



Christ Church Communicator

“Love God, Love People, Make Disciples for Jesus Christ”

Following is an excerpt teaching from **Experiencing God** by Henry and Richard Blackaby and Claude King:

Knowing God by Experience

You will never be satisfied merely to know about God. Knowing God comes only through experience as He reveals Himself to you.

When Moses was at the burning bush, he asked God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?” (Ex 3:13)

God responded, “I am Who I am. This is what you’re to say to the

Israelites: ‘I Am has sent me to you.’” (Ex 3:14)

When God said, “I am Who I am,” He was saying, “I am the Eternal One. I will be what I will be.” He was saying, “I am everything you will need.” Just fill in the blank for your particular situation: “I am....” During the next 40 years Moses came to know God experientially as Jehovah or Yahweh, the great I AM.

In the Bible God took the initiative to reveal Himself to people by experience. Frequently, when God revealed Himself to individuals, He disclosed a new name to them or described Himself in a new way. To a Hebrew, a person’s name represented his character and described his nature. This is why in the Bible we frequently see new names or titles for God following an event in which someone

experienced God. To know God by name required a personal experience of His presence.

Biblical names, titles, and descriptions of God therefore identify ways Bible characters personally came to know God. The Scriptures are a record of God’s revelation of Himself to people. Each name for God is a part of that revelation.

For example, Joshua and the Israelites were fighting the Amalekites. Moses was

overseeing the battle from a nearby mountain. While he held his hands up to God, the Israelites were victorious. When he wearily lowered his hands, they began to lose. God defeated the Amalekites

through Israel that day. Moses built an altar and gave it the name, “The Lord is my Banner.” A banner is the standard that goes in front of an army to indicate whom it represents. “The Lord is my Banner” says we’re God’s people. He is our God. Moses’ uplifted hands gave constant glory to God, indicating the battle was His and Israel belonged to Him. Israel came to know God in a deeper way as they realized anew, “We are God’s people; the Lord is our Banner.” (See Ex. 17:8-15)

I KNOW GOD MORE INTIMATELY
AS HE REVEALS HIMSELF TO
ME THROUGH MY EXPERIENCE
WITH HIM.

“We are God’s people; the Lord is our Banner.”

Yahweh

Following is a list of names, titles, and descriptions of God. Check those that describe God in ways you have personally experienced Him. Add the names not listed that you have experienced individually. You may want to begin your prayers to him using these names.

- My Advocate (Job 16:19)
- Comforter in Sorrow (Jer. 8:18)
- Wonderful Counselor (Isa. 9:6)
- My Strong Deliverer (Ps. 140:7)
- Our Father (Isa. 64:8)
- A Sure Foundation (Isa. 28:16)
- God Almighty (Gen. 17:1)
- God Who Avenges Me (Ps. 18:47)
- Our Guide (Ps. 48:14)
- Our Help (Ps. 33:30)
- Great High Priest (Heb. 4:14)
- My Hope (Ps. 71:5)
- Righteous Judge (2 Tim. 4:8)
- Our Leader (2 Chron. 13:12)
- Light of Life (John 8:12)
- Lord of the Harvest (Matt. 9:38)
- The Most Holy (Dan. 9:24)
- Prince of Peace (Isa. 9:6)
- Refuge and Strength (Ps. 46:1)
- My Savior (Ps. 42:5)
- Sovereign Lord (Luke 2:29)
- My Support (2 Sam. 22:19)
- Bread of Life (John 6:35)
- My Confidence (Ps. 71:5)
- Defender of Widows (Ps. 68:5)
- Faithful and True (Rev. 19:11)
- A Consuming Fire (Deut. 4:24)
- My Friend (Job 16:20)
- God of all Comfort (2 Cor 1:3)
- God Who Saves Me (Ps. 51:14)
- Head of the Church (Eph. 5:23)
- My Hiding Place (Ps. 32:7)
- Holy One Among You (Hos. 11:9)
- Jealous (Ex. 34:14)
- King of Kings (1 Tim. 6:15)
- Your Life (Col. 3:4)
- Lord of Lords (1 Tim. 6:15)
- Mediator (1 Tim. 2:5)
- Our Peace (Eph. 2:14)
- My Redeemer (Ps. 19:14)
- My Salvation (Ex. 15:2)
- The Good Shepherd (John 10:11)
- My Stronghold (Ps. 18:2)
- Good Teacher (Mark 10:17)

Did you see that you have come to know God through experience? Could you check any of the names and not think of an experience in which God acted that way in your life?

