

The Valley Echoes

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Church Council

Come and hear what's happening in the life of this congregation, call persons to leadership, and enjoy a pot luck meal. The date is **Sunday, May 2nd**, after Sunday School. Bring a dish or two to share, and your own thoughts, as together we seek the wisdom of God.

Mother's Day Special Offering

On **Sunday, May 9th**, we encourage you to give a donation In Honor Of or In memory of a mother. Special envelopes will be included in the bulletins on this day. These special offerings will go to the Family Crisis Center. All names will be listed in our June Newsletter.

Spring Work Day



On **Saturday, May 15th**, come help clean up around the church as we mulch flower beds, pull weeds, clean windows, and other jobs outside and inside. We will start at 9:00 am after the men's breakfast and work till

National Youth Sunday

Our youth will be in charge of worship on **Sunday, May 16th**. The theme for the service is "More than meets the eye" (the NYC theme this summer) based upon 2 Corinthians 4:6-10, 16-18. Come and support your young people!

Church Family News

Cancer Care: In early April, **Lois Webb** learned the treatment she'd been receiving was not working. She is now home from the hospital, undergoing a new treatment drug which targets the chromosome unique to her form of leukemia. Keep praying... **Pam Bryant** had a spot of cancer in her breast removed, a kind that does not spread, and it has not! More good news - she will welcome a 2nd grandchild this year. Praise God!... **Monica Barlow** is still receiving a maintenance drug for her lung cancer, and it's working! "Thanks for your continued support!" they share... Pray for Priscilla Brown's friend, **George Depetria**, who has lung and skin cancer... Mike Hanna's friend, **Russ Bull**, finished his fight with cancer on April 3rd.

More Health Concerns: Keep praying for **the parents of Eugenia Dunn** and **Callixtus Nwaehiri** in Nigeria. Their mother is coping with their father's dementia. Pray also that **Precious**, Callixtus's daughter who is doing well on new medicine, will be placed in a good group home when released from the hospital... Surround **Carrie Talley**, mother of Linda Sonczewski, with prayer. She's been struggling with an upper respiratory infection which is a concern for an older person... **Ed Lewis** had a spot of cancer above his eyebrow removed. He greatly appreciates your prayers... Likewise **Ed Erdman**, who recently fell off a ladder at work hitting the back of his head on the wall... **Jane Phyllis Brown** has been having increasing pain in her shoulder. Pray for relief... Richard Wheatley's brother, **Sonny**, will undergo surgery the end of April to remove a kidney containing a tumor. Uphold him in prayer.

Welcome News: We rejoice with **Eugenia Dunn** on receiving a "Welcome to the USA" from Immigration and a permanent resident card. About time!... Welcome to **Roxanne Stevens**, who transferred her membership here from Idaho on April 11th. Her son, **Jason**, is staying with her parents there until summer. ... Eva's son **Glenn Simmons**, after being unemployed since last May, began a permanent job in insurance (his field) in mid-April... **Jeannie Schwartz** will no longer have a long commute to Wilmington, DE. She's shifted to the Baltimore office. Welcome home!

Congratulations: Johns Hopkins University it is for **Rebekah Wheatley**, who just learned of her acceptance for the fall semester... We celebrated the 80th birthday of **Lillie Mae Palmer** with cake and punch after worship on the 11th, courtesy of her children... **Alex Wolf** is headed to China as an exchange student this month. He'll stay with the Chinese student recently hosted by the Wolf's.

With appreciation: **Barbara Groff** thanks everyone for their outpouring of cards, prayers and concern, which meant so much to her after breaking her hip and having surgery. She is staying with her daughter until she feels more mobile... **Lois Webb** received 109 birthday cards. Gratis!

Volunteers: Loch Raven High School's "Relay for Life" team has a new member: **Tessa Haynes**. They raise funds for cancer research and support patients and survivors... The "**Long Green Valley meat packers**" participated in the Mid-Atlantic District's meat canning day at Ephrata, PA... Another great group of folks worked at **Carpenter's Kitchen** on April 10 and served approximately 185 needy food recipients... Yet more headed to New Windsor to volunteer at SERRV... Thanks to all who serve!

