

Word of Hope

MOUNT HOPE
United Methodist Church



Pastor McGill Writes...

National Day of Prayer—May 7, 2009

This year the theme for the National Day of Prayer is “Prayer... America’s Hope,” and is based on Psalm 33:22 which declares: “*May your unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in You.*” (NIV)

I encourage you to join with me and the millions of prayer warriors all across this country on Thursday, May 7, 2009, and participate in this valued tradition—to pray for our nation and leaders. Don’t take this opportunity lightly. It is a privilege to have the freedom to pray without fear of persecution, and it is also our responsibility as Americans and Christians.

Pastor McGill

Historically, President Harry Truman signed a joint resolution by Congress in 1952 establishing an annual National Day of Prayer. Then in June 1988, President Reagan signed a bill enacting the permanent National Day of Prayer to be set as the first Thursday of May. Each year the president signs a proclamation encouraging all Americans to pray on that day.

The NDP Task Force reported that in 2002, millions of Americans partici-

pated in more than 30,000 National Day of Prayer observances. The theme was ‘America United Under God.’ That sentiment has echoed continually throughout the years, particularly in President Ronald Reagan’s 1092 National Day of Prayer Proclamation:

“Prayer has sustained our people in crisis, strengthened us in times of challenge, and guided us through our daily lives since the first settlers came to this continent. Our forbearers came not for gold, but...in search of God and the freedom to worship in their own way...”

“Today, prayer is still a powerful force in America, and our faith in God is a mighty source of strength. Our Pledge of Allegiance states that we are ‘one nation under God,’ and our currency bears the motto, ‘In God We Trust...’ One of my favorite passages in the Bible is the promise God gives us in 2 Chronicles: ‘If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.’ That promise is the

hope of America and of all our people.’

American is a godly nation and established in righteousness. We are and always will be one nation under God. As we unite in prayer, things have to change.

“I want you to notice something about the scripture President Reagan quoted in 2 Chronicles 7:14. God didn’t say it would take everyone in the nation to turn things around. He said, “If MY people...”

As believers, we have authority over the powers of satan. Matthew 16:19 says, ‘I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.’ We have also been given “a name which is above every name,” and at the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow (Philippians 2:9-10). In the Name of Jesus, we can take authority over the evil spirits that are trying to destroy this nation.

It’s time we begin to realize how important we are to national and world

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Special points of interest:

- ◆ **3rd: Holy Communion, order your Angel Food (more dates on the calendar)**
- ◆ **7th: National Day of Prayer**
- ◆ **10th: Mother’s Day**
- ◆ **11th: Mother’s Day Tea (see Youth Page for details)**
- ◆ **16-17th: 30 Hour Famine**
- ◆ **21st: Ascension Day**
- ◆ **25th: Memorial Day, office closed**



BAPTISM

Samuel James Barclift, April 19,
son of Thomas and Cecilia
Barclift

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Patricia Boyer
Ellen, Susan and Emily Janis

Address Unknown:
Eric, Carrie and Nathan Ross

Thank You!

Thank You!

Please accept our sincere thanks to all of our volunteers who worked so hard through Lent and Easter to make it a memorable time of worship and a demonstration of God's love and caring. We have all been blessed by your faithful service to the Master.



To Homebound members
Mae Johnston, May 11
141 Trimble Blvd
Brookhaven PA 19015
Bill Johnston, May 25
Cooper River W Nursing
Home, Pennsauken NJ 08109

To Our Sanctuary Choir and J.O.Y. Singers

As I was working on the May *Word of Hope* I was thinking how blessed we have been by the singing of our choirs throughout the year, but in particular through Lent, Easter and the days following. As I was processing some material I came across this poem that expressed what I was feeling and wanted to say.

A MESSAGE FOR CHOIR MEMBERS

*"You are the chosen of the Lord
To sing His highest*

*praise;
And through medium of song
to show His wondrous ways.*

*Yours is the privilege of grace;
Your words His truth express.
Through sacred music you promote the cause of righteousness.*

*So lift your voice with one accord,
and let your anthems ring;
The people will be richly blessed, and God will hear you sing."*

Thank you for your commitment to the Lord through Mount Hope Church!

I also realize we have the Bell Choir. They have blessed us this season as well! Please accept my sincere thanks and appreciation for your commitment to the Lord and Mount Hope Church.

All of you are blessed and a blessing to us, the pastors and Church Family.

