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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

Donations are needed for the Community
Easter Egg Hunt we will sponsor at the Park
Building March 31st.



Items needed by March 18 :

Plastic Easter eggs unfilled.

Individually wrapped candy.

Small gifts to go into eggs, appropriate for kids infant to 10yrs.

Ex small bouncy balls, stickers, etc.

Money to purchase Big Prize for each age group.

Money for potted flowers and rental rabbit costume (for photo ops)

A container will be placed outside the church office door for items
donated. Money can be dropped off in office or given to Edith
Sielsch or Connie Miller. Any questions call Edith at 495-1154.

**THE GOOD NEWS
COURIER**



March 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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CLOWN Celebration

March 4, 2012

During the 8:30 and 11:00

Worship Services

**Our Guest Speaker this month is
Rev. Bruce Fensterbush
on March 11, 2012.**

*"Hearts Committed to God...
That Which Defines Us"*

Wills Seminar

March 24, 2012

9:30 to 11:30 AM

Christ UMC Fellowship Hall

Easter Egg Hunt

March 31, 2012 2:00 PM

Lakeview Park

Prayer Concerns

Please pray for:

Doreen Harrold (health concerns)
 Donna Rishell (health concerns)
 The Family of Jack Nace
 Bill Bowers (health concerns)
 Gail Ropp (health concerns)
 The family of Dave Ealy
 Amy Delozier and Family
 Ryan Arnold (4 year old) (health concerns)
 Bob Hake (health concerns)
 Bud Ruppert (health concerns)
 Carol Peel (health concerns)
 Dotty Hammon (moving to Mennonite home)
 David Doll (employment issues)
 Janet Hain (health concerns)
 Randy Forry (health concerns)
 Phil Small (health concerns)
 Richard Koval (health concerns)
 Shannon Greenly and kids (family issues)
 Charles and Linda Shaffer (health concerns)
 Ron Scott (health concerns)
 Barbara Klaus (health concerns)
 Ava Grace Vermeulen (infant) (health concerns)

Submitted by:

Deb Smith
 Debbie Rishell
 Debbie Rishell
 Diana Kistler
 Paula Shearer
 Charles Williams
 M. Baba Whisler
 Sherree Hake
 Rodney Hake (father)
 Anne Kistler
 Lucy Schackert
 Barbie Matthie (mother)
 Glenda Meckley
 Shirley Wagner
 Paul & Shirley Wagner
 Michele Williams
 Jen Trout
 Whitney Wagner
 Shirley Wagner
 Stacie Snyder
 Anne Kistler
 Connie Miller

Congratulations to Dave and Diana Kistler on the birth of their 4th grandchild, Kaylin Marie Waltersdorff, born on February 4.

Burnell Seitz – At home and doing well

David Matthie - Emergency double by-pass/doing well

Bud Ness - Cancer

Clark McWilliams – Cancer/no treatments

B.J. Geiselman

All our friends and family that are in nursing homes

All that are serving our country in the military

Our missionaries - Teen Haven, Ben and Cathy Bidelspach, Rev. Ernest Hummer, and Rev. Kenneth Wagoner, Pastor Blessings, Linc and Kaye Myers

If you would like to start the Prayer Chain, please call:

Kris Clark (244-0215 or 887-7072)
 Pastor Randy Hughes (578-3309 or 428-1424)



On Saturday November 19th, scouts from Pack 69 and Troop 69 in Jacobus gathered non-perishable food donations for the **Scouting for Food** event. This is an annual event where both cub scouts and boy scouts throughout the community distribute flyers and then return the following week to collect food donations.

This year, despite so many being in need in our community, the scouts gathered 1,058 total items. All these items were donated to Christ UMC's food pantry run by Paula Shearer. This helped to restock the shelves at a time when supplies were getting low. Many thanks to all the dedicated scouts and parents who made this outreach possible!

Paula Hostler

Parents of Cherubs

Important dates:

Last CLOWN is March 7

Music Sunday is April 29

Cherubs will be practicing for Music Sunday with Linda Wright during the Sunday School hour 9:45 - 10:45 AM on March 25, April 8 and April 22

Thanks,
 Lisa Layden

Week of Hope 2012

Week of Hope 2012 may seem like a long way off, but it will be here in a few short months. As of now, there are almost 600 campers coming to serve in York and the surrounding area. I am in need of projects. If you know anyone who needs work done around the house such as cleaning, painting or yard work, I have the answer. The labor is free. Whatever is needed to complete the job is furnished by the resident.

