

Church Corner Clippings

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August 2010



August Birthdays

8-2 Erin Martin
8-2 Kathryn Weidman
8-3 Marcos Rodriguez
8-3 Sylvia Gerber
8-3 Lorraine Smale
8-4 Mary Ella Wallace
8-4 Gary Krantz
8-4 Ty Morgan
8-5 Beryl Dyer
8-6 Gerald Connors
8-6 Robert Myles
8-9 Narene Dowlin
8-13 Jack Edwards
8-14 Erica Miller
8-15 Betsy Siemer
8-16 Richard Tshudy
8-16 Charles Parmer
8-17 Lois Brownlee
8-17 Sylvia Wert
8-18 Rich Hughes
8-18 Bruce Wanner
8-19 Hollis Sensenig
8-19 Andrew Tibbins
8-22 Anna Witmer
8-22 Vincent Cebular
8-22 Allen Depue
8-23 Don Pryor
8-23 Clarence Nelson
8-25 Cody Martin
8-26 Diane Denlinger
8-27 Rosaline Brendle
8-28 Mary DuBosq
8-28 Donna Patterson
8-29 Cora Trago
8-29 Dawn Sweigart
8-30 Cindy Sierk



August Anniversaries

8-3 Charles & Wanda Lyman
8-3 Leonard & Lorraine Smale
8-6 Jay & Lois Fulmer
8-7 Jay & Susen Leary
8-10 Ramon & Roberta Royer
8-11 Earl & Denise Schulze
8-13 Don & Carol Orner
8-14 Garry & Judy Supplee
8-15 Richard & Wanda Jones
8-15 Richard & Beulah Martin
8-18 Pastor Eric & Mary Ritz
8-21 Vincent & Debbie Cebular
8-22 Paul & Cindi Frantz
8-24 Perry & Carol Tibbins
8-25 Don & Lucy Pryor
8-25 Douglas & Joy Wimer



- ☺ Our appreciation to Wendy Fitts, Bart Delp and Lori Potts for their outstanding and dedicated leadership as praise and worship leaders for the Sunday 8:30 a.m. Worship Service.
- ☺ Our thanks to Beth Keretzman for her hard work and many hours spent in preparing for and directing our VBS this summer. We are also grateful for all those who worked hard to make our VBS a success. Thanks to many who donated supplies, snacks, crafts and souvenirs.
- ☺ A big thank you to Sally Delp for coordinating all the meals for VBS and many thanks to everyone who was involved in preparing the meals and also to those who donated food items.



Observance of Holy Communion

On Sunday, August 1, we will observe Holy Communion. As is our custom, there will be a second offering. Your envelope to be used for that second offering is marked "Pastor's Discretionary Fund".

Make this Sunday an important day in your life as you remember that Jesus Christ paid the ultimate price for you - His life!



From the staff...

Recently, the office wing door has been found open several times. To ensure everyone's safety, please make sure you shut the door manually instead of letting it close on its own. Thank you!

- ☺ The youth want to express their appreciation to Kevin & Kathy Kurtz for the use of their van for the trip to Hershey Park.
- ☺ A big thank you to Earl Schulze who takes care of the aluminum cans we collect. (Bring your cans to the trash barrel next to the shed).



"Exercise daily - walk with the Lord."



Mt. Gretna Bible Festival 2010

The Mt. Gretna Bible Festival August Schedule is as follows:

August 1 8:30 am: Worship Service with Communion.

10 am: Jazz Worship Service featuring Bob Troxell & His Dixieland Connection

7 pm: Massed Choir - through the Bible with Joseph Martin in cooperation with Loser's Music, Lebanon.

August 4 7 pm: Hymn Sing - History of Christian Hymns led by Bob Kettering

August 7 10 am: Especially for children with Steven Courtney - a musical program for the whole family.

August 8 11 am: Jazz Worship Service with The Black Eagle Jazz Band.

7 pm: Concert with The Lancaster British Brass Band.

August 11 7 pm: The Bethany Gospel Boys from Bethany UMC, Lebanon.

August 15 7 pm: The Susquehanna Chorale directed by Linda Tedford.

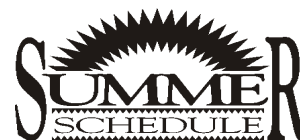
August 2 27 pm: Quintessentially Brass from Lancaster.

