

# The Friendly Voice



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## November 2012

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# WORSHIP TOPICS for November



## November 4

*All Saints Sunday  
Communion  
Reception of New Members  
"Day of Decision"*

*Psalm 146*

## November 11

*Veterans Sunday  
"Watch for  
Falling Rocks!"*

*Mark 13: 1-8*



Conduct yourselves... so that...



so that...

they may

see your



honorable

deeds and

glorify God.



1 Peter 2:12

## November 18

*Stewardship Sunday  
Harvest Home/World Thank  
Offering*

*"A Stewardship  
Message"*

*Mark 12: 38-44*



## November 25

*Thanksgiving Sunday  
"What's Your Story?"*

*II Samuel 23: 1-7*



## Wednesday, November 21

*7:00 p.m.*

*Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve*

*Worship Service*

*Redeemer Lutheran*

*Penndel PA*



From the  
Pastor's  
Desk

### What's Happening? Or Not!

November is the month of giving thanks. We all have so much to be grateful for in our lives. I strive to encourage the congregation each Sunday, to

pause during our prayer time and to finish this sentence – “I want to give God thanks for...”

Sometimes it feels as difficult as ‘pulling teeth’! Other times, its like that ‘Whack-a-mole’ game you can find in almost any amusement park. Someone on the left side of the sanctuary will put their hand up and share their blessing. Then someone two rows behind them, and others all over the sanctuary will raise their hands to share. That’s a great moment! We don’t have to remain silent because we can’t come with something ‘over- the- top’. The fact that we are vertical today, have had breakfast, a bed to sleep in, clothes to wear, family, friends, a place to worship and share, etc. drives home the other fact that we can always be thankful. Go ahead, try and count all your blessings!



November also draws our attention to the topic of Stewardship. I want to share some thoughts and observations about this topic and in particular, our own Stewardship Team. These people do a bang up job throughout the year. They should be thanked. Now there are certainly

many other teams, individuals and groups throughout the church equally deserving of recognition and appreciation. We’ll get to them another time. This Stewardship Team is intended to guide the congregation in being better, wiser and ever more generous caretakers of resources. Yes, that means dollars and cents in the offering plates, but also the offering and use of time, talents and service. All of these are elements of being genuine members of the church.



The team attempts to accomplish its goal by their example and the encouragement of the congregation to join in. Some of the things the team is not, is for it to be a primary fundraising group, a meals ministry or solely responsible for church attendance. They can and often do these things, but in the same way others could and should be doing them. The Stewardship Team provides example, guidance and opportunities as leaders of others. When the team is able to focus on its intended goals,

the church will avoid the pitfall of having too much of the wrong expectations, reduce undue stress and strain of the team and most importantly – realize that the whole church is the Stewardship Team!



If you would like to be part of this team, we're looking for fellow workers. If you want to help them lead others in being better, wiser and more generous as caretakers of all the resources God blesses us with, come talk with me.

Have a happy and blessed Thanksgiving!

See you in church!



### "Care Notes"

## Spiritually Healthy Attitude and Behavior

–from our Minister of Congregational Care... *Bill Bryan*

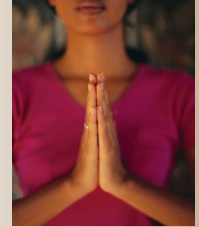
You should already be aware that the Caring Ministry hosts a prayer hour in our sanctuary every Wednesday at the noon hour—the Weary & Burdened Prayer Hour. This healing opportunity became available beginning on July 18, 2012 as a result of conversations I had with many people throughout our church and community, I heard a common theme: people were feeling beat up by life and they didn't know what to do about it.



In a recent post to the Harvard Business Review (HBR) Blog Network author Peter Bregman posted an article entitled ***If You're Too Busy to Meditate, Read This***. "People say the hardest part about meditating is finding the time to meditate. This makes sense: who these days has time to do nothing? It's hard to justify."

I found it interesting that Bregman had an issue with his meditating common to many of us as we try to pray. He states, "My mind was truly empty of everything that had concerned it before I sat. Everything except the flow of my breath. My body felt blissful and I was at peace. ... For about four seconds."

Bregman goes on to share about all the things, great and small, that invade his thoughts and how he, through more concentrated self-discipline, brings his thoughts back to his next breath. He says, "Meditating daily will strengthen your willpower muscle. Your urges won't disappear, but you will be better equipped to manage them. And you will have experience that proves to you that the urge is only a suggestion. You are in control."



