



Christ Church Communicator

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

Well, it's the beginning of a new week!
It's the beginning of a new YEAR!
It's the beginning of a new DECADE!!!

And, if you are like most people, there are probably a few things you want to change, things you would like to do over, goals to set, resolutions to make. Like me, you may have looked back at the last ten years, taken inventory, rejoiced over victories, lamented over failures.

Thankfully, each year offers an opportunity to rededicate ourselves to Christ. Thank God that He offers “do overs”, and no matter what 2009 was like, good, bad, or in the middle, we have the gift of a new beginning.

“Fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my righteous
right hand.”
~ [Isaiah 41:10 \(ESV\)](#)

others,
forgiving
just as in
Christ God
forgave me.

I am purposing to be an imitator of God. Like Christ, I am purposing to “give myself up as a fragrant offering and a living sacrifice to God.”

But, Lord, You are merciful, full of grace, and very patient- even when I am impatient. Thank You that this is a chance to renew my mind in Your Truth.




I am choosing to thank God that I am a new creation! The old has gone and the new has come! I put off my old self, right now, right here where I am. I am putting off the old self- the old mistakes, the old failures. I am made new in the attitude of my mind and am putting on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. “I am getting rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.” I am choosing to be kind and compassionate to

Father God, pour out Your Wisdom on me as I come to You at the beginning of this new year. Give me a spirit of wisdom and revelation so that I may know You better. I want my resolutions to line up with Your will and Your perfect plan for my life. I am purposing to trust in the Lord with all of my heart, not leaning upon my own understanding, but acknowledging You, God, in every area of my life, every resolution I have, then You will direct my steps, You will make my paths straight. I know You have plans for me, plans to prosper me and not harm me, plans for good and not evil. I thank You, Lord, that You have a purpose for me and that You already have a calling in store for me. So, Lord, with Your help, let me dedicate this year, 2010, to You. Let me purpose in my heart and mind, and with my actions glorify Your name with my life. I want to choose to be “a living sacrifice,” giving You all that I am and everything I have. I can only do it by the power of the Holy Spirit! Thank You, God, that I don't have to do it on my own!



Excerpts from Tracy of Laced With Grace.com

January 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 SPRC 6:30 pm	5 Women's A.M. Bible Stdy. (H. Hall) 11:30 am Long Range Planning Team 6:00 pm Kitchen Kreations 6:30 pm	6 Ministers Forum 12:00-1:30 Prayer Group 6:15 pm Praise Team 7:00 pm Choir 7:30 pm	7	8	9 Goodwill Class Dinner (H.H.) 12:00 pm - ?
10  "Intro to Christ Church" Gathering 6:00 pm	11 Trustees 6:00 pm Women's Steering Team 6:30 pm	12 Galatians Girls 10:00 am Records/Historical 10:00 am (library) Women's P.M. Bible Stdy. (library) 6:30 pm Finance Committee 7:00 pm	13 M.S. Support Group 5:30 pm (Heritage Hall) Prayer Group 6:15 pm Praise Team 7:00 pm Choir 7:30 pm G.S. Troup #20958 7:00 pm	14 Even Start 9:30 am	15	16 Men's Breakfast 7:29 am Albright Class Tureen (H.H.) 5:00 pm—8:00 pm
17	18 Church Council 6:30 pm	19 Even Start 9:30 am Women's A.M. Bible Stdy. (H. Hall) 11:30 am Women's P.M. Bible Stdy. (library) 6:30 pm Rebecca Circle 7:00 pm	20 Prayer Group 6:15 pm Praise Team 7:00 pm Choir 7:30 pm	21 Even Start 9:30 am	22	23 Church Staff "Day Apart" (Seneca Hills) 9:00—3:00
24 Reception of New Members	25 Staff Meeting 6:30 pm	26 Even Start 9:30 am Galatians Girls 10:00 am @ Lou Shearer's Meals On Wheels 12:30 pm Women's P.M. Bible Stdy. (library) 6:30 pm	27 Prayer Group 6:15 pm Praise Team 7:00 pm Choir 7:30 pm G.S. Troup #20958 7:00 pm	28 Even Start 9:30 am	29  Heritage Hall 5:00—7:00 pm	30 Red Cross Babysitting Course (H.H.) 8:00 am—4:00 pm
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2 Nicole Way
4 Lolly Tarr
6 Betty Boyd
Tracy Burkhart
8 Gerta Anderson
Matt Lehman
Bob Snyder
9 Lauren Hogue
Andrew Lipinski
Adam Lipinski

