

The Friendly Voice



October 2012

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WORSHIP TOPICS for October



October 7

Laity Sunday



October 14

World Communion Sunday
"A Good Word"

Mark 10: 2-16



October 21

"Truly Great!"

Mark 10: 35-45



October 28

"The Living Dead"

Psalm 34: 1-8



October 2012



From the
Pastor's
Desk

Greetings Church family and friends!

In Paul's letter to the Romans, he writes these words in chapter 15, verse 13, **"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."**

I recently used this verse as the background for celebrating communion with the ladies of our Forward Look Class. The words of the text lead into the focus of communion, specifically the element of the "cup." In the text, the verbs "fill" and "overflow" remind us that the first purpose of an empty cup is to be filled. Jesus became filled with God's purpose, will, power and Spirit to become the shed sacrifice/salvation for humanity. Each one of us must empty ourselves of self centeredness, selfishness, self-seeking, etc. in order to be filled with Christ's love, God's purpose, will, and the Spirit's power.

This brings us to the second purpose of the cup. Once filled, the cup is to be emptied. Christ poured Himself out to bring salvation and hope to others. Once we get our cups empty of "self" in all its negative forms, we then are filled, not to be put on a shelf and stored, but filled to overflowing and become empty through the offering of grace to others in all different forms and on as many occasions as occur.



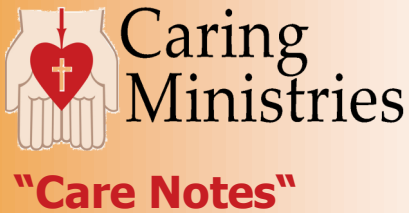
Paul's next verse then reads, **"I myself am convinced that you yourselves are full of goodness, complete in knowledge and competent to instruct one another."**

I could simply say that Paul took the words right out of my mouth. As your pastor I look out and see individuals and teams and groups of you, the people of the church, truly being the Church, the Body of Christ. I have no doubt that you are full to overflowing with goodness. I believe you know well the way followers of Jesus are to be living and that by your words and actions you truly are instructing and teaching others.

Keep it up, for there is more emptiness to fill every time we turn around. I thank God for you.

See you in church!

Pastor John



Why do I want to be involved with United Methodist Men (UMM)?

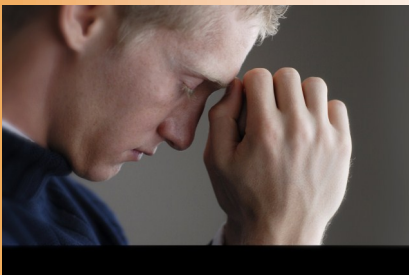
Here is an often asked question: "Is a United Methodist Men's organization required in every local United Methodist Church?" The short answer is "Yes." Paragraph 256 of the 2008 Book of Discipline states that "Each church or charge shall have an organized unit of United Methodist Men..."

Langhorne UMC and other United Methodist churches have a variety of ministries in which men participate. Men are involved in the Walk to Emmaus, Promise Keepers, Disciple Bible Study, Prison Ministries, Covenant Discipleship, Scouting and a host of other ministries that group same gender persons. These ministry efforts are affirmed and supported and should be seen as important components of the overall ministry of the men.



In addition to the disciplinary requirement, chartering enables the national organization of UMM to resource the local church, provide training for UMM leaders, coordinate men's materials and events, support UMM mission projects, as well as provide leadership in scouting ministries. The UMC is second only to the Mormon Church in its participation in scouting. Chartering connects each local UMM unit with units across the country and around the world.

Some years ago men of our church formed a men's group known as Leading By Example (LBE). Since its inaugural meeting on June 27, 2004 many men have come and gone through the LBE men's group. Some group objectives have been met some of the time, and others never made it out of the discussion and planning stage. About two years ago the group was challenged with the question of whether or not to become a "chartered" member of the UMM organization. In making that decision we considered an article published in UMM magazine which I am going to draw from and adapt here:



If you have little interest in prayer, then don't get involved. I say this because the UMM partners with the Upper Room Prayer Line by providing the funding for the 24 hour watts line. You can even participate in this ministry from your home vis-à-vis call forwarding technology.

