

To Gather as Followers of Christ
To Grow in Body and Spirit
To Go and Share Christ's Love

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Our Church Family News

Hilltop Echoes

Summer 2014

Denmark Manor United Church of Christ



A Spiritually Grounded Church

203 YEARS OF BLESSINGS

From the Pastor's Pen . . .

Recently, through the inspiration of N. Graham Standish, author of Becoming a Blessed Church and leader of the February 2014 church vitality event sponsored by the Penn West Conference, we have begun to focus on our need to place an emphasis on our connection to God. Because of this, we have been using a different format for our meetings that focuses on spirituality rather than functionality. Let's face it, while Roberts Rules of Order are at times necessary, Jesus never knew them. He did know God and it was out of his relationship to God that great things were accomplished.

Out of that retreat, our ROC (Renew Our Congregation) team has been working to bring spirituality into every meeting of the congregation. One of the questions that we started asking ourselves out of the workshop that we attended is; who are the spiritual people in our congregation? Having a bird's eye view of the congregation on Sunday morning, I must say that I am humbled and inspired by the many people who not only have deep faith, but who express it in amazing ways. I know that these people have an active prayer life, and it shows in their acts of kindness and mercy, both among us as a congregation and beyond our church walls. We have not reached perfection, but certainly we know that the Spirit is alive and well and living among us.

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Penn West Conference Annual Meeting Delegates

Pastor Meredith and Robin Brautigam were delegates to the Penn West Conference Annual Meeting on May 30 and 31, where Rev. David Ackerman was elected as Conference Minister. The meeting was held at the University of Pittsburgh in Johnstown. ☞

Carol Martin is developing a New website for Denmark Manor, denmarkmanorchurch.org. Keep your electronic devices ready for this wonderful new endeavor. It will be online very soon. Our old website will not longer be used.



Welcome to our Worship.

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From the Pastor's Pen: continued from Front cover . . .

One of the things that a spiritually grounded church develops is a level of trust among its members. Members of congregations grounded in Christ become less judgmental of one another and more open to differences because Christ grants us a “peace that passes all understanding”. A Christ-focused congregation is not survival oriented, but rather faith oriented. This kind of congregation knows that when we are willing to follow in the way of our Savior, we become generous of heart, generous of time, generous of talent and generous of treasure. The power of the resurrection infuses people’s lives whether the church is gathered or scattered.

The early disciples were touched by the Holy Spirit and able to speak boldly of Jesus Christ. The early settlers who founded Denmark Manor did the same. We live in many ways in a wilderness like our forbearers, but our wilderness is a world where there is a lot of chatter and tweets and Instagrams so that many cannot hear God who is still speaking. By the power of the Spirit, may our lives and our church be rooted and grounded in worship, prayer and study, so that we might share the Good News that Christ is alive! His word is spoken not just in the Bible, but in us and through us as we give testimony with our lives that God is Still Speaking louder than any other sound that is found in our universe today.

Pastor Meredith

Our Beef Dinner on April 26 raised \$3,844.27. Thanks to all who helped in any way. We had 134 take-out meals, the highest number ever. We delivered 5 meals to homebound people. The Women’s Fellowship made \$552.50 on the bake sale.

The Ham dinner is tentatively scheduled for October 18.

New Conference Minister Recommended to Annual Meeting

At their April 25th meeting, the Penn West Conference Board of Directors voted unanimously to recommend the Rev. David Ackerman to the Annual Meeting for election as the new Conference Minister for the Penn West Conference.

The Search Committee considered ten candidates during the search process, reduced the pool to five for telephone interviews, and discerned three candidates for in-person interviews. There were many qualities that led the Search Committee to make the final recommendation.

Below is a biography of Rev. Ackerman. More information will be shared at a later date. All have been invited to be part of the excitement and attend the Conference Annual Meeting, May 30-31 at the University of Pittsburgh, Johnstown. Registration materials have been mailed to pastors and churches.

