



The Valley Echoes

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2010

Graduate Recognition Sunday

We'll recognize all of our graduates (high school and college), during worship on **June 13th**. If you know of any graduates in our church that we *may* be missing, please contact our office so they can be recognized on this day!

Father's Day Special Offering

On **June 20th**, we will have a special offering for Father's Day "*In Memory of*" or "*In Honor of*" the father figures in our lives. This offering will go to an Outreach program, however the recipient has not been chosen as of yet. Please listen the next few weeks during our announcements portion of worship service.

Sunday School Hiatus for the Summer

During the summer months (June thru August) we will take a break from our Sunday School lessons. *Thank you* to all of the teachers that helped in classes thru-out the year. We couldn't do it without you! We will have a special recognition for all of our teachers in early September. Please listen for more information in the near future.

Are you interested in spreading your horizons, and teaching a Sunday School class? We are always looking for interested individuals! Please see or contact Georgia Smith for more information.

Church Family News

Good news!: **Lois Webb**'s white and red blood cell continues to improve and her fractures are healing. She's gradually regaining strength. Your cards have been deeply appreciated... **Monica Barlow** remains active in her Public Relations work for the Orioles. She's doing well, tho' she needs extra rest at home following road trips... **Ed Erdman** has finished intensive physical therapy after a fall from a ladder at work, and it helped. "Thanks for your prayers."

Medical issues: **Dusty Smith** had his right kidney removed on May 20th because cancerous cells were present... **Bill Pennell** was admitted to Mercy hospital to address some eye problems. Thankfully medication has taken away his severe headaches... Young **Christopher Lewis** spent a night in the emergency room, followed by a temporary change in his environment... **Bill Albright**'s hearing has taken a turn for the worse. A cochlear implant may be down the road... **Jane Phyllis Brown** continues to struggle with shoulder and other pain... Priscilla Brown's friend, **George Depetria**, is undergoing chemotherapy for his cancer... **Charles Barringer** was in the hospital briefly for medical reasons... **Floyd Myers** underwent open heart surgery on May 24th...

Remembering: **Russ Bull** finished his long fight with cancer on April 10. He was a co-worker and friend of Mike Hanna. Uphold his family and friends in prayer.

Congratulations!: **Megan Knight** received "superior" (the highest) rating in all categories in the Maryland State Solo Ensemble competition... **Carl Wallace**, grandson of Carl & Lillie Mae Palmer, graduated from Hood College, May 15, with a degree in the Electrical Engineering program... **Brady Jeffrey Farrell** was born May 16th in York, PA. Son of Chris and Lisa, he is a great-grandson of Carl & Lillie Mae... **Tyler Haynes** graduated from Loyola University on May 15 and a week later left for Thailand to teach English for 9 months...

Supporting Causes: A \$1,000 Mother's Day challenge to our congregation has been met thus far by over \$4,000 to support the **Family Crisis Center**. See elsewhere in this newsletter for more... On June 5-6, the **Ride across Maryland** takes place to raise money for the *Susan G. Komen fund for breast cancer*. Mike & Gail Hanna will be again be on their motorcycle for this. If you would like to donate, contact them before June 5th... The **Mid-Atlantic District Disaster Relief Auction** received \$1,000 from the quilt completed by our quilters.

Don't forget these folks: **Jason Stevens** is still in Idaho with his grandparents. We'll see him again after Annual Conference, when he'll return – with brand new glasses!...

Linda Sonczewski's mother, **Carrie Talley**, spent time this month in the hospital. She's doing much better... **Erin Lewis'** pain in her back, hip and leg revealed several points of muscle spasm in the x-rays – diagnosis: sciatica. Her family plans to move out of state this summer... **Callixtus Nwaehiri**.

Miscellaneous: A display of **Leon Kagarise's** pictures was presented recently at the *Creative Alliance* at the Patterson Theater in Baltimore. He died in 2008... The **Women's Retreat** was a big success, thanks to the many people who helped behind the scenes... Our "**Long Green Valley's Got Talent**" night was a lot of fun and huge success. A big thank you to all involved.

From our District: The installation service for **Gene Hagenberger** as our District Executive Minister took place the afternoon of April 25 at the Westminster Church of the Brethren. Stan Dueck was the guest speaker. A reception followed. Representing our church: Teresa Albright, Eva Simmons, and Pastor Pete... **Barbara Groff** is now back in her own home following hip replacement surgery... Continue to keep **Terri Meushaw**, District Administrative Assistant, in your prayers as she continues treatment for cancer.



