

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

It doesn't seem possible that Lent and Easter are already over!! This is always a highlight of the Christian year for me. The Monday following Easter, I found myself asking God if we could do that last week over. Maybe you did as well?

A few years ago, I remember sharing the above lament with a fellow pastor. I will always remember his reply that every Sunday is a mini-Easter. I think about the comment every year as the days pass beyond the hyper focus of Holy Week. It is so true that authentic Christian life is a daily walk with the knowledge that Christ rose from the dead and conquered death and sin, once and for all. With that in mind, each day, in addition to every Sunday, is a celebration of life made possible by the Triune God.

Will you remember that tomorrow morning? Life gives out doses of joy and sorrow. Everyone I know gets some. We would prefer one over the other. Each day is a challenge to faith and trust in a just and loving God.

David, the master Psalm writer, really captures these thoughts in his 30th song. "You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent." (Psalm 30:11-12 NRSV)

David sensed and lived his life in the perspective that God was in control of his life. His recognition of this divine plan was evidenced in the very meaning of the Psalm. David experienced the presence of God in the everyday. What a vivid witness of the power of God who has done for us what we cannot do for ourselves.

May the Resurrection power of Christ be your portion in all the days.

In all things, Christ!

*Rev. Steve Wiggers*

## Sunday Morning Worship Team

### May

#### Lay Readers

May 2 - Jean Edwards  
May 9 - Bob Gleason  
May 16 - Clint Apthorpe  
May 23 - Tina Shaver  
May 30 - Melissa Wiggers

#### Ushers

Don and Tabby Butler  
Mark and Karen Morton

#### Nursery Helpers

May 2 - Kelly and Sarah Osborne  
May 9 - Tina Shaver and Logan Hickman  
May 16 - Julia Nelson and Brittany Lenart  
May 23 - Adam and Tory Irgang  
May 30 - Barb and Lauren Tordella

### June

#### Lay Readers

June 6 - Brynne Hinsdale  
June 13 - Thea Kester  
June 20 - Shelley Croscut  
June 27 - Julie Nagel

#### Ushers

Buck and Kristine Seekings  
Joel and Jessica Keefer

#### Nursery Helpers

June 6 - Carol Hay and Emily Waller  
June 13 - Thea Kester and Corinne Edwards  
June 20 - Yvonne Calcaterra and Alyssa Jaeger  
June 27 - Karen Morton and Brittany Lenart

## THIS and THAT

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** The Christian Education Department, as a PUMC outreach project, will be holding a hot dog fundraiser on May 23, following worship. This will help with one tournament sponsorship for a girls' summer basketball league that some of our girls are playing on.



While you have your calendar open...**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** On June 6, also following worship, the PUMC softball team, will hold a spaghetti dinner. Receipts from this dinner will help to defray some of the costs associated with the season's activities.

**Jeanette Osborne** has been selected by the Ad Board to be recognized at the **Laity Banquet** to be held on May 11 at the Ashville Training Center. Jeanette has been on numerous committees and/or teams over the years but one of her most recognized contributions to the PUMC was the publication of the Percolator for 25+ years. We thank you for your dedication to this time consuming, and very appreciated, task.

Baked goods are needed for the 10 a.m. Fellowship Time on Sunday mornings between Sunday School and Worship. Please sign up on the Welcome Table.

**LADIES:** Reserve October 8 and 9 on your 2010 calendars. Watch for more information in the bulletin and Grace Notes.

**DONATIONS TO HAITI:** Remember, to send your donations in care of CSI Ministries, 1714 West Royale Drive, Muncie, IN 47304-2240. Your checks should be marked for Health Center Haiti or Anderson support.

Every Sunday, we will be collecting **loose change** for the **Food Pantry**.

## Because of your faithfulness...

Because of your faithfulness, we received \$17,926.75 during the month of April for the general fund. This is an average of 4481.69 per week.

We received \$570 for Missions in April. Designated monies received are as follows:

- \$100 - Anderson support in Haiti
- \$240 - Tile Project
- \$120 - JOY Center
- \$40 - Royal Family Kids' Camp
- \$40 - Camping Scholarships
- \$40 - Lenten Folders - Missions
- \$20 - Food Pantry
- \$2 - Tape Ministry

To date, there is a balance of \$14,779.84 in the Trustees' account.

We thank you for your faithful giving in support of the ministries of the Panama United Methodist Church.

