: Missionary Speaker at 7:00 pm at United Methodist Women; everyone invited. Do not need to stay after the speaker unless you so desire.
- Sept. 8: 4:30 – 6:30 pm Pig Roast at McGonigle. The choir sponsors this event. Advance \$8.00; at the door \$9.00; children ages 3-10 \$5.00
- Sept. 9: Grandparents Day at 9:00 and 10:45 worship; Sunday School at 9:10 & 9:30
- Sept. 10: 7:00 Trustees; 7:30 Church Council – DT
- Sept. 12: 7:00 Pastor-Parish Relations Committee meets at McGonigle
- Sept. 13: 6:30 Darrrtown choir begins fall rehearsals
- Sept. 16: Church World Service Kits deadline at both churches; Darrrtown: 9:00 worship; Sunday School 9:30 & 10:10; McGonigle: 10:45 worship; Sunday School 9:30 & 10:55
- Sept. 17: 6:30 Trustees; 7:15 Church Council at McGonigle
- Sept. 22: Guinea Pig Dinner (Joint Church Activity) hosted at Darrrtown at 5:00 pm
- Sept. 23: Darrrtown: 9:00 worship; Sunday School 9:10 & 10:10; McGonigle: 10:45 worship; Sunday School 9:30 & 10:55
- Sept. 25: Bishop's Day on the District – come and meet our new Bishop. More info to be announced.
- Sept. 30: Darrrtown: 9:00 worship; Sunday School 9:10 & 10:10; McGonigle: 10:45 worship; Sunday School 9:30 & 10:55; NOON – Fifth Sunday Potluck hosted by McGonigle

### October, 2012

- Each Wednesday: 6:30 choir rehearsal and 7:00 Bible Study at McGonigle
- Each Thursday: 6:30 choir rehearsal at Darrrtown
- Oct. 1: 7:00 pm United Methodist Women at Darrrtown; all women of both churches invited.

- Oct. 7: World Communion Sunday at 9:00 and 10:45; join all Christians at this, the longest communion table, world-wide. A special offering is received for scholarships in America and around the world. Also, 4:30 pm, catered appreciation banquet at Darrrtown – more info to come.
- Oct. 14: 9:00 – United Methodist Women Sunday Special Worship; 10:45 McGonigle worship; 9:10, 10:10, 9:30 Sunday School classes
- Oct. 21: Darrrtown: 9:00 worship; Sunday School 9:10 & 10:10; McGonigle: 10:45 worship; Sunday School 9:30 & 10:55
- Oct. 27: 4:30 – 7:00 Ham and Turkey Dinner at McGonigle

### Heads Up

- Nov. 3: Turkey Dinner and UMW Bazaar at DT
- Nov. 5: 7:00 pm United Methodist Women
- Nov. 12: Darrrtown Trustees and Church Council
- Nov. 18: Thanksgiving Sunday; World Thank Boxes
- Nov. 19: McGonigle Trustees and Church Council
- Nov. 25: Hanging of the Greens at Darrrtown
- Dec. 2: Annual Christmas Party at Darrrtown
- Dec. 6: Community Christmas Fest at Darrrtown
- Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service at Darrrtown
- Dec. 30: Final 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Potluck at McGonigle

## **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.

See your church's prayer list each Sunday and remember those named in prayer.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAYS  
& ANNIVERSARIES**

**Refer to our calendar pages.**

*It is not the body's posture, but  
the heart's attitude that counts when  
we pray.*  
-- Billy Graham

### **LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

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

Our military personnel	Unnamed persons & shut-ins
Betty Stanton	Fred Guiler
Bob Keller	Mary Beck & Charlene Haddock
Barbara Brooks	Rita Burns
Dillingham Family	Mike Hernandez
Ron Hartman	Chris & Erin Williams (in Japan)
Beulah Gordon	Kim Newcomer
Rev. Robert Heiliger	Irene & Carl Nutley
Noah Trumbull	Heather Hersch
Jim & Mickey Pate	Pete Jewell
Lois Messinger	Louise Friedman
Charles Sullivan	Clara Owens
Jim & Mary Wells	Bunny Snow
Steve Marcum	Connie & Bill McDaniel
Betty Handley	Carolyn Haynes
Brittany, granddaughter of Jack & Connie Davis	

