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Maundy Thursday
April 21st

April 2011

Greeters:

- April 3** John and Stephany Davidson
April 10 Tom and Kelly Rotondo
April 17 Roy and Jean Fuss
April 21 (Maundy Thurs). Gloria Elberti and Carol Heiser
April 24 Terry and Patience Basehore

Nursery Duty:

- April 3** Atah and Suson Akakpo-Martin
April 10 Diane and Andrew Rowe
April 17 Sarah Leisey and Nick Albert
April 24 Patience and Griff Basehore, Lisa Shaffer

**Nursery Attendants are needed for the nursery. Please consider helping out so that others may enjoy church services as well. Thank You for your help and continued support.

April Acolyte:

- April 3** Hayli Grace Akakpo-Martin
April 10 Ryan Schick
April 17 Ryan Schick
April 24 Ryan Schick

April Ushers

Marlin and Judy Biesecker
Mary Ellen Baer, Margie Collins

April 21st Maundy Thursday Ushers

Joanne Harter, Fae Mower
Dottie Stanley, Carol Waple

Bulletin Dedications

- April 3** In honor of their grandchildren, Matt, Zack, Tyler, Autumn, and Zoe by Dick and Mary Ellen Baer.
April 10 In loving memory of Prof Miller by his daughter, Donna, and grandson, Mike.
April 17 In loving memory of our parents and grandparents by Max and Erica Lauffer.
April 24 In honor of sons', John and Bill, birthday by Gail Allen.

Cancel Flowers

- April 3** In honor of Kerri and Edward Twaddell's anniversary by her parents Barry and Sally Snook
April 10 In loving memory of George Elberti, Jr. from the Elberti family
Centerpiece—In loving memory of James Kilroy by Vivian Kilroy and children
April 17 In loving memory of her parents, Paul Beard, Jr. and Edie K. Beard by Susan Beard Evans and family.
April 24 Easter

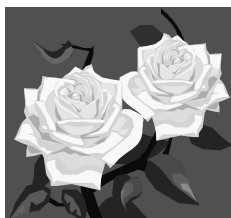
A FEW REMINDERS:

ON-LINE BILL PAYER!!!!

Regular payment of your stewardship commitment can be done through your bank and a process called "Bill Pay." Those who are interested in having your bank send regular payments to the church rather than you writing out a check each time, can make contact with your bank to get the details and sign-up for this program. If you have a computer at home, Bill Pay can also be set-up for payment of your stewardship commitment. Be sure to discuss the details with your bank officials and ask if there is any service charge for this procedure. If you have questions, see or contact church office

Chancel Flowers

The Stewardship Committee will send a reminder postcard to each Chancel flower sponsor at the time of the order. The cost of the CHANCEL FLOWERS is still **\$22.50 per order.**



Please make the check payable to The Presbyterian Congregation with the date of the Sunday sponsored in the memo section of the check to assist Diane with recording the payment. The check should be put into a separate envelope marked Chancel Flowers and either mailed to the church office or placed in the offering plate on Sunday.

If at anytime you would like to add a Centerpiece or have any questions or concerns, please call church office 944-4322.

Please place your articles or information either in the offering plate (mark it "newsletter"), or in mailbox marked "NEWSLETTER."

Newsletter Deadlines for 2010/2011

- April 19 - deadline for May/ June newsletter
- April 26 - mail out newsletter
- June 21 - deadline for July /Aug newsletter
- June 28 - mail out newsletter
- Aug 23 - deadline for Sept. newsletter
- Aug 30 - mail out newsletter
- Sept 20 - deadline for October newsletter
- Sept 27 - mail out newsletter
- Oct 18 - deadline for November newsletter
- Oct 25 - mail out newsletter
- Nov 15 - deadline for December newsletter
- Nov 22 - mail out newsletter

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*The Presbyterian Congregation is ...
A body of Christian people who reach out to
others by sharing God's Word, love and fellowship.*



Community Dinner

Monday, April 4 is the next Community Dinner which we sponsor from 4:30-6:30PM. The menu includes meatloaf and all the trimmings for \$7/ adult, \$3/children. Volunteers are needed to help serve and clean-up.

PLEASE lend a hand and sign up to help. Dessert are also needed. Thank you!