As good as this sounds I'd submit that the control he speaks of is an illusion. 1 John 5:19 says, "We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one." So let me suggest that rather than empty-minded meditation which provides Satan a gateway into your heart, meditate as God's Word calls us to meditate ... on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Joshua 1:8 says, **"Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful."** And the Psalmist puts it this way, **"Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long."** (Psalm 119:97)

Is Biblical meditating or praying "doing nothing?" What's your attitude toward prayer and meditation? Taking a break from your daily routine to get alone with Father God is a practice modeled by Jesus Himself. Jesus would often take time alone with His Father and He invites us to do likewise. Jesus said: **Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.** (Matthew 11:28)

We tend to believe that we can fix ourselves. We are all made up of inherited genetic factors, negative experiences while growing up, and/or possibly psychological traumas in our adulthood. These components all play into how we think and respond to life's challenges. Joy and life satisfaction can be impacted by our attitudes and behaviors which have been shaped by these individual factors. If we rely on these alone, in other words, do what comes naturally to us, we can easily find ourselves experiencing feelings of hopelessness, despair, and maybe even a desire to withdraw and give up. Doing what comes naturally leaves us wanting and feeling empty. In order to counteract these harmful attitudes and feelings, the influence of the Holy Spirit is beneficial, even essential.

As we get older we come to the realization that the "control" we thought we had over our lives or the "grasp" on the things of this world

that previously held our confidence begins to weaken and fail. "Solid scientific research is repeatedly demonstrating that trust and faith in God provides a mental stability that can weather losses and changes, which cannot be prevented as one ages (Koenig 1997)."



Authors Harold Koenig and Andrew Weaver affirm that ***"One of the best ways to maintain mental health as persons grow older is to invest energy and time into loving and serving God, and ministering to the needs of persons whose needs are greater. ... A person's faith ... is a constant source of comfort, when he or she is alone, in the middle of the night, or in any other situation, circumstance, or time of life. Research indicates that faith is an important resource for well-being when stress is highest and circumstances are the dimmest."***

As you reflect on your attitude and behavior as it relates to prayer and meditation consider the following prayer by Francis of Assisi. The prayer has been known in the United States since 1949, when Cardinal Francis Spellman and Senator Albert W. Hawkes distributed millions of copies of the prayer during and just after World War II. Other variations of this prayer have been used in the Alcoholics Anonymous publication "Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions", and by Mother Theresa when she addressed the United Nations in 1985:

***Lord, make me an instrument of  
your peace!  
Where there is hatred, let me sow  
love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is error, truth;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
Where there is sadness, joy.***

***O Divine Master,  
Grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled, as to console,  
To be understood, as to understand,  
To be loved, as to love;  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
It is in pardoning that we are  
pardoned;  
And it is in dying that we are born to  
eternal life.***

Consider being part of the Caring Ministries of the church and putting your faith into action.



*“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” (1 Pt 4:10)*

## November 18th is Stewardship Sunday.

But, you may ask, “what exactly is “stewardship,” and “what is a steward?”

If you look up “steward” in a standard dictionary, it will tell you that it is a person who practices “stewardship.” That’s not much of a definition, so we need to look further into the meaning of the word as it applies to churches and religion.

As Christians, we receive God’s gifts gratefully, and we need to use them responsibly, share them with others and return them to the Lord.

Being a steward is being a disciple, a follower of Christ. As cited in A Creed for Christian Stewardship, Approved by 1988 General Conference; We believe that **Christian stewardship is a joyful response to God’s gifts**: it is a spiritual understanding of the practical and economic aspects of all of life. Our stewardship affirms the redemptive power of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and our confidence in God’s final victory in the world.

So, how do we become good stewards?

We make a decision to follow Jesus, commit ourselves to the Lord, and be His agents on Earth.

### **How can you be a Steward?**

Look around you – what needs to be done in the church? You don’t have to volunteer to paint the walls, but, if you’re in the kitchen and see dirty towels – take them home to wash. If you see weeds in the garden, pull them out. If you see that we need coffee, bring in a can. If you see a neighbor in need, help out in their yards, or get them groceries, or take a cooked meal. In other words, do what Jesus would do.

**YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE**



# UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Tuesday, October 9, 2012

7:30 P.M. - Fellowship Hall

## *"Radical Hospitality"*

The United Methodist Women will meet this month on Tuesday, November 8, 2012 at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Our November Program will be titled "Radical Hospitality." Program Chairman will be Ginny Rowlands, who will also lead us in Devotions. Jane Schmidt and Cynthia Schick will be our hostesses for the evening.