If you do not have a passion for feeding the hungry in our country, then do not get involved, because the UMM and the Society of St Andrew work together to end hunger in America.

The same goes for feeding the hungry in the 3rd world countries. Stop Hungry Now is a ministry we participate in to help end this scourge throughout the world.

If you have been a scout or your children and grandchildren are scouts, but this is of no interest to you then stay away—don't get involved. The scouting ministry in the UM Church is the responsibility of the UMM. Back in the late 1970's the General Board of Discipleship decided they wanted to drop scouting from their ministry. The UMM, who at the time was under the umbrella of the G.B. of D. said no, scouting is too important not to be part of the UM Church, so we took over this responsibility.

In the last 10 years the UMM through its Strength for Service to God and Country Ministry have given over 450,000 devotional books to the US military, local fire rescue, police and sheriff department personnel. Testimony after testimony has come back to the UMM how this little book has given comfort to these men and woman who have faced the trials of combat in Iraq and Afghanistan. If this doesn't touch you, then do not get involved.

A new ministry coming on board with the General Commission of UMM is Disciple Bible Outreach Ministry (DBOM). Its purpose is to take the blessing of the Disciple Bible Study into prisons throughout the nation. The EPCUMM is currently working with DBOM and the EPC Prison Ministry and Restorative Justice Committee to join this effort. God's Word reaching inmates in a thousand US prisons! Imagine that!! What a change this can make in the lives of those who are incarcerated and especially when they return to their home communities. If you do not believe this will have profound impact, then don't get involved.



I've only discussed five ministries that GCUMM are involved in; there are many more ministries to explore. Up to this point, I have taken a negative approach as to why you might not want to be involved with UMM. Now I want to shift gears. If you feel you wish to support any one of the above ministries or the many other national, international and local ministry opportunities, then by all means,

answer this call to action. Chartering was only the first step by the men of Langhorne UMC to say "you can count on us!" Watch the bulletin for upcoming announcements concerning meeting times and dates. We will be having an election of officers before the end of the year and we are looking for men of all ages to get involved!



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Tuesday, October 9, 2012

7:30 P.M. - Fellowship Hall

"Take a Walk with Christ"



The United Methodist Women will meet this month on Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Our October Program will be titled **"Take a Walk with Christ."** Program Chairman will be Debbie Letham, who will also lead us in Devotions. Sue VanCamp and Lyn Wallace will be our hostesses for the evening.

RAISING AWARENESS FOR THE FIGHT AGAINST MALARIA "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.





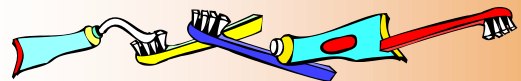
MARTHA CIRCLE will be meeting on Monday, October 22nd at 2:00 p.m. in the Private Dining Room at Attleboro Retirement Community, Langhorne, PA. All are invited to join this daytime circle for afternoon tea and devotions.

FORWARD LOOK

Tuesday, October 16, 2012 ~ 12:00 noon



PROGRAM: Guest Speaker, Kathy Horwatt
DEVOTIONS: Babs Wiley
OUTREACH: Donations for FLOC Bags



Don't Forget!!!
RUMMAGE SALE
Thursday, October 4, 2012
9:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Come in and browse and pick up a bargain!



Donations can be brought in the week before until Wednesday, October 3rd. Please leave your donations in Fellowship Hall.

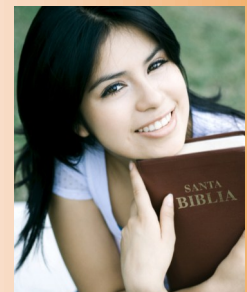


LUMC Lighthouse: Mission News for October

By Tim Eick

Update from Aileen Agoncillo: I continue to be inspired and awed as I meet men and women who live out an understanding that we have been "blessed to be a blessing." I sat in my friend's house while her daughter prayed for me before she went down for bed. Another friend held my hand and prayed over me and this ministry. Moments like these from my trip to Florida, overwhelm me with gratitude. So many have blessed me with their blessings -- through their prayers, their giving, their hospitality, their service and their encouragement. I pray that I will always be aware of the blessings that have been poured out in abundance over me. And that I will invest those blessings in being a blessing to others.

