



# The Messenger of Shenberger's Chapel UMC June 09 Edition



New Bridgeville, PA

Sunday School- 9:15am

Worship-10:30am

Nursery available

Pastor Patricia Bollinger

Parish office

246-2428

Pastor's study

244-2974

[www.shenbergerschapel.org](http://www.shenbergerschapel.org)

Welcome, from Shenberger's Chapel Church. Come, share and be a part of a living Christ centered Family.  
Please come and join us, currently worshipping at the New Bridgeville Fire hall.

*Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy.  
He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow,  
will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him.  
Psalm 126:5-6*



July 12 through 16<sup>th</sup>

Chapel's Picnic woods on New Bridgeville Road

**Kids and volunteers can Pre-register at 717-244-5881**

**or on line at**

**[www.groupvbs.com/webtoybox/myvbs/shenbergerschapel](http://www.groupvbs.com/webtoybox/myvbs/shenbergerschapel)**

~~Where Fearless Kids Shine God's Light~~

*Be ready to hang out in the swamps with the crocs and learn how God is with us, God is powerful, God does what he says he'll do, God gives us life. And God cares for us.*

This year's mission will be providing mosquito nets. **Supplies needed:** New Double "AA" batteries, and shoe boxes (no boot boxes)

**Volunteers are still needed For: Decorating, set-up (7/11) and tear-down (7/18). PowerPoint presentation and extra hands. See Zoe**

## **Graduation Congrats...** Congratulations to the following graduates.

**Elizabeth Decker-** Elizabeth will graduate from Red Lion. She will be attending Kutztown Univ. in the fall and will be majoring in Art Therapy. Elizabeth will be spending the summer as camp counselor at Camp Donegal.

**Jonathan C. Smith-**Jonathan will graduate from Red Lion June 11. He was a member of the Red Lion Varsity Football Team and played baseball for Conrads. Jon achieved the rank of Eagle Scout as a member of Boy Scout Troop 152 in Brogue. He has enjoyed restoring his 1980 Camaro.

“He will be attending UTI in Exton, PA where he will be studying Auto & Diesel Mechanics.”

**Jake Landis-** Jake will graduate from Red Lion in June. He was a member of the ice hockey team. Jake will continue his education at Thaddeus Stevens where he will study Automotive Mechanics.

**Amy Miller-** graduated May 16<sup>th</sup> from Lebanon Valley College with a Bachelors of Science degree in Music education and a B.A. in Music.

**Trevan Kuhn-** graduated in December from Hartford Community College with an Associate's degree in Historic Building Restoration. He is a member of the Green Branch Bluegrass group and is working masonry work with his father.

**Talbot Mayo-**Talbot graduates from Hereford High school in June. She is the fiancé of Trevan Kuhn and a member of Green Branch group. She is currently attending Hartford Community College majoring in History.

**Angie Waseilewski-** Daughter of Phil Jacobs graduated May 16<sup>th</sup> from Elizabethtown College with a degree in Criminal Justice. In September Angie will be continuing her education at Shippensburg Univ. for masters in criminal justice.

## **Prayer Notes**

Focus Prayer- O Jerusalem, I have posted watchmen on your walls; they will pray to the Lord day and night for the fulfillment of his promises. Take no rest, all of you who pray. Isaiah 62:6

*Our prayer focus for the month of June is on those who do not yet know God.*

Persistent prayer pleases God; Persistent prayer draws us to His heart. Persistent prayer draws our heart toward the ones we are praying for. Let us not rest in prayer until all our family members, neighbors, friends, enemies and co-workers believe in Jesus and are reconciled to God.

**Pray, Pray, Pray!!!**

## Directory Update

We will continue to update our church directory through the month of June. If you have changes you want to make to the directory or if your picture is not in our current one please contact Gloria Kashner at (717) 373-6008 or [bkashner@netzero.net](mailto:bkashner@netzero.net).

