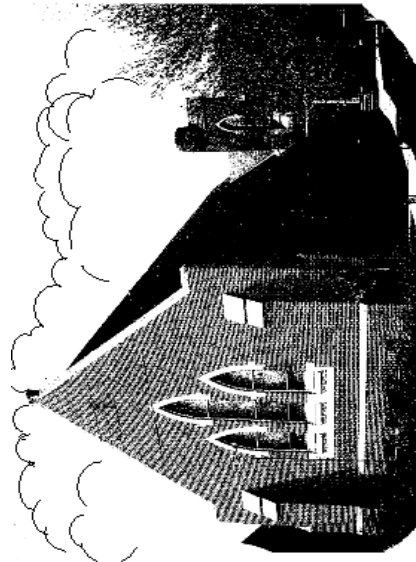


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with a blessing and prayer to.....*

## *Hearts Committed to God*

1862-2012 - 150 Years

# THE GOOD NEWS COURIER

January 2012



Christ United Methodist Church

### OUR MISSION...

*Love God,  
love people and  
make disciples.*

### OUR VISION...

*To meet,  
connect with,  
and invite people.*

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**Our Guest Speaker this month is  
Rev. Dr. Scott McKenzie on January 8.**  
*"Hearts Committed to God  
through Stewardship."*

Celebrate With Christ UMC!  
*Hearts Committed to God  
for 150 Years  
1862-2012*

Save The Date...

**'HOG MAW DINNER'**

Where: Jacobus Firehall  
When: **January 14<sup>th</sup>, 5 PM**

Free Will Offering to Benefit the Jacobus Firemen

Call for reservations by January 7<sup>th</sup>.  
428-1424 (Church) or 428-2381 (Paula)

Check our website for more details...  
[Christumcjacobus.org](http://Christumcjacobus.org)

## Prayer Concerns

### Please pray for:

The family of Betty Hake (Rodney Hake's mother)  
 Michelle Wells (health concerns)  
 Robert Hildebrandt (health concerns)  
 Ava Grace Vermeulen (infant) (health concerns)  
 Rick Schnetzka  
 Edith Chesney (health concerns)  
 Shannon (family issues)  
 Barbara Klaus (health concerns)  
 Corban Potter (2-year old/health concerns)  
 Donna Roper's grandson (health concerns)  
 Dawn Reichert (health concerns)  
 David Doll (further testing)  
 Artie Lightner (health concerns)  
 Father of Sue Muir (health concerns)  
 Erin Brunner's mother (health concerns)  
 Pete Weaver (health concerns)  
 Bob Hilderbrandt (health concerns)  
 Hannah Rosenberg (cheerleading accident)

Shannon Greenly and Family  
 Sister and family back in states  
 Vickie Curry (surgery)  
 The family and friends of Tyler Weaver (accident fatality)  
 David Miller (health concerns)  
 Bradley Laird (health concerns)  
 The family of Judge Chuck Patterson  
 The family of Marlene Jackson  
 Joy Shearer (surgery)  
 Carole Dohme (health concerns)  
 Dawn Ward (health concerns)  
 The Henley Family (loss of mother)  
 Tanya Saylor (job interview)  
 Theresa Concordia (health concerns)  
 Bud Ruppert (surgery)  
 David Sherrer (injuries/accident)

**Kraig Rishell** – Praise to God for continued blessings

**Myrtle Myers** – In York Hospital/health concerns

**Carroll Nace** – Fell/four broken ribs

**Edith Sielsch** – Car accident/fractured bone in elbow

**David Matthie** - Emergency double by-pass/doing well

**Ian Colbert** – Heart testing/no blockage found

**Bud Ness** - Cancer

**Clark McWilliams** – Cancer/no treatments

**B.J. Geiselman**

**The families and victims of the Penn State tragedy**

**All our friends and family that are in nursing homes**

**All that are serving our country in the military**

### Submitted by:

Astrid Hildebrandt  
 Astrid Hildebrandt  
 Connie Miller  
 Jeff Brown  
 Edith Sielsch  
 Whitney Wagner  
 Anne Kistler  
 Rachel Gainer  
 Whitney Wagner  
 Michele Williams  
 Shirley Doll and Glenda Meckley  
 Sonia Heidler  
 Whitney Wagner  
 Michael Brunner  
 Paula Shearer  
 brother of Paula Shearer  
 granddaughter of  
 Joyce Johnson  
 Whitney Wagner  
 Whitney Wagner  
 Jeanette Curry  
 Dot Laird  
 M. Baba Whisler

Paula Shearer  
 Shawn & Ian Colbert  
 Shawn & Ian Colbert  
 Elaine & Jamie Duncan  
 Paula Shearer  
 Kris Clark  
 Dave & Diana Kistler  
 Darren Hake