How have you been blessed? How are you investing those blessings? Would you like to invest in the work of Bible translation? About 350 million people - speaking 2040 languages - do not have any Scripture in their own language. I'm eager and excited to continue to contribute to the work of Bible translation as Assistant Director of Wycliffe Engage and Asia Liaison for the Wycliffe News Network. In order to take on these roles waiting for me in Orlando, I need ministry partners who will make commitments toward 100% of my monthly budget. Right now I'm at 58%.



Would you pray for the Wycliffe Engage team as we continue to shape and form? Would you pray that we would constantly and consistently seek God's wisdom and direction -- allowing Him to lead us? Would you pray that we would be vessels through which God will be at work? And, would you pray that I could join the team soon??

Update from Neal Hicks: I would greatly appreciate your ongoing prayer and financial support as I gear up for a new season of ministry to reach unreached Japanese. I am seeing clearly God's direction to continue to minister to the homeless in Japan, stay connected with our Japanese churches in Tokyo, but also launching a new chapter of International VIP Club ministry in Cool Springs, Tennessee where Nissan of America headquarters is located. Additionally, I was recently asked to come to nearby Murfreesboro, TN and work with another missionary in reaching out to help





growing numbers of Japanese in nearby Murfreesboro. Wow! God is powerfully guiding my steps!

Lastly, I would like to ask for your prayers as I head back to Japan to move our household belongings. I must hire a company to do this and it will require a substantial amount of financial assistance.

I cannot possibly thank you enough for all the ways you have helped Mari and me reach the Japanese. Your long time prayers and sacrificial giving have been used by the Lord to make an eternal difference in many Japanese hearts and lives. And now God is giving me yet another opportunity, not to throw in the towel, but to turn it up a notch, and to reach even more Japanese who are living and working here in the States at Nissan in Tennessee. And how exciting it is to me that I have not labored and strategized to make this happen... it's just simply unfolding before me. I highly suspect Mari is much involved in all the Lord is doing right now.

Update from Steve & Gail Quigg: The good (wonderful, terrific, fabulous, magnificent, awesome) news, of course, is that we now have enough money in the account to buy an airplane! With the overwhelming giving by faithful United Methodists everywhere, and especially those in the West Ohio and Greater New Jersey annual conferences, airplane shopping is now the order of the day. Money is still needed for the upgrades, outfitting and ferry flight to the Congo, but Hallelujah - it's time to go shopping! Then comes the job of prioritizing the most likely candidates, traveling on location to get eyes on the actual aircraft and its maintenance records, and finally doing some hard core negotiating.



"Why not just buy a new aircraft and avoid all the hassle", you ask. Price mainly. The hundreds of thousands of dollars we save now become the seed money for the next aircraft we need. The lack of aviation gasoline in Congo means our entire fleet of United Methodist airplanes needs to be upgraded to aircraft like the Caravan which use readily available jet fuel. And new aircraft also come with expensive and sophisticated electronics which require expensive and sophisticated equipment to repair and maintain - equipment which isn't available in the Congo. So all things considered, a good used aircraft upgraded with just the equipment we need is the right way to go.

So, you now all have your prayer assignments. There's just the right aircraft out there with just the right equipment and at just the right price. The Lord knows which one it is and we need His wisdom to know which one it is. Pray on, good people, pray on!

ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT – 2012

The Eastern Conference Annual Meeting was held at the Oaks Conference Center on May 17 – 19, 2012 by Bishop Peggy Johnson. The theme of this conference was **“Leadership Making a Way for All.”**

