



Greetings Family and Friends of Darrrtown-McGonigle Millville United Methodist Charge,

It seems hard to believe that summer is already winding down and in a few short weeks we enter into fall. As I begin my third month as your pastor, I have finished preparations for the "Family Sunday" August 31st at both churches and hopefully many family and friends will have attended our special day. We have the Annual Pig Roast coming up Saturday, September 13 (tickets available) at McGonigle, and on Sunday, September 21 from 6:00-8:00 pm we will have a Fall Festival outside at Darrrtown. October 31st brings Trunk or Treat to the Darrrtown community. These events are open to both churches and also to those in our communities as well.

I truly enjoy our time together and encourage you to join in wherever possible. Another opportunity I have as your Pastor is to meet with nominations this month to nominate God's people to use their gifts in a ministry setting where they have felt a call to serve or a word I like to use is "nudged." Webster tells us that the word nudge means to encourage (someone) to do something. Romans 12 verses 6-8 tells us that "We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your (a) faith; 7-if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; 8-if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, (b) do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully."

Have you felt the call to serve on a committee or join in one of the ministries already in place? Where are you being "nudged?" Please feel free to contact me with any questions you might have and I look forward to conversations that we might have in regards to where you are being "nudged."

I want to thank you for the wonderful reception help on August 24th and for all the love and support as we continue our journey.

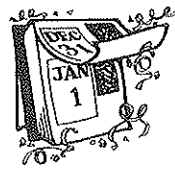
Blessings to all, Pastor Chris

NEXT NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE BY October 20, 2014

Give to Maxine Harris (maxakers03@aol.com)
Ida Mae Lemmons (idamae87@yahoo.com)
or Peggy Keller (itsmycj@fuse.net)

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Darrrtown – 9:00 am service; church school at 9:10 & 10:30
McGonigle – 10:45 service; church school at 9:30 & 10:55
To reach Pastor Chris: 513-896-6071 or 513-277-1197
Refer to your Sunday bulletins for upcoming events, as well as information contained in this newsletter.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Refer to our calendar pages.

LET US REMEMBER IN PRAYER

For Darrrtown / McGonigle-Millville UMC

Ron & Hollie Baker	Eileen Leftner	Chris Tedesgo
Richard Barkley	Nicole Lewis (G. Fleenor)	Noah Trumbull
John & Carol Beckett	Eric Lykins	Jim & Mary Wells
Theresa Brevard	Heather MacIntyre	Williams Family
Lester Coleman	Don Mayberry	Barbara Winter
Marie Combs	April McCoy	Jim Wright
Stephen Coombs	Sara Myers	Steve Wright
Alma Croucher	Kim Newcomer	Ray Yordy
Peggy Day	John Newman	
David Dorschune	Clara Owen	
Joan Eversole	Park Family	
David Foley	Mickey Pate's mother	
Cheryl Frost	Renck Family	
Pam Hatten	Diana Richardson	
Mark Imfeld	Larry Simison	
Joy & Don Jones	Connie Smith	
Margarete Kalivoda	Rodney Smith	
Carol Kennel	Steve Smith	
Margaret Kilgore	Bobby Spurger	
Family of Daniel Knight	Eric Stapleton	
Rhonda Knight's dad	Casey Steinspring Family	
Jerry & Myra Krauth	Pastor Rick Stuhmer	
Charles Lagadrost	Charles Sullivan	

Our military personnel; our shut-ins; Middle East problems

NOTE FROM PASTOR CHRIS & MAGGIE

Maggie and I really appreciate the wonderful reception for us on August 24th hosted by Darrrtown Church. In addition to the wonderful assortment of treats, including homemade ice cream, cake and punch, we would like to thank everyone for the cards and gifts! Thank you for being a true blessing to us as we continue our journey together.

Events of Interest to Both Churches

McGONIGLE'S PIG ROAST

Mark your calendars!

Saturday, September 13 – 4:30-6:30 pm

For the 9th Annual McGonigle-Millville UMC Pig Roast

This is a great event with delicious food. Invite your friends and remember to order your tickets early and save a few bucks. Purchase your tickets from a church 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; \$9.00 day of event; \$5.00 children 3-10 years of age. Carry-outs available.

