

October 2011



### CROP WALK For the Hungry

Sunday, October 9, 2011  
Registration – 12:30 p.m.  
Walk begins at 1:30 p.m.

Want to make a difference in someone's life? Want to make a difference in the world? Consider joining with Pastor Jeff and hundreds of others from around Berks County in Walking for the Hungry. See Pastor Jeff to pick up your donor/sponsor envelope.

Can't walk? How about sponsoring Pastor Jeff or another walker?



### World Communion Sunday

Join us on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, as we gather for worship at 8:00, 9:30 or 11:00 am. **Christian believers around the world will gather at the Lord's Table as we share in the One Body and One Cup of Christ.** Communion will be served in the pews at 8 o'clock. Worshipers come forward and receive the elements by intinction at 9:30. **Worshipers receive the elements at the chancel railing at 11 o'clock, for what we call altar communion.** All who love the Lord Jesus Christ, and those who are seeking a relationship with God, are invited to come and receive these elements of grace. (A "UM Special Sunday" offering will also be received.)

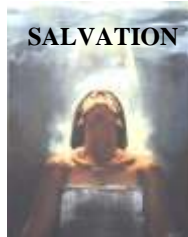
### Beautiful News Service

Join us and hear the Beautiful News the first Saturday of every month at 6:00 pm in the Community Center.

The message on October 1st will be delivered by Nina Portalatin-Barrett from New Hope Baptist Church in Reading. Nina

brings her passion for the Lord to West Lawn thru a high energy message on Salvation from John 3:16. Nina will be accompanied by the Praise Team as well as a keyboardist and singers from her church. Come hear

the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



November 5<sup>th</sup> the message will be delivered by Dr. Charles Yrigoyen. As we begin our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Dr. Yrigoyan will be

talking on what worship was like back in 1912.

December 3<sup>rd</sup> the message will be delivered by Mike Reinert as we begin the Advent season and prepare for Christmas.

Hope to see you there!

# The World is Our Parish

By: *Pastor Jeff Raffauf*

This phrase is often attributed to John Wesley. While he may not have used those exact words, he proclaimed and lived out a message that made it clear to all believers, then and now, that we are to be ambassadors for Christ everywhere we go, and that everywhere we go is our mission field.

We spent much of last year exploring through the Sunday messages that to be a United Methodist Christian is to **commit ourselves to “Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World.”** I truly believe that we are called to be world-changing disciples. That is to say, we should be living our lives in such a way as to reflect Jesus Christ in all we say and do. When we do this we take Christ with us into the world. We introduce Jesus to all we encounter and interject him into every situation. We invite people to experience the transforming power of Jesus in their lives and in our world. **Born to be world-changers for Jesus! Wow! That’s a high calling.**

I share this with you because we need to be reminded again and **again of God’s call in our lives. I also share it with you because** we will be introducing our new church logo beginning this month (October), which, itself, is designed to reinforce this message of world-changing discipleship. I am excited about this because you will be seeing the logo in many places. I hope that each time you see it you will remember the world-changing impact we can have every time we commit ourselves, individually **and as a church, to “inviting, embracing, and empowering all to be the family of God in Christ.”**



**Look for the new logo on new “spirit wear” we will soon be introducing. You will also see it on our newly redesigned web site (set to go live any day now), as well as on our printed materials, posters, etc.**

Finally, I want to lift up to you some opportunities that come up this fall to remember our calling to be world-changing disciples.

- October 2<sup>nd</sup> – **We will celebrate our oneness with all God’s children in our Sunday worship services as we** observe World Communion Sunday, and share in the sacrament together, as one.
- October 9<sup>th</sup> – We invite you to participate in our community CROP Walk for the Hungry. It starts at **Gring’s Mill recreation area. You can make a difference in the world by walking/raising** money for the hungry in our world, or by supporting someone who will be walking.
- October 23<sup>rd</sup> – John & Melissa Eager and their family will be sharing with us at all three services about how God is using them to make a difference in Tanzania. Through them, you, too, make a difference! Join us as we worship together, and as we raise \$1,500 to provide food for those in need in West Africa. (John will also be with us, sharing stories and pictures from TZ at our Wednesday Prayer and Praise service on 10/26!)

Thanks be to God for your partnership in this world-changing ministry here at West Lawn UMC! –Pastor Jeff

# BULLETIN

**TOSCANI OPEN FOR SUNDAY BRUNCH!**  
The buffet will be held from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, and will cost \$12.99 for adults and \$6.99 for kids 12 and under. If you mention West Lawn UMC, the church will receive a 10% donation!

**HELP WANTED:** West Lawn Wednesday Kitchen Ministry needs volunteers to help deliver WLW meals to those who are homebound and cannot travel. For more information, please contact Pat Goshert @ 610-678-5611.



**FLU SHOTS** will be available on October 3rd from 3-7 pm in the Community Center. The cost is \$30 for a flu shot or \$65 for a pneumonia vaccine (without insurance). No appointment is necessary.

*Important DATE!*

**BAPTISM** will be offered on October 16th at all three services. If you have any questions or to schedule a baptism, call the office at 610-678-5611.