Camp starts June 17th and runs through August 3rd. Campers work Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Campers bring their own lunches, though you may want to treat them to something.

Also, this year I would like to have people to either make a meal for Sunday evening or make a donation to help buy pizza. If you are interested in helping in any way it will be greatly appreciated. If you know an organization who would like to make a Sunday dinner please let me know.

Thank you for all your help and prayers.

Lorna Yohe 676-8136

SUNDAY HELPERS FOR MARCH

GREETERS—Lynn and Deb Smith

HOSPITALITY GREETER—Chevy Nace

LAY READERS

- March 4 Ben Miller
- 11 Sharon Shearer
- 18 Jeremy Wagner
- 25 Joni McKenzie



NURSERY CARE

(Traditional Service-8:30 AM)

- March 4 Lori Shaulis
- 11 Lisa Chilcoat
- 18 Whitney Wagner
- 25 Paula Hostler

(Sunday School—9:45 AM)

- March 4 Barbie Matthie
- 11 Stacie Snyder
- 18 Jen Trout
- 25 Kris Clark

(Contemporary Service-11:00 AM)

- March 4 Pam Fry
- 11 Jen Trout and Cora Wagner
- 18 Cheryl Shearer
- 25 Paula Shearer

CHURCH ROOF REPLACEMENT

Have you noticed the contractors are busy replacing the church roof? You can help defray the cost of this roof replacement by making a special donation. We are doing this in sections and this first section will cost about \$23,000. The cost for a bundle of roof shingles is \$30; the cost for a single shingle is \$1.50. Perhaps you can afford to buy ten, fifty or a hundred bundles of shingles. Your children can learn to help care for God's house by doing chores for you and donating the cost of a single shingle. If you can help, please place your gift in a plain envelope marked "Roof Shingles".



- Cost of a single roof shingle \$1.50
- Cost of a bundle of roof shingles \$30.00

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Kaitlin Kot
 2 Macy Schaefer
 Paul Wagner
 3 James Beard
 Adam Klenk
 5 Betty Snyder
 Anna Smith
 6 Tammy Ream
 Shawn Kelly
 7 Lisa Jackson
 8 Lauren Chilcoat
 10 Sandy Sheffer
 Lydia Trout
 12 Douglas Bortner
 14 Richard Grubb
 Kristen Wagner
 15 Krystyana Williams
 18 Jeffrey Bortner
 19 Kaitlin Davis
 22 Faith Boyer
 23 Jeremy Wagner
 Rosalyn Wagner
 24 Lynwood Smith
 Keith Whitlock
 25 Kenneth New
 27 Dakota Weitkamp
 Colleen Fleckestein
 28 Wendy Hewitt
 29 Leroy Koons
 John Swonger
 30 Randy Shearer
 Sabrina Williams
 Tracie Hughes
 31 Tori Shearer

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 8 Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Fleckenstein
 10 Mr. and Mrs. Ted Schaefer
 17 Mr. and Mrs. William Hewitt
 23 Mr. and Mrs. Burnell Seitz
 27 Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Crane

**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

The March newsletter
 is being sponsored by
 Ted and Deb Schaefer.

C.L.O.W.N.

March 4th we will celebrate children in both services. Please wear your tie dyed t-shirt and attend the service of your choice. Theo is excited to come to church and see you all at one of the services.

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." Deuteronomy 6:5 and Matthew 22:37

"Parents, Grandparents and guardians need to see their parental rule as a marathon, recognizing that building a relationship in which their child trusts them is even more important than whether they can trust their child regarding the immediate issues of the day." Chap Clark

Are you ready to love the Lord your God with your whole being and to allow your child to trust you instead of you always trusting them? Maybe if we win their trust it will be easier to trust them.

We have had so much fun this year. It is hard to believe that another year is over for C.L.O.W.N.