### **NEXT NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY OCTOBER 20, 2012**

Give to Maxine Harris ( [maxakers03@aol.com](mailto:maxakers03@aol.com) )  
Ida Mae Lemmons ( [idamae87@yahoo.com](mailto:idamae87@yahoo.com) )  
or Rita Burns ( [rburns38@cinci.rr.com](mailto:rburns38@cinci.rr.com) )

### **Forgiveness Therapy**

*Forgiveness is the greatest expression of love.*

When people hurt you, think of them like sandpaper.  
They may scratch and hurt you, but in the end, you end  
up polished and they end up useless.

## **Joint Church Events**

### **GUINEA PIG DINNER**

WE are the guinea pigs. Each family (or person) will prepare a covered dish that they have never made before. As we eat each dish, we will be the guinea pigs upon which these new dishes are tried: Are they good, fair, or never to be eaten again? We will decide. Hosted by Darrtown.

TIME: Saturday, September 22, 2012 at 5:00 pm

Bring your covered dish and your own table service.  
Drinks will be provided.

### **HALLOWEEN TRUNK 'N TREAT**

Held at Darrtown parking lot on the date set for Milford Township's Trick or Treat day and time.

Joint Church Event – more details later.

### **PIG ROAST**

DATE: September 8, 2012, 4:30 – 6:30 pm

Roast pork or BBQ pork sandwich, macaroni salad, baked beans, slaw, bread, homemade pie or cake, and beverage. \$8.00 pre-sale; \$9.00 that evening; \$5.00 – 3-10 years old. Carryout available.

The word has gotten around that this is a great event with delicious food. Invite your friends, and remember to order tickets early and save a few bucks. Purchase your tickets from a church family member. This event is sponsored by the choir, and we thank you in advance for your support. Proceeds go to the general fund. We're looking forward to another great PIG ROAST!

### **SALAD LUNCHEON**

Our sisters and brothers at Hamilton First UMC are holding a salad luncheon 11:00 to 1:00 at Second and Ludlow Streets, on Tuesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.

For \$7.00, feast on homemade chicken salad, assorted other salads, muffins and drinks, all prepared by their UMW. Carryout is available. Tickets available at 863-4923 or 896-5683.

### **McGONIGLE HAM AND TURKET DINNER**

Less than two months away. 4:30 – 7:00 pm on October 27, 2012. Plan now for a great fall meal!

### **DARRTOWN TURKEY DINNER AND BAZAAR**

The next week, November 3, 2012, 4:30 - 7:00 pm is Darrtown's turkey dinner and bazaar. You should be hungry again by then!

Remember, both churches have Butler County's VERY BEST pie bakers!

### **REMEMBERING PHYLLIS DILLER (1917-2012)**

The below article was published in *Guideposts* magazine in September, 1977, written by Phyllis Diller.

"I woke up one morning and birds were singing, flowers were blooming in a rainbow of colors and their perfume wafted across my bed on a fresh breeze. I was overwhelmed with my blessings. I felt a surge of happiness and excitement that set my mind in motion. I picked up a pen and scribbled fast, and this prayer appeared, almost as if it came from a magic pencil writing "through" me rather than "from" me.

*"On this happy day, we are thankful for our blessings and we pray for renewed belief in ourselves and each other, and hope this bond of love will expand to envelop the entire universe. Amen"*

## McGONIGLE-MILLVILLE NEWS

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### FALL PIG ROAST

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for **Saturday, September 8, 2012** for McGonigle-Millville's Pig Roast. Time: 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Roast Pig and all the fixings!