## MAYS SANDWICH SALE

United Methodist Women are holding a Mays Sandwich sale from September 20th through December 21st. Tickets are \$3.75 each. See any member of UMW for your tickets or call Harriett Ziegenfuss @ 610-678-3107 or Janet Sillhart @ 610-678-3669 with questions.



**HELP WANTED**  
No Experience Necessary  
Come help us out at the soup kitchen. We volunteer the third Tuesday of every month from about **10:00 am to 2:00 pm, If you'd like to help, call Linda Wicks at 610-678-9911**

## INQUIRER'S CLASS

Thinking of joining the church? Maybe you just have some questions you'd like answered. If so, come out to our Inquirer's Class on October 16th from 6:00 to 8:30 pm. Light refreshments will be served.

[There will be another class on December 3 (Saturday) from 9:00 to 11:30 am.]



**Women's Christian Singles** Group will meet on the third Monday of every month at 12:30 pm in the HeBrews Café. All single women 55 and older are invited to attend. Bring a sandwich—coffee, tea and dessert are provided. For questions, contact Ida Hafer at 610-678-8308.

## Decades Dance

By: Kelly Rismiller

### Get Your Dancing Shoes On...



Last fall, West Lawn went “western” and sponsored a Hoedown. Let’s get together again this October for an all out DECADES DANCE featuring your favorite tunes from the 40’s, 50’s, 60’s, 70’s, 80’s, 90’s and today!

Join DJ Dan and crew in the Community Center on Sunday, October 9 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for another family-style dance. Bring along the kids, parents, grandparents and friends for this event. Feel free to come dressed in your favorite poodle skirt, retro disco outfit, classic 1950’s evening gown or punk rock 80’s wear! Enjoy a fun night out on this Columbus Day weekend; for many, there is no school for kids the following day!

Refreshments and snacks will be provided. There is no admission cost or sign up registration. A free will offering will be taken during the evening to help offset the costs.

## Sunday, September 11, 2011 We Remembered

We remembered with music, when our choir sang tributes to all the armed forces who give their lives to keep us safe. We remembered with drama, when we watched 3 firemen raise our flag and thought of the ordinary people who became extraordinary heroes. We remembered with tears as we thought about all the people who lost their lives. And, then we remembered that God is always faithful even in our darkest hour. He has always brought us through and he always will.

We remember.



## Advent-ageous

“Write these things down for the future so that people **who are not yet born will praise The Lord..!**”

Psalm 102:18 reminds us to write about our experiences with God to inspire others along the way, now and in the future. Please jot down your Christmas reflections for “Advent-ageous 2011,” our congregation’s 4th annual booklet:

- < Bible Verse >
- < One-Page Reflection >
- < Closing Prayer >
- < Your Name >



Let us know if you’d like a hand in the process. We have a new crew assembling it, so please submit by 10/10/11, to Mary Lou Hutchinson at [cyber-lou@juno.com](mailto:cyber-lou@juno.com) or to Mike Reinert at [miker@wfmz.com](mailto:miker@wfmz.com), or to the Church office. See you on the Advent journey!

## What is a Chrysalis Flight?

Chrysalis is a place where young people encounter the living God, where religion becomes more than form— it becomes power. Chrysalis is a three day retreat, a youth version of The Walk to Emmaus. It is planned to inspire, challenge and equip young people for a closer friendship with Christ and for Christian action at home, church, school and community. The Chrysalis experience is a metamorphosis, a transformation from a taught faith to a faith of one’s own. Through Chrysalis young lives are transformed, and God’s grace becomes known, resulting in Joy, Hope and Peace. Teens participating in a Chrysalis weekend are required to have completed grade 9, and have a desire to come closer to God. Pray for our young people and consider sponsoring a teen for our 2012 flights at Camp Innabah this February: February 16-19 for our boys, followed by February 23-26 for our girls. Let them be “the Light that shines in the darkness”; Let them become empowered to serve as light to others. Please contact Scott Long or Deanne Metz with any questions. The time to sign up is now.

# Famine Relief in East Africa

By: Jon Eager

Dear Partners in Ministry,

I'm sure you have heard on the news about the massive famine that has hit parts of East Africa (<http://www.cnn.com/2011/WORLD/africa/07/20/somalia.famine.explainer/>), particularly Somalia and northern Kenya and Ethiopia. From the above article: "The DEC—an umbrella group of aid agencies including Oxfam and Save the Children—reports that 'more than 10 million people in Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia and the newly formed Republic of South Sudan have been left in need of food, water and emergency healthcare.'"

The rains were not great this year, and even some areas in Tanzania have had a poor harvest. Our area is one of them. Pray for wisdom as we discuss how best to help in our area, as we anticipate food shortages for certain families in our local villages. Widows and the elderly (and the kids they take care of) will likely be affected the most. The level of the problem here is no where near Somalia or northern Kenya, but we're already having requests for help.

Even now maize, the crop used to make the staple food in Tanzania, is becoming harder to find in certain villages. Some "business savvy" fellows are even trying to stock pile the maize so that they can sell it at much higher rates in November and December when the hunger really hits and supplies are down.

