

**The Messenger
of Shenberger's Chapel UMC
February 09 Edition**

New Bridgeville, PA

Parish office

Sunday School- 9:15am

Pastor Patricia Bollinger

246-2428

Worship-10:30am

Pastor's study

Nursery available

244-2974

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Welcome, from Shenberger's Chapel Church. Come, share and be a part of a living Christ centered Family.
Please come and join us!

John 3:16- "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son."

Greetings in the name of Christ!

Did you make New Year's resolutions? I used to, but decided they were too negative for me. In trying not to break any of my resolutions, I concentrated more on not doing something and not on going forward. So, now I make goals at the beginning of the year. I now have most of them in place and have made a plan of action. When I look at this year, I am excited about what I can do.

When we look to the future with hope, we are opening ourselves that God may use us in whatever way He wishes. We can look to each new day with excitement, watching for the things God puts in our path. Are you expecting to be used by God? Are you open to the Holy Spirit to move you in the right direction?

Let's stay open and see where God will lead us this year!

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Pat

Confirmation

Do you have a child in sixth grade or older that is interested in Confirmation?

Confirmation will help youth understand what it is that a Christian stands for. It will look at God's Word and talk about how we are to interact with it. It will explain about the United Methodist Church and the youth going through the program will be offered the opportunity to join the church. We will be offering a confirmation class starting in mid February.

If you or your children are interested, please contact Pastor Pat.



Mission Team News

Tough economic times call for creativity and wise planning in supporting missions. For this reason we want to inform you ahead of time of some of our projects for the year.

In May, we will be collecting times for Layette Kits which will go to Mission Central. All of you ladies who like to shop for baby stuff but have no babies to shop for, now is the time to begin looking for new receiving blankets, shirts, one-piece body suits, open front sweaters, gowns or sleepers.

The youth will be collecting for the Shoebox ministry in October so begin looking for small stuffed animals, dolls, toys, cars etc. Remember (Small)

In November we will be collecting blankets again. Keep that in mind as the stores continue to discount their winter inventory. You may be able to buy two or three blankets for the cost of one.

Please keep your donated items until the collections take place and please put them in a place you can find them when that time comes.

Would You like to help the needy in your church or community?

You can- by referring them to Servants, Inc. Servants is a non-profit service organization that connects people in need to people willing to serve. Their Home Helps Ministry serves the elderly, the disabled, single parents and those with financial needs by providing Home maintenance and Handyman services, if you have a referral or would like to volunteer for Servants Call Todd Jackson at 717-378-0336 or email todd@servants.org

Food Closet Update:

The Food Closet shelves look much better with shelves filled with the ingathering of non-perishable foods on "Souper" Bowl Sunday, Feb1.

Thanks to those who contributed food and cash! The cash will provide Giant Gift Cards to recipients for purchasing perishable food items. May God bless this ministry to those who need help in this slow economic period?

Salvation Army to Pick-up

The Salvation Army has a free home pick-up service. They are in need of clothing, shoes, accessories, bedding items, house wares, glassware's, tools, small working appliances, furniture in good usable condition (subject to driver inspection) and Flat screen T.V.'s.

To schedule a pick-up phone 717-541-0203 or 1-800-SA-TRUCK.

Address Change:

Viola Kauffman
Country Meadows Room 3108
2760 Pine Grove Rd
York, PA 17403

Follow the Lay Leader to.....LOVE

By Jean Miller, Lay Leader

February is the month for love. Valentine's Day celebrates a couple's physical attraction and EROS (or sexual) love. When we share time with friends and family, we celebrate PHILOS (or brotherly) love. But the greatest and most amazing love is AGAPE love – God's unconditional love for us, and our unconditional love for each other.