The word has gotten out that this is a great event with delicious food. Invite your friends, and remember to order tickets early and save a few bucks. Purchase your tickets from a church family member. Pre-sale price - \$8.00; day of the event - \$9.00; children ages 3-10 - \$5.00. Carry-out available.

This event is sponsored by the choir, and we thank you in advance for your support. Proceeds go to the general fund. We're looking forward to another great **PIG ROAST!**

#### NEW DIRECTORY

Shortly after you receive this newsletter, a new directory will be made available. They will not be mailed out. You will need to pick one up at church.

### PAST EVENTS AND NEWS

#### FALL YARD SALE

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who shopped, ate, worked, and helped make this annual fall sale a success.

#### ATTENDANCE RECORD SHATTERED!

On the morning of August 12, 2012, the adult Sunday School class set a new record for the number in attendance this year. The new record is eleven people. For more information, meet at the church at 9:30 am on Sunday morning. Bring a friend or neighbor.

#### FIFTH SUNDAY POTLUCK

On July 29<sup>th</sup>, over 25 people gave thanks, enjoyed a wonderful meal and enjoyed visiting with all who participated.

#### TRUSTEES

The Trustee Committee would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to all persons working to make our church yard beautiful.

#### SYMPATHY

To the family of Jeanne Campbell. We had been looking for her address and any other info we could find, when her obituary appeared in the Hamilton Journal News.

#### FIRST FRUITS CAUGHT RESTING

During the days that have passed since the previous newsletter, these are some of the tasks completed:

- VBS road signs taken down and put in storage
- Collected and put trash to curb 4 times
- Repaired flower bed border
- Sharpened and distributed pencils in pew holders
- Repaired lighting fixture of road sign marquee
- Performed various duties for yard sale: erected signs; picked up items; set up tables; moved items from annex to fellowship hall; sorted items
- Erected pig roast sign
- Picked up supplies at Baker Hardware as needed
- Installed light bulbs in upper fixture of basement stairway
- Cleaned humidifier of furnace
- Looked at other parking lots that sealer companies sealed to evaluate and report to trustees
- Worked with propane supplier to diagnose leak
- Opened building for plumber to install new gas pipe
- Met with propane supplier for inspection
- Cleaned ovens and lit pilot lights
- Assembled outdoor hose reel
- Picked up and spread a truckload of mulch donated by White Barn Sales

- Ken Coleman

#### THANK YOU TO McGONIGLE CHURCH

- From Bishop Bruce Ough  
(a shortened edition follows)

Dear Friends,

Words are truly inadequate to express my appreciation for your participation in the Love First Miracle Offering at Annual Conference. As one of the 181 churches that contributed to the Wings of the Morning Caravan Campaign, you are a faithful steward of God's resources and have enabled our Annual Conference to experience a true miracle. There is no greater gift, in this my final year as Bishop of West Ohio, than your support of Wings of the Morning!

The Miracle Offering count, including what the five churches pledged on Wednesday morning, is \$1,024,254 with gifts continuing to be received daily at the Conference Center. Because of the miracle that happened at Annual Conference, the proper authorities are actively searching the world to find just the right Cessna Caravan for the Wings of the Morning aviation ministry. (cont.)

As you know, the plane is just the beginning. Ongoing support of the North Katanga Wings of the Morning ministry will be essential.

I continue to be in awe of God's Miracle at Annual Conference. We thought \$500,000 would be a true challenge. Obviously, you prayed for the Holy Spirit to move people to sacrificial generosity. Once again, I am extremely grateful!

-- With thanksgiving, Bishop Bruce Ough

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## DARRTOWN NEWS

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### APPRECIATION BANQUET

Plans are being made for an Appreciation Banquet. So many members and friends make contributions of service and help throughout the year. We, as a church, want to say thank you on October 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm.