We are hoping to procure 50 to 100 gunny sacks of maize for us to use for famine relief. (In fact, they have already purchased the first 50 sacks.) One gunny sack can feed a family of five for about 4-6 weeks. Right now, factoring in the transport cost for bringing maize to Usandawe

from Singida (2 hours away), each sack of maize would cost about \$30.

What we would like to do is utilize the local churches to distribute the food. Our local groups of believers in different villages are in a good position to talk with village leaders and identify at risk families and bring their names to the local pastors/evangelists.

If you would like to help with this effort, please feel free to write a check to "Africa Inland Mission" with a note stating "for Magambua Medical Project Fund—ER TAN 111 U" with a footnote saying "famine relief." You can send the check to Africa Inland Mission, PO Box 3611, Peachtree City, GA 30269. [For West Lawn UMC to provide food for 50 families for 4 to 6 weeks, it would cost \$1,500. **Is this something you can share in..\$30 to feed a family?** Checks may be made payable to 'West Lawn UMC' and should be turned in to the office, or placed in the offering in an envelope marked 'Food for TZ' by October 16.—JAR]

Or alternatively, you could give online at <http://www.aimint.org/usa/> under the Give tab, Online Giving, search for Magambua Medical. Write in the comments area "Famine Relief"



Thank you for your partnership in the Lord's work here!



## Shepherding Ministries

After a VERY busy summer "shepherding" our clients to doctors, dentists, labs, therapies and grocery stores, and providing companion visitors and respite for caregivers for people in need of those services, Shepherding Ministries is ready to do a fall training for new volunteers. The training will be held on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 at St. John's (Hain's) UCC in Wernersville.

In addition to the 45 minute—1 hour training, all volunteers are asked to help only one morning or afternoon a month, receive mileage reimbursement and are covered with excess liability insurance. All of our congregations are represented by at least one volunteer.

Please talk to someone from your church who is helping with this outreach and ask them about their experiences with our clients. You will discover that the volunteers find this to be a rewarding opportunity to make a difference in someone's life. Please call Cheryl Young, director, at 610-670-5945 if you have any questions about this ministry.

## Communication — With; Cholera — In; Christmas Party — For Haiti

**What's happening in Haiti, especially with Divine Ministries? A lot...Praise God!!!**

The donated land in Les Cayes now boasts a newly dug fresh water well, a completed perimeter wall and the foundations for three permanent buildings. We have moved the children and staff from a rented facility onto our land; housing them, for now, in temporary structures that are "hurricane-resistant."

A supportive Baptist Church in Ohio has supplied the money to purchase a box truck for use as a profit center at Divine Ministries, where we currently employ over 250 people in a variety of jobs, including rubble removal, construction of temporary shelters, and administration and staff positions at our three orphanage locations.

The recurrent heavy rains in Haiti have caused repeated outbreaks of cholera. Until recently, cholera was confined to the outlying districts; not in densely populated areas, due to the access to decent sanitation and good communication of correct hygienic practices. Hurricane Irene changed that: cholera has intensified in the countryside and in Port-Au-Prince many cases have surfaced as well. The pickup truck WLUMC donated to Divine Ministries is still in active use as an ambulance in Les Cayes; a rural area where many lives have

been saved because they now have the means whereby affected individuals and their close family members can have immediate access to hospital care, which is critical to their survival.

**In 2010 we sponsored a "Shoebbox Christmas Party" for 3,000 street children, orphans and children from the displacement camps. It was a huge success! This year we are gearing up for a "Backpack Christmas Party" for 5,000 of the children from those same sources. There is no lack of children that would benefit hugely from an invitation to this party; there are easily over 500,000 children in Port-Au-Prince alone, but we simply don't have the resources (yet) to reach out to so many. We do what we can, as God provides. If you want to be a part of the blessing in this outreach, please contact Mark Gillette at 610-678-1647, or by email at [gillette175@aol.com](mailto:gillette175@aol.com). Opportunities abound! If you would like to join the team that is scheduled to travel to Haiti the first week in December to help host this party, just let us know.**

All of us at Team One.27 and Divine Ministries in Hope for Children appreciate your generous support; whether it takes the form of prayer, materials, encouragement, or direct involvement.

Thanks for your partnership with us,  
Mark Gillette, Team One.27 President



Safe Haven is back and we are starting another great year. **We have most of last year's** children returning and we also have seven new ones. It is so great to add to our group.

We have added three more teachers to our staff and we are grateful for all of our returning staff. Without these persons there would be no Safe Haven Lighthouse mission.

We are picking apples this September and Faye Dundore and her wonderful group will be making them into pies for us. We will be selling these pies between services on Sunday, October 2nd **in the HeBrews Café**. Make a note to come see us. The proceeds will be going to Eric, a 7 year-old from Amity Township who has a condition with his esophagus, which means almost all his food has to be processed through a feeding tube. Our children enjoy being able to serve other children. Thank you for your support of this mission.

We are planning other great activities and service projects this year. Keep reading in upcoming issues to see what we are up to!

