

The Valley Echoes

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JUNE 2011

INVITE A FRIEND SUNDAY June 5th, the members of Long Green Valley will be hosting, "invite a friend" Sunday. You are encouraged to bring a friend to church on this special Sunday to share in worship and a cookout which will be immediately following the service in the backyard. There will also be sports and games to play. Bring a friend and join in the fun!

FATHER'S DAY is June 19th. We will celebrate our fathers with a special offering on this Sunday. This year, the offering will go towards Disaster Relief.

GRADUATION RECOGNITION Sunday, June 26th. During the worship service on this Sunday we will be recognizing the high school and college graduates for our congregation. A congratulation goes out to Lynn Shenk, Sarah Smith, and Alex Wolf for completion of high school. Congratulations to Adam Shenk for graduating from college. Come celebrate, and give praise for these awesome accomplishments. *(If you know of someone that we are missing, please contact the church office so we can celebrate with them as well)*

Church Family News

Health Concerns: **Betty Chenoweth's** had surgery on her ankle, she is now recovering from an infection and doing well... **Lois Webb** is now on another new drug to attack the cancer cells in her body, keep praying... **Roxanne Stevens' grandmother** was in the hospital with pneumonia and developed an infection but is now at home... **Bill Albright** successfully underwent outpatient oral surgery, continue your prayers for healing... Continue prayers for **Mandy Roberts' dad, Randy Georgieff** as he undergoes cancer treatment . . . **Eugenia Dunn's** mother, **Theresa**, in Nigeria has been in the hospital.

Doing Well: At age 95, **Kay Kearns' mother** moved recently into an assisted living home and has adjusted well and doing great! ... **Carl Palmer** is doing well after a recent accident with his truck on his way to get a cat-scan for his cancer. No update has been received after his meeting with his oncologist... **Mary Stephens** continues to do well at home as she recovers from her fall in February... Roxanne's dad, **Warren Eilers**, recovering from ankle surgery, has been given to "go ahead" from his doctor to come to Maryland in June to visit.

Congratulations! On May 14, **Adam Shenk** graduated from St. Mary's College of Maryland with a major in computers. He is living at home and looking for a job... We learned the name of Jeanesse & Rob Miller's baby boy born on Easter Sunday: **Asher James Miller**. Welcome Baby Asher!

Joys: **Edna Mueller** rejoices that the pain from urinary & kidney infections and medicine that made her very sick is gone! She now has a clean bill of health from her doctor... **Roxanne Stevens** is now working full time from home (except for one day).

Moving: **Bruce & Bonnie Hedrick** will be moving into an apartment in Virginia Towers located downtown Towson, June 7th.

Continue to pray for: Our brother in prison, **Callixtus Nwaehiri**. Keep sending your notes of encouragement to: Callixtus Nwaehiri, #42557-037, FCI Fort Dix, P.O. Box 2000, Fort Dix, New Jersey 08640

Others: **Tyler Haynes** is back from Thailand and "occupies a room" in Pastor Pete's home. He is also looking for a job; **Sarah Smith** recently participated in a walk to raise money for cystic fibrosis; **Doris Hawman**, member of the *Phoenix Players*, who has esophageal cancer and now in hospice care and not doing well.

Mother's Day Contributions to support The Family Crisis Center

In Loving Memory of:

Helen Louise Brown – Maurice & Jane Phyllis Brown
Our Grandmothers- Ed & Lori Erdman
Elinor Sonczewski – Paul & Linda Sonczewski
Ella Mae Miller – Jerry & Glenda Bowman
Ida Bowman – Jerry & Glenda Bowman
Mary Anne Greenplate – Maurice & Jane Phyllis Brown
Madeline Palmer – Carl & Lillie Mae Palmer
Martha Eckhart – Carl & Lillie Mae Palmer
Elizabeth Marion – Ed & Erica Lewis
Naomi Ceryes – Ken & Debbie Bowman
Ida Bowman – Janet Bowman
Jean Coyle – Georgia & Sarah Smith
Beatrice Eichelberger – Nancy Seim
Mary Groff – Charles & Edna Mueller
Francis Mueller – Charles & Edna Mueller
Wilma Sack – David & Jean Sack
Irene Alexander – David & Jean Sack
Ovie Ecker – Dot Hansen
Clara Albright – William & Teresa Albright
Nellie Mancuso- William & Teresa Albright
Libby Johnson – Mike & Gail Hanna
Marge Hanna – Mike & Gail Hanna
Mamie Groves – Stanley & Lucille Groves
Minnie Sines – Stanley & Lucille Groves