Pastor McGill

Mother's Day, May 10, 2009

I came across this article entitled "Women of Faith, the Real World Changers" by Gloria Copeland. The article really touched me with the testimonies of faith by women who were real world changers. I hope it will bless you as it did me.

Pastor McGill

WOMEN OF FAITH

Where would we be without the Christian women who have played a vital role in the heritage of our nation? Many times their contributions have gone unnoticed, without recognition, but certainly not without merit. We discover that throughout history, women of faith have been used by God to weave the very fabric of our nation. They have often been stationed at the heart and foundation of

our country's freedom, success and progress.

Nancy and Sarah Lincoln
"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path"
Psalm 119:105

The mothers of some of our greatest presidents passed on to them a heritage of faith that influenced their destiny and the nation's. Abraham Lincoln's mother, Nancy, and his stepmother, Sarah Bush Lincoln, both encouraged him to read the Bible and learn all he could. His mother once said, "I would rather my son would be able to read the Bible than to own a farm, if he cannot have but one."

Although Lincoln professed Christ relatively late in life, he did indeed read the Bible a great deal and often used it as the foundation of his speeches. He once called it "the best gift God has given to man."

Lincoln always turned to his faith during the most difficult times of his life. After seeking the Lord concerning the North's lack of success during the Civil War, the revelation he received caused him to issue the Emancipation Proclamation, freeing the slaves in all territories still at war with the Union. He also called for national repentance, fasting and prayer. This president had a monumental impact on our country, but he once said, "All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother. I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me. They have clung to me all my life."

Harriet Beecher Stowe

"There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one

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Mother's Day (cont'd from page 2)

in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28).

From America's early days, women like Harriet Beecher Stowe had a hand in shaping what it would become. Born into a prominent Christian family, her father was a well-known minister who was involved in the anti-slavery movement. Her mother, Roxana Foote Beecher, prayed that the Lord would "put the call of service" in the hearts of her children, and that prayer was answered.

After she married, Harriet lived near a slaveholding community and had contact with fugitive slaves. She learned the truth about their appalling existence and was inspired by the Lord to write a story about the evils of slavery. It was first published as a serial and later as the book "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Selling 300,000 copies the first year, it had a profound impact on public sentiment.

Although criticized for its stereotyped characters, which would be unacceptable by today's standards, her book is credited with being instrumental in starting the Civil War and helping end slavery. When she met Abraham Lincoln, he was said to have greeted her as "the little woman who made the book that made this great war."

Robert A. Corrigan, in his introduction to a modern version of the book, said, "What makes *Uncle Tom's Cabin* decidedly different from much of the other important American fiction...is that goodness here is defined so absolutely in Christian terms.

Susan B. Anthony

"Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons" (Acts 10:34)

When women were viewed as second-class citizens, crusaders like Susan B. Anthony determined to change the world in which they lived. Although it is not widely known, Susan's Christian upbringing was at the heart of her mission to champion the cause of women's rights.

Growing up she was taught and thoroughly believed that God is no respecter of persons and that He created all people equal, with no distinction between male, female or race. However, Susan soon discovered the world didn't share that view when she encountered the prejudice against women who existed at the time. It became apparent to her that if conditions were to improve for women, they needed the right to vote, and she took her place as a leader in the women's suffrage movement. She was a world changer.

Mother James

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

(Philippians 4:13)

Christian women have made a difference throughout the years and continue to do so. You may have heard Kenneth talk about Mother James. Her real name was Lillie Anna James. She lived in Florida and started a private school in her back yard in the early 1900s to give black children a better education than what was offered in the segregated Pensacola schools of that day. In addition

to reading, writing and arithmetic, she also taught them such things as manners, patriotism, religion, literature and physical education, plus the importance of determination and hard work.

Mother James taught them about Jesus and who they were in Christ. And she made certain they learned her 11th commandment— "Thou shalt not quit!"

Out of her school came lawyers, doctors, teachers and her grandson, Daniel "Chappie" James Jr., who became the first black four-star general. After he received his fourth star, and another graduate of her school was receiving his third star, he reportedly said to Chappie, "You know who we owe these stars to, don't you? We owe them to Jesus and Mama James. If it hadn't been for her, there's no telling where we would be."

~ Gloria Copeland

That closing statement is very thought-provoking. I sense that there are more than a few in reading this article who can join with many others in saying "I don't know where we would be without women of faith and godly mothers. They are real world changers.

