

The Friendly Voice

**Happy
Mother's Day!
May 12, 2013**

**Happy
Father's Day!
June 16, 2013**



May/June 2013

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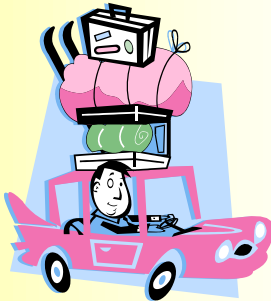
WORSHIP TOPICS for MAY

May 5

Communion

"The Greatest Journey!"

Revelations 21: 10, 22 - 22:5



May 12

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY

(9:30)

"The Happy Place"

(8:00 & 11:00)

Acts 16: 16-34



May 19

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Reception of New Members

"Designed for Success"

Psalm 104: 24-34



May 26

MEMORIAL SUNDAY

Anthony Vigile, Guest Speaker





WORSHIP TOPICS for JUNE



June 2

Communion

"A NEW Gospel?"

Galatians 1: 1-12

June 9

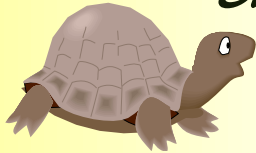
BEGIN SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS *(no 8:00 service)*

Recognition of Graduates

CHOIR FESTIVAL *(9:30 only)*

"Slow Down!" *(11:00 only)*

I Kings 19:1-4, 8-15



June 16

GUEST SPEAKER



June 23

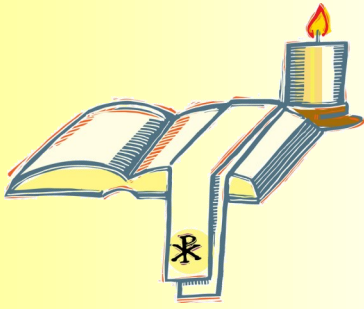
GUEST SPEAKER

June 30

"A Breach Faith"

Luke 9: 51-62





May/June Sanctuary Servants

May 5

Worship Assistants, 8:00 Jerry Hill
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 Greeters, 8:00 Bill & Lyn Wallace
 Greeters, 9:30 Naomi & Walter Rogerson
 Ushers, 9:30 Elmer & Marybeth States
 Contemporary Assistants, 11:00 The Peiffer Family

May 12 – Children’s Sunday

Worship Assistants, 8:00 Lyn Wallace
 Worship Assistants, 9:30 Jeannette Hesser
 Greeters, 8:00 Babs Wiley & George Jenca
 Greeters, 9:30 Elmer & Marybeth States
 Ushers, 9:30 LUMC SS Children
 Contemporary Assistants, 11:00 The Tyler Family

May 19

Worship Assistants, 8:00 Tom Romspert
 Worship Assistants, 9:30 Ron Cookson
 Greeters, 8:00 Ken MacAlister
 Greeters, 9:30 Karen Arner & Erika Paton
 Ushers, 9:30 Brian & Sue Bishop
 Contemporary Assistants, 11:00 The Curtin Family

May 26

Worship Assistants, 8:00 Erika Paton
 Worship Assistants, 9:30 Holly Rogerson
 Greeters, 8:00 Bev Eick
 Greeters, 9:30 Betty Bunting & Bettie Foster
 Ushers, 9:30 The Hansen Family
 Contemporary Assistants, 11:00 The Glass Family

June 2

Worship Assistants, 8:00 Lyn Wallace
Worship Assistants, 9:30 Jerry Hill
Greeters, 8:00Audrey Kent
Greeters, 9:30Sue & Brian Bishop
Ushers, 9:30 Bob & Cheryl Fryer
Contemporary Assistants, 11:00 The O'Neill Family

June 9 – Begin Summer Worship Schedule

Worship Assistants, 9:30 Ron Cookson
Greeters, 9:30Stan & Connie Dettman
Ushers, 9:30Marty & Marlene Kalbach
Contemporary Assistants, 11:00 The Boyle Family

June 16

Worship Assistants, 9:30 Erika Paton
Greeters, 9:30Chris & Rita Cresswell
Ushers, 9:30 Kris & Mike Torchia
Contemporary Assistants, 11:00 The Letham Family

June 23

Worship Assistants, 9:30 Tom Romspert
Greeters, 9:30Dale & Carol Habel
Ushers, 9:30Steve & Jennifer Weber
Contemporary Assistants, 11:00 The Stewart Family

June 30

Worship Assistants, 9:30 Holly Rogerson
Greeters, 9:30 Ron & Louise Cookson
Ushers, 9:30 Mike & Lynda Pritchard
Contemporary Assistants, 11:00 Bev Eick & Carol Annucci





From the
Pastor's
Desk

Greetings!

