

The Friendly Voice

December 2012

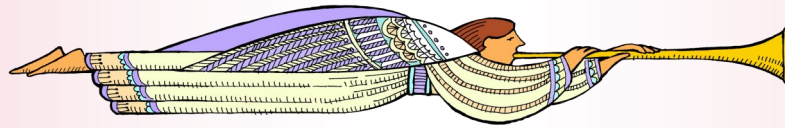


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WORSHIP TOPICS for December



December 2

Advent I

Communion

"Is This the End?"

Luke 21: 25-36



*Sounds
of the
Season*

December 16

Advent III

"Fugetta About It!"

Philippians 4: 4-7



December 23

Advent IV

"Almost There!"

Micah 5: 2-5a

December 9

Advent II

"A Voice in the Wilderness"

(8:00 only)

Luke 3: 1-6

"A CELEBRATION OF CAROLS"

*A Christmas Cantata Presented by
the Combined Choirs of*

*LUMC Wesleyan Choir and
Langhorne Presbyterian Choir,
9:30 a.m.*

"THE PROMISE"

Contemporary Cantata, 11 a.m.

December 30

Wesley Covenant Service

Christmas
Eve
Worship



CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

4:00 p.m. Contemporary
7:00 p.m. Children's service
9:30 p.m. Candlelight & Communion
NO 11 pm service.

December 24

"Tracking Baby Jesus"

Luke 2: 1-14



Each year our Living Nativity brings the love of the Christmas Story to our community. This annual event is much loved and anticipated.

So that we may continue to provide this outreach this year we are asking for donations to cover the expense of the live animals (which will cost around \$1,250). Baskets will be placed at the back of the church for your donations, or you can give your donations directly to Steve Weber—his family are the new coordinators for this yearly event.

The sign-up for volunteers for the Living Nativity for the nights of December 22, 23 & 24, 6-9:00 p.m., will be available soon. Look for the sign-up poster in Fellowship Hall, or let Steve know of your interest (215-478-7416; sweber22121@yahoo.com) .



LIVING
Nativity

December 22, 23 & 24
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

December 2012



From the
Pastor's
Desk

Well friends, this is the last edition of the *Friendly Voice* for 2012. What a year! Look where we have been as a congregation, as communities and as a nation.

This year we finally got back into the sanctuary after an exasperating roof project (which still needs prayer and financial support), and then weathered hurricane Sandy. (Note that the roof stayed on and didn't leak!) Yet through everything, see all the wonderful things that God was able to do with us and through us as we responded to the nudging and leading of the Holy Spirit to truly be the Church. All those calls to step up as servants and leaders, givers and stewards, and all the lives that were touched even in some small way because we let God have His way with us. Even when we were tired, worn out or tapped out, a way was provided in order that we could provide one more helping hand, widow's mite, small prayer, kind word, encouragement.



Peace



The church is looking good! Not just because of physical sprucing up that is on-going. (And that is greatly appreciated!) But also because of the spiritual sprucing up that is going on. People are finding ways of becoming less of a spectator and more of a player on the team. They are accepting the challenges to grow spiritually and then put the walk to their talk.

What does God have in store for us in 2013, do you think? More and more! Get ready!

Have a blessed Christmas with your friends and families,
Pastor John and family

John



Caring
Ministries

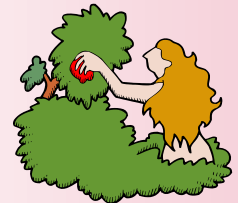
"Care Notes"

Promises Made, Promises Broken, Promises Failed

—from our Minister of Congregational Care... Bill Bryan

For the months leading up to our presidential election we've been inundated by the word "**PROMISE.**" There was a lot of finger pointing and tale telling. But this is nothing new, consider Adam and Eve, instead of repentance, observe their response in Genesis 3:11–13:

"Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."



Our first parents' response sounds quite present-day. First, Adam points his finger at God: "The woman whom you gave me made me do it." At the same time, he also shifts the blame onto his wife: "The woman whom you gave me made me do it." And when God looks to Eve for an explanation, she points to the serpent—"The devil made me do it!"

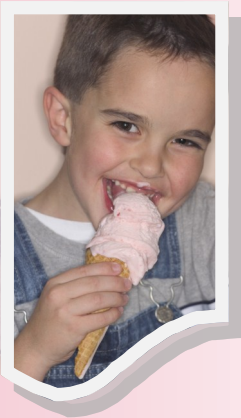
Blame-shifting is a universal human disease. Ever since Adam and Eve, it has been part of our sinful human nature.

Recently, I've been contemplating and researching the import of promises on our lives, especially in the area of parent and child. The following situation modified from a brainy-child.com article struck home with me:



Have you ever changed your mind or had a legitimate change in plans after you've promised a child something? For example, I was bringing my grandkids home from somewhere not long ago. It was a difficult ride home, and they were tired, hungry, and whiny and I wanted to get them home as fast as I could.

As we neared our house, my grandson exclaimed, "You said you'd take us for Rita's!" I cringed when I heard this, because I remembered that I'd promised that I'd take



them for Rita's Water Ice. I began to give excuses concerning why we needed to go home.

They would have none of it.

I turned the car around, and we went to get water ice. We got home later than I wished, and they were tired. But there was something that felt good about this water ice trip. I kept my word to my grandkids. And my word is something that I always want them to be able to count on.