Lynn Wallace will lead our Mission Outreach in November which is "Meals for Aid for Friends." We will all participate at the meeting by packing meals for Aid for Friends.

We are still in need of food supplies for future meal packs; please bring in instant potatoes, gravy mix, canned vegetables, etc. Anyone wishing to donate to this program, may leave items on the table in back of the Fellowship Hall, or give to Lynn Wallace. Also, the church is always collecting nonperishable foods to help others who are in need.



World Thank Offering – is giving above and beyond the regular pledge... a thanks for abundance granted to so many. It is an affirmation of the need for us to give so that others may share in a little of what we have. A special collection will be taken at the November meeting. World Thank Offering banks are available from the UMW for the use of those who prefer to save daily at home, please contact Madge Laughlin if you would like a bank.

The United Methodist Women of LUMC invite all the members of our congregation to partake in our "World Thank Offering", which will be presented during the 8:00 & 9:30 am Worship Services on November 18th, as an opportunity to respond to God's abundance and grace with spontaneous monetary gifts of gratitude. The funds given in celebration of the joys of life, will be

WORLD THANK OFFERING



collected for use in the UMW Women's Division for global programs of mission, in the United States and around the world. These projects vary from support to schools, hospitals and clinics, day care centers and homes for senior citizens to educational training courses, and leadership development. The number of persons reached by this type of caring and sharing is almost incalculable. Being in mission is sharing our lives and gifts with others that all may be whole persons through Jesus Christ."



**MARTHA CIRCLE** will be meeting on Monday, November 26th, in the Private Dining Room at Attleboro Retirement Community, Langhorne, PA. at 2:00 PM for afternoon tea and devotions. All are invited to join this daytime circle.

## No More Malaria

The Langhorne United Methodist Women (UMW) and the East District UMW and the United Methodist Church are working to ELIMINATE MALARIA. This is a HUGE unified faith-based commitment. It is estimated that about 850,000 people die of malaria worldwide each year. Malaria is a disease caused by the blood parasite Plasmodium, which is transmitted by mosquitoes. Malaria is particularly devastating in Africa. Every 60 seconds, a child in Africa dies from a malaria infection. It also kills about 10,000 pregnant women each year, often due to anemia.

Programs have aimed to cut down these numbers by issuing mosquito nets, anti-malarial medicine and education to prevent the disease. In

34 African countries it is estimated that  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a million children have been saved in the past 10 years due to this and other initiatives.

Please support our LUMC UMW mission to raise money and awareness in order to fight the disease malaria. Be a "Mosquito-S-prayer" by purchasing a mosquito clip for one dollar. Thank you for your contributions.



# FORWARD LOOK

**Tuesday, November 20, 2012  
~ 12:00 noon**

**PROGRAM:** Auction and Christmas Crafts

**DEVOTIONS:** Ginny Rowlands



**OUTREACH:** Paper and Cleaning Products

# TRUSTEES CORNER



Fall workday was held on the 6th of October. A lot of the small projects were completed as well as the largest endeavor, which was to clean up the brush pile. Thank you to everyone who was able to help out.

Much needed work on the outside of the church building and parsonage has begun. Scraping off old paint and applying of a new coat has commenced on those outside areas needing it.

The trustees continue to look at making the church more accessible for handicapped individuals. We are looking at having a handicapped door opener installed on the front door of the church. This will be the door at the end of the ramp.

Steve continues to work on the electrical problems in the church and has repaired all the lights in Fellowship Hall.

Please don't hesitate to leave a note in the trustees box if you notice something within the church building proper or property that needs attention.



## LUMC Lighthouse: Mission News for November

By Tim Eick

**Update from David & Sandel Livingstone:** Yes, the Mission 865-5k was a great success! Fun was had by all and about \$150,000 has been pledged for the group while we saw over \$60,000 pledged personally!! This is enough to fund 3 languages.

**Update from LUMINA:** Life with LUMINA calls us to delight in counting our blessings...

This summer, after purchasing a new van suitable for long-distance mission trips, Stehman Memorial UMC donated their 1993 Dodge van to El Redentor & St. Paul's and LUMINA. What a wonderful gesture of mission and stewardship! Their pastor, Rev. Helen Adams, is a LUMINA board member and, as vice president, she serves on our Executive Committee. We're also excited that this church will be hosting a SuperCupboard on Wednesdays, beginning on September 26. This nutrition education session will be a 4-way partnership involving: Stehman Memorial UMC; Penn State's Cooperative Extension; the Penn Manor School District and LUMINA.