Please plan to worship as a family on Mother's Day, May 10th. If your mother is living and in the area, bring her to church and make it a faith event for the family. We will have gifts and flowers for all mothers in attendance.

Pastor McGill

As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you.

Isaiah 66:13



*"Who Can Find a Virtuous Woman?
For her price is far above rubies...Her children arise up, and call her blessed."
(Proverbs 31:10,28)*



Word of Hope

All Things New (continued from the back page)

Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and He will live with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." He

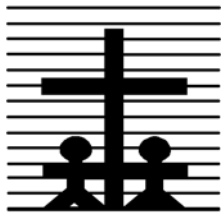
who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then He said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

On the New Earth there will not be any sadness! We will not cry or even feel pain! It is as if God will push a giant reset button or use a big eraser to wipe all of the unpleasantness away from this present life. God will live with us and we will be His people. What a wonder God is!

So in this Spring time of year when creation seems to

renew itself be encouraged, with each new bloom you see remember the promises of God. There is a time coming when we will not have to filter our memories or try not to think about certain things. Try to imagine what it will be like to be eternally joyful! That is what God has prepared for us. I do not know if there will be vanilla phosphates on the New Earth, but I do know I will be with God and be happy.

Pastor Phil



**MOUNT HOPE
CHILDREN'S CENTER**

Children's Center News

Our May Bible verse:
"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord." Psalm 100:1

Our joy is spilling over up here at the Children's Center! Our staff continues to be a blessing and that transfers to the children. Their "joyful noise" is always a delight!

May is our busiest

month of the year. We will be hosting our Mother's Day teas, going to Neumann to see a play, end of year picnics the last week of school, and our end of years shows with graduation for our 80 preschoolers. Our last chapel of the year will be on May 14th and 15th. Mrs. Caris' class will be teaching us about our final "Fruit of the Spirit," self-control.

Our last day is the 22nd of May, but we will be getting ready for our third year of summer fun, beginning July 6th through the 21st of August. If you would like any more information, please call 610.558.0442, or stop to see us. There is always something happening here!

Kris Leary
Director



Women's Softball

6:30 p.m.:

- May 1, v. Grace, home
- May 5, v. Calvary, Upland A
- May 12, v. Faith, Upland A
- May 18, v. Covenant, home

10:00 a.m.:

- May 30, v. Defenders at Upland E

Special Thanks!

The Worship Committee closet in room 101 is finished and ready for storage.

Alex Leary would like to give special thanks to all who donated to his Eagle Scout pro-

ject. The closet could not have been built without your interest, patience and support.

Summer Sunday School

We need your help! Sunday School can only continue during the summer months if we have sufficient help to cover our elementary age classroom every Sunday during the months of July and August.

Our children ages 3 through 5 will be combined

into one preschool class, and will meet in room 101. The regular teachers have agreed to continue teaching this class during the summer.

Kindergarten through 5th grade will be combined into one elementary class, and will meet in room 103.

If you can help, please fill in your name and telephone number on the chart posted on the bulletin board outside of Habbersett Hall, or contact Carolyn Lobb at 610.494-1267.



30 Hour Famine

May 16th and 17th Mount Hope Youth will be holding a 30 hour famine. The 30 Hour Famine© is a national event that youth groups participate in to generate funds and let the young people experience first hand a feeling for a short period of time in their lives what so many people in the world

face every single day, hunger. So as our young people are hungry, they are helping to stop hunger.

The youth will also be sharing in each of the Sunday morning services on May 17th what it has been like to go a day without food. Remember they will not have eaten anything since 6am the

previous day. Following the 11am service the congregation will be invited to join the youth as they “break the fast” and eat together a simple lunch. Please pray for our youth as they embark on this adventure. For more information please contact Cindy Babiak.

Pastor Phil

Divine Wisdom by Bill Johnson

Divine wisdom springs from **integrity**, and becomes manifest through **creative** expression with **excellence** as its standard. 2 Chronicles 9:3-4:

“When the queen of Sheba had seen the wisdom of Solomon, the house which he had built, the food at his table, the seating of his servants, the attendance of his ministers and their attire, his cupbearers and their attire, and his stairway by which he went up to the house of the LORD, she was breathless.” NASB

The world’s definition of wisdom is focused on the attainment and use of knowledge. It’s not wrong; it’s just misleading. [Largely,] the church has adopted their incomplete definition, pursuing a wisdom that has no soul. Biblical wisdom sees with divine perspective, and is the creative

expression of God, bringing practical solutions to the issues of everyday life.