The

Bible

*Owned, it is riches; studied, it is
Wisdom; trusted, it is salvation;
Loved, it is character; and
Obeyed, it is power.*



ATTENTION:

The *Communicator* is looking for your personal-interest stories. We know God is always at work in the lives of His people, and it is an encouragement to others to hear about these experiences.

How has He revealed Himself in your life lately? Is there a God moment from VBS or ASP or the grocery store that you would like to share?

Submit your story to the church office or via e-mail. May God be glorified through the sharing of His activity.



Christ Church Communicator Chitchat

- The *Communicator* can be viewed on-line at christchurchfranklin.com or picked up in the narthex. It can also be mailed to you if you are unable to go on-line or come in. Just let the office know you wish to be added to the mailing list.
- Contributors, there will be a hard August 20 deadline for September's newsletter, as the "editor" will be on vacation the end of the month. For your convenience, please be aware of this deadline.



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makes for a joy-filled – but hectic – day. To make things a little less hectic, we have decided to allow our phone system to do what it was designed to do – take your call.

In short, when you call the church, the electronic answering system will now pick up your call. Listen carefully to the series of options that will direct your call to the appropriate person. If that person is unavailable, you may leave a voice mail message and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

Change is never easy. And patience is not necessarily a virtue in all of us. But make no mistake! **YOU** are important to us! By patiently allowing the phone system to direct your call, you will be taken care of in a highly efficient manner and the church office will perform more effectively, as well. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Lois Cross,
Administrative Assistant



It shouldn't come as a surprise when I say we are really, really busy in the church office these days, and getting busier. With our growing numbers, more phone calls, visits, and paper work, it all

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Here's a short cut tip when you call the church:

If you know your party's extension, you can press that # at any time during the opening remarks to go directly to your party. Church extensions are as follows:

EXT.	NAME
1	Worship Times
2	Administrative Asst. (Lois)
3	Youth Director (Laurie Greenlee)
4	Finance (Todd Plowman) [Todd only works after hours but you may leave a message]
5	Pastor David
6	Children's Ministry (Patty Way)
7	Assoc. Pastor (Sam)
8	AV Dept. (Chuck Porter)
9	Not yet in service. (Will probably be Katie Aaron Ext.)



BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

August, 2010

*Dick Way
Ralph Aylesworth
Todd Bush
Kevin Garmong
Pastor David Janz*

*Dave Hogue
Peggy Lore
Bob McVay
Merralee Obenrader*

*Dave Shearer
Judy Shreffler
Dave Way
Elaine Young*

The building committee has been very busy visiting other churches which have undergone recent renovations. The idea is to learn from others' experience, to sort out the positive aspects from the "not so positive aspects." We want to be thorough in our research so that our recommendation to you and church council is based on sound advice. We want to tailor our current need with a projection of future need. We respect the need to be modest while ensuring a project of quality and function.

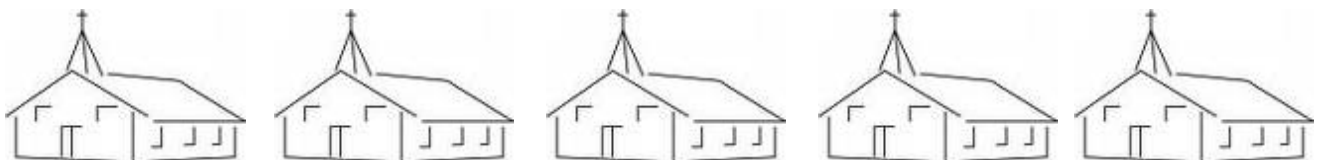
We have visited four churches and have been blessed with the information gleaned from each visit. In future newsletters we will go into greater detail and highlight the aspects of

renovation we feel worthy to recommend.