In Great Honor of:

Mary Myers – Floyd Myers
Nancy Seim- Ed & Lori Erdman
Donna Gardiner – Ed & Lori Erdman
Irene, Elizabeth, & Catherine
Carrie Talley – Linda Sonczewski
Grace Miller – Gary Miller
Glenda Bowman – Ken & Debbie Bowman
Glenda Bowman – Ken Bowman
Jane Phyllis Brown – Belinda & Lewis Eichhorn
Vicki Raistrick – Maurice & Jane Phyllis Brown
Carrie Talley – Maurice & Jane Phyllis Brown
Marion Swigart – Kay Kearns
Dorothy Price



Over \$1000.00 was collected to help support The Family Crisis Center in loving memory/great honor of our Mothers.

The mission of The Family Crisis Center of Baltimore County is to provide comprehensive services for those family members experiencing family conflict and family violence and to provide understanding and consultation for the community at large.

Gail Hanna- Michael & Sharon Kagarise
Mary Kagarise – Michael & Sharon Kagarise
Gail Hanna- your “daughters”: Paula, Judy,
Kyle Ann, Amy, Roxanne
Lois Webb- my “mom” from Sharon Kagarise
Eugenia Dunn- Beth Kagarise
Lucille Groves – Beth Kagarise

Record of our Faithfulness

	Worship Attendance	Sunday School Attendance	Regular Offering	Special Offering	Total Offering
May 1	58		\$2872.00	\$310.00	\$3182.00
8	66				
15	57		1554.00	10.00	1564.00
22					

Regular offerings needed to meet our **2011** budget: \$2,872. Remember to keep up your promise to God even when you cannot be present in church on Sunday.

Head Ushers for the month of June:

Jeff Wolf & Steve Smith

Movie Night at LGV

The Adult Fellowship is sponsoring an all-church Movie Night on **Saturday, June 18 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!*** For the adults we plan to show the movie “*Gifted Hands*”, the inspirational film depicting the life of the noted surgeon Ben Carson from his early years to the time he became a world renowned pediatric neurosurgeon. (You might recall that the book club recently read the book that inspired this movie!) Dr. Carson has been at Johns Hopkins for many years and is most known for his groundbreaking separation of conjoined twins joined at the head. The movie planned for the younger folks is the Disney animated makeover of a famous Shakespeare classic entitled “*Gnomeo and Juliet*”. The two garden gnomes have many obstacles to overcome when they are caught up in a feud between neighbors. With all this strife, can they find lasting happiness?



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



- 1 Mike & Lauren Scarborough
- 3 Dave & Judy Ricci
- 4 Luther & Alverta Showalter
- 5 Bill & Diane Pennell
- 6 Bill & Christ Tarnowski Bruce & Bonnie Hedrick
- 7 Jerry & Glenda Bowman
- 9 Lewis & Belinda Eichhorn
- 10 Robert & Judy Tombaugh

*****Please make these changes in your directory:*****

Jane Propst



Karen Haynes

Are we missing your birthday or anniversary? Are you celebrating a milestone? If so, please contact the church office....we want to celebrate with you!

Connecting with Your Mid-Atlantic District

May 2011

HE IS RISEN! HALLELUIAH!

By now, Easter is several weeks behind us, but we pray that the new life and renewal granted us by the death and resurrection of our Savior is felt by you throughout the year.