One of my favorite singer song writers when I was younger was Cat Stevens. Two titles of his songs have been buzzing around in my head a lot lately. Even if you don't know the tunes, here are the titles: **"Where Are You?"** and **"Where Do**

the Children Play?" I wonder WHY the songs or their titles would be hanging around in the front of my mind so much. Perhaps these were questions I was trying to find answers to. As I reflect on other things happening—or not happening—in and around the church, I do find myself wondering "WHERE" are the people when it comes to those empty spaces in the pews on Sunday mornings or when "extra-curricular" events are offered. I do wonder "WHERE DO OUR CHILDREN PRAY (sic)" when they are not in worship with the adults or attending a Church School Class.



I hope to be starting a new membership class soon. What could I possibly say that would encourage people to stay committed to their vows of

membership, loyal to their church, supporting it with their prayers, their presence, their service, their worship, and their resources? In order to continue to be the church, alive and healthy, people need to stay the course physically, financially and spiritually. Even though it is ultimately God's church, it is still the people's responsibility to care for, maintain, upgrade, provide laborers and carry out the work of the Kingdom.

These are not just thoughts and words for potential new members! These are words from a shepherd to the flock. These are also words of concern from those shouldering the responsibilities of having to pay monthly bills; the unspoken feelings of people who need more help doing the things that need to be done in, around and through the church as ministry, mission and maintenance; the

frustrations of those who try to plan for quality programs with little or no resources.

Summer is coming soon. It's understood a lot of us look forward to some great time away with family and friends. I know I do. Enjoy! Have fun! Be safe and make great memories. Don't let YOUR church be just a memory. Continue to show your support



Conduct yourselves... so that...



they may see your



honorable deeds and glorify God.



1 Peter 2:12



**Summer
Worship**

Hope to see you there!

even while away and look forward to the reunion when you get back. Think about YOUR membership vows and how YOUR participation on all levels can help things be better. Absence on any level won't!

Do you love this church as much as Christ does? He died for it to live!

I care about YOU church,

Pastor John



Faith-Filled Families

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



Caring Ministries

"Care Notes"

Group Now Forming:
Challenges of Middle Adulthood

Care for the Caregiver



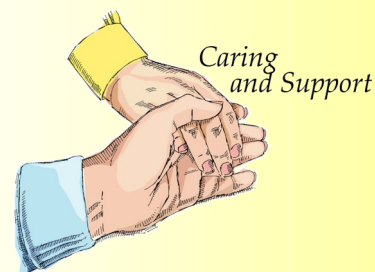
It was Bill Geist who noted first (in 1997) in his book **"The Big 5-Oh"** that another boomer turns 50 every 7 seconds. Whew! Is that possible? In 2006 America's 78 million Baby Boomers began turning 65 at a rate of one every 10 seconds (3 million to 4 million per year). The sheer statistical numbers of our Baby Boomer demographic alone means that we are becoming a larger and larger part of nearly every physician's practice. By age 65, statistics show that two-thirds of all Baby Boomers have at least one chronic disease and have seen seven physicians.

I believe that the choices we make in response to life's crises will be foundational to the outlook we adopt as we journey through this mid-adulthood stage toward later adulthood. If we respond to life's challenges negatively we may grow bitter toward life, toward those in our lives, and even toward God. We may tend to isolate and shut out the world and even begin to resent the people around us. We would exhaust ourselves with worry in the midst of our self-pity and overall self-centeredness. We would be of little worth to ourselves let alone others. So with this "glass half empty" outlook toward life you end up lethargic.



Baby Boomers

There was an article that caught my eye in a past edition of Christian Counseling Today entitled, ROLE reversal: when you must parent your parents by Jennifer Cisney Ellers. She noted that



“More than 15 million people (29% of the U.S. population) provide care for an aged, chronically ill or disabled family member or friend during any given year. These individuals spend an average of 20 hours per week providing care for their loved one. I did not give much thought to these statistics until I became one of them in 2005, when my mother was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s.”

Are you one of these caregivers who have been recruited (willingly or unwillingly) into service? As a new caregiver what kind of emotions are you experiencing – heartbrokenness, confusion, guilt, discouragement, resentment, anger, or maybe even fear?

The middle adults these days are being squeezed in the sense that young adult children behave more like adolescents giving rise to longer and maybe unexpected periods of economic support. Likewise, parents are typically living longer so that the middle adult simultaneously finds himself or herself taking care of their parents as well. For a period of time, probably at some time during middle adulthood, you will find yourself asking the inevitable question, “Who’s going to take care of me?” This is a period of great strain and stress on all relationships, not just those with our children and parents.



