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	<p>WELLSBORO DISTRICT QuikNEWS 3/23/09 Wellsdo@ptd.net www.gbgm-umc.org/wellsboropadistrict 800/892-4675/570-724-2831 District Office Hours are: Monday through Thursday (9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.) CLOSED ON FRIDAYS</p>
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Special Days for Pastoral Leaders & their Families

April Birthdays

- 3 Franklin Helt, retired pastor living in Wellsboro
- 6 Virginia Boley, Executive Director of United Christian Ministries
- 10 Barbara Busch, wife of Don, who serves the Roulette Charge
- 19 Becky Nauta, wife of Chris, pastor of the Sugar Creek Parish
- 27 Braden Smith, grandson of Dot Densmore, pastor of the United Church of Nelson

Praises

- **Kelsea Jones** from Calvary UMC, Lawrenceville, won the Wellsboro District Stone Soup Award!
- **Marian Hartman**, pastor of the UMC of Wellsboro became a foster mother to Ben DeLong earlier this month. Ben has been accepted to join a national touring group, the Sound of America, to go on a three week European concert tour this summer.

Prayers

- **Dan Jordan**, pastor of the New Albany Charge, broke his foot earlier in the month and is in a cast.
- **Marty Willard's mom** was admitted to the hospital last week with congestive heart failure. She has been discharged but continues to deal with health issues & confusion.

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

Healthflex Benefit: When Pastors & Their Families Need Help

Pastors, their spouses, and dependents who are covered by Healthflex are 100% covered for 8 pre-certified counseling visits. To receive this benefit, the pastor or family member should call United Behavioral Health (UBH) at

1-800-788-5614 and ask for a referral. This is completely confidential between the person and UBH.

Safe Sanctuary Training Dates

Thursday, March 26, 5:30 to 9:00 p.m.— Ramey UMC

Friday, March 27, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Hicks Memorial UMC, Duncansville

Saturday, April 4, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Trinity Pennsdale UMC, Pennsdale

Sunday, April 26, 3:00 – 8:00 p.m.– Mt. Olivet UMC, Mechanicsburg

Anne Horton will be the presenter.

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

For more information and a registration form, go to the conference website cpcumc.org and click on Events – Safe Sanctuaries

“On Defense of Creation” Listening Events - Message from Bishop Middleton

On **May 9** at Camp Hill and on **May 16** at Pine Street in Williamsport Listening Sessions for the bishop’s statement currently known at *In Defense of Creation 2* will be held from **8:30 a.m. (gathering time) until noon**. I am privileged to be on the Council of Bishops task force which is shepherding this new document. The focus will include statements on weapons control, particularly nuclear weapons, as did the original *In Defense of Creation* document which was issued about 20 years ago. In addition this document will speak to issues of care for creation and of global poverty all of which threaten this precious earth home and all who dwell here. Mark Reisinger and the Peace with Justice Committee along with the Board of Church and Society are organizing the day. I hope you will be able to be part of this and when you receive information will encourage other clergy and laity to join you.

Bishop’s Confirmation Rallies

Bring your church's confirmation class out for the day to meet Bishop Middleton. Get your picture taken with the Bishop, ask the Bishop questions, and participate in some fun inactive workshops. There are two different Saturdays to choose from: **April 18th** at St. Paul's UMC in State College and **April 25th** at Calvary UMC in Harrisburg. The event starts at 9:30 a.m. and will conclude at 2:30 p.m. You can download the flyer at: <http://tinyurl.com/cktqet>. If you have any questions, please contact Warren Bevacqua at warren@cpcumc.org.

Adult God’s Call Event

If you are an adult over the age of 25, questioning whether you are being called into the ordained ministry, you are invited to the God’s Call event for Adults. Members of the Enlistment and Interpretation Committee will provide information on the ordained ministry in the United Methodist Church. This is an exciting opportunity for those discerning a call to ministry. The 2009 event will occur on **Saturday August 15**, at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Mechanicsburg. Additional information will be forthcoming, in the QuikLink and the Link. For more information contact Fred Fields at flfields2@verizon.net.

Don’t Delay- Register Now for Summer Camp! Camping Season is Fast Approaching!!

April 1 is the deadline to receive a discount on the registration fees. Register NOW to receive the discounted price. By registering early, there is a greater possibility the camper will receive their first choice of the camp they desire. Please know that camper scholarships are available through the Camping Office, if needed. Online registration is available or registration forms may be downloaded from our website and mailed to the Camping Office. Our contact information is as follows: camps@cpcumc.org, 717-766-7441 or 800-874-8474 or visit our website at www.cpcumccamps.org.

Impact Festival 2009

Greene Hills Camp – July 29 – August 1

Impact is a dynamic spiritual experience that combines a youthful perspective on relevant topics, powerful worship, and genuine fellowship. A powerful form of youth ministry.

