



WELLSBORO DISTRICT QuikNEWS 1/26/09

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District Office Hours are: Monday through Thursday

(9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)

CLOSED ON FRIDAYS

Mission Trip Update & Praise

Tom is at a cabinet meeting today, so I am taking the liberty to share a letter we received from the Brookfield UMC along with a check for \$635.26 for the Gulf Coast district mission trip. "For our project Veryl Simmons built the frame for a house. A tool box was added to the display and each week we put donations in the tool box. As money was collected each week, Veryl did more to the house until it was completed. The chimney was also painted farther up each week to show the amount. Even the Sunday School children took a real interest." We are truly grateful to the churches in the Wellsboro District that had fundraisers such as dinners, Calvary UMC concerts, hoagie sales, special offerings, etc. **We are happy to report that when the first group left on Saturday \$51,000 had been raised!** Praise God!! A big surprise was that a Lutheran Church in Leighton, PA sent a check for \$8,500.00!! We are grateful to God for the generosity of the people in the Wellsboro District in answering the call to minister to the people in MS.

Special Days for Pastoral Leaders & their Families

February Birthdays

- 3 Pam Wright, District Lay Leader, serving Luthers Mills UMC as a Certified Lay Speaker
- 6 Richard Barner, pastor of 1st UMC, Towanda
- 6 Ryan Guillaume, son of Jason & Beth. Jason serves 1st UMC, Blossburg.
- 11 Brett Benjamin, Certified Lay Minister Candidate serving Luthers Mills UMC
- 12 Jean Montgomery, pastor of the North Towanda Parish
- 20 William Lusk, retired pastor living in Lawrenceville and serving Presho UMC, NY
- 24 Jennifer Wolf, pastor of the Millerton Charge

February Anniversaries

- 16 Jennifer & Lester Wolf

Praises

- **Jennifer & Lester Wolf** will be celebrating 35 years of marriage on February 16.
- **\$51,000 has been raised for the Wellsboro District Mission trip to MS!**
- **Brian Myfelt & Marty Willard** were approved as Certified Lay Ministers by the District Committee on Ministry in December.
- **The Wellsboro District Mission Central HUB** sent \$173.00 to Mission Central. \$77.00 was the tithe from the HUB donations and \$96.00 was for toothpaste.
- **Nettie & "Buck" Treat's** first great-grandson was born on January 19. Nettie serves the Five Star Parish as a Certified Lay Speaker.
- Donations received for the **Good Samaritan fund in 2008** were **\$13,652.19** and \$13,297.79 was dispersed!
- **Marian Hartman** returned home safely from a mission trip to India. Marian serves the UMC of Wellsboro.

Prayers

- Please pray for the **third Wellsboro District Gulf Coast mission team** to MS. The first group left on Saturday, and the second group will be leaving this coming Saturday at 6:00 p.m. from St. Paul, Nauvoo. **Join us in "sending them off!"**

- **Barbara Busch** will be having foot surgery on Thursday, January 29. Barbara's husband, Don, serves the Roulette Charge.

Deadline for Items to be Submitted in QuikNEWS

- The Wellsboro District QuikNEWS is distributed monthly. If you have any items to be included in it, please email the information to the district office, mwillard@cpcumc.org or wellsdo@ptd.net, by the 20th of each month. **Please try to send your announcements to the district office in time to be included in the QuikNEWS, so that we won't need to send out additional items each month.**

CONFERENCE NEWS

Safe Sanctuaries Training

Thursday, March 26; 5:30-9:30 p.m.; Ramey UMC, State College District

For all pastors and those serving local churches who have not previously attended. For lay persons in leadership with children, youth, and vulnerable adults and have not previously attended.

.4 CEU's; Trainer: Anne Horton, Director of Camp and Retreat Ministry, Central PA Conference

Please contact the district office if you would like to attend this training.

Central PA Conference UMW Retreat

March 27-28, 2009; Holiday Inn (Holidome), York, PA

Registration fee is \$125/person

Make checks payable to "CPCUMW" and send to Hattie Lehigh, 1074 Village Way, York, PA 17404

Teacher Training Offered by Conference Office of Connectional Ministries

Saturday, April 25: 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; Mt. Asbury Retreat Center

For teachers of children, youth, or adults.

Leadership by: Mary Jane Pierce Norton & Carol Krau, General Board of Discipleship

Cost \$25 for the first person; each additional person from the same church is \$15.