MEDICINE CHEST

- For the blues, read Psalm 27.**
- For an empty purse, read Psalm 37.**
- If discouraged about work, Psalm 128.**
- If people seem unkind to you, John 15.**
- If you cannot have your own way, James 3.**
- If you are all out of sorts, Hebrews 12.**
- For a traveling companion, Psalm 121.**
- If you are losing confidence in people, I Corinthians 13.**

**EASTER EGG HUNT AFTER WORSHIP
APRIL 17TH**



Hear the NEWS, Pastor Notes



-OIKO CREDIT WORKSHOP

ALL are invited to hear the OIKO CREDIT story from the Executive Director Rev. Terry Provance, Saturday, April 9 from 4:30-6:30PM in Fellowship Hall. Our church has an investment of \$8,500 with Oiko Credit which makes low cost loans available so qualified people can start a business and become self-sufficient. Join us in Fellowship Hall to hear the presentation by Rev. Provance. Supper will be served at 6PM at \$5 each. To RSVP call the church office by April 3. One Sunday April 10, Rev. Provance will preach for us and we urge you to come and welcome him.

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

The journey through Holy Week begins with 10:30 AM worship on April 17- Palm/Passion Sunday. Please come to worship as we hear the Passion story of our Lord who gave himself to atone for our sin. The "One Great Hour of Sharing Offering" will also be dedicated during worship. Your extra gift for emergency relief efforts in the wake of the awful calamity that has hit Japan can be made through OGHs. Children of the Church School are to return their OGHs Fish Banks on April 17 for presentation in worship. Invite a friend to come to worship with you. The annual Easter Egg Hunt will follow worship for young children and lunch will also be served.

MAUNDY THURSDAY- APRIL 21

As Jesus gathered in the Upper Room long ago, we will observe Maundy Thursday with the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Worship will begin at 7PM and you are urged to attend. This is a very sacred night in which we prepare for what happened on that first Good Friday and Holy Saturday leading up to the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord. Easter is much more meaningful as we focus on what happened Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. The community Good Friday service will be held April 22 at noon at Ebenezer United Methodist Church, 890 Ebenezer Road, Middletown. Lay leaders and clergy of the area will participate. This service commemorates the death of our Lord, and you are urged to attend. An offering will be collected for the Interfaith Human Needs Fund that assists those in need with rent and utility expenses.

**EASTER DAY- APRIL 24th Christ Is Risen!
Christ Is Risen Indeed!**

Church School will be held at 9:15AM on Easter morning for all ages. Parents are urged to bring the children for Church School and stay for the Adult Forum. The adults will see a video presentation on Easter followed by a discussion. Worship is at 10:30AM and will include hymns, choral, organ and brass music as well as scripture and the spoken word. Reach out and invite a relative or friend and join us as we offer thanks to God for life in Jesus Christ.

THANK YOU!!

Thanks to those dedicated workers who signed-up to assist with the delivery of Meals-On-Wheels during April. This program provides two meals a day Monday-Friday for area residents of Middletown. Volunteers are the back-bone of this effort and we thank all who have given of their time and energy. The Board of Deacons coordinates this effort for us in April and October each year. MPC= More People Caring!!

PYC UPDATE

All 6th-12th graders please note: We will have a game night Sunday, April 10 from 4-05:30PM and we will also fill eggs with candy for the children's Easter Egg hunt. PLUS, we will make ice-cream sundaes, too. Invite a friend..and come..we need your hands!

LOOKING AHEAD...

-May 1- Combined 10:30AM worship at our church with Wesley United Methodist Church -Middletown CROP Walk- May 1... Watch for information -Ecumenical Choral Concert- May 22, 4PM, Wesley United Methodist Church

SAGE LUNCH and PROGRAM

The first Senior Adult Group Exchange lunch is to be held Wednesday, April 20 at noon in Fellowship Hall. All are invited to a tasty lunch of ham loaf, scalloped potatoes, vegetable, salad, rolls/butter and beverage for \$7/person - PAYABLE BY APRIL 17, checks to be made out to the church. The program after lunch will be a slide presentation by Tony Orsini of Hummelstown on "Amish Life and History." Tony's shows are always great..so plan to attend. Invite a friend...see you!

SAGE April 20 Lunch/Program - Noon

_____ Yes, I/we plan to attend.

Print name _____

Phone _____

Registration and \$ due to Pastor Potter by Apr. 17- checks payable to the church.

We'd like to extend a big thank you to everyone who contributed to the Deacons Fund Appeal



in March. The funds will be used for many projects to help all in our congregation and beyond.

We had another successful month of delivering Meals on Wheels in Middletown. Thank you to all who volunteered during March. If you missed volunteering last month, you can participate when we do it again in October.

The planning has begun for the congregation's Outreach Project to be held in October, a Tea and Fashion show. Look for details on this fun event in coming issues.

The Deacons will be sending Care packages to our college students as they study diligently for their final exams at the end of another school year.

