

Word of Hope

MOUNT HOPE
United Methodist Church



Pastor McGill Writes. . .

NEED MORE FAITH?

It is a good question and most folks have at one time or another felt they were on the short end of the stick when it comes to having faith. "I just don't have any faith," some Christians say. "I've prayed and even fasted for faith, but I just don't have any."

Paul in Romans 10:17 writes, "So then faith comes from hearing and hearing by the Word of God."

You see, asking for faith will never produce faith. Why not? Because faith doesn't come by asking; faith comes by hearing. By hearing what? The Word of God!

You may not have realized this before, but this speaks directly to the falling away from God that would happen in the last days on the part of Christians in the church.

Having to encourage Christians to have faith means that the Word of God has lost its reality in their lives. None of the New Testament Epistles encourage believers to have faith. Why not? Because the Epistles were written to the church and its individual members are actually born into the family of God. Believers

have received the Holy Spirit as their Teacher, Guide and Comforter.

So why is there so little faith in the church today? I'm not only talking about the church in general, I'm talking to many in the Mount Hope Church family. Hebrews 2:1 gives us insight. The heading is "A Warning Against Drifting Away:" "So we must listen very carefully to the truth we have heard, or we may drift away from it."

Notice, it didn't say "if we deny such a great salvation," but if we merely neglect it, if we just drift away from it. I am sure for every person who turns his or her back on Christ and apostatizes outright, there are a thousand that silently, imperceptibly, slowly just drift away without even realizing it. Dear member of Mount Hope, are you drifting today?

How can you know if you are drifting? Here are a few signs of drifting: When prayer ceases to be a vital part of your life; when your desire for Biblical truth ceases and one grows content with the knowledge of eternal things already ac-

quired, in other words you have salvation as fire insurance; when pointed spiritual discussions become an embarrassment; when sports, recreation, and entertainment are a large and necessary part of your lifestyle and take precedence over church attendance.

Then, dear friend, you are drifting! This drifting is not unpleasant, you don't have to do anything to get there. That's the point. But the results are devastating. Jesus Christ and the love of God are no longer a reality in your life. You see, your faith will be determined by your knowledge and obedience to the Word of God.

Determine today that you will spend more time in the Bible getting acquainted with your Heavenly Father. That you will walk in the closest possible fellowship with Him and become familiar with your privileges, benefits and protections as His son or daughter.

As you spend more time in the Word and become more knowledgeable of it, it will become more real to you. Then you will become mighty in faith.

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Special points of interest:

- ◆ *4th: World Communion; Safe Sanctuary Training*
- ◆ *6th: Baptism Seminar*
- ◆ *10th: Seniors' Outing*
- ◆ *11th: Anniversary Sunday*
- ◆ *18th: Laity Sunday*
- ◆ *23rd-25th: Men's Retreat*
- ◆ *25th: Catch-Up Sunday, Choir appreciation, Baptism*
- ◆ *26th: Charge Conference*



DEATHS

Miriam Butler, September 5, 2009

BAPTISMS

September 13, 2009
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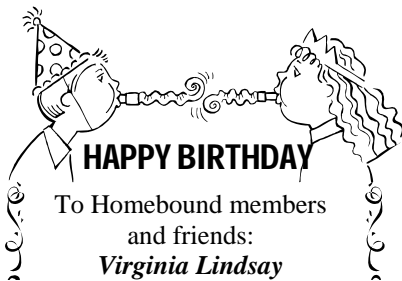
MARRIAGES

Wendy L. Schad and Richard S. Fooks on August 29, 2009

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A Good Word
The head has not heard until the heart has listened.



Lila Clinger
 October 29

World Communion Sunday, October 4

The value we place on something determines how we treat it. For instance, you probably wouldn't give much thought to caring for an old shoebox, yet if someone place \$10,000 inside before handing you that same cardboard container, you'd likely rearrange your day to make sure it was properly protected against damage or theft.

This is the way I look at the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. On the outside it may not look like much, but on the inside it is a priceless opportunity to have a personal encounter with the risen Christ. A goal of

mine in receiving the elements of bread and wine is to have a personal encounter with *JESUS*. To come and receive communion and miss that encounter is like knowing about Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and missing out on being forgiven and receiving eternal life.

You missed an opportunity of a life time. To miss encountering Jesus in receiving the gift of eternal life is like missing a priceless gift!

It is the same thing to miss the opportunity to have a personal encounter with Jesus in the Lord's Supper. Make no mistake, He will be present in the elements of communion to have a personal encounter with you, but will you be there to

encounter Him?