Another new Partnership has emerged between Penn State, LUMINA and an apartment complex affiliated with our local Housing Development Corporation. A SuperCupboard session was held in a community room for residents of Aster Place and Larkspur in July and August. In addition, a SuperCupboard volunteer from New Holland UMC, Judy McLean, does scrapbooking. This enthusiastic volunteer servant came to the last two classes at Aster Place/Larkspur to share her passion. As a result, our SuperCupboard students are looking forward to following up their adventure in nutrition education with a new adventure in scrapbooking – at no cost to them!



We are extremely grateful to the Boehm's Chapel Society for their steadfast continued financial and prayer support of LUMINA! We made an appeal in the spring, and they honored our request for \$7,500 to support our existing program ministries. This is in addition to \$5,000 which they had sent in January!

When the Northeast Jurisdiction of the UMC was in Holy Conferencing in West Virginia in July, they recognized Ruth Daugherty's retirement after years of

service as Jurisdictional Secretary. At Ruth's request, LUMINA received a very generous contribution (\$1600+).

Our blessings are not all material or tangible. We are blessed to be the recipients of a steady stream of prayers and affirmations from our supporting individuals and congregations, as well as from our ministry participants.

**Update from Steve & Gail Quigg:**



"I Bring you Tidings of Great Joy...For Unto Us is Born this Day a (Grand) Child." Well indeed, there is good news to share - the arrival of Samantha (Sami) Grace Lefever into this world at 12:05pm on October 1. Our daughter Kathy and Sami are just fine while the rest of us are in various states of disrepair. Sami was eight days later than anticipated showing up in this world, but she was apparently waiting for the full Harvest Moon to be born. Or

waiting for the birthday of her maternal great, great, great grandfather Frank Scott. Or the birthday of Trudi Gripentrog, a German midwife we worked with in Nigeria. Or the birthday of probably ten million other people in this world we know nothing about. In any case, Kathy and Tyler both did remarkably well and we were able to be in the delivery room for much of the excitement. It was a precious, blessed moment as it always is when face to face with God's miraculous gift of life.

However, on the new airplane front, we still don't know what great portent in the sky our new plane is waiting for in order to make its appearance. Suffice it to say, it hasn't shown up in our cradle yet. We have made an incredible amount of progress in knowing what the market is for Grand Caravan aircraft, where to go for repairs and maintenance support, options for getting modifications done, and who to go to for technical advice. The only thing really missing is the right airplane at the right price. In the fullness of time, there will be an airplane that will bring salvation and comfort under its wings to a country full of hurting people. But in the meantime, we scour the aircraft websites, follow leads, and pray. We trust that you are praying right along with us on this. These are exciting days, and they will be all the more exciting when we finally get the keys to an airplane destined for service in the Congo.

That's about it from our end. There is no international travel scheduled until the very end of the year, but there are upcoming trips to Kansas, Virginia, and Tennessee (and wherever else plane shopping might take us) for various aspects of the ministry. It's a privilege to be flying this spiritual journey with you by our sides.

Shine the Light wherever God has planted you this fall.



## HARVEST HOME FOOD COLLECTION NOVEMBER 18, 2012

Throughout the year, LUMC prepares over 1,000 meals for our Shared Meal – and approximately 3,000 meals for Aid for Friends, and many for our Meals on Hand program. Yes, you read that correctly – 4,000 meals come out of our kitchen for the needy – free of charge – and yes – that's **Stewardship in Action**.

This year, in addition to foodstuffs given to local pantries as part of Harvest Home, we are asking you to help stock our own pantry shelves to allow us to continue this vital ministry.



Please donate the following items:

- 9" plates
- 6" plates
- Plastic cups
- Styrofoam cups
- Styrofoam / paper bowls
- Dish detergent
- Cleanser / Soap Pads
- Bleach
- Napkins
- Paper Towels
- Liquid creamers
- Powdered Milk
- Iced Tea Mix
- Lemonade Mix
- Diet / sugar-free iced tea mix
- Coffee
- Decaf Coffee
- Splenda / Equal
- Sugar packets
- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Beef Gravy (jar or mix)
- Canned Green Beans
- Butter
- Baking mix
- Baking Soda
- Individual food storage containers



# Christmas Is Coming!

## Christmas Band & 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 5:00 p.m.; dinner for all others, 6:00 p.m. The concert begins at 7:00 p.m.



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 for the sign-up form published in the Sunday Bulletin in early November or contact Dale Habel at 215-357-5697. It is important to know the make up of the band by November 25 so that sections can be completed and music folders assembled. Vocal selections will be performed by various groups from the church. Those performing will have dinner at 5:00 p.m. followed by a band rehearsal until about 6:45 p.m. The Festival program will begin around 7:00 p.m. All members of our congregation are invited to this family fun evening which will include the singing of many familiar Christmas carols.