The plan is that this will be a catered dinner with special, outside entertainment. More later.

#### CHOIR

Choir rehearsals will begin on Thursday, September 13 at 6:30 pm. Stacy Ison will be our director again.

Her schedule will enable her to lead us, at least until through the Christmas season.

The choir's first Sunday will depend on how quickly we are able to be prepared. The choir looks forward to being a part of our worship ASAP!

### PAST EVENTS AND NEWS

#### OUR BUTLER COUNTY FAIR WINNERS

##### **Etta Jean Crawford –**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place for cherry pie, later auctioned off for \$200!
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place for butterscotch pie
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place for coconut cream pie
- 4<sup>th</sup> place for peach pie

##### **Cathy and Lora Richardson –**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place for scarecrow
- 3 best stalks field corn: 1<sup>st</sup> and best of show
- 1<sup>st</sup> place for sweetcorn
- 1<sup>st</sup> place for alfalfa hay
- Assorted grains and other 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 1<sup>st</sup> place for old quilt

#### NURTURE COMMITTEE

Chair, Carolyn Russell, led a meeting with the Nurture Committee on Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all who attended and helped plan the activities for the fall quarter.

#### ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

A huge THANK YOU to all who helped make the 72<sup>nd</sup> annual Ice Cream Social a great success!

#### CONGRATULATIONS

To Roxanne and Ron Otto on becoming grandparents to their first granddaughter, Payton Lee. Also, to Carolyn and Ken Russell, she is their first great-granddaughter, and the seventh great-great-grandchild of Ida Mae Lemmons! Payton's parents are Taylor Cook and Jake Oliver.

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

### **From Our President:**

Whew, am I glad the hot weather is over! We have a busy Autumn coming up and I hope you can join us.

The summer was busy with two noodle-making sessions. Thanks to Ida Mae and her crew. On July 12, we had a work session for our "Project Linus Mission" – see more about it in this newsletter. We all donated to and worked at the annual Ice Cream Social. It was a hot, busy but rewarding day. Thanks to the Cub Scouts also for their help.

We begin our year on Tuesday, September 4 at 7:00 pm. We will have a speaker – Kevin Schaner. She has made eight trips to Liberia as a Methodist Volunteer in Mission. Everyone is welcome to come and hear her speak. Carolyn Sadler and Donna Gallagher will be hostesses.

The October meeting will be held on Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. We have another program on missions and a lot of planning for the Fall and Christmas events. Hostesses will be Carolyn Russell and Etta Jean Crawford. We hope anyone who is interested in our missions will join us. We're very casual. We welcome men and women AND serve refreshments.

Don't forget our ongoing missions: 1) used plastic prescription bottles, 2) food pantry canned goods, 3) labels for education, 4) greeting cards, and 5) pennies for the Least Coin collection.

Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> is United Methodist Women's Sunday. We will recognize two people who have given much to the church. Becky Coning will be offering the message.

- Cathy Richardson

### **PROJECT LINUS**

The Darrtown United Methodist Women are excited to add a new ongoing mission, "Project Linus" named after the Charlie Brown comic's character who always carries a blanket. The organization's aim is to give a "blanket" to every child that is hospitalized. Quilts, knitted and crocheted items are accepted but our group is making very simple fleece blankets. No sewing, just cut fringe and knot it on four sides of a square of fleece fabric. There are specific guidelines to follow which I will be glad to help with. We have some fleece available. We would appreciate your help, either making a blanket or donating towards the "fleece fund." We had a work session in July and thanks to Helen George, Ida Mae Lemmons, Etta Jean Crawford, Maxine Harris and Cathy Richardson, we have a start of six blankets to donate. They are easy to make. It only takes a little of your time. Please call me with questions (Cathy 523-4350). All blankets that are donated will stay in our own local area hospitals.

### **MISSION**

The school and hygiene kits have been completed and delivered to Mr. & Mrs. Jackson of the Oxford United Methodist Church, who will transport them to a warehouse.

