

Church Corner Clippings

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March 2010



March Birthdays

03-01 Jean Howell
 03-02 Colleen Coldren
 03-04 Beth Keretzman
 03-05 Lois Fulmer
 03-05 Richard Jones
 03-06 Scott Fitts
 03-06 Paul Fitts
 03-07 Ruth Frantz
 03-07 Susan Beiler
 03-07 Alissa Weinhold
 03-09 Wanda Jones
 03-09 Janelle Barrett
 03-11 Marcia Sensenig
 03-12 Brenda Brackbill
 03-13 Jody Hough
 03-13 Mary Ritz
 03-14 Rosene Wagner
 03-14 Guy Hull
 03-14 Kenneth Ibach
 03-14 Dorothy Leisey
 03-15 Polly Baker
 03-16 Mary Beth O'Donnell
 03-17 Howard Redcap
 03-18 Harry Good
 03-19 Lowell Roth
 03-20 Joyce Redcap
 03-21 Jeanette Miller
 03-21 Paul Frantz
 03-22 Russ Gehman
 03-23 Jeff Shirk
 03-25 June Ibach
 03-26 Roberta Horning
 03-26 Gary Schwetz
 03-27 Brooke Frantz
 03-27 Aubri Tibbins
 03-28 Judith Supplee
 03-29 Shirley Harach
 03-29 Valerie Gregory
 03-31 Frances Blank
 03-31 Nell Wright
 03-31 Joyce Martin

March Anniversaries

03-14 Gene & Mary Lowry
 03-15 Jack & Joan Delp
 03-16 Melvin & Sadie Stehr
 03-21 Gary & Stephanie Schwetz
 03-22 Chad & Nicole Martin
 03-23 Howard & Alta Robin
 03-26 Paul & Rosene Wagner
 03-27 Herb & Diane Robbins
 03-29 Duane & Betty Bohlayer
 03-31 Chuck & Joan Engle



Our Missionaries' Birthdays for March

03-07 Evie Conkling
 03-08 Charles Jackson
 03-16 Elsie Lippy
 03-24 Paul Browne



Winter Weather

In case of inclement weather, if services or activities need to be cancelled, expect to hear about it in one of the following ways:

- * Radio announce- ment - WDAC (94.5 FM), WIOV (105.1 FM) or WJTL (90.3 FM).
- * through a phone call.
- * Morning services, the pastor will make a decision as early as possible. Events held other than Sunday morning will be cancelled by the person(s) in charge.

* A big thank you to Bob and Pat Myles who faithfully collect the attendance sheets after each Morning Worship Service.

* Our thanks to all the youth leaders who work so faithfully with the young people of our church and the community with the Wednesday night suppers and programs.

* Our appreciation to Beth Keretzman and her team of faithful workers in our Wednesday Kids Alive program.

* Our deep appreciation to Sally Delp and the Kitchen Ministry team for the delicious luncheon on Sunday, February 14.

* Thank you to Eileen Voran for providing a meal for the youth on Wednesday night.

* Gratitude to our God and our amazing EUM family for the generous contributions of almost \$12,000.00 to the Haiti Earthquake Relief fund!

* Our thanks to the Trustees for the beautiful new doors at the entrance to the sanctuary.

* Thanks to all those who donated men's white socks for the Water Street Rescue Mission.



"Nothing is more attractive than being like Jesus."



Missions Conference March 14, 15

Theme: "Send the Light"
"Let light shine out of darkness"
II Cor. 4:6

The Missions Commission is excited to announce that this year's Missions Conference will feature:

Bill Teate - President of Glad Tidings India

Bill has been preaching since age 17 in various churches, homes for the aged, missions and prisons and served many roles in the life of a church - Senior High School Superintendent, Youth Program Director, Counselor, and Pastor. He traveled to India many times as East Coast Representative for the World Home Bible League and is now the President of Glad Tidings India.

Lori Potts - Home Rep Manager for The Mission Society

We are privileged to have Lori with us again as director of our praise and worship time on Saturday night. Lori will also be speaking to the children on Sunday morning in Sunday School and also will be sharing an update of her ministry in both the services on Sunday morning.