Adult Fellowship Activities

Below is a list of activities planned by our Adult Fellowship. Please plan to attend!

June – No event planned for this month

July 10th - All Church invited to Church Picnic at Gary and Grace Miller's home--bring a dessert to share and a bathing suit!

**(More information will be provided in upcoming bulletins & next month's newsletter)*

August 13th - Cal Ripkin Baseball Game – the tickets *may* be sold out – see Nancy Rosas

October 30th - (date was changed from October 9th) Pizza and Games at Teresa and Bill Albright's home

November - Dinner Theatre at our church. No date set at this time

December 11th - Progressive Dinner

The 3rd Annual Women's Conference was another great day for the women to learn, laugh and relax!

We had 45 women attend the conference this year. The women chose 3 of 5 sessions to attend, these sessions included "Relationships-5 languages or 7 principles" presented by Zermain Breidenbaugh, PhD, "Sacred Dance" presented by Diane Pierce, "Hip and Knee Arthritis" presented by Gail Hanna, RN, BSN, "Spirituality and Wellness through Rhythm" presented by Nellie Hill and "Massage Therapy" presented by Dawn Nabulsi. The morning started off with a scripture reading by Teresa Albright. Ms. Margit Willems led us through a meditation with the use of Tibetan Singing Bowls and story-telling before everyone was off to their sessions. After lunch Leticia Aguilar, a Reiki Master and teacher, explained what Reiki is, how it's used and demonstrated on Robin a short Reiki session.

It was great to see so many people from the church as well as outside of the church come in for fellowship. It was a great time to focus upon the importance of deepening one's connection to the presence of God through new activities such as dance and drumming, realizing no coordination or rhythm is required, as well as through our relationships and our own health! Nurturing mental, spiritual, physical and relational wellness are all important as we try to deepen our connection with God.

We had several men help out with many different tasks that popped up throughout the day. A big thank you to Mike Hanna, Pastor Pete Haynes, Tony Miller, John Ness, Allan Ness and Izzy Rosas! The women truly appreciated all of their hard work and help at making this day great for so many.

We'd also like to say thanks to Lorrie Miller who handled registration and assisted with lunch preparations, Gail Hanna, Jean Sack and Kathleen Nuttall for all your help in gathering donations, shopping for food and helping us find great session leaders! Of course we can't leave out Erin for all of your help with getting the word out about the conference and assisting us with all the articles and print outs...thanks so much!!

Lydia Eze-Sankara and Tessa Haynes were a huge help. Without their assistance with child care several of the women would not have been able to attend the conference, thanks!

Please check the church website on the Wellness Matters page for pictures of the event...coming soon!

We look forward to seeing everyone out next year for the 4th!



“WELLNESS MATTERS”

“ENJOYING GOD’S CREATION”

is the theme for May 29 – September 6, 2010.

Intentionally plan for activities that will let you appreciate the great outdoor environment God has provided for your nurture and enjoyment.

Share one of your ‘at-home’ or ‘away’ experiences by placing a visual memory such as a photo, brochure, brief prose or poem at the area provided in the refreshment area at the church.

Visit our web pages on the church website, www.lgvcob.org, to find out about items of interest including the main points presented by Steve Bob, Director of Operations, Church of the Brethren Credit Union, during our program about FINANCIAL FITNE\$\$\$. Many thanks to Jean Sack for sharing her notes.

Stop by the resource table for some coupons and samples from our 3rd Women’s Conference.

If you would like to be a part of the planning team for the Wellness Ministry, please call me. Our next meeting is September 14, 2010. ---Teresa M. Albright, “Wellness Matters” Coordinator

Fahrney Keedy Auxiliary **Food & Bake Sale**

Saturday, June 12, 2010

10am – Food Sale in Dining Room

10am – Bake Sale in Main Lobby

Soups, Sandwiches, Pies & Cakes

Come and enjoy!