The Rev. David Ackerman was born and raised in Export PA. He grew up in Denmark Manor United Church of Christ in Export and later joined Smithfield United Church of Christ in Pittsburgh. He is a 1986 graduate of Franklin Regional High School in Murrysville. In 1990, he graduated from Grove City College *summa cum laude* with a B.A. in Literature & Philosophy. In 1993, he graduated with a Master of Divinity from Harvard Divinity School in Cambridge MA. During this time, he interned at Westmoreland Hospital in Greensburg PA and at Second Congregational United Church of Christ in Beverly MA.

In 1993, David was ordained at Smithfield United Church of Christ, having accepted a call to serve as pastor at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Latrobe (Trauger) PA. He has served at St. Paul's since that time. He is certified as a Pastoral Care Specialist through the American Association of Pastoral Counselors and as a Christian Education Specialist through the Association of United Church Educators. He is also Dean of the Penn West Academy for Ministry, where he once taught Church History and presently teaches Practical Theology. He currently represents the Penn West Conference as a proxy to the Council of Bishops and Judicatory Heads of Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania. He also serves on its Theology and Education Committee and recently was on its Executive Minister Search Committee.

In 1999, David married his wife Marsha, a high school math teacher in the Ligonier Valley School District. They have resided in Pleasant Unity together since then and hope to look for a home somewhere in the Greensburg/Latrobe area. David's parents, Dan and Becky, presently reside in nearby Murrysville. David enjoys such activities as running (he is a former cross-country coach at Greater Latrobe High School), fly-fishing, hiking, mountain bike riding, cross-country skiing, and reading. He is "over-the-moon" excited at the prospect of serving as the fifth Conference Minister of the Penn West Conference. He has loved the Conference for years and is eager to begin this holy adventure in ministry. 



 REV. DAVID ACKERMAN 

The Board of Directors of the Penn West Conference, UCC, is pleased to present the Rev. David Ackerman for election as our next Conference Minister. Rev. Ackerman is enthusiastically endorsed by the Board of Directors and the Penn West Conference Search Committee. Here is more about Rev. Ackerman...



Over the years, Rev. Ackerman has served in different capacities in the Westmoreland Association, including its Church and Ministry Committee, Executive Council, Program Committee, and Nominating Committee. He has also served at various times in the Penn West Conference on its Church and Ministry Committee, Christian Nurture Committee, Ministry and Mission Network, Personnel Committee, and Board of Directors. He has directed camps at Living Waters and has been a delegate at two General Synods of the United Church of Christ. He is presently an administrator on the United Church of Christ's *Sermon Seeds* Facebook page. He is the author of several publications, including *Beyond the Lectionary: A Year of Alternatives to the Revised Common Lectionary* (Circle, 2013), *The Bible You Don't Know: Worship and Teaching Resources for "Beyond the Lectionary"* (patheos.com download, 2013), and two components for the United Church of Christ's Faith Practices (*Blessing and Letting Go: UCC History & Identity* and *Living Stewardship: Worship, Music, Arts & Story*). He has also been involved in community organizations such as Christians Uniting (his local ecumenical group), Triangle Meals on Wheels Board of Directors, the Advisory Board of St. Vincent Prevention Projects (on drug and alcohol abuse), and the Westmoreland LGBTQ Interfaith Network.

Camp Living Waters 2014 Events

The outdoor ministry facility at Camp Living Waters is a place where we can contribute as sojourners and missionaries of enrichment, outreach, and service in Jesus Christ.



Please fill out your Camp Registration as soon as possible!



Calling All Campers:

June 15 is the very last day to submit camp applications. We provide a 50% scholarship for all of our campers. You can give generously towards the scholarship fund by putting your gifts in the fish bowl on the back table of the sanctuary or checks marked Camp Scholarships can be put in the offering plate.

If a 50% scholarship is not enough for your campers, let Pastor Meredith know. She can request scholarship money from the camp as well. *A week at camp makes for a lifetime of faith.*

CAMP LIVING WATERS

300 Camp Living Water Road
Schellsburg, PA 15559-8370
www.livingwaterscamp.org





June 8: GRADUATION SUNDAY

Calling all grads! We will be recognizing our Graduates during our June 8 worship service.