David Coryell

David is the former Youth and Leadership Pastor at First United Methodist church in Ephrata and is current Executive Director of Christian Endeavor of the Mid-Atlantic region. David is a popular speaker at many youth events. He will be sharing with the youth in the Sunday School hour.

Our Schedule

Saturday, March 13, 6:00 p.m.

- ◆ A great Fellowship Supper
- ◆ Song time with Lori
- ◆ Message by Bill
- ◆ Love offering will be taken

Sunday, March 14

- ◆ 8:30 a.m. Music and update with Lori
Challenge with Bill
- ◆ 9:20 a.m. Youth - David
Combined Adult SS - Bill
Children - Lori
- ◆ 10:30 a.m. Same as 8:30

We look forward to your prayerful participation! May God touch our hearts through this year's Missions Conference and energize our entire church family!

Missions Conference - Luke 19 Project

The highlight of our Conference will be a sharing of the Luke 19 project (based on the parable of the talents/pounds). In both the Sunday morning services a \$10.00 bill will be given to every responsible person - teenager on up, with the goal of multiplying the \$10.00 like the most faithful servants in the parable. After 12 weeks, Bill Teate will return to receive the profits and dedicate them to the glory of God for "The Plight of Women in India", whose living conditions are deplorable.

Luke 19 Project Ideas

- sell baked goods, soups, etc.
- sewing, repairs, alterations
- making jellies, jams
- do small home repair jobs for neighbors
- baby sit
- wash cars
- weed someone's flowerbed, mow lawn
- sell cupcakes, cookies, etc. at work
- have a dinner at your home for your neighbors
- refinish old furniture
- house cleaning for someone
- do typing for someone
- provide transportation

Did you know?

- † That the United States has only 5% of the world's population?
- † That the United States has 60% of the world's wealth?
- † That 96% of all donations made by U.S. citizens to all Christian causes is used inside the U.S.?
- † That the average Christian gives only \$20.00 per year to foreign missions?

Observance of Holy Communion

On Sunday, March 7, we will observe Holy communion at both the 8:30 and 10:30 services.



Remember also, as is our custom, we will receive a second offering in our Worship Service to help support our missionaries and organizations for whom EUM has committed financial and prayer support.

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

"An important aspect of praying is a willingness to be part of the answer."



Precious Ones Preschool News

We had so much fun at our Pajama Party in February! So, we've decided to have a Hat Party soon. Won't that be fun?

We had a wonderful Valentine's Day party which included special crafts and games. We also exchanged Valentine cards.

We discussed dental health and the health of our bodies. One of our Moms came and talked to us about taking care of our teeth.

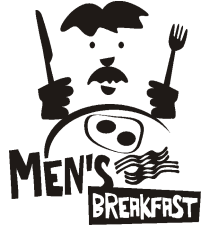
This past month we learned:

New Letters: P, Q, R
New Numbers: 16, 17, 18
New Shape: Heart
New Color: Pink

We are so glad that some of our Moms are volunteering in our classroom. That really helps Miss Julie. Please pray for us to grow up to live for Jesus!

Attention Men of EUMC

On Saturday morning, March 6 at 9:00 am, a Men's Fellowship Breakfast is planned for you in Fellowship Hall. The special speaker will be Gordon Denlinger, our state legislator. Please come and hear what he has to say while enjoying good food planned and prepared by our wonderful Kitchen Ministry team. The cost is by donation only.



Don't miss this first special Fellowship Breakfast for men!

Thank You!

Dear Friends at EUM:

Thank you so much for your encouragement, prayers and financial support to our ministry! We are grateful to have your partnership and you are an awesome blessing to us as we trust God to use us in reaching students at Penn State. May you experience God even more in 2010.

Mark and Kim Hough

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Dear EUM Family:

Thank you to our church family for your many kindnesses during our bereavement.

Jim and Lisa High



God Hears and Answers Prayers

Special Request from Terry Ortman

Terry received enough stuffed animals to take with him to India, but now he will be taking more on his trip to Haiti in March. Please continue to bring small (Beany Baby size) stuffed animals and place them in the box in the back of the Adult Assembly Room. Terry will be picking them up the first week of March so please don't delay in bringing them in.