Besides Jesus, Solomon was the wisest man to ever live. He caught the attention of his entire generation. People were in awe of this gift. The royalty in other nations envied his servants who had the privilege of being exposed to his gift on a daily basis. *A servant in the presence of wisdom is better off than being a king without wisdom.* The queen of Sheba was stunned by how wisdom affected simple things like clothing, buildings, and the like.

The effects of his gifts brought Israel into the greatest time of peace and prosperity they had ever known. Wisdom, through one man, changed a nation. What could happen with millions embracing this God-given opportunity?

The wisdom of God will again be reflected in His people. The Church, which is presently despised, will again be revered and admired. The Church will again be a *praise in the earth* (see Jer. 33:9)

The manifestations of wisdom are varied. But as mentioned earlier, its nature can be seen in three words - integrity, creativity, and excellence. Divine wisdom springs from *integrity*, and becomes manifest through *creative* expression with *excellence* as its standard. Wherever we find ourselves operating in any of these three expressions we are being touched by divine wisdom.

*Day 262 of
A Life of Miracles
A 365-day guide to prayer
and miracles
by Bill Johnson,
Senior Leader of Bethel*

Pastor McGill Writes (continued from the first page)

affairs. Since the day Jesus gave us the Great Commission, the life or death of the world has been in the hands of the

Church. That has never changed.

As we pray in unity, power and authority, we have the abil-

ity to change the face of America and the world!

(From Victory magazine)

Angel Food Ministries

Don't forget to order your Angel Food! Log onto their web site or stop by the church for May's menu and to order your meals. See the calendar on page 7 for the order

Additional books by Bill Johnson:

- ◆ *“The Supernatural Power of a Transformed Mind”*
- ◆ *“Dreaming With God”*
- ◆ *“Face to Face With God”*
- ◆ *“Release the Power of Jesus”*
- ◆ *“When Heaven Invades Earth”*



Thanks

FOR YOUR EXAMPLE

Mother's Day is a great opportunity to thank your mother, grandmother or any other woman who has been a wonderful example in your life.

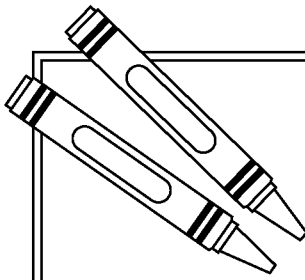
Make and give this craft to show how much you appreciate these special women.

What you need:

- An empty, glass, wide-mouthed jar (no lid needed)
- Acrylic craft paints (several different spring colors)
- Votive candle (optional)
- Flowers (optional)
- Small candies (optional)

What you do:

1. Make sure your glass jar is clean and dry.
2. Dip your pointer finger into one of the paint colors.
3. Using your finger as a stamp, make about five prints in a circle on the outside of your jar. These will be your flower petals. (Hint: Hold your jar by placing your hand inside it. Then you can turn the jar easily without messing up the wet paint.)
4. Dip your finger into another color and make a fingerprint in the center of your petals.
5. Make as many flowers as you want, using different fingers or your thumb to make different-sized petals.
6. Present this beautiful gift to a special woman this Mother's Day. There are many ways to use it:
 - Place a votive candle inside to make a candleholder.
 - Fill it with water and place flowers inside to make a vase.
 - Fill it with small candies to make a candy jar.



Just for KIDS

A legacy of faith

You're blessed when you have a mother, a grandmother or any relative or friend who passes down a strong faith to you. In the Bible, Timothy was influenced by his grandmother and mother.

Complete 2 Timothy 1:5 (NIV) below by filling in the blanks with the correct vowel.

VOWELS: 1 = a 2 = e 3 = i 4 = o 5 = u

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2 TIMOTHY 1:5 (NIV)

Answer: "I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also."



