

UNION CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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CHURCH OFFICE 748-6329

PASTOR BROWN 748-1358

April 13, 2008

8:30 AM

PRELUDE:

Betty Phinney

ANNOUNCEMENTS

8:25 AM

***GREETINGS & GATHERINGS:** “And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.” **Isaiah 35:10 RSV**

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Psalm 23 KJV

HYMNS OF PRAISE: “The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want” #136

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Acts 2:42-43 RSV

Welcoming Our Visiting Friends

Sharing of Our Testimonies, Joy and Blessings

Sharing our Prayer Concerns

PRAYER VERSE: “He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.”

1 Peter 2:24-25 RSV

PRAYER CHORUS: “Sweet Hour of Prayer” #496

OFFERTORY VERSE: “Let all the house of Israel therefore know assuredly that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” **Acts 2:36 RSV**

OFFERTORY CHORUS: CD Special

Presentations of Tithes and Offerings

***DOXOLOGY:** #95

HYMN OF PREPARATION: “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” #381

SCRIPTURE: John 10:1-18 Pew Bible #1040

MESSAGE: “He Came To Give Abundant Life”

***HYMN OF INVITATION:** “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” #133

THOSE WHO ARE SERVING TODAY: **8:30 AM**

WORSHIP LEADER: Deborah Eckhardt

GREETERS: Gary & Jan Avery

NURSERY: Betsy Shumaker

USHER: Dave Ring

AUDIO: Bob Deuel

JR. CHURCH:

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Lamentation 3:22-24 RSV

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***A TIME OF PRAISE:** “I Have Decided To Follow Jesus”
“Jesus, Lover Of My Soul”
“Shout To The Lord”

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A TIME OF PRAYER

A TIME OF WORSHIPPING WITH OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS AND

SPECIAL MUSIC

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“Here I Am To Worship”
“Draw Me Close”

SCRIPTURE READING: John 10:1-18

Pew Bible #1040

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MORNING PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC:

Grant, Mary and Ruth

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***BENEDICTION**

It is wonderful that you came to worship today at the Wesley UMC. We welcome you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, whom we serve as our Lord. We pray and trust that you received the rich blessings of the Lord today. May the Lord bless you and keep you as you go into the world to live, serve, and witness. Please plan to join in a time of fellowship and sharing soon after the Worship Service. Please join us next Sunday at 9:30 AM for worship and praise. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to join us.

LASAGNA DINNER-April 25, 2008. Serving at 5:00 p.m.

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BUILDING PROJECT FUNDRAISER EVENT-April 19, 2008 starting at 6:00 p.m. This event is to raise money, excitement and awareness of what the Lord can do as we collect money for the building fund. We will also be serving Authentic Indian dishes. All the funds received will go to the building fund.

SPRING CLEANING TIME !—On Saturday, May 3, 2008 we will have Spring cleaning day at the Church. Please plan to come and make our Church beautiful. We will be providing lunch.

WOMEN'S BANQUET-Saturday, May 17, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Guest speaker will be Jane Divine, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

MEN'S BANQUET-Saturday, June 7, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Guest speaker will be Bishop Larry Simpson.

ALUMNI CHOIR-Will be sharing a special worship service on Sunday, June 16, 2008 during both services. Those who have sang in the choir in the past and those who sing at present are invited to join us for a special rehearsal. Please contact Aric Phinney at 786-8812 for more information.

THE CONTINENTALS- Will be in concert on July 11 and November 14, 2008.

VBS-July 25-August 1, 2008. Shannan Meilunas is the coordinating this VBS program.

CHICKEN BBQ/TENT MEETING-FUND RAISING FOR THE BUILDING-August 9, 2008.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED—Will meet on Friday, May 2, 2008. “May Fellowship Day-Plant a seed of hospitality, reap bouquets of friendships,” for a Luncheon at 1:00 P.M. at St. Ambrose Church, Washington Avenue, Endicott. Lunch reservations are required by Sunday, April 27th!! Please call Millie Rood at 862-9947 or Jean Warfield at 785-1167. Thanks! Come & bring a friend or more than one!