The Deacon coordinator of chancel flowers is Barry Snook. You may contact Barry if you'd like to request a special order for flowers, either in memory of, or in honor of, a loved one.

A huge THANK YOU goes out to everyone who has donated food to the Middletown Food Pantry. It may be spring, but the needs for donations to the pantry continue. You may place your donation in the box at the rear of the sanctuary on any Sunday.

Easter Egg Hunt and lunch is scheduled for Sunday (Palm Sunday, April 17) following the worship service, a light lunch for children and their families attending the Hunt will be served. As always, the hunt will be held in the church yard weather permitting or indoors if not. We would like to keep expenses to a minimum and would like you to please let us know by Sunday, April 10 how many from your family will attend. Please contact your child's Sunday School teacher or Mary Ellen Baer.

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"Christian Education for the Digital Generation" is the name of the event sponsored by the Christian Education Committee of Carlisle Presbytery on Saturday, April 30. The location is Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church with registration beginning at 8:30 am. There will be a brief worship service, followed by the presentation. At 12 noon, there is an optional lunch and conversation with Dr. Griggs. Rev. Dr. Donald Griggs, the presenter, is a retired pastor and has served as author and editor of church curriculum resources, professor of Christian Education, and consultant and trainer. The \$10 fee will be paid by our Christian Education Committee, but the optional lunch fee of \$5 is up to each individual. Registration is required, deadline is Saturday, April 23. Please contact Mary Ellen Baer (944-9667 or edgewater2baers@verizon.net) if you plan to attend. The workshop is intended for Sunday School Teachers, Christian Educators, Education Committee Members, Parents, Church Leaders and Interested Members.

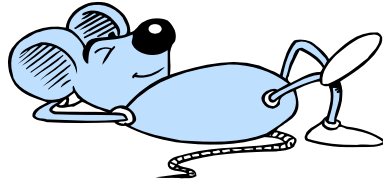


*******REMINDER*******

*At the recent Christian Education Meeting one item we talked about was a Service/Mission Project that would be appropriate for the children. We thought a "Birthing Kit" would be of interest to the children. The directions supplied by UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) gave us the following **specific** directions:*

- 1 small bar soap (1 to 2 oz. size)*
- 1 pair sterile gloves (surgical, latex or thin rubber)*
- 1 square yard of clear plastic sheeting (must be 4 milliliters - thick plastic. Trash bags and shower curtains are **not** acceptable.*
- 3 - 12" long pieces of cotton string (must be clean.) Secure the pieces of string by bundling and tying them together - **NO** yarn.*
- 1 single edge razor (Must be covered in paper or cardboard to keep it from causing injury. Regular shaving razors are **not** acceptable.*
- 2 receiving blankets - 30" x 30" or 32" x 32" size. **No thermal or fleece blankets***
- 1 plastic bag (one gallon size sealable bags only.)*
- If you choose to donate the plastic sheeting and/or blanket, please fold so they will fit easily into the plastic bag.*
- Also note, that all items **must be new. Do not wash** any of the items as they will be considered used.*
- All emergency kits are carefully planned to make them usable in the greatest number of situations. Since strict rules often govern product entry into international countries, it is important the kits contain only the requested items-nothing more.*
- Also **DO NOT** include any personal notes, money or additional material in the kits. These things must be painstakingly removed and will delay the shipment.*
- If you would like to help the children with this Mission project, you may donate money for which we will purchase these items or use towards shipping.*
- We will begin accepting items for this project during the Lenten period which begins Wednesday, March 9 and is ended on Easter Sunday, April 24, 2011. You may wish to consider enhancing your celebration of this solemn season by gifting another life in a country or area that does not have the essentials for a safe delivery of a baby. This could be your example of sharing the Love of Christ, the One who died on the cross and then rose to save us from our sins.*
- We chose this UMCOR project because of its accessibility in Mechanicsburg. You may recall this is also where Lend-A-Hand is headquartered locally.*

Hi there. This is Oscar, the church mouse reporting in for the month. I understand that this is March and people tell me it came in like a lamb so look out for the end of the month. I'm not sure what that means but it makes no difference to me. I stay inside and don't have to worry about the weather. However, I hope spring is soon here to make everyone happy.



Oscar the Church Mouse

I have moved into a new home but I am not telling anyone where it is. This way I can come and go and nobody is the wiser. It is way too busy in the kitchen with all of the ladies making Easter eggs. I need my beauty sleep or at least a nap or two.