This Update Printed: Wednesday, April 22, 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> <p>Every Sunday: 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages</p> </div>					<p style="font-size: 2em; color: red;">1</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 6:30 PM Women Softball GBFC (MH)</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; color: red;">2</p>
<p style="font-size: 2em; color: red;">3</p> <p>Communion Blood Pressure Screening (HH) 9:00 AM & 10:30 Angel Food orders (HH) 9:15 AM-10:45 am. Library open 6:30 PM KFC (FH) 6:30 PM YF SrHi (2,6)</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; color: red;">4</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 9:30 AM Angel Food orders (HH) 5:30 PM Angel Food orders (HH) 7:00 PM Bibl Stdy (Longhurst) 7:15 PM Ark BS (Owsley) 7:30 PM Selah Bible Study</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; color: red;">5</p> <p style="color: red;">Cinco de Mayo 9:00 AM Library Open 6:30 PM Women Softball: Calvary (Upland A) 7:00 PM Baptism Sem (L) 7:00 PM Kelli Girls BS (home) 7:30 PM Fuzzie Slippers Bbl Stdy (6)</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; color: red;">6</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 9:15 AM MHCC Moms' Prayer group (213) 9:30 AM Staff Mtg (L) 1:00 PM Angel Food order (HH) 1:30 PM Education (L) 5:30 PM Angel Food orders (HH) 6:30 PM 9:30 Reh (S) 7:00 PM Trustees (L) 7:00 PM Bells of Hope (104) 8:30 PM Muddy Boots BS (2)</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; color: red;">7</p> <p style="color: red;">National Day of Prayer 9:00 AM Library Open 7:00 PM SPR (L) 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir (216)</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; color: red;">8</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 4:00 PM WOH Daedine (Ofe)</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; color: red;">9</p> <p>8:00 PM HIS Ministry (HH)</p>
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<p style="font-size: 2em; color: red;">17</p> <p>No YF 9:15 AM-10:45 am. Library open</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"> <p>YF30 Hour Famine</p> </div>	<p style="font-size: 2em; color: red;">18</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 6:30 PM Women Softball: Covenant (MH) 7:00 PM Bibl Stdy (Longhurst) 7:15 PM Ark BS (Owsley) 7:30 PM Selah Bible Study</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; color: red;">19</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 7:00 PM Kelli Girls BS (home) 7:30 PM Fuzzie Slippers Bbl Stdy (6)</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; color: red;">20</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 9:15 AM MHCC Moms' Prayer group (213) 9:30 AM Staff Mtg (L) 11:00 AM MHCC Party (HH) 2:30 PM Piano tuner (S) 6:30 PM 9:30 Reh (S) 7:00 PM Bells of Hope (104) 8:30 PM Muddy Boots BS (2)</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; color: red;">21</p> <p style="color: red;">Ascension Day 8:30 AM WOH Ma ling (HH) 9:00 AM Library Open 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir (216)</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; color: red;">22</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; color: red;">23</p>
<p style="font-size: 2em; color: red;">24</p> <p style="color: red;">Heritage Sunday 9:15 AM-10:45 am. Library open 6:30 PM KFC (FH) 6:30 PM YF SrHi (2,6)</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; color: red;">25</p> <p style="color: red;">Memorial Day (Observed) Office Closed</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; color: red;">26</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 7:00 PM Worship Com (L)</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; color: red;">27</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 9:15 AM MHCC Moms' Prayer group (213) 9:30 AM Staff Mtg (L) 6:00 PM Bells of Hope (retirement home) 6:30 PM 9:30 Reh (S) 7:00 PM Finance (L)</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; color: red;">28</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir (216)</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; color: red;">29</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; color: red;">30</p> <p>10:00 AM Women Softball: Defenders (Upland E)</p>
<p style="font-size: 2em; color: red;">31</p> <p>9:15 AM-10:45 am. Library open 6:30 PM KFC (FH) 6:30 PM YF SrHi (2,6)</p>	<p>Community Events: Sundays - 6:00 p.m. Cub Dens 1 & 5 Mondays - 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Trp 292 Tuesdays - 8:30 pm AA (FH) Wednesdays - 6:30 p.m. Wolf Den (101) Thursdays - 6:00 pm AA (FH) Fridays - Cub Den 2 (101) 1st Friday - Pack 77 Parents (FH) 3rd Friday - Cub Pack 77 (FH)</p>					



**THEN I SAW A NEW HEAVEN
& A NEW EARTH, FOR THE
FIRST HEAVEN & THE FIRST
EARTH HAD PASSED AWAY...**

REVELATION 21:1

All Things New

Did you grow up in a city, small town or the country? What was it like there? Where did you play as a child and who were your friends? What were your choice spots to go to in your hometown when you were growing up? Maybe it was a local park or garden that brings for you treasured memories.