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?**



**W**e 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 five volunteers to buy gifts of no more than \$25 per student; each of them provides a "Wish List" to choose from. Further information will be forthcoming, but if you wish to reserve one of the five 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).

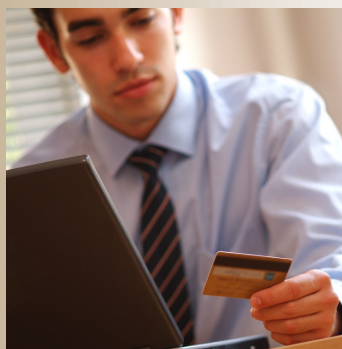
## **HOW WILL LUMC SPEND THE MONEY RAISED?**

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](mailto:lumctreasurer@comcast.net) or call 215-932-1709.

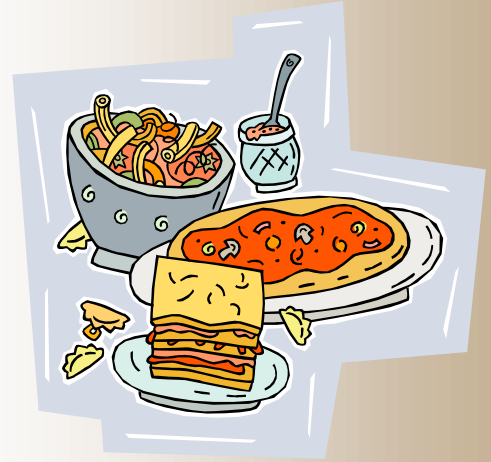
Here's a list of participating stores in the LUMC Gift Card Fundraiser...

- ♦ 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



# 'DOUGH RAISER' AT UNO'S RESTAURANT

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION. THIS WILL BE AT THE UNO'S on 915 Rockhill Drive, Bensalem (by Neshaminy Mall. The Uno's by Sesame will be closed for renovations.) The date is **Sunday, November 4th** from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Just turn in a coupon with you check for our church to get credit. (You can make copies of the coupon if you need more.) If the coupon sales for the day are over \$1,000, UNO's will donate 20% of the total sales to our church. If under \$1,000, we receive 15%. The proceeds will go toward the Raise the Roof project. UNO's does have Curb Side Service.



Invite your family, neighbors and friends so we can make this a huge success. This is a great way to "Raise Dough" for our church while enjoying a delicious meal. You can also help the church by purchasing the UNO's Gift Cards from Amy Hansen and using those to pay your bill. This is a double way to be helping our church. If you have any questions, contact Babs Wiley at 215-757-9575 or email [babswiley@verizon.net](mailto:babswiley@verizon.net)



## Wednesday Soup and Sandwich Night

The Wednesday Night Meal is going strong - and growing! We are having so much fun, and we think you are enjoying yourselves, as well.

Dinner is served from 5 – 7 p.m. every Wednesday evening. It's a great opportunity to enjoy dinner and fellowship each week. Dinner includes soup, sandwich, salad, dessert and beverage for \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids 5th grade and under.



**NOVEMBER  
SENIOR  
BIRTHDAYS**

- 11/8 **Bob Stott,**  
31 Bluebonnet Rd.,  
Langhorne PA 19047
- 11/14 **Dolores Chemey,**  
288 Maple Point Dr.  
Langhorne PA 19047
- 11/20 **William Gill,**  
1000 Old Lincoln Hwy.  
Langhorne PA 19047
- 11/20 **Joan Rooth,**  
164 Trenton Rd.  
Langhorne PA 19047
- 11/21 **Bill Crozier,**  
2110 Harper's Crossing  
Langhorne PA 19047



A Men's Wilderness Weekend at  
Pocono Plateau Camp & Retreat Center

**Highlights**

- † Retreat Leader: Rob Loughery
- † "Band of Brothers" from Doylestown PA
- † Meaningful and relevant discussions
- † Great food, fun and fellowship
- † Spirit filled environment; truth from God's Word

November 9-11, 2012  
7 pm Friday - 2 pm Sunday

***Why Can't I Hear  
God's Voice?***

**For more information, contact...**

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**Jeff Tihansky** 267.918.1567  
jeff@adinfinity.com

**Bill Bryan** 215.847.2130  
bbryan104@comcast.net

**COST:  
\$105**

[To register online go to lumc-online.org/  
Mens Ministries/2012 Mens Retreat.](http://lumc-online.org/Mens_Ministries/2012_Mens_Retreat)