The Leadership Team of the Mid-Atlantic District (MAD) will be meeting four times this year; we met most recently on April 30. A large focus of our time has been and will continue to be finding ways to communicate with the congregations of the District in a meaningful way. We are also striving to be more accessible and a better resource for the various types of ministries offered by each congregation. One of the ideas being explored is a PowerPoint presentation that can be used in front of a variety of small groups to give more insight about the mission and organization of the District. Another idea we are exploring is a new ministry team whose focus will be making sure lines of communication are open between the District and the congregations we serve and also among the congregations themselves. If you or anyone you know feels this is an area where their gifts lie, we urge you to reach out to your Leadership Team representative or the District Office. We are open to any suggestions or help you would offer.

Coming up on the Calendar are many opportunities to share your time and talents. Your MAD newsletter, "Together on the Journey," contains information about what is going on in your District and other events of interest. Read it online at www.madcob.org or ask your church office for a copy. Look for details of these and other events:

- National Junior High Conference at Elizabethtown College, June 17–19
- Annual Conference Delegate Briefing at Westminster CoB, June 26, 3–5 p.m.
- Holy Spirit Conference at Columbia Furnace CoB, Woodstock, VA, July 18–21
- National Older Adult Conference at Lake Junaluska, NC, September 5–9

Facts on Financials: Just as financial health is important to our individual congregations, it is also an important piece of the District's health. We will give you a snapshot of our current financial health in each of these quarterly reports. The chart below shows the District's current financial situation as of 3/31/11. At this point, we are short of our budget by \$7,426. We are continuing to reduce expenses in ways that include sending all communications electronically and reducing office staff hours. We ask that you regularly remember the District and the ministries provided when considering your individual and congregational outreach.

MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT

Statement of Operations/Quarter Ended March 31, 2011

	Paid to Date Actual	2011 Budget
Congregational Pledges	\$41,110.00	\$181,908.00
Other Income	\$2,926.51	
Total Income	\$44,036.51	\$181,908.00
Expenses	\$51,462.97	\$194,637.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$(7,426.46)	\$(12,729.00)



Book Club Meeting

Author Bill Wiese awoke on the morning of November 23, 1998 at 3am to have an “out of body experience” or a “vision” of hell. His experience lasted 23 minutes. His wife was awoken at 3:23am by the screams of her husband begging, “Pray for me, pray for me, The Lord has taken me to hell.” His memory is now his message, and his lifelong mission is to share with all. A message of warning... We drill our children about strangers and crossing the street, but never fully share the facts and truths about hell? The New York Times Best Seller book *23 Minutes in Hell* is the accounts that Bill Wiese wants to share with the world about his memory of the most terrifying and real accounts of hell. A warning....

The first section of this book are the accounts of the vision that Bill had that night. The remainder of the book references over 150 verses relating to his accounts of hell.

Did Bill Wiese really go to hell? That really isn't the point of his message....it's his warning of hell that he wants you to hear.

All are invited to come and share in discussion about this powerful, thought provoking, and memorable book.

June 24th, 7pm @ The Albright's Home

SERRV

SERRV has published a new sales catalog that is located in the back of the church for viewing. There are two upcoming sale events to mention : Sidewalk Sale – June 15th-18th (Wed-Sat 9:30-5:30), Christmas in July Sale- July 11th-23rd (Mon-Sat 9:30-5:30 Sun 1-5). Many items 50% off!

500 Main Street, New Windsor, MD 21776

www.serrv.org

410-635-8711

CALLING ALL WALKERS!!!!

Meet us at Cromwell Valley Park on Saturday, **June 11th @ 9am** at the Willow Grove Farm. Diane Pennell and Priscilla Brown are the champions of this walk. There are wood land trails, paved surfaces, and pastures. No charge for parking. Dogs must be leashed. Bring your sun hat and water. We walked on May 14th and suggest wagons instead of strollers. There are 9 blazed trails and boot paths.

Cromwell Bridge Park
2175 Cromwell Bridge Road

(There are two entrances, choose entrance to Willow Grove Farm, not Sherwood Farm entrance.)

From 695 West Bound- take exit 29 and make left @ light on Cromwell Bridge Road (pass Sherwood entrance). Go 1.5 miles (if you pass Sander's Corner Restaurant, you went too far).

