



Dear Friends,

This is my final Pastor's Page for these two dear churches. By the time you read this, I will have shared my final message, thoughts and hopes with you on August 25th. We can truly be proud of what we have accomplished together in the past ten years.

Both churches have grown in attendance, membership, giving, missions, and in spirit during these years together. The average attendance at both churches together was a total of 35 the year before I came.

We have done some wonderful things both separately and jointly. We have reached out to the communities we serve and taken care of each other within our flock.

Robyn has shared elsewhere in this final newsletter some of our own highlights.

Now change is upon you once again. It is time to prepare for the future. I believe God is more concerned about our future than our past. The future belongs to those who don't face facts as much as they face faith. The future belongs to people who believe that all of life has been preparation for what is ahead.

The future of these two churches is as bright and strong as you believe it to be. Work together with God for going forward is your only option.

Though I won't see you in church this Sunday, God will. Sincerely, *Pastor Ed Beck*

Events for September, 2013

- September 1 (Sunday): New Pastor's first Sunday
- September 2 (Monday): Labor Day
- September 3 (Tuesday): 7:00 pm, United Methodist Women meet at Darrtown
- September 7 (Saturday): 4:30-7:00 pm, Pig Roast at McGonigle
- September 8 (Sunday):
 - Worship: 9:00 and 10:45 am
 - Sunday School: 9:30 and 10:15 am
 - 2:00 pm: Rainbow Bridge at Zion Lutheran Chapel

- Today's "Love Offering" will kick off our "Imagine No Malaria" campaign
- 10:00 am: Darrtown Trustees meet

- September 9 (Monday): 7:00 pm, Darrtown Church Council meets
- September 15 (Sunday): Worship: 9:00 & 10:45 am; Sunday School: 9:30 & 10:15 am
- September 21 (Saturday): 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, Women's Retreat at Darrtown (see article for details)
- September 29 (Sunday): Worship: 9:00 & 10:45 am; Sunday School: 9:30 & 10:15 am; also, Fifth Sunday Potluck hosted by McGonigle at noon

Events for October, 2013

- October 6 (Sunday): World Communion Sunday. Worship: 9:00 & 10:45 am; Sunday School: 9:30 & 10:15 am
- October 7 (Monday): 7:00 pm, United Methodist Women meet at Darrtown
- October 8 (Tuesday): 8:30 AM: Noodle-making
- October 13 (Sunday): Worship: 9:00 & 10:45 am; Sunday School: 9:30 & 10:15 am
- October 20 (Sunday): Laity Sunday; Becky Coning, guest speaker. United Methodist Women's Day at Darrtown
- October 26 (Saturday): 4:30-7:00 pm, McGonigle's Ham & Turkey Dinner

LOOKING AHEAD

- ❖ November 2 (Saturday): 4:30-7:00 pm, Darrtown's Turkey Dinner and Bazaar/Bake Sale
- ❖ November 3 (Sunday): All Saints Sunday, Recognition of our Honored Deceased

BE ALERT...

Be alert for additional plans and events to come. A bimonthly newsletter means some events come after the current newsletter is published.



**BIRTHDAYS
& ANNIVERSARIES**

Refer to our calendar pages.

**NEXT NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY
October 20, 2013**

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LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Darrtown / McGonigle-Millville Prayer List

Our military personnel	Unnamed persons / families
Our new pastor	Rev. Ed, Robyn & Kaylee
Rev. Robert & Holly Heiliger	Family of Rita Burns
Sheila & Don Mayberry	Carol Beckett
Margaret Kilgore	David Foley
Pete & Jan Jewell	Jim Wright
Bernice & Lester Coleman	Phoebe Bolser
Margaret Kalivoda	Sarah Myers
Melba Gross	Dillingham family
The Park family	Sue Snider
Larry Simison	Joann Coombs
Noah Trumbull	Lois Snider
Jim & Mary Wells	Don & Joy Jones
Tom & Linda Agee	Clara Owen
Angie Chapman & daughter Amy	Elizabeth Foley
Kim Newcomer	Diana Richardson
Nolan Webster & family	

JOINT CHURCH EVENTS

A FOND FAREWELL TO REV. ED & ROBYN

Ed and Robyn,

You will be starting a new chapter in your lives as Ed retires (for a second time) as our pastor. You have been a part of our church family for ten years. And just like all families, we have experienced some hills and valleys. Ed has shared our joys by conducting numerous weddings and baptisms; and he has comforted and shared our sorrows while officiating funeral services.

You both have helped with Vacation Bible Schools, ice cream socials, turkey dinners, and various other community and mission-oriented projects. You have made endless visits to members and their families who were ill or unable to attend church in person. In recent years, Ed has helped mentor young boys as they learned about Christ through the scouting program. Robyn has also mentored teens in the church's youth group as they grew to become young adults. You both have conducted healing services for people and pets.