YOUTH MISSIONS TRIP—We will depart on Sunday, April 13th 6:00pm from First Presbyterian Church and we will return on Saturday, April 19th 12:00pm. Work will include replacing 17 windows and gutting an office building at Bethanna Residential Treatment Center in Southampton, PA. We will be staying on the Bethanna Campus throughout the week. Cost: \$60.00 per student, \$60.00-100.00 in spending money is also recommended to cover the cost of extra evening activities. On Wednesday we will have a day of rest and go to Point Pleasant Beach, NJ for fishing and visiting the boardwalk. A fishing boat will be rented for students that desire to do that. Other evening activities will include going to center city Philadelphia, parks, and other activities. Students should bring sleeping bag, sleeping mat, work clothes such as long sleeve shirts, pants, work boots, sneakers, work gloves, beach items, and toiletries. All meals will be provided. Light packing will be appreciated.

UPCOMING 2008 WEDDINGS: May 10, Dusty and Sarah
May 24, Robby and Ashley
July 12, LeAnna and Billy
July 19, Mike and Amber

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HOPE TO SEE YOU ON SATURDAY!!!!

Remember this: The person who plants a little will have a small harvest, but the person who plants a lot will have a big harvest. Each one should give as you have decided in your heart to give. You should not be sad when you give and you should not give because you feel forced to give. God loves the person who gives happily. And God can give you more blessings than you need. Then you will always have plenty of everything – enough to give to every good work.
2 Corinthians 9: 6-8 NCV

What: Silent Auction FUNdraiser toward the building fund
When: Saturday April 19, 2008 6:00 - 8:00pm
Where: Fellowship Hall
Why: To raise money, excitement and awareness of what the Lord can do as we collect money for the building fund.

Don't miss it!!! We'll have music provided by Mary and Grant. Don't forget to bring your favorite munchies!! We will also have authentic Indian food.

If you are donating a basket for the silent auction, please drop it off at the church this week. *****Be sure you fill out a sheet that says what is being donated, the estimated value, who it is from (you can remain anonymous)*** Extra sheets are near the sign up sheet in the narthex.** You can leave it on the stage on the fellowship hall, be sure it is labeled. If you must bring it Saturday, please have it here by 5:00 pm. Thank you to everyone who is making donations!!

Keep in mind: we only have 8 months left to meet the challenge given to us by the Erwin DuBois family. If we raise \$25,000 they will match that amount!! What a tremendous blessing we have in front of us! Let's keep working together to meet this generous challenge! God will honor our faithfulness when we give happily and return the praise to Him!

If you have questions, please contact Deborah Eckhardt, 772-2472.

THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS

The Scripture Readings this week focus heavily on the Shepherd and His sheep. For that matter, so does the Bible. In the King James Version, the word "shepherd" appears 43 times, "sheep" 187 times, "flock" 111 times, and "lamb" 105 times. Some interesting things are shared about sheep in these passages. Sheep go astray, but they can return. Sheep hear well, and they know the voice of their shepherd. Sheep know how a shepherd is supposed to act. And sheep grow when they return to the fold regularly and nurture one another. Just as importantly, these Scriptures describe traits of the Shepherd. He comes through the gate. He has a familiar voice. He leads his flocks where they will be safe and well nourished. When they return, He welcomes them. What a wonderful relationship! Isn't it amazing? Our spiritual lives can be just that easy, but instead we make our lives so hard. This week's featured hymn was written by Henry W. Baker (1821-1877). He was editor-in-chief of the *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, an Anglican hymnal, and contributed hymns, tunes, and translations. In *The United Methodist Hymnal*, Baker is credited with the text of *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* and with part of the translation for *Of the Father's Love Begotten*. Both are deeply spiritual hymns and tie to historic scriptures and traditions of our faith. Enjoy the words of this hymn:

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| 1. The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever. | 2. Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth. |
| 3. Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me. | 4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me. |
| 5. Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth! | 6. And so through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever. |

Like sheep, you can know that you are in the fold. You can be part of the flock. You can know the joy of fellowship. You can know the Shepherd. You can hear His call and you know His voice. The Shepherd comes in at the door. You know you can trust Him. So trust him. *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*. Is He your shepherd, too?