Do any of these experiences or emotions ring true with you? Please let me know soon so plans can be made to organize this valuable ministry. Whether you are a current or past caregiver you are invited to participate. As a past caregiver you would be able to provide valued insight into what worked for you and maybe some pitfalls for others to avoid. This small group will provide support to caregivers in our congregation and our community. Initially I envision few weeks of one hour “teaching” meetings followed by a monthly support meeting. This schedule would all be subject to change depending on response and need.

The issues facing middle adulthood are significantly different than the issues that faced our grandfathers or even fathers for that matter. Over a period of generations the typical view of what constituted childhood, adolescence, and adulthood has changed. In addition to the direct care we as a congregation offer through our Caring Ministries, we need to also provide Care for the Caregiver – please contact me at bbryan1026@comcast.net or 215-847-2130 to express your interest or ask any questions.



FLOC (For Love of Children) NEWS

Sue VanCamp, UMW Social Action

It is with regret that I inform you that FLOC is no longer a task force operating under the umbrella of Lower Bucks Center for Church and Community (LBCCC). They have now become an Interfaith organization, made up of people of all faiths to encourage interfaith understanding and cooperation in the community, now known as the Interfaith Network of Lower Bucks. Even though FLOC had been dissolved under LBCCC, the Tooth Fairy Kits were still being requested and distributed as needed in designated schools—and some final completed kits will be forwarded as well.

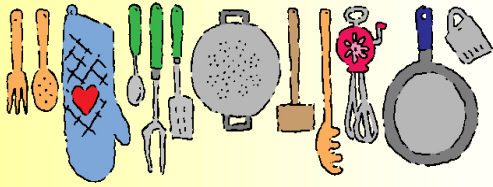
The late Ernestine Johnson, a former FLOC member, local resident, and a middle school teacher in Bristol Twp., initially contacted the group about many children in her school did not have basic necessities available to them—such as their own toothbrush, no toothpaste, one wash rag shared by the entire family, little soap or shampoo, and other necessities. Through her personal involvement, she supplied items to these needy children, as well as giving of her time helping children with their studies after-school. It was former LUMC Pastor, Alyce McKenzie, who came up with the Tooth Fairy Kit idea as a result of Ernestine's involvement, and as a way of FLOC reaching out to needy children in the extended community in a tangible and helpful way.

School nurses in several area schools—Bristol, Levittown, Morrisville and Bensalem—were responsible for identifying needy children in their particular school as recipients of the kits. The colorful, fabric handmade drawstring bags (kits) containing personal health aides and products have been well received over the years and have been very much appreciated by the students (both elementary and middle school) and their families. FLOC also recruited local dentists to provide pro-bono services for Bucks County children whose parents were unable to afford or access the dental services the children so severely needed.

Special thanks, recognition and blessings must be given to the women of the Forward Look Class who have embraced the Tooth Fairy Kit Project from its inception over a span of “too many years to recall.” Through fund raising events and personal donations, they have been able to provide a large portion of needed supplies for the kits. Other LUMC groups, such as the UMW, as well as individual members of LUMC, also participated through their donations, sewing of kits, and other help as well. Innumerable needy children have benefited through these combined efforts and generosity.



FROM THE KITCHEN COMMITTEE



THE "ALL-VOLUNTEER" KITCHEN

"Once upon a time.." LUMC had enough money to include a budget for kitchen and Fellowship and Refreshment expenses, and

Jackie Hansen went to Sam's Club and bought all the coffee, decaffeinated coffee, creamers, sugar, and other kitchen staples that were needed.

Several years ago we were informed that we could no longer afford to do as much. Thus – the beginning of "cost-cutting" in the kitchen. We stopped buying plastic utensils, and started to ask for more donations.

Since that time, our budget has been cut each year. This year, for example, we have a budget of \$500! Please understand that this in no way even begins to cover our expenses. For example, let's start with the basics: coffee, decaffeinated coffee and creamers. We use approximately 3 lbs. of coffee, 2 lbs. of decaffeinated coffee, and 1 box of creamers each week. At Sam's, a 3-lb can of coffee is \$9.28, de-caf coffee is \$10.98 for 2 lbs, and a box of 192 Mini-Moos is \$7.58. This means that basic coffee expenses (not allowing anything for sugar, Sweet-N-Low, Equal or Spenda) is \$27.84. Now, multiply that figure by 52 weeks in a year and it is \$1,447.68. As you can clearly see, this figure is 3X our budget, and doesn't even include Iced Tea or Lemonade Mix.



What this means is that we are dependent upon the generosity of our congregation. We no longer buy butter, ketchup, milk, non-stick spray, oil, etc. however, we still need to have our basic supplies restocked. Everything in the kitchen is a donated item, or purchased by a specific group within the church for a specific purpose. We are very pleased that we have been receiving a steady supply of paper goods – but are frequently low on coffee, iced tea and lemonade, and creamers.