August 29 7 pm Concert - Elisabeth Von Trapp (tickets \$20.00)

All Sunday evening services are held at the historical Tabernacle. A free-will offering will be taken at each program.

The Tabernacle committee is asking for our prayers for this Summer at the Tabernacle, that it may indeed be a place "for Christian spiritual renewal in a unique Victorian setting." Pick up a brochure at the back of our sanctuary for more details.

Summer Arts Programs in New Holland Park



Schedule of Events for August

Sun. Aug. 1 Elanco Ministerium - comprised of about a dozen area churches. Join us for an evening of praise and hymn singing.

Wed. Aug. 4 Pierce Entertainment. You won't want to miss this musical performance with vocal selections from oldies to contemporary favorites.

Sat. Aug. 7 The Big Big Jazz Band. Hear it again or hear it for the first time - that blend of brass, reeds and rhythm since 1968 - a delight for young and old alike.

Sun. Aug. 8 The Martin Family with Hooley Irish Dancers. An exciting performance by an energetic family group featuring traditional Celtic music and Irish step dancing.

Wed. Aug. 11 Apple Jack. Traditional country, select oldies and a glimpse of Elvis round out this summer night concert.

Sat. Aug. 14 West Chester Concert Band. Come and hear classics, jazz, marches and contemporary arrangements which are all a part of this exciting concert.

Sun. Aug. 15 Lyric Band of Hanover. Don't miss this exciting performance by our special guests from Hanover, PA to close out our summer arts concert series.

All programs begin at 7:00 pm. and are held rain or shine. We never cancel but in case of bad weather the programs will be moved to the Liberty Fire Company.

All programs are free of charge thanks to the generous contributions of local businesses, organization, individuals and donations at the programs.

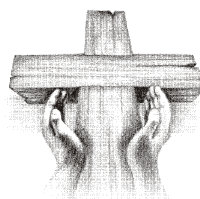
Blue Ball Fire Company will provide food service.

Church Archives



EUMC History

To keep the history of the church up-to-date, it would be very helpful if anyone having pictures taken during special events of the church or Sunday School would submit them to the historian, Joan Engle, for the archives. If you have any questions, call Joan at 354-8457.



Men, Mark Your Calendars Now!

The event, "Men at the Cross", designed to empower men to reach men for Jesus Christ, is coming to Calvary Church on October 16.

For more information, check the poster on the bulletin board or visit their website at:

www.menatthecross.org



Amy Grant at American Music Theater

Grammy and Dove Award winning singer/songwriter, Amy Grant, makes her AMT debut on **Sunday, August 1**, 8 pm at the American Music Theater. Amy Grant is best known for her Gospel and Contemporary Christian music.

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Outdoor Gospel Concert

Woodcrest Retreat, a Christian Summer Camp and Family Campground, 225 Woodcrest Drive, Ephrata, is holding an outdoor Gospel Concert on **Saturday, August 7** at 7 pm. The concert will feature "True Heart" and "The Horst Brothers". Chicken BBQ meal will be served from 4 - 6 pm - cost is \$8.00. Meal reservations are required - call 717-738-2233. A freewill offering will be taken. Please bring lawn chairs.

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The Bluegrass Brothers

The Welsh Mountain Community Center proudly presents the Bluegrass Brothers on **Saturday, August 14**. Opening performance is by "Chester Johnson and the Foggy Mountain Grass" at 4:00 pm. The performance is held at 564 Sandmine Road, New Holland. Cost for adults is \$15 (\$18 at gate) and kids under 12 is \$7 (\$10 at gate). It will be held outdoors rain or shine. For further information, check the posters on the bulletin boards.



Please include the following changes in your church directory:

Edmund & Jean Howell
email: edjeanh1@comcast.net
Cell phone: 717-951-2232

Perry & Carol Tibbins
Phone: 717-354-0374

Julie Cooper, Preschool Director
Please use Julie's cell phone number now: 717-371-3230. They do not have a house number now.

Larry & Marian Russell
46 Hollow Woods Drive
Pequea, PA 17565
Phone: 717-284-5633

Dear EUM Church Family:

Praise God! We would like to thank everyone for their generosity. What a wonderful surprise it was to find out that our financial needs to go on the mission trip to Iowa had been met by EUM! Your gift of blessings to us continued on to bless a fellow team member who is now able to join us on the trip to do God's work. Thanks to all! God Bless, Andrew and Jade Tibbins

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Thank you for your prayers, cards and words of encouragement. They have been a source of comfort at the time of the loss of my Mother.