**Maddie**, Kindergartner at Loganville Elementary

Age: 5

Birthday: February 20<sup>th</sup>

Favorite Color: Pink and purple

Favorite Food: Macaroni and cheese

Favorite Hobby: Pplay with friends

Pets: One dog named Dusty, two cats named Socks and Muffin, and one bunny named Thumper

Favorite Holiday: Easter

Favorite Bible Story: The Christmas story

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### Sunday Morning Services

8:00 AM—Sunday Morning Prayer Meeting

8:30 AM-Traditional Worship Service

9:45 AM—Sunday School

11:00 AM—Contemporary Worship Service

# Kid's Connection



Happy New Year and welcome to 2012! Looking back at 2011, Kid's Connection had many blessings. For starters, our first ever summer camp program was a success and many of the families raved about how their children enjoyed the programs. Also, this school year we started with three times as many kids as last school year. Not to mention, all of the donations and gifts we have received from the community around us and Christ United Methodist Church! Thank you to all who have continued to show us support and love. We are truly blessed, and there is not a single day where God is not working within Kid's Connection. Can't wait to see what He has in store for 2012. God bless you now and always! ~Miss Tess

**What we have been doing**

December was a busy month! We enjoyed reading about different Christmas traditions and why we celebrate and decorate the way we do at Christmastime. In addition, a big applause to all who participated in the Christmas program. I hope all who were able to see it were as touched as I was. Awesome, awesome job everyone! Now, we are getting ready to begin some crafts for 2012 and some new Bible stories and memory verses. Also, the kids are doing super with getting homework done at homework time! God is doing some awesome things in the lives of these children and can't wait to continue this ministry in 2012!

**Upcoming Events in January**

- 16-Full Day In-Service
- 18- Half Day In-Service

**Looking Ahead to February**

- 16-Full Day In-Service
- 17-Full Day In-Service
- 20-Full Day In-Service

**Student of the Month**

Congratulations to Maddie S. for earning Kid's Connection's January student of the month! Maddie is always sweet to all of those around her and is always willing to do what is asked of her by her teachers. Great job Maddie!

## SUNDAY HELPERS FOR JANUARY

HOSPITALITY GREETER—Paul and Shirley Wagner

ACOLYTES - Caleb and Kaitlin Kot

**LAY READERS**

- January 1 Faith Boyer
- 8 Martha Shaffer
- 15 Jeff Brown
- 22 Ted Schaefer
- 29 Nicole McGuire



**NURSERY CARE**

(Traditional Service-8:30 AM)

- January 1 Deb Schaefer
- 8 Whitney Wagner
- 15 Lisa Chilcoat
- 22 Lori Shaulis
- 29 Paula Hostler

(Sunday School—9:45 AM)

- January 1 Lisa Chilcoat
- 8 Barbie Matthie
- 15 Stacie Snyder
- 22 Jen Trout
- 29 Kris Clark

(Contemporary Service-11:00 AM)

- January 1 Whitney Wagner
- 8 Pam Fry
- 15 Barbie Matthie
- 22 Cheryl Shearer
- 29 Jen Trout

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 7 Matthew Winter  
8 Evelyn Smith  
Trevor McWilliams  
9 Thaddeus Kot  
Brenda Sessa  
10 Deb Schaefer  
Michael Roberts  
Erica Fensterbush  
11 Beth Henshaw  
13 Darla Laird  
14 Norma McWilliams  
16 Andrew Geiselman  
Eric Schaefer  
17 Jeanette Curry  
Paula Hostler  
19 Ginny Clark  
21 Sandra McDonald  
Virginia McWilliams  
23 Baba Whisler  
24 Eugene Stump  
Kaytlynn Hughes  
26 Lori Ziegler  
27 Delmas Ferree  
Robert Jackson  
Jennifer McWilliams  
28 Shane Ziegler  
Ian Colbert  
29 Mary Louise  
VanArtsdalen

The church nursery continues to need snacks (ex: goldfish, cheerios, animal crackers, vanilla wafers) and juice (100% fruit juices) as well as dixie cups. See Whitney Wagner if you have any questions

## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 - Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Klenk  
23 - Mr. and Mrs. Shawn Kelly

### Saturday, February 4th, 2012 WOMEN'S WINTER BEACH PARTY

- Are you looking for new ideas to connect your women's ministry?
- Have you considered a get-away day or weekend retreat?
- Are you looking for a place for the women of your church to get away to spend time seeking God's presence in their lives?
- Are you looking for a break from your winter routine?

The Retreat Team of Grace UMC in Shrewsbury is working with the Conference to share a fun-filled, spirit-led day with you.

