



**The Messenger  
of Shenberger's Chapel UMC  
Dec 08/Jan 09 Edition**

**A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR**

**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)**

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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!**

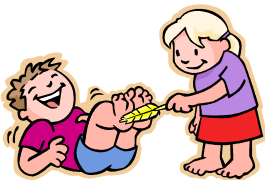
*I will praise you, LORD, with all my heart.  
I will tell all the miracles you have done.  
I will be happy because of you; God Most High,  
I will sing praises to your name. Psalm 9:1,2*

## **BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

**Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**

For many people Christmas is a time of loneliness, sorrow and sadness. The Blue Christmas service is a time to worship with others who are going through "Blue Times".

If you or someone you know is grieving the loss of a loved one, an unfulfilled dream or are at a place of despair we invite you to join us for this service.



## **LADIES NIGHT OUT!**

Come and be Tickling Pink

**Mark your calendars for January 31st at 6:30pm in Matthews Hall.**

Bring a girlfriend- See you there!

Be ready to brush away the winter blues and laugh yourself silly.

Watch for more details to come in the bulletin.

## Encouragement Team

Please remember our shut-ins when you send your Christmas Cards this year. We will have baskets to collect cards for each of our shut-ins. Below is a list to use for your convenience.

*Dorothy McCue	*Evelyn Kauffman
*Dorothy Keeseey	*Sara Shaw
*Viola Kauffman	*Bertha Shaw
*Lois Shenberger	*Faye Snyder
*Dale & Betty Miller	*Ruth Criswell

**REMINDER:** Poinsetta Orders are due to Susie Miller by Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup>.

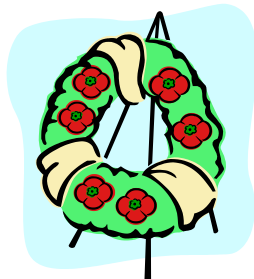
### Snail Mail to support the Troops

I am looking for someone willing to send a Card of encouragement from our Church family to our service members. We will provide the stamps, cards and addresses. At this time there are four names on our list. See Donna Ludwig or call her at 927-6649.

### Updates to your Church Directory

Please make the following changes and corrections to your church directory.

- \*Phil and Sandy Kauffmans address is Wrightsville, PA 17368 not Red Lion
- \*Jennifer Myers and Jim Wilkes will be Married December 13 Their address is  
372A Friendship Ave Hellam PA 17406; Phone: 755-6181
- \*Ashley and Tristan Kuhn (New Address) 3125 Green Branch Road Red Lion PA 17356
- \*Wil Raffensberger and Cassandra Gaus (Address Change) 109 North 9<sup>th</sup> st Apt 2  
Wrightsville, PA 17368
- \*Jennifer Raffensberger (Peyton and Shelby) 358 Orange St Wrightsville, PA 17368 Phone: 252-0415
- \*Add Chase Koller to Bridget and Terry Koller
- \*Remove Gerald Elfner (deceased)
- \*Remove Ken and Sandy Hoke (Moved)
- \* Brooks and Michelle Sanborn (new address) 350 Valley Rd, Windsor, PA 17366



### In Memory

**Julia Grim**

**Gerald Elfner**

**Anna Shaw**



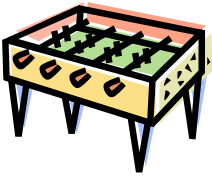
## Congratulations

to Bridget and Terry, Noah and Chase Koller on Chase's recent baptism.

### Thanksgiving Boxes

A big thank you to all the children that helped during Children's Worship decorating our Thanksgiving Boxes, We have helped so many families again this year, Also thank you to the congregation for bringing items in every Sunday, and the Boy Scouts who collected many items also. It is truly humbling to give a box of food and be blessed by those who receive it.

A special Thank you for Sue Miller, for leading Sunday School Opening for the "Time Capsule Opening" it was great to hear and share the memories from 10 years ago! Thanks Sue!!



**Family Fun Nights are Back!!!!** We will be starting back up in January watch your bulletins and mailboxes for upcoming dates.

**ATTENTION: HELPER NEEDED-** looking for a co-leader for the disciple team –  
See Leah Geesey in interested.



## Nativity Set Display December 24

We are planning to have a display of nativity sets as part of our

**Family Christmas Eve Service.** If you have a nativity set you are willing to share, please let Gloria Kashner know. I am also looking for suggestions on the best way to display them.

### **Newsletter reminder:**

Articles are due to Zoe Grimm at [stubbornchild@comcast.net](mailto:stubbornchild@comcast.net) or in mailbox by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

**Calendar Reminder:** Gloria Kashner has been willing to keep our calendar updated for us and also for anyone that searches the website. Please have any changes/additions to the calendar also by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. You could also ask Gloria how to update your own team information on the calendar online.