## S.O.F.O.

(Stepping Out For Opportunities)

April 28 was the last day that SOFO met for lunch until further notice. Participation in this ministry has been very low since the first of the year, and we are no longer able to continue. We appreciate all the folks who have joined us the past several years and hope that the reason for the lack of attendance is because you "young folks" are too busy - and that's OK. Thanks to all of you who have helped with this ministry and if you would like to talk to us about starting up again in the fall or think of something else for the older generation - we're listening.

Jeanette and Joyce

## *Tape Ministry*

### May 2

Gerrie Simmons\* LSS A116  
Phyllis Patterson\* HGreen  
Kathy Smith TW 218  
Van Luther TW 208

Pam Ireland  
Bill Peck  
Rachel Reardon  
Rachel Reardon

### May 9

Gerrie Simmons\* LSS A116  
Phyllis Patterson\* HGreen  
Kathy Smith TW 218  
Van Luther TW 208

Barbara Hart  
Trudy Anderson  
Julia Nelson  
Julia Nelson

### May 16

Gerrie Simmons\* LSS A116  
Phyllis Patterson\* HGreen  
Kathy Smith TW 218  
Van Luther TW 208

Everett King  
Peter Komarek  
Eloise Smith  
Eloise Smith

### May 23

Gerrie Simmons\* LSS A116  
Phyllis Patterson\* HGreen  
Kathy Smith TW 218  
Van Luther TW 208

Thea Kester  
Art & Jeanette Osborne  
Lester & Wyona Wevers  
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### May 30

Gerrie Simmons\* LSS A116  
Phyllis Patterson\* HGreen  
Kathy Smith TW 218  
Van Luther TW 208

Jack & Linda Sturges  
Diane Johnson  
Jean Edwards  
Jean Edwards

**\*No Tape - just a short visit and a bulletin**

## *With Sympathy*

*Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Violet Sturges. Vi passed away on Tuesday, April 27, 2010. Although she was unable to attend the PUMC on a regular basis in recent years, Dave was able to bring her on special occasions. It was always a treat to see her smiling face. Vi will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.*

## *Memorial Committee*

Have you visited the Memorabilia Room? It has been cleaned and organized. The light will be on Sunday mornings, so take a trip back in time with the history of your church. This room is to the right of the Library and easily accessible by stairs or the elevator.

On behalf of the committee, I wish to extend a big THANK YOU to George Anderson for installing our bookcases and to Keith Miller for framing and hanging of the pictures.

Appreciate the past for what the church is today.

Sincerely,  
Eloise Smith  
Chairman, Memorial Committee

## Youth Update

The Youth Group would like to thank everyone who attended the Early Service on Easter Sunday. Eighteen young people stepped out in faith by participating in one way or another, and it was very special to have our three Seniors (Hannah, Jackie, and Adam) give the sermon. The breakfast that followed was another fundraising success and we can't thank all of you enough for your generous support. While we took a couple weeks off around Spring Break, we did go to Dairy Queen and then to Lakewood Beach for devotions and silliness on the playground.

Youth will be back in full swing in May, meeting each week except on Mother's Day, May 9. On May 23, we will go to the Trinity Relief Zone for the final DCYM event of the year from 6-8 p.m. Adult drivers will be needed, so please let Adam or Tory know if you feel called to lend a hand.

Please keep our youth in your prayers this next month as the school year begins winding down. Prom, spring concerts, spring sports, review for Regents exams, and the last weeks of high school for some make this a busy, emotional, and stressful time that can challenge faith and bring temptation. Your prayers make all the difference.

Adam and Tory  
Youth Leaders

## United Methodist Men's Group

Tuesday, May 4, is the cut off date to sign up for the "Draw a Line in the Sand" men's retreat. Please see details below and the daily schedules on the next page.

**WHEN:** May 7-8, 2010

**WHERE:** Camp Findley

**COST:** \$45 (includes lodging and food)  
\$30 (if no lodging is needed)

There is a \$20 deposit at time of registration. Please detach the registration form on the bottom of the next page and mail it to the address provided, along with your deposit. If you'd rather, there is a registration form on the Welcome Table, to sign up on no later than Sunday, May 2.

"In a world of compromise,  
we want to help men see the value of standing firm in their faith."