In appreciation,
Gene Summers and Family

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Please convey to the EUM congregation how pleased I am with the exceptional Luke 19 Project. In my experience, I would say it was a wonderful, highly successful project and well above what most churches do.

Your total project monies for the women's literacy ministry in India among the Dombo Tribal Community means that 350 women will be enrolled in the 10 month Bible-content literacy program. Also, 2923 Bibles will be made available to new believers throughout India. Every \$25 prints eight Bibles and enables one woman to attend literacy classes which run two hours per night, five nights per week for ten months and provides training and stipends for literacy teachers; slates for writing and kerosene lamps for night classes; and three Bible-content primers.

The literacy classes provide awareness lessons on basic health and personal hygiene; nutrition and proper diet; community sanitation; family relationships; pre and post natal care; self-help skills; financial improvement; and AIDS, leprosy and alcohol. The literacy classes also bridge materials to move from primers to books and magazines.

The exciting event will be one year from now when we learn the results of the literacy classes and how the lives of these 350 women have been changed. May the Lord bless you for all your efforts.

Sincerely in Christ,
Rev. Bill Teate
President, Glad Tidings India



Musings of a Choir Member

What is it like being a member of the church choir? Answer: It's a lot of things—some good, some bad; some happy, some sad. Sometimes I am pleased that the anthem went well and other times I am frustrated that it didn't. Sometimes I am hopeful because we just got two new good members and sometimes I am discouraged because "attendance is poor tonight and boy, we're getting old." Sometimes it is exhilarating because "Man, rehearsal went well tonight!" Sometimes I think I will never learn this number and I don't like it either; then a small miracle happens—I learn it and I like it.

It is summer now and the time off feels good. But it will soon be September and, ready or not, it's time to go back. If you are thinking of joining, be careful—it gets in your blood and after a while you can't quit. Sometimes you want to but you get this strange feeling that "I ought to do this; it seems like God wants me to." If you are thinking you should give it a try, don't fight it. You could be the loser...and everyone else...including God.

A Real Choir Member

Trustee Request



Once again we ask that no one place a thermostat on the HOLD setting. A HOLD setting keeps the temperature at the set temperature for 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year until the HOLD is released.

Recently several thermostats have been placed on HOLD. Our electric bill for June was over \$1200. If the temperature needs to be adjusted, place the desired temperature by pushing the up or down buttons. That will activate the necessary equipment to change the temperature for three hours. Then the thermostat will return to the programmed setting.



Back to School Carnival

September

St. Stephen U.C.C. of New Holland is again sponsoring the "Back to School Carnival" on Saturday, August 14 from 10 am - 1 pm. The purpose of the carnival is for local churches and organizations to work together to distribute backpacks and school-related materials to children in the Eastern Lancaster County School District. They also provide free haircuts, carnival food and games and Christian fellowship with neighbors.

EUM is participating in this event in helping to provide backpacks. Some Sunday School classes are giving money; others are purchasing backpacks filled with school supplies. Individuals can participate also in this event by purchasing backpacks and fill them with the following supplies: pencils, notebook/paper, erasers, 12 inch ruler, plastic handheld pencil sharpener. They must be into the church by Sunday, August 1. If you have any further questions, please contact Beth Keretzman or the church office.



Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study

Our Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study will begin at 7:00 on September 15. We will continue in the Book of John, beginning with Chapter 13.

The Book of John discusses the Deity of Christ. John's object is to lead people to eternal life. The first 12 chapters (which we discussed last year) focused on Christ's public ministry, and these chapters present the private ministry of Christ with His disciples as He was preparing them to receive the Holy Spirit who would empower them.

Please join us as we grow together in God's Word and Christian fellowship.

EUM Volunteers at Water Street Rescue Mission



EUM volunteers are partnering with Water Street Missions, Lancaster to serve the cafeteria style evening meal on the first Friday of every month. Currently, we have two eight member teams. Each team will volunteer every other month.

We are still seeking persons to participate as substitutes. The time is 4:30-6:30 PM. For those who wish to carpool, we meet at the church at 3:45 pm. Volunteers must be 12 years old. If you would consider serving as a substitute, please contact Marlin or Barb Houck at 354-0546 or e-mail at mhbh@frontiernet.net



Cross Connection Youth Center Event

CCYC is sponsoring a fun event for the whole family - a bike ride, a motorcycle ride, or just a good family walk on August 21 from 8 am to 1 pm - rain or shine. Event location is the Grace Family Church. For all participants there is a free meal from 12 - 1. There will be prizes and awards.