I went to the last musical program at the beginning of the month. Our Shirley and Ruth had a very nice program even for a mouse. Shirley had this thing that looked like a pogo stick (hah! You didn't know I knew what a pogo stick was - surprise! I know lots of things). It had lots of things on it and when she hit it on the floor it made all kinds of strange noises. She played this peppy music and would bang that stick on the floor and the people sang and laughed. They had such a good time. Afterwards they all went downstairs for lunch with **desserts**; I managed to fill my pantry with some goodies.

Tried to visit with the secretary but she was too busy for me. The phone was ringing and people coming in and I was afraid I would get stepped on so I hid and just watched. The pastor is always busy also so no one has time to stop and talk to me. I have been going to choir and singing along with them. You might call it squeaking but I really am singing. It's fun. You should try it sometime - singing not squeaking. They are working on music for Palm Sunday and Easter and also for the program in May with the other churches. Mark May 22 on your calendar at Wesley Methodist. You will really enjoy the music.

I heard that there will be another dinner the first Monday in April. You will have to check your bulletins for details I know one thing for sure - they have cake crumbs for me. Oh, happy day!!!! Those ladies never forget me.

There was another baptism in church recently for two very cute baby girls. There also were lots and lots of people in church that day. The children also sang and they were so cute. I hope you were there to see them.

It will soon be time for the newsletter to be sent and the ladies will be here to put it all together. I always sneak in to watch them. They always have the latest news so I listen very carefully. I have to get my information somewhere. What's a mouse to do? Without news I can't write my article. Would you miss me???? I think the editor would. Hope to see you next month. Also hope to see you in church!

*Another Story from Oikocredit
(OIKO means house, community, world:
the place where people live together.*

CREDIT refers to giving loans to the poor.
It also refers to "credo": I believe)

Oikocredit

Where is our church's \$8500 investment going?

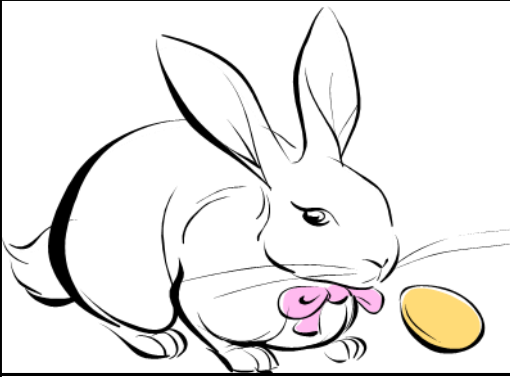
Rightly so, we want to know! Is it really reaching the people it is intended to reach? That is, the "unbankable" poor people. The ones in our world that live on \$1 or \$2 a day. The ones that have ideas for a small business, will work hard to earn their own income that will bring dignity to their lives and give them a chance to provide for their families and send their kids to school. The ones that will pay back the money they borrow to enable others to get ahead in life as well.

Our investment, when joined with that from other churches, organizations and individuals, adds up to about \$600,000,000. Via more than 818 projects, including 561 microcredit banks, this money is sustaining just over 17 million poor persons in Asia, Africa and Latin America, central and eastern Europe and other regions.

Oikocredit's global network of regional managers have financial expertise and local knowledge. They work with small, poor entrepreneurs approving projects based on certain criteria. They have found that these poor people are credit-worthy with a strong record of repaying their loans with interest! See www.oikocredit.org.

Saturday, April 9, from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. is your chance to hear first hand about the amazing **Oikocredit story** from one who is eminently qualified to tell it: **Terry Provance, Executive Director, Oikocredit USA**. Do come. You'll be glad you did. **Reservations** for the light supper @ \$5.00 are **due Sunday April 3** to the church* office: 717/944-4322.

*The Presbyterian Congregation of Middletown, N. Union and Water Streets, Middletown.



News from
The Christian
Education
Committee:

Important dates to remember for the month of April:

Note to parents: Beginning Sunday, **April 3**, the Listening Bags will have new coloring and activity pages relating to Spring and Easter. The Christian Ed and Worship committees work together to find quite activities to keep your children busy with interesting pages to occupy them during the worship service. If you have suggestions, particularly if you have seen things that would be appropriate, please contact Mary Ellen Baer or Fae Mower.

Sunday, April 10, the children will have a special activity to do during Sunday School relating to Lent.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held in the manse yard (weather permitting) following worship service on Palm Sunday, **April 17**. A light lunch for children and their family will follow. We would like an indication how many will attend for planning purposes. Also this Sunday, the children will be singing and reciting their Bible verse at the Worship Service. Your attendance is encouraged.