**In Christ's service,**—Lori Madara and Bonnie Rissmiller



## Little Acts of Love Chosen as a Lowe's Hero

Each year Lowe's Heroes volunteer program helps to improve the communities where Lowe's employees work and live. Together, each store team identifies a community improvement project that will make a difference in their community. This year the Reading store has chosen to work with Little Acts of Love. Because Lowe's Heroes volunteers share a common goal to make their communities a better places to live, together we have selected a homeowner with a need to create a safe environment for her severely autistic son and her other children. Our work includes interior and exterior repairs to be completed September 29 & 30, weather permitting.

The Lowe's store will provide a team of ten skilled volunteers along with all of the materials necessary to complete the work. Some of the materials have been donated by Lowe's vendors, like Valspar Paints. Local restaurants such as Williams Restaurant and Applebees have offered to help by providing refreshments for some meals during the build. Other community businesses are being offered the same opportunity to join us during this special event.



Josette, Tom & Patty (Lowe's manager)

## Miracle of Christmas Bus Trip to Sight & Sound Theatre

Join us for a "Miracle of Christmas" Bus Trip at Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster on Saturday, December 17th.

Your ticket includes transportation, live performance & lunch at the Shady Maple Smorgasboard. Ticket price for adult (18 & over) \$95.00; teen (11-18) \$70.00; child (4-10) \$50.00.

Please Contact Robin Bailey at [rbailey@sovereignbank.com](mailto:rbailey@sovereignbank.com), [gajasippy@aim.com](mailto:gajasippy@aim.com) or call 610-670-4924 for reservations or more information. No money is needed until October 31st, but make your reservations now. This is a **don't miss experience!**



## Keeping the Connection

Please forward your college student's name, address, and email address to [kac702@aol.com](mailto:kac702@aol.com) or contact Peg Carpenter at 610-858-9631.

We will be packing boxes on Sunday, October 16th after the 11:00 service. Thank you for all your continued support of this ministry.



## Apple Pies

Safe Haven Lighthouse will be selling apple pies between each service next Sunday, **October 2, in the HeBrews Café for \$10 each.** Proceeds will benefit Eric from Amity Township who has a condition with his esophagus forcing him to eat through a feeding tube. He loves Thomas the Train and we want to bring that happiness to him. If **you'd rather not purchase a pie,** we are also accepting monetary donations.

Thank you for your help in this mission.



## Food Pantry

At our last Food Pantry in September, we served 59 families totaling 231 people. Thanks to all the volunteers who made this pantry day work for our needy neighbors. Our next Pantry will be on October 21st with set up on Thursday October 20th.

Items our pantry needs this coming month would be juices, soups, canned meats (except tuna), canned vegetables (except corn), spaghetti sauce, jelly and marshmallow fluff. All these items are in short supply and many of these items are not available through the Greater Reading Area Food Bank. Our clients appreciate the choices we offer and we could not do it without the donations of the participating churches and the help of all of our volunteers. Thanks to all!



## A Devotional Moment for October

*By Jamie O'Leary*

But the Lord said to Samuel, "Don't look at how handsome Eliab is or how tall he is, because I have not chosen him. God does not see the same way people see. People look at the outside of a person, but the Lord looks at the heart." 1 Samuel 16:7

The end of this month brings a holiday, of sorts, that has many of us—children and grown-ups alike—dressing up in costumes. Most of these costumes will include a mask of some kind. No matter where you stand on the issue of "to Halloween" or "NOT to Halloween," we can all agree that wearing a mask can be fun...even liberating at times.

Hiding behind a mask might summon in us the courage to talk to the new neighbors; the boldness to ask those hard questions; the audacity to disagree with a crowd. Yep...anonymity can certainly help us find our voice. Take the Internet, for in-

stance. Countless websites with chat rooms invite us in as anyone we want to be. With each click of the mouse we have the opportunity to mask the real and put on the imagined.

Some masks are not that easy to wear. Like the ones we wear to church. You know what I'm talking about—the mask with the "permanent smile." Or how about the one we slip on just before we get to work or school...leading all we meet to think we're in control—that we don't need anyone's help. And the mask we save just for holidays and family gatherings... I think that's the most uncomfortable one of all.

Why do we go to such lengths to put a "spin" on who we are? Certainly we can all admit, as humans we are hopelessly flawed and perfection is just NOT an option. Yet so often we conceal our true selves and hope the pretend one will get better results. And for a time it may actually seem like it is working.

Thankfully, we serve the **God that doesn't take us at face value.** We serve **the God that's big on truth** and therefore looks through all facades. Our Creator is less interested in WHAT we do and more interested in WHY we do. God looks on the heart. He sees our deepest need for a Savior. And so, He sends us JESUS.

No matter the mask, no matter what we think we're hiding—pain, disappointment, fear, etc... JESUS KNOWS. He knows all about it and He loves us in spite of it. Jesus meets us right where we are...even in the bad places. And praise God He loves us too much to leave us there! So, let us be encouraged to remove any masks we may use and dare to reveal our true selves. Allow the love of God and the saving GRACE of Jesus to take us where we need to be: free of pretension, free of judgment, free of condemnation. Free to be!