Your kids will have an incredible memory for the promises you make to them. In fact, you can assume that any promise you've ever made to your kids has been remembered. It's important to know why this is so. When kids are younger (when we were younger), they have very powerful emotions that dominate their lives. Can you remember how excited you were as a young child when you went to a ball game for the first time or went on a trip – maybe to Hershey Park or Disney?

Kids live in their emotions, and when they hear something promised to them, they get very excited. They can picture the promise happening and keep it with them in a way that's much more powerful than we're able to as adults. For this reason, they won't forget what you promise them. Ever! So don't even think about making a promise that you might not be able to keep.

It doesn't take too much for kids to begin to lose trust in you. A few broken promises can have a big impact on a child. Very simply, one of your jobs as a parent or a grandparent is to keep your promises. Treat them as sacred, and do what's necessary to keep them.

As insignificant we as adults might think a broken Rita's Water Ice trip may be, for children in families with absent (or deceased) fathers or mothers the emotional attachment to promises is amplified exponentially as compared to the children in families where two parents are present. They carry within themselves what I'll call a spirit of unspoken broken promises. They experience life in unique ways that I can only describe as living a shattered dream. They can't put into words the emotions and feelings of loss, violation of trust, doubt of self-worth

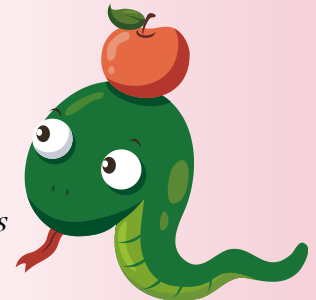


and sentiments of rejection. Their little hearts are tormented trying to make sense out of their lives.

Currently the Children's Sunday School is learning about Isaiah: **Fulfilling the Prophecy**. During these weekly times together our children will learn about God's promise of the Messiah. We will help the children focus on the fulfillment of God's promise of hope, love, joy, and peace through Jesus Christ. Your children and grandchildren will be greeted every week and reminded that she or he is an important and precious member of God's family.

Worse than broken promises and shattered dreams, is the broken relationship with God with which sin also leaves us. After the fall God made mankind a promise (Genesis 3:14-15):

So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, "Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."



The person spoken of in Genesis 3:15 is called the seed of the woman - and not of the man - which can agree with no other than the Messiah, who was to be born of a virgin, which was afterwards more clearly revealed by Isaiah 7:14 - "*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*" This was fulfilled in Jesus, who was truly the seed of the woman and of her only, being made of a woman and not begotten by man. He was conceived in the womb of the virgin by the power of the Holy Spirit.



Try reconnecting to your childhood emotions. Experience once again the excitement and anticipation of your youth. Get excited for His promises are worthy of your trust, and this is but the first of many promises made by a loving Father to His children – rejoice and be glad as we celebrate this Christmas season!



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Tuesday, December 14, 2012

7:00 P.M. - Fellowship Hall

"Let's Get Together for the Holidays"

Meeting with United Methodist Women is a wonderful time to be together during the holiday season. Jeannette Hesser will lead this special meeting. Ginny Rowlands will lead in Devotions. Barbe Weisser, Celia Pettit and Melissa Woerner will be the Hostesses.

Anyone who wishes to bring a finger food or cookies to add to our Hostesses' fellowship table is welcome to do so.

We will not only be getting together, but coming together with Purpose in our creative, supportive fellowship by expanding our concepts of mission: The Mission Outreaches this month include providing:

1) our traditional Christmas gift bags for special people in our church, including some of our homebound and persons of concern.

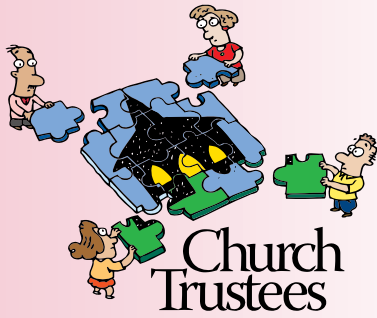
Items needed for the bags are jelly jars, nuts, candy, and homemade fruit breads. 2) a second Mission Outreach – where we bring a monetary gift wrapped as a Christmas ornament for our annual tree; these will be given to Pastor John for a church family in need in these tough economic times. 3) donations of new pairs of blue jeans to the Bucks County Homeless Shelter – any size for men, women or children.



Martha Circle will not be meeting in December, but will resume on the fourth Monday of January.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to our church family from the United Methodist Women. May your spirit rejoice in all of the blessings of this beautiful season.





TRUSTEES CORNER

Many Thanks to Our Volunteers

During our **Fall Work Day** we got through much of our to do list. **Ed Weisser** brought over his equipment and with the help of **David Heitz**, **Ron Cookson**, **Austin Cookson**, **Joe McDonald**, **Kurt Tommuscheit** and **Vince Belmont** they got rid of a large pile of brush which had been building up. **Bob Hesser** vacuumed the freezer and refrigerator coils and fixed the print room toilet. **Vince Belmont** and **Bob Hesser** put up shelves on the stage for our meals ministry.



Jeannette Hesser took pictures for the inventory in the sanctuary area.

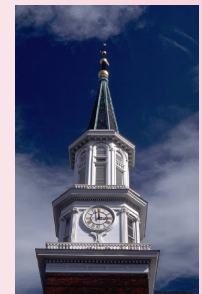


June Gill took an inventory list that **Erika Paton** had previously started, reviewed it and added the rest of the main part of the church to it. **Lyn Wallace** inventoried the kitchen and Steeple Kids are working on their inventory; with all these people coming together we are close to completing an inventory of the church which had not

been done for over 25 years.