DARRTOWN'S FALL FESTIVAL

Darrrtown UMC is sponsoring and welcoming the community to a Fall Festival on Saturday, September 20 at 6:00 pm. There will be music, bonfire, food and games. Everyone welcome!

WALK TO EMMAUS

Dates for this year's Emmaus Walk are:

Men's Walk, October 2-5 – Camp Lebanon

Women's Walk, October 9-12 – Camp Lebanon

See Pastor Chris or Cathy Richardson if you are interested, need more information or an application.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Join us in the parking lot of Darrrtown UMC on October 31st from 6:00-7:30 pm for Halloween Trunk or Treat. Use the trunk of your vehicle for decorations and treats for the children. Show off your favorite costume.

A REMINDER BEFORE NEXT NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 1ST (Saturday), join Darrrtown UMC for their annual Turkey Dinner & Bazaar/Bake Sale, 4:30-7:00 pm.

MCGONIGLE-MILLVILLE NEWS NEWS AND PAST EVENTS

YARD SALE

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the yard sale! Thanks to the people who spear-headed the preparations; who put up signs and made fliers; who donated items for sale; who came up to help sort and price items; to the cooks who made the tasty soups and sandwiches; for the baked pies and cakes; to those who bought items and came for lunch; to all who packed up what was left. We were able to give some items to Open Hands Pantry and the Roosevelt Thrift Store. May God bless you all! We couldn't do this without YOU!

FIRST FRUITS

Since our previous newsletter, these tasks were completed:

- Pick up, receive, sort, clean, price yard sale items

- Yard and flower garden service as needed
- Cut wooden stakes to support tall flowers
- Perform preventative maintenance on lawn tractor
- Order and install new rope on flag pole
- Evaluate and deliver sweeper to Pate's Appliance for repair
- Evaluate handrail outside south entrance to fellowship hall. Call Scofield to repair handrail
- Collect and sort mail as needed
- Collect and put trash to curb as needed
- Pick up cleaning and yard sale supplies as needed
- Evaluate awning over bell tower entry door to redirect water draining off the awning to grass in yard instead of onto sidewalk
- Erect yard sale road signs; set up tables for yard sale
- Replace flush valve of 3 toilets
- Clean outdoor basement stairwell
- Inspect why drinking fountain drain is slow
- Pick up supplies at Baker Hardware as needed

DARRTOWN NEWS NEWS AND PAST EVENTS

THANK YOU...

- Josh Trumbull for adding his wonderful singing voice, piano and guitar-playing to our services
- Rena Botkins, Chris' mother, for sharing her beautiful piano-playing skills
- Blaine Beckemeier for sharing his singing talents
- Pastor Chris for joining the UMW's group and helping make home-made noodles!!!
- Funeral Dinner: To all who helped with the funeral dinner for Joann Coombs
- Ice Cream Social: To all who helped make this annual event a success!
- Vacation Bible School: a huge effort with many participants from 3 churches, well done!
- Darrrtown Bicentennial Float: To all who helped arrange and coordinate our first ever church float for a parade! (see article)
- Darrrtown Bicentennial Pancake Breakfast: To all who worked so hard to serve so many! We ran out of food!
- Mission Trip: "Thank you" from Phyllis Flick and Maxine Harris for the church's support in their trip to West Virginia with Matthew 25 Ministries (see article)
- Love Offering: Thanks to a gift of \$200, we were able to assist the Sherra Layman fundraiser to help with traveling expenses to Boston for surgery
- School Bags: Thanks to everyone who helped fill the school bags and hygiene bags for Church Women United. Our church alone filled 30 bags!

CONDOLENCES

- To family and friends in the loss of Joann Coombs

Darrtown / McGonigle-Millville Charge, United Methodist Churches

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CONGRATULATIONS

- To **Lilly Steger** upon her graduation from high school, and plans to continue with higher education. She was awarded a Helen McVicker Manser scholarship.
- To **Amanda Schwab** and **Jacob Schwab**, grandchildren of Cathy Richardson, upon being awarded Helen McVicker Manser scholarships.
- To **Etta Jean Crawford** for her Butler County Fair wins:
1) 3 blue ribbons for peach pie, coconut pie and butterscotch pie; 2) 4th place for cherry pie.

SCHOLARSHIPS UPDATE

In August, we awarded two more scholarships, bringing the total to nine. All scholarships have been awarded to students who have some connection to the church. The thank you cards we receive have been shared with the congregation and it is very gratifying and exciting to learn of the students' future plans.