From 695 East Bound- take exit 29A and make left @ stop sign. You will pass Loch Raven High School and Chinese Church on your left.

See you on June 11th 9 am ...Let's Move


Upcoming Walks for the summer:

June 25 th : 9am	Mariner Point Park 100 Kearney Drive Joppatowne	Champion: Kagarise Family
July 23 rd :	Forest Hill Friends Park Starting at Spenciola North	Champion: Kay Kearns

More walks and champions to be announced!



June 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Exercise Group 9-10:30am Quilters 9am-3pm	2	3	4
 Invite a friend to church! 5 Praise 9:50am	6 Exercise Group 9-10:30am	7	8 Exercise Group 9-10:30am Quilters 9am-3pm	9	10	11  Let's Move!!! 9am:Cromwell
12 Praise 9:50am Worship 10:00am Wellness Team Meeting 11:30 @church	13 Exercise Group 9-10:30am	14 Church Board Reorganizational Meeting 6:30pm @church	15 Exercise Group 9-10:30am Quilters 9am-3pm	16	17	 18
 Praise 9:50am Worship 10:00am	20 Exercise Group 9-10:30am	21	22 Exercise Group 9-10:30am Quilters 9am-3pm	23	24 	25 Let's Move!!!  9am:Mariner Point Park
 Praise 9:50am	27	28	29 Exercise Group 9-10:30am Quilters 9am-3pm	30		

Anointing

"Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord." (James 5:14) This ordinance of the church is available whenever needed. Contact Pastor Pete or a Deacon.

Prayer Request

Our prayer chain is available to pray for special needs. Call the church office or Pastor Pete to initiate the chain with a request.

Pastoral Care

Please let Pastor Pete know of any special needs. He can't visit you in the hospital, for instance, if he doesn't know you are there. Feel free to call. Office: 410-592-9300 Home: 410-592-6343

Who's in the office?

Pastor Pete can generally be reached in the church office Mon - Fri 9 am - 12 noon. His day off is Saturday, though some weekend activities require him to take family time off elsewhere.

The office hours for our secretary, Allison Funkhouser are Mon & Fri 9am-2pm. Wed from home 443-840-0739. Email: allie@comcast.net

Special Monthly Offerings

The first Sunday of every month is designated as Dundalk Food Pantry Sunday. Please bring an offering of nonperishable food to restock the pantry. A monetary gift is also helpful.

The fifth Sunday of the month (during the months that have five weeks) is designated as our Mutual Aid Fund offering which is used to help out folks in our fellowship running into tough times financially.



**Brethren Disaster Ministries Trip:
Ashland City, TN**



I signed up to join a group of volunteers from the Beaver Creek COB for a week of work in and around Ashland City, TN. I was able to drive down with Jack Myrick, a volunteer who lives near New Windsor, and Shannon, a BVS'er working with Brethren Disaster Ministries (BDM)

also stationed at New Windsor. I left my house on Sunday the 20th at 4:30am to meet Jack and Shannon to leave the Brethren Service Center at 6 a.m. We got to our "home" for the week at about 6 p.m. (CST). We met the rest of the crew from Beaver Creek and Milledgeville COB (IL). Every morning we divided up into groups depending on our skills and went to several different projects for the day. I worked every day at Mr. Yearwood's house, a small cinderblock house that backed right up to a small creek. Most of the houses on that particular road were flooded during the storms, and many of them are being rebuilt through the efforts of different church groups and organizations. Those that could, were building on concrete piers 8 feet above the ground, but not everybody was able to do that including Mr. Yearwood.