Beyond the Valley: Remember the people in the **Congo, Rwanda, and Burundi** (where Rebecca Sack Mosely and her family are serving) through violence surrounding elections. Also, those who suffered recently in **Jos, Nigeria**. Ben Barlow & Pastor Pete met many Brethren there last year, and the Moselys were there this month for meetings... **Haiti** is still in the news. Your denomination is actively involved in relief and rebuilding. Know that meat from canning is headed there, joining the health kits you assembled... Pray for **Terri Meushaw**, our Mid-Atlantic District Administrative Assistant, who has a tumor near her brain stem. Uplift her family as well... Don't forget our brother in prison. Notes of encouragement can be sent to: **Callixtus Nwaehiri**, #42557-037, FCI Fort Dix, P.O. Box 2000, Fort Dix, New Jersey 08640.

Receiving a New Member

*I feel so blessed to have the opportunity to introduce **Roxanne Stevens** and her family to our congregation. They moved here from Idaho due to a work transfer. Roxanne works for Sedgewick as a claims adjuster. She loves her job and working with the clients. Just last month, she was the recipient of the Golden Pencil Award, which was given by the clients.*

In her free time, Roxanne loves to read, cook, and hang out with her three children, Jason, Courtney and Erin. One of their favorite things to do together is play videogames.

Roxanne and the girls are looking forward to their summer vacation, where they will be reunited with Jason. They plan to all return to MD on July 7, hopefully with a fresh new start in a new home.

Roxanne is excited to join our congregation and become an active part of our church family. She looks forward to new friendships here in MD and the joys of connecting with the youth and others in our congregation.

Welcome, Roxanne, Jason, Courtney, and Erin, to Long Green!

~Sharon Kagarise

May Birthdays



02 Adam Shenk
03 Billie Wymer
03 Jill Keeney
04 Doreen Schaefer
05 Sarah Stephen
09 Karin (Larson) Krisetya
10 John Ness
10 John Gonzalez
11 Kinsey Miller
12 Paula Miller
14 Hunter Friend
14 Belinda Eichhorn

17 Bill Tarnowski
17 Kristine Appel
20 Frank Barringer
20 Robert Tombaugh
20 Clifton Smith
21 Ken Mueller
23 Allison Huber
26 Philip Groves
27 Sharon Grubb
28 Christina Baity
31 Randy Webb
31 Barbara Wolf

May Anniversaries

01 Stan & Lucille Groves
18 Ed & Lori Erdman
21 Chuck & Chris Tipton
23 Jim & Cinda Showalter

24 Glen & Jerri Longarce
26 Ethan & Tricia Steiner
28 Gary & Grace Miller
30 Scott & Kristin Scala

Church Secretary Needed

*It is with great sadness, that I am resigning as your church secretary as of **Friday June 18, 2010**. I have had the privilege of being secretary here, not one, but two separate times in the past 7 years. Everyone has been so kind to me and my family in the past 8 years that we've attended Long Green Valley. We will be moving out of state to Michigan this summer. Reorganizing our family priorities and focusing on our 5 children's needs, as well as trying to recover from our economic hardships are just a few reasons we've decided in favor of this move. You will all be in our hearts, and we wish only the best for every single one of you. I can only hope that the next church we attend will be as accepting and loving as all of you. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your church secretary.*

~Erin Lewis

****Are you interested in serving as our church secretary? If so, please see Pastor Pete, Sharon Kagarise or the back bulletin board for more information.**

Movie Night at LGV

The Adult Fellowship is sponsoring an all-church Movie Night on **Saturday, May 22 beginning at 6:30 pm**. All families in the church are invited to bring a dessert to share and enjoy two movies, one for the adults in the Fellowship Hall and another for the young folks in the Youth Room. There will be child care provided for the very young. Beverages will be provided. ***Please come for an enjoyable night of fellowship and entertainment!***

We plan to show the inspirational Christian film “*Fireproof*” for the adults. The surprise hit was the highest grossing independent film of 2008. The story is about the deteriorating relationship of a fire fighter and his wife and the steps they take to strengthen their relationship.

The movie planned for the younger folks is the Disney animated classic “*Up*”, where the 78-year-old Carl Frederickson sets out to fulfill his lifelong dream to see the wilds of South America. Not known to Carl, he has a stowaway named Russell aboard his balloon powered home. The story depicts their adventures as well as a poignant story about Carl’s relationship with Ellie.