In 2011, we (at Darrtown) celebrated our 200th anniversary as a church. Ten years seems like a very short and insignificant time compared to 200, but, Ed and Robyn, you have touched our lives in a very positive and spiritually significant way. God has truly blessed our church through your presence and contributions.

We wish you God's blessings as you begin to write a new chapter in your life's book with Kaylee. You have an

open invitation to come back and visit anytime, and we will surely miss you until then.

*In Christ, The Congregation
of the Darrtown United Methodist Church*

ROBYN'S GOODBYE LETTER

Dear Church Family,

As I reflect on these last ten years as your pastor's wife, I have to smile. To think that when Ed first told me he was considering pasturing these two churches, I said, "You have to be kidding me!" Then, very quickly, God called me as well and I couldn't say no. Little did I know how my life would change.

Ed and I quickly became a ministry team. God began then calling me to new challenges. Little did I know how He would use me, shape me, and strengthen me. Early in our ministry I felt the call to begin a women's group. We called ourselves Spirit Seekers. Those women were a dedicated bunch and our faith grew as we shared with one another. Our theme song was "In His Time."

Shortly after coming to the churches, I felt led to pursue my lay ministry certification. God called me to new heights as I began to speak from the pulpit. I thank Him and you for giving me those opportunities.

As the church grew, God blessed us with youth and the Hawkins family who made it possible to begin a youth group. Ed and I thoroughly enjoyed the years we spent actively working with this tremendous group of kids who are now young adults. One of those young people, Stacey Ison, stepped up to the challenge of directing our choir the last few years. These times of singing in the choir brought us joy as she challenged us with new music.

Ed and I thank you for the beautiful 25th wedding anniversary party that you hosted in 2007. That was a wonderful celebration that we will always remember. Shortly after, I faced a major health setback and became homebound for six months. During that difficult time, God was filling my eyes and heart with His Word and encouraging me to "take up my bed and walk." The three healing services were a result of that experience as well as "My Hurting Child" CD. A healing ministry began out of that experience and the CDs continue to be passed on doing God's work.

Then, of course, the biggest challenge of all came in 2010 when we were called to help a needy family. We had no idea that God's plan would be for us to raise a little child at this time of our lives. While it has been a tremendous undertaking, it has also been our richest blessing. Kaylee is an absolute joy and we thank God for entrusting this precious child to us.

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So, as we say goodbye to these wonderful ten years with you, we say hello to the continued adventures that He has planned for us. You, our friends, will live in our hearts as we pray for you and these churches. We know that you will be praying for us as well as we begin this new season of our lives.
- In His Love, Robyn

NOTE: As mentioned above, Rev. Ed has faithfully served both McGonigle and Darrrtown United Methodist Churches for ten years, causing him to hold the record of being the longest running pastor in the history of this charge.

On Sunday, August 25th we hosted a retirement celebration for Rev. Ed and Robyn at Darrrtown UMC.

THANK YOU

Rev. Ed and Robyn wish to express thank you's to all who remembered them on their birthdays and upon their retirement from the pastorate of the Darrrtown and McGonigle-Millville United Methodist Churches.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

From Brian Schlake: Amy and I have led several "Dave Ramsey FPU (Financial Peace University) courses over the past few years and have seen marriages and lives changed by the simple but convicting financial principles he teaches.

You are being given an opportunity by Darrrtown United Methodist Church to attend a nine-week session starting Saturday evening, September 14th from 5:30-7:00 pm in Oxford at Oxford Bible Fellowship Church. The cost is \$75 per family unit, but if you complete the course (between the two of you by attending 8 or 9 sessions) then you will be reimbursed 100% by Darrrtown UMC. THIS IS REALLY NICE!

This is a GREAT opportunity and the cost includes a lifetime membership along with a book, workbook, audio CDs of the course, cash envelope organizer and more. If you have not heard of Dave Ramsey, check him out on www.daveramsey.com or just ask Shawn Webster, Amy or me. Dave Ramsey can be heard on 55 WKRC 7:00-10:00 pm weeknights. This course is for EVERYONE regardless if you have "everything together" or if you are struggling to make ends meet.

Come join a group of people seeking to be wise with money through simple money management.... No weird schemes or get-rich-quick solutions. I can't stress enough what a great opportunity this could be for you. Don't miss out!

From Shawn Webster: I hope that you will strongly consider attending FPU. It is a nine-week commitment, so please be sure that your schedule will permit you or your

partner to attend every Saturday evening from 5:30-7:00 pm from September 14 to November 15. We intend to have child care available.

I attended this past winter and like Brian said, I found it valuable even though I had reached a point in life where I had accomplished five of the seven steps.