The children's Mission Project will continue thru **Easter Sunday, April 24** the This project is sponsored by UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). See PRESS...byterian article or bulletin for items needed. In addition, money is acceptable to help defray cost of shipping.

Saturday, April 30 is the date for the Carlisle Presbytery CE Workshop being held at the Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church. Time is 8:30-12N. Cost is \$10 per person, to be paid for by Christian Education Committee. A box lunch and additional conversation with Dr. Griggs will be available for an additional \$5, to be paid by each person requesting. The title of this event is "Christian Education for the Digital Church". Guest Speaker is Dr. Donald Griggs. **Reservations must be made by April 25.**

Please contact Mary Ellen Baer (944-9667) or edgewater2baers@verizon.net if you would like to attend. The Workshop is intended for Sunday School teachers, Christian Educators, Education Committee Members, Parents, Church Leaders and Interested Members.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
IN THE PRESBYTERY OF CARLISLE
SPRING GATHERING
SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2011
First United Presbyterian Church, Newville
111 Big Spring Avenue
Newville, PA 17325**

"God's Gift of Diversity"

9:00 AM— Registration

9:30 AM— Devotions, History of the Church, and Information Sharing

10:00 AM— Business Meeting

MORNING PROGRAM

11:00 AM- *"God's Gift of Diversity: Part I"* led by Jackie

Caleb, Racial Ethnic Coordinator for Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Trinity, and Nancy Andress, who is active in Social Justice & Peacemaking at the local, Presbytery, Synod and Church wide levels

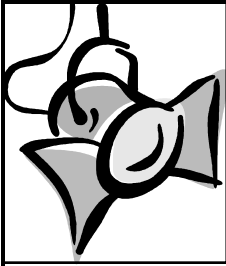
12:00 PM-- A light lunch will be served

AFTERNOON PROGRAM

1:00 PM-- *"God's Gift of Diversity: Part II"* led by Jackie Caleb & Nancy Andress

2:00 PM- Closing

Please Come and Brine a Friend



Spotlight On

*Our congregation is full of people with interesting stories to tell. Ever wonder what the person in the next pew likes to do in his/her free time? What inspires the person in front of you? Our monthly newsletter feature called **Spotlight On...** introduces you to a member of our church family.*



Meet April's Spotlight. This month it shines on **Marlin Bie-secker**.

Marlin has always been an outstanding athlete and has an impressive sports record. He was inducted into the **Capital Area Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame** in 1993.

Raised in Steelton, Marlin is a 1958 graduate of the former Steelton High School. In high school, he played football, basketball and baseball in the Central Penn League. He made the All Central Penn Honor Roll team in football.

In basketball, he was the leading scorer in all of the Central Penn League during both his junior and senior years, and he was the first player in Steelton history to score more than 1,000 points. He made second team All State his senior year and was the Old Timers Basketball player of the year. He eventually became a PIAA basketball official.

In baseball, Marlin was both pitcher and shortstop on the first Steelton team to ever win the Central Penn Championship. He was also a member of the State Teener Baseball champions in 1955.

He attended Penn State University on a baseball scholarship. After graduating from college, he was offered a contract to pitch in Triple A baseball. Marlin played in the Harrisburg Twilight League for 16 years. He pitched four no-hitters at various times throughout his baseball career. He continued to share

his love of the game by managing his daughters' softball teams for 14 years in Lower Swatara Township.

Marlin was also a member of the Capital Area Volleyball Championship team in 1975.

When finished with organized team sports, Marlin took up tennis. He was doubles champion in the Middletown Tennis Tournament in 1978. Tennis remains an integral part of his life to this day, and he still plays three times a week.

Active in the community, Marlin has served on the Board of the Spanish Speaking Center and the Board of Directors of the YMCA. He also served on the Business Advisory Committee to Steelton-Highspire High School for twenty five years. He enjoys helping at our church and has served on the Personnel, Stewardship and Finance Committees. He likes to work at the community dinners, yard sales and the mail carriers' food collection drive. On Sunday mornings you can find Marlin singing in the choir.

Marlin retired in June, 2001, from Bethlehem Steel where he was a supervisor in Human Resources for thirty eight years. Marlin and Judy have been married for 47 years. They live in Lower Swatara Township (when not wintering in Florida) where they raised their three daughters. Their children are married, and the family has grown to include five grandsons.

Do you have a person you would like to "Spotlight" and get to know better? Please contact any member of the Evangelism Committee with your suggestions.

ADULT FORUM * April 2011 * You are invited!
 Sunday mornings before worship in Fellowship Hall *
 9:15-10:15 a.m.