**Kitchen etiquette:** *Always think of others first*

Please put back and close up any open packs of plates, cups, silverware etc. If you use any towels to wash the dishes- Please wash them and bring them back. This is for safety as well as sanitary reasons. If you use any thing in the kitchen area and see it needs to be replenished please call Oscar Resline at 927-9048 as soon as possible.

**Housekeeping notes:** Our Sunday school teacher work very hard and have the supplies they need in their rooms, they don't mind if you use something but Please put it back or pick up after yourself.

**Library News**

The church library has a nice selection of children's' books available for your use. The following 4 books in the Dear God series help to answer hard questions children may ask about God.

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Dear God, If There's a meaning for every word... Is There A Reason For Everything?

Dear God, If I was a Star...I'd Like To Be A Very Bright One.

Dear God, I Just Can't Sleep... Want to Talk?

Dear God, Guess What ...I'm Ready To Listen Now!

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**Note to Our Greeters**

A basket of visitor packets will be on the table with the bulletins. Please hand a packet to new people when you greet them.

Remember your job is a very important ministry of the church. If you are unable to be here on the week you are assigned please find someone to fill your position.

***Neighborhood Center Information:***

***Final collection date for donations is December 7<sup>th</sup>.***

**Thanks for Supporting Mission, You have helped...**

Exceed our covenant commitment with 5 missionaries.

Provide Fresh produce from Harvest Homes along with 33 rolls of paper towels and 77 rolls of toilet paper that went to the Red Lion Area community service.

Collect 19 bottles of liquid laundry detergent and 43 bottles of bleach for Mission Central.

fill Thanksgiving boxes, pack apples and potatoes and donated blankets that will help the less fortunate.

support the Neighborhood center

## Campbell's Label update

The current label count is 1,443,151 labels. To purchase a van costs 1,600,00 labels. The Neighborhood Center of the United Methodist Church in Harrisburg is almost 90% of the way toward their goal. Let's continue to collect labels so the goal can be reached.

## Special Neighborhood Center Happenings

Four children from Neighborhood Center attended a U.M. Church camp this summer thanks to friends from 1<sup>st</sup> UMC Hershey; Fishing Creek Salem UMC, Etters; Nathan Herr; and Camp Hill UMC.

Sixty children received backpacks and school supplies thanks to Chambers Hill UMC, Harrisburg and Grace UMC Harrisburg.

One family was provided clothing following a house fire thanks to Neighborhood Center Caring Closet and other household items thanks to United Way and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

Two boxes of hats and mittens were received and ready for distribution this winter thanks to clients of Keystone Mental Health Services who made them.

**Good News Jail & Prison Ministry** has listed items for their Christmas Gifts to inmates at the York County Prison.

1. Baked Cookies (should be of a type that are easy to handle and not quickly broken; also be in a non-returnable container or plastic bag).
2. Store-bought hard candy. NO GUM
3. Standard wood pencils. NO MECHANICAL PENCILS (They are contraband).
4. Diabetic candies & cookies are needed for inmates who are diabetic.
5. Cash donations can be made to meet some other needs that require other security considerations.
6. Disposable 1 piece pens (BIC type only)

**Items will be delivered to the prison on or before December 11, 2008. Bring items to church by Sunday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>. For more information or questions, please contact Gloria Hoover (927-6554).**

The chaplains at the prison appreciate your willingness to help them reach out to their inmates with the LOVE of Christ at this time of the season.

## The organization of United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women is an integral part of the United Methodist Church. "In every local church there shall be an organized unit of United Methodist Women" (The book of discipline, 2004, 256.5) **Women actively choose to become involved in this inclusive mission organization.** "Membership shall be open to any woman who indicates her desire to belong and to participate in the global mission of the Church through United Methodist Women"... **Members are involved through prayer, giving, attending meetings, study, action, or service.**



## Chapel Food Closet

As of November 16, 2008 twenty-four families have received food from our food closet. These same

families will have received a box of food for their Thanksgiving dinner prior to this issue of The Messenger.

Families are referred to us by FIRST of York (A referral agency) or by word of mouth. Upon their request for food assistance through the church office, the family is contacted to find out the number of family members; age of children, if any; and address. Arrangements are made for them to pick up the food at Shenberger Chapel or St. Paul's. The families each receive two bags of non-perishable food and a \$20 Gift certificate (Barry's Country Food Market) for perishable items or gas, no cigarettes. **The shelves of the food closet are getting empty. Canned goods needed are: Fruit, applesauce, baked beans, kidney beans, meats (chicken, tuna, and ham), soups, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti and noodles. Your donations of these items are very much appreciated.**



### *Notes from the Pastor*

Dan and I hope that all have a very Christ filled Christmas!