The cost is \$75 and with the awarding of your diploma on the last night, you are eligible for full tuition reimbursement by the church. You can sign up by calling me at 513-615-4606 or 513-868-6221. You can also register online at www.obf.org select events. Please register or call as soon as possible. The absolute last deadline would be September 1. We have four families committed at this time. We will need six more to make a go of this.

INVITATION TO "GLOBAL VILLAGE: POWER OF ONE CONFERENCE, SEPTEMBER 20-21

- ❖ Where: Eden Chapel United Methodist Church, Sayler Park, Ohio. Peter Edward Matthews, Pastor, and Principal, Holistic Inc.
- ❖ Purpose: To assist with skills necessary to ensure that you are living your best life now with a step by step process to help you equip, enrich, and empower yourself to a place of peace and power.
- ❖ Program: At the conference there will be world-class minds, activists, and change agents that are making humanity human today! Internationally noted author Brian D. McLaren! Award-winning film maker Sasha Friedlander! Nationally celebrated pastors Dave Workman and Gary V. Simpson! Nationally acclaimed musicologist Tammy Kernodle!
- ❖ Register: Spaces are limited. Consult with yourself, your family, and your team and register ASAP at www.holisticinc.org/powerofone

COMING SOON - PIG ROAST

Mark your calendar for the 8th annual McGonigle-Millville UMC Pig Roast! **Saturday, September 7, 2013** - 4:30-6:30 pm. *Roast Pig and all the fixings!*

This is a great event with delicious food. Invite your friends, and remember to order your tickets early and save a few bucks. Purchase 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!

Tickets: \$8.00 pre-sale price / \$9.00 day of event
\$5.00 children 3-10 years
Carry-out available

PASS THE WORD! WOMEN'S RETREAT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST – 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

At Darrtown United Methodist Church

Cost \$10.00. Registration begins at 9:00 am

Speakers – Food – Fun – Fellowship – Door Prizes

Entertainment by "Something Good"

Contact Cathy Richardson (513-523-4350) soon!

NOTE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Maintenance projects of window caulking, tuck pointing brick, brick sealer application and cracks of blacktop parking lot filled with hot tar have been completed. It is not too late for you to make a contribution directly to the caulk and brick project. Simply write "Brick Project" on your envelope and place in offering place.

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PAST EVENTS AND NEWS

LOVE OFFERING IN ACTION

Because of your generous support of the Love Offering and tithe account, your church helped a person in need to pay medical expenses and a person out of work to pay for needed items. Please ask in your prayers this month for perseverance for all people seeking employment and for compassion for all people dealing with medical issues.

CONGRATULATIONS ON BAPTISMS

- July 14, 2013: **Logan Scott Lykins**, born 12/31/2012. Parents: Scott & Lauren Lykins; Grandparents: David & Patty Lykins; Kenneth & Christine Lehmkuhl; Great-grandparents: James & Phyllis Keller; Donald & Marilyn Lehmkuhl
- August 11, 2013: **Ariyana Marie Keller-Howard**, born 1/24/2012. Parents: Heather Marie Keller & James Derrick Howard; Grandparents: Peggy Keller & Chuck Sullivan; Shirley & James Howard, Sr.; Great-grandparents: James & Phyllis Keller; Great-great-grandmother: Clara Owen
- August 18, 2013: **Savannah Louisa Siemer**, born 11/08/2007. Mother: Amy Susan Park; Grandparents: James & Janet Park; Great-grandmother: Ruth Martin Park

SYMPATHY

To the family and friends of **Rita Burns** who passed to her reward on August 7, 2013.

MISSION SUPPORT

One hundred pieces of inspirational and religious literature was collected at McGonigle for UMW. This is an on-going collection that you can contribute to anytime. Examples of acceptable items are: Guidepost, Upper Room, Bible Study Guide, Sunday School books, Bibles after you are finished with them.

CHURCH CLUSTER PICNIC

The church cluster picnic was held in the afternoon of July 28, 2013 at First United Methodist Church in Hamilton. We sang some favorite campfire songs, shared upcoming events at various churches, had a scrumptious meal and had time to fellowship, meet new friends and visit with old friends.

FIRST FRUITS CAUGHT RESTING

Since the previous newsletter, these are some tasks completed:

- Collected and put trash to curb as needed
- Lawn care as needed
- Pick up and sort yard sale items as needed
- Visual inspection of fire extinguishers
- Open doors of church building to air out fumes from brick sealer
- Took down and put in storage VBS road signs
- Clean condenser coil and floor under silver refrigerator in kitchen
- Removed and replaced candle lighter wicks
- Removed and replaced light bulbs in basement stairway
- Repair right rear tire of John Deere lawnmower
- Erect yard sale road signs
- Set up tables and ladders for yard sale
- Open building for air conditioner repair
- Clean toilet tank flapper valve to stop leakage
- Spray weed killer around lawn fixtures
- Box up religious literature collected for UMW
- Picked up supplies at Baker Hardware

DARRTOWN NEWS

PAST EVENTS AND NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS

- To **Kayla Hawkins** for being the first recipient of a scholarship toward her continuing education, given by the Helen McVicker Manser Foundation.

