



The Valley Echoes

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2010

Pot-Luck and Program

Join us on **Sunday, March 14th** following Sunday School, for a Pot-luck meal (bring a dish or 2 to share). Following the meal, stay and listen to our guest speaker, Steve Bob, from Brethren Benefit Trust. A special program is being prepared to assist you in enhancing your Quality of Life! You don't want to miss this! Thank you to our Wellness Matters team, and our Stewardship Commission for planning this special event.

Have you ever wanted to make Communion Bread?

The deacons would like to invite you to stay after Sunday School on **March 28th** to learn how to make this unleavened bread. This will take under an hour from start to finish. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for those interested in staying. Any questions, please ask a deacon.

Love Feast

You are invited to attend Love Feast on **Maundy Thursday, April 1st at 7pm**. Our service will begin with a time of preparation. And, as Jesus did, we will wash one another's feet, share communion (those not baptized & older children are welcome to sit with us) and share in an agape meal (open to all). Child care will be provided for our little ones.

Church Family News



Health Concerns: Leukemia treatment for **Lois Webb** is working! AND, her back & side pain was a fractured vertebrae *not* related to the disease or treatment. However, it led to discovering her cancer's reemergence... **Monica Barlow** had her last chemo treatment for this round. A CT scan is scheduled for Mar. 4 to determine what's next. In the mean time she is in Sarasota where her job with the *Orioles* takes her... **Eugenia Dunn** (& her brother, **Callixtus**) **mother** in Nigeria needs your prayers as she cares for their father who suffers with Alzheimer's... **Jane Phyllis Brown** continues to deal with back & leg pain, an ulcer and other concerns... PRAY!

On the mend: Lorrie Miller's mother, **Gloria Regier**, is recovering from abdominal pain with diverticulitis... Test results for **Mandy Roberts' father's** leaky heart valve were inconclusive. He was told not to worry. More tests to follow. . . . **Sue Ellen Wheatley's** recovery from eye surgery has been slow.

Waiting: **Eugenia Dunn's** upcoming court date with immigration will hopefully settle their immigration status . . . Likewise, after daughter's **Lydia** rescheduled date to see the surgeon who will perform the last operation on her knee, she will have a date for the surgery.

With Sympathy: **Bill Tracey** (son of the late Richard & Betty Tracey) died suddenly of a heart attack on Feb. 11. He was a member of this church, where his funeral was held. He is the brother of Betty Chenowith, Bonnie Snyder and Bob Tracey. Keep his family in your prayers.

Celebrating a milestone: Belated birthday wishes to **Mary Reed** who celebrated her 90th birthday on Feb. 19.

Returning Home: **Dave & Jean Sack** are back from a visit with **Brad & Renee Kay** in Florida, who send their greetings... **Edna & Charles Mueller** were in Texas on a trip and were delayed a couple days in getting back to BWI because of the snow... **Carl & Lillie Mae Palmer** return home from Florida the beginning of this month.

Thanks: We had 14 persons who worked in SERRV one Thursday in January and another time scheduled for mid-February . . . A special offering taken for Haitian relief raised \$1,116 with \$600 going for Health Kits.

Remember to pray for our brother in prison and send notes of encouragement.

New Date for SERRV

Mark your calendars...we have a new Work Day to help at SERRV in New Windsor, **Tuesday March 23rd** . Please look for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Lunch is included and carpooling is available.

Adult Fellowship Activities for 2010

***March 14** (Sunday) - Pot-Luck Meal (bring a dish or 2 to share). Program afterward, with guest from BBT, to help you plan for your needs and wants. Please sign-up on the bulletin board.

April 17 (Saturday) - *Women's Retreat*

May 1 (Saturday) - *Disaster Relief Auction* in Westminster

May 22 (Saturday) - *Movie and Desserts* at the church hall at 6pm. Gary Miller will have 2 movies to show, for children & adults. ****this is a NEW DATE. Please omit the other date in February's Newsletter.**

June 29 (Tuesday) – *All-Church trip to **Sight and Sound*** to see “Joseph” at 1 pm
(Charlie and Edna Mueller to arrange for tickets)

July 10 (Saturday) – *All Church Picnic* at Gary and Grace Miller's home
Everyone invited - bring a dessert

August 13 (Friday night) – *Ironbirds baseball game* Cal Ripkin stadium, fireworks included
(if interested, let Nancy Rosas know asap! Tickets go fast)

September - *not decided*

October 9 (Saturday) - *Pizza and Games* at Teresa and Bill Albright's home

November - *Dinner Theater* at our church – no date set at this time

December 11 (Saturday) - *Progressive Dinner* at the Nuttall's & Mueller's homes

**Further information about all activities will be posted each month- please join us!!*



Our spring quarter starts **March 7th**. We have a class for you!