Chicora PA had about ten stores total, and less than 900 people. It was an amazing place for me to grow up. Two of the stores I frequented as much as I could were the Ben Franklin and the local drug store. The Ben Franklin five and dime had a bicycle rack outside for its most valued customers and sold penny

candy. The local drug store had a lunch counter with seats that swiveled and sold 10 cent fountain drinks made to order. My favorite drink was a vanilla phosphate which I believe is similar to cream soda.

The older I get the more I recognize that we as humans tend to filter our memories. Not everything about my childhood as probably with yours was outstanding or even pleasant. But we choose to remember the good and do what we can to overlook those things that were distasteful. Sometimes however in the course of living there are some dreadful things that have occurred that we can not, or choose not to

forget. Often we remember these heartbreaking things when we least expect it. Perhaps it is an anniversary date that brings the event to mind. Or it could be something someone says or does that transports our feelings back to a moment of great sadness. We wish that if possible we could take a giant eraser and wipe all of the sorrow away. The great news is what God will do for us! He has said in Revelation 21:

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the New

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Jr. Sr. High Leaders

Cindy Babiak

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Janice Crozjer

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Lauren Plummer

Michele Thomas

Dan Vickers

Pastor Phil Ealy

KFC Leaders

Robin Powell

Chris Bergeman

Bill Faulkner

Dave Saville

Judy Brower

Sara Kiker

Sandra Crockett

Fuzzy/Muddy

Leaders

Lynne Bigas

Linda Schmitt

Karl Babiak

Dan Vickers

Youth Mission

Recently 25 of our Mount Hope youth experienced an opportunity to help homeless and needy people at the Life Center at 69th Street in Philadelphia. While there our youth helped to make “Shower Baskets” which included necessary toiletries for those in need. These are items which people use every day but to a homeless or needy person, the items become luxuries as they are more concerned with where to sleep, or what

to eat that day. Our youth then personally handed the baskets to individuals who were very touched by such a gesture. This was an eye-opening experience for our youth, many of whom had very little contact with such a needy population.

The Life Center also served a lunch which several of our youth also helped to serve. Afterward, many of the Mount Hope team ate with those served.

This was an opportunity to share with individuals why we as Christians do what we do.

Our hope and prayer as youth leaders is to continue to visit this facility as well as others like it in order to develop a missions mindset in our youth for their own community. The director of the Life Center has invited us back whenever we want to come. Please continue to pray for our youth and leaders as we do the Lord’s work in our community.

Youth Bible Studies Continue

The “Fuzzy Slippers” girls Bible study continues their lessons in learning to be the teenage girl God wants you to be. They also had a wonderful experience ministering at a nursing home during the Christmas season. Please contact Lynne Bigas or Linda Schmitt for more information. (fuzzieleaders@comcast.net)

Our boys Bible study “Muddy Boots” have begun a new study from the Nooma© series. Please contact Karl Babiak for more information. (kbabiak@comcast.net)

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1YF & KFC	2	3	4	5	6 Sr. High Retreat	7 Sr. High Retreat
8 Sr. High Retreat <i>*No YF/KFC</i>	9	10 Fuzzes 7:30	11 Muddy Bts 8:30	12	13	14
15YF & KFC	16	17	18	19	20	21
22YF & KFC	23	24 Fuzzes 7:30	25 Muddy Bts 8:30	26	27 Jr. High Retreat	28 Jr. High Retreat
29 Jr. High Retreat <i>*No YF or KFC</i>	30	31				

Schedule of Events

March 6-8th - Sr. High Retreat at Camp Innabah, Spring City, PA.

March 8th - No YF / KFC

March 10th , 24th Fuzzy Slippers meet at **7:30**

March 11th, 25th Muddy Boots meet at **8:30**

March 27-29th - Jr. High Retreat at Camp Innabah, Spring City, PA

March 29th - No YF / KFC

What's Happening in the future?

***Youth Pastor:** Mount Hope continues to pursue someone to help Youth Fellowship and KFC through a part-time Youth Pastor position. Please continue to pray that the Lord will lead the right person to us.

Sr. High Retreat: This year will be March 6-8, at Camp Innabah in Spring City, PA.

Jr. High Retreat: The Jr. High retreat will be March 27-29, at Camp Innabah in Spring City, PA

30 Hour Famine - May 16th - 17th our Youth Group will be involved in a 30 hour famine. This event held nationally is to help our young people experience first hand what it is like every day for the millions of hungry people in the world. The youth will be sleeping in homemade cardboard shelters overnight and sharing briefly what they experienced with the congregation on Sunday Morning.