11 Melanie Davis
12 Virginia Grafton
Chris Post
13 Dot Brunton
Caleb Prettyman
14 Andy King
Sadie Zeigler
15 Eva Livezey
Johanna Lynn

18 Jon Emerson
20 Vicki Engles
21 Lou Rutledge
23 Marian Pierce
25 Bob DeWoody
James Wray
27 Phillip Emerson
Bob McVay
28 Erica Dick
29 Kit Woods



2 Richard & Lois Green

4 Tom & Doris Schwab

4 Scott & Amanda Walters

2010 LAY LEADERSHIP MINISTRY TEAM REPORT
CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Church Council Membership – January 2010:

Chairperson:	Elaine Young	
Vice Chairperson:	DeWayne Greenlee	
Lay Leader:	Pat Powell	
Council Secretary:	Shellie McVay	
Chair of SPRC:	Lynn Black	
Chair of Finance Team:	Tom Young	
Church Treasurer:	Todd Plowman	
Chair of Trustees:	Peggy Lore	
Lay Members of Annual Conference:	Lou Marie Shearer, Gwen Hill	
Men's Ministry Representative:	Scott Walters	
Women's Ministry Representative:	Carol Tanner	
Youth Representative:	Connor Kingdom	
Youth Team Coordinator:	Laurie Greenlee	
Children's Team Coordinator:	Patty Way	
Care Team Coordinator:	Pat Powell	
Outreach Coordinator:	Katie Aaron	
Missions Team Coordinator:	DeWayne Greenlee	
Audio Visual Team Coordinator:	Chuck Porter	
Worship Team Coordinator:		
Pastors:	David Janz, Sam Wagner	
Congregation Representatives:		
2010	2011	2012
Barb Lynn	Kevin Garmong	Howard Campagna
Carolyn Porter	Nancy Weiser	Mary Aylesworth

Trustees:

2010	2011	2012
Rob Woods	Ralph Aylesworth	Mike Sommer
Linda Anderson	Steve Holtz	Caroline Smith
Debbie Cozad	Linda Lawson	Les Barnett

SPRC Team:

2010	2011	2012
Lou Slautterback	Jane Allen	Bill Powell
Nancy Ray	Jen Lyons	Todd Greenlee
Lynn Black	Jim Weiser	Stephanie Bush
	Lou Marie Shearer: Lay member to Annual Conference	
	Pat Powell : Lay Leader	

Historical Team:

2010	2011	2012
Tom Schwab	Trish Keeley	Bev Lake
Barbara Lynn	Don Lynn	Judy Shreffler

Emeritus Staff

John Sass, Pastor Emeritus

Cluster Conference Representative

Pastor David Janz

Patty Way

Finance Team:

Chairperson	Tom Young
Vice – Chair	Tom Hill
Board of Trustees Chp.	
Financial Secretary	Julie Lake
Church Treasurer	Todd Plowman
Lay Leader	Pat Powell
Church Council Chp.	Elaine Young
Crown Ministry Rep.	Tom Hill
Lay Member to Annual Conf.	Lou Marie Shearer
Sunday School Superintendent	Bill Black
SPRC Chair	Lynn Black

Congregational Representatives

Merralee Obenrader	2010
Bonnie Pritts	2011
Steve Leccia	2012

Pastor David D. Janz

Lay Leadership Team (Nominations & Personnel)

2010	2011	2012
Barbara Lynn	Luella Leone	Peggy Lore
Tom Hill	Betsy Updegrave	Sue Reitz
		Jeff Lake

Ex-officio Lay Member Annual Conference Lou Marie Shearer

Missions Team:

2010	2011	2012
Don Anderson	Frank Dimmack	Dave Updegrave
DeWayne Greenlee, Chp	Vicki Engles	Henry Lake
Mikki Chmiel	Shellie McVay	

DDH: Dignity through Descent Housing: Chp. Don Lynn

A.S.P: Appalachian Service Project, Co-Chairpersons:

Scott Walters, Steve Holtz, Mike Dreves, Greg Miller

NAYM: DeWayne Greenlee, Judy Shreffler Co-Chairpersons

Worship Ministry Team:

Laura Moore, Jenny Lehman, Betsy Updegrave, Jeff Corbett, Lane Grafton, Greg Miller, Marci Ziegler

Ex-officio: Pastors, Pianist, Organist

Auditing Team:

2010

Tom Schwab

2011

Kim Greenlee

2012

Bob Emerson

Scholarship Team:

2010

Tracy Burkhart

2011

Stephanie Bush

2012

Marci Zeigler
Sharon Chandler

Communion Stewards

2010

Bev Elliott
Chris Garmong

2011

Mary Jane Secules
Lois Cross

2012

Lane and Ginny Grafton

Memorial Fund/Endowment Team:

2010

Meryle Aylesworth
David Shearer

2011

Greg Miller
Paul Aylesworth

2012

Camilla Anderson
Bev Lehman

Television Ministry:

Chairperson: Chuck Porter

Asst. Chairperson:

Sunday Morning Crew: Bill Elliott, Steve Holtz, Bill Powell, Jon Drayer, Erika Drayer,
Linda Linn, Chuck Porter

Thursday Night Crew: Tom Schwab (week 1), Tom Cross (week 2),
Don Lynn (week 3), Dick Shaner (week 4), David Haylett (week 5)

Other Leadership:

Membership Secretary
E-Mail Prayer Contact
Higher Education & Service Ministry
Usher Coordinator
Librarian
Greeters Coordinators

Judy Shreffler
Sharon Chandler
Laurie Greenlee

Bethany Slautterback
Ralph and Mary Aylesworth

Men's Ministry Team:

Tom Hill
Scott Walters
Rob Woods
Matt Cropp

Don Lynn
Dewayne Greenlee
David Janz
Dave Updegrave

Bob Agnew
Bill Powell
Rod Shreffler
Todd Greenlee

Women's Ministry Team:

Gerta Anderson
Tracy Burkhart
Joyce Greenlee
Karen Greenlee
Gwen Hill

Colleen Holtz
Beverly Lake
Barbara Lynn
Shellie McVay
Nancy Ray

Lou Shearer
Judy Shreffler
Susan Slautterback
Carol Tanner
Tish Way

Care Ministry Team:

Don & Gerta Anderson	Barb & Howard Campagna
Bev Elliott	Sharon Goldsmith
Gwen Hill	Pat Powell
Nancy Ray	Joan Shaner
Lou and Susan Slautterback	Scott Walters
Lou Marie Shearer	

Youth Ministry Team:

Director of Youth Ministry Laurie Greenlee

Sunday School Teachers	Junior High Class	Bev Lehman
	Senior High Class	Terry Ray
		Marcie Ziegler

Youth Ministry Team

Anne Bakker	Bev Lehman	Laurie Greenlee
Mary Aylesworth	Stephanie Mills Bush	Todd Greenlee
Ralph Aylesworth	Terry Ray	Marcy Ziegler
Mark Burkhart	Kim Greenlee	Pastor David Janz
Tracy Burkhart	Betsy Updegrave	

Children's Ministry Team:

Patty Way (Director of Children's Ministry)	
Tony Lomio	Gwen Hill
Kathy McMasters	Heather Lords
Mike Dreves	Sue Dreves
Dave Wargo	Michal Wargo
Mark Burkhart	Todd Plowman
Dave Updegrave	Merralee Obenrader
Anne Bakker	

Paid Staff:

Pastor	David D. Janz
Associate Pastor	Sam Wagner
Outreach/Adult Discipleship	Katie Aaron
Director of Youth	Laurie Greenlee
Director of Children's Ministry	Patty Way
Audio Visual Director	Chuck Porter
Administrative Assistant	Lois Cross
Custodian	Bill Latchaw
Financial Secretary	Julie Lake
Treasurer	Todd Plowman
Organist	John Post
Pianist	Kim Wagner

*You care for the land
and water it;
you enrich it
abundantly.*

Psalm 65:9



From our outgoing Chair of Trustees

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as Chair of the Board of Trustees in 2009. I want to personally thank Linda A, Paul, Ralph, Debbie, Steve, Linda L, Rod and Rob for the countless hours they have devoted to the care and maintenance of our church. With the help of their knowledge, guidance and willingness to serve, I feel we accomplished many things in accordance with God's plan.