DEEP CLEANING "GOD'S HOUSE" PROJECT

Saturday, September 27 has been scheduled as cleaning day. However, you may choose to help complete the tasks on a different date. The walls and windows need to be brushed down in the sanctuary, annex and classrooms before cleaning begins. A kaleidoscopic pole has been donated for that purpose. No not brush down the walls around the pulpit. A list of items for cleaning will be posted on the bulletin board. As you review and choose your items, mark an "X" beside it. Cleaning products will be furnished. Deadline for completion is Monday, September 29.

KAIROS MINISTRY IN OHIO

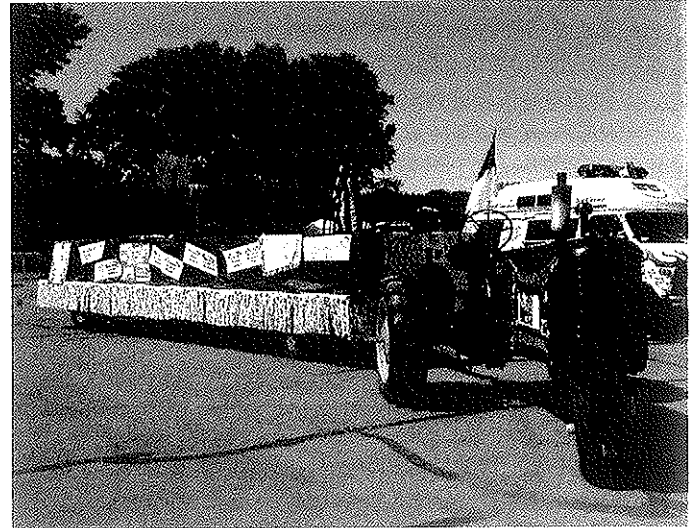
We are in the process of participating in the Kairos "cookies for prisoners" ministry at the request of Becky Coning. Members of our church will be baking 24 dozen cookies. These cookies will be delivered to prisons on a scheduled 3-day weekend with the purpose of offering a short course in Christianity. The goal is to provide 10,000 to 12,000 dozen cookies per weekend. These cookies represent (1) God's unending grace; they are a physical symbol of God's grace (i.e. agape love); (2) the power of the Christian community to let the inmates know they have been prayed for; and (3) the availability of forgiveness. God's forgiveness and self-forgiveness are difficult to accept in a prison. For more information, go to www.kairosohio.org
"...I was in prison and you visited me." Matthew 25:36

UMC FLOAT IN BICENTENNIAL PARADE

Darrtown had a huge bicentennial celebration on July 5th and 6th. Our church participated by providing a pancake breakfast and our first ever church float! Many thanks to all who joined to make these events special and successful.

Carolyn Russell was able to procure a wagon from the Isaac Walton League. Her grandson Josh and fiancé Ruthlene drove Grandpa Lawrence Baumann's antique tractor to pull the float. Carolyn and Maxine decorated the float. Maxine made several posters and with the help of Elaine (Russell) Secula, Ken

Russell's sister from Sarasota, Florida, and other helping hands, final touches on the morning of the parade made it beautiful. Debra Steger led the singing for our group of a dozen riders as we wove through Darrtown's streets. Sheriff Jones stopped by and made our little Cory Richardson a deputy! Thank you, Ida Mae Lemmons, for representing our church as the oldest member!



VETERANS TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON, DC

The Honor Flight organization sponsors World War II and Korean veterans to travel to Washington, DC to tour their war memorials. In August, Harry Ogle, Korean veteran, and Maxine Harris, guardian, participated in the three-day RV convoy trip leaving from Springfield, Ohio. Maxine has served on three previous trips. Her level of involvement with helping chaperone these special people has been amazing and rewarding. Hearing these veterans express their thankfulness for being offered this level of sharing and care is reward enough.

Join us on Veterans' Day Sunday in November for a more extensive sharing of events and photos of this trip. To learn more about this organization, visit www.honorflight.org.



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

From Our President:

Vacation is over. Now back to regular timing. I will miss the lazier summer time, but there is a lot to be positive about with a regular schedule.