News from Water Street Rescue Mission



Can you believe that Easter is right around the corner? WSRM needs non-perishable items and 700 hams by March 27 for our Easter Food Box distribution in partnership with local churches. The following are the items needed:

- ✓ canned fruits
- ✓ canned vegetables
- ✓ instant mashed potatoes
- ✓ canned yams or sweet potatoes
- ✓ condensed soup (15.5 oz.)
- ✓ instant pudding or jello
- ✓ hams (5-8 lbs.)

As we sit in our cozy homes with food and security and protection from the cold, may we remember our poor and homeless neighbors who aren't able to do the same. Here are some thoughts about home that were written by Alvin, a Water Street Mission client:

What a home is to me:

- † Home is a place for happiness; where laughter is a cure for pain.
- † Home is a place for truth, because you lead by example and not by flight.
- † Home is a place for family; where conversations last into the night.
- † Home is a place for love; it's so easy, sitting around with a smile.
- † Home is a place for education, for it's the key to success.
- † Home is a place for building confidence; doing your very best.
- † Home is a place for relaxation; to kick your feet up and close your eyes.
- † Home is a place for therapy, to talk about things, even if one cries.
- † Home is a place for religion because without God, our souls are lost.
- † Home is a place for keeping the faith, no matter what the cost.

May we remember our poor and homeless in our prayers and may we consider coming alongside them in tangible ways as well.



From the Pastor's Pen

The historian, Will Durant, in his landmark series entitled "The Story of Civilization," has a volume entitled, CAESAR AND CHRIST. Although Will Durant was not a Christian believer, he writes with great insight about our Lord's ministry. He shares:

"The revolution he sought was a far deeper one, without which reforms could only be superficial and transitory. If he could cleanse the human heart of selfish desires, cruelty, and lust, utopia would come of itself, and all those institutions that rise out of human greed and violence, and the consequent need for law, would disappear. Since this would be the profoundest of all revolutions, Christ was in the spiritual sense, the greatest revolutionary in history."

The reason that the Christian faith is difficult and challenging is that we are called to love, not only our family and friends, which is a great challenge in itself – but our enemies as well. When we choose to love on our own power and source – we soon fail, because if someone else's response does not 'measure up' we soon find ourselves withholding our love. One of the greatest fallacies of love is that of the 50/50 variety. Unfortunately, 50/50 soon becomes 40/40, 30/30, 20/20, 10/10, until you have nothing at all.

The beautiful campus of Drew University where I graduated from in 1980 is also called 'the forest' because of the beautiful trees that fill the landscape. A winter storm much like we recently experienced here in New Holland hit the campus. The wet snow caused many of the limbs of the trees to crack and fall to the ground. Because there were so many limbs to pick up, some of the limbs were pushed off the walkways to be picked up in the spring. All winter long, the students passed by these dead branches and limbs. However, in the first week of April, a strange phenomenon happened to these branches. New buds and leaves began to sprout on these dead limbs. For about two weeks this happened. It seemed that there was enough energy left in the branches to allow the leaves to come forth. However, after two weeks, the leaves began to fade, wither, and eventually die. Without sustained ties to the one who loves us, our love also fades, withers, and dies.

It was Reinhold Niebuhr who had great insight when he wrote that "Christians are never more dangerous than when they attempt to act from love." We must reflect God's model, not ours. Our ability to love is much like the leaves on the dead branches, if done in our own strength and source they will soon vanish. It will not last for the long haul. It will be tainted by

self-interest and personal gain. It will focus on self-rather than sacrifice. A love based on fantasy can make you feel good for awhile, but only a love that connects you with the loving, living God of the universe will provide you with the source to love for the long haul. To love, people need more than good intentions and sincerity – they need the Lord.

There is a poignant moment in the life of Mahatma Gandhi, when he lies almost dead from a hunger strike to stop the killings among the Muslims and Hindus and he shares, "When I despair, I remember that all through history the way of truth and love has always won. There have been tyrants and murderers and for a time they can seem invincible – but in the end they always fail. **ALWAYS!**"

Gandhi learned that truth from our Lord Jesus Christ and from reading the Sermon on the Mount.

Yes, love can be crucified – but it cannot be defeated.

During this Lenten season let us take the time to deepen our relationship to the Lord Jesus Christ – the greatest revolutionary the world has ever known. May the revolution continue in us – and through us.