I also want to thank Bill Latchaw for the outstanding job he does in his role as custodian here at CUMC. He makes the role of the Trustees a much easier task because of his expertise in so many different areas and his meticulous ways of performing his duties.

May God continue to guide and direct the work of the Board of Trustees in 2010.

Sincerely - Peggy Lore

Thank you to all who helped at the Final Friday meal served on Christmas Day. It was a blessing to share Christmas dinner and fellowship with our friends and neighbors on this holy day. We also made new friends, both with those being served and those volunteering from other Franklin churches.

May our Lord be glorified.

Women's Ministry Team



Toothbrushes and Toothpaste for Kids!



There are hundreds of local kids that don't have the basic essentials that we take for granted each day. One essential that can go by the wayside in homes with a tight budget is proper oral hygiene.

We all want a smile that looks good and a mouth that smells good too! However, for various reasons, that is not always possible for some children. I would like to present families with an opportunity to participate in a simple mission project that could help a child wear a winning smile!

The Children's Ministry will collect toothbrushes and toothpaste from January 3rd – January 31st, to be distributed by Community Services for needy local children.

This mission project serves a dual purpose:

- * Helps to provide children with basic oral hygiene essentials
- * Provides parents with a great opportunity to teach their child(ren) by example that giving is important to God. (Idea: Remind your child(ren) that our time, talents and treasures are all on loan from God and He expects us to share them and do good with them to bring glory to Him.)

Please have your child(ren) bring their purchases to our church and place them in a basket located at the Chestnut Street entrance near the kitchen.

So have fun while you shop for something that will help bring a healthier smile to a child's face and teach your family about giving!



Collecting January 3 – January 31
Drop-off basket at Chestnut Street entrance

BENEFITS COMMUNITY SERVICES OF
VENANGO COUNTY

1

EXPERIENCING GOD

King and Blackaby

13 Week Bible Study-Starts February 4

Leader: Pastor David Janz

Changes your life forever; Leads you into a deeper love relationship with God; Teaches you to pray to and hear from God to join Him in accomplishing what He purposes to do.

- WK 1: Introduction
- WK 2: God's Will and Your Life
- WK 3: Looking to God
- WK 4: God Pursues a Love Relationship
- WK 5: Love and God's Invitation
- WK 6: God Speaks
- WK 7: God Speaks, Part 2
- WK 8: The Crisis of Belief
- WK 9: Adjusting Your Life to God
- WK 10: Experiencing God through Obedience
- WK 11: God's Will and the Church
- WK 12: Kingdom People
- WK 13: Experiencing God in Your Daily Life

START DATE: Thursday, Feb 4, 2010 6:30-8PM

Location: Heritage Hall, CUMC

Sign-up form in Sunday Bulletin (seating limited)

FEE: \$15 for Workbook (\$10 gift certificates available.)

3

THE TRUTH PROJECT

Sponsored by Focus on The Family

13 Week DVD Series

In-homes small group viewing/discussion

No homework

An in-depth Christian Worldview experience. You won't look at things the same...when you hear news, you will discern and find where God fits...

- WK 1: Introduction
- WK 2: The Cosmic Battle - What is TRUTH?
- WK 3: Philosophy and Ethics – Says Who?
- WK 4: Anthropology – Who Is Man?
- WK 5: Theology – Who Is God?
- WK 6: Science – What Is True?
- WK 7: History – Whose Story?
- WK 8: Sociology – The Divine Imprint.
- WK 9: Hunger for Significance - Alone?
- WK 10: The State – Whose law?
- WK 11: The American Experiment – Stepping Stones
- WK 12: Labor – Created to Create
- WK 13: Community/Involvement – God Cares, Do I?