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- To Lora Richardson on the adoption of **Jacori Isaiah Richardson** on July 31, 2013
- On the baptism of **Jacori Isaiah Richardson** on August 25, 2013. Born: 3/13/2010. Mother: Lora Richardson; Grandparents: Harold & Cathleen Richardson; Great-grandmother: Alice Miller

SYMPATHY

To the family of friends of **Fred Jacob Guiler**,
March 2, 1919 – July 1, 2013.

THANK YOU

- From Mark Habel, Treasurer, on behalf of St. Mathew Lutheran Church: "From our family to your family, we appreciate your support of our Pastor (Rev. Robert Heiliger) during his time of illness. Your check will be very appreciated and help with his bills. God Bless."
- Thank you's have been received from the families of Fred Guiler.
- Thanks to everyone who helped make our August Ice Cream Social a big success.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

From Our President, Cathy Richardson:

It is hard to believe we are looking toward autumn already. We did not meet in July or August. We were busy with funeral luncheons, ice cream social, noodle-making, school bags and hygiene kits for Church Women United. Thanks to all who helped with these activities. Thank you to all who gave money towards the Church Women United mission kits. I was able to fill 8 school kits and 6 hygiene kits.

We will meet again on TUESDAY, September 3rd. Hostesses will be Carolyn Sadler and Donna Gallagher. There will be a Response Magazine article discussion and more planning for our Women's Retreat to be held on September 21st.

The October meeting will be held on Monday the 7th. We will have a speaker, Nikki Griffen. She is our District Communications Coordinator and will be talking about the connections between our group and the district as a whole. Hostesses will be Carolyn Russell and Etta Jean Crawford. We will have a lot to plan for the fall and holiday seasons.

Sunday, October 20th will be United Methodist Women's Day. We will host a guest speaker and recognize our special woman of the year and special friend of the year! Please consider joining us for all or any part of our activities.

- Cathy Richardson, President

MISSIONS: On-going missions include:

- Canned food and/or boxes (in Annex)
- Fellowship of the Least Coin (pennies to be placed in oversized jar at rear of sanctuary)
- Project Linus blankets for children in local hospitals
- Love Packages: any left-over Christian material to pass on to others (box in rear of sanctuary)
- Recipe Books (on table at entrance to Annex)
- World Thank Offering Boxes for 2013
- Monthly Love Offering
- Matthew 25 Ministries

Happy Birthday UMW!

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

FORGIVENESS

Silently recite the following words from the Prayer of Saint Francis: "Where there is injury, let me bring pardon." Be a giver of forgiveness as he teaches: Bring love to hate, light to darkness, and pardon to injury. These words can help you overcome your ego's demands and know "the fullness of life."

Wayne W. Dyer, Author

RESULTS FROM LIFE LINE SCREENING

(from Debbie Nelson – 800-897-9177, ext. 1920
debbie.nelson@llsa.com)

On behalf of the staff at Life Line Screening, we would like to thank you for allowing us to come to your community. The results from the screening are as follows:

Carotid Artery Disease
Total Screened: 87
Normal Range: 24
Moderate: 43
Findings of Possible Significance: 0
Required Immediate Followup: 0

Atrial Fibrillation
Total Screened: 63
No Atrial Fibrillation: 62
Atrial Fibrillation: 0
Critical Heart Rate: 1

Glucose
Total Screened: 19
Normal: 13
Pre-Diabetes: 5
Diabetes: 1
Required Immediate Followup: 0

Lipid Panel - HDL Test
Total Screened: 20
Protective Against Heart Disease: 6
Normal: 7
Risk Factor for Heart Disease: 5

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm
Total Screened: 59
No Aneurysm: 59
Aneurysm: 0
Required Immediate Followup: 0

Osteoporosis
Total Screened: 20
Low Risk: 15
Mild to Moderate Risk: 5
High Risk: 0

Lipid Panel - Total Cholesterol Test
Total Screened: 20
Desirable: 11
Borderline High: 7
High: 5

Lipid Panel - LDL Test
Total Screened: 20
Optimal: 6
Near Optimal/Above Optimal: 6
Borderline High: 4
High: 3
Very High: 1

C-Reactive Protein
Total Screened: 0
Low Risk: 0
Average Risk: 0
High Risk: 0

Liver Function
Total Screened: 0
Desirable: 0
Elevated: 0
Possible Liver Damage: 0

Lipid Panel - Triglyceride Test
Total Screened: 20
Normal: 13
Borderline High: 4
High: 3
Very High: 0

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2013 BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

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

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



Happy Retirement, Ed & Robyn!



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GOOD NEWS



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