WOW!!!!!! During the last family night I was talking to the juniors about the verses they memorized. I would give them the book of the Bible and the first word, the group then worked together and was able to recite almost all the verses they learned this year. The Bible tells us ***I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you Psalm 119:11 and ⁵ Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. ⁶ These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. ⁷ Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Deuteronomy 6:5-7***

The last night is March 7th and will restart September 12th.

Thanks to all the parents, teachers, helpers and children who have made this year most wonderful. Thank you !

Tracie

MENU

March 7, 2012

Pizza

Salad

Camping Corner

Forget the predictions of ice and snow. Start thinking summer camp.

Some new camps for this summer:

Camp Penn - Senior High grades 9 - 12,

Photography grades 7 - 9, Elementary grades 1 -6,

Elementary Mini grades 1 – 3, Prep for S.A.T. grades 9 – 11

Greene Hills - Scrapbooking for adult women, Elementary grades 3 - 6, Elementary grades 4 - 6

Mount Asbury - Mother/Daughter ages 8 - 12

Wesley Forest – JR/SR High grades 7 – 12, Elementary Mini grades 1 - 2

Many children from our church have attended one of these camps over the years and would love to share their experiences with you. If you have not seen a summer camp brochure and have internet access, go to www.susumcamps.org. If you would like a brochure for someone in your family or would like to talk to someone about camping, contact Linda Wright. We would like to get our campers registered by April 2 before the camps are full.

If you did receive a brochure, here are some things omitted:

Greene Hills 1, Scrapbooking Retreat, 2 nights - \$108 (one of four options for this event)

Wesley Forest 15, Elementary Camp, **Grades 3 - 6**, July 29 – August 3 (NOT grades 3 – 5)

Corrections to brochure:

Wesley Forest 1 and Wesley Forest 22, Scrapbooking Retreats, 3 nights, \$135; 2 nights, \$105; Commuter, \$70



Hi friends,

Of Mirrors and Windows



In spite of the 14 degree reading on my thermometer today, my heart is very warm and here's why. We are asking the right question. Let me explain.

In Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25), a religious leader asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus offered him direction from the Shema = *Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and strength and your neighbor as yourself.* The religious leader then asked the question, "And who is my neighbor?" The leader wanted to know the limitations of offering his love. In other words, he was asking Jesus, "Define who my neighbor is so I don't waste my love on unlovable people."

Fast forward in the parable and we know that a Priest and Levite (religious people) avoided the man who was robbed, beaten, and left for dead. They must have asked the question, "What will happen to me if I stop to help that man?" (They looked into a **mirror** and saw their own comfort, safety, and importance.)

However, a despised Samaritan happened along and asked a different question, "What will happen to that poor man if I don't stop to help?" (He was willing to look beyond the mirror and out the **window** to see the injured and nearly dead man.) Which question do you normally ask when placed near someone in need?

Like the Good Samaritan, Christ UMC is approaching non-religious and nominally religious people with the right question. We are focusing on the task of making disciples for Jesus without regard of the cost to us.

Two recent activities have connected our church with upwards of 450 people. The Hog Maw Dinner and York Road Runners Jacobus Race are two examples of our church not willing to look in the mirror and ask, "What will happen to us if we connect with outsiders" but instead we are looking out our windows at the possibilities. God is blessing our change in heart and the future for Christ UMC has never been brighter. Open up your curtains and let in the light.

Shalom!

Pastor Randy

Kid's Connection



I want to begin by saying how truly blessed I feel to be able to be a part of Kid's Connection! I am blessed by the children that go here, the families of these children, the teachers, the church who supports our programs, and the community around us. I feel that this is my calling and will continue to do all I am able to make Kid's Connection at Christ United Methodist Church the best it can be! As always, please feel free to contact me with any comments or suggestions on our programs. It is almost time to start registering for next year's before and after school program and summer camp. I hope to see you all at our summer camp and again for the 2012-2013 school year! Thank you from the bottom of my heart for ALL of your continuous support. God bless you now and always! ~Miss Tess

What We Have Been Doing

February was a short month, but a busy one! We enjoyed some Valentine themed activities such as crafts, mad libs, and other games. Along with that, we continue to have our weekly Bible verses and stories that follow Jesus growing up. We are looking forward to warmer weather and being able to go outside once again; although, we did enjoy some very unexpected nice days in February! We have such great kids in our care and I thank them for all their dedication to their homework during homework time and helping others. I know God has great plans for each of these children!!!