Kim Stockburger cleaned and polished all the bells. **Tracy Camp** straightened and cleaned the choir room. **Bonnie Pfeiffer** worked on the toddler room.

Some people could not make it on Work Day but came in at other times to get things done. Earlier **Ed Weisser** and **David Heitz** bought in equipment and powerwashed the steeple. The Youth finished lining the parking lot. **Ron Cookson** and crew covered some large open vents to prevent heat loss. The **Danas Family** was in to spray in the crawl spaces.



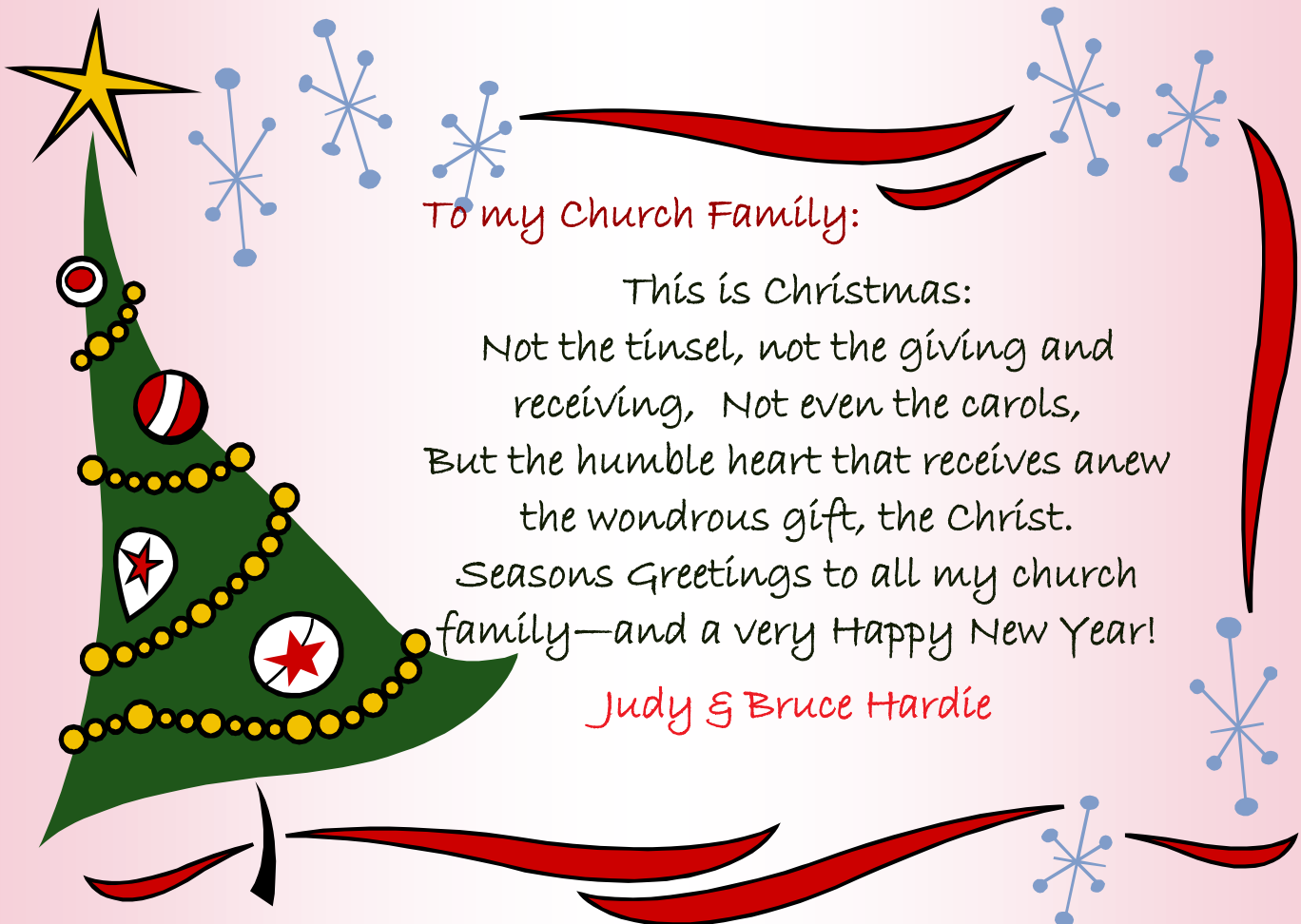
Steve Weber, who is always working around the church, has repaired many lights including those in the choir room. It is really nice to see the music. He also checked and prepared the air conditioners for winter.

There are so many people who pitch in and work around the church, many who are known to only a few or just our Lord. Those mentioned are just the ones who worked on the fall Work Day "Honey Do" list. Thank you to every one for your efforts and your service.