October 4th is World Communion Sunday. Remember how we began? "The value we place on something determines how we treat it." How will you treat World Communion Sunday? What value will you place on being present in church as an active participant on October 4th? Jesus placed a high value on saving you from eternal punishment. It cost Him His life on the cross. Plan now to meet Him at the communion rail and once again have a personal encounter with the One Who really loves you!

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Annual Men's Retreat

The annual Men's Retreat is scheduled for Friday October 23rd thru Sunday October 25th at America's Keswick, Whiting, NJ. This year's retreat theme is "Facing Life's Curve Balls With Christ" featuring Dickie Noles, former Philadelphia Phillie and 1980 World Series Champion.

Who can come? Men and boys 10 years and up. The sponsor of the retreat is the Delaware County Men's Fellowship, a consortium of Delaware County Christian churches that gather together once a year at the beautiful Keswick conference grounds. This setting provides an exciting opportunity

for fellowship, music, good food, excellent teaching, discussion and a time of challenge and encouragement for all who attend. In addition to our group discussion and instruction, there's time for swimming, volleyball, softball, basketball, ping-pong, and an exercise room. Outside activities include canoeing, tennis, horseshoes, nature trails, miniature golf and a golf course nearby.

The cost of \$126 per person will be defrayed by our fundraisers; instead, the actual cost will be about \$65 which includes lodging and all meals from Friday night thru Sunday morning. For

those that can't commit to the entire weekend, join us for all day Saturday at a cost of \$45, which includes all Saturday meals and available facilities. Don't miss out on this great event!!

For information and registration contact Chris Bergeman (610-485-7117) or go to the Delaware County Men's Fellowship website at <http://www.dcmensfellowship.org> where you may register and pay through Credit Card via the Pay Pal system.

Please contact Chris if you register through this DCMF on-line application. Register by Sunday October 4th, to assure your reservations.

Community Change of Address

The US Postal Service designated some areas of Boothwyn as Garnet Valley 19060. Several of our church families were effected by the change; you

may want to note your directories. Their street addresses remained the same. Those families are Lorraine, Jake and Katie Coleman; Judy Conner; Jim, Janice and Ray

Crozier; Joe and Laura Dutton; Mark and Rebecca Everitt; Janet Goldhahn; Jim and Dot Rouke; Judy, Cameron and Alex Shah; and Doris and Patrick Thomas.



202nd Anniversary Sunday, October 11, 2009

Confronting Goliath; 1 Samuel 17: 1-53

By now you are wondering what “Confronting Goliath” has to do with Anniversary Sunday at Mount Hope Church. It is more than you think. Your church is in a life or death battle with the Goliath of our present day.

You see, David’s short battle with Goliath was more than a fight between Israel and the Philistines. It was a defense of Jehovah’s name against those who doubted His supremacy. That statement speaks volumes about the world we live in today. As David pointed out, the only way a boy with a sling shot could defeat a giant warrior like Goliath was by the Lord’s hand. And that is exactly what happened.

In confronting Goliath, David showed real

courage and faith. But we see that what drove him to face the giant was righteous indignation: “For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should taunt the armies of the living God?” (1 Samuel 17:26). David believed that someone had to wipe away from Israel the reproach caused by Goliath’s insults. Since no one else would step forward, he volunteered to defend Yahweh’s name.

Modern audiences often see this encounter of David’s with Goliath as a children’s bedtime story. They read it as merely a battle scene wherein an inexperienced underdog toppled an ancient superhero. We comfort ourselves that we will probably never have to deal with such a scenario. But the real story is that David stood up for God.

Here is where the church is losing this battle. Too many

church members are not standing up for God. They are nowhere to be found. Given how our culture in the U.S. scoffs at both the Father and Jesus Christ, believers need to spend some time in David’s sandals. The question is whether we will turn and run or stand and fight in God’s name. A wonderful part of our yearly celebration on Anniversary Sunday is that those in the past did not turn and run. Your church—Mount Hope—is in a life and death battle with the Goliaths of our day, those who mock the name of Jesus and would take away your freedom of worship. To be present in church and stand up for God on Anniversary Sunday, October 11th, for another year says, “I choose to stand and fight in God’s name for freedom to worship my Savior freely.”

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Laity Sunday, October 18th

On Laity Sunday, Cindy Babiak, our new Youth Director, will bring the morning message. This will be a new adventure

for Cindy as she speaks to Moms, Dads and Youth about her faith and vision for ministry here at Mount Hope Church. You will want to be

present on Laity Sunday to show your support for Cindy and join in support of the Youth Ministry of Mount Hope.