START DATE: Several Groups starting in Jan and Feb 2010 in different homes on different evenings. Homes, dates of get-togethers and sign-up sheets at the Welcome Desk. For more info, please contact Katie Aaron, 432-3019 Email: katieaaron@pa.rr.com

2

4 Week Youth Bible Study-Starts February 4

LEARNING TO LOVE AND UNDERSTAND YOUR BIBLE

Teacher: Gary Braugler

- WK 1: A timeline of the Bible
- WK 2: How the Books of the Bible are grouped
- WK 3: Who God used to write the Books of the Bible
- WK 4: The geography/history that affected the people

Location: CUMC (Room to be announced) 6:30-8PM

Sign-up form in Sunday Bulletin-No cost

YOUTH VERSION

EXPERIENCING GOD

9 Week Bible Study-Starts March 4th

Led by: Gary Braugler

This Bible Study follows the same topics as the Adult Bible Study but is geared appropriately for this age group (12-18 years).

- ✓ Parents and youth come the same night of the week. The class times are the same. You go to your Bible Study...They go to theirs.

Location: CUMC (Room to be announced) 6:30-8PM

FEE: No Cost. Workbooks covered by CUMC.

Sign-up form in Sunday Bulletin

4

THE BASICS OF CHRISTIAN BELIEF

9 Week Bible Study Sunday Mornings

Facilitator with Co-Facilitator

Would you like a more solid foundation in your belief and understanding? Are you looking for answers and clarification to your questions?

- WK 1: Foundation of Christianity
- WK 2: Jesus – The Heart of the Matter
- WK 3: Christian Assurance
- WK 4: Reading The Bible
- WK 5: Learning to Pray
- WK 6: The Holy Spirit
- WK 7: Christian Fellowship
- WK 8: Defeating Evil
- WK 9: Serving Christ

START DATE: Done Quarterly 2010

Sunday Mornings – Feb 7, May 2, July 11, Oct 3

Time: 9:30 AM -10:30 AM

Location: CUMC (Room to be announced)

FEE: No cost; All information provided

If you would like to attend or would like more information, please call Katie Aaron, Outreach Ministry, 432-3019, Cell: 657-2752, or email: katieaaron@pa.rr.com



2010 *EXPERIENCING GOD* BIBLE STUDY

Taught by Pastor David Janz

You will learn how to:

Begins: February 4, 2010
Time: 6:30 PM – 8 PM
Place: Heritage Hall
Cost: \$15 for workbook
(\$10 gift certificates available)

- Know when God is speaking to you
- Recognize God's activity around you
- Adjust your life to God and His ways
- Identify what God wants to do through you

Sign up as soon as possible due to limited seating:

1. Call the church at 432-3019 OR
2. Email: katieaaron@pa.rr.com OR
3. Complete the form in your church bulletin

Make your check payable to CUMC
Memo: Experiencing God Bible Study

Turn your check into the Welcome Desk or Administrative office by Jan 10th to cover the cost of your workbook. Order must be placed by 1/13/10.

Lives have been transformed through this Bible Study, and so can yours!



New Bible Study Series

LEARNING TO LOVE AND UNDERSTAND YOUR BIBLE

A FOUR-WEEK CLASS FOR
YOUTH AGES 12-14
February 4 thru 25

Taught by Gary Braugher

The Youth Version of Experiencing God will start four weeks after the adult Experiencing God Bible Study starts. For those youth and young adults who would like to attend during the first four weeks of the adult "Experiencing God" study, we would like to offer a time of fact finding and discovery about the Bible times and the Bible itself. We will spend time with these topics and examples:

1. A timeline of the Bible

King David ruled Israel around 1000 B.C.

2. How the books of the Bible are grouped

The last twelve books of the Old Testament are known as the 'Minor Prophets' - WHY?

3. Who God used to write each book of the Bible

The book of Acts was written by Luke who also wrote the Gospel of Luke.