Thanks to all who helped with or contributed to the Darrrtown Bicentennial pancake breakfast, parade, float, Ice Cream Social, noodle-making, Pastor Chris' welcome party, and the 5th Sunday potluck. Wonderful fellowship!!

September: Our next meeting will be TUESDAY, September 2. Carolyn Sadler and Donna Gallagher are hostesses. Our speaker will be Deb Curry from the Oxford Adult Day Care Center. Also, Maxine and Phyllis will share their experiences from their trip with Matthew 25 Ministries. Business includes fall planning and 2015 officer nominations. We would love to see all members and new faces.

October: the October meeting will be Monday the 6th. Speaker pending. Hostesses will be Etta Jean Crawford and Carolyn Russell. More fall business includes UMW Sunday on October 19th with Becky Coning as speaker, Christmas party, fall bazaar, Christmas mission, and Trunk or Treat.

Remember to pray for our missions listed below.

Thank you and blessings to all. - *Cathy Richardson*

MISSION REMINDERS

- Linus Project fleeces
- Medicine bottles for Matthew 25 Ministries
- Canned good for the Oxford Food Pantry
- Fellowship of the Least Coin (collection jar)
- World Thank Offering boxes, coins for your blessings
- Love Packages: new or used spiritual reading material

BIRTHDAY REMINDERS

- ✓ September 1 – Lora Richardson
- ✓ September 15 – Maxine Harris
- ✓ September 26 – Etta Jean Crawford
- ✓ October 8 – Cathy Richardson
- ✓ October 18 – Tracie Sergent
- ✓ October 18 – Caren Schlichter



Friends ... They love you, but they're not your lover.
They care for you, but they're not from your family.
They're ready to share your pain, but they're not your blood relation. They are ... FRIENDS!

A true friend... Scolds like a DAD...

Cares like a MOM...

Teases like a SISTER...

Irritates like a BROTHER...

And finally loves you more than a LOVER.

MATTHEW 25 MINISTRIES TRIP TO WEST VIRGINIA

www.M25M.org "Its simple. We serve people"

This is the message written on the t-shirts used for their annual mission trip from Blue Ash to Philippi, West Virginia. This organization has been sponsoring the trip for 11 years, with a focus on helping support an impoverished rural area's school system.

Phyllis Flick and Maxine Harris volunteered to go with a group of 84 people for a five-day stay. We were housed in the dorms of Alderson Broaddus University, had our meals in their dining hall, and attended evening organizational meetings in their chapel. Tim Mettey, the CEO of M25M, joined us and was involved in all aspects of the venture, a very hands-on type of person.

Much was accomplished during our week, from conducting a day camp for children, performing maintenance at three schools (inside and outside), preparing lunch for 110 people each day and delivering to the various work sites. Many new acquaintances were made. Everyone worked so well together. We also had some free time for fun events, such as swimming, visiting a local glass blower, eating one dinner at a local restaurant, and having locally famous homemade pies! We found another local specialty – donuts topped with caramel icing and bacon bits!

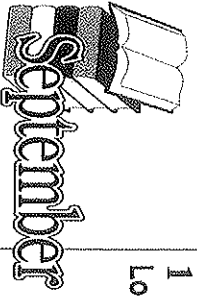
Phyllis and I feel extremely blessed to have been a part of this well-planned mission and extend our thanks to our church for their support.



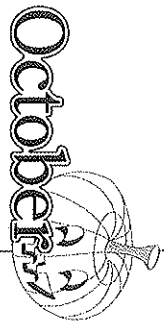
Phyllis, Maxine & Tim Mettey

May your memories never be stronger than your dreams. May your dreams always be stronger than your memories.

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

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5 Lester Campbell	6	7 Chris Baker	8 Cathy Richardson	9 Joy Jones Luella Decegljo	10 10 Donna Rungay	11 11 Larry Simison Mike Mehl
12 Donna & Shawn Gallagher (Anv)	13	14	15	16	17	18 Caren Schlichter
19 Dick & Carolyn Sadler (Anv)	20	21 Peggy Arcari Chloe Hansel Kathyn Baldwin Wyatt Guenther Jada Keller	22	23	24 24 Andy & Susan Petri (Aniv)	25 25 Connie Davis Dorothy Beckett
26 Ty Burkholder	27 Tom Agee Bill & Evelyn Kuhlmann (Aniv)	28	29	30	31 31 Samantha Mehl Austin Rice	