Kitchen Donations

Please, if you are using the kitchen for an event, remember to bring in what you will be using. This includes disposable pans, oil, spray, spices, butter, drink mixes, etc., and check to see if there are enough paper goods on hand to meet your needs, without leaving the kitchen paperless.



It is almost May! How fast this year has gone! Easter has come and we learned about the risen Christ. How awesome. He died which was sad, but he rose again on the 3rd day! God really loves us, so much.



We are so blessed to have so many children and adults with that "child-like faith" involved with our Sunday School Program! We want to say a HUGE THANK YOU to each person that has helped with our Sunday School this year through volunteering their time to teach, donating materials, participating in events, bringing their children even with their busy schedules, praying, and especially being flexible with the usage of the building.

Our final Sunday School event will be on

Children's Sunday, May 12th with all of the children participating in a very exciting and slightly different Children's Sunday Service. The children will lead the service and share what they have learned.

We could really use some donations to help us provide small "prizes" for children which are awarded for their participation in discussions and answering questions. Your donations would be greatly appreciated. Just mark them for Sunday School and place in the offering or in the offering box outside of the office.



Children's Worship Service

We look forward to what next year brings. (perhaps more volunteers??) God Bless and have a safe, happy, and healthy summer.



Are your kids ready to **Rock the Kingdom**? Vacation Bible School (VBS) at Langhorne United Methodist Church travels back in time for **"Kingdom Rock!"**, an adventure of epic proportions on July 22nd - 26th 2013, 9 a.m. – Noon.

At "Kingdom Rock", kids learn to "Stand Strong for God" on a quest to learn about God's Kingdom. "Kingdom Rock" is a fun place where each day your children will be part of Scripture learning that they can see, hear, touch, and even taste. Crafts, team-building games, lively Bible songs, and spending time with their friends are just a few of the "Kingdom Rock" activities that help faith flow into real life.

The daily bible messages will include: "God's love helps us stand strong." "I love you, Lord; you are my strength." "Prayer helps us stand strong." "Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything."

"Kingdom Rock" is great fun for children in current pre-K to 6th grades. So mark your calendar and be sure to join us. Please fill out the **registration form online at <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/LUMC2013VBS>**. We are requesting a \$25 donation per family, which includes a CD of the spirit-lifting music. Your children will be singing the songs by heart all week!

Contact DebbieLetham@gmail.com for more information or call 215-588-2321





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) NEEDS EVERYONE'S HELP!

Vacation Bible School (VBS 2013 Kingdom Rock) is coming soon to LUMC the week of July 22-27. Please pray for us as we prepare to teach our children to "Stand Strong for God!" We prepare for a wonderful week with a Utopian image of everything, yet we know that our society is not perfect socially or morally.

Therefore teaching our children, during VBS, how the strength of God and the Bible enables them to "Stand Strong" is possibly the most important tool they and we can use to succeed in day-to-day life.

Registrations will start in mid May but it is not too early to gather ideas and supplies! A challenge for us this year is not only our limited budget but also that we are not able to borrow the massive decorations from one neighboring church as in recent years, due to the fact that they moved their VBS to the same week as ours. Therefore, we need your help with small and large crafts – including the main stage backdrops. We need your ideas to help us with the transformation of our church into Kingdom Rock! There are also plenty of opportunities to prepare decorations in the comfort of your own home.

We are in need of: name tags, sharpie markers, duct tape (all colors), blu-tak (a sticky claylike wonderful product for hanging items on our concrete walls), castle wall hangings, grey and red plastic tablecloths, colorful streamers/fabric swaths, plastic cups, snack plates, gift cards to hardware, Big Lots, Ollies and dollar stores, knights in suits of shining armor, etc. Stay tuned for food donation requests as well. Please bring them to the collection box in Fellowship Hall. We are appreciative of our church's continued support and appreciate your donations.



VOLUNTEERS are asked to register!

We are looking for volunteers for a fun filled fulfilling week! Adults and teenagers will enjoy signing on as Crew Leaders who help younger children. And we need adult Station Leaders to run short 20 minute events, gophers/helpers, etc! To volunteer, please register at <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/LUMC2013VBS>. Even if you can't work the whole week, we can use you! Volunteers even get a free regal t-shirt to proudly wear.

As volunteers, we will "Stand Strong" for our children and also for our church, by participating in the East District UMC **Safe Sanctuary** requirements. Please utilize these quick and easy resources: for adults (18 and over), there are 2 forms: The PA criminal background check (ACT 34) and the Child Abuse Clearance Form (ACT 151).