Register for this event by August 14 and you will be guaranteed a free T-shirt. Registration and sponsor forms are in the church office. The purpose of this event is to raise awareness of CCYC, to offer a fun event for the whole family and to raise funds for the ministry of CCYC.



From the Pastor's Pen August, 2010

In December, 2001, I was privileged to go to Greece and follow in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul's second missionary journey. The Apostle Paul knew that the 'cheese' had moved to a new location. The Apostle Paul became the missionary to the very people (the Gentiles) he once labeled as untouchables and outcasts (see **Ephesians 3:1-13**). He not only preached the Gospel to his own people – the Jews – but now to the Gentiles and Greeks. He lifted and elevated the status of women – unlike anyone since Jesus Christ. He even preached to – and converted – those who put him and others in prison. Talk about a man whom God led through the maze. Paul did not wear slippers – but running shoes. He was in ministry and mission – not museum work.

We must never forget that the primary function of the church is "to bring people into the life-changing presence of Jesus Christ." We are to make and sustain disciples of Jesus Christ. This is the 'cheese' for us. One of the main reasons the United Methodist Church grew here in the United States of America was the circuit rider. As the frontier moved westward – the Methodist circuit rider was right behind them. It was said by Bishop Will Willimon that the kingdom of God came by such effort.

Change is happening all around us. I think of all the new technologies that have come on the scene since my arrival in New Holland in July, 2003. Futurists are sharing that more change will happen in the next 5 years than there has been in all of the last 3 decades! I think of all the changes and expansion that have happened at Shady Maple, Garden Spot Village Retirement Community, and Brethren Village. Even Yoder's is now open on Sundays! History abounds with examples of how paradigms often shift, changing everything else around them. What is clear in history is that paradigm shifts occur whether we want them to or not. The question is how we respond to them. The Apostle Paul responded. John Wesley responded. The circuit rider responded.

Futurists tell us that a paradigm shift often comes when we have the growing awareness that something is amiss in our world. In short – something is not working or connecting. Do you get the sense today that government is not working? Do you get the sense today that something is not quite right in mainline church – or the United Methodist Church? Where we were once dynamic and growing – we are now decreasing in numbers. Every year in the Annual Conference – or national church – we are laying off valuable staff members. The shift often produces a crisis. The crisis occurs because we are incredibly resistant

to change and paradigm shifts. Joel Barker - a well-known futurist – shares, it takes great faith to learn from paradigm shifts and move out into a brave new world. It surely did for the Apostle Paul – Martin Luther – and John Wesley. Think of the pilgrims who picked up everything and moved to build a brand new life. Talk about a paradigm shift!

Human nature has always resisted change. The well-know evangelical Pastor Leith Anderson, in his book **DYING FOR CHANGE**, shares the following letter written by Martin Van Buren, then the Governor of New York state – to President Jackson concerning an evil new business enterprise threatening our nation. It was dated January 31, 1829.

"To President Jackson,

The canal system of this country is being threatened by the spread of a new form of transportation known as 'railroads.' The federal government must preserve the canals for the following reasons:

One. If canal boats are supplanted by 'railroads,' serious unemployment will result. Captains, cooks, drivers, hostlers, repairmen and lock tenders will be left without means of livelihood, not to mention the numerous farmers now employed in growing hay for the horses.

Two. Boat builders would suffer and towline, whip and harness makers would be left destitute.

Three. Canal boats are absolutely essential to the defense of the United States. In the event of the expected trouble with England, the Erie Canal would be the only means by which we could ever move the supplies so vital to waging modern war.

As you may well know, Mr. President, 'railroad' carriages are pulled at the enormous speed of fifteen miles per hour by 'engines' which, in addition to endangering life and limb of passengers, roar and snort their way through the countryside, setting fire to crops, scaring the livestock and frightening women and children. The Almighty certainly never intended that people should travel at such breakneck speed."

Don't laugh – but do smile as you read this letter.

Yes, the canal system owners forgot they were in the transportation business – not the canal system enterprise. Transportation is still important and quite alive today. It was regrettable they only hemmed and hawed about the changes taking place.