The conference began with both the Laity and Clergy Sessions meeting in the morning of the first day. This was followed by the Opening Worship which celebrated our **Native American connection**. The speaker was Ray Buckley who is a Native American storyteller, author and a United Methodist preacher. He was attired in his Native American dress and gave a very inspiring talk. The following is quoted from Suzy Keenan’s report: “Buckley told, “One of the strongest memories I have is of my father saying, “I am going to pray, do you want to come with me?” Dad went up on the side of the mountain; he took off all of his clothing. He stood in the middle of the Pendleton give-away blanket, and laid out red bundles. He stood in the presence of God and just talked to God. He unwrapped red bundles with pictures of my mom and me and our family and held them up to God. Another bundle held an eagle feather – a sign of being native in non-native world. There he was 6’5” tall, standing in front of God praying. His prayer was personal, and he stayed in presence of God. Then he wrapped up the bundles and gave them back to God.” Ray then took out a hollow bone that his father had given him and said, “I stand before God as he knows me – inside and out. Because I have been a child of life.” Following this service, Buckley gave Bishop Johnson that bone as a gift.



An interesting activity took place during the conference which was introduced by Chris Franklin from Stop Hunger Now. He spoke about their vision of “a world without hunger”. His goal for this annual conference was to have us pack over 35,000 meals. Pastor John and I participated as part of the assembly line to pack and weigh and package meals.

The Rev. Dr. Christopher Kurien was presented to the conference as our Eastern Pennsylvania’s Episcopal nominee. He will now move forward as the endorsed candidate from our Annual Conference in the election process at Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference in Charleston, WV,

July 16-20, 2012. He was approved as our Conference's Episcopal candidate, receiving 80% of the votes.

Bishop Johnson introduced Lilian Cotto, Sharon Hatchman and Barbara Skarbowski who were commissioned as missionaries during General Conference.

The conference's teaching session leader was Rev. Eric Law, of the Kaleidoscope Institute. He spoke on what competent leadership should be in a diverse changing world. His "Holy Currencies" include gracious leadership, relationship, truth, money and time and place.



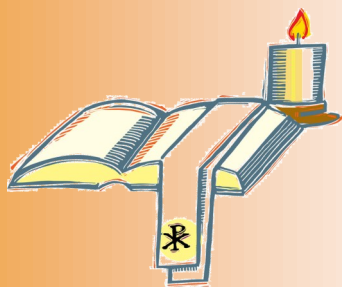
There were twenty-three retiring clergy recognized for their many years of leadership, including Rev. Lorelei Bach of Neshamony UMC. The retirees then placed a knitted prayer shawl on the shoulders of each ordinand and prayed with them.

It was announced that the conference now has a mobile app for both iPhone and Android phones and tablets created by ourchurchvideos.com.

Volunteers in Mission included more that 1,000 people involved in local and global mission projects this year. News of our four conference camps was shared by the directors.

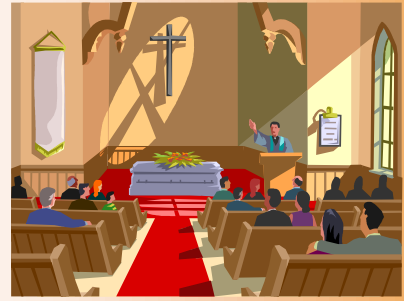
A 40th Anniversary celebration of the Commission on the Status and Role of Women is planned for September 29 at Berwyn UMC. Retired Bishops Violet Fischer and Susan Hassinger will be speakers.

The Service of Ordination was held on Friday evening. Bishop Johnson advised those to be ordained, "How to handle the word of God: read it every day and every night as if your life and ministry depend on it. Ask to God be with you as you read the word." Also she said, "May your Bibles be worn and tattered with notes in the margin." Good advise for all to heed. Two persons were commissioned toward Elders Orders, two persons were ordained Deacon and six were ordained Elders.



The Memorial Service was held on Saturday morning. Bishop Alfred Johnson, a son of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, was the speaker. Mrs. Helen Carver, wife of Rev. Earl Carver, formerly of our church was honored. She passed on April 27 at the age of 91. We stood in her honor as her name was read and the bell was rung in her memory.

Our Conference Lay Leader, Dr. Mary White, presented the Laity Report. She explained the new Wellness and Healing Ministry. The UMW School of Christian Missions will be held in Hershey, July 27-29 at the Lancaster Bible College. The Laity Academy will be at the West Lawn UMC on August 3-5. She announced that the conference now has almost 1500 Christ Servant Ministers. A committee is being formed on Children's Ministry to be facilitated by Janet Finch from Wayne UMC.