**Please bring baked goods for the Bake Table!
Please also label all ingredients.*

Coming **September 11, 2010** – Quilt Auction, incl. food, bake and yard sale

Family Crisis Center 30th Anniversary Gala

As of the third Sunday in May, our congregation generously responded to the plea from the Crisis Center with **over \$4,000 in donations** to help them through a particularly rough period. You have shown your financial support. Now you are being asked to support the Center with your presence at the 30th Anniversary Gala to be held at the American Visionary Art Museum in Baltimore on **June 18**. There will be delicious food, unlimited beverages, music, a short program including a media presentation of the history of the Center, and a chance to view some of the exhibits at the museum. You will also have the opportunity to bid on some of the great items at the silent auction such as vacation trips to various places, tickets to an O's game in Governor O'Malley's box, a catered meal for 8 in your home, and many others.

Tickets to the event are \$75 (\$40 of which is tax deductible) and are available from Gary Miller. We received 4 complimentary tickets with our Gold Sponsorship and as an incentive for your purchase, one complimentary ticket will be given to the persons who purchase the first 4 tickets. Please help us make this event a huge success!

Church of the Brethren 224th Annual Conference 2010

This year's Annual Conference will take place at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh, PA. The theme is "*Taking Jesus Seriously*" based on John 14:15. The conference will be held **July 3-7th**. If you plan on taking advantage of the discounted price of \$95, you must register online by *June 7th*. After this date, the only way to register will be in-person the day before the conference (July 2nd), and prices increase to \$120. You can register at www.brethren.org/ac

Remember to stop in back of the church after worship, to look through the information packet that shows the many activities and seminars that will be available at the conference. Some highlights will be: **Jonah and God's Big Love** (games & crafts), **Ryan** (the ventriloquist) **and Friends, Speak Truth to Power** (a drama presentation), **Community of Song** (a 9 member male ensemble). There's fun events for the kids, too! Including a trip to **Kennywood Amusement Park**, a trip to the **Pittsburgh Zoo/Aquarium, Carnegie Science Center** *and much more*. Some events require you to fill out medical release forms, and register separately for children's activities. You can print these out on-line, or ask someone in the office & we'll make a copy for you. See you there!

Mother's Day Contributions to the Dundalk Family Crisis Center

In Memory of:

Joanne Miller – Tony & Lorrie Miller
Miriam Hartman & Dolores Webb – Ron & Lois Webb
Wilma Sack & Irene Alexander – The Sacks
Bernice Miller & Edna Breidenbaugh – Gary & Grace Miller
Mary Anne Greenplace & Helen Louise Brown – Jane Phyllis & Maurice Brown
Martha Eckhard & Madeline Palmer – Carl & Lillie Mae Palmer
Mamie Groves & Minnie Sines – Stanley & Lucille Groves
Elinor Sonczewski – Paul, Linda & Brad Sonczewski
Libby Johnson & Marge Hanna – Mike & Gail Hanna
Jo Currens & Isabel Rosas – Israel & Nancy Rosas
“My mother” – Mary Stephens
Lena Hitz & Lovina Horst – Mel & Lois Horst
Ida Bowman & Ella Mae Miller – Jerry & Glenda Bowman
Henrietta Erdman – Mary Kagarise
Sylvia L. Shenk – Ellis Shenk
Beatrice Eichelburger – Nancy Seim
“Our Grandmothers” – Ed & Lori Erdman, jr
Louise P. Haynes - her son & grandchildren
Catherine, Mary Jane & Elizabeth – Kathleen Nuttall
Margaret Schwartz & Hilda Stanson – Jeannie Schwartz
Johanna Meyers – Eva Simmons
Ida Bowman – Janet Bowman
Mary Groff & Frances Mueller – Charles & Edna Mueller
Ovie K. Ecker – Dot Hansen
Anna Cochran – Helen Dorman
Jean Coyle & Polly Smith – Steve & Georgia Smith
Mary Hedrick – Bruce & Bonnie Hedrick
Edna Barringer – Charles Barringer
Ida May Tombaugh – Jane Propst
“Our mothers” – Willard & Billie Wymer
Elizabeth Huber – Karl Huber
Mardell White – Pam Bryant
Nancy Henderson – Erin Lewis & Family

In Honor of:

Gloria Rieger – Tony & Lorrie Miller
Glenda Bowman – Ken Bowman
Carrie Talley – Paul, Linda & Brad Sonczewski
Glenda Bowman – Karen Shenk
Marion Swigart – Kay Kearns
Gail Hanna & Mary Kagarise – Michael & Sharon Kagarise
Lillie Mae Palmer – Barbara Raines & Mary Hall
Nancy Seim & Donna Gardiner – Ed & Lori Erdman, jr
Betty Eckman & Karen Eckman Haynes – Her children & grandchildren
Carol Schwartz & Joanne Johnson – Jeannie Schwartz
Theresa Nwaehiri – Eugenia Dunn
Maria Nwaehiri – Kinger Nwaehiri
Eugenia Dunn – Lydia Eze-Sankara
Mary Kay Myers – Floyd Myers
Karen Braun – Charles Braun
Vicki Raistrick – Jane Phyllis & Maurice Brown
Nancy Rosas – Dennis Rosas
Lois Webb – “daughter” Sharon Kagarise
Lois Webb – Bruce & Bonnie Hedrick

Camp News

Below is a list of camps available to our youth in June. Registration forms for both camp sites, are available in the back of the church. Other camps are available in July & August as well. If you need financial support, please see Pastor Pete, or camp advocate Dennis Rosas.

Shepherd's Spring

Youth Camp - Grades 9-12, camp starts at 3pm on Thurs & concludes 1pm Sunday
(June 24-27)

S.A.M.Y. - Grades 8-10, camp starts at 3pm on Sunday & concludes 7pm Friday
(June 27-July 2)

Junior 3/5 - Grades 3-5, camp starts at 4pm on Sunday, concludes 7pm Friday
(June 27-July 2)

Middler 6-8 – Grades 6-8, camp starts at 5pm on Sunday, concludes 7pm Friday
(June 27-July 2)

Camp Mardela

C.I.T. Training – Counselor in Training, must be 14 or 15 to volunteer, and
(June 17-18) volunteering this summer. This retreat is FREE.

5th, 6th & 7th Grade Camp – camp starts 3pm on Sunday, concludes at 5pm Friday
(June 20-25)

Youth Camp – Grades 9-12, camp starts 3pm Sunday, concludes 10am Saturday
(June 27-July 3)

Goodsearch for Shepherd's Spring!

Need to look something up on the internet? Use Goodsearch (www.goodsearch.com) as your search engine, enter Shepherd's Spring as your charity of choice and a donation comes our way for every search you do. Besides using Goodsearch to find information you can also shop and a percentage of the sales comes back to Shepherd's Spring as a donation. Go through the Goodsearch site to see the many shopping options! If you're searching or shopping anyway, why not share that benefit with Shepherd's Spring? (Other great charities are also available if you want to share your donation! Like On Earth Peace.)

Election Results: Spring Council
May 2, 2010

The following members were elected to office at the Spring Council meeting:

Church Board

Mel Horst *Tony Miller*
Kathleen Nuttall *Daniel Wheatley*

Deacons

Teresa Albright *Gail Hanna* *Linda Sonczewski*

District Conference Delegate

Kay Kearns, delegate *Sue Ellen Wheatley, alternate*

Nominating/Personnel Committee

Gail Hanna

Hygiene and School Kits for Disaster Relief

We will send our last shipment of Hygiene Kits in May--the final count so far is close to 500 for this year. Thank you to all who helped in any way. We will start focusing on School Kits as soon as the sales start this summer. I would like to get a list of e-mails of those interested in knowing where the sales are when we find them. We will include a list of supplies in the July newsletter and in a church bulletin.

Our fund for shipping and supplies is getting very low. If you are not able to shop but can help us finance the supplies and shipping it will be appreciated. We would like to send 500 school kits before the end of the year.

Kathleen Nuttall ~ Witness Committee

June Birthdays

1	Alice Ricci	15	Megan Gullion (ne:Raistrick)
1	Blake Addington	15	Isabella Leon
5	Dana Showalter	16	Harry Stephen
10	Benjamin Gunn	19	Rob Knight
10	Eugenia Dunn	20	Robert Duncan
10	Alex Wolf	21	John Pinkas
11	Gail Hanna	24	Russ Knight
11	Charles Mueller	25	Willard Wymer
13	Sharon Pinkas	26	Steve Grubb
14	Jennifer Webb	30	Kay Kearns



June Anniversaries

1	Mike & Lauren Scarborough	20	Warren & Dorothy Hansen
3	Dave & Judy Ricci	21	Sean & Christina Baity
4	Luther & Alverta Showalter	21	Don & Helen Dorman
5	Bill & Diane Pennell	24	John & Sharon Pinkas
6	Bill & Chris Tarnowski	24	Russ & Lois Knight
6	Bruce & Bonnie Hedrick	26	Jason & Joann Sweitzer
7	Jerry & Glenda Bowman	30	Eric & Erin Lewis
9	Lewis & Belinda Eichhorn		
10	Robert & Judy Tombaugh		
15	Eric & Jody Gunn		
15	Gary & Barbara Raines		
20	Darren & Karen Gonzalez		