The **Garden Angels** come in to weed, prune and straighten up the flower gardens in the front of the church, and the Memorial Garden in the back. This summer they had to arrange their time around some nasty hot weather. Their efforts help make our church look welcoming. Our Garden Angels include; **The Raab Family, The States Family, The Curtin Family, The Smigiel Family, Kathy DiGregorio, Carol Annucci, Carl Nedal, Bob and Cheryl Fryer, Babs Wiley, George Jenca, Carol Nielsen, Pat Randall, Bob and Jeannette Hesser, The Cookson Family, Bill Weisser, Gary Bloom, Audrey Kent, Erika Paton, The Hanley Family, The Schick Family, Jada Martin, and Dave and Nicola Laich.** Thank you for all your green thumbs and dirty finger nails. You put smiles on a lot of faces seeing how bright and cheerful our place of worship looks.



May God Bless ALL His Volunteers!!!!





LUMC Lighthouse: Mission News for December

By Tim Eick

Update from David & Sandel Livingstone: We just received this delightful report from a CCC Siberian staff person: “This is a special time of thanking God for the harvest, both in our gardens and in our spiritual fields. Fall was very fruitful in the evangelism ministry! In early September our sister in Christ Valya asked for a Jesus film DVD to show the film to her sister, who lives in a town called Aban, 350 km from Krasnoyarsk. Later on we received great news: the sister came to Christ through the movie and at once offered her neighbors to watch the film. And in this way in a month’s time all the citizens of this town saw the movie, passing the DVD from house to house. That’s 211 people! Many of them claimed they prayed the sinner’s prayer. Now there is a follow-up group for the new believers in the town. We are praying that it would transform into a new church!”

Also, in the midst of moving and trying to find a new house, they were having lunch at a restaurant and began a conversation with their young waiter, Scott. He is in college and he asked them what they do. Dave told him about working with a film project that produces film products on the life of Christ.

To fully explain, Dave took out his iPhone and said, “We have an App that has our products in over 1000 languages. Here is one of the films called, **My Last Day**.” Dave then pulled up the new App, scrolled through and showed Scott the beginning of the short film **My Last Day**. Scott was intrigued and then Dave said, “I can email this to you right now so you can watch it.” Dave handed Scott his phone and Scott typed in his email address and right then emailed it to himself. This new JESUS film App will explode the mission world.



Want to download it? Go to <http://app.jesusfilmmedia.org/>

Dave has also shown it to internationals that he bumps into all the time...after a short conversation he asks them what language they speak,

then pulls out his iPhone, hits the App and pulls up their language—they are in awe!

Update from Tony & Gwen Martin: Gwen's doctor has said results from the test in Stockholm showed no malignancy and everything was fine regarding cancer in her liver (that's a great praise!). She's now scheduled for further tests at their local hospital. It seems like they're being extra cautious to make sure she doesn't have this cancer in her liver, for which we're glad. I remember when I researched it earlier that I discovered it's a very nasty form of cancer.



Update from Steve & Gail Quigg: Steve is heading to Norway on November 10th to check out a new plane for the work in Congo. He will be going above the Arctic Circle - a place he has never been before. Pray for wisdom and a good, safe trip. He and a few others have considered at least 12 other planes, looked seriously at several others and this one seems to be the next step.

Update from Paul & Donna Tocco: The Tocco's request prayers for Kenya. They moved their presidential election to March 4th which falls right in the middle of their Bible school session. Pray also for peace in Kenya. Also, they have brought their son Josiah home to home-school him. The school he was in had a lot of bad influence. He wanted to come home and then try to go to a Christian school that is about an hour away in the fall. Please pray for him.



Christmas Is Coming!

Christmas Dinner, December 2nd

Join us for a
delicious
ham dinner

along with all the fixings, sides and dessert,
followed by our wonderful holiday tradition,
the Christmas Band performance. We ask
that you bring a favorite holiday dessert to
share (pies are popular!).

In order to make it a success help is
needed. The meal and set-up are covered. Family
Ministries needs help to serve the meal (2 sittings) and a
clean-up crew is required. Volunteers to help with set-up,
serving and clean-up are encouraged and welcome.

Dinner for the band is at 5:00p.m.; dinner for all others,
6:00 p.m. The concert begins at 7:00 p.m.



Christmas Dinner



The 2012 Christmas Festival will
be held on Sunday, **December 2nd**.
The program will once again feature a
25 to 30-piece band made up of
church members with Tri-County Band
members filling out the sections. The
Christmas Band is a special time of
Christian fellowship and fun that is
enjoyable for all who participate.

Those interested in participating in the band should look
contact Dale Habel at 215-357-5697. Vocal selections will
be performed by various groups from the church. Those
performing will have diner at 5:00 pm followed by a band
rehearsal until about 6:45 pm. The Festival program will
begin around 7:00 pm. All members of our congregation
are invited to this family fun evening which will include
the singing of many familiar Christmas carols.



FORWARD LOOK

**Tuesday, December 18, 2012 ~
12:00 noon**

PROGRAM: Christmas Party at
Lyn Wallace's home

DEVOTIONS: Doris Zimmerman



*Sounds
of the
Season*

The LUMC Praise Band will present
Michael Card's

"The Promise"

Sunday, December 9, 11:00 a.m.

This beautifully written contemporary cantata, which tells the Christmas story with fresh insight, will be supplemented by Scripture passages read by Pastor John as well as traditional Christmas hymns.

Please be sure to join us for this special presentation in Advent.