It was heartening to see many youth at conference. They created a "Penny War" between the districts and raised more than \$1200 for the Youth Service Fund. Also collected were "Blessing Bags" of supplies for the Allentown Rescue Mission.

Offerings received during conference included \$10,623 for Imagine No Malaria and for scholarships for undergraduate students and \$3365 toward scholarships for seminary students.

The worship center for the conference was a cross made by scouts from Pack 397 of Lansdale:Christ and Troop 141 from Hatfield. Each scout wrote on their section of the cross what "duty to God" and "a scout is reverent" means to them.

It was report during business that: a person can now serve on the Board of Ordained Ministry from two to three quadrennium. Amendments approved nine church closings, approval of eighteen organizations as Conference Advanced Specials. Social issues included approval against the escalating increase in alcohol availability, the importance of education, against gambling and for restoring civil and factual election campaigns. A Capital Campaign to raise \$3 million has been recommended which includes a strategy for raising funds which will be presented at the Fall Session for approval.

Membership/Attendance information for 2011 was reported:

- Membership – 115,798, a decrease of 2452 from 2010
- Worship Attendance – 42,727, down 1453
- Sunday School Attendance – 14,433, down 4771

Attending our church's Annual Conference is an inspirational and educational experience. I am privileged to be the representative from our congregation to attend.

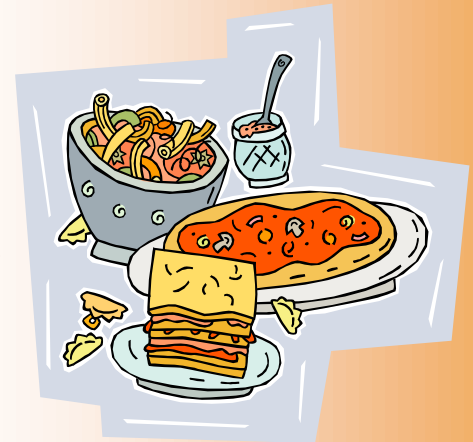
Sincerely, Ginny Rowlands, LUMC Lay Delegate



**'DOUGH RAISER'
AT UNO'S RESTAURANT
Sunday, November 4th
11a.m. - 10 p.m.**

**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.)**

UNO's does have Curb Side Service.



Just turn in a coupon with you check for our church to get credit. (Coupons available in Fellowship Hall and on the table in the vestibule. 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. 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



Enjoy the Night off and Take Home Delicious

RIB OR CHICKEN DINNERS

*from LUMC, courtesy of
The Amish Farmer's Market,*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

In support of our church roof fundraising efforts (proceeds for this event will go 100% to help pay for the roof repair project), we will be selling tickets for take-home **Rack of Ribs or Barbeque Chicken** dinners. We received such positive feedback from previous take home dinner events that we have to make it happen again. The dinners will be hot and ready for pick up on Friday, October 19th from 4:30 - 6:30 PM in the church kitchen. Invite your friends and neighbors to take advantage of this take-home special. Please stop by our table after church to pick up your tickets.



Special thanks go out to our friends at the Amish Market in Newtown for preparing these delicious dinners!

**Barbeque Chicken Dinners,
\$10 each**

**Rack of Ribs Dinners,
\$12 each**



**All dinners need to be purchased
in advance.**

*Langhorne United
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Lumc-online.org*

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).

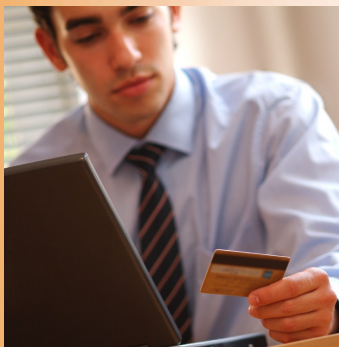
HOW WILL LUMC SPEND THE MONEY RAISED?