We celebrate the graduation of :

- Justin Cherep, Duquesne University

Please let us know if you have a graduate in your family by calling 724-744-4218, or email to dmucc@windstream.net.

June 29: Church Picnic

Don't forget the church picnic on June 29, immediately following worship. We will be playing "Wheel of Fortune". There will be games, prizes and gift baskets.

This is a covered dish pot luck so please bring your special dish to share. Please bring a friend and, even if you forget to bring something you are welcome to attend. This event is sponsored by the Christian Education Committee. If you can help with the event, please call the church office at 724-744-4218.



Vacation Bible School:

This year for Vacation Bible School, our theme is "Different and Yet the Same". We will be using a curriculum provided by the United Church of Christ that is soundly Biblical.

VBS will be held for one hour at the same time as worship on August 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31.

The Upper Room

The Women's Fellowship provides this wonderful Daily Devotional Guide, available in the rear of the Sanctuary.



Elaine DiFranco for her help with the Easter Flowers

The Consistory — for their continued wise leadership of the church. Members are: Scott Hartung-President, Robin Brautigam-Elder, and Deacons Joni Mattei, Trude Hayes, and Marcia Simons; also Trustees Steve Cherep, Glenn Galko and Allen Mattei and Elder Wade Anderson.

The Deacons for their work as stewards of our church finances.

- The Teens and Tweens for Pet Sunday
- Rob Driscoll and Barb Miller for Mothers' Day
- The Irwin Male Chorus for their performance as a tribute to Bill Faulds on May 18.
- Pat Kistler for donating a new phone system for the church.
- Rheba Salac, our administrative assistant who goes the extra mile in her work.
- Carol and Boody Martin for donating the cost of the new Web server.
- Doreen Cherep for the Father's Day presentation.
- Myrt Driscoll for organizing the Miniature Golf Outing on June 1, and to Myrt and John for providing ice cream.



Pastor Meredith will be on silent retreat in Charleston, WV from June 30-July 8 and will be on vacation visiting family and friends in NY State and Maine from August 4 through August 17. Rev. Bob McKie will be preaching on the Sundays that Meredith is away and will be covering for emergencies. His phone number is 724-834-8534 and his email is cnemckie@gmail.com.

PENNY JAR MISSION SUPPORT



The **Penny Jar** is in the back to collect your pennies for the Palestinian child whom we support through Global Missions of the United Church of Christ. Please continue bringing in your pennies so that we can help him get a wonderful education at his school, Rawdat El Zuhur School, in East Jerusalem. If you want to see more about the school, they appear on U-Tube. Just GOOGLE Rawdat El Zuhur.

Tala Amro, whom we supported for some time, has graduated. Ghazal Maswadeh, whom we supported after Tala, has moved, and we have been assigned a young Palestinian boy in the Nursery Class. Malek Saiid is four years old. He has two sisters, and is named for his father, Mohammad; his mother's name is Muna.

The family lives in Jabal Al-Mukabber near Jerusalem in a two-bedroom rented house. His father is a driver, and his mother is a housewife.

Remember in prayer:

- ♦ Pat Kistler
- ♦ Claudia McLarty, at home
- ♦ Helen Maynard, Wm. Penn
- ♦ Millie Kane, at home
- ♦ Sheila Sharatz, at home
- ♦ Lee Ridinger, at home
- ♦ Lillian Parson, Wm. Penn
- ♦ Glenn Frye, Autumn Ridge
- ♦ Virginia Driscoll, Golden Heights



Did you know that most of the fellowship events of this church are funded from the Christian Education Treasury, which is separate from the general fund of the church? Besides providing for these events, our collections from Sunday school purchase curriculum and supplies for our Sunday school and confirmation classes. These offerings also support our four-year-old child, Malek Saiid, who attends school at Rawdat el-Zuhur.

to help prepare food for

FUNERAL LUNCHEONS

Please contact
Lynn Zimmerman
at 724-523-8909

Summer is here and our Church is in need of plants to celebrate the beauty of God's creation. If you would like to contribute, please place your donation in the Offering plate. **Thank you!**



Sunday, June 1 is the Strawberry Festival Lunch at First UCC in Harrison City from 11:30AM-2:00PM. Adults \$7, Children 6-11 \$4, Children under 5 free, Dessert only \$4. Varied menu, drinks included.