Volunteers (adults 18 and over) can:

1. Fill out the paper forms and return them to SPR representatives Kathy Megahan or Holly Rogerson for processing and the church will pay for them.
2. Fill out forms yourself online/by mail and return the copies to us. We need to see the originals and to make a copy for the file. Fees can be reimbursed or applied towards your regular LUMC donation.
3. Fill out the forms at church with Kathy Megahan online, and the church will pay for them, she will submit them right then and there. Times will be set up in May and June, during breaks between Sundays services and during Wed night dinners and choir rehearsals. Stay tuned for dates and times.

The PA criminal background check can be done online and paid for with a credit card online. The Child Abuse form can be filled out online, but needs to be printed out and mailed in with a \$10 money order.

Links to the online sites:

PA criminal background check link (ACT 34): <https://epatch.state.pa.us/Home.jsp>;

Child Abuse Clearance form link (ACT 151): http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/ucmprd/groups/webcontent/documents/form/s_001762.pdf

Remember: Everyone over 18 needs to have these done. Thank you for increasing our compliance in the policies!

VOLUNTEERS UNDER 18 are also greatly needed! Our energetic young people are essential to the success of our program. These teens need to provide the names/phone numbers of 2 references, who are not family members. These references can be church members, teachers, neighbors... anyone who can vouch for your awesomeness! Please provide this information in your registration online at <https://www.groupvbsspro.com/vbs/ez/LUMC2013VBS> or by email to DebbieLetham@gmail.com.

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Thanks so much for your help! Anything we can do to make this a smooth operation, please feel free to let us know!





UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The United Methodist Women will meet in May on **Tuesday, May 14, 2013** at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Program Chairman will be Debbie Letham; the hostesses for this meeting will be Carol Habel and Sue Van Camp. Debbie's Program will be **"Seeing the Future in Our Midst."** The Mission outreach for the month will be a May Card Shower for Homebound/Persons of Concern/Military Personnel. Everyone is asked to bring one or two spring-like or happy/fun greeting cards for all of us to sign and send to our extended church family members.



Our "Let's Get Together" June meeting will be on **Tuesday, June 11, 2013 – 6:30 p.m.** June is the month of our "Get Together" as the ladies of Langhorne host neighboring United Methodist Women with the **Annual Salad Supper and Program**. All women are cordially invited to attend. The dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall; the Program will follow in the Sanctuary. Hostesses: ALL OF US! Our unit of women supplies the salads. All members of UMW are asked to help with the dinner by bringing a salad to serve 8-10 people. Help will be needed to set up in the afternoon of the event and to clean up after the program.

After dinner, **Linda Henderson** will speak to us about her international adventures serving Christ. Linda and her husband Bill are two of Langhorne United Methodist Church's Missionaries who recently returned from serving 2 years in the Guinea Bissau region of Africa. Linda and Bill have been members of WEC International since the 1970's, and are currently serving as staff at the headquarters in Fort Washington, PA. WEC's mission is "Reaching People, Building Churches." The Henderson's have also previously served in the Gambia, West Africa for over ten years working in villages, doing agricultural work and evangelistic outreach. Please come to hear of Linda's first hand experiences in Africa.



We hope to see the women of Langhorne there, it promises to be a very entertaining evening.



FORWARD LOOK

**3rd Tuesdays each Month
12:00 noon**

New Members Welcome!

We are looking for women who would like to share Christian fellowship. Bring a bagged lunch, and join us for friendship and devotions. The Forward Look Class meets on the third Tuesday of the month.

*Bring your own lunch;
beverage will be
provided.*

Wed., May 1, 2013
Rummage Sale Set-Up, 12:00

Thrs., May 2, 2013
RUMMAGE SALE,
9:30a-7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 21, 2013
Salad Luncheon at Doris
Zimmerman's.

Tuesday, June 18, 2013
Luncheon at Washington
Crossing Inn, 12:00 p.m.



Don't Forget!!!
RUMMAGE SALE
Thursday, May 2, 2013
9:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Come in and browse and pick up a bargain!



It's spring, and it's time to clean out your closets. The Rummage Sale will be held on Thursday, May 2. As always, set-up will be done on Wednesday so get your precious items in!



Spring Cleaning

Mark **Saturday, May 4**, on your calendar as a time to join old friends or work with new friends to spruce up our church. We will be getting together from 9AM until noon and the coffee will be hot.

Items on our list include:

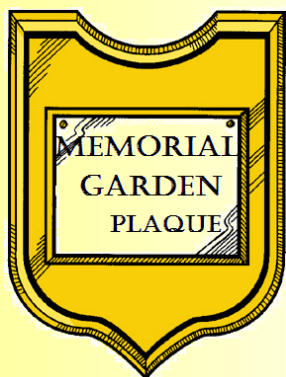
- ◆ chipping up the brush pile,
- ◆ putting up kitchen shelves,
- ◆ vacuuming the coils under the refrigerator and freezer,
- ◆ putting in the air conditioners for the choir room,
- ◆ polishing brass - candle sticks, candelabras, vases, and door knobs,
- ◆ washing up woodwork - door edges, knob areas, and light switches,
- ◆ sanitizing toys for the toddler nursery,
- ◆ cleaning the bells,
- ◆ and there's always yard work.