Please feel free to share your vision with one of the members on the building committee. Please be consistent and attentive to this project in your daily prayer time. It is God's house of prayer and He will use all of us in this design.

It is an exciting time for our church. It is more than just more stone and brick; it is a rebirth of our church body as a useful tool for God's work in this community. We are all in this together and fervent prayer will guide every single move we make.

In His Service, Building
Committee



CUMC'S MINI BUS TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM BEGINS SUNDAY, AUGUST 15TH

Program will be done for three months to evaluate the needs in the community and to help determine the logistics of managing a transportation program for our church

OVERVIEW: The CDC (Child Development Center) has offered their nine-passenger bus to Christ United Methodist Church on Sunday mornings to transport people who need a ride to church for worship services.

REQUIREMENTS:

- **INSURANCE:** Insurance is provided by the CDC. Drivers must complete a basic one-hour overview drivers program presented by the CDC at no cost. If there is an accident, the church will be responsible to pay the \$500 deductible thru the CDC.
- **GAS:** Reimbursement to the CDC will be determined according to the mileage log which will be completed by each driver.
- **CAR SEATS:** Children who require car seats will have them provided by the parents and will be installed by the parent. A second check will be done by the driver or the accompanying assistant.
- **HANDICAPPED:** Since there isn't a lift, only those who are able to get up and down steps will be able to use this service.

PHASE 1:

Transportation will be provided for the 8:15 AM and the 11 AM Sunday worship service. In Phase 1 we will limit our outreach to the Colonial Towers, the Franklin Towers and the Arbors. As the program evolves and needs are identified, we will extend our areas for transportation service.

Number of Volunteers Needed:

Five male or female volunteers are needed to drive the mini bus which will mean that they will be able to select the one Sunday a month that will work best for them and also be able to switch Sundays with another volunteer if the need should occur. Five male or female volunteers will be recruited to ride with the drivers to meet the



requirements of Safe Sanctuary. This will be arranged depending upon whether it is a male or female driver.

LOGISTICS:

1. The mini bus will be parked in the CDC parking lot each Sunday morning.
2. The driver will be given the code to enter the CDC to pick up the key.
3. The driver will be notified Friday or Saturday of the numbers and location of those that need a ride to church. A listing of the names of the people, the telephone numbers that wish to be given a ride and their address will listed on a clip board located at the Welcome Desk each Sunday morning along with the Mileage Log Sheet.
4. An approximate 1st departure time from the church to pick up the passengers will be 7:30 AM but will depend on the location and the number of people needing transportation.
5. After delivering the people back to their residence, the driver will be responsible to return the bus to the CDC parking lot, complete the Mileage Log Sheet, sweep the vehicle if necessary, lock the vehicle, return the key to the CDC office, and make sure the office door is lock when leaving.

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

COORDINATOR: Katie Aaron (until program is implemented)

Co-Leader: To be determined

REQUESTS FOR TRANSPORTATION:

Individuals needing a ride from the Franklin Towers, the Colonial Towers or the Arbors will call the Church Office 432-3019 (ext 2) or email: katieaaron@pa.rr.com.

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A Big Thank You From the Mission Committee

The Mission Committee wishes to thank all who helped to make two recent mission projects a BIG success.

The Mission Yard Sale income was \$2,388.23.

The Vacation Bible School Sweet Sleep Mission Project raised \$2,925.63. This amount will provide warm comfortable beds for 18 children in Haiti.

What a statement of our desire to reach out to others in need!

Dearest Christ Church Family,

I canNOT even begin to thank all of you for how supportive you have been. The cards, calls, food, visits--gosh, you are AWESOME!! As I keep saying over and over, I am SO blessed!!!!

I also want to add--appreciate our pastors and all they do. I told them NOT to worry about coming before my surgery BUT Sam was there to pray with Pete and me while I still had a clue what was happening. Even though my words said don't stop in, my heart said, please do. It just meant so much to have Sam there to pray with us AND it means SO much knowing many of you have kept me in your thoughts and prayers.