If nursery is needed, please call Erika Lauffer at 944-4713 a week in advance.

Theme – Your Bible

During the first 3 weeks of April, our pastor, Don Potter, will conclude this 7 week basic orientation to the Bible that is the theme of our Bible study this season of Lent

April 3: How Has the Bible Been Preserved and Handed On?

April 10: How Shall We Study the Bible?

April 17: What Is the Place of the Bible in Our Lives?

EASTER is April 24 – Join us for an Easter video and refreshments.

LOOKING AHEAD

Themes for May will be “Evangelism: An Out of the Box Approach” and “Parables, Stories for Life.”

On **May 22**, join us for the annual Christian Education Appreciation breakfast in Fellowship Hall. No class. **Reservations will be needed closer to the time.**

We’ll conclude our regular programming on **May 29**, by discussing the book *Heaven is For Real* by Todd Burpo and Lynn Vincent. It’s a page turner of a story, a true one, about a little boy’s astounding story of his trip to heaven and back. **Closer to the time we’ll make the books available at a cost under \$10. You’ll then have time to read the book in time for the discussion around the question “Is there life after death?”**

Summer Sunday School during the 4 weeks of June will be on the theme “Origins of Our Presbyterian Faith.”

Come to the



Mother-Daughter Banquet

All Daughters Banquet

When: Saturday, April 30th, 2011

Where: Fellowship Hall (use the ramp entrance by the kitchen).

Time: Dinner at 6:00 PM and entertainment will follow.

Dinner Choices: Boneless Barbeque Spareribs
 Chicken Alfredo over Pasta

Children Personal Cheese Pizza

Cost is Adults \$8, Children ages 5-11 \$4, and under 5 free.

Deadline for reservations is Sunday, April 24th.

Please place your reservation form in the offering plate or mail it to the church office. Make checks payable to the "Presbyterian Women's Association", include payment with reservation or hand deliver to Judy Packheiser.

Name	Child Age	Boneless Barbeque Ribs	Chicken Alfredo over Pasta	Personal Cheese Pizza
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If You would like to be seated with someone attending please list the name below.

Name _____

Name _____

Presbyterian Women in the Synod of the Trinity Gathering.

The 2011 gathering will be held in four regions within the synod in the hope of making this opportunity to join with our sisters in PW more accessible. All four regions will be using the same materials, covering the same business items, etc., but the driving distance for everyone should be drastically reduced as well as the time away from home and the cost.

Carlisle, Huntingdon and Northumberland Presbyteries comprise one region.

The Country Cupboard in Lewisburg is the place, chosen for its relative central location for all three presbyteries as well as the amenities it offers such as great food, lodging and shopping opportunities in an extensive gift/collectibles shop, greenhouse, flower shop and bakery. Lewisburg, the home of Bucknell University, also contains many points of interest including, but not limited to, antique stores and museums. The Susquehanna Valley Visitors Bureau is located on the campus of Country Cupboard. Information on local attractions may be obtained by visiting the office, or check out the website at: countrycupboardinc.com.

The theme of the gathering is: "Come Explore God's Wonder Full World." The format is retreat style with a brief business meeting to be held on Saturday morning.

Date: Friday and Saturday, June 10 & 11, 2011.

Times: Friday, 6-9 PM, dinner on your own prior to the 6 PM start time, and Saturday, 9 AM-3 PM with breakfast and lunch buffets.

Cost: which includes lodging, all materials and Saturday's two meals, is: single room occupancy, \$200; double room occupancy, \$140; triple room occupancy, \$115.

Commuters, \$65.

Our mission opportunity is to collect items for our veterans' hospital located in Altoona, PA.

The poster includes all four regions of the synod, and any Presbyterian Woman is welcome at any or all of the gathering locations. Indeed, some women may actually be closer to another region's gathering place.

Registration DEADLINE is May 13th, 2011

COME EXPLORE GOD'S WONDER FULL WORLD



With Presbyterian Women of The Synod of the Trinity

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son
that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life."
John 3:16*

Eastern : Donegal, Lackawana, Lehigh, Philadelphia
First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem May 20 & 21

Central: Carlisle, Huntingdon, Northumberland
Country Cupboard, Lewisburg, PA June 10 & 11

Northwest: Beaver Butler, Kiskiminetas, Lake Erie, Shenango
Villa Maria, Villa Maria, PA June 17 & 18

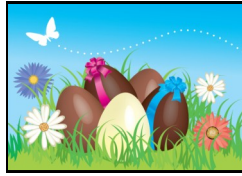
Southwest: Pittsburgh, Rodstone, Upper Ohio Valley,
Washington, West Virginia
West Virginia Wesleyan, Buckhannon, WV June 24 & 25