### **Happy Birthday UMW!**

#### **September**

09/01 – Lora Richardson  
09/15 – Maxine Harris  
09/23 – Lee Ann Shoker  
09/26 – Etta Jean Crawford

#### **October**

10/08 – Cathy Richardson  
10/18 – Caren Schlichter

### **This Is the Day the Lord Has Made**

Begin each day with a simple prayer  
To let God know you're glad He's there.  
Praise Him for the things He's done  
As He unveils the morning sun.  
Rise and shine; get out of bed,  
And thank Him for the day ahead.  
Wear a smile, don't look depressed;  
Show the world that you've been blessed.  
Stand straight and tall, don't be afraid  
For this is the day the Lord has made!

-- Clay Harrison

### **GIVING AND RECEIVING**

*Poem by Kathryn Wiesenhoefer*

*Take the "sun" out of sunshine,  
Put it in a sunny smile.  
It will cheer a lonely person  
And make living more worthwhile.*

*Take a hand that needs a helping,  
Lead it on a happier road.  
It will ease those heavy burdens  
By your sharing half the load.*

*Take your heart that's filled with love,  
Gladly give it all away.  
It will overflow to others  
And keep rushing back each day.*

*Take the time to speak to neighbors,  
A "hello" to show you care.  
You may need a cup of sugar,  
For you no cupboard will be bare.*

## **Kids Cook**

*Some people eat peanut butter and banana sandwiches for lunch, but these open-face sandwiches make a great breakfast. Here's how you make them:*

*1 slice bread, toasted (whole wheat or multi-grain is better for you)*

*1 tablespoon creamy peanut butter*

*$\frac{1}{2}$  small banana*

*$\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon brown sugar (you may substitute honey or maple syrup)*

*Spread the peanut butter on the toast.  
Slice the banana and put on top of the peanut butter. Sprinkle with brown sugar or drizzle honey or maple syrup over the banana.*

*Place in the microwave on HIGH for 30 seconds. Let it cool before eating.*

**DARRTOWN & MCGONIGLE-MILLVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES**  
**2012 BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b><u>September</u></b>						<b>1</b> Lora Richardson
<b>2</b> John & Nevie Halcomb (Anniv)	<b>3</b> Don Beckett	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Mark & Donna Sprau (Anniv)	<b>6</b> Samantha Sansone	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> Cindi Mehl	<b>10</b> Don Beckett, Jr. Irene Nutley	<b>11</b> Barney & Sandy Beckemeier (Anniv)	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Greg Bennett Joe Bennett Laura Bennett Maxine Harris Ken & Carolyn Russell (Anniv)
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Melba Gross	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Pat Lyons	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Mark Sprau
<b>23</b> Amy Park Sam Jones Carl Nutley	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Jack & Laura Cohen (Anniv)	<b>26</b> Alisha Meador Etta Jean Crawford	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Linda Agee
<b>30</b> Lester & Bernice Coleman (Anniv) Noah Webster						

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<b><u>October</u></b>	1 Allyson Baldwin	2	3	4	5 Lester Coleman Karly Broshear	6
7 Christopher Baker	8 Cathy Richardson	9 Luella DeCeglie Joyce Jones	10	11 Rita Burns Larry Simison Mike Mehl	12 Donna & Shawn Gallagher (Anniv)	13
14	15	16	17 Donna Rungay	18 Caren Schlichter	19 Tom & Jennifer Clark (Anniv) Dick & Carolyn Sadler (Anniv)	20
21 Jada Marie Keller Katllyn Baldwin Wyatt J. Guenther Peggy Arcari	22	23	24 Andy & Susan Petri (Anniv)	25 Dorothy Beckett Connie Davis	26 Ty Burkholder	27 Bill & Evelyn Kuhlmann (Anniv) Tom Agee
28	29	30	31 Austin Rice Samantha Mehl			