God Bless all of you.Until later....take care and God Bless....Sharon from Twin Circle Ranch

*Dear People of
Christ Church,*

*Thank you
so much for your
cards, phone calls
and your prayers.
It really helped me
and got me
through my
illness. I never
knew I had so
many people who
cared. God is
good and **He** does
watch out for us
and help us when
we need it. I thank
all of you and my
doctors from the
bottom of my
heart.*

*Praise be to God,
and thank you.*

Lolly Tarr

Christ United Methodist Church,

Thank you very much for the graduation present. I love the CD and book with Bible verses. I also love the microwave cook book. Thank you so much for everything over the time I have attended CUMC. I'm so thankful for everything.

Love, Carlen Barnett

...and need:

We are ever so grateful for those who deliver flowers every month. This ministry is in need of PLASTIC containers such as small vases, peanut butter and mayo jars. If you have any of these, please drop them off in the kitchen marked "for flowers".

Thanks Bev Elliott

Unique Opportunity to Join the A/V Team!

The A/V Team still has an opportunity for a volunteer to play the 3rd Thursday (of each month) evening Video on TV at 6 PM. All that is required is to put in the DVD and press PLAY, and then press the ON-Switch for the TV Feed. Nothing to it! It only requires about one hour of your time, once a month! Please pray about this, and send an E-mail to Chuck Porter at arteachr@aol.com or see Chuck on Sunday morning, if you are interested in taking advantage of this unique opportunity to Serve God!

Your Brother in Christ,

Chuck Porter, Christ United Methodist Church A/V Director



CROWN FINANCIAL MINISTRIES™

Crown Financial Bible Study Coming This Fall

After a two-year break, we will again be offering the Crown Financial Bible Study this fall. Nearly fifty CUMC members (and others) have completed this fantastic study. Here's what the Crown website has to say about it:

The Biblical Financial Study is a ten-week, in-depth study of what scripture teaches about money and possessions. Life Group Members have confirmed that marriages are being strengthened and individuals are finding their way out of debt. They are also becoming consistent savers, generous givers, and prudent consumers. Most importantly, people are entering into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ as they learn to apply His Word. Groups meet for two hours every week and include scripture memorization and interactive discussions. You can get more information at the Crown website: www.crown.org

We operate these studies at no cost to the church. Materials are \$45 for individuals and \$55 for couples. A short orientation session and distribution of materials will start the study on September 9th, followed by Session #1 on September 16th and will run through November 18th. The preferred group size is eight; so if you are interested, please indicate "Crown" on the attendance form in your bulletin or e-mail Tom Hill at blackshoe31@verizon.net



SHARE YOUR GARDEN PRODUCE & BENEFIT MISSIONS

Gardens are beginning to produce, and the harvest is abundant. Beginning Sunday, August 8th, the Mission Committee will have a "Share Your Produce Table" in the narthex. Bring your extra produce to share.

A container will be available for any monetary donations to be used for the mission work of our church.

An interview with our Children's Ministry Director, Patty Way

Questions by Shellie McVay



1. I know you made an early commitment to the Lord. What has this meant in your life?

I committed my life to Christ just before my mom died, when I was 16 years old. I really think that made handling her death and losing my home much easier. At that time, it would have been easy for me to fall in with the wrong "crowd" but knowing that God cared, helped tremendously. The commitment I made to follow and obey Christ and His teachings enabled me to make mostly good choices that took my life in a positive direction rather than a negative one.

2. How has this relationship influenced your work with the children?

Well... I know if I didn't have a relationship with Christ I wouldn't be working at C.U.M.C.! Each time I open my Bible, God reveals more and more of Himself to me and His plan for me. The result is, I grow closer to Him, which strengthens and grows the relationship and my dependence on Him. The benefits of a growing relationship with God will naturally spill over into all aspects of your life, including work. When you are excited about something, you want to share it with other people!

My primary focus in the position I have at C.U.M.C. is sharing that excitement and what I have learned with our children and with the volunteers who work with our children. Recently I have had some gentle nudging from above to go out of my comfort zone and


become a little more involved with adults. However, my passion will always be children.