Join us at Mount Asbury. You will be able to spend time in praise and worship, making a craft, enjoying a Winter Beach Party with time set aside to tour Mount Asbury's wonderful facilities. Bring along your jazziest "flip-flops" and join in the fun!!!

#### SCHEDULE:

10:30-Registration Morning Time - Praise and Worship  
12:30- Lunch Afternoon Time - Crafts, Tours, Games

## Flower Chart

The new flower chart for 2012 is located on the bulletin board as you come into the church. If you would like to sponsor altar vases for a particular Sunday in 2012, please sign up on the chart. The cost of two altar vases is **\$35.00**. Payment of flowers should be made to the church treasurer by placing the money in the offering plate. Be sure to indicate that it is payment of altar flowers. If possible, please note on the chart how you would like the presentation to read in the worship folder (either in honor of, memory of, etc.).

## Worship Folders

If you would be willing to sponsor the worship folders for a month in 2012, please sign the chart on the bulletin board. The cost for the month is **\$25.00**. Payment should be made to the church treasurer in the same way as for the altar flowers. Please note on the chart how you would like the presentation to read in the worship folder.

## Newsletter Sponsors

We are asking for sponsors for the monthly newsletter. The cost for this is **\$40.00** for the month. A chart is placed on the bulletin board for anyone interested in signing up. Payment should be made to the church treasurer in the same way as the altar flowers. Please indicate how you would like the presentation to read in the newsletter.

## Website Sponsors

We are asking for sponsors for the monthly website. The cost for this is **\$35.00** for the month. A chart is placed on the bulletin board for anyone interested in signing up. Payment should be made to the church treasurer in the same way as the altar flowers. Please indicate how you would like the presentation to read in the newsletter.

**When you are signing up for flowers, website, worship folders or newsletter, please sign up to be a greeter in 2012!**



# MISSIONS

Pastor Randy's message this past Sunday ("What do We do while We Wait") urged us to look at what we are doing with our lives while we wait for Christ. We should be about God's business caring for the needy and the poor and sharing Christ with all we meet.

Many thanks to the Boy Scouts! They, along with Eric Hostler, delivered 1,000 cans of food for our food pantry. Now we are set, especially at this time with so many people needing help. We feel no one should go hungry.

Families call for help from our church, along with HeiroGround. Thankfully, along with all other seven churches who have joined, we can usually help them.

Yesterday, I met with families at Wal Mart to do Christmas shopping for 13 children. I usually am not a shopper, but I was glad because of one very gracious person who donated a gift card for us to be able to do this.

We also received a very generous donation from the McConkey and Company Insurance to help the Saylor family from Felton pay some of their rent.

God is so good and shows His love and care through many loving people.

Be sure to make your reservation by January 7th for the Hog Maw dinner on January 14th (Snow date January 21st) at 5:00 PM. It will be free-will donations to help cover our expenses for the food. Any extra will be given to the fire company. I hope all of you will come and bring your friends and neighbors. It will be a delicious meal, I have some very special folks preparing it. Let's celebrate our 150th Anniversary as a church in this community. See you there!

Happy New Year!

In Christ,  
Paula and the Mission Committee



## OFFICE HOURS

### Pastor's Office Hours

Monday through Thursday  
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and  
1:00 to 3:00 PM

**THE PASTOR'S OFFICE  
WILL BE CLOSED ON  
FRIDAY.**

Pastor Randy is available  
other times by appointment.  
Phone 717-578-3309.

### Secretary's Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday and  
Thursday  
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

## BAPTISM

**Hope Marie Auker**, daughter of Matthew and Tess Auker, and **Claire Ellen Dougherty**, daughter of Sean and Amanda Dougherty, received the Sacrament of Infant Baptism at Christ United Methodist Church on Sunday, December 11, 2011.

We are happy to recognize Hope and Claire as beginning their lives within the fellowship of the Christian Church.



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if you have  
a change of address!  
Thank you!*

## NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

On Sunday, December 11, 2011, we warmly welcomed into the fellowship of Christ United Methodist Church:

Sean and Amanda Dougherty

*It is a joy to have Sean and  
Amanda as a part  
of our congregation!*

Happy Anniversary!

Let the celebration begin! We are thankful to God for blessing Christ E.U.B. Church and now Christ United Methodist Church for 150 years. What that means for you and me is that we are part of God's unfolding story for this region. What was born out of the Evangelical movement has continued through the years to include Methodism and all that Albright and Wesley set about to do. You and I are faithful to Christ when we are living out the mandate to provide scriptural holiness and social justice to our surrounding community.