The list will be posted in mid-April in Fellowship Hall. If you know of anything to be added please e-mail Jeannette Hesser at j.d.hesser@verizon.net. If there is something that is your specialty but you can't make it on Saturday, please sign the list and what day you will be working on it.

See you with your work gloves on.



TRUSTEES'
WORK DAY



Plaques for the Memorial Garden...

If you would like to have a name plate appearing in the Memorial Garden when you—or you and your spouse—have passed on, it is now possible to pre-order such plaques. Please contact Jane Schmidt, 215-757-3415, or the church office for further details.

MAY/JUNE SENIOR BIRTHDAYS



MAY:

- 5/1 **Bob Hess,**
290 E. Winchester Ave., #319, Langhorne PA 19047
- 5/9 **James Hewins,**
326 S. Bellevue Ave., Penndel PA 19047
- 5/12 **Charlotte Brady,**
268 Aspen Ave., Langhorne PA 19047
- 5/16 **Ruth Campo,**
61 Milton St., Feasterville, PA 19053
- 5/16 **Maralyn Wayles,**
800 Trenton Rd. #479, Langhorne PA 19047
- 5/16 **Les Tomlinson,**
561 Clarissa La., Penndel PA 19047
- 5/17 **Joan Cunningham,**
209 Aspen Ave., Langhorne PA 19047
- 5/21 **Barbe Weisser,**
2337 Brownsville Rd., Langhorne PA 19053
- 5/22 **Karen Arner,**
117 Winding Lane, Newtown PA 18940
- 5/25 **Sandra Farry,**
417 Penncrest Dr., Langhorne PA 19047
- 5/28 **Joe McDonald,**
1276 Thames Crescent, Yardley PA 19067
- 5/29 **Leona Scheetz,**
241 W. Watson Ave., Langhorne PA 19047
- 5/29 **Ernest Pietsch,**
400 Station Ave., Langhorne PA 19047
- 5/30 **Jane Schmidt,**
26 Tupelo La., Langhorne PA 19047
- 5/31 **Joyce Rowan,**
164 Clearview Ave., Langhorne PA 19047

JUNE:

- 6/2** ***Dale Habel,***
 24 N. Marmic Dr., Holland Pa 18966
- 6/3** ***Alberta Hess,***
 290 E. Winchester Ave. #319, Langhorne PA 19047
- 6/4** ***Gwen Miller,***
 1045 Brownsville Rd., Langhorne PA 19047
- 6/9** ***Stan Dettman,***
 10 Sweetpea La., Langhorne PA 19047
- 6/16** ***Raul Torres,***
 803 Sterners Mill Rd., Feasterville PA 19053-6177
- 6/18** ***Doris Zimmerman,***
 686 Langhorne-Yardley Rd., Langhorne PA 19047
- 6/27** ***Madge Laughlin,***
 3238 Aster Ave., Trevose PA 19053

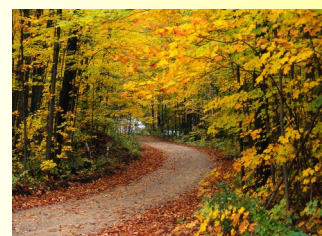


Save the Date for
Our Annual Women's Retreat!
Falling Deeper in Love with Jesus

Our retreat this year will be **September 27-29, 2013**, at Camp Innabah. Linda Henderson will be leading our Bible Studies this year. Welcome back Linda; we have missed you!

In these days of terrorism and violence and animosity, we all need to keep our eyes on Jesus. As the Word says, 'there's no law against love' so let's love God deeper, others sweeter, and ourselves lighter.

Mark your calendars now, and save the date. Come and enjoy fellowship, love and spiritual guidance from Linda and fellow women.





Our Church Family

Members' News

Baptized on January 27, 2013 ...

Samantha Kula, born August 20, 2012, daughter of Justin & Karie Kula; Godparents, Kristy Eik & Jason Kula; and

Baptized on April 28, 2013 ...

Ethan Matthew Stump, born January 31, 2013, son of Matthew & Kristine Stump; Godparents, Kenneth Skele & Nicole Bressi.



Our Hearts go out to...

Michelle Theiroff and family on the death of Michelle's mother, Margaret Altare, on March 1, 2013.

CALLING ALL GRADS!