3. What goals or expectations do you see for the Children's Ministry at CUMC?

One goal is to find creative ways to equip kids in studying the Bible so that they can discover on their own even more about God and the love He has for His creation. The Children's Pastor Conference that I attended in January gave me some Bible study tools that Dave

Updegrave and Vicki Engles have used during Sunday School. I also took every class I could find on reaching out to neighborhood children so that when God says the time is right, we will be ready to launch an outreach to children in our own neighborhood! As our congregation continues to seek God's will and grow together, I will be open to whatever God has in store for this ministry at C.U.M.C.

The commitment I made to follow and obey Christ and His teachings enabled me to make mostly good choices that took my life in a positive direction rather than a negative one.

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CHILDREN'S

ministry

I would like to say "thank you" to all of our VBS Volunteers. You did a fabulous job! Everything ran so smoothly because of your dedication to the children. I especially enjoyed seeing all of the smiles on volunteer faces, along with the smiles of children. Numerous compliments have come back to us from families with children who attended. Your work was appreciated, and I appreciate you too!

Thank you to all of you who helped behind the scenes with our set, repairing things that fell down, registration, decorating, making and serving dinner and tear down. We could not have had the wonderful week we had without valuable people like you all, working behind the scenes.

I would also like to thank each of you for the surprise gift that you gave to me. The money was certainly appreciated but the kind words that were spoken meant more than anything!

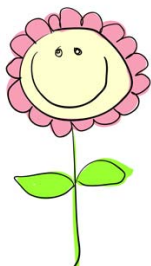
Thank you C.U.M.C. for caring so much about children.
In Christ's Love,
Patty Way



An exciting new instrumental group under the very capable direction of Ann McCauley is taking shape. Children and youth who play a musical instrument and have completed at least one year of instruction are invited to become part of this new ministry. Practices will be on Thursday's beginning July 29th from 4:00 – 5:00 pm in the sanctuary. We'll be looking for YOU!

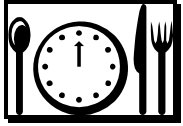


Children and youth from kindergarten age through high school are invited to participate in a new Hand bell Choir led by Marlene Richards and John Post. No musical experience is necessary. Hand bell practice is every Tuesday beginning at 4:00 pm and will meet in the Open Door classroom, located beside the sanctuary.

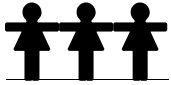


John and Imy Post have started a new theater group for children and youth who enjoy the performing arts. Vocal practice will be held on Tuesday afternoons at 3:00 pm for two Christian dramas titled, "Salute to America" and "Race to Win". Set and stage design sessions will be announced soon.

BIBLE STUDY



MAKE ME A BLESSING BIBLE STUDY has changed its format for the summer. Gary Braughler is teaching this study from 10-noon on the first and third Tuesdays. Lunch is not included. The study meets at Lou Shearer's home at 323 Gurney Road. Call Lou at 814.437.2728 for more information.



GALATIAN GIRLS

This group gathers the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 10:00 AM and will be meeting on "Lou's porch" during the summer. Call Lou at 814.437.2728 for more information.



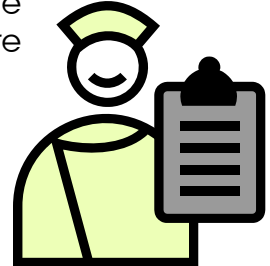
GALATION GIRLS PM

Galation Girls PM has resumed its inductive Bible study Tuesday with the Gospel of John. As we learned to do in the Experiencing God Study, we will explore the scriptures identifying where we sense God is speaking to us; we will pray this back to God; and we will seek to determine what He is telling us to do as a result. We will learn together! Meet in the Children's Department 6:30 - 8:00.

Women's Ministry Page

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

are offered the last Sunday of the month before and after Sunday School. Health record forms are provided. Watch for reminders and signs.



REBECCA CIRCLE

Rebecca Circle meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM. The Circle's focus is on missions. Contact Gerta Anderson at 432-2307 for information.

ATTENTION LADIES:

There is still room for you to register for Women of Faith in Cleveland. We also have room on the bus. The total cost is \$163, and scholarships are available if needed.

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to grow in Christ with other women of faith.