We have freedom now, because Christ made us free. So stand strong. Do not change and go back into the slavery of the law. Galatians 5:1

God Who Sees,  
You have looked past the facades and into our hearts. Help us to trust You with our true selves and dare to **be all You've created us to be.** Thank You for Jesus, our Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen. So be it.

Suggested Scripture Reading: Psalm 139; Romans 8:1-6

To further enhance your time with the Lord, visit our church library (**HeBrews Café**) where you will find numerous daily devotionals and inspirational books to enjoy.



## Women's Book Club

The next Women's Book Club Meeting will be on Wednesday, November 2nd at 7:00 pm in Room 102 on the first floor of the Community Center.



Our book for this month is "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot.

Join us for discussion of the book and fellowship. Come just for our meeting or grab a bite to eat first.

Hope we see you all there!

## TECH TEAM

Want the best seat on Sunday mornings? Get involved with the "Tech Team" ministry here at West Lawn. We will train you! Come and be part of what goes on "behind the scenes."

Sign-up sheet will be available in the church office. Contact David Haas via email [david@westlawnmc.org](mailto:david@westlawnmc.org), phone 484-334-1981 or stop by the balcony after a service for more information.



## Recycle For Little Acts of Love



Are you getting your family ready to get back to school or college? Did you check the ink supply for the printer? What do you do with the empty cartridges? BRING THEM TO CHURCH. What??

**That's right. There is a black collection box with our logo on the front in the stairwell of the Education Building near the Welcome Center. Just drop off your empty cartridges in this box and it will turn into cash to buy office supplies and equipment for Little Acts of Love. What a great GREEN idea!**

Being a part of the great things that are happening through this ministry could not be simpler.

## Sing Messiah! Returns to West Lawn

Mark your calendars NOW for Sunday, November 27th, at 3:00 pm. West Lawn UMC is hosting the 35th annual Sing Messiah!

A chamber orchestra and soloists will be directed by local bass-baritone Brian Gibson, with assistance from Donald Reber, who originated this annual event.

If you love to SING or LISTEN to Handel's Messiah during Advent and Christmas, this is your opportunity! You can bring your own score, or borrow one from our music library. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you.



For nearly 30 years, a local volunteer chorus, currently called the "FirstNoels," has been taking its eclectic Christmas program to nursing homes, assisted living centers, senior citizens centers, etc., fulfilling its mission of bringing a little Christmas music to seniors in what can be their loneliest time of the year. Dick Becker, our Minister of Music, founded the singing group and has been its only director since its inception. The seed for the group involved employees of General

## There is still time—The FirstNoels



Public Utilities and Met-Ed (now FirstEnergy) singing at Christmas luncheons in the company cafeterias, but within a few years they stepped outside their comfort zones to travel and entertain at senior sites. For the last few years, the FirstNoels have held their only program which is open to the general public, one intended for their families, at the WLUMC Community Center.

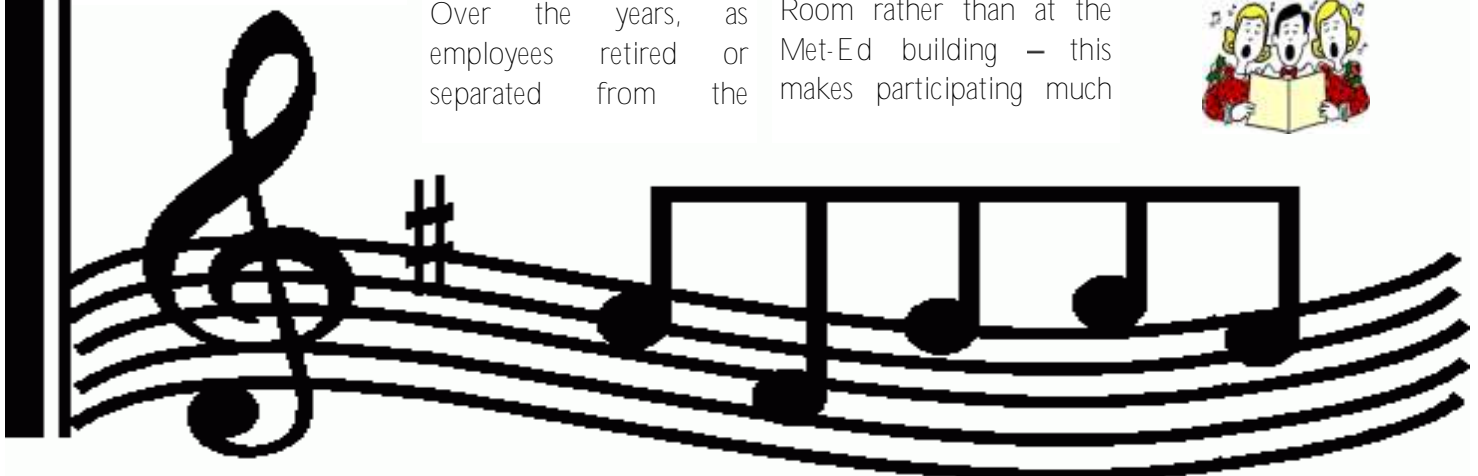
Over the years, as employees retired or separated from the

company, the singers have been supplemented by families and friends of employees and retirees. The FirstNoels look for additional singers each year – could you be one?