## DISTRICT MEN'S RETREAT SCHEDULE

### Friday Evening, MAY 7

4 p.m. Registration begins  
6:15 p.m. Pig Roast begins - Fellowship & Activities  
7:00 p.m. Registrations ends  
7:15 p.m. Welcome & Worship  
7:30 p.m. Session 1 - "Make a Choice!" (Doug Kibbe)  
Testimony by \_\_\_\_\_ (lay person)  
8:00 - 8:45 p.m. Small Group Discussion  
8:45 p.m. Break  
9 p.m. Wii Competitions or a Guys' Movie

### Saturday, MAY 8

7:30 - 8 a.m. Late Registrations in Weaver Hall  
7:30 - 8:10 a.m. Breakfast  
8:15 a.m. Session 2 - "As For Me" (Jim Pegan)  
Testimony by \_\_\_\_\_ (lay person)  
8:45 a.m. Small Group Discussion  
9:30 a.m. Gather Small Groups for Team Competitions  
9:45 a.m. Team Competitions & Activities  
11:30 a.m. Lunch  
12:30 p.m. Session 3 - "As For My House" (Joe Pascoe)  
Testimony by \_\_\_\_\_ (lay person)  
1:00 p.m. Small Group Discussion  
1:45 p.m. Option 1 - Breakout Sessions (45 mins)  
1:45 p.m. Option 2 - Camp clean up (1:15 mins)  
3:00 p.m. Break  
3:15 p.m. Session 4 - "We Will Serve the Lord"  
Testimony by \_\_\_\_\_ (lay person)  
3:30 p.m. Prayer & Communion  
4 p.m. Dismiss to pick up & pack up  
4:30 p.m. Leave

Please make out your check to "Cornerstone District"; write "2010 Men's Retreat" in memo area. Mail this form and payment to:  
Cornerstone District Office  
15 Morris Lane  
Jamestown, NY 14701

For more information,  
call 716-665-2423.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address \_\_\_\_\_

## *Recipe...from the Parish Nurse*

### **Buffalo Chicken Meatloaf**

2/3 c. rolled oats  
1/2 c. fat free milk  
1/3 c. chopped sweet onion  
1/4 c. Frank's wing sauce  
1/2 c. finely chopped celery  
1/4 c. shredded carrot  
1/3 c. chopped sweet onion  
2 large egg whites, lightly beaten  
1/2 c. crumbled bleu cheese

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Prepare a 9x5x3 loaf pan with non-stick cooking spray.

Combine oats and milk in a mixing bowl and let stand 3 minutes, or until the oats begin to soften. Stir in the wing sauce. Add the ground chicken, celery, carrot, onion, egg whites and salt to taste.

Using a large spoon or with your hands, gently combine the mixture. Add the bleu cheese and gently combine.

Transfer the mixture to loaf pan, smooth the top flat, and spread the remaining wing sauce on top. Sprinkle the reserved onion slices over the sauce.

Bake 35-45 minutes or until the center of the meatloaf is no longer pink. Serve immediately.

### **Prayer Chain**

If you have a concern you would like others to pray for, please call Susie Davis (782-4611) or Jean Edwards (782-2800). Your prayer Request will be passed down the chain to 20+ others who will pray, and continue to pray, about your situation.



## **SPRING CLEAN UP**

On Saturday, May 22, from 8 a.m. to noon, we will be working inside and out to clean up the church building and surrounding areas. If you have seen something that needs to be done around the church, please add it to the list of chores on the Welcome Table. And then, of course, add your name to the list of those able to help. You may just get a little lunch at the end of the morning. The more workers...the faster we will get it done! Please bring rags, buckets and/or anything else that you think could be used in the endeavor.



## **Christian Education**

“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6

Have you taken your child to nursery so you could enjoy a Sunday School class? Do you have one hour a month? Just think of what you do and what you could do by volunteering one hour a month. You could be that one person who says the right thing or teaches that very simple lesson that makes a difference in the life of a child.

The Christian Ed. Dept. is in need of a teacher for our nursery class on Sunday during the Sunday School hour. As of the writing of this newsletter, we have had no one come forward to volunteer to teach this class. ONE HOUR PER MONTH. Please consider this request as our Nursery serves as a vital part of our Sunday School hour. As the saying goes...We are the Church, WE are the people...so let's be the Church and the People to the future of our Church.

I hope that my inbox or my answering machine gets full with all of the offers of assistance. I am waiting to hear from you.  
665-255 or ccat1018@hotmail.com

Thank you for considering this...you will be truly blessed.

Carm Catanese, Christian Ed. Co-Chair