Concert ~ Jesus: Our Bridge Over Troubled Water

Featuring the musical talents of Mount Hope members and friends who love to praise the Lord in song.

When: Sunday, November 1
Where: The Sanctuary

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm with the 930 Praise Band beginning at 6:50 pm.

A free-will offering will be taken to go to the Go Forth Missions fund which benefits

those who serve the Lord at home and abroad in missions work.

Mark your calendars!
More details to come.

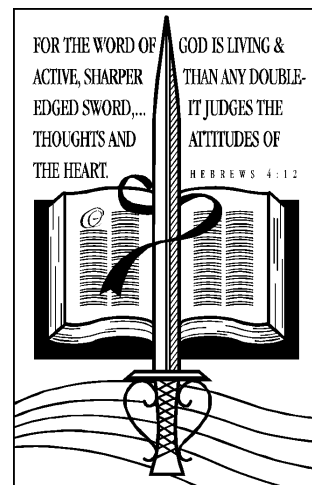
Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a great way to bring joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children around the world, who are in need of hope. Small items such as school supplies, toys, hygiene

items, etc. can be packed in an empty shoe box or a small plastic container and brought in to Mount Hope Church.

In the rear of the Sanctuary you’ll find an envelope with instructions; also use it for your cash

contribution to pay for shipping. A list of the items needed is included. Now’s a great time to shop as back-to-school supplies are on sale at local stores. Your deadline to drop off full boxes is November 16-23.





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All Saints Sunday: November 1st

The Feast of All Saints is a holy day of the Church honoring all saints, known and unknown. This is much like the American holidays, Veterans Day and Presidents Day, where many people are honored on one day. The eve of All Saints

is known as All Hallows Eve or Halloween. All Saints Day is November 1 and this year it actually falls on Sunday.

We will be recognizing members of our congregation who have passed in the past year in a powerpoint presentation. We will also ask the con-

gregation if there are any other names of loved ones who have passed.

Each family present in worship will be presented a rose in remembrance of their "Saints" passing into glory.



Transportation Resources for Seniors

Need help getting around the county? These may help: Senior Care Cooperative (610.574.7089; Chore

Connection (610.353.66420; Surrey Service for Seniors (610.544.1770; American Cancer Society (800.227.2345;

Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired (610.874.1476; COSA (610.490.1300).

Children's Center News

Our October Bible verse: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.." Genesis 1:1

September flew by this year at the children's Center. Our Fruit of the Spirit "Chapel" for September was Love; this month it is Joy. We've decided to have them at 9:25 a.m. so more parents can join us. Chapel will be on Octo-

ber 26th and 27th. This month is Fire Prevention Month and the local fire companies will be visiting us, teaching the children to "stop, drop and roll!"

Our visit to Ramsey's Farm will be on the 29th and 30th of this month.

We have so many children, we need an extra day! At the end of the month we will be having teddy bear pic-

nic and harvest celebrations.

As always, we welcome visitors. We like to share the "Joy"! Our classes are all filled this year, it is a busy, happy place. If you are interested for next school year, stop by to see us early; we begin registration in January.

Kris Leary
Director



What's New In the Library

Kids desperately need to know how much you love them, and they need to hear it in the way that makes sense to them. Learn how your child expresses and receives love in *The Five Love Languages of Children*, by Gary Chapman and Ross Campbell, and you will be able to meet their deepest needs.

Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins continue The Jesus Chronicles with *Mark's Story*, a thrilling account that vividly depicts the last day before

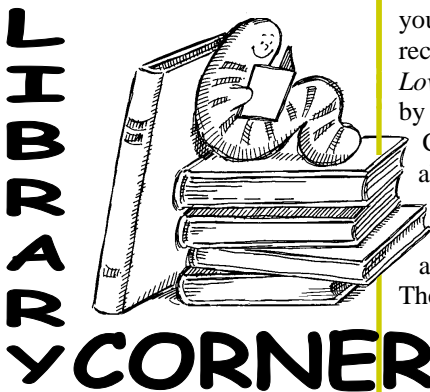
Jesus' crucifixion and the dangers that early believers faced.

The first two books of The Daughters of Jacob Kane series, by Sharlene MacLaren, take place in the early years of the 20th century. *Hannah Grace* works at her father's store and thinks she has her life planned out, until the new sheriff comes to town. *Maggie Rose* is drawn to pursue work at an orphanage in NYC, where she meets a young reporter who wants to do a story about it.