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||| ***Calling all ladies to take time out and come to
our Bible study on Revelations during the
Mary's Circle Meeting, We meet once a
month, usually the 2nd Tuesday, at 10AM, in
the Memorial Lounge, exceptions will be June
7 (1st Tuesday), and August 23 (4th Tuesday).
So please mark your calendars for the two ex-
ceptions, and all other months are the 2nd
Tuesday.*** |||
||| ***Results of the Yard & Bake Sale will in the
next news letter, but we do want to thank eve-
ryone in advance, who contributed in any
way! Without you, this event could not hap-
pen!*** |||
||| ***Looking forward to our All Daughters
Banquet on April 30!*** |||
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HAPPENINGS OF THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Well the Fellowship Committee, as always, is active with a number of events:

EASTER EGGS



Can you smell the aroma of chocolate? Can you hear the oldies music playing and singing from the kitchen??? Can you hear laughter and chattering coming from the kitchen??? Well let me tell you the volunteers are working hard to make our Easter Egg sale a success in many ways. The eggs are being mixed, molded, dipped, packaged, and sold. It is very hard work and time consuming; however, the volunteers are eager to serve this church and most of all serve the Lord. Each egg is made with love.

To date, these hardworking individuals have made over 8,000 eggs. **A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DEDICATE THEIR TIME AND ENERGY IN MAKING THIS A SUCCESS!!!**

The price of the eggs is 75 cents each or \$9.00 a dozen. The following flavors are available:

- Milk Chocolate Peanut Butter
- White Chocolate Peanut Butter
- Milk Chocolate Coconut
- Dark Chocolate Coconut
- Milk Chocolate Butter Cream
- Dark Chocolate Butter Cream

We have also added Dark Chocolate Peanut Butter!!!

IN ADDITION, Linda Hickoff is busy making chocolate lollipops and cute, small decorative boxes of miniature mixed chocolate candies for Easter. The lollipops are 50 cents each and the decorative boxes are \$3.00 each. If you would like to purchase lollipops and/or decorative boxes, please contact Mary Leisey or Linda Hickoff.

ORDER FORMS CAN BE FOUND IN THE SUNDAY BULLETIN AND COMPLETED FORMS CAN BE PLACED IN THE OFFERING PLATE OR GIVEN TO JOANNE HARTER OR MARY LEISEY.

ORDER FORMS CAN ALSO BE DROPPED OFF AT THE CHURCH OFFICE.

EGGS CAN BE PICKED UP TUESDAY AND THURSDAY EVENINGS FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M. OR AFTER CHURCH SERVICE ON SUNDAYS.

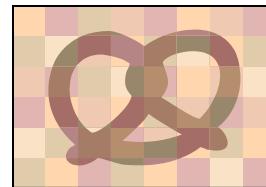
YOU CAN ALSO CALL MARY LEISEY AT 944-5203; PATIENCE BASHORE AT 948-0890; LINDA HICKOFF AT 944-6383; OR CAROL WAPLE AT 944-1010 TO ORDER.

Please share order forms with friends, families, and co-workers. The sale of the eggs supports the church's mission. We need volunteers to help with the egg making. Most activities are being performed during the day, with the majoring of the dipping in the evenings. If you would like to give your time in support of this important fundraising event, please contact Joanne Harter at 564-0475 or Linda Hickoff at 944-6383. We also need your support in selling eggs.*****

MEATLOAF DINNER!!!!!!

Well the next community dinner is just around the corner, April 4th!!! Chef Hickoff is planning another spectacular meal consisting of homemade meatloaf, baked macaroni, stewed tomatoes or hot vegetable, rolls, drinks and desserts. The cost is \$7.00 and the dinner begins at 4:30 p.m. **Please come out and support our church. It is also a great opportunity to meet others in the community who attend our dinners. The food is fantastic and the fellowship is out of this world. Please come out on April 4th and break bread with your church family and others in the community.**

Volunteers are needed. If you can give of some of your time, please contact Linda Hickoff at 944-6383 or Joanne Harter at 564-0475.



BRENDA'S PRETZEL SANDWICHES AND HOMEMADE CHICKEN CORN SOUP

A big thanks you to all who ordered the sandwiches and soup. PICKUP IS SATURDAY, APRIL 2.

Another big thank you to Margie Collins for organizing and coordinating the sandwich and soup sale and Linda Hickoff and Carol Waple for making the soup.

OTHER UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Do you buy your groceries at Giant Food? If you do, you can also support the church by buying Giant gift certificates from the church.