Live Music featuring...Andy Otto, Tracing Caleb, Juice, Joshua & Caleb, Chosen and the Salt ‘n Light Band

Speakers: Samantha Bready, Spencer Sweeting, Ed Zeiders and Stephen Gallaher

Camping and Dining Options are available.

Registration form available by calling the District Office (814-237-4365)

For more information go to www.snlym.com.

Workers' Compensation Insurance Notice

The Department of Labor and Industry requires that a Workers' Compensation Insurance Notice is displayed in the work area of each location that is included in our Group Self-Insurance Program. For the Central Pennsylvania Conference this includes all conference locations, including each local church. You will find a copy of this Notice on the Conference website, Finance Office Link. You can print out the Certificate and you need only to complete the following prior to posting: Name of Employer (Local Church) and Date Posted. The Dept of Labor and Industry has requested that this be posted as soon as possible.

Zedna Haverstock

DISTRICT NEWS

Women, Register Now 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
"Living with Fear: Afraid of the Uncertainties of Life"

Facilitator: Rev. Pat Woolever, Pastor of the Millerstown Charge in the New Cumberland District

A registration flyer is attached or you can download one from the district website: www.gbgm-umc.org/wellsboropadistrict

Farewell Service & Reception for Tom Willard, District Superintendent

Sunday, May 31, 3:00 p.m.; UMC of Wellsboro

More information will follow at a later date.

Change in Wellsboro District Administrative Assistant

Marty Willard's last "official" day in the district office will be Friday, April 3rd. Donna Minyo from the Covington UMC will be covering the office until a replacement is hired.

It's Almost Time to Register for Wellsboro District Mini-Camp @ His Thousand Hills

July 19-22, 2009; Theme: "God Uses Kids" Cost before May 1st is \$140.00.

For children having complete 4th through 12th grades.

Registration forms will be available from your pastor or the district office in the next week or so.

Contact Sharon Haskins at sharonhaskins35@yahoo.com or call her at 814-274-8360 if you have further questions.

Counselors Needed for Mini-Camp @ His Thousand Hills

Mini-Camp will be held from **July 19-22, 2009**. If you are willing and available to serve as a camp counselor, please contact Sharon Haskins at sharonhaskins35@yahoo.com or call her at 814-274-8360. There will be a counselors' meeting on **Sunday, May 3, at 2:00 p.m.** at His Thousand Hills in Wellsboro. Each person is asked to bring a dish to pass for a meal to share together after the planning & training session.

UMW Spiritual Enrichment Days in the District

Mansfield & Wellsboro Clusters – **April 2; 6:00-9:00 p.m.;** Mainesburg UMC

Potter County Cluster – **April 19; 2:00-4:00 p.m.;** Park UMC, Coudersport

Troy/Canton & Endless Mt. Clusters – **April 21; 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.;** Ulster UMC

Earth Hour Being Promoted by UMW

Saturday, **March 28, 2009; 8:30 p.m.** They are encouraging everyone to turn off their lights for 1 hour.

LOCAL CHURCH NEWS

**Knitting for a Cause **

This is a knitting group that meets Friday afternoons from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at Yorkshire Meadows Knitting and Spinning Shop, 9646 N Elk Run Rd. The group knits cotton hats for cancer patients or wool hats and mittens for disaster relief victims. Cotton hats will be distributed at Relay for Life at Mansfield University May 15-16. The wool hats and mittens will be sent to Mission Central. Please call Liz McLelland at 549-2553 for information.

Austinburg UMC Sponsoring David Tripiciano

March 28th 2009; Knoxville Community Center

Lunch Time: 1:00 p.m., followed by Dave

Dave Tripiciano is a lifetime outdoorsman, sailor and the founder of "My Father's World" ministries. He is an award winning wildlife photographer, author, videographer and a New York State bow hunting instructor. In addition to his book *Voyage of the Heart*, he has filmed, narrated and produced eight different outdoors videos. During the summer of 2004, Dave fulfilled a lifelong dream by sailing from Florida to upstate New York in his twenty-five foot sailboat *God Speed*. When he planned the trip, he never imagined how many life-threatening situations he would face, or how many lives he would touch along the way. His website is www.myfathersword.com.

Fish Dinner @ UMC of Wellsboro

Friday, **April 3, 2008;** 4:30-7:00 p.m.

Holy Week Services @ UMC of Wellsboro

Holy Thursday: April 9; 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday: April 10; 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunrise: April 12; 6:30 a.m. tentatively at Lake Nessmuck, followed by a covered dish breakfast at the church.

Easter Cantata: April 12; 10:30 a.m.

Chi Rho Singers @ UMC of Wellsboro

Thursday, **May 28;** 7:00 p.m.

East Canton UMC Community Dinner the Fourth Thursday of Each Month

6:00 p.m. The dinner is free, but a donation to cover expenses is welcome.

UMW Rummage Sale @ 1st UMC, Mansfield

April 17, 18 & 25; 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

MISSION NEWS

The Mission Central HUB at Westfield Can Always Use Kit Items & Volunteers!