LOVE BASKETS

Baskets are available in the women's cupboard in the kitchen for those who would like to deliver a special blessing. Please be sure to complete the log book when taking a basket. Or, call Joyce or Karen Greenlee; and they will make arrangements for the basket to be delivered.



Women's Fellowship Night will resume in the fall. Watch for details in the Sunday bulletins.

School of Missions Update

Cooperative School of Christian Mission was held at Grove City College July 12 -18. Dr. Steven Tuell from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary taught "For the Love of God" using the epistles of John. What an incredible learning experience that was. The hands-on project was school bags for UMCOR. A miracle of biblical proportions took place with the completion of 144 bags in just four days. The children's school raised enough funds to supply 168 mosquito nets for Sudan, the geographic area of study this year. Plan to attend next July when Haiti will be the area of study.

All year long, personal care items are collected for the Oil City Crisis Center. This organization provides a safe place for abused women and children who sometimes come to the center without any personal possessions. Do you have small bottles of shampoo, bath gel, tubes of tooth paste? These items are greatly needed. You can leave them in the Open Door Sunday School Classroom (to the left of the Welcome Desk). Please label them to the attention of Barb Lynn.



KIDZ 'n' STITCHES

The summer sewing camp was a "humming" success with as many as nine sewing machines working at the same time! A total of eleven girls participated in the week-long project making a total of 106 bags for UMCOR, plus one more to take home. A special thank you goes out to the adults who helped make this such a great week. See you next summer!

FRIDAYS ARE FREE DINNERS

The Final Fridays Are Free Dinners began in May of 2009. Since this inception over 1300 people have participated in the Fridays Are Free program. The Friday dinners have proved to be very successful in ministering people of our church and our neighborhood. A core group of people attend from the Hi Rise Apartments. A Christmas dinner was held on Christmas Day, and plans are being made to provide a dinner this year on Christmas Day.



For Easter, Patty Way coordinated the Children's Program to coincide with the Friday's Are Free event so that over 200 people were in attendance for a wonderful multi-age fellowship of ministry for both the mind and the body. A seasonal menu has been provided to delight those attending with warm delicious comfort food in the midst of a winter storm or the taste of a cool treat on a hot summer's day. We have had numerous dedicated volunteers making the dinners so successful. The volunteers have been involved with food preparation, serving, clean-up, and of course interacting with the community coming in to dine with us! Special thanks to all the volunteers! Without these many volunteers the meals could not possibly happen, and we are always in need of more... If you are interested in volunteering your time and talents, please contact the church office or Susan Slautterback @437-5468 or email slautterback@usachoice.net. Remember that many hands make light work! This is a wonderful way of making a difference in the lives of our neighborhood community. We're shining the light of Christ into our little piece of the planet!

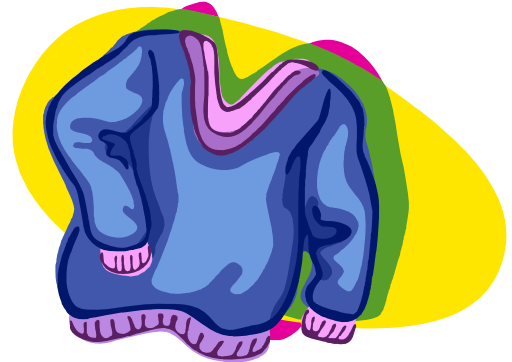
IT'S TIME!

FALL CLOTHING GIVEAWAY

Have you begun setting those items aside that you want to donate for the fall clothing giveaway? It will be held Saturday, October 9, with clothing being accepted in Heritage Hall beginning Monday, October 4.

Please bring your clean, gently-worn clothing to be shared with our community. Larger sizes and boys clothing are especially needed.

As an added blessing, your help with sorting and folding would be welcomed. Set your own hours!