Adult International Lesson- Teachings on Community

Room: Library

March - *Eva Simmons*

April - *TBA*

May - *TBA*

Adult Alternative Lesson - Book of Proverbs

Room: 9

Facilitator: *Gail Hanna*

Youth Grades 9-12 - Exploring Christian music lyrics
and preparing for NYC

Room: 4

Teachers: *Jeannie Schwartz*

& *Roxanne Stevens*

Children Grades K-5 - Living the Good News Together

Room: 6

Teacher: *Eugenia Dunn*

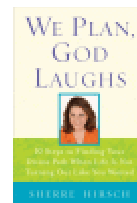
Children ages 3-5 - Living the Good News Together

Room: 8

Teacher: *Georgia Smith*

Book Club

The next book selection is “We Plan, God Laughs,” by Sherri Hirsch. We will meet on **Friday, March 12 at 7pm** at the home of Teresa & Bill Albright. Gail Hanna is moderator.



The Learned Ladies by Moliere

Celebrating the 338th Anniversary of the first performance (March 11, 1672) ~ the Redeemer Classical Christian School, presents this play here at Long Green Valley COB on **March 5th, 6th, and 11th at 7pm**. Tickets are *\$10 for adults* and *\$6.00 for students*. For tickets and more information, please call 410-592-9625.

Easter is Coming!

Towards the middle of March – Easter flowers (we will keep you posted with prices and an exact date, when we receive this information)

Thursday, April 1st - Love Feast 7pm

Friday, April 2nd - Good Friday

Saturday, April 3rd - Holy Saturday

Sunday, April 4th - Easter Sunday

- Sunrise Service at 7:30 am
- Hot breakfast, with a free-will offering
(look for a sign-up on the board)
- Easter Egg Hunt (tentative – listen for more information)
- 10am Worship
- 11:10am- Sunday School

Help Wanted – Volunteers

Our secretary, Erin Lewis, is looking for individual(s) that are willing to help watch her 3 yr old daughter, Abby, so she can come into the church office to work 1 or 2 days in the morning. It's been a little difficult for Pastor Pete having a secretary that is unable to be here during the mornings. Anyone that would like to volunteer their time, please call the church office at 410-592-9300 or Erin Lewis. Thank you!

“WELLNESS MATTERS”



March 14th : See our article on the front page, **Pot-Luck & Program** -join us!

Calling All Women!

Register to attend the 3rd Women's Conference, "Women As Spiritual Leaders"
April 17, 2010, 9 am – 2 pm, at the church.

Check out specific information on the Resource Table about the following opportunities to nurture your understanding about some wellness issues:

April 29, 2010: at Community College of Baltimore County (by The School of Justice):
"After the Trauma" a presentation about domestic violence, by Mildred D. Muhammad-
Essex B. Theater: 3 – 4 pm; and Catonsville Q Theater: 6 – 7 pm.

May 1, 2010: at Edgemere Senior Center (by Baltimore County Department of Aging):
"Caregivers Mini-Conference" 9 am – 12 noon. Legislation, Program, Resources,
Tools and resources to help caregivers transform stress and maintain wellness.

We hope that all of you have taken advantage of the many opportunities to receive your personal H1N1 vaccine. If you still need one, check with your Local Health Department.

Many thanks to...

Linda Sonczewski for issues of "Baltimore County Department of Health Public Health Emergency Preparedness Calendar" and for other wellness resource information.

Feb. 14 Heart Day organizers: *Jean Sack* for story, valentines for sending, and red tie for Pastor Pete; *Mike Hanna* for tying the tie; *Sharon Kagarise* for red hearts and *Middler Sunday School Class* for decorating and distributing the hearts; *Lois Horst* for valentine cupcakes, *Gail Hanna* for dark chocolate hearts; and *the congregation* who wore red for heart health.