# MEMBER'S NEWS...

*On September 30, 2012 ...*

**Charles William Sutton**, born February 16, 2012, son of Christopher & Diana Sutton; Godparents, Allison & Andy Miele; and

*On October 21, 2012 ...*

**Andrew James Gannon**, born April 27, 2012, son of Andrew & Katie Gannon.



**Congratulations to our newly married couples!**



**Matthew Bryan & Stephanie Taylor**

October 5, 2012

**Wendi Wiley & Richard Flanagan**

October 12, 2012



Congratulations to **Melissa Woerner**

who was recently named "Female Athlete of the Year" awarded by the

Pennsylvania Special Olympics.

Melissa participates throughout Bucks County in many sports.



**CHANGE OF ADDRESS**



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To the family of **Gloria Askey**

Who Went Home to Her Lord on Tuesday, October 23, 2012. Gloria had been a faithful member of our church family since 1961.

Don't forget to note changes in your membership directory!





(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.
- Discipleship Path Study, 6:30 p.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, 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.
- Boy Scouts, Troop 21, 7:30 p.m.



## LOOKING AHEAD....

**Sun., Dec. 2**

***Christmas Dinner & Music  
Festival***

**Sat.-Mon, Dec. 22-24**

***Living Nativity***

**Mon., Dec. 24**

***Christmas Eve Worship***

# SANCTUARY SERVANTS FOR NOVEMBER



## **NOVEMBER 4**

Worship Assistant, 8:00 ..... Lyn Wallace  
Worship Assistant, 9:30 ..... Jerry Hill  
Greeters, 8:00 ..... Audrey Kent  
Greeters, 9:30 ..... Carol Nielsen & Vince Belmont  
Ushers, 9:30 ..... Ron & Louise Cookson  
Acolyte, 9:30 ..... Kristen Megahan  
Contemporary Assistants, 11:00 ..... The Stewart Family

## **NOVEMBER 11**

Worship Assistant, 8:00 ..... Tom Romspert  
Worship Assistant, 9:30 ..... Jeannette Hesser  
Greeters, 8:00 ..... Cheryl & Bob Fryer  
Greeters, 9:30 ..... Naomi & Walter Rogerson  
Ushers, 9:30 ..... Steve & Jennifer Weber  
Acolyte, 9:30 ..... Jillian Rowlands  
Contemporary Assistants, 11:00 ..... Bev Eick & Carol Annucci

## **NOVEMBER 18**

Worship Assistant, 8:00 ..... Erika Paton  
Worship Assistant, 9:30 ..... Holly Rogerson  
Greeters, 8:00 ..... Erika Paton  
Greeters, 9:30 ..... Ginny Rowlands & Mary Rose Hill  
Ushers, 9:30 ..... The Rowlands & Stockburger Families  
Acolyte, 9:30 ..... Austin Cookson  
Contemporary Assistants, 11:00 ..... The Deibler Family

## **NOVEMBER 25**

Worship Assistant, 8:00 ..... Jerry Hill  
Worship Assistant, 9:30 ..... Jerry Hill  
Greeters, 8:00 ..... Diane & Joe Wachstetter  
Greeters, 9:30 ..... Elmer & Marybeth States  
Ushers, 9:30 ..... Karen Arner & Gary Bloom  
Acolyte, 9:30 ..... Austin Cookson  
Contemporary Assistants, 11:00 ..... The Raab Family



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

We have been learning about three parables that Jesus used to teach the people about how God wanted them to live. These parables still teach us today!

We learned about the Prodigal Son, the Lost Coin, and the Lost Sheep. In cooking we even made a "coin." It was yummy.

In science we learned that Jesus is the "catalyst" that helped to spread God's word." The students (15 in all) made a chemical reaction with hydrogen peroxide and soap, adding a catalyst (makes a reaction go faster) to produce water and oxygen, gushing foam - just like the gushing of the love that the prodigal son's father gave to him when he returned. This catalyst reminded us of Jesus being a catalyst that rapidly sped up the spread of the word of God using "Lost and Found" stories... the lost coin, the lost sheep and the lost sons. Wow! What a neat way to understand how important Jesus is!



In November we will continue with the parables, and then move onto Christmas by studying Isaiah and learning about God's special gift!

Each month we are also working on a Mission Project. Check out next month's article to see what that was all about!.