Mark your Calendar

August 3	Make Me a Blessing Bible Study Galation Girls PM
August 10	Galatian Girls Galation Girls PM
August 17	Make Me a Blessing Bible Study Rebecca Circle PM Galation Girls
August 24	Galatian Girls PM Galation Girls
August 27	Fridays are Free Dinner
August 29	Blood Pressure Screenings
August 31	Women of Faith Trip Balance Due



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MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Seneca Hills Barbeque



August 7, 2010
Time: 6:00PM - 8:00PM
Fee: Donation

Men are invited to an old-fashioned summer barbeque where we will be grilling up mouth-watering steaks and chicken. Come eat as much steak, chicken, corn and apple pie as you desire. Enjoy fellowship with men from all over western Pennsylvania and Ohio. A devotional time will follow dinner.

Call 4323026 or email at info@senecahills.com for reservations



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Joetta's Jots

July 2010

(excerpts)

Although Haiti is not in the news as frequently now, we are still very involved with the earthquake relief, in addition to an already full schedule. A group recently met in Port-au-Prince to continue developing lands for building houses for our church members.

Our church in Port-au-Prince took five years of construction and was leveled in 35 seconds. When the church was to celebrate their 13th anniversary in the church building, they actually celebrated their first Sunday under the new tent.

Teams of church members have received training for relief and restoration during this time when many hearts are especially open to evangelism. One of the Emmaus Bible Seminary students did not return to campus when classes resumed in February. He was one of the many seminary students at a temporary clinic that OMS (One Mission Society) established in an area of Port-au-Prince shortly after the earthquake. In the month this clinic served the refugee community, 800 people came to the Lord.

Churches throughout Haiti continue to be packed full six months after the earthquake. One news agency reports that

there have been 85,000 conversions since the earthquake. Pray for adequate discipling and training so that these new converts will remain faithful and grow in their faith. Pray that our relief efforts will have the proper balance of meeting

physical and spiritual needs and that we would be aware of God's leading.

September will mark a special milestone for me as I will complete 15 years of missionary service. Many of you have been faithful supporters throughout all these years. There

is no way I would have been able to reach this milestone without your faithful prayers and financial support. Thank you for all you are doing to advance the Gospel in Haiti.

As I write this letter, my support account has fallen into the red. Please join me in praying for adequate support so I can remain in Haiti, serving the One who has called me to this tiny impoverished nation.

In Haiti for Him
Joetta

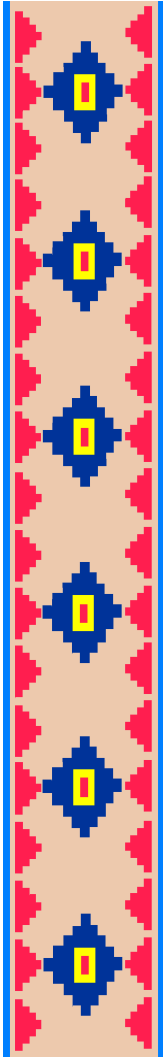
One day I had the opportunity to take some Haitian friends to distribute health kits that a church had donated for earthquake victims. These kits contained towel, washcloth, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, comb, etc. We went to a Baptist hospital nearby and were well received, being given freedom to visit in the wards. We were able to visit and pray with 30 people.

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News from NAYM



DeWayne,

Thank you so much for your continued prayers. Ben is back working full time and seems to be feeling well.

Last week I went up to the reservation for a week, my first since all this started. It was hard to go and leave, but he did well and didn't need me at all.

Erin is feeling better all the time. They say it takes the donor about 6 months to get back their energy, for the body to adapt. She seems to be improving in energy, at least that is what she tells us.

Mark is on the reservation most of the time this summer, several projects going on. Jerry is slowly recovering, (He had a fall and had a compression fracture in his spine). He's hard to keep down!

We hear it's humid back there, I'm not sure what is worse, humid in the 90's or dryer in the 110's. We are in the monsoon season so we've had rain and the humidity is up.

Looking up and encouraged!
May God be your strength,

Nancy

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Greetings
from
Louise
Bacher

I am finding life in Colorado a happy experience and with some opportunities I never expected doing at my age. You are never too old to learn!

My family here is teaching me how to use the computer and I am teaching my granddaughter how to sew. There are many sights to see and the most recent was a trip in the mountains to see the Mother Cabrini Shrine. It was very pretty and there was 300 steps up to a beautiful big white statue of our Lord. You could see so much from there but I was not able to do those steps.