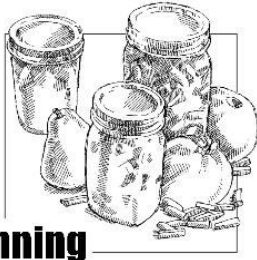
On Tuesday evening we met with the lady from Cheatham County who was our contact with the county and meeting with the homeowners that need help. She gave us an overview of the storm that was May 1-2, 2010. The storm dumped between 12 and 20 inches of rain from Nashville to Memphis, the western half of Tennessee, and surrounding states. The big news for the major newscasts besides the record-setting rains, dealt mostly with the floods in and around Nashville like the Grand Ole Opry, Opryland Hotel and the downtown area. We were working in a county just northwest of Nashville. We did have some heavy rain one day while we were there (some areas nearby received 8 inches of rain that day) which can make working on a house right next to the river a little more exciting (the river did not crest until Saturday or Sunday after we left). Traveling around the area going back and forth to the job site, we saw several areas that were flooded last year, and some of the corn fields still had water in them.

Several of the jobs we worked on throughout the week were installing insulation, hanging and finishing drywall, framing and block laying. We even had to convince the lady that the paneling in her basement had to be removed for health reasons because the insulation behind it was wet and full of mold. She really liked her paneling and did not want to lose it.

On Friday evening after working all week most everyone went to see a show at the Grand Ole Opry. Not being a country music fan, I went with them but walked around the Opryland Hotel during the show. While I was in the Grand Ole Opry gift shop, I did see a book with a couple of Leon Kagarise's photos in it (not his book though).

This was my second time to go on a BDM trip. The first trip I took was to Metropolis, IL in 2003 when I was volunteering with Lancaster Habitat for Humanity. Metropolis and Cairo, IL have been in the news a lot lately because they blew up some levies in Cairo, and flooded several farms at the beginning of the Mississippi River floods. I am sure that the Brethren Disaster Ministries will be responding where they can in the near future to help with the floods and tornado clean up. If I am able to get the time off I will consider going on future trips, but they would *love* to have any volunteers that can make it.

-Dennis Rosas

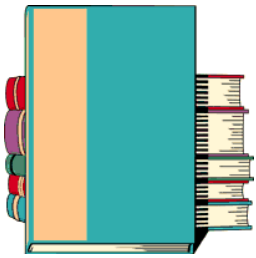


Meat Canning

On Wednesday, April 27th, and Thursday, April 28th, Long Green Valley Church of the Brethren participated in the Annual Chicken Canning Program located in Ephrata, Pennsylvania. This year's production of 36,000 cans was designated for domestic use due to the severe needs throughout the middle part of our country.

A cut up can of chicken mixed with a large pot of beans, rice or pasta can be a meal for a family. LGVCOB was enthusiastically represented by Gary Miller, Bill & Kathleen Nuttall, Ellis Shenk, and Paul Sonczweski.

THANK YOU TO ALL THAT PARTICIPATED!



Books for Burundi

Remember a few months ago donating books for Burundi??? I'm sure you remember seeing the pictures of Jean Sack's van packed so high with boxes and boxes of books! What an awesome memory! We have been praying for safe arrival of our (and so many others) donations! We finally have received word! Rebecca Sack Mosley reported on May 18th that the yellow shipping container of books has safely arrived at customs in Bujumbura! Volunteers in both Kigali and Bujumbura are ready to help with the distribution of the books into the schools this summer and in the creation of libraries. We look forward to more pictures to come of the children of Burundi and Rwanda enjoying their books. Continue to pray for the safe clearance of this shipment through customs in Burundi, and for the logistics of distributing the books. What a blessing....but the story isn't over yet!

Breast Cancer Ride

Again this year, Mike & Gail Hanna will participate in Dick Gelfman's Ride Across Maryland to collect money for the Susan G. Komen Cancer fund. Any checks need to be made out to Ride Across Maryland. All money should be collected before the ride, which is on June 4th & June 5th. If you have any questions, contact The Hanna's.

Spring Council Results

On May 15th, our annual Spring Council Meeting was held, and votes were counted. The following is a list of the results:

Moderator:	Robert (Bob) Barr
Treasurer:	Gary Miller
Financial Secretary:	Kenneth (Ken) Bowman
Church Clerk:	Grace Miller
Church Board:	William (Bill) Albright Eugenia Dunn Lori Erdman Lois Knight Floyd Myers John Ness
Deacons:	Michael (Mike) Hanna Lois Horst David (Dave) Sack
District Conference Delegate:	Jean Sack
District Conference Alternate	Eva Simmons
Nomination and Personnel Committee:	Lois Horst

Happy Father 's Day!