Questions? Contact Anne Horton or Joy Wilcox, 1-800-874-8474

Registration forms are available from your pastor or the district office.

Seminar Trip to General Board of Church & Society, Washington, DC

April 26-29, 2009; Cost: \$320.00

Registration forms are available from your pastor or the district office.

Camp and Retreat News

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

"Listen" is not only the theme for Camp & Retreat Ministry this year but it's what we need to be about in 2009. Listening and being aware of the hope that God has given to us through His Son, Jesus Christ. This is what we have been celebrating with Christmas.

The Camping program offers to children, youth, and adults many benefits that can provide direction, renewal, and hope for the days ahead. Here is my list, what would you add to the list? I look forward to hearing your thoughts!

The benefits of the camping experience:

- To have fun.
- Time away from parents or families to get renewed or re-energized.
- To meet new people.
- To gain appreciation of nature,
- To explore who you are, as a child of God.
- To hear about Christ maybe for the first time or the 100th time.
- To deepen your relationship with Christ, without the distractions of the world there is more openness to hear God.
- To receive unqualified acceptance in the community that is created during the week.
- To develop tools for dealing with life situations.
- For children & youth to be with adults who live out their faith and Christian lifestyle 24 - 7.

We are projecting to have 1750 campers this year through the camping program. It is my hope that as you receive your

Camp Brochure or check the web site for the brochure (which is already up), that you will make every effort with folks in your church or your community has the opportunity to attend. We have a mission of helping to touch a life and make a difference in the lives of the people we serve. May it be that way for you, too!

Look forward to hearing from you in this New Year!

Grace and peace,

Anne Horton, Director
Camp & Retreat Ministry

DISTRICT NEWS

Next Small Church Initiative Gathering

The next Small Church Initiative event is scheduled for **Saturday, February 21st, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Mansfield United Methodist Church.** The gathering will focus on Bishop Robert Schnase's book Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations. This event is for all small churches (125 or less in worship) and is for both clergy and laity. Tom Willard will serve as leader. There is no cost involved, but please indicate to the district office (570-724-2831 or 1-800-892-4675 or wellsdo@ptd.net) how many we should expect from your church or charge. Remember that carpooling is strongly recommended since parking is limited

District Youth Ministry Offering In March

Once again churches across the district are asked to receive a special offering for youth ministry across our district sometime during the month of March, or whenever best suits your local congregation. **Checks should be made payable to CPCUMC and sent to the Wellsboro District Office at 35 Fairview Acres Road, Wellsboro PA 16901-6916.**

Leadership University Dates & Classes for Spring, 2009

March 21 & 28; 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; UMC of Wellsboro (All classes will meet both days.)

“United Methodist Polity” Instructor: Rev. Tom Willard (Meets CLM requirements)

“Care of the Congregation” Instructor: Pastor Sherry Good (Meets CLM requirements)

“Leading from a Spiritual Base – Prayer” Instructor: Pastor Robin Baer

“PLACE Ministries” Instructor: Marty Willard (meets Spiritual Gifts requirement)

Contact the district office if you need a registration form.

Women, Save the Date for the Wellsboro District Women's Retreat!

Saturday, April 25, 2009, 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.; Warren L. Miller Elementary School, Mansfield

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

Snow Mobile Safety Class Being Offered

Saturday, January 31, 2009; East Canton United Methodist Church

Ages nine and up are welcome. Please contact Lucas Hite at (570) 673.8031 to register. The class is eight hours and you are encouraged to bring a bag lunch.

Other Item of Interest

Fourth Annual Youth Workers Conference

Saturday, March 28, 2009; 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Messiah College

Featuring Keynote Speaker: Reggie Dabbs

For youth pastors, lay & volunteer youth group leaders, student leaders – high school & college age

Early bird rate (before 2/15/09): \$45.00; Regular rate: \$55.00

To register, go to www.MESSIAH.EDU/YOUTHWORKERS/

MISSION NEWS

Needs of Seeds of Hope Partners

Good used furniture and appliances are always needed (no sofa beds). Call 570-835-5169 to arrange for pick-up. Pillows and double size mattress pads, diapers in all sizes except 2. These items may be dropped off at the district office, but please call ahead of time to make sure the office is open.