Order Your
Poinsettias

**CHRISTMAS
POINSETTIAS
2012**

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

By: _____

Phone/Email: _____



I would like to order Poinsettias (6" pot; 4-6 flowers) @ \$9.00 ea.
(indicate # of each type):

_____ Red _____ White _____ Pink _____ Marble

Total # Poinsettias: _____ **x \$9.00 ea. = \$** _____

I will pick up my poinsettia(s) on Christmas Eve:

_____ After the 4 p.m. Contemporary Service

_____ After the 7 p.m. Children's Service

_____ After the 9 p.m. Service

_____ After the 11 p.m. Service

All order forms along with payment must be received in the church
office by

Sunday, December 2nd



WILL YOU BE A SECRET SANTA?



We will once again be participating in the Woods Services Secret Santa program which provides students at Woods a gift at Christmastime and lets them know they are remembered. We will need SIX volunteers to buy gifts of no more than \$25 per student; each of them provides a "Wish List" to choose from. If you wish to purchase gifts for one of the six students we will be supporting, please let the office know.

This holiday season help LUMC earn up to 15%!



HOW DOES IT WORK?

Gift card fundraising is an easy hassle free way to help support Langhorne United Methodist Church. It's easy for anyone to take part in this fundraiser. Just purchase gift cards for the places you shop at.

These gift cards can be used to purchase everyday items, given as gifts to family, friends and coworkers, or used to purchase holiday gifts. You will receive full face value gift cards and LUMC will earn up to a 15% rebate on each purchase. The gift cards you purchase will be the same gift cards you would get when you purchase them at your local retail store or online.

Gift cards are available for everything from grocery stores, gas stations, restaurants, movie theaters, home improvement stores, and much more. A list of participating stores are on the next page.

WHERE AND WHEN CAN I ORDER GIFT CARDS?

Orders will be taken before and after church. We will be selling the gift cards on a pre-sold basis. This means you have to think ahead and order your gift cards a week in advance. Orders placed on Sunday will be available for pick up the following Sunday before and after church.

WHEN DO I HAVE TO PAY FOR THE GIFT CARDS?

All orders are pre-sold which means payment is due when you order your gift cards. Both cash and checks will be taken. Please make checks payable to LUMC (Langhorne United Methodist Church).

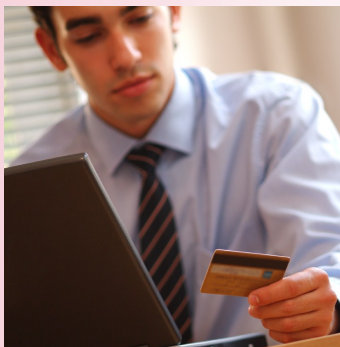
HOW WILL LUMC SPEND THE MONEY RAISED?

All funds raised from the Holiday gift card program will go toward the Langhorne United Methodist Church general fund. The general fund is used to pay general bills; such as electric, water and sewer and internet, staffs' salaries as well as all other everyday expenses the church faces.

If you have any questions about the holiday gift card program please contact Amy Hansen at lumctreasurer@comcast.net or call 215-932-1709.

Here's a list of participating stores in the LUMC Gift Card Fundraiser...

- ♦ Amazon.com
- ♦ AMC Theatres
- ♦ Applebee's
- ♦ Banana Republic
- ♦ Barnes & Noble
- ♦ Bed Bath & Beyond
- ♦ Best Buy
- ♦ Burger King
- ♦ Cheesecake Factory
- ♦ Children's Place
- ♦ Chuck E Cheese
- ♦ Cracker Barrel
- ♦ CVS Pharmacy
- ♦ Dell Computers
- ♦ Disney
- ♦ Dunkin' Donuts
- ♦ Einstein Bros Bagels
- ♦ Express
- ♦ Exxon
- ♦ GAP
- ♦ Hallmark
- ♦ Home Depot
- ♦ iTunes
- ♦ JCPenney
- ♦ Kmart
- ♦ Kohl's
- ♦ Lane Bryant
- ♦ Lowe's
- ♦ Macey's
- ♦ Michaels
- ♦ Office Depot
- ♦ Office Max
- ♦ Old Navy
- ♦ Olive Garden
- ♦ On the Border
- ♦ Panera Bread
- ♦ Payless Shoes
- ♦ Pep Boys
- ♦ PetSmart
- ♦ Pizzeria Uno
- ♦ Red Lobster
- ♦ Red Robin
- ♦ Rite Aid
- ♦ Ruby Tuesday
- ♦ Sam's Club
- ♦ Sears
- ♦ Shell
- ♦ Staples
- ♦ Starbucks
- ♦ Subway
- ♦ Sunoco
- ♦ Target
- ♦ TGI Friday's
- ♦ Toys-R-Us
- ♦ United Artist Theatres
- ♦ Walgreens
- ♦ Walmart
- ♦ Wawa
- ♦ Wendy's



MEMBER'S NEWS...



On October 28, 2012 ...

Lana Lynne Finan, born June 5, 2012, daughter of David Finan and Stacey Grauel; Godparents, Danielle Thompson and Karl Gimpel; and

Haley Lynn Bryan Rodman, born March 18, 2003, granddaughter of Bill & Andrea Bryan; Godparents, Matthew & Stephanie Bryan; and

Connor William Bryan, born March 7, 2005, grandson of Bill & Andrea Bryan; Godparents, Michael Bryan and Lisa Jenkins.