STARTING in JUNE!

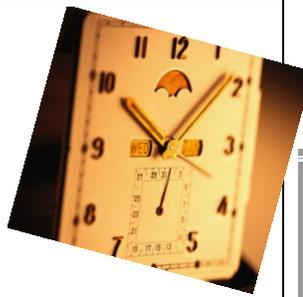
SUMMER SCHEDULE:

WORSHIP is at 10:00AM

ON JUNE 1, OUR WORSHIP TIME CHANGES TO 10:00AM - Sunday

School is concluded for the year, but there will be Vacation Bible School for our youth and children in August, at the same time as the Worship Service.

WE RETURN TO THE 11:00AM WORSHIP TIME THE FIRST SUNDAY OF SEPTEMBER.



ROC Team Field Trip

On Wednesday, June 25 the ROC Team (Renewing Our Church) will take a field trip to experience the Taize Service at East Liberty Presbyterian Church. Please join us! We will leave about 6:00PM. Let Pastor Meredith know if you'd like to attend.

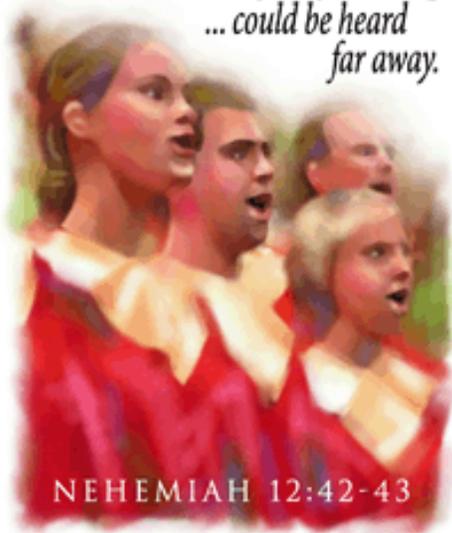
June 22: Choir Recognition Sunday

Choir Recognition Sunday will be June 22. Please come and support our musicians. *Thanks to our wonderful Choir for their great music and Ethel Hill for taking on the leadership. Thanks to Ira, our organist for adapting to our new situation, Dave Conner our sound engineer and the members of the Choir who helped select music for the Easter and Pentecost seasons.*



The choirs sang under the direction of Jezrahiah.

*...The sound of rejoicing
... could be heard
far away.*



NEHEMIAH 12:42-43

St. Paul Homes

Good Samaritan Appeal offsets cost of unfunded care.

Originally created in 1867 in Butler, Pennsylvania to provide care for orphans of the Civil War, St. Paul Homes moved to Greenville nearly a century ago. The mission of St. Paul Homes, formed and sustained by the Judeo-Christian faith and historically related to the United Church of Christ, is to provide meaning, richness of life and health care services for those in their retirement years.

You can contribute to St. Paul Homes Good Samaritan Appeal throughout the Month of June at Denmark Manor United Church of Christ, just place your donation in the offering plate.

We are a Builder's Club Church.

ST. PAUL'S
A Continuing Care Community

THANK YOU
For Helping St. Paul's

Pastor Meredith has received training in Child and Adult interactions through the UCC Insurance Boards and participated in Boundary Awareness Training through the Penn West Conference.

Congratulations to T.J. Kunkle and Lindsay Durst who will be wed on July 19, and to Danielle Szalanczy and Grant Dunmire whose wedding will take place on September 27. **Thanks** to Robin Brautigam, our volunteer wedding coordinator.

Photo use information: Denmark Manor United Church of Christ will be using candid pictures taken at any of our events in our publications, including but not limited to the Denmark Manor Website, brochures and newsletters. Names or any other personal information WILL NOT accompany any photographs. If you do NOT want your photos used in our Church publications, please notify the church office in writing at either: Denmark Manor UCC, 2003 Denmark Manor Road, Export, PA 15632 or dmucc@windstream.net.