I have enjoyed hearing from my friends and I will always reply to each of you. I would appreciate your prayer for my health and I pray God will bless all of you.

With love, Louise Bacher coloradogirl87@yahoo.com



Choir to Begin Soon

There is a place for you.

It is that time, again, when the Christ Church Choir makes preparations for a new season of ministry. As a starting point for this next season's activities, a retreat will take place on **Sunday, September 12** at Camp Kiwanis. This kick-off retreat has proven to be a great time of singing, worship, fellowship, and food. The setting is great and the company cannot get much better. We will begin at **10:00 AM**. This will enable members to still attend one of the worship services at the church. The event will end at 4:00.

As in previous years, I continue to extend a heartfelt welcome to anyone who feels a nudging by the Spirit to participate in the ministry. Weekly rehearsals following the retreat will take place on Wednesday evenings at 7:30. You will take pleasure in the worship, look forward each week to the opportunity to build up one another (as well as yourself), and be blessed as you see others grow spiritually through the music you sing. This all takes place within the context of music - some new and some familiar – for the purpose of “offering Christ” through song. So if you can sing, please consider the choir as one avenue to engage in the mission to “*Love God, Love People and Make Disciples for Jesus Christ*”.

If you wish to attend the retreat and/or become a part of the choir ministry, contact Sam or Kim Wagner soon at 814-755-4354 so arrangements can be made for sufficient copies of music, and to make reservations for dinner on September 12.

Remember, there is a place for you – and I am praying for you.

In the Potter's hand,
Pastor Sam



WATCH YOUR SUNDAY BULLETINS
FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT
THE UPCOMING CLASSES FOR
"THURSDAY'S GROWTH NIGHT" AT
CUMC BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 9.







1	Kate Janz	16	Jill Calderone
2	Brendon Martin		Isaac Dreves
	John Post	18	Megan Emerson
3	Hannah Jack	19	Keith Smith
6	Joshua Dreves	20	Brittany Dick
7	Janet McIlvain	21	Barb Campagna
	Tom Schwab		Nyziaiah Matthews
8	Helen Hill	22	Lane Grafton
	Christy Trinch	23	Sharon Dimmack
9	Doug DeWoody	25	Mark Livezey
	Becky Martin	27	Carlen Barnett
	John Sass		Todd Greenlee
10	Katie Aaron		Reed St. Clair
	Pete Chandler	28	Betsy Foy
	Richard Viele	29	Jeff Cross
12	Joan McClimans	30	Jordan Shouey
13	Riley Bakker	31	Doris Schwab
	Jimmy Calderone		
15	Bryan Smith		



2	Rick & Sharon Goldsmith	11	Les & Colette Barnett
	Dick & Joan Shaner	14	Jay & Shelley Davis
4	Eric & Jenn Anthony	17	Troy & Melissa Winslow
5	Stan & Caroline Smith	20	Jeff & Karen Cross
6	Ed & Peggy Atts		Dave & Jodi Herdle
	Gene & Helen Gulnac		Andy & Jennifer King
9	Kevin & Chris Garmong		Keith & Lynn Smith
	John & Mildred Sass	22	Lane & Virginia Grafton
	Phil & Mary Jane Secules	27	Stephen & Rose Baker
	Ray & Laurie Shouey	30	Lou & Susan Slutterback

August 2010

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8 "Intro to Christ Church" 6:00 pm	9 CDC Lunch Program (H.H.) 11:30 am -1:30 pm Trustees 6:00 pm Women's Steering 6:30 pm	10 CDC Lunch Program (H.H.) 11:30 am -1:30 pm Galatian Girls 10:00 am Kids/Youth Choir 3:00 pm Handbell Choir 4:00 pm	11 CDC Lunch Program (H.H.) 11:30 am -1:30 pm Youth Bible Study 7:00 pm	12 CDC Lunch Program (H.H.) 11:30 am -1:30 pm Cards/Calls/Cares 10:00 am CHOIR ←	13 CDC Lunch Program (H.H.) 11:30 am -1:30 pm FESTIVAL	14 SEMINAR →
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