May His blessings pour down on your head. May His peace abide in your heart and may His hope be always shown in your life.

We pray that you and yours have a very Merry Christmas!

**Christmas Open House at the Parsonage –  
Dec. 21 from 3-7. Come fellowship, eat and enjoy!**



### **2009 Offering Options**

As we near the end of 2008. I want to take this opportunity to help everyone prepare for the 2009 fiscal year. Let me remind you about our Electronic Giving option. With Electronic Giving, you can designate a specific amount of money to come out of your checking or savings account weekly or monthly. With this option, you do not have to have offering envelopes, you don't have to remember your checkbook every Sunday morning, or remember your offering envelope. It also provides the bank documentation, needed for your tax returns. Remember, to deduct your contributions on your tax returns, you need bank documentation and /or a financial statement from your church showing your contributions.

Using either Electronic Giving or Offering Envelopes provide the best ways to track and record your donations for tax purposes. Take some time and think about which option will work best for you. Forms for the Electronic Giving or

Offering Envelope Booklets will be showing up in your Church mailboxes soon. Please, be sure to complete and return them to me.

Thank you,  
Kim Kinley  
Financial Secretary.

### Liturgist Schedule for December

December 7- Wil Raffensberger

December 14- Kim Kauffman

December 21- Amy Miller

December 28- Cassandra Gaus

### **Mark your Calendars:**

**December 6<sup>th</sup>**- 4 pm -Hanging of the Greens

**December 21- 8Am** -Christmas Breakfast

**December 25<sup>th</sup>- 7pm** – Family Christmas Eve Service

**Bah Hum Bug... CHRISTMAS AGAIN!** Written by Fayne Stermer (St. Paul's Church- Dec. 10, 1992)

Just Another Year- Just Another Day,  
Oh, If Only I would Have it My way.  
There Would be no Carols-No Trees,  
No Presents Or Decorations So Bright  
Less glow, less money spent on bills for electrical lights.  
Why All The Joy- Why All The Fuss,  
It's Only Another Day for us.  
Let it come- Let it go,  
I Don't Care if it never snows.  
Why do I feel so full of Hate  
Maybe I never felt the need of Santa's wait.  
As a child I never Had much,  
Only a stocking filled with holes and such.  
My family wasn't rich as one might think,  
They couldn't give gifts like the fantasy of Santa's wink.  
I'm getting old, and I feel so alone this time of Year,

Wishing my mama could give me that "Special" Hug so dear.  
She seemed to know the Special meaning of the holiday season,  
She seemed to know about that Special "Reason".  
As I sit by the fireplace and reminiscence about childhood Christmas past,  
Wishing those days would have been forever last.  
Oh. Why- Oh Why? Must I now be so alone and blue,  
I know I don't hate Christmas, That's so True.  
But Please all I ask, Is someone to care,  
Someone to take the time to Share.  
A word or two- A thought or two,  
Someone or something to take away those blues.  
As moments, past soft voices rang out,  
The Tunes of Christmas Carols all a Shout.  
With a can in my hand, I slowly walked to the door,  
Opened it gently to Smiling faces adored.  
With a glow in my eyes and a tear streaming down my cheek,  
Appeared a little four year old- Reminding Me or childhood days so sweet.  
The Spirit of Christmas was shared through the little one's smile,  
A peacefulness within my Heart- But within my mind- So far away in miles.  
That Christmas Eve was a "New" Beginning for me- An old Man,  
A night God sent his Babe- Extending a helping hand.  
"Me"- A lonely one so far away,  
From the Christmas Spirit- The Christmas Hope- As one would say.  
Even though I am alone and old,  
I know the True Meaning of Christmas, As my mama once told.  
The Birth of our Savior who brought us that Special Gift of Love,  
A friend to talk with and pray with- God Our special Friend Above.  
As I Celebrate This Christmas Season,  
I shall never forget that "Jesus" is the Reason.  
With the Bright Star shining in Heaven above,  
A reminder that the Most Precious Gift Given or Received is "LOVE".

**Reminder : Leadership Opportunities**

Talk to Jean Miller or Pastor Pat for more information.

**\*\*Assistant Worship Team Leader\*\***

Needs a heart for music or music background to help lead the Worship team.

**\*\*Assistant Discipleship Team Leader\*\***

Co-lead discipleship team with Leah Geesey.