Family Crisis Center Celebrates its 30th Anniversary with Gala

It has been 30 years since Monroe Good and the folks at the Dundalk Church of the Brethren began the Family Crisis Center. During those 30 years the Center has served a very important role in combating domestic violence in Baltimore County. The Center is currently the only organization of its kind in the county. Our congregation has supported the Center since its inception both financially and with our presence on the Board of Directors.

To celebrate this momentous occasion the Center is holding its 30th Anniversary fund-raising Gala on **Friday June 18, 2010 from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm** at the American Visionary Arts Museum in downtown Baltimore. Tickets are \$75 and are available from Gary Miller. The Board at the Center is soliciting sponsorships and the donations of high-end items for a silent auction to be held that evening.

The Executive Committee of the church has authorized a special fund-raising effort during May to have the church become a Silver sponsor at the event. To be a Silver sponsor we would need to raise \$1,000. We are combining this effort with the special Mother’s Day offering, where as in the past, we give a special offering in memory or in honor of the mothers in our congregation. The money raised for this special offering will also go toward our sponsorship of the Family Crisis Center. We urge members of the congregation to continue the support we have always given the FCC by purchasing tickets, donating items for the auction, and providing funds for our sponsorship.

30th Annual Mid Atlantic Disaster Response Auction

Remember to put **Sat, May 1st** on your calendar for our District's 30th Mid Atlantic Disaster Response Auction. It will be held starting at 9am at the Carroll County Agricultural Center in Westminster, MD. The money raised on this day will help provide assistance to disaster victims world-wide – including our brothers and sisters in Haiti. Last year's auction raised \$66,780.00! We are hoping to top that amount this year, and we at Long Green can be an important part of that effort!

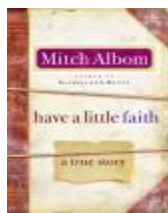
There will be crafts, white elephant tables, book tables, & plant booths. Don't forget about the General Auction, Special Items Auction, and the Quilt & Comforter Auctions. Not to mention all the delicious homemade food and treats to enjoy! So, grab an auction catalog at church (located on the back table). What a wonderful day to fellowship & spend with your family and friends. We'll see **YOU** there!

May 1st Concert of Remembrances

The Deer Creek Chorale will join the choir of St. James Church of Monkton, and guest instrumentalists, in the performance of Johannes Brahms' "Ein Deutsches Requiem," under the direction of Dr. Henry Chen on **Sat, May 1 at 7:30 p.m.** at the North Harford High School Concert Hall. The German Requiem will be dedicated to family and friends who have recently passed away and features the glorious chorus "How Lovely Are Thy Dwelling Places." Dr. Chen explains "Brahms wanted his requiem to be consolation for the bereaved, who need its message of comfort." The concert will end with refreshments and a May plant and flower sale in the atrium. Tickets to the event would make a wonderful family Mother's Day gift at \$5 students \$10 seniors \$15 adult admission. *A perfect May Day evening, after our District Auction in Westminster!* See David or Jean Sack for ticket information or visit the website: deercreekchoral.org/Tickets.html.

LGV Book Club

Our next book club will meet on **Friday, May 14th 7pm**, at the home of Mike & Gail Hanna. We will discuss the book "Have a Little Faith" by Mitch Albom. All are welcome!





“WELLNESS MATTERS”

Over forty women from our congregation and the wider community gathered at the church on Saturday, April 17, 2010, for our 3rd Women’s Conference to explore the various aspects of “Women as Spiritual Leaders”. During our time together, these women learned about and practiced several of the ways God has created us to be sensitive to the presence of the Holy Spirit which He has provided to dwell within each Believer.

We appreciate the efforts of Robin Burges, leader of this initiative, and all those who helped to make the day such a blessing. Robin will soon be reporting on the details of the conference.

If you would like to be a part of the planning team for the Wellness Ministry, please call me. Our next meeting is May 5, 2010. ---Teresa M. Albright, “Wellness Matters” Coordinator

Meat Canning News

On Tuesday, April 8th, the Long Green Meat Canning Group went to Ephrata, PA for a day of Meat Canning. Thanks to participants: Gladys Encarnacion, Gary Miller, Charles Mueller, John Pinkas, Bill & Kathleen Nuttall, Ellis Shenk and Paul Sonczewski.