Upcoming Events in March

- 12- Full Day In-Service
- 31- Easter Egg Hunt at Lakeview Park at 2:00 PM

Looking Ahead to April

- 5- Full Day In-Service
- 6- Good Friday (Center Closed)
- 8- Happy Easter!
- 9- Easter Monday (Center Closed)

MISSIONS

Among all the business of celebrating our 150th Anniversary, we do not want to lose our zest for our ongoing missions of the last 25 years or more. Praise God for giving us Open Hearts and Minds to be faithful in His work.

Faith Promise giving since last April is \$1,355. Teen Haven and Chinese Overseas Missions are very thankful! I read of people coming to know Christ. Thanks to those who participate by giving for that mission each month.

Through Helping Hands envelopes you find in the bulletin every month, we help support other missions as well. We would like to include Hiero Ground to help support a staff person to manage their business as they reach out along with seven other churches in our community to tell them about Jesus and help them with their needs. We would like to start with \$50 per month. If you would like to help out with this on a monthly basis let me know. All of us together, we can do it!

It was a lot of fun to work with all of you as we made 33 hog maws for our dinner at the fire hall, along with baked beans, macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, corn, home-canned pickles, rolls, and, yes, all of those delicious desserts. Just last week, I still received a thank you card from a friend saying how delicious everything was. Don and Pam Geiselman and Whitey Glatfelter added to the fun of the evening with their music and songs. After expenses, we were able to give the fire company a gift of \$1,142.72.

Thank you to our youth for gathering toilet paper, paper towels, soap, toothpaste, and more for our food pantry.

Looking forward to Mission Sunday in May with Reverend and Mrs. Loewen. Plan to be there.

Until next month,
In Christ,
Paula and Committee

G-crew

These are events that will be happening at G-crew this month.

Souper Bowl of Caring:

Thanks to all who gave money for the Jacobus Food Bank to purchase milk, bread and other perishable items for people in need and those who have helped with a non perishable items. We raised \$366.55 and a total of 131.6 pounds in non perishables as of February 14.

Sweetheart dinner:

Thanks to all who came or helped with the Sweetheart dinner. It was a great time to watch the teens serve and the folks who came enjoy a quiet dinner. We raised around \$550 for the dinner and \$260 in tips.

30 Hour Famine:

What, teens not eating for 30 hours on March 2 and 3rd? The money raised will go to help feed children in Malawi through World Vision. \$1 will feed a child for a day in many places, yet we can live in luxury and go to Rutters and get a drink for \$1.29 and up. Next time you get yourself a drink at Rutters think of a child that you could possibly help by donating to a youth member.

Mission trip:

We will be going to Pee Dee South Carolina August 5 to 10, 2012. Please help us out so we can help others in need. Yes, our teens

Thank you to all of you who helped with the breakfast for the Road Runners. From anyone who donated food items or your time, getting power points ready or carrying cases of water bottles, to those of you that where there bright and early on Saturday morning preparing breakfast, to ones greeting our new friends. I could not have done it without you and I am very grateful for your help and look forward to working together again.

Glory be to God!
Kris Clark

Student of the Month

Congrats to Charlie for earning Kid's Connection's March student of the month! He always has a way to bring a smile to your face. Way to go Charlie!!!



Charlie, 5th grader at Dallastown Intermediate School

Age: 10

Birthday: May 30

Favorite Color: Orange

Favorite Food: French fries

Favorite Hobby: Sports and video games

Pets: Cat named Queenie

Favorite Subject in School: Math

Favorite Holiday: Christmas

Favorite Bible Story: Noah's Ark

Attention College Students Scholarships available Christ U.M. Church Endowment Fund

Full-time college students who have completed thirty (30) semester hours or the equivalent and show promise of achievement and maintain a GPA of 3.0 are eligible to apply for scholarships from the General Ministry Fund of Christ United Methodist Church Endowment Fund.

To apply, send a written request to the Endowment Committee of Christ U.M. Church and ask for a Scholarship Application Form (SAF). You will have to complete the SAF and return it to the church office by April 1st of each subsequent academic year to be considered for a scholarship.

With soaring college education costs, scholarship assistance can help maintain your budget as you work towards your goals.