*Did we miss your birthday or anniversary? Do you see something incorrect?
Please let us know! Thank you!*



Don't forget, our youth are still raising money to help send them to NYC this July. If you need help around the house, or yard, consider hiring them! Organizing, planting, mowing, cleaning, painting, babysitting,you name it, they're ready to help! Please see Jeannie Schwartz, or contact the church office, and we'll relay the message to set up dates and times. Thank you!

National Youth Conference
More than Meets the Eye
July 17-22, 2010

Record of our Faithfulness

	Worship Attendance	Sunday School Attendance	Regular Offering	Special Offering	Total Offering
Apr 18	74	35	\$2,451.50	\$688.	\$3,139.50
25	60	28	2,503.	1,152.50	3,655.50
May 02	74	42	3,603.	320.	3,923.
09	88	31	2,441.81	2,863.92	5,305.73
16	89	40	2,842.52	2,664.36	4,250.40
Total	385	176	\$13,841.83	\$7,688.78	\$20,274.13
Average	77	35	\$2,768.	\$1,538.	\$4,055.

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 **5** weeks last year was **87**. Sunday School average was **36**.

Head Ushers

Charles & Edna Mueller

Church-Work Day

The Stewards would like to say “*Thank You*” to everyone who came out to the church on **Sat, May 15th** for our annual “Church Work Day”. We had folks here from 9am, all the way into the evening (including youth) that came out to help clean-up around the church! Thank you again!

A Note from the Librarian

Please check the list of books overdue on the bulletin board--thank you to those who have already returned theirs. Please feel free to check out books in our library and ones on the hall table. Remove card from the back of the book and put current date and your name. There is a box for the cards on the table and also one in the library. If you can return after a month or sooner we would appreciate it. There are many wonderful books in our collection. The books are color coded by categories. The color chart is posted in the library. If you have any questions concerning the library, please contact Kathleen Nuttall or Sharon Kagarise.

Some call it “Ordinary Time,” this season between Pentecost and Advent in the Christian calendar. Why? Because there are no big celebrations, like Christmas or Easter, coming up. It’s just ordinary time. Of course, there’s all sorts of other important things happening. Some of our high school youth are soon tossing the tassel, following others who have graduated recently from college. That’s no minor accomplishment! It’s worth celebrating. As is the privilege of being a father, if I do say so myself. We’ll rejoice in that, too.

This month also marks the end of a school year, much to the joy of students and the relief of teachers. Three cheers, anyone? And the 21st marks the beginning of summer – unless, of course, you live in the southern hemisphere of this globe, where winter makes its entrance. All this and more indicates that this is an eventful month. And yet, glory be, it’s “ordinary time.”

That phrase catches me, because ordinary time is far from ordinary. Every day is full of rather extraordinary happenings ... of the ordinary variety. It’s within this ordinary-ness that God is. How appropriate, then, that this so-called “Ordinary Time” in the Christian calendar follows the celebration of Pentecost. This holy day celebrates the birthday of the church, but it also recognizes God’s remarkable presence – a power which brings about the extraordinary within the ordinary. The Holy Spirit isn’t available only for special occasions, you see. God’s abiding presence is especially for ordinary time. Most of life, after all, is ordinary time.

From my perspective, fatherhood is an extraordinary calling, and it’s somewhat of a miracle that my children have become the persons they are. Not in the sense that I have been such a lousy dad that it took a miracle for them to overcome my faults. Granted, I have plenty of those. However, it’s been God’s abiding presence through all the ordinary time of family life that has made the difference. Any other fathers out there agree? That’s something worth celebrating!

Indeed, most of the big moments in life which we celebrate (like crossing the stage and receiving a diploma) are built upon ordinary time. They wouldn’t happen otherwise. And God is in the ordinary. Extraordinarily so! See you amid this “Ordinary Time.”

Pastor Pete

June Sermon Menu

June 6	“A great prophet has risen”	Luke 7:11-17
June 13	“Without an invitation”	Luke 7:36 - 8:3
June 20	“When the fire gets too hot”	1 Kings 19:1-15
June 27	“Hand-eye coordination”	Luke 9:51-62