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Eric



Cross Connection Banquet

You are invited to Cross Connection Youth Center's 2010 annual Banquet and Celebration of God's faithfulness over the past year.

It is scheduled for Tuesday, March 30 at Shady Maple Banquet Center. Doors open at 6:15 pm and dinner will begin at 6:30 pm. The special guest speaker is Stan Deen, beloved, now retired teacher from Garden Spot High School. Currently he is teaching at Veritas Academy and is an adjunct professor at Lancaster Bible College.

The evening will also include the Director's update, testimonies and special music. Although there is no charge for the meal, reservations are necessary. For reservations please call 717-556-2755 or email newhollandcross@hotmail.com

Cross Connection Youth Center exists to offer help, hope and support to teens and their families. An opportunity to support CCYC will be presented.



Youth News

It seems like winter has gone on forever but the calendar says it is time for Spring sports and for other outdoor activities to begin. Of course we will have to see if the weather decides to agree with the calendar.

While this may seem like a relatively quiet time for the NHEUM Youth Ministry, we did have a wintry activity the last weekend of February. If the pond was frozen, we enjoyed an outdoor game of broomball; if not, we joined in the ice-skating at Clipper Stadium.

We are also planning a bowling excursion on March 13 following the Missions Conference supper and meeting. This was well attended and a good time last year.

On a more serious note, Wednesday night meetings continue to go well although one was snowed out last month and of course the youth did not meet on Ash Wednesday.

We did have some great discussion time with the young people as we talked about prayer on February 3rd. It was an eye-opening experience to hear about some of the difficulties that these youth have gone through and prayed about even in their short years. What an encouragement to see that they remain interested in spiritual things and open to the Lord.

While we have all experienced answered prayers as well as disappointments, we stressed that prayer is more of an ongoing relationship that leads to changes in our own lives rather than a Christmas list or a genie in a bottle.

It continues to be our goal and our opportunity to share the Gospel message with all the youth through our words, our actions and our attitudes.

Thank you for all your prayers and support.

EASTER EGGS

We are into the Easter season and that means that it is time for those delicious calorie free youth Easter eggs. We will be selling peanut butter and coconut eggs. Actually, they may not be calorie free but they do taste good! Like last year, the cost will be \$7.00/pound (there are about 20 eggs in a pound).

Sign-up sheets are in adult Sunday school classrooms and on the church bulletin boards.

Proceeds from the sale will go towards the mission trip to Iowa this summer and to other youth activities.

Thanks again,
Ray

"No service for Christ goes unnoticed by Him!"



ALPHA Update

New Holland EUMC will be running the ALPHA program once again this Spring. The meetings will be on Monday nights beginning April 5th. This is an excellent opportunity to invite a neighbor or friend to a non-threatening church experience. The program is also great for anyone who simply desires to learn more about the Christian faith.

The nightly schedule will look like this:

6:00 - Supper. Sharing a meal provides a great opportunity to get to know each other and simply enjoy a friendly time of sharing food and conversation. Of course having the meal provided is also a convenience for those who will be coming after a long day of work.

6:45 - Presentation of the Topic. Each week we focus on one aspect of the Christian Faith. We will use a mixture of video presentations and more traditional talks. The schedule is included below.

7:30 - Group Discussion. This time is meant to be a true discussion where everyone has the opportunity to express their views on the topic. All comments and questions are welcome and the goal is that the group members will learn and grow while also enjoying their time together.

8:45 - Dismissal. We respect everyone's time and finish the evening on schedule.

The **Topic Schedule** is as follows:

April 5-"Is There More to Life than This?"
 April 12-"Who is Jesus?"
 April 19-"Why Did Jesus Die?"
 April 26-"How Can We Have Faith?"
 May 3-"Why and How Do I Pray?"
 May 10-"Why and How Should I Read the Bible?"
 May 17-"How Does God Guide Us?"
 May 24-"How Can I Resist Evil?"
 May 31- **Memorial Day- No Alpha Meeting**
 June 7-"Why and How Should I Tell Others?"
 June 14-"Does God Heal Today?"
 June 21-"What about the Church?"

We will also meet on one Saturday to discuss the person and work of the Holy Spirit and living a true Christian life.

Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings and you are encouraged to invite a friend or two.

We do need assistance to make it all happen. Please prayerfully consider participating in any of the following ways:

- small group leader or helper
- meal coordinator (to make sure a meal is provided each week)
- meal preparation
- set up/cleanup
- child care

Contact the church office if you would like to attend or provide assistance for the program. Please pray for all those involved as we continue this ministry!



Volunteer Opportunity To Feed the Poor and Homeless

Meals for the Hungry The EUM Kitchen Ministry Team is planning to extend our outreach ministry to help meet the needs of the homeless and poor of Lancaster County. For many years our church has given financial and material gifts to organizations that care for people in need of food, shelter, and other resources.

The Kitchen Ministry Team invites you to partner with us in providing "hands-on" service to Water Street Ministries (WSM) at 210 South Prince Street, Lancaster. While there are many opportunities to serve at WSM, we are currently focusing on meal service (no cooking).

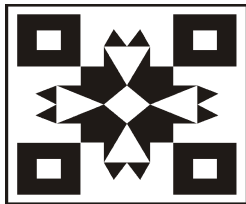
We would like to set up teams (no more than 8 persons on a team, ages 12 and over) to serve a meal monthly, bi-monthly or occasionally. We are hoping to sign up for an evening meal (4:30-6:30 pm) or a Saturday morning breakfast (6:30-8:30 pm).

Please consider this opportunity for service to the homeless and poor (Matthew 25: 35-40).

Contact Marlin or Barb Houck at 354-0546 or mhbh@frontiernet.net to indicate your interest and/or to obtain answers to questions.

Tea & Quilts

Our annual Ladies Tea will be held on May 1st - at 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall.



"Quilts" will be our theme this year. Rachel Thomas-Pellman will present a devotional entitled "Pieces of our Lives". She owns Rachel's of Greenfield, where she designs and produces kits for quilt making. Rachel grew up in this area and has spent many hours with Amish women, learning the stories and histories of their quilts.

Cost of tickets will be \$10.00 and will go on sale in April. Please call Bert Horning at 354-9216 or Barb Houck at 354-0546. Stay tuned to the church bulletin for more information.

You Are Needed!



On March 3rd our sewing group is committed to sew for Lancaster General Hospital. We will meet in the church parking lot at 7:30 am and return home at 2:30 pm. There is also a need for non-sewers for folding, cutting, etc.

If you are interested or have any questions, please call Norleen Edwards at 355-6768.



Recipe for Chicken Biscuit Bake

For those who requested the recipe for the delicious chicken casserole that was served at the Valentine Fellowship Luncheon, here is the recipe that Sally Delp graciously shares with us:

- 2 cans of cream of chicken soup
- 1-1/3 cup mayo
- 4 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 5 cup chopped cooked chicken
- 4 cup broccoli florets (I use frozen)
- 2 cups shredded cheese
- 2 tubes buttermilk biscuits
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 tsp. celery seed
- 1 tsp. salt

Combine soup, mayo and Worcestershire sauce. Stir in chicken and broccoli. Put into a greased 9 x 13 baking dish. Sprinkle with cheese. Cover and bake at 375 for 20 minutes.

Separate the biscuits and cut in half. Arrange cut side down over the hot chicken mixture. In a bowl mix the remaining ingredients and pour over biscuits. Bake uncovered 20 minutes longer or until golden brown. 8 servings.



Palm Sunday with the Bravura Brass

On Palm Sunday, March 28, the Bravura Brass will be playing at our 10:30 a.m. service in the Sanctuary. They will perform with Doug Wimer and the Senior Choir.

The Bravura Brass will be sharing a prelude before the festive service of Palm Sunday begins and also a special postlude. The service will also include the blessing of the Palms commemorating the entrance of Jesus Christ into the Holy City of Jerusalem and the spontaneous worship that erupted from the hearts of the people that day.

The Bravura Brass is Central Pennsylvania's premiere brass quintet based in Lancaster, PA. They have performed throughout Central PA and beyond. The word 'bravura' is defined as "with brilliant technique and virtuosity." They strive to make this the hallmark of every Bravura Brass performance. Please join us for this special event!

"Isn't it strange how 2 hours seem so long when you're at church, and how short they seem when you're watching a good movie?"