If you are interested in helping or visiting Sunday School please contact Joanna Davis or Nadine Applegate by email at [LUMCChildrensSundaySchool@yahoo.com](mailto:LUMCChildrensSundaySchool@yahoo.com).



# youth News

The youth had a busy month in October. Our scheduled trip to Camelback Mountain to do their high ropes course was rained out. Fortunately, we were able to put together another trip for that day. About 30 of us traveled to a place called Ozzy's Family Fun Center near Reading, PA. It was an indoor facility that had many things to do! We had a great time!! Also in October, we cooked and packaged over 130 meals for Aiding our Friends. Special thanks go out to Lyn Wallace for guiding us in this service project! We also continued our study on Revelation!

In November, we will continue with Revelation. The youth will also begin their Annual Wawa Hoagie Sale in late November. In mid-November, Pete will be heading to Dallas to attend the National Youth Worker's Convention.

## November Dates to Remember:

### November 4

Youth Group 6:30-8:00

### November 11

Youth Group 6:30-8:00

### Nov. 16-18

Pete will be attending the NYWC

No Meeting

### November 25

Thanksgiving Weekend

No Meeting

## Join the Youth Group!





# YOUR CHURCH FINANCES

By Chuck Boyle, Finance Chair

The month of September was not as good as we would have liked, but we are still on track for the year. With everyone's continued support we will reach our goal of breaking even by the end of December.

In September, our actual income fell below our budgeted income primarily because our offerings came in \$2,400 below budget and gifting from our Steeple Kids Child Care Program was not yet received but budgeted for \$5,000. Please allow me to go into a little more detail. The reason that offerings were lighter than expected may be due to the fact that the Labor Day holiday fell within the month. Many of us were away for this Sunday and not present to drop our envelopes into the offering plate. In regard to the Steeple Kids Child Care Program, they gave to the church a generous gift of \$5,000 in the spring. They further committed to review their financial position in September and, if financially possible, make another gift to the church. As of the writing of this report, we have not yet received the decision from the Steeple Kids Child Care Program. The gift budgeted in September may come in a later month. On the expense side for the month, we came in pretty much on budget. We showed a gain in net ordinary income for the month which is good even though it is less of a gain than was budgeted for the period.

Year-to-date our income remains above budget thanks to offerings exceeding expectations by \$6,900, Wednesday Night Dinner income of \$5,600, The McKay Endowment income delivering \$1,800 more than budget and the Steeple Kids Child Care Program not yet communicating their decision as to addition gifting of \$5,000. Our expenses year-to-date are slightly lower than budgeted due to electricity 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 than we had budgeted.

Our operating cash position at the end of the month decreased by \$5,000 but remains positive, equaling \$11,400.

We have received our 2013 financial apportionment from the Methodist Conference. Our apportionment expense did increase by 2% or \$1,200 to a total of \$75,591. This is the smallest increase in three years, and the opinion of the finance committee is that we should have sufficient funds in 2013 to continue our commitment of paying 100% of our apportionment.

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.

Thanks go out to the entire congregation for supporting the Take-Home-Dinner that is sponsored by the finance committee. We hit our goal of selling 200 delicious dinners. 100% of the profits from this event will go the roof improvement fund. Profits are expected to be approximately \$1,000.

Please read the "Keeping the Roof over Our Heads" article in the Friendly Voice for a financial update on our roof repair.

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

A snapshot of our year to date financial position compared to our 2012 budget:

|                                | Sep 12           | Budget           | \$ Over Budget   | % of Budget    |
|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| <b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b> |                  |                  |                  |                |
| <b>Income</b>                  |                  |                  |                  |                |
| 4000 · Income                  | 31,477.45        | 38,950.50        | -7,473.05        | 80.81%         |
| 4310 · Interest Income         | 14.10            | 8.00             | 6.10             | 176.25%        |
| <b>Total Income</b>            | <b>31,491.55</b> | <b>38,958.50</b> | <b>-7,466.95</b> | <b>80.83%</b>  |
| <b>Expense</b>                 |                  |                  |                  |                |
| 5100 · Administrative Board    | 5,120.49         | 5,044.50         | 75.99            | 101.51%        |
| 5200 · Council on Ministries   | 708.07           | 649.00           | 59.07            | 109.1%         |
| 5700 · Staff Parish Relations  | 16,589.32        | 16,376.45        | 212.87           | 101.3%         |
| 5800 · Trustees                | 5,701.82         | 5,296.25         | 405.57           | 107.66%        |
| 5900 · Business Operations     | 514.30           | 685.83           | -171.53          | 74.99%         |
| <b>Total Expense</b>           | <b>28,634.00</b> | <b>28,052.03</b> | <b>581.97</b>    | <b>102.08%</b> |
| <b>Net Ordinary Income</b>     | <b>2,857.55</b>  | <b>10,906.47</b> | <b>-8,048.92</b> | <b>26.2%</b>   |