4. The geography and history of the major civilizations that affected the people of the Bible.

The Assyrians lived in the land between two rivers. Their home was in northern Mesopotamia.



Try to come for all of the four weeks; but if you need to miss one of the sessions, it is OK since each discussion stands alone.

How does it all fit together?
Can the Bible come alive?
Can you say "No homeworks"?



1. The Adult "Experiencing God" group will have completed 4 weeks of their Bible Study before the youth starts theirs. That gives us a good foundation so we will be able to really discuss what THEY are learning with knowledge and confidence.

2. The Youth "Experiencing God" Bible Study is set up the same as the adult study except they do not cover the last four chapters. Their nine classes are titled the same as the adults with accompanied DVD, except they are geared appropriately for this age group (12-18years).

3. Parents and the youth come the same night of the week, Thursday. The class times are the same, 6:30PM to 8PM. You go to your Bible Study; they go to theirs.

4. The youth and the adult classes will end on the same date. We will celebrate together!

Gary Braugler has prayed about it and feels God wants him to lead this "Youth Version of Experiencing God" Bible Study. He has a wonderful understanding heart for youth.

COST: No Charge. Individual Workbooks will be provided.

LOCATION: CUMC, room to be announced depending on the size of the class

REGISTRATION: The sign-up form will be in the Sunday bulletin January 3, 2010

If you have any questions, please contact Katie Aaron, Outreach Ministries at 432-3019, HM: 432-5993 or email: katieaaron@pa.rr.com

Great news.....

The youth version of *Experiencing God* Bible Study begins Thursday, March 4, 2010, and continues for nine weeks. Because adults and youth will be doing the same study, it is a great opportunity for parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and adult friends to be on the "same page" with our youth.

**Youth are asked to
make a committment
to attend all nine weeks.
This Bible study could
change your life!**

Excerpt from the Truth Project Website: thetruthproject.org



What is Focus on the Family's The Truth Project®?

“In a recent study, the Barna Research Group revealed a stunning statistic that continues to reverberate throughout the evangelical world. Only 9 percent of professing Christians have a biblical worldview.¹

Because of this, today's believers live very similarly to non-believers. A personal sense of significance is rarely experienced, we spend our money and time on things that fail to satisfy and we begin to wonder what life's ultimate purpose really is. We are, in short, losing our bearings as a people and a nation.

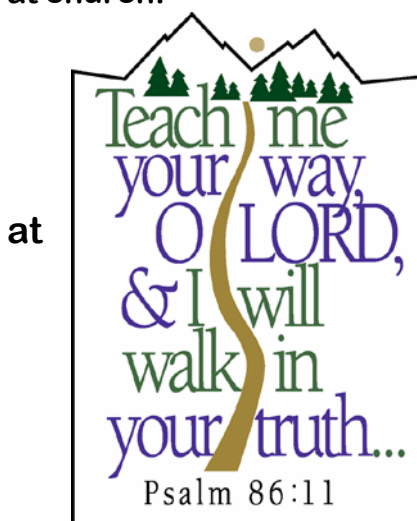
To counter this slide within the body of Christ, we are launching one of the most ambitious and powerful projects in the history of our ministry—Focus on the Family's The Truth Project.

The Truth Project is a DVD-based small group curriculum comprised of 12 one-hour lessons taught by Dr. Del Tackett. This home study is the starting point for looking at life from a biblical perspective. Each lesson discusses in great detail the relevance and importance of living the Christian worldview in daily life.

We believe this one project represents the possibility for exponential change within the body of Christ, as we expect that thousands will be transformed by this curriculum. As it has been throughout history, God continues to call ordinary people to make an eternal difference in our world.”

We invite you to be a part of this cultural change by participating in a small group, in home viewing and discussions of this in-depth Christian Worldview Experience.

Caroline and Stan Smith have led the 12 week Truth Project on numerous occasions . Feel free to ask them any questions. They would love to discuss it with you and why they feel it is such a worth while learning experience. There is no homework, lots of great information, and real connecting fellowship. Caroline and Stan said to call them at 814-673-1038 or see them at church.



