



April 2010

the Messenger

Evangelical United Methodist Church

Easter Vigil

The Seekers Choice Coffee House is planning an Easter Vigil, which will be held in the Social Hall on Saturday, April 3 at 6 p.m. The Vigil will be family friendly and light refreshments will be served afterwards.

Easter Sunrise Service

The annual Easter Sunrise service will be held in the south parking lot at Londonderry Elementary School, at 6:30 a.m. After worship, Stephen Moyer will provide hot beverages and donuts for attendees.

Roast Beef Dinner

The youth are sponsoring a Roast Beef dinner on Sunday, April 25 following the church service. Cost is \$8 for Adults; \$4 for children 5-12 and Free for children 4 and under. Tickets are on sale before and after church in the vestibule. Take out is also available. Deadline to purchase tickets is Sunday, April 18.

Community concert to benefit Human Needs Fund

A Middletown community choral concert will be held Sunday, May 23 at 4 p.m. at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Spring and Union Streets. The concert will feature singers from various churches of Middletown singing a wide range of sacred and some secular music.

A cash offering will also be taken to benefit the Middletown Interfaith Human Needs Fund. The fund assists those of Middletown who seek help paying their rent, utilities and other life survival needs.

If you are a singer who would like to be part of this event, you can contact the concert coordinator Shirley Newhart at 439-3043 for further information.

If you cannot attend the concert but would be interested in making a donation for the Human Needs fund, checks can be made payable to the Middletown Human Needs Fund and sent to Rev. Donald E. Potter, The Presbyterian Congregation, Union and Water Streets, Middletown PA 17057.

Church to receive new pastor in July

The Evangelical Staff-Parish Relations Committee announced on March 7 that it is Bishop Jane Allen Middleton's intention to appoint Rev. Mark D. Woodring, currently pastor of Park Street United Methodist Church in Chambersburg, to Evangelical, effective July 1. Rev. Woodring is a 1981 graduate of Lycoming College, and a 1984 graduate of Drew Theological School. He has served parishes in Wallacetown, Gatchelville, Hegins and Avis.

Please pray for Rev. Woodring and his wife Cathy as they prepare for their new transition to Evangelical.

Senior Fellowship

Join the Senior Fellowship on May 4 as they travel to Biglerville (Adams County) to see the apple blossoms in full bloom. A stop at Hollabaugh Brothers Fruit Farm and Market includes a tour beginning in their education room and ending with a haywagon ride through the orchards where you will be surrounded by apple blossoms (\$5.00). In the education room, you can get a close look at how the agriculture industry has changed over the years, see working beehives, and learn how different species of bees do different kinds of pollination. Following lunch at the Apple Bin Restaurant (buy your own), we will tour the National Apple Museum (\$1.75). We plan to leave the church at 9 a.m. and return by 3 p.m.

Upcoming Events

God's Clothes Closet is scheduled for Saturday, August 7, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. As you begin your spring-cleaning, please save any good used clothing (including shoes, hats, coats and linens) for us. We will need all sizes from babies through men and women's. If possible, separate children's clothing from adults and mark the bags accordingly. Also, we need quite a few of God's helpers getting ready and on August 7. Please put the date on your calendar and plan to join us.

Thank You

Thank you for your volunteer service to Mission Central. Your time helped us to reach out to others. We are excited about the great things God is doing through Mission Central, and your service, along with the service of others, will help us to fulfill our mission statement, "where visions of ministry become missions of hope and where promises of faith are kept in projects of service."

Thank you so much for your devotion and support for the ministry of Mission Central.

Eric De Walt, Executive Director

View from the Choir Loft...

Doctor's Orders – from the Fish Wrapper

The tenants in a block of flats were disturbed one night by sounds of someone running through the rooms in the apartment above. The noise was repeated on the second and third nights as well. The tenants were exasperated, but patiently they awaited the fourth night. Instead of funning footsteps, there was a series of heavy thuds and thumps. Headed by the landlord, the angry tenants marched upstairs and demanded to know what was going on.

Disturbed, the lady retorted: "I wish people would attend to their own business. My husband has been sick, and the doctor gave him some medicine and told him to take it three nights running and then skip one night."

April Lay Visitors

During April, the following persons from the Lay Visitation Committee will visit shut-in members of our church: Bob and Jean Kaylor

The following shut-ins will celebrate their birthday in April:

April 16 – Mrs. Bernice Hahn
Frey Village #303
1020 North Union Street
Middletown, PA 17057

April 21 – Mrs. Katie Atticks
Lancashire Hall #230A
2829 Lititz Pike
Lancaster, PA 17601

Emergencies Prayer List for April

Katie Atticks	Helen Lutzkanin
Tom Beil	Betty Martin
Gerald Carpentier	Delores Mortimore
Logan Cassner	William Mortimore, Jr.
Russ Eppinger	Pam Naples
Helen Gruber Gassaway	Jack O'Donnell
Erin Gingrich & Family	Evelyn Reese
Ann Green	John Rishar, Jr.
Amber Herr	Dave Shellenhamer
John Hoffman	Jack Waag
Shannon Laverty	Nancy Williams
Paul Lubic	Tiffany Zentmeyer
Andrew Lutzkanin	

Attendance Report for February 2010

	Worship	Sunday School
February 7	56	22
February 14	115	29
February 21	144	38
February 28	111	40
Total	107	32

Receipts Report for February 2010

Weekly Envelopes	\$10,035.00
Plate Offering.....	338.00
Church School.....	185.11
Communion Envelopes.....	190.00
Initial Offering	12.00
Heat Offering	524.00
Red Bird Mission	147.00
Church Improvement Fund.....	390.00
Cornerstone Project.....	760.00
Electronic Giving.....	1,201.50
Bulletin Sponsors.....	20.00
Memorial Fund(R. Rowland).....	50.00
Memorial Fund(R. Heaton).....	50.00
Haitian Emergency.....	50.00
Use of Hall	100.00
Gift Cards.....	357.50
Ash Wednesday	112.00
Total.....	\$14,522.11

Worship Servants for April 2010

<u>Date</u>	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Bible Bearer</u>	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Greeters</u>
April 4			Gloria Clouser, Vickie & Jackie Hubbard	Dawn Pickel, Terry & Kathy King
April 11			Ethel Angeloff, Mike Harris	Robert Miller, Sam Rainal, Ed Shellenhamer
April 18			Deb Lidle, Joyce Moyer	Seth Klugh Tom & Deb Klugh
April 25			Traci Bernstein Michelle Strohecker	Sylvia Derr Robert & Carlyn Bitner