The group rehearses once a week, and when the calendar turns to December, it starts visiting the seniors. This year, for the first time, rehearsals are in the WLUMC Music Room rather than at the Met-Ed building – this makes participating much

more convenient for many of you!

Please consider joining the FirstNoels this year. You are not expected at all rehearsals, nor at all December programs. Just give it your best, and reap the rewards from giving your time and your voice to seniors in Berks County. See Dick Becker for additional information.



## Urgent Need For Flood Buckets



There is an urgent need for flood buckets in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference.

All churches are encouraged to assemble flood buckets to help with the clean up of homes and businesses in southeastern Pennsylvania.

After all the flooding in the Mid-west and with the hurricane season dumping water all over the East, there is an urgent need for flood buckets. Mission Central has requested that we collect the items required in order to restock their supply.

A 5 gallon bucket is packed with the following:

- Liquid laundry detergent (two 25 oz. or one 50 oz. bottle)
- Liquid household cleaner (12-16 oz.) no spray type
- Dish soap (16-28 oz.)
- Air freshener (1 aerosol or pump)
- Insect repellent spray (one 6-14m oz. aerosol spray pump)
- Scrub brush (1)
- Cleaning wipes (18 Handi Wipes [reusable]) no terry towels
- Sponges (7)
- Scouring pads (5)
- Clothespins (50)
- Clothesline ( two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.)
- Heavy duty trash bags (24 roll)
- Dust masks (5)
- Disposable kitchen gloves (2 pr. rubber or latex)
- Work gloves (1 pr. cotton or leather)

If you can donate any of the above items or funds for purchasing the items for a project such as this, your donations will be greatly appreciated.

The last time we did this type of project, we filled 50 flood buckets! We should be able to do at least that again. A group of volunteers will assemble the buckets as the packing material must be discarded and the bucket cannot exceed 66 pounds.

A note on amount/quantities: these can be close, for example, 14 oz. rather than 16 oz., or 48 clothespins rather than 50.

Donations can be dropped off at the Church Office. Thank you for your participation!

# West Lawn United Methodist Church Centennial

The Centennial theme—**“Remember, Rejoice, Renew”**—is our guide for plans and activities happening in 2011 and 2012.

**“Remembering”** began with a bulletin board in the Reiner Education first floor hallway. We are still searching for anniversary or dedication programs from pre-1940 years. There are more remembrances to come.

Check out the baptismal certificates for 5 generations of West Lawn Church members plus other memorabilia in the display case in the narthex. Do you have items you are willing to share? Contact Jim & Bev Woodring or call the church.



**“Rejoicing”** has also begun with the *Cat’s Meow* Collectible of the church building and a Christmas Ornament for the Centennial year available for purchase. Cost for either of these collectibles is \$15.00 each. Purchase yours at the table in the breezeway each Sunday morning, or contact Anna Bickhart or Marlene Koehler.



The Beautiful News service on Saturday, November 5 at 6PM in the Community Center is an occasion to **“Remember & Rejoice”**. We will worship in the early 1900s style of The Evangelical Church—the denomina-

tional name of the first congregation. Leading our worship will be Dr. Charles Yrigoyen, Jr., United Methodist Church historian. As we celebrate how these first members worshipped with song, prayer and sharing, we ask each person to bring an item of canned food to the service. These items will be distributed through the Food Bank. Join us for this evening celebrating the roots of our church.

**“Renewing”** continues with celebrations in 2012 with the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sunday, May 20 with Bishop Peggy Johnson preaching at all three services; and the Centennial Banquet on Saturday evening, June 9 at the Crown Plaza Hotel with inspirational speaker and author, Dr. Tony Campolo. Please contact Mike Reinert at [miker@wfmz.com](mailto:miker@wfmz.com) if you’d like to join the banquet planning team. Mark these dates on your calendars!!!

As we move through the activities and worship experiences of this Centennial year, it is our prayer that each member of West Lawn United Methodist Church will use this year to catch the enthusiasm of our foremothers & forefathers for their faith. **“Renew” your commitment as a Christian and as a member of this worshipping community. As we “remember” and we “rejoice”, we “renew” the ministries of West Lawn United Methodist Church for the next 100 years!!!**

## ATTENTION ALL VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

We are planning to honor ALL veterans who have been members of our church during next year’s centennial. **If you, or your mother, father, grandparents, aunt or uncle was a veteran, and a member of this church** any time during the last 100 years, it also includes them. If possible we would also like a picture in uniform. This could be sent via e-mail or brought into the office Monday-Friday and scanned while you wait.

Please supply the following information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rank: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dates (years) served: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Information can be brought to the Welcome Center, or sent to [carol@westlawnumc.org](mailto:carol@westlawnumc.org). Call the office at 610-678-5611 with any questions.