Young at Heart

DECEMBER SENIOR BIRTHDAYS

- 12/1 **George Schmidt**,
370 Winchester Ave., Langhorne PA 19047
- 12/7 **Doris Tonzini**,
2629 Trenton Rd., Statesman Nursing
Home, Levittown PA 19056-1428
- 12/7 **Harold Hacker**,
290 E. Winchester Ave. #314Y,
Langhorne PA 19047-1667
- 12/10 **Bob Slotterback**,
160 Red Horse Rd. #324, Luther Ridge
Pottsville PA 17901
- 12/22 **Dot Gannon**,
7 E. Holland Rd., Holland PA 18966
- 12/26 **Fred Calkins**,
304 Station Ave., Langhorne PA 19047
- 12/31 **Janis Goldman**,
5 James Court, Langhorne PA 19047



DECEMBER CALENDAR



Sat., Dec. 1	LBE, 8:30 a.m.
Sun., Dec. 2	2012 CHRISTMAS DINNER & MUSIC FESTIVAL
Mon., Dec. 3	Trustees, 7 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 8	Visitation Team Mtg., 10 a.m. TAAP Christmas Party, 12-3 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 9	Contemporary Cantata "The Promise," 11 a.m.
Mon., Dec. 10	Finance Mtg., 7 p.m.
Tue., Dec. 11	UMW, 7 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 15	Men's Prayer Breakfast, 7:30 a.m.
Mon., Dec. 17	Administrative Board Mtg., 7 p.m.
Tue., Dec. 18	Forward Look, 12 p.m.
Wed., Dec. 19	SPR Mtg., 7 p.m.
Fri., Dec. 21	Senior Lunch, 12 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 22	LBE, 8:30 a.m. LIVING NATIVITY, 6-9 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 23	LIVING NATIVITY, 6-9 p.m.
Mon., Dec. 24	Shared Meal, 1 p.m. Contemporary Christmas Eve Worship, 4 p.m. Children's Christmas Eve Program, 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight & Communion, 9:30 p.m. LIVING NATIVITY, 6-9 p.m.
Tue., Dec. 25	MERRY CHRISTMAS! [Office Closed]
Wed., Dec. 26	[Office Closed]





(Please check your weekly bulletin announcements for any date, time or location changes.)



WEEKLY EVENTS—

Every Sunday:

- Traditional Worship, 8:00 a.m.
- Traditional Worship, 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
- Cookson Adult SS Class, 10:30 a.m.
- Contemporary Worship, 11:00 a.m.
- Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Every Monday:

- Girl Scouts, 3:35-5:30 p.m.

Every Tuesday:

- Squires Barbershop Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

Every Wednesday:

- Soup & Sandwich, 4-6:30 p.m.

Every Thursday:

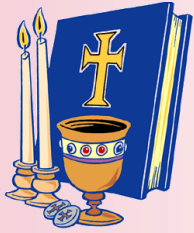
- Men's Breakfast Club, 7:00 a.m., *(American Diner)*
- Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6:15 p.m.
- Crusader Choir Rehearsal, 6:15 p.m.
- Genesis Choir, 6:45 p.m.
- Wesleyan Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.
- Boy Scouts, Troop 21, 7:30 p.m.

LOOKING AHEAD....

Sun. Jan. 13
Installation of Officers,
LUMC & UMW

Fri., Jan. 25
BLOOD DRIVE
1-7 p.m.





SANCTUARY SERVANTS FOR DECEMBER

DECEMBER 2

Worship Assistant, 8:00 Lyn Wallace
 Worship Assistant, 9:30 Jerry Hill
 Greeters, 8:00 Babs Wiley & George Jenca
 Greeters, 9:30 Sue & Brian Bishop
 Ushers, 9:30 Stacy & Tami Lewis
 Acolyte, 9:30 Allison Kephart
 Contemporary Assistants, 11:00 The Peiffer Family

DECEMBER 9

Worship Assistant, 8:00 Tom Romsper
 Worship Assistant, 9:30 Jeannette Hesser
 Greeters, 8:00 Dolores Chemey
 Greeters, 9:30 Betty Bunting & Bettie Foster
 Ushers, 9:30 Bob & Cheryl Fryer
 Acolyte, 9:30 Isabelle Letham
 Contemporary Assistants, 11:00 The Tyler Family

DECEMBER 16

Worship Assistant, 8:00 Erika Paton
 Worship Assistant, 9:30 Ron Cookson
 Greeters, 8:00 Gary & Anne Kinsey
 Greeters, 9:30 Vic & Ruth Campo
 Ushers, 9:30 Hugh & Julie Green
 Acolyte, 9:30 Alaina O'Neill
 Contemporary Assistants, 11:00 The Curtin Family

DECEMBER 23

Worship Assistant, 8:00 Jerry Hill
 Worship Assistant, 9:30 Holly Rogerson
 Greeters, 8:00 Audrey Kent
 Greeters, 9:30 Ron & Louise Cookson
 Ushers, 9:30 The Hansen Family
 Acolyte, 9:30 Kristen Megahan
 Contemporary Assistants, 11:00 The Glass Family

DECEMBER 30

Worship Assistant, 8:00 Lyn Wallace
 Worship Assistant, 9:30 Jerry Hill
 Greeters, 8:00 Ken MacAlister
 Greeters, 9:30 Stan & Connie Dettman
 Ushers, 9:30 The Hansen Family
 Acolyte, 9:30 Jillian Rowlands
 Contemporary Assistants, 11:00 The O'Neill Family



October and November were busy for the Children's Sunday school students, parents and teachers!