Mission Central Collecting Used VBS Material

Do you have used Vacation Bible School Curriculum cluttering a church closet or collecting dust in your basement? Bring it to Mission Central. Plans are being made to make VBS Curriculum available to churches who want to use it. Please package it in a box or other container for easy storage and transport. If you have decorations, please do not bring them to Mission Central, but place a note on your materials with a name and phone number to contact for them. If you have questions regarding this collection, please contact Wanda Jacobs, Mission Central's Mission Education Chairperson, at 717-939-2993 or buddy.beetle@verizon.net. You can also contact Kathy Briner, Mission Central's Deputy Director, at 717-766-1533 or kbriner@cpcumc.org.

MISSION CENTRAL HUB 2009

Thanks to all of you who were able to respond to our request to remember the HUB at Christmas time. If you forgot or were unable, **the need for materials and money for supplies is constant the year around**. As we start the New Year, it seems like the perfect time to remind you of the needs for the School Kits and the Health Kits and include some recommendations from Mission Central in Mechanicsburg.

School Kits

200 – 250 sheets of ruled paper

1-pair of blunt scissors

1-30 centimeter ruler

1-hand held pencil sharpener

6-unsharpened pencils with erasers Plain colors only. No colored lead.

1- 2 and ½ “ pencil eraser

1-box of 24 crayons

1-cloth bag with handles

Large tablets are acceptable. Notebook paper must be in a sealed package. Spiral bound note books are fine too

It must have 2 holes or a well.

Not 2 boxes of 16 or 3 boxes of 8.

HEAVY fabric only and no animal, promotional or patriotic designs.

Patterns to make bags are available. Finished bag must be 14” x 16” with carrying handles

Please take note of these recommendations. They are the only items acceptable for the standard School Kits. If you have sent something else in the past, please know that all non-standard items are used in a charitable manner. Nothing is wasted, but the more we adhere to this list, the more finished kits we can send to Mechanicsburg for distribution.

Health Kits

1-hand towel

No bath towels, kitchen towels, or towels with animals or patriotic or promotional designs

1-wash cloth

1-comb (large and sturdy)

No pocket combs, picks, wide-toothed or rat-tailed combs

1-metal finger-nail file OR
finger-nail clipper

No emery boards. No toe-nail clippers

1-bar of soap

3 oz. or larger in original sealed wrapper

1-adult sized toothbrush

Must be in original sealed package

6-band-aids (regular size or larger)

Adhesive plastic strips in sterile wrapper

1-gallon plastic bag

Heavy bags are better. Must have a seal closure – either zip or strips.

Once again, some of these items may vary from lists in the past, but these are the most up-to-date recommended items from Mechanicsburg.

There is one more thing the HUB needs and that is volunteers. Please remember that we can accommodate groups of six or less. On Tuesdays the optimal time is 1:30 through 3:30 and on Saturdays 9:30 through 11:30. If these times are impossible for a willing group, please let us know and we will work with your times. There are several ways to contact us about volunteering:

HUB telephone (814) 228-5804
HUB email wumcmmissioncentralhub@yahoo.com

Or either coordinator:

Janet Erway wjerway@netsync.net or telephone (814) 228-3480
Kay Hoag khoag4@stny.rr.com or telephone (570) 835-5095

DISTRICT CALENDAR (dates not included above)

January 31-February 7		Second Week of Gulf Coast Mission Trip
February 14	9:30 a.m.	Mini-Camp Meeting @ District Office
February 17	9:30 a.m.	Pastors' Supportive Fellowship @ Pine Creek Valley UMC
March 3	Noon	Good Samaritan Board of Directors @ Penn-Well Hotel
March 17	9:30 a.m.	Pastors' Supportive Fellowship @ 1 st UMC, Troy
April 4	10:00 a.m.	District Leadership @ 1 st UMC, Mansfield
April 20	9:30 a.m.	Pastors' Supportive Fellowship @ 1 st UMC, Blossburg w/Bishop Middleton
May 4	9:00 a.m.	DCoM @ UMC of Wellsboro
May 14	Noon	Kasambira Scholarship Fund Board Meeting @ "Cast & Crew" Restaurant, Mansfield
May 17	4:00 p.m.	District Clergy Farewell @ Calvary UMC, Lawrenceville
June 4-6		Annual Conference @ Messiah College
July 19-22		Mini-Camp @ His Thousand Hills, Wellsboro