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



TRUSTEES CORNER



In order to keep the church informed as to what their trustees are working on when it comes to the church buildings and property I would like to periodically submit an article to be published in the Friendly Voice. This month I would like to give a big “shout out” to Steve Weber. For those of you who may not know Steve and his family, they live next door to the church and are relatively new members. In the last six months or so Steve has saved the church hundreds of dollars in labor cost by spending numerous personal hours working on electrical issues at the church as well as cleaning and recharging all of the air conditioners located throughout the church. Working with PECO Steve has also enrolled the church in the PECO Smart A/C Program, which provides the church with a rebate check each month during the summer up to \$1,200. If you see Steve thank him for all the work he has done. The church is truly blessed to have him and his family part of our church family.



**Saturday October 6,
2012
9AM until NOON**

This Fall we have to concentrate on some outdoor projects. We will be shredding up the pile of limbs and spreading mulch in the flowerbeds. We will need tools including; wheelbarrows, rakes and work gloves. The coils for the refrigerator and freezer also need to be vacuumed. The Danas crew has agreed to get in under the church and again spray for mold. A list of jobs will be posted by September 23, 2012. If you know of any matter that needs to be attended to would you please get the information to Jeannette Hesser at j.d.hesser@verizon.net or 215-752-1645. If you are available to help, please sign up on the posted list or contact Jeannette.

Men's Retreat

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

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

Why Can't I Hear God's Voice?

"You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me
with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:13

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

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**COST:
\$105**

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



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.

MEMBER'S NEWS...



On September 9, 2012 ...

Jackson Salsbury Dzierza, born April 13, 2012, son of John & Victoria Dzierza; Godparents, Joseph Dzierza & Leslie Salsbury; and

Matthew James Zimmerman, born July 13, 2011, son of Michael & Nancy Zimmerman.

On September 23, 2012 ...

Caelynn Anna Coar, born March 7, 2012, daughter of Edward & Karen Coar; Godparents, Erin Cuttle & Jeff Wilson.



Raymond Kerr

7/9/13 - 9/16/12

Ray was a faithful attender since 2002. We will miss his always cheerful presence at our worship services.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS



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Jacqueline Mull
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Langhorne PA 19047

Kenneth Kauffman
105 Lackawanna Dr.
Lebanon PA 17042

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

Fall Birthdays



OCTOBER SENIOR BIRTHDAYS

- 10/4 **Linda Crozier,**
2110 Harper's Crossing,
Langhorne PA 19047
- 10/6 **Elmer States,**
2041 Hillside La.,
Feasterville PA 19053
- 10/6 **Sandra Bumm,**
412 W. Maple Ave.,
Langhorne PA 19047
- 10/8 **Russ VanCamp,**
31 Downhill Rd.,
Levittown PA 19056
- 10/17 **Ruth Torres,**
803 Sterners Mill Rd.,
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- 10/23 **Eleanor Bauer,**
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(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:

Meeting Nite!

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., Nov. 4

***Reception of New Members
UNO's Fundraiser***

Fri.-Sun., Nov. 9-11

Men's Retreat

Wed., Nov. 21

***Ecumenical Thanksgiving
Worship Service, 7 p.m.
at Redeemer Lutheran***

SANCTUARY SERVANTS FOR OCTOBER



OCTOBER 7

Worship Assistant, 8:00 Tom Romspert
 Worship Assistant, 9:30 Ron Cookson
 Greeters, 8:00 Dot Gannon
 Greeters, 9:30 Paul & Jackie Hansen
 Ushers, 9:30 Stacy & Tami Lewis
 Acolyte, 9:30 Colin O'Neill
 Contemporary Assistants, 11:00 The Glass Family

OCTOBER 14

Worship Assistant, 8:00 Lyn Wallace
 Worship Assistant, 9:30 Holly Rogerson
 Greeters, 8:00 Ken MacAlister
 Greeters, 9:30 Marlene & Marty Kalbach
 Ushers, 9:30 Sam & Joan Phillips
 Acolyte, 9:30 Allison Kephart
 Contemporary Assistants, 11:00 The O'Neill Family

OCTOBER 21

Worship Assistant, 8:00 Erika Paton
 Worship Assistant, 9:30 Jerry Hill
 Greeters, 8:00 Bill & Lyn Wallace
 Greeters, 9:30 Donna & Dave Goodwin
 Ushers, 9:30 Mike & Jennifer Hanley
 Acolyte, 9:30 Isabelle Letham
 Contemporary Assistants, 11:00 The Boyle Family

OCTOBER 28

Worship Assistant, 8:00 Jerry Hill
 Worship Assistant, 9:30 Jeannette Hesser
 Greeters, 8:00 Babs Wiley
 Greeters, 9:30 Kathy Meghanan
 Ushers, 9:30 Kris & Mike Torchia
 Acolyte, 9:30 Alaina O'Neill
 Contemporary Assistants, 11:00 The Letham Family



Sunday School News

“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.