Lost and Found

Have you ever lost something? How did it feel? Were you feeling disappointed, frustrated, upset? What happened when you found what you had lost? You felt happy, excited, joyful, and maybe even felt like celebrating!

That is how God feels when we turn from sin to him. Jesus liked to tell stories to help teach the people. These were called parables.

We continued studying about 3 parables, the Prodigal Son, the Lost Coin, and the Lost Sheep.

The 3rd -7th graders created art portraits with lost images. The K-2 students participated in a "lost but found" party and celebrated finding all the "lost" parables that they used to decorate their cupcakes. These fun activities help us to better understand God's love.



In science, the students re-enacted the

AMAZING story that God would leave 99 sheep and go for one lost sheep, that it was AMAZING that God would look for US when we felt lost, then we performed an AMAZING experiment with a non-Newtonian liquid made from 2 parts cornstarch and 1 part water. This material acts like a solid and like a liquid and is so surprising.



In October Mr. Tihansky joined our Sunday School session and shared with us about Missions. We learned what it means to be a missionary and how we can be involved with Missions. During our study we made cards for people who don't go to church and to prisoners. The cards told about how much God loves them and why He sent Jesus to save us.

In December we will be learning about the birth of Jesus!



youth News



November was a relatively quiet month for the youth group. We continued our study in Revelation. The kids have been engaged in the unit by asking some serious questions about what God revealed to John. As many of you know, this Book is a difficult read and even more difficult to comprehend. Please pray that I can continue to give them a foundation of Revelation so that they will continue to seek answers.

Also in November, I attended the National Youth Workers Convention in Dallas, TX. It was truly uplifting and refreshing. The seminars and speakers provided some wonderful new ideas and activities for me to put to use with the Youth.

In December, the youth will be helping out with the Annual Christmas Band Dinner either by playing in the band, cooking in the kitchen or serving in the dining room. We will also be starting our Annual Wawa Hoagie Sale. Please see a youth member for your coupons or visit the table in Fellowship Hall. Also in December, we will have a collection of food items for needy families at the Holidays. Watch for bulletin announcements in the next few weeks. The youth will also be participating in the Living Nativity!



December Dates to Remember:

December 2nd

No Meeting (Christmas Band Dinner)

December 9th Youth Group 6:30-8:00

December 16th Youth Group 6:30-8:00

December 23rd Living Nativity (Time to be Determined)

December 30th No Meeting (Christmas Break)





YOUR CHURCH FINANCES

By Chuck Boyle, Finance Chair

The month of October was an OK month for us financially. We missed our goals a bit, but not by enough that it took us off the track of reaching our goal of breaking even for the calendar year.

In October, our actual income fell below our budgeted income primarily because our offerings came in \$1,300 below budget. On the expense side for the month, we came in pretty much on budget, which is a good thing. We showed a net loss in ordinary income for the month that was slightly higher than what was budgeted for the period.

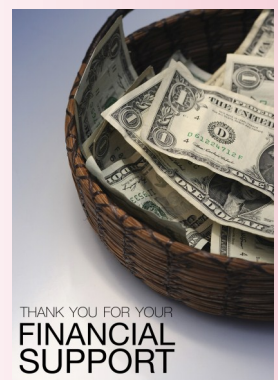
Year-to-date our income remains above budget thanks to offerings exceeding expectations by \$5,600, Wednesday Night Dinner income of \$6,400, and the McKay Endowment income delivering \$2,100 more than budgeted. Our expenses year-to-date are slightly lower than budgeted due to utility expense coming in \$2,500 below budget and office expenses coming in under budget. We are showing a net loss year-to-date, but it is a much smaller loss (\$10,800 better than budgeted) than we had budgeted.

Our operating cash position at the end of the month remains positive, equaling \$14,300.

We will be working on our 2013 church budget in the coming months. Please feel free to share any input you may have with the finance committee. All input is greatly appreciated.

Please read the "Keeping the Roof over Our Heads" article in the Friendly Voice for a financial update on our roof repair. One hundred percent (in fact even a bit more) of our current offerings are needed to continue the general needs of our church ... Youth, Sunday School, VBS, The Conference, Music, Missions, Services, Staff, Building Maintenance, Utility Expenses, Supplies, Taxes, Outreach Programs, etc. The cost of our new roof will be paid for through gifting that is outside of our general offerings. As you support the funding of replacing the roofing over our church, please keep in mind that it is important that we not dilute our support and offerings to the general fund of our church.

Thanks go out to everyone for their support. Together we will reach our yearend financial goal of generating a breakeven bottom line.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR
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A snapshot of our year to date financial position compared to our 2012 budget:

	Oct 12	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
4000 · Income	26,603.85	27,408.50	-804.65	97.06%
4310 · Interest Income	16.30	8.00	8.30	203.75%
Total Income	26,620.15	27,416.50	-796.35	97.1%
Expense				
5100 · Administrative Board	5,171.49	5,044.50	126.99	102.52%
5200 · Council on Ministries	641.42	654.00	-12.58	98.08%
5700 · Staff Parish Relations	16,610.47	16,376.46	234.01	101.43%
5800 · Trustees	5,427.39	5,076.25	351.14	106.92%
5900 · Business Operations	636.91	685.83	-48.92	92.87%
Total Expense	28,487.68	27,837.04	650.64	102.34%
Net Ordinary Income	-1,867.53	-420.54	-1,446.99	444.08%