### **Offering Christ, Glorifying God and Making Disciples**

One of the homework assignments for the Lay speaker re-certification class I just completed was to worship in other churches and evaluate the experience. It was a helpful assignment because it gave me the opportunity to feel what it feels like to be a stranger in the midst of a church family.

The second church I visited I went to the Contemporary Service. There was a sign marking the entrance to the service but there were no greeters at the door. I searched out a bulletin and took a seat. A member of the praise team offered me a welcome packet and later in the service her husband greeted me but except for those two people, no one else was intentional in greeting or helping me feel at home. The words on the wall behind the praise team and on the front of the Welcome packet stated, "A Place to Belong." On that day, for me, it did not feel like a place to belong.

The experience caused me to reflect and think about the welcome we offer to newcomers now that we are worshipping at the fire hall.

Are there greeters every Sunday posted at the doors eager and excited to welcome people prior to Sunday School and Worship?

Do all our greeters know where the Welcome Packets are located? Do we as a body understand the importance of the role of a greeter in the life of the congregation? Are we individually introducing ourselves by name to newcomers even when we are not greeters? How welcoming are we? How welcoming are you?

*Just some things to think about and work on as we continue to work through the challenges of Offering Christ, Glorifying God, and making Disciples in a new setting.*

Grace to You,  
Donna Ludwig

## Confirmation

The following young people have completed their confirmation journey and joined the church on Pentecost Sunday, Jayde Tyson, Jasper Tyson and Dustin Miller.

Jayde is the daughter of Erica and Jason Tyson. She is finishing up her 10<sup>th</sup> grade year at Red Lion. Jayde enjoys playing sports such as softball, track, and field hockey. She has fun in youth group and is an eager learner. Jayde is looking forward to going to Creation, volunteering with Children's ministries at Chapel and giving her first children's message. Her mentor for the confirmation Journey was Donna Ludwig.

Jasper is the son of Erica and Jason Tyson. He will be in 7<sup>th</sup> grade at the Junior High in the fall. Jasper is active in sports. He wrestles and plays baseball and foot ball. Jasper is not afraid to wear pink and enjoys hanging out with other people. He is a member of the youth group and will be going to Creation and church camp this summer. He grew and sold tomatoes this spring to help fund his camping trip. Alan Miller was his mentor for confirmation.

## Confirmation continued

Dustin Miller is the son of Daryl and Amy Miller. He will be a Seventh grade student at Red Lion Junior high this fall. He enjoys swimming and going camping. Dustin love to do work, especially in the yard and garden, He is an active member of the youth group and will be going to Creation and church camp this summer. Dustin is friends with Jasper and worked with him on the tomato project. His mentor for confirmation was Phil Jacobs.

## New Members

We welcome Erica and Jason Tyson to our Shenberger's Chapel Church family. Erica and Jason have lived on East Shoff Rd in New Bridgeville for 3 years. They have 4 children, Jayde, Jasper, Jayla, and Jordan. They will be married for 15 years in October. Erica spends a lot of time behind the wheel playing taxi driver to her children. Jason likes doing yard work and working on cars. His dream car is a 69 Chevelle. The family attended their first worship service at Chapel on Christmas Eve 2008.

We celebrate with great joy the addition of Daryl Miller to the Shenbergers Chapel family. Daryl is the husband of Amy and father of Dustin and Kimmie. He has been actively involved in the New Bridgeville Fire Company since he was a teen. Daryl is currently the Assistant Chief. He works for K.B.S. Trucking and enjoys the outdoors and gardening.

As we welcome Jayde, Jasper, Dustin, Erica, Jason and Daryl may we remember to honor our commitment to surround them with steadfast love, to do all in our power to increase their faith, confirm their hope and perfect them in Love.

## A New Arrival



Blessings to Michelle and Brooks Sanborn on the birth of their baby girl, Cambria Elaine. Cambria was born May 15, 2009 and weighed in at 7 lbs. 15oz and 21 inches

'Tithing works for those who work with tithing. If you have never tried it, give it a three-month trial. Remember, when you give, like attracts like. If need be, start with one-percent of your income, time, energy or effort and build up to ten-percent. A great philosopher once said, "Whatever you want more of, give some of it away."