Sunday School lessons for the months of September and October deal with 3 parables. The story of the **Prodigal Son**, **The Lost Coin** and **The Lost Sheep**. These parables help teach us that God’s love is always there for us. Children will learn about God’s love through drama, music, games, cooking, science and stories called rotation stations.

The Sunday School program is outlined below.

10:00 -11:00 **K- 7th grade**: Children gather in the lounge for the Sunday School opening. Parents should walk their children to the lounge. The children will be put into groups by age and then move to rotation stations in the education wing. They will be escorted by Sunday School teachers/volunteers to the rooms where the rotation station will meet. This schedule is on the wall outside the Lounge. Parents should go to the rotation room scheduled for that week to pick up their children.

Pre-K Sunday School: (ages 2-4) Children gather in room 6 in the education wing. Parents should walk their children to the classroom, and then pick them up at 11:00.

Adult Classes:

10:00 -11:00..... Peter and Paul in room 5 in the Education Wing.

10:30 -11:30..... Fundamentals of Faith in the Lounge.

New in October! NURSERY UPDATE Effective 10/7/2012



Nursery Care

Nursery will be from 9:30 -10:30 (during the Traditional service) in the Nursery room for infants to age 4. Parents must bring their children to the nursery and sign them in. If parents would like children to also go to the pre-K Sunday School program at 10:00 in classroom 6, they will advise the nursery coordinator for that day and then Sunday School teachers/volunteers will escort the children to room 6 at 10:00. Parents will go to room 6 at 11:00 to pick them up. Children who do not go to Sunday School will remain in the nursery and parents should pick them up at 10:30 in the nursery.



Youth News

The youth group has had a great start to the year. We had 55 people attend our Annual Family Planning Dinner and our first meeting was held with about 28 youth. We enjoyed some team building activities and have started a study on Revelations.

In October, we will be taking a trip to Camelback Mountain to take on their Tree Top Adventure Course. We also will be assisting Lyn Wallace in making and packaging meals for Aid for Friends. We will continue our study on the Book of Revelations as well.



Join the Youth Group!

October Dates to Remember:

October 7

Trip to Camelback (No Meeting)

October 14

Youth Group Service Project, 6:30-8:00

October 21

Youth Group 6:30-8:00

October 28

Youth Group 6:30-8:00





YOUR CHURCH FINANCES

By Chuck Boyle, Finance Chair

August has turned out to be another good month for us financially. It seems as though we have finally turned the corner from a financial perspective thanks to the efforts of our congregation, church committees, and our valued staff. The results of reducing our operating expenses over the last three plus years has put us in the position where our expenses fall in line with our estimated income. In 2012 we have also seen an increase in our offerings and other new income generating activities. As a result of this hard work, we have an excellent chance to reach our goal in December of breaking even for the year. Let's not celebrate quite yet, as we have four more months in front of us, but let's continue to keep focused on the good things that have brought us this success.

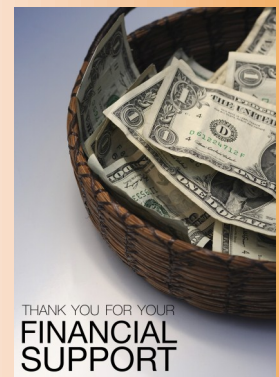
In August, our actual income exceeded our budgeted income due to offerings exceeding budget by \$2,500, the Wednesday night dinners bringing in close to \$800 in income, and most other income areas performing to budgeted expectations. On the expense side for the month, we came in slightly below budget. We paid \$8,500 in real estate tax expense in August. For the month we showed a net loss, but that was expected because of the tax expenditure and the seasonality of offerings. All in all it was a good month.