Will you be graduating from High School or College this year? Or do you know someone who is? Let the church office, (215)757-4984, or Carol Deibler or Laurie Carson of Campus Ministries, know of your good news so you can be recognized at the worship services on **Sunday June 9, 2013.**



Wed., June 19 Staff Parish Relations (SPR) Mtg., 7 p.m.
 Fri., June 21 Senior Lunch, 12 p.m.
 Sat., June 22 LBE Men's Group, 8:30 a.m.
 Mon., June 24 Shared Meal, 6 p.m.
 Council of Ministries (COM) Mtg., 7 p.m.



(Please check your weekly bulletin announcements for any date, time or location changes, particularly during the summer months when many activities are cancelled.)

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 Tuesday:

Squires Barbershop Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

Every Wednesday:

WB Prayer Hour, 12 p.m.
 Soup & Sandwich, 5-7 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.



Mon.-Fri. July 22-27
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL,
9:00a - 12:00p
Thrs., July 25
VBS Closing Program,
7:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 8
RALLY DAY
Back to Regular Worship Hours

Fri.-Sun., September 27-29
Women's Retreat

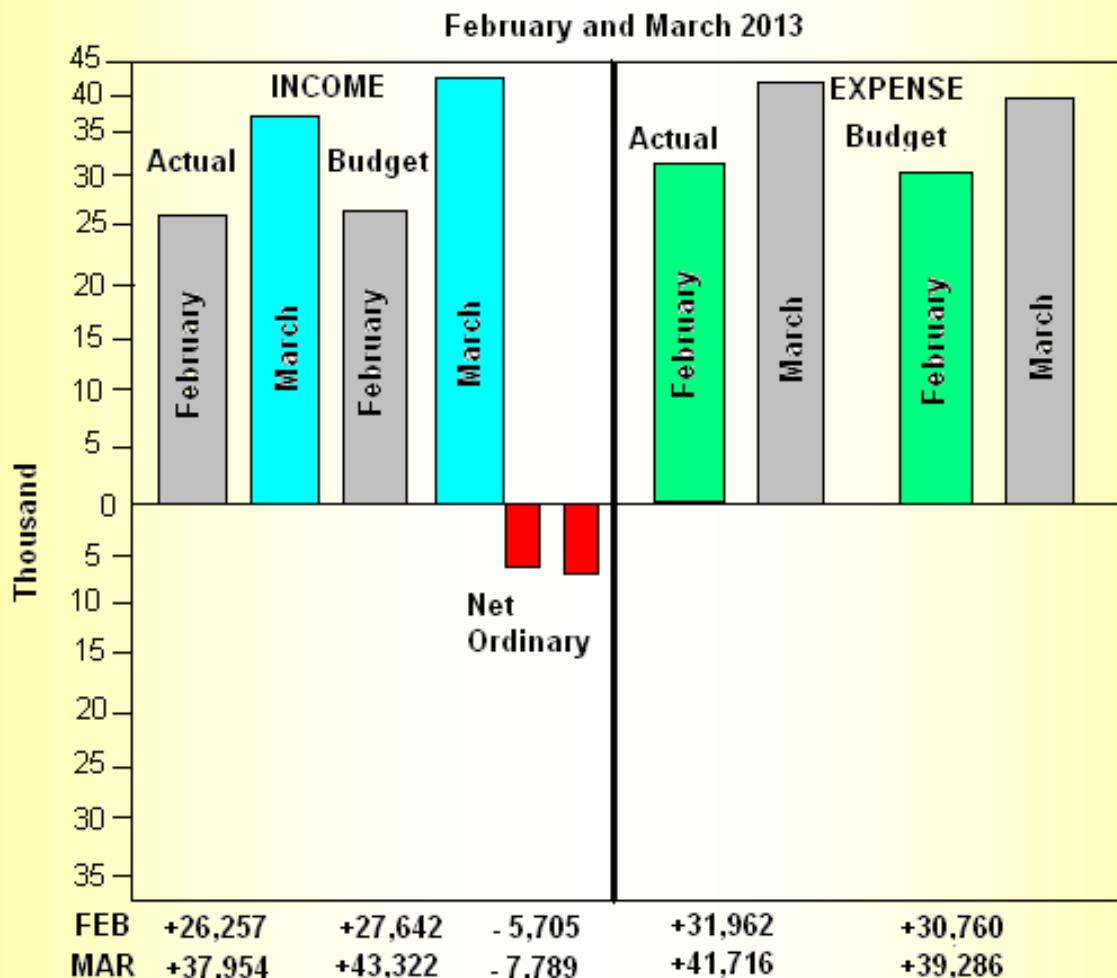


YOUR CHURCH FINANCES

By Joe Wachstetter, Finance Chair

As shown in the following graph, income for February was below budget because offerings were down \$1,380. This coupled with expenses exceeding budget by \$1,203 and a budgeted short fall of \$3,118 resulted in a negative net ordinary income of \$5,705.