## Flashlight Maze




MAST Corn Maze, Morgantown, PA  
 Youth Fellowship event for:  
*Fired Up Youth, FUEL Youth, and SMASH Youth*  
 ☉ *Younger Siblings are welcome ONLY if a parent is joining!*  
**Saturday, OCTOBER 22 Cost: \$7.00**  
SIGN UP ON FACEBOOK or contact Jeannie

This year your admission price includes a wagon ride, ZIPLINE, hay jumps & both mazes! We'll leave the church parking lot at 6:00pm, and be back by 9:30pm. Dress warmly and bring along a flashlight! Drop off your payment in the drop box located on the youth office door.

## Community Night at



Sunday, October 23  
 5:00pm to 9:00pm

**Join us for dinner at Isaac's in the Village Square, Wyomissing**  
 25% of all pre-taxed sales will be applied to WLUMC Youth serving in Missions!  
 You MUST present our flier for our youth to receive credit.  
 Fliers are available in the narthex or church welcome center.

# LIGHT THE NIGHT

Monday, October 31, our Youth will be hosting *Light The Night*, a **safe alternative to the traditional "trick-or-treat" on Halloween** night. This year our community outreach will be held in our Community Center. We are seeking adult servants to volunteer with games, entertainment, popcorn, cotton candy, hot dogs etc. Please contact Billy or Jeannie! We would love to share this festive night with you!

We are collecting bags of snack size candy bars, Snickers, **M & M's, Reese's, Smarties etc**, between now & October 26 to fill our treat bags. Don't delay, drop off your candy today!  
 (In the welcome center, office or HeBrews Café) !

## TIME: Ocean City, Maryland Youth Rally, January 4 - 6, 2012

Save the Date, and REGISTER EARLY! Our youth will be attending the 25th Anniversary Youth Rally sponsored by **Young People's Ministries of the Pen-Del Conference of the United Methodist Church!** Musical guests include Leeland, Flame, Britt Nicole and Ashes Remain. The speaker will be REGGIE DABBS! Registration includes conference admission, transportation, meals and lodging. A deposit of \$50.00 is due to reserve your space.

- Cost: \$85.00 if deposit is received by Wednesday, October 12, 2011
- Cost: \$100.00 if deposit is received after October 12, & before November 9, 2011
- Cost \$115.00 for late registration after Nov. 9 *ONLY if we have space available*



**CASH for CAUSES Gift Cards** are a great way to support our youth! Simply purchase Giant Gift Cards to pay for your monthly groceries instead of paying cash! They are available on the first Sunday of each month between services in the He Brews Café, or you may pick them up anytime during the week by stopping in the church office.



### SYATP: National Day of Student Prayer

Several of our leaders and youth *converged* with other Christians around the flagpole at their school on the morning of September 28 and laid this petition before God, "Father, may Your will be done on my campus as it is in heaven"? **See You at the Pole™** provided an opportunity for our youth to reach out to their friends for Christ. Let **See You at the Pole™** be a kick-off for you to truly make a difference this year.

# FIRED UP

Youth Group for 4th-6th Graders will begin in October! Come and hang out, **see what we're all about!**

- Start Date: October 2
- Retreat Overnight: October 14
- 6:30pm in the Fire House Cafe
- Permission forms a must!

## West Lawn UMC Member & Phoebe Resident Shares Story of World War II Trousseau With Staff

Phoebe staff members discovered a beautiful part of history when conversing with a resident in the new Chateau neighborhood at Phoebe Berks. Nalda Tschop described the dressing gown her mother made as part of her wedding trousseau. Interest was so great in this **unusual item crafted from parachute material, that Nalda's daughter, Carol Tschop, brought the treasured heirloom from home to show the staff.**

**"It was a great way to get to know her better,"** says Erin Garcia, Director of Community Life at Phoebe Berks. **"When you are able to reminisce about an item that is so personal, you really feel like a bond has been formed through the interaction."**

Nalda, married during WWII when luxury goods were hard to come by, says purchasing items needed for a **wedding was no easy feat. "We couldn't find anything store bought,"** Nalda reminisces. **"My mother came to the rescue and said, 'I think I can do this.'"**

Nalda just happened to have some parachute material her **fiancé brought home at the end of one of his tours and a mother who was a world-class seamstress. "I am proud of it because of her workmanship. It means more to me than simply having the gown,"** Nalda adds.



Community Life Coordinator, Karen Marveck, helps Phoebe Berks resident, Nalda Tschop display the bridal dressing gown her mother made from parachute material.



A Community Group is made up of a small group of people (3-14) who come together to build authentic relationships through encouragement, guidance, accountability and prayer so that all members experience life transformation through Christ.

To join one of our many Community Groups, or start a new group, pick up a blue Connection Card at our Welcome Center, or contact Kelly Rismiller, Community Group Coordinator, at 610-507-9141 or email [kelly@westlawnumc.org](mailto:kelly@westlawnumc.org).