Health & School kit items can be found on the Mission Central website: www.missioncentral.org. 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

The HUB will be closed on April 25, so that Janet & Kay can attend the district women's retreat.

HUB Celebrates One Year Birthday with a Fundraiser!!

Sunday, **April 26;** 3:00 p.m.; Westfield UMC

The women's singing group from the Calvary UMC, "Standing Forgiven" will be giving a concert.

"Give Ye Them to Eat" Mission Trip to Mexico

You are invited to join a Work/Study team traveling to the "Give Ye Them to Eat" training center in Puebla, Mexico, October 9-18, 2009. Central PA has been sending teams to "GYTTE" for more than 15 years. You will learn, work, tour, and shop in the city of Puebla and at the training center in the village of Tlancualpican! Most importantly, you will be sharing the love of Christ with our brothers and sisters in Mexico. We love having folks with construction related skills. BUT NO SPECIAL SKILLS are required. The cost is \$1400, including all meals, lodging and transportation. You must be at least 18 and in reasonably good health. For more information and an application

contact Rev. Marian Hartman at marianhartman@cpccpastors.org or by phone at 570-724-3138. Pastors can receive 3.3 CEUs.

Tell Us About Your Mission Projects

Central Pennsylvania Conference's School of Christian Mission is looking for a few nice displays from missions projects in churches around our Conference. The school is held each summer at Bucknell University in Lewisburg. This year it will be July 16-19, 2009. The geographic study is Sudan. The Spiritual Growth Study is Food and Faith. The Social Study is Native American Survival. Projects devoted to Africa are of special interest this year, but other projects are welcome.

Tables (similar to those set up at annual conference) need to be set up Wednesday evening July 15 after 6:00 p.m. or by 9:00 a.m. Thursday July 16. Displays can be interactive or just educational. We supply the tables and there are power sources. Projects will be vetted by the School Committee.

For an application please contact Gayla Jean Horn ASAP at 150 Knights Drive Bloomsburg, PA 17815 or call 570-784-5236 or e-mail gaylajeanhorn@aol.com.

Mission Central to Recycle Empty Inkjet Cartridges

Mission Central is now accepting empty inkjet cartridges from all manufacturers for recycling. Toner cartridges from copiers are not acceptable at this time. The money received from the recycler goes to help offset general operating expenses. Cartridges may be dropped off or mailed to the Mission Central facility at 5 Pleasant View Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050. You may call Eric DeWalt, Executive Director, at 717-766-1533 with any questions.

2009 Schools of Christian Mission

July 16-19, 2009, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA
Contact your pastor or the district office for a registration form.

DISTRICT CALENDAR (dates not included above)

April 4	10:00 a.m.	District Leadership Team @ 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





**Happy
Easter**



SECOND ANNUAL VOLUNTEER DINNER

Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Where: Hotel Crittenden, Coudersport, PA

Your cost: \$6.00 per person

The Mission of Habitat For Humanity is to provide housing for deserving families in local communities. This is done through Volunteer help! We are asking individuals (whether skilled or unskilled), groups from churches and organizations to volunteer to help change the lives of people living right here in Potter County.

The Family of Potter County Habitat For Humanity's Founder, T. Lee

Bennett, has very generously donated property in Roulette, PA. Our next house will be built on this property. We have also received a donation to build a house in Galeton, PA.

However, this can not be accomplished without volunteers! We are in need of: excavators, masonry workers, carpenters and framers, roofers, electricians, plumbers, drywall hangers and finishers, floorers, painters, and gophers – just to name a few. Construction on the Roulette property is scheduled to begin in June of 2009.

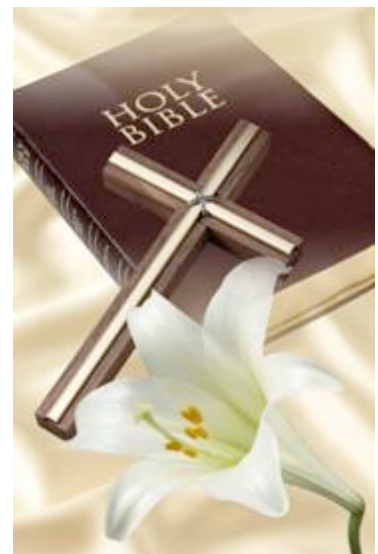
We are looking for volunteers. If you have signed up in the past and/or attended last year's dinner. we invite you to attend this year. All past and present volunteers are encouraged to attend. This will be an opportunity for you to receive current information and to sign up to help build these houses. All Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older. Your cost for the dinner will be \$6.00 per person.

Reservations are needed by Saturday, April 25th, 2009. Please call (814) 274-0739 or by send an e-mail to jrcmblain@aol.com - Subject HFH Dinner - to make your reservation.

We need your help. We can not do the job without you!

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