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

|                                | Jan - Sep 12      | Budget            | \$ Over Budget   | % of Budget    |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|
| <b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b> |                   |                   |                  |                |
| <b>Income</b>                  |                   |                   |                  |                |
| 4000 · Income                  | 276,642.47        | 266,930.50        | 9,711.97         | 103.64%        |
| 4310 · Interest Income         | 116.06            | 74.00             | 42.06            | 156.84%        |
| <b>Total Income</b>            | <b>276,758.53</b> | <b>267,004.50</b> | <b>9,754.03</b>  | <b>103.65%</b> |
| <b>Expense</b>                 |                   |                   |                  |                |
| Uncategorized Expenses         | 0.00              | 0.00              | 0.00             | 0.0%           |
| 5100 · Administrative Board    | 37,370.33         | 37,292.50         | 77.83            | 100.21%        |
| 5200 · Council on Ministries   | 10,355.24         | 10,437.00         | -81.76           | 99.22%         |
| 5700 · Staff Parish Relations  | 162,953.74        | 162,110.69        | 843.05           | 100.52%        |
| 5800 · Trustees                | 62,198.14         | 63,887.21         | -1,689.07        | 97.36%         |
| 5900 · Business Operations     | 4,931.91          | 6,546.47          | -1,614.56        | 75.34%         |
| <b>Total Expense</b>           | <b>277,809.36</b> | <b>280,273.87</b> | <b>-2,464.51</b> | <b>99.12%</b>  |
| <b>Net Ordinary Income</b>     | <b>-1,050.83</b>  | <b>-13,269.37</b> | <b>12,218.54</b> | <b>7.92%</b>   |

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

|                                      | Jan - Sep 12      | Jan - Sep 11      | \$ Change        | % Change       |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|
| <b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>       |                   |                   |                  |                |
| <b>Income</b>                        |                   |                   |                  |                |
| 4000 · Income                        | 276,642.47        | 265,106.32        | 11,536.15        | 4.35%          |
| 4310 · Interest Income               | 116.06            | 208.49            | -92.43           | -44.33%        |
| <b>Total Income</b>                  | <b>276,758.53</b> | <b>265,314.81</b> | <b>11,443.72</b> | <b>4.31%</b>   |
| <b>Expense</b>                       |                   |                   |                  |                |
| Uncategorized Expenses               | 0.00              | 54.58             | -54.58           | -100.0%        |
| 5100 · Administrative Board          | 37,370.33         | 34,234.50         | 3,135.83         | 9.16%          |
| 5200 · Council on Ministries         | 10,355.24         | 13,003.71         | -2,648.47        | -20.37%        |
| 5700 · Staff Parish Relations        | 162,953.74        | 162,767.08        | 186.66           | 0.12%          |
| 5800 · Trustees                      | 62,198.14         | 62,845.20         | -647.06          | -1.03%         |
| 5900 · Business Operations           | 4,931.91          | 5,962.44          | -1,030.53        | -17.28%        |
| 66900 · Reconciliation Discrepancies | 0.00              | 13.44             | -13.44           | -100.0%        |
| <b>Total Expense</b>                 | <b>277,809.36</b> | <b>278,880.95</b> | <b>-1,071.59</b> | <b>-0.38%</b>  |
| <b>Net Ordinary Income</b>           | <b>-1,050.83</b>  | <b>-13,566.14</b> | <b>12,515.31</b> | <b>-92.25%</b> |



# Keeping The Roof Over Our Heads

Finance & Roof Fund Raising Committees



**ROOF FUND**

Our current financial position continues to be positive through the month of September. Thanks to the accumulated cash cushion we have, we are still in a strong position to meet our loan commitments. If we continue on the approximate same financial path, it is estimated that our cash cushion and other income should allow us to meet our loan commitments for the next four years.

The profits from the Take-Home-Dinner sponsored by the finance committee will be given to the roof improvement fund in October. This fund raiser should bring in approximately \$1,000 in profits. Thank you everyone for making this possible!

## 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          |
| Total      | 81,115                | 1,007                  | 50,200     | 168,741          | 46,000         | (460,701)                  | 249,623        | (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



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## JOIN US FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP!

### Sunday Worship Hours:

Traditional Worship, 8:00 & 9:30 a.m.

Contemporary Worship, 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.

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