## Follow the Lay Leader to.....GOODNESS

By Jean Miller, Lay Leader

What does the word “good” mean to you? Maybe you think about it in terms of “being a good cook”, or “living the good life”, or “the fight between good and evil”, or “God is good”. Maybe you think of yourself as a “good person”. A “good Jew” wants to follow the laws of Moses. A “good Christian” wants to be like Christ. By what did Paul mean when in Galatians he said that “The fruit of the Spirit is....goodness”? What is goodness?

I always thought that I was a good neighbor. I don’t make a lot of noise riding dirt bikes around my property. I don’t have dogs that tear-up the neighbor’s garbage. I wave and say “Hi” whenever I see one of my neighbors. But what I consider to be good and what God considers to be good are miles apart! God expects me to actually talk to my neighbors, to get to know them, and to even “love my neighbor as myself” (Romans 13:9). Maybe I’m not such a “good neighbor”.

There are two ways to look at goodness. Worldly standards say that a person has the quality of goodness if they do more good things than bad. And the list of things that are good and bad is often defined by popular opinion. The second way to assess goodness is by God’s standard, which is much higher than the world’s standard. Jesus described God’s standard for goodness when He said:

*“...If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same...But love your enemies, and do good, and lend expecting nothing in return.”*

Luke 6: 33,35

How can we as humans live up to this standard? We might find this expectation discouraging was it not for one thing. Included in God’s goodness is grace beyond our understanding! God’s grace plants **His goodness** into our open and willing hearts, moving the average person closer to His goodness. It’s His goodness that caused David to spare Saul’s life. It’s His goodness that caused Jesus disciples to leave the comfort of their homes and follow him. It’s His goodness that causes us to turn and go back with money after we have walked past a homeless person. It’s His goodness that gives us the desire to walk across the room (or the yard or the fire hall) to speak to a neighbor.

So, we have seen that what we consider good doesn’t always measure up to God’s standards, for “we all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). And “no one is good but God alone” (Mark 10:18). But, when God’s seed is planted into the heart of the average man, God’s goodness prevails and the common man becomes an uncommon saint. At that point, we become better than we ever imagined we could be!

During January you followed the leader to JOY.

During February you followed the leader to LOVE.

During March you followed the leader to PEACE.

During April you followed the leader to PATIENCE.

During May you followed the leader to KINDNESS.

This month I invite you to follow the leader to GOODNESS.

Date	Liturgist	Greeters	Ushers	Acolytes
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Leah Geesey	Oscar Resline	Daryl Miller & Jim Wilke	Dustin Miller
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Kashner	Joann Crumbling	Daryl Miller & Jim Wilke	Hayden Thoman
June 21	Anissa Keesey	Robert & Ruby Fix	Donna Ludwig & Gloria Miller	Summer Waseilewski
June 28	Wes Booth	Bob & Gloria Kashner	Donna Ludwig & Gloria Miller	Anders Thoman

## **Shenberger's Chapel United Methodist Church Guidelines for Fellowship Friends and Bible Buddies**

May 18, 2009

1. Fellowship Friends and Bible Buddies are assigned to a person after the person has become a "regular" visitor, having visited 3-4 times and shown an interest in becoming a regular attendee.
2. Be their first contact for any questions they have about church events or processes.
3. Contact the Discipleship Team if the person needs a Bible.
4. Provide encouragement and support for the person during their celebrations and sorrows (send cards, prayers, small gifts, etc.) Share with them in family/community events outside of church, if possible.
5. Notify the Pastor and/or Lay Leader if the person shows an interest in joining the church. Support the person through the assimilation process and join them in the membership classes.
6. Mentor the Bible Buddies through confirmation classes.
7. Stand with them when/if they join the church.

*\*\*See Mrs. Amy Miller if you would like to be a fellowship friend\*\**