Just like Mother's Day, any day could be a time to celebrate with your Dad...you don't have to wait for a special notation on the calendar.

A prayer for Father's:

Dear Heavenly Father,

We thank you today for our earthly Fathers. They have such a hard job to complete. They are expected to be strong, providing, and wise. Yet we yearn for their tenderness, approval, and unconditional love. What a balance that we expect from our Dads. Lord, please bless our Fathers!

Be with the brand new Dad that is facing the new challenges and duties of a baby. Give this man the patience and self-confidence he needs to become a "professional". We ask for your guiding arms to help the Fathers of child that are still growing. Help these Fathers to guide their children, showing by

good example of what it means to be a Christian. Let these men call upon you Lord, allow them to overflow with the fruits of the spirit (kindness, goodness, faithfulness, joy, love, self control, patience, gentleness, peace). Heavenly Father, we ask that you allow the experienced Father of adult children to still find his role in their family. Allow these men to be called upon for wisdom and knowledge, and for that much needed hug and support. We ask for strength for Fathers that feel powerless while caring for a sick children. Lord, allow them to lean on you, and others for support. Thank you for all men that might have fulfilled the role of Dad, if even for a second. And Lord, we know that there are many men who wished to have the role of Dad, and have not. Be with these men today as well.

Not all will celebrate Father's Day with their Father this year Lord. Please be with those that do not have a relationship with their Dad. Help to heal this pain, and their relationship. For those that grieve for their Dad, because they are no longer living, help to provide peace during this day. For those that are separated from their Dad today because of miles, allow their love for Dad to travel to them. For those that have never known their earthly Father, allow them to feel your presence today as their Heavenly Father.

Thank you Lord for our Dads, and for the love that you show as our Heavenly Father each day!

-AMEN

Pocket Call

I was just walking in my front door when a voice spoke from my pants pocket. “Hello Pete.” Now, I have to tell you that my pocket does not usually speak to me. If it did, I might need to seek some professional help. Of course, what I carry in there often conveys a message. My uncle John once told me I had a hole in my pocket as a youngster, since I really wanted to waste money on vacation souvenirs. “Spend me,” my coins shouted. Years later, with the newfound freedom of a license, the car keys had a slightly different message. “Drive me.” What voices speak from your pocket?

However, the other week it was not an imaginary voice that spoke to me. It sounded strangely familiar, this voice. And it knew me by name. Perhaps you’ve already guessed it was my cell phone. Apparently, in hip-bumping the door open, I had somehow caused it to dial, and the person on the other end saw who it was and greeted me by name. My sister. What followed was a delightful, though totally unplanned conversation. It had been a while since we last spoke, so we took advantage of this “pocket call.”

Now, I could encourage you this month to take advantage of the unexpected, unplanned opportunities that will come your way and use them to connect with family or friends or strangers around you. This time of year, full of graduations and weddings and outdoor events, provides a rich assortment of “pocket call” types of possibilities. It doesn’t take much to invite someone into your life, and to find the common ground out of which good news grows.

I might also invite you to pay attention to a voice that often speaks from unexpected places and unusual times. Some might say you need professional help if you hear this voice, but I think Moses and Jeremiah and Mary and Paul might disagree, as would I. Of course, God speaks in a multitude of ways. The one we tend to ignore is the Word right before us, especially when there are so many other things to do than open the Book. “Hello,” we hear from the pages of the Bible. Think of it as a conversation, making a connection. Just don’t think you’ve got God in your pocket.

See you along the way. Pastor Pete

June Sermon Menu

June 5	“Safe in the Son ... walking in the light”	John 17:1-11
June 12	“Filled with sweet wine” - Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21
June 19	“In the name of the Father”	Matthew 28:16-20
June 26	“Living in the freedom of God”	Romans 6:12-23