In Memoriam

Since we have not had a Hilltop Echoes published recently, we just want to say our goodbyes to three important people who have gone on to eternal life.

Bob Berlin (January 15, 1951—January 24, 2014)

Henrietta Kunkle (May 7, 1919—February 14, 2014)

We also remember Bill Faulds, our choir director who was not a member of our church, but deeply missed (January 8, 1958—January 10, 2014).

[Jesus said] “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my father’s house are many rooms ... and I go to prepare a place for you. And when I go I will take you to myself”.

From the Consistory

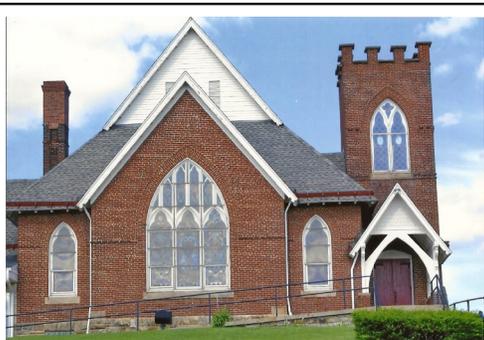
At a special meeting in March after careful consideration, the consistory voted to lease a new copier as the old one was malfunctioning and replacement parts were obsolete. Our lease for the new copier is \$74.32 per month.

Also, Bob Berlin did a great deal of pro-bono work for the church as a CPA. Since we need accounting expertise, the consistory voted at their regular meeting on April 7 to hire Richard Schultheis and Co., CPA/PFS to do quarterly payroll tax reports and end of year W2’s and tax reporting. We will be paying them approximate \$125 per quarter and \$250 at the end of the year

With the absence of Bob Berlin, who was an Elder and Vice President of Consistory, Robin Brautigam has prayerfully considered the position and was appointed by Consistory at their May 5 meeting to fill Bob’s term. We are working to fill the position of Deacon that Robin vacated. ☞



We will celebrate Fathers’ Day during worship on June 15. Worship begins at 10:00AM.



Thanks . . . to our faithful givers. Remember that over the summer, while you might go on vacation, the church continues its work.

Consider making your weekly or monthly donation before you go away or send your gifts to the church office at 2003 Denmark Manor Rd., Export, PA 15632. The Deacons and Consistory thank you.

**Take note!!! 11:00AM
Worship Time
resumes on
September 1!**



**Looking
Ahead:
CORN
ROAST**



We will resume church school on September 7 and our annual Corn Roast and Barbecue will be held in September. More information will be forthcoming. Please watch your Good News and bulletin.



A Thumbnail Sketch of Our History

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Our history is old, but our ideas are not!

Denmark Manor was founded by the Rev. John William Weber, the first minister to cross the Alleghenies. The first church was built on land donated by Jacob Brinker and Conrad Knappenberger. It was formed as a joint Lutheran and Reformed congregation by the German settlers in the region.

In 1888 the Lutheran and the Reformed congregations went their separate ways, the Lutherans building a church in nearby Boquet on Frye Road, and the Reformed Congregation building a new elegant meeting house on the site of the old one. In 1934 the German Reformed Church of the US and the Evangelical Synod in North America, both denominations of German heritage united to form the Evangelical and Reformed Church and Denmark Manor's name changed from Denmark Manor Reformed Church to Denmark Manor Evangelical and Reformed Church.

With the growth of the Sunday school movement, in the 1930's the men of the church dug beneath this building to create Sunday school space. In 1957 the Evangelical and Reformed Churches joined with the Congregation Christian Churches to form the United Church of Christ, and so we are now Denmark Manor United Church of Christ. In 1968 an Education Wing was dedicated, built through the faithful stewardship of the church members. Since then we have added the Earl Whiteman outdoor pavilion, where church functions are held, and the buildings have experienced many changes and upgrades.