Giant Food has a fundraising program whereby the church can buy Giant gift certificates to sell to church members and others. **The church gets a % of the sale!!!!**

The Fellowship Committee would like to participate with this fundraising program; however, before doing so, we would like to assess the Congregation as to whether this is a program that you would want to participate in.

IF YOU SHOP AT GIANT FOOD AND WOULD BUY GIFT CERTIFICATES FROM THE CHURCH, PLEASE CONTACT MARY ELLEN BAER AT 944-9667 OR email at edgewater2baers@verizon.net or CONTACT JOANNE HARTER AT 564-0475 OR EMAIL @ bjharter1@verizon.net.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU.

DINNER FUNDRAISERS

Many restaurants in the area support non-profits by having "community dinner programs." When a non-profit signs up with a participating restaurant, a percentage of the sales on that given day are given to the non profit. Last year, our church signed up with a number of restaurants in the area and with the support and attendance of you, the church was able to generate needed funds for the church. This year, the Fellowship Committee is again reaching out to restaurants in the area and signing up our church. The following are restaurants we have signed up with:

May 11 Bob Evans on Eisenhower Blvd. 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Jean Fuss, Organizer)

May 20 Hoss' Steak House in Hummelstown (Nancy Shank, Organizer)

June 12 Isaac's Deli at Harrisburg Mall (Susan Akakpo-Martin, Organizer)

September 19 Friendly's Restaurant at High Point Commons (Target), 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Judy Biesecker, Organizer

Please mark your calendars and join your church family for lunch or dinner. A great way to socialize and also support our church.



This year again, our church has registered with Hershey Park to participate in their volunteer program. Norma Mateer has graciously accepted the role of coordinator and has registered our church as a participant. Volunteers work at the park (five hour shifts) and the salary is paid to the church. Anyone can volunteer for our church. You do not have to be a church member. So ask your friends if they would like to work at the park on behalf of our church. For each shift worked, each volunteer is given a free day pass to the park. The pass is good until July of 2012.

If you are interested, please see Norma Mateer at 939-0047 or nmateer@comcast.net.



BASS PRO SHOP COOK OUT

On May 14, our church will be at the Bass Pro Shop at the Harrisburg Mall, cooking and selling hot dogs, and other items to be determined. We will be also selling baked goods. Please put this date on your calendar.

We need volunteers to sell and donate baked goods. If you are interested, please contact Joanne Harter at 564-0475.

That takes up to the onset of summer. More will be planned for the fall, so stay tuned.

THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE IS A HARDWORKING, DEDICATED GROUP OF CHRISTIANS WITH A SINCERE DESIRE TO SERVE GOD AND THIS CHURCH. A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO GIVE OF YOUR TIME, TALENTS AND ENERGY TO SUPPORT THE COMMITTEE AND MOST OF ALL THIS CHURCH.

ANY ONE WISHING TO VOLUNTEER IN ANY CAPACITY, PLEASE SEE JOANNE HARTER.

In Christ,
Joanne L. Harter, Chair, Fellowship Committee



Dear Christian Education Committee, Deacons, Pastor Potter and all Church members,

Thank you for your prayers, beautiful cards, telephone calls, visits, and the flowers that John Lauffer delivered on Sunday. Everyone of you mean a lot to me and help to make the days brighter.

In sincere appreciation and In God's love.
Judy Packheiser

We wish to thank the Board of deacons for the beautiful flower arrangement we received on our 60th anniversary. It was a pleasant surprise.

Gwen and Stanley Callison



Marcus Mateer, lifetime member of our church, and Rebekah Derryberry, from Austin, Texas will be married on April 9th at the Mendenhall Inn in Kennett Square, PA.

They currently attend the Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, Delaware where they play in the bell choir. Bells brought them together. They met and still ring with the Philadelphia Handbell Ensemble, a juried group.

Congratulations!



Birthdays and Anniversaries

We would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to the following members and friends:

April

Nansi Grabill	4/1
Mary Ellen Baer	4/2
Jane Zimmerman	4/4
Kristin Swartz	4/5
Erika Lauffer	4/6
Kylie Dixon	4/7
Linda Hickoff	4/22
Karen Potter	4/22
Becky Holman	4/23
Kelsey Tobias	4/23
Jane Neff	4/23
Greyson Albert	4/24
George Price	4/27
Brooke Eberhard	4/28



We would also like to wish a Happy Anniversary to:

Frank and Carol Waple	4/2
Don and Judy Packheiser	4/12
Warren and Tamie Dodson	4/16

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