When attorney Mar-

cus Glenwood retires from a prestigious law firm to retreat to a small town and rebuild his life after a devastating personal tragedy, he suddenly finds himself in the biggest and most emotionally difficult case of his career. In *The Great Divide*, by T. Davis Bunn, a young woman has disappeared in China while investigating the slave-like practices of a sports gear company, and Marcus agrees to sue the company and find Gloria.

Lynn Ward, Library Coordinator





Strength in Unity: Catch-Up Sunday, October 25th

There is strength in unity when the corporate body of Christ gathers for worship. When the Church Family pulls together there is a witness to the faithfulness of God in and to the believers in the Church Family that reaches into the surrounding community.

Catch-Up Sunday is one of these special times when the Mount Hope Church family has the opportunity to demonstrate their love and trust in the Lord by giving so generously that great glory is given in praise to God. The presentation of our tithes and offerings at the altar is one of the most sacred acts we do in worship. It is honoring God with the first fruits of our labor. He is Lord and Master of all that we have and all that we are. His instruction is to “seek

the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and He will give you everything you need” (Matthew 6:33).

I place before the Church Family a challenge to join me as servants of Christ to not only CATCH-UP on our giving, following our summer vacations, but to bring an offering of praise and thanksgiving to our Lord. On October 25th I am going to give \$100.00 above my regular giving.

Will you accept the challenge and join me? I realize that not everyone will be able to give to that extent; however, any time we step out in faith to give something, over what we have been doing the Lord will bless you. The scripture states, “Give and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full and pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will deter-

mine the amount you get back.” (Luke 6:38)

This is the only area where the Bible says we can put God to the test and see what He will do. Will you join me in giving an additional \$100.00 on October 25th, Catch-Up Sunday? If 200 of you will join me, we would receive a real praise offering to the Lord. Those who cannot give an additional \$100.00, but step out in faith and give above their regular offering will be blessed in the return they will receive from the Lord.

I am reminded that God is our source and that He supplies all of our needs through His riches in glory by Jesus Christ (Philippians 4:19). As you join with me in accepting this challenge, may each of us be blessed with the “Open Windows” blessing promise in Malachi 3: 6 -12.

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Kid's Page Answer key

A Trip for Seniors: October 10th

Quiet Valley Living Historical Farm in Stroudsburg, PA will be holding their annual Harvest Festival on October 10th.

There will be demonstrations of early American skills and crafts, such as broom making, oak split bas-

ketry, spinning, weaving, yarn dyeing, apple butter making, apple cider making, outdoor brick bake oven, Dutch oven cooking, ice cream churning, butter making, and hay fork making, as well as a Civil War encampment.

We will be leaving

Mount Hope parking lot at 9am. Transportation is provided. The cost: \$10 admission plus money for lunch and any other crafts, etc you wish to purchase. Please contact Pastor Phil to sign up for this fun activity!

Angel Food Ministries

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

Don't Lose Your Focus (continued from the back page)

Temple. If you do, says the Lord of Heaven's Armies, I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put Me to the test! Your crops will be abundant, for I will guard them from the devourer. Your grapes will not fall from the vine before they are ripe, says the Lord of Heaven's Armies." (NLT).

The tither is the LAST one to lose his job—and if he

does lose it, God always has a better one waiting for him someplace else. Talk about financial security. The tither is the only one who has it!

What are you focusing on? When you focus on the Word, you're looking in the right direction. You're looking away from the world and looking to Jesus, the Author and Finisher of your faith. You're not confused anymore. You're on track to prosper and have good success—no matter what

the economy does.

October 25 is Catch-Up Sunday and November is Tithing Month. Get on track and stay on it. Don't look back at what the world is doing. Don't get drawn off course by the dangerous distractions that are swirling all around right now. Every time you do, you lose momentum. Keep your focus on Jesus and press forward. Keep walking in the Blessing! It's the only place to be for security! Pastor McGill



Cookies for Friends

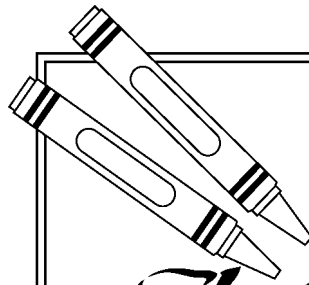
Autumn is the perfect time of the year to sow kindness and reap a "harvest" full of friendships. Make this special treat to share with someone.