Rev. Dr. Scott McKenzie will be our guest speaker in January and will share "Hearts Committed to God" through giving and stewardship. Scott recently instructed the fall RE-NEWED class that our financial support to God's kingdom changes our face to look like the face of God. Our church ancestors are responsible in part to our continuing relevance in ministry here in Jacobus because they realized how important ministry funding was/is. How will our financial support further God's kingdom in Jacobus and how will other's lives be changed because we gave. The song, "Thank You" comes to mind when I consider what heaven will be like. How many people will there be in heaven because I gave with a generous heart?

As you read this, we will be in the final stages of planning our Hog Maw dinner at the Jacobus Fire hall. This event will help connect our church with neighbors and live out our command to be 'salt and light' to the world. We have an entire year long calendar of events and encouraging guest speakers to make 2012 a year that will chart the course for the next 150 years or until Jesus returns. Where will you participate in these events? How will your life be changed as the celebration unfolds? Who will you connect with and influence for Jesus Christ? Stay tuned, because in February Pastor Butch Snyder will be joining us to talk about "Hearts Committed to God" through answering the call to ministry. Thanks for all that you do for Jesus Christ as you minister here in Jacobus and the surrounding area. Peace & Joy, Pastor Randy



January 25<sup>th</sup> Philippians 4:4

**"Rejoice in the Lord always, I will say it again rejoice."**

Challenge: Pray for the person who brought you joy today. Ask your child who brought them joy today then pray together for that person.

### CLOWN Menu:

#### January 4

Lasagna  
Salad  
Applesauce  
Bread

#### January 11

Tacos  
Taco Salad  
Fruit

#### January 18

Chicken Tenders  
Mac and cheese  
Stewed tomatoes  
Carrots and dip  
Fruit

#### January 25

Ham and green beans with potatoes  
Rice pudding  
Bread  
Fruit

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## *It's Here!*

**Beginning in late January  
or early February**

**Dates, Locations and Times to be  
announced!**



## *Alpha*

We are pleased to be partnering with Mt. Zion UMC (Potosi), and Emmanuel UMC, Windsor to offer the Alpha Course this year. Alpha is a 10-week practical introduction to the basics of Christianity. The style of Alpha is informal, friendly, and non-pressured and is enjoyed as much by those who have never set foot in a church as it is by those who attend regularly.

Watch for more details coming in the weekly bulletin!

## C.L.O.W.N.

Children Learn On Wednesday Night

*Family night* has been moved to February 8<sup>th</sup> instead of January 25<sup>th</sup>. We will be tie dyeing t-shirts with a C.L.O.W.N. logo. We are working with Julie Briceland again to provide shirts for you to tie dye.

Watch emails and January letter for t-shirt order forms. I am guessing the shirts will cost from \$5 to \$10 a piece. You can order and dye as many shirts as you would like.

Projected final date to order t-shirts will be January 18<sup>th</sup>.

I am hoping you are enjoying the challenges for you and your child each week.

We have raised \$125.64 in change as of December 12<sup>th</sup> for shingles and for the Jacobus food bank. Both will receive half the money. Thank you for all who have brought in change. If we reach \$300 in change by February 22<sup>nd</sup> we will have ice cream with toppings on February 29<sup>th</sup>.



January 4<sup>th</sup> James 1:17

**“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father.”**

January 11<sup>th</sup> Jeremiah 29:11

**“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.”**

Challenge: Recognize a time that you followed God’s plan. How did it go? Share this experience with your child(ren)

January 18<sup>th</sup> Luke 1:37

**“For nothing is impossible with God.”**

Challenge: Look for ways God is talking to you each day. A babies smile, a person on 83 who allows you to merge etc. Share with your family at suppertime each night.

## G-crew Youth Ministry

Remember: Place Jesus first in your life as we begin a new year.

Please add to your date book these events for January to June.

**January 1<sup>st</sup>** - No youth

**January 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Party with Mechanicsburg Children’s Home - 5 to 7:30 PM

**January 29<sup>th</sup> and February 3<sup>rd</sup>** - “*Souper Bowl of Caring*” at both services

We will be at each service to collect \$1 a person or a non-perishable food item. The food will be given to Paula for the food bank. The money destination needs to be decided on by the youth group.

**February 19<sup>th</sup>** Messiah College for Praise Rally—More information will be coming later

**March 2 -3<sup>rd</sup>** - 30-hour Famine

**March 4<sup>th</sup>** - No youth group

**March 31<sup>st</sup>** - Youth workers conference at Messiah College

**April 8<sup>th</sup>**—No youth

**May 13<sup>th</sup>**—No youth

**May 20<sup>th</sup>**—Year end party at park building

**Salt and Light summer camp June Mission trip** will be either June 17 to 22<sup>nd</sup> or August 5<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>. More information coming soon! Watch for fundraisers or start saving money.

**Impact** will be July 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> Begin to save your money to go. It will be cost \$ 75 to \$150 a person and includes food.

Thank you

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