What does agape love look like? Let me tell you by some examples. It looks like Kim Kauffman lovingly painting cardinal after cardinal on Christmas balls to honor Gloria Hoover. It looks like the youth group standing in the cold weather Christmas caroling for shut-ins. It looks like Alan Miller spending many more hours preparing the church sanctuary for the Wilke wedding, than the wedding actually lasted. It looks like those who "turn-up" money to help neighbors (like Belva Harrison) during an economic "downturn". It looks like children of the church carrying Thanksgiving boxes to the cars for people who need food. But most importantly, it looks like Jesus' hands and feet at work in New Bridgeville.

Do you ever notice agape love? I hope so. I hope that you are aware of it every time that you are with a fellow believer. I hope that you notice it at every church service and program and activity that we have. I hope that you see it when you see me. (But I know that you don't, always. I am working on that!) But most of all, I hope that you see it in yourself. I hope that the unconditional love of Jesus shines through you to everyone that you meet!

The goal for us this month is to love others with the same agape love that God has shown us. Jesus shows us the way to reach this goal. Through Him we know that, "Love is patient. Love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, and it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices in the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, and always perseveres. Love never fails." (1 Corinthians 13:4-8)

During January you followed the leader to JOY.
This month I invite you to follow the leader to LOVE.

Helper needed:

**I am still looking for someone to assist me in Discipleship Leadership, just as I assisted Jean, easy stuff, taking attendance, ordering Sunday School Supplies, etc.

**I am also looking for someone to do something with the Children during Worship service?? Ideas may include something for Easter, Mother and Fathers Day.

See Leah Geesey, if interested!

<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>ACOLYTE</u>
1 ST . Mantz Miller	Donna Ludwig Zoe Grimm	Dustin
8 th . Patrick Sipe	Donna Ludwig Zoe Grimm	Will
15 th . Craig & Donna Ludwig	Wes Booth Patrick Sipe	Jared
22 nd . Nancy Harrison	Wes Booth Patrick Sipe	Summer

VBS in the Planning Stages

What week should we choose?

If you are volunteering and if you have any ideas for a date this summer to hold our VBS, please see Zoe.

Liturgists

Feb. 1- Craig Ludwig

Feb.8- Leah Geesey

Feb. 15- Bob Kashner

Feb 22- Anissa Keesey



Creation

2009

Are you ready for an ADVENTURE!

We are in the midst of planning our trip. If you will be attending Creation 2009.

Please see Brandi Miller by Feb. 8th so we can get a ticket count.

RED BIRD MISSION TRIP

We're planning a trip to redbird Aug.16th. For one week, Sunday to Saturday. Cost is \$160.00 per person. Anyone interested or wants more info to call me at 246-2497.

Thank You...

Thank you everyone who visited me or sent me Birthday and Christmas greeting and gifts. My day is brightened by your thoughts, prayers and visits. It is wonderful to hear from you and I love showing you my new residence when you visit me. God Bless all of you and have a wonderful 2009.


Love,

Dorothy McCue

New Class beginning in January

Starting Wednesday, January 7, 2009, join a new class, where you can:

1. Exercise your mind with God's word
2. Exercise your body with low impact exercises.

Join the group and we'll attempt to achieve the body god designed for us through His word. Class starts at 7pm with a bible lesson and end with  some exercise. Classes will meet in Social Hall at St. Paul's, Craley. Session will last approximately 1-1 ½ hours. All you need is your Bible, your body and willing spirit.

Call 927-8400 or see Kim Kinley for more information and/or sign up for the class. Please join us for some spiritual and physical exercise, which should be fun and beneficial for all.

Mission Information

2008 total Chapel church income \$10,176.

Amount given to missions:

2 nd mile giving	\$2,803.
Missionary Support	\$2,071.
Food Fund	\$ 900.
Love Offerings	\$3,444.
Conference missions	\$3,335.
UMW sent to conference	\$ 751.

\$13,304.

12.5% of our total income was given to missions plus. All the food and other items that were donated.

Thank you for all of your generous support to missions in 2008.

Chapel Mission Team