What you need:

- An adult to help
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 cup cooked or canned pumpkin
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 1/2 cups diced, roasted almonds
- 1 cup chocolate pieces
- Raffia or fall-colored ribbon (optional)

What you do:

1. Cream butter and sugar together until light and fluffy.
2. Beat in egg, pumpkin and vanilla.
3. In separate bowl, mix flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, nutmeg and cinnamon.
4. Add dry mix to creamed mixture.
5. Add almonds and chocolate pieces; mix thoroughly.
6. Drop by teaspoons onto well-greased cookie sheets.
7. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes or until lightly browned.
8. Cool on racks. Makes about six dozen.
9. Stack two cookies on top of each other. Then tie them like a present with the raffia or ribbon. Give the cookies to friends and family to thank them for their friendship.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Every Sunday: 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages</p> <p>Community Events: Sundays— 6:00 p.m. Cub Den 1 (101) 6:00 p.m. Webelows (103) Mondays: 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 292 (FH) Tuesdays – 8:30 pm AA (FH) Thursdays – 6:00 pm AA (FH)</p>				<p>1</p> <p>7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir (216)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:00 PM Cotter/Steele Wed Reh (S)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>12:00 PM Cotter/Steele Wed (S)</p>
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Luke 6:38

Don't Lose Your Focus

What is the greatest danger in economic times like these? Most people would say it's losing their job or their house; seeing retirement savings dwindle; or not having enough money to pay the bills, buy groceries and put gas in the car. But as a believer in Jesus, the only danger we face in times like these is losing sight of the fact that we have a God who supplies all of our needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. For God loves a person who gives cheerfully. And He will generously provide all we need. Then we will always have everything we need and plenty left over to share with others.

When there's such a whirl of bad reports, worldly

ideas, media and Wall Street spin flying around, you run the risk of focusing on these things instead of on Jesus. Taking your eyes off Jesus will cause you to take the wrong path. It will disorient you and leave you confused.

According to the dictionary, confusion is "a mixture of several thoughts, ideas or things being blended and mixed together creating disorder in the mind." It comes into our lives when we try to blend the ways of God with the ways of the world, and the result is disaster!

Proverbs 14:12 reads this way: "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death." (NKJ).

Believers who are confused in times like these make bad decisions. They do things that seem right and logical in the eyes of the

world without realizing that these things cut them off from THE BLESSING and open the door to the curse of poverty on their lives. They quit tithing, for example. They listen to their worldly friends who say, "Tithe? You can't be wasting your money like that right now. You'd better hang on to it. Don't you know you are about to lose everything?"

By mixing the world's perspective into their thinking, they lose sight of the fact that tithing is the best thing anyone can do right now. Tithing keeps the door open to God's promise of provision. That's why Malachi 3: 10-11 says, "Bring all the tithes into the store house so there will be enough food in My

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Youth!!

There are so many awesome things in store for you this year! We will be going to concerts, planning retreats, having parties and celebrations, a mission trip and lots of other fun stuff. But one of the most important activities we will be doing this year is engaging in "Fellowship".

We will be fellowshiping with God and with each other. God created us to be in fellowship. We were meant to enjoy His presence and to glorify Him. In youth group this year, we will certainly be focusing on God's presence among our group, but also in our everyday lives. We will spend time talking to Him, singing praise, learning about how He wants us to live, and we'll spend quiet moments listening to Him. That's what fellowship is all about.

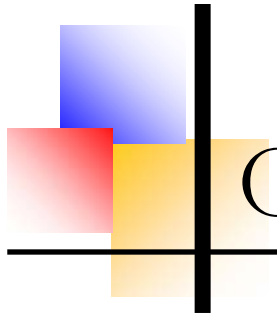
Likewise, we will be spending time with one another. We will pray together, sing together, lift one another up in times of trouble, hold one another accountable, and just spend time together. Fellowship... It's what God wants for us.

Life is just better when we live according to God's word. There are a number of verses in the Bible about how, when, and why to fellowship. Here is one of the ones that I think is perfect for our group:

"May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ"
Romans 15:5-7

My prayer for this year is that we will indeed come together with one heart and one mind, and that in every gathering, in every activity we do, our group will bring glory to our Father.

Be Blessed—and Be a Blessing!



OCTOBER 2009

Upcoming Events

Starfield Concert!

Friday, October 23 Tickets \$20.

Awesome Band...You sing their songs "Filled with your Glory" and "Revolution" at 9:30

Permission Slip on the website

Harvest Party

Sunday, October 25

Bring a hollowed-out pumpkin to YF. We'll carve 'em and decorate 'em. There will be prizes for the funniest, the scariest, and the one that looks most like Karl!

Hayride

Friday, October 30 at 7pm. We will meet at Linvilla Orchards for a night-time hayride followed by a campfire complete with weenies and marshmallows!

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