Charles Dickens in his classic book **A TALE OF TWO CITIES** describes best the paradox facing the mainline Christian church in America when he wrote "**It was the best of times – it was the worst of times.**" It can be

the best of times if we stay attuned to the marvelous working power of the Holy Spirit – and allow the Spirit to provide direction for the ministry and mission in the days ahead – and actually follow the Spirit’s call. If you ever want to see what happens when this is done – read the Book of the Acts of the Apostles and an event known as Pentecost. It can be the worst of times – if we just sit around the campfire and wonder where the ‘cheese’ is now. Actually sitting around the campfire at night was once a radical new approach to get the youths’ attention with the claims of Christ. What new radical method do we use today so they hear “the old, old story of Jesus and his love?” Anybody ready for a new pair of running shoes?

One of the major shifts occurring in our culture is the shift from the left brain to the right brain. Most believe this is occurring because our world is so governed by technology. It is generally agreed that the brain has two different hemispheres – each doing different tasks. The left brain is that which does the analysis – which is rational and verbal. The right brain is mystical – open to art, music, and intuition. Western civilization has invested itself almost exclusively in the left brain person. Since my journey through seminary – I have given myself more to the left brain approach. There is a reason why the Worship Center and Petra Fellowship are growing. We have a fear of the right brain. We label it emotionalism. What would happen in our church if we had an altar call or a healing service? The Christian faith is not a philosophy or religion – it is a relationship with the Triune God: Father – Son – and Holy Spirit.

In all honesty – there is a part of Hem – Haw – Sniff – and Scurry in the fabric of all our lives. This is where the parable comes into play. Whose part will we play? Do we believe the best days for our church family are in the days ahead? Can we slip off the slippers – and put on some new running shoes?

The Sports Illustrated Magazine once featured an interview with the well-known pro quarterback Kenny Stabler. The interviewer quoted some favorite lines from the famous Jack London to Kenny: “I’d rather be ashes than dust. I’d rather my spark go out in a burning flame than it be snuffed with a dry pat. I’d rather be a splendid meteor flaming across the sky, every atom in me a magnificent glow, than to be a sleepy and permanent planet. Life is to be lived, not to exist. I shall not waste my days trying to prolong them. I will use my time.”

The interviewer then asked Kenny what those words said to him personally. Stabler with his hands in his pockets, slouched against the wall, thought deeply for a moment and replied, “**Throw deep.**” Yes, EUMC – throw deep!

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Eric



We are enjoying this hot summer with the EUM Youth Ministry and also preparing for the fall when weekly meetings will resume.

July included a number of fun activities such as a trip to Hershey Park on July 7 and an evening of broomball inside the cool ice rink on July 30. The youth also helped out at the New Holland Farmers Market on July 3 and then a number assisted with the Bible School skits and activities the last week of July.

Of course, the mission trip to Iowa was another highlight. The group will give a full report at the luncheon in October but we thank everyone once again for your prayers and support.

Next, I have a few thank-you’s and reminders.

The youth continue to collect used INKJET Printer cartridges. This has been going on for several years and continues to be a success.

We are also collecting aluminum cans. Earl Schulze takes care of this for us and recently redeemed \$200.00 worth of empty cans. Thanks for your help!

Finally we will be changing things a bit in regards to the meals we serve on Wednesday nights during the school year. Everyone will have several options for providing assistance:

1. You may still provide a meal for the whole group (approx. 35 people). Simply contact Denise Schulze at 355-0074 to pick a date.
2. You may provide a monetary donation for a meal by seeing Ray or any of the youth leaders.
3. You may donate items that we will use to prepare the meals. I will include a list in this column each month. Simply bring the items to the church whenever the office is open. For the month of September, we are asking for the following items:

- Chicken Rice-a-Roni
- Cream of Chicken Soup
- Sour Cream (not low fat)
- Shredded cheddar cheese
- Shredded mozzarella cheese
- Frozen tater tots
- Sliced pepperoni
- Frozen steak sandwich meat
- Bacon
- Stove top stuffing (chicken flavor)
- Chicken broth
- Lemonade, iced tea, fruit punch, orange drink

Contact Eileen Voran with any questions regarding the food donations. Thank you to everyone who has helped with this important aspect of youth ministry. As always we covet your prayers.

Hope your summer finishes on a blessed note.

RAY