It was announced at lunch, to the Meat Cannery, that early this year a call for “special giving” for extra meat for Haiti, was sent out to the Southern, PA churches. *Enough money was collected to add 4 Meat Canning Days to the schedule.*

Facts...

Special Giving 1 Extra Day = \$11,000 (4 days = \$44,000)

28 of 40 Pallets of Meat Canned, was shipped to Haiti.

1 Pallet = 40 cases of cans

1 Case = 24 cans

Total Cans Sent = 27,280

Record of our Faithfulness

	Worship Attendance	Sunday School Attendance	Regular Offering	Special Offering	Total Offering
Mar 21	75	38	\$2,122.15	\$160.	\$2,282.15
28	80	39	2,062.	240.	2,306.
Apr 04	116	25	3,893.99	1,159.	5,052.99
11	77	27	1,844.35	7,753.	9,597.35
Total	348	129	\$9,922.49	\$9,312.	\$19,238.49
Average	87	32	\$2,480.62	\$2,328.	\$4,809.62

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 **82**. Sunday School average was **32**.

Head Ushers:

John Ness & Gary Miller



Are you on **Facebook**? Then become a friend of our church **Facebook** page. Already we have 60 fans. Don't know what we're talking about? Ask someone who does. It's an Internet thing, yet another way of staying connected with one another. Keep thinking of other ways to keep our communication lines open. The more ways we keep in touch – phone, mail, computer, and good old face-to-face – the better. Thanks to Dennis Rosas for getting us started. He's also pulling together a team to revamp our web page.

In my mind’s eye, it was springtime. A case of measles as a child had shut me inside for while. When it was over I was able to go out for the first time. I recall that at first it hardly seemed real, or perhaps it felt too real – the colors of the grass and trees and flowers, and the quality of the air. It had grown stuffy and drab inside, and perhaps so had I. The neighborhood surrounding me had changed while I was sick, and stepping into it I felt alive.

A new season has come here in the valley, and with it the changes we’ve come to expect. However, don’t let the expected take away the element of surprise. It’s like we’ve been closed inside where the air had become stale and our outlook verging on bleak. It’s like a continual runny nose and bleary eyes had kept up from sensing the outer change. And then...

Indeed, a new season – not just the “need to mow the lawn now” variety, but the “being alive” one. I’m not really talking about Spring, as grand and glorious as that season is. I’m speaking of Easter. Are you breathing the fresh air? Is the color of it all taking your breath away? We have a whole month yet of what some call *Eastertide*. In the church calendar, the celebration of Pentecost on May 23rd ushers in another season promising to be even more breathtaking and colorful.

Of course, the church calendar is not tied to the seasonal calendar. For those in the southern half of this globe, Easter and Pentecost are celebrated as the leaves change color and fall, as warm leads to cool and later cold. A different experience, but no less alive. And that is the whole point, isn’t it? Our life in Christ is like that young boy who stepped outside for the first time after recovering from measles. We’ve changed. The neighborhood has also. ALIVE !

Take the time this month to behold the changes – within you as well as around you, in your church as well as your neighborhood. Speaking of which, at a recent meeting of our community association, Bobby Prigel reported that they are hoping soon to start offering ice cream at the new creamery down the road. Keep your ears open for more info... And may God bless you with a fresh awareness of “Life” blooming all around.

Pastor Pete

May Sermon Menu

May 2	“Taking Inventory”	Psalm 148
May 9	“Stirred up”	John 5:1-9
May 16	“More than meets the eye”	2 Corinthians 4:6-10, 16-18
May 23	“Redefining greatness”	John 14:8-17
May 30	“Not an assembly line”	Romans 5:1-5



**Buy a Tote or Grocery Bag & Help Our Youth get to
National Youth Conference this Summer!**

A table will be set up each Sunday, so you can browse the different totes & grocery bags. Only \$2 each for these stylish canvas bags. Colors vary from tan, brown, green and black. Each bag has a unique picture, or saying pertaining to Christianity. Stop by the table after worship, or call the office so we can place one on hold for you. Hurry before they're gone!