Most important is that the ministry of the church has changed with the times. We have grown in mission and outreach. In 2003 the church called its first female pastor, who is still with the church today. Many updates to the worship service have occurred in recent years. We seek to remind people of our openness, that "No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."



Saturday Morning Bible Study

We meet at the Murrysville Panera at 9:00AM. We can always find a way to squeeze in a new member. Right now we have a group of 8. Let's add to our numbers. No previous Biblical knowledge required and while we read the scriptures out loud, everyone is entitled to "pass" and let someone else read. We are beginning to study Genesis.



Thanks to Cyndee Sopko and Shari Diak for running a **pre-school class** during worship in May. Watch for further updates for this group when the fall arrives.

The CROP Walk date is September 21 at 2:00PM at Bushy Run Battlefield again.

We will be hosting the Westmoreland Association Educational Event on October 12.

We will be serving a pasta dinner (with accommodations for those who have gluten sensitivity). We will need help with this. See Allen Mattei to volunteer.

God is
still speaking...

✠ ✠ Stewardship Committee Update ✠ ✠

Last Fall, the Stewardship Committee sought input from the congregation to help us determine how to address our financial situation. Your responses suggested that the majority of our members want us to maintain the current levels of service while increasing membership and thus increase our income by expanding our giving base. The survey asked you to rate which part of our program was most important to you and your family; How would you improve our financial situation; and if necessary, what should we cut? The data looked like this:

Our first question asked our members to determine which of our current areas of ministry were most important to you and your family. Of those responding:

- 73% said Worship and Pastoral care was most important • 13% said Christian Education was most important
- 9% said Community Outreach was most important • 5% said Social Activities were most important

Our second question asked how you felt we should improve our financial situation. Of those who responded to this question: • 52% felt we should increase income to meet our needs • 30% felt we should reduce all spending by the same percentage • 11% felt we should cut programs to save money • 7% felt we should continue to dip into our savings. Our third question asked if we did cut programs, what should we cut first. Of those who responded to this question: 32% thought we should cut Community Outreach • 27% thought we should cut the music program

- 16% thought we should cut the pastoral ministry • 3% thought we should cut the worship program
- 22% made their own suggestions about what we should cut

As you can see, most of our members felt that worship and pastoral care were most important, and that we should look at ways to increase income rather than cutting programs or continuing to dip into our savings. If we are forced to cut programs, the congregation felt we should cut our community outreach programs and then our music program. Many of you gave additional input through your comments to help us better understand how the whole congregation wanted to proceed. As the Stewardship Committee reviewed your input we considered all your comments and tried to distill your input into an action plan for the future of Denmark Manor.

The following actions are the outgrowth of your suggestions. At the end of last year, Consistory asked our members to increase their giving, to help increase our income. This has been well received with many members increasing their contributions for 2014. Our next step is to look for additional ways to increase our membership participation and our income.

The Stewardship Committee has discussed several ways to make visitors feel more comfortable. We are upgrading the name tags for our greeters and may hold additional training for greeters. We will be adding a "New Faces at Denmark Manor" board at the back of the church to display the names and faces of frequent visitors or anyone interested in joining our church. That way all members can put a name with a face and begin to build new relationships. Pastor Meredith is working to form a Children's Church program to be held during the regular worship service for younger children.

A committee is being formed to provide an occasional after church luncheon. (Most likely, once every other month.) The plans call for a light lunch prepared by a small group of members and presented at a reasonable price. Proceeds would go into our general fund. Details and scheduling will have to be worked out by that committee. It is hoped that this lunch program will become a means to attract additional participation in our worship service, increase fellowship, and give our members a reason to invite guests to our service.

Lead by Pastor Meredith, we are going to continue to define and develop our role as a nurturing and accepting congregation that strives to live the words of the God is still speaking campaign: "No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here." If we become known as a congregation that is welcoming and accepting of all people, we will attract new members, and more closely follow Jesus' commandment to love our neighbors as ourselves.

The Consistory is open to any other suggestions about ways to promote the growth of our congregation. In particular, if you have ideas about fund raising activities that we could implement, please share your ideas with any member of the Consistory. We value your input. 