Feb. 21 Food-and-a-Flick organizers: *John Ness* for "Facing the Giants" movie; *Mike Kagarise* for movie projection; *Mike Hanna and crew* for serving food and clean-up; *Izzy Rosas and crew* for "ups-and-downs" of tables and chairs; and *all who brought food to share*.

*If you would like to be a part of the planning team for the Wellness Ministry, please call me. Our next meeting is **March 2, 2010.***

---Teresa M. Albright, "Wellness Matters" Coordinator

March Birthdays



1	Tylar Slaski	18	Emily Ricci
2	Mackenzie Webb	18	Tricia Steiner
3	Norman Breidenbaugh	20	Ann Breidenbaugh
3	Lucinda Leon	20	Lois Webb
4	Brad Sonczewski	22	Cori Killen (Gervais)
4	Chris Tipton	22	Steve Webb
7	Barbara Makin	23	Kristen Bachelor
8	Ann Fouts	23	Mandy Roberts
9	Jeff Wolf	24	Maureen Grubb
11	Karen Braun	24	Jordan Groves
14	Emily Henderson	24	Judy Webber
15	Terry Wilkens	25	Jonathan Bollinger
16	Fred Krause	25	Erin Lewis
17	Erica Lewis	28	Bruce Hedrick
18	Teagan Webb	29	Janet Bowman

March Anniversaries

16	Tom and Shelby Martin	19	Earl and Karen Braun
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**Did we forget your birthday or anniversary? Do you see a mistake? Please let us know so we can update our records – thank you!*



Record of our Faithfulness

	Worship Attendance	Sunday School Attendance	Regular Offering	Special Offering	Total Offering
Jan 24 31	86 **Cancelled	43 due to snow**	\$2,492.	\$1,170.	\$3,662.
Feb 07 14	**Cancelled 70	due to snow** 33	\$7,014.	\$275	\$7,289.
Total	156	76	\$9,506.	\$1,445.	\$10,951.
Average	39	19	\$2,377.	\$361.	\$2,738.

Regular offerings needed weekly to meet our **2010** budget: **\$2,758**. Remember to keep up your promise to God when you cannot make it here on Sunday. Our average worship attendance for the same 4 weeks last year was **67**. Sunday School average was **30**.

Head Ushers:

Mel Horst & Bruce Hedrick

Make a Note of the following New Addresses:

The Steiner Family

Mr. & Mrs. Jay Wampler

Stephanie Addington

**Directory Correction:* Mr. & Mrs. Ben Barlow

The Back Page



Enough snow already! As I write this, the first day of Spring is still over a month away. I am sooo ready for it. You? Of course, the seasons come when they are ready, not when we are. Warmer weather is still weeks away. As I look at the above picture of the piles of snow now surrounding our parking lot, I inwardly groan. My back aches at the thought of shoveling (okay, it was the Prigel's tractor that did the work, but not all of it). Whatever happened to the boy who would look at the above and imagine a snow fort or a mountain to climb?

We are in the midst of the season of Lent. In the mind's eye, "fun" has exited the back door. Isn't that what *Mardi Gras* is all about, a last silliness before the seriousness of confession and repentance step forward? *Shrove Tuesday* gives way to *Ash Wednesday*, and we begin the march toward the cross. I know, our tradition is not as bound to the liturgical calendar as others, but there is still a holy earnestness that surrounds this month.

My bedtime reading of late has been Kathleen Norris' book, **Dakota**, which she subtitles: "a spiritual geography." Part of her journey, living in her grandparent's South Dakota home, has involved - as a Presbyterian - time spent in various monasteries. There she discovers an unexpected playfulness. "Because they do the liturgy every day, morning, noon, and night," she writes, "monastic people often develop a relaxed attitude about the holy that can alarm the more rigidly pious." She recalls the day when she was enjoying the silence of the moment, and a monk leaned over and whispered, "Could you keep it down?"

They "take for granted that prayer works, and that it's worth doing. Why not relax and enjoy it? Why not make it beautiful?" (p. 211) Think about this as we march into this month.

Pastor Pete

March Sermon Menu

March 7	"Self Watch"	1 Corinthians 10:1-13
March 14	"A different point of view"	2 Corinthians 5:16-21
March 21	"Beyond BS"	Philippians 3:4b-14
March 28	"From grasping to giving"	Philippians 2:5-11