Year-to-date our income remains above budget thanks to offerings exceeding expectations by \$9,400, Wednesday Night Dinner income of \$5,000, grocery card/gift card sales beating budget by \$1,500, and Endowment income delivering \$1,500 above budget. Our expenses year-to-date are slightly lower than budgeted due to electricity expense coming in \$2,800 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 August decreased by \$4,000 but remains positive, equaling \$16,700. It was wonderful to have enough operating cash to pay our taxes in August without having to borrow funds from cash designated for specific purposes as we have been forced to in the past.

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 yearend financial goal of generating a breakeven bottom line.



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

	Aug 12	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
4000 · Income	24,059.48	20,223.50	3,835.98	118.97%
4310 · Interest Income	15.53	8.00	7.53	194.13%
Total Income	24,075.01	20,231.50	3,843.51	119.0%
Expense				
5100 · Administrative Board	70.00	80.00	-10.00	87.5%
5200 · Council on Ministries	905.80	799.00	106.80	113.37%
5700 · Staff Parish Relations	23,739.91	23,739.68	0.23	100.0%
5800 · Trustees	12,752.04	13,667.25	-915.21	93.3%
5900 · Business Operations	92.00	685.83	-593.83	13.41%
Total Expense	37,559.75	38,971.76	-1,412.01	96.38%
Net Ordinary Income	-13,484.74	-18,740.26	5,255.52	71.96%

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

	Jan - Aug 12	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
4000 · Income	245,165.02	227,980.00	17,185.02	107.54%
4310 · Interest Income	101.96	66.00	35.96	154.49%
Total Income	245,266.98	228,046.00	17,220.98	107.55%
Expense				
Uncategorized Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
5100 · Administrative Board	32,249.84	32,248.00	1.84	100.01%
5200 · Council on Ministries	9,647.17	9,788.00	-140.83	98.56%
5700 · Staff Parish Relations	146,364.42	145,734.24	630.18	100.43%
5800 · Trustees	56,496.32	58,590.96	-2,094.64	96.43%
5900 · Business Operations	4,417.61	5,860.64	-1,443.03	75.38%
Total Expense	249,175.36	252,221.84	-3,046.48	98.79%
Net Ordinary Income	-3,908.38	-24,175.84	20,267.46	16.17%

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

	Jan - Aug 12	Jan - Aug 11	\$ Change	% Change
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
4000 · Income	245,165.02	224,231.75	20,933.27	9.34%
4310 · Interest Income	101.96	191.61	-89.65	-46.79%
Total Income	245,266.98	224,423.36	20,843.62	9.29%
Expense				
Uncategorized Expenses	0.00	54.58	-54.58	-100.0%
5100 · Administrative Board	32,249.84	29,543.20	2,706.64	9.16%
5200 · Council on Ministries	9,647.17	12,291.46	-2,644.29	-21.51%
5700 · Staff Parish Relations	146,364.42	138,851.79	7,512.63	5.41%
5800 · Trustees	56,496.32	57,193.24	-696.92	-1.22%
5900 · Business Operations	4,417.61	5,457.55	-1,039.94	-19.06%
66900 · Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00	12.54	-12.54	-100.0%
Total Expense	249,175.36	243,404.36	5,771.00	2.37%
Net Ordinary Income	-3,908.38	-18,981.00	15,072.62	-79.41%



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 August. In August we finalized all contractor payments and, as such, expect to not incur any additional expense for this project. The monthly receipts from our congregation and fundraising profits came in less than our monthly loan payment. 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.

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
Total	79,845	1,007	50,100	168,741	46,000	(460,701)	251,554	(52,581)		
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										
**Misc Funds June = \$607.00 from UMW Vendor Fair, \$100.00 from Parking Lot Rental Income										

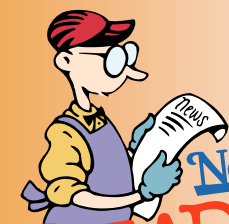
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Sunday Worship Hours:

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

Contemporary Worship, 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.

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