Strengthen The Church

Preparing for Pentecost Sunday, June 8

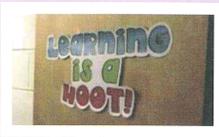


Invest IN THE Vision

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING

Dreaming Big in Rural North Carolina

Bethany United Church of Christ in Claremont, NC decided to "Pay It Forward" with a \$1,000 gift to the New and Renewing Churches Endowment Fund. Why? We have "benefitted greatly from the Renewing Church Grants we have received. We are grateful every day for the support of our national church." That means YOU! Your gifts to the Strengthen the Church offering make these grants possible.



A small rural church in a conservative Southern area, Bethany embraces renewal as a way of life. Four years ago their church building was used only twice a week.

The congregation started the Bethany UCC Before and After School All Stars, serving K-7th grade in their low-income, ethnically diverse community. From 16 students the first year, the ministry has grown to 10 before school, 26 after and over 20 in All Star Summer Camp. It's a tutoring program with a director, assistant director, and four counselors from local high schools. Every child is routinely on the A or A/B honor roll.

The congregation installed a new playground and provides scholarship funds and snacks. The All Stars students do a Christmas program with the Bethany youth and attend Bethany's Sensational Sunday Events. The Rev. Colleen Samson, Pastor at Bethany, says, "Parents are so pleased with the program . . . Bethany is intentionally creating relationships with parents and youth through this ministry to introduce them to the church."

Small rural churches can dream big dreams and make a great impact in their community!



About Strengthen the Church

Each day, visions and dreams are created in the hearts of many in the United Church of Christ. Through the Strengthen the Church offering, they can become a reality. As God calls our congregations to be "church" in new ways, your gift will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches, and develop spiritual life in our youth and young adults. Because of this offering, many more will hear the good news that "God is still speaking."

About Stillspeaking

Stillspeaking: It's the shorter form of "God is still speaking," a campaign by the United Church of Christ to simply remind us that God still has a lot more to say. Since 2004, Stillspeaking has worked with thousands of UCC churches and individuals across the country to make religion relevant again and to extend an extravagant welcome to all—because no matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome here. Here at the United Church of Christ.

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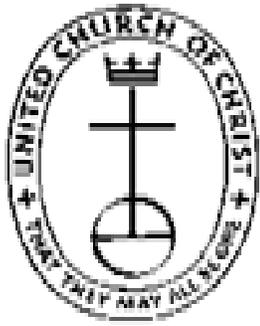
STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING



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Your offerings are directed to your church's Conference, Local Church Ministries, and The Stillspeaking Ministry for these purposes.



June Worship Schedule

June 1

Worship begins at 10:00AM

Ascension Sunday

Communion

Scripture: Revelation 21:15-21; John 7:32-36

Sermon: "The Pearly Gates"

Graduate Recognition

June 8 - 10AM Worship

Pentecost Sunday

Recognition of Graduates

Scripture: Isaiah 60:19-22

Sermon: "The Lord Will be Your Everlasting Light!"

Father's Day

June 15 - 10AM Worship

Trinity Sunday

Fathers' Day Presentation

Scripture: John 5:19-24

Sermon: "Father, Son AND Holy Spirit"

Choir Recognition

June 22 - 10AM Worship

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Choir Recognition Sunday

Scripture: Matthew 13:10-17

Sermon: "Blessed Eyes and Ears"

Church Picnic



June 29 - 10AM Worship

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Church Picnic Following Worship

Scripture: 2 Peter 2:1-3, 17-22; Matthew 7:13-17

Sermon: "Truth or Consequences"

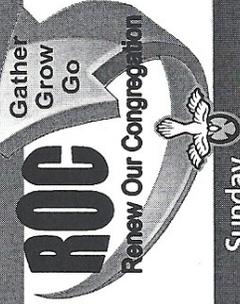
July 6 - 10AM Worship

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

The Rev. Bob McKie, Preaching

(Pastor Meredith on retreat)