### Attention Church Women United

Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011 will be our first meeting at 1:00 pm at Holy Cross United Methodist Church, 329 N. Fifth St., Reading, PA 19601. The **program title is: "A World Fit for Children."** The presenter is the Rev. Dr. Myra Maxwell, President of Church Women United of Pennsylvania.

Hope to see you there!

### Crafters Christmas Bazaar

The Crafters Christmas Bazaar will be held Saturday, November 5, 2011 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Community Center.

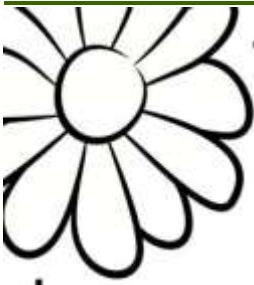
Homemade baked items and crafts would be appreciated. Items may be dropped off on Friday, November 4 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, or the day of the Bazaar from 7:00 to 9:00 am.

All proceeds will be given to missions supported by our church.

Tables are still available for crafters who would like to participate. Please call Laura Trewella at 610-373-0614 for information.

We hope that we will see each of you at the Bazaar **whether it's sharing your talents or appreciating the talents of others!**

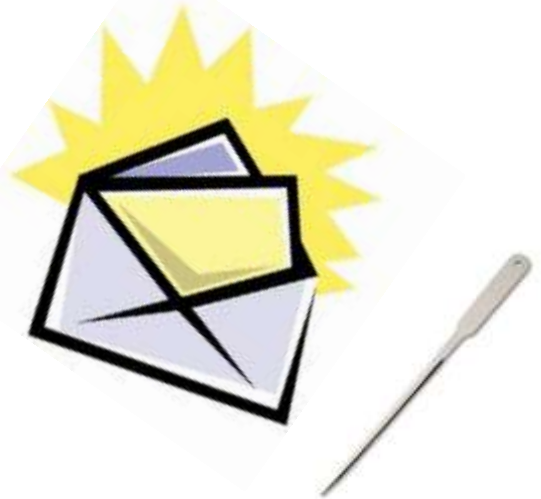




*Dear WLUMC,  
We are so very appreciative of all of  
the support that you have shown for  
Girl Scout Troup 1748 and the Ani-  
mal Rescue League. The fundraiser  
was a huge success thanks to your help!*

*God Bless,  
Girl Scout Junior Troup 1748*

*Thank You*



Thank you to everyone who prepared the delicious meals for our family. We are blessed to have a new addition to our family - Conlin Matthew Farrell, born on August 2, 2011 and we are blessed to have received the good deeds of this ministry. Thank you for your time in preparing and delivery the meals to us. We greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness.

God Bless You All,

Chris, Angie, Owen and Landon Farrell



Pastor Jeff,

I just wanted to send you and the church a quick thank you for supporting youth missions. I greatly appreciate everything that was done for the youth to go to Jamaica this August. It was such a moving experience, and I'm sure the rest of the group would agree with me. I am so grateful to have a home church that supports youth missions, and missions in general.

Down here at school, so many students say their churches don't even have a youth group, let alone teen mission trips. I feel so lucky to be a part of such a special church!

Again, thank you so much for all you have done for me, and the youth group, over the years.

-Katie Carpenter



# Baptized



September 4, 2011,  
Gabriella Reese Loper  
daughter of Holly Mays &  
Robert Loper



September 18, 2011,  
Brooke Charles Wolf  
son of Megan Wolf



September 18, 2011  
Brayden Scott Getrost  
son of Melissa & Scott Getrost

## Our Newest Members

Diane Stuart—Diane moved into the area and was looking for a church closer to home as well as to meet other people. She has a son, Doug, who lives in Philadelphia, and two cats. Diane enjoys reading, cross-word puzzles and watching the Phillies. She also enjoys getting together with her sister and large extended family.

Debra Soule—Debra attended a United Methodist Church as a child, and has recently decided to “go back to her roots.” She had heard many good things about West Lawn UMC and decided to check it out, along with her parents. Debra is a graphic designer, a web designer, and owns an advertising agency called “The Drawing Board.” She and her husband, Ron, recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary, and in her spare time, she enjoys playing tennis & golf, reading and traveling.

Fredrick & Marjorie Soule— Debra’s parents, Fredrick & Marjorie, have been church members since they were children. Marjorie played piano for children’s groups, Sunday School & Youth Fellowship. At their former church, Marjorie was the church organist & choir director for 58 years. They are interested in learning about the many activities the West Lawn has to offer.

Douglas Kennedy—When Douglas moved to the Wyomissing area, he decided to find a church closer to home. After attending West Lawn’s services, he was impressed and decided to join the church. His wife, Evelyn, passed away in 2009 after 68 years of marriage. Douglas has three children, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren who thankfully all live fairly close by. He enjoys reading, the Phillies & Eagles, and used to enjoy playing tennis.



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Every Sunday:

Worship

- 8:00 am Traditional Worship
- 9:00 am Fellowship Time
- 9:30 am Praise Worship
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Fellowship Time
- 11:00 am Celebration Worship
- 11:00 am Table Talk 11

Watch for our new logo AND our  
newly designed website both coming  
in October!