The income for March was \$5,368 below budget mainly due to a planned \$5,000 donation that was redirected for needed maintenance so offerings were off \$368. Expenses were \$2,430 over budget. The result of all this is a negative net ordinary income of \$7,798. Obviously, this is not good news and puts the goal of a breakeven budget in serious jeopardy.



We have a lot to be thankful for. The roof isn't leaking and we have a faithful and dedicated staff and volunteers devoted to achieving our mission of "providing opportunities to introduce and nurture people in a growing relationship with Jesus Christ". Where else can you get a soup and sandwich dinner for seven dollars and buy homemade soup for two dollars – the potato soup is to die for. We have grocery and gift card programs that let you help the church without impacting your budget. And, many more programs and outreaches made possible by YOU the "cloud of witnesses" / saints that are the church. Thank you for your gracious support of gifts, time and talent.

Borrowing from an article in Guideposts, "saints are those people who show God at work in the world. Saints pray for one another, support one another, and seek to improve one another. Sainthood doesn't have to be an exclusive club, we only need to look for and recognize it."

Since the Friendly Voice is now issued bimonthly, the financial data lags by two months. Considering that income for the first quarter was below budget and giving is traditionally lower during the summer months, please consider giving a little extra now before vacation, so we can keep the lights on for you.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR
**FINANCIAL
SUPPORT**

"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 hope and a future."

~Jeremiah 29:11



ROOF FUND

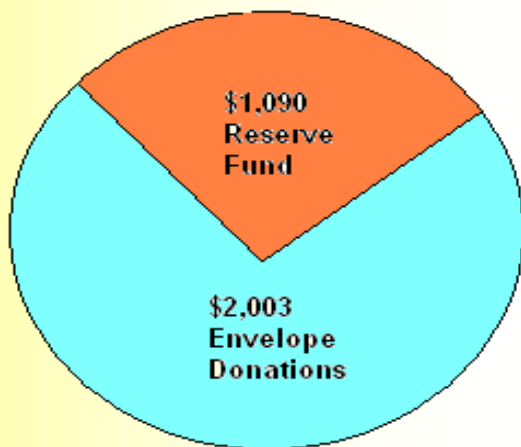
Raise the Roof Update

"Cast all your anxieties on Him, for he cares about you." (1 Peter –RSV)

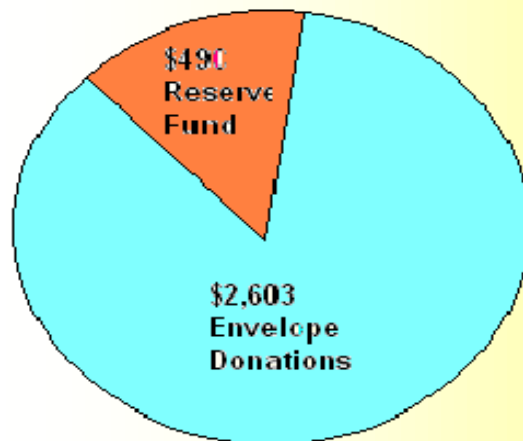
The loan principle for the Roof Replacement Project is \$191,530 after the March loan payment of \$3,093. This is remarkable given that the total cost of the project was close to \$505,000; this is a huge expense for any organization to handle in addition to meeting its ongoing operation costs. Thank you for your extraordinary support for the Roof Replacement Project.

We still have a sizable challenge ahead of us to pay off the remaining loan balance. The monthly designated roof envelope donations have been running well below the \$3,093 amount needed to meet the roof loan payment for over a year now. This means we will deplete the roof replacement reserve fund of \$24,446 in just a couple of years. If each church family would take on the challenge to make one month's payment over the next six years, it would mean making a \$10 a week or \$40 a month donation to the designated roof project fund for the next six years. I only offer this for your prayerful consideration and as a possible way for the church community to meet its remaining loan commitment. We cannot use money from the General Fund to make the Roof Replacement Loan payment.

The following graphs show the breakdowns for the February and March loan payments.



February Loan Payment Detail



March Loan Payment Detail

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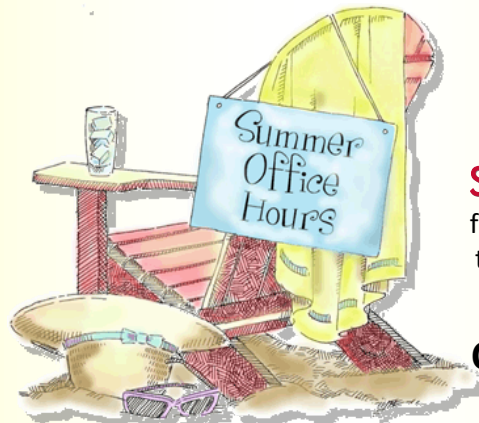
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