June 2014



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**10AM WORSHIP TIME
BEGINS ON
SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST !!**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10AM Worship COMMUNION	2 Office Hours 9-3 CONSISTORY 7PM	3	4	5 Office Hours 9-3 CHOIR 7PM	6	7 Saturday Morning Bible Study 9AM – Panera's Murrysville
8 10AM Worship	9 Office Hours 9-3 CHRISTIAN ED. 7:30PM	10	11	12 Office Hours 9-3 CHOIR 7PM	13	14 Saturday Morning Bible Study 9AM – Panera's Murrysville
15 10AM Worship Father's Day	16 Office Hours 9-3	17	18 Stewardship Meeting 7PM	19 Office Hours 9-3 CHOIR 7PM	20	21 Saturday Morning Bible Study 9AM – Panera's Murrysville
22 10AM Worship CHOIR RECOGNITION SUNDAY! FOOD BANK COLLECTION	23 Office Hours 9-3	24	25 ROC Team Field Trip to Taize Service East Liberty Presbyterian Church	26 Office Hours 9-3 CHOIR 7PM	27	28 Saturday Morning Bible Study 9AM – Panera's Murrysville
29 10AM Worship CHURCH PICNIC Immediately after Worship! Pastor Meredith leading Worship at Wm. Penn CC	30 Office Hours 9-3 PASTOR MEREDITH BEGINS SILENT RETREAT THROUGH JULY 8TH.					
ST. PAUL'S CONTINUING CARE HOMES COLLECTION						

LOOKING AHEAD . . . Camp Living Waters continues throughout July – Please pray for the health and safety of our Campers!
Pastor Meredith will be on silent retreat in Charleston, WV from June 30-July 8 and will be on vacation visiting family and friends in NY State and Maine from August 4 through August 17. Rev. Bob McKie will be preaching on the Sundays that Meredith is away and will be covering for emergencies. His phone number is 724-834-8534 and his email is cnemckie@gmail.com.

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Coming in June . . . Worship is at 10:00AM

Sunday, June 1	Communion Sunday, 10AM
Monday, June 2	Consistory 7PM
Thursday, June 5	Choir 7PM
Saturday, June 7 - Bible Study 9AM at Panera's Murrysville	
Sunday, June 8	Worship 10AM
Monday, June 9	Christian Ed 7:30PM
Thursday, June 12	Choir 7PM
Saturday, June 14 - Bible Study 9AM at Panera's Murrysville	
Sunday, June 15 -	FATHER'S DAY Worship 10AM
Wednesday, June 18	Stewardship Meeting 7PM
Thursday, June 19	Choir 7PM
Saturday, June 21 - Bible Study 9AM at Panera's Murrysville	
Sunday, June 22 -	Worship 10AM Choir Recognition Sunday Food Bank Collection
Wednesday, June 25-ROC Field Trip to E. Liberty Pres. Church	
Thursday, June 26	Choir 7PM
Saturday, June 28 - Bible Study 9AM at Panera's Murrysville	
Sunday, June 29 -	Worship 10AM Church Picnic after Worship St. Paul's Continuing Care Homes Collection
Monday, June 30—Pastor Meredith begins Silent Retreat	

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Friday, July 4 - Independence Day	
Saturday, July 5 - NO Bible Study 9AM—Pastor Meredith away through Tuesday, July 8	
Sunday, July 6	Communion Sunday, 10AM Rev. Paul Wilson preaching
Monday, July 7	Consistory 7PM
Thursday, July 10	Pastor Meredith in-office
Saturday, July 12 - Bible Study 9AM at Panera's Murrysville	
Sunday, July 13	Worship 10AM
Monday, July 14	Christian Ed 7:30PM
Saturday, July 19 - NO Bible Study—Kunkle-Durst Wedding	
Sunday, July 20 -	Worship 10AM
Saturday, July 26 - Bible Study 9AM at Panera's Murrysville	
Sunday, July 27 -	Worship 10AM Food Bank Collection

OFFICE HOURS are Mon. and Thurs., 9AM - 3PM

SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE TIME on Sundays in June thru August is at 10AM