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Several small groups will be starting in Jan and Feb 2010. A list of different homes, dates and times will be the Welcome Desk to help you decide which one is best for you. If you need more information, please contact Katie Aaron, Outreach Ministry 432-3019 or Email: katieaaron@pa.rr.com.

ENDORSEMENT by Stan and Caroline Smith:

“Do you believe that what your believe is really real? If you would like and answer to this question and settle this issue in your heart and mind, then we highly endorse The “Truth Project. It will enlighten you about God’s ordained design for life and order and how we have been held captive by erroneous teaching.”

SECOND BABYSITTING CLASS SCHEDULED AT CUMC

✓ SIGN UP NOW



Saturday, January 30, 2010
Taught by the American Red Cross

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Heritage Hall

Cost: \$30/Partial scholarships available

- It is urgent you sign up or at least let us know you are interested in attending the babysitting class. Space is limited! Only 12 are permitted to go thru the class at a time.
- Pick up your Red Cross Application form at the Welcome Desk.
- Checks are to be made payable to the **Allegheny Region Chapter American Red Cross** for \$30.

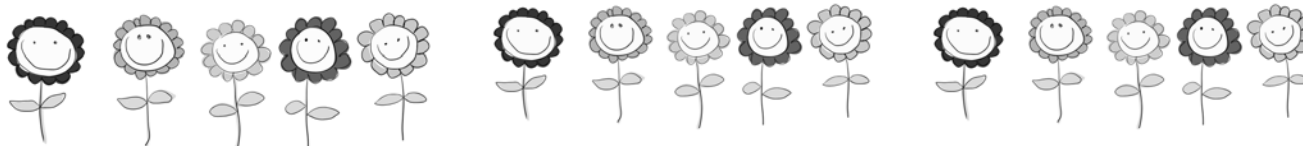
Learn to:

- ✓ Care for infants and children
- ✓ Make good decisions and solve problems
- ✓ Keep children and yourself safe when babysitting
- ✓ Handle emergencies
- ✓ Practice First Aid and Rescue Breathing (This course doesn't provide you with CPR and First Aid Certification)
- ✓ Write a resume and interview for a job.

Upon completion of this program and receiving their certification, our youth will be eligible to become Junior Volunteers in our Nursery, Toddler, Preschool and Kindergarten Ministries under the supervision of our adult volunteers.

For questions or more information, please contact Katie Aaron, Outreach Ministry, or Patty Way, Children's Ministry 432-3019.

Partial scholarships are available through Christ United Methodist Church. Please discuss with Katie Aaron, 432-3019, or email: katieaaron@pa.rr.com



Missions Page

December 15, 2009



CHRISTmas GREETINGS FROM THE SMITHS

This year has been full of God's grace, as we have seen HIM work in and around us! Many times it seems HE can't possibly use us, and then HE shows us HIS power to use all things, even US!

We are rejoicing as we see the churches in Bacavi and Second Mesa (both on the Hopi Reservation) slowly growing. Both of these churches are pastured by NAYM missionaries. Much has been done to the building project at Hardrock (Navajo Reservation), hoping to see that area grow as well. Robert Tso in Shiprock (Navajo) continues to praise the Lord in all things, the drug and alcohol rehab is still being effective for the native folks who need it.

Mark continues to travel to various areas of the reservations, especially during the sprint-summer-fall months. Now he is at home more, working in his shop getting ready for the year's projects. Nancy continues to do office work for the mission and helps Mark with work-team planning.

Travis is a high school senior, goes to school half days, works as cashier at a local grocery store, and interns with an auto mechanic friend in the afternoons. He plays drums for a Christian band and for a church praise band. He keeps busy!

Ben will be 24 this month; he has been diagnosed with Wegeners Granulomatosis which flared last spring causing kidney failure requiring him to be on hemo-dialysis. Nancy helps him with his treatments; we have a home machine, and he has three-hour treatments six days a week. Please pray; we are in the kidney transplant process and will soon be starting to test family and friends for a match.

We are exceedingly thankful for each of you and especially for the GREATEST GIFT, our Savior, who came so many years ago so we could know HIM.

Mark and Nancy Smith
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