A snapshot of our year to date financial position compared to the same period in 2011:

	Jan - Oct 12	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
4000 · Income	303,246.32	294,339.00	8,907.32	103.03%
4310 · Interest Income	132.36	82.00	50.36	161.42%
Total Income	303,378.68	294,421.00	8,957.68	103.04%
Expense				
Uncategorized Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
5100 · Administrative Board	42,541.82	42,337.00	204.82	100.48%
5200 · Council on Ministries	10,996.66	11,091.00	-94.34	99.15%
5700 · Staff Parish Relations	179,564.21	178,487.15	1,077.06	100.6%
5800 · Trustees	67,625.53	68,963.46	-1,337.93	98.06%
5900 · Business Operations	5,568.82	7,232.30	-1,663.48	77.0%
Total Expense	306,297.04	308,110.91	-1,813.87	99.41%
Net Ordinary Income	-2,918.36	-13,689.91	10,771.55	21.32%

A snapshot of our year to date financial position compared to the same period in 2011:

	Jan - Oct 12	Jan - Oct 11	\$ Change	% Change
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
4000 · Income	303,246.32	294,509.53	8,736.79	2.97%
4310 · Interest Income	132.36	221.93	-89.57	-40.36%
Total Income	303,378.68	294,731.46	8,647.22	2.93%
Expense				
Uncategorized Expenses	0.00	54.58	-54.58	-100.0%
5100 · Administrative Board	42,541.82	38,943.30	3,598.52	9.24%
5200 · Council on Ministries	10,996.66	13,370.70	-2,374.04	-17.76%
5700 · Staff Parish Relations	179,564.21	179,817.88	-253.67	-0.14%
5800 · Trustees	67,625.53	68,214.66	-589.13	-0.86%
5900 · Business Operations	5,568.82	7,281.84	-1,713.02	-23.53%
66900 · Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00	13.44	-13.44	-100.0%
Total Expense	306,297.04	307,696.40	-1,399.36	-0.46%
Net Ordinary Income	-2,918.36	-12,964.94	10,046.58	-77.49%



Keeping The Roof Over Our Heads

Finance & Roof Fund Raising Committees



October was better than many previous months this year in regard to income generation for our roof financing. We came close to reaching our monthly goal of generating income that equals our monthly loan payment. Gifts from the congregation and the congregation's support of the recent "Take-Home-Dinner" resulted in total monthly income of \$2,500; our monthly loan payment equals \$3,100. Thank you everyone for making this possible!

Thanks to the accumulated cash cushion we have, we are still in a strong position to meet our loan commitments.

Langhorne United Methodist Church										
Roof Replacement Project Financial Report										
Period	Congregation Receipts	Funds from Fundraisers	Misc Funds	Additional Funds	Grant Receipts	Roof Expense Disbursements	Loan Principle	Loan Payment	Monthly Balance	Project Balance
Nov, 2010	520								520	520
Dec, 2010	17,401								17,401	17,921
Jan, 2011	6,283					(13,250)			(6,967)	10,954
Feb, 2011	6,528					-			6,528	17,482
Mar, 2011	5,778				46,000	(186,440)	285,000		150,338	167,820
Apr, 2011	7,237						283,213	(3,093)	4,144	171,965
May, 2011	4,069					(97,048)	281,418	(3,093)	(96,072)	75,893
June, 2011	2,298						279,615	(3,093)	(795)	75,097
July, 2011	811						277,804	(3,093)	(2,282)	72,816
Aug, 2011	1,313						275,984	(3,093)	(1,780)	71,036
Sep, 2011	2,468					(24,524)	274,156	(3,093)	(25,149)	45,886
Oct, 2011	3,263						272,319	(3,093)	170	46,056
Nov, 2011	2,359						270,474	(3,093)	(734)	45,323
Dec, 2011	7,452					(33,350)	268,621	(3,093)	(28,991)	16,332
Jan, 2012	1,376			23,838		(25,214)	266,759	(3,093)	(3,093)	13,239
Feb, 2012	2,520			144,903		(80,875)	264,889	(3,093)	63,454	76,693
Mar, 2012	1,622						263,010	(3,093)	(1,471)	75,222
Apr, 2012	1,355						261,123	(3,093)	(1,738)	73,484
May, 2012	1,287						259,226	(3,093)	(1,806)	71,678
June, 2012	1,426	607	100				257,322	(3,093)	(960)	70,718
July, 2012	1,364		50,000			(1,920)	255,408	(3,093)	46,351	117,069
Aug, 2012	1,115	400				(42,286)	251,554	(3,093)	(43,864)	73,205
Sep, 2012	1,270		100				249,623	(3,093)	(1,723)	71,482
Oct, 2012	1,244	1,241					247,692	(3,093)	(608)	70,874
Total	82,359	2,248	50,200	168,741	46,000	(504,907)	247,692	(55,674)		
Additional Funds January= \$13,000.00 Williams Fund Interest & \$10,838.47 Capital Improvement Funds										
** Additional Funds February= \$52,500.95 Jean Shelley Memorial Money & \$92,401.79 Insurance money**										
** Additional Funds July= \$50,000.00 Jean Shelley Memorial Money										
**\$607.00 from UMW Vendor Fair, \$100.00 from Parking Lot Rental Income										
**\$1,241 from the "Take-Home-Dinner" fundraising Event										

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