

Word of Hope

MOUNT HOPE
United Methodist Church



Pastor McGill Writes. . .

It's Really September!

Dealing with reality can be difficult when we don't want to face the truth. It is a reality that September has arrived! Summer vacations are all but over, the kids are back in school and it is hard to believe how fast that time passed.

The reality is that it is September and whether I feel like it or not does not change that fact. So how do you and I deal with the challenge of a fall schedule and feel good about it?

When I was working at Lukens Steel, I had to work evening shift and seven midnight shifts were part of that schedule. I am not a night person so I disliked going to work at midnight when everyone else was going to bed. However, necessity demanded I be at work at midnight for those seven shifts. Now the truth is I had to will to get up and go to work at that time. If I had gone by my feelings I would have stayed in bed.

Then I made a wonderful discovery. When I got to work, I didn't mind being there at all. I actually enjoyed what I was doing.

What happened? I realized that my feelings caught up with my will and it was OK to go to work at midnight even though I did not feel like it.

There are many things in life that you will have to will to do or the negative consequences will catch up with you. When that happens, you will feel even worse. For me it would have been a lost job that I really needed at that time. Another thing to remember is that you cannot trust your feelings to be your guide. God does not direct you through your feelings even though they are an important part of your personality.

Here is where the challenge of September and Fall schedules come into play. Some in the Church Family have been away at their shore home or just vacationing, here and there. Some have just slipped away. Getting back to church on a regular basis may be a challenge. You may have to will to get started back and then trust your feelings to catch up! You can mentally agree that God wants you back in

church, but it won't become real to you until you act on that urge from the Holy Spirit. It's when you act on God's promptings that they become a reality!!

For example, you can believe in the truth of the resurrection as a great doctrine, and in some circles that's all it is—a doctrine or dogma, but it won't mean a thing in the world to you until you can say, "Jesus died for me, Jesus arose victorious over death, hell and the grave—and He did that for me!!"

When those words become your words from the heart, then the resurrection truth in the Word of God will become something more than just a doctrine, a dogma, a creed, or a theory—it will become a reality!!

I will be in church on Sunday to praise and worship my Savior. Come join me. After all, He's your Savior too.

Much is planned for the Fall. Take time to look at the coming attractions.

Pastor McGill

September 2008

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Special points of interest:

- ◆ *1st: Labor Day*
- ◆ *Beginning the 3rd: Wednesdays Devo Desserts*
- ◆ *7th: Communion, Teacher appreciation, SS promotion*
- ◆ *14th: Grandparents Day; YF Kick-off*
- ◆ *20th: New Members class*
- ◆ *21st: Acolyte recognition, 10th Anniv. 930 Worship*
- ◆ *Catch-Up Sunday*
- ◆ *29th: Bloodmobile*



BAPTISM

Hailey Sanders, June 29, daughter of Michael and Kristin Sanders

Ocean Rose Verrall, June 29, daughter of Rob and Crystal Verrall

Orean Sophia Brown, July 13, daughter of David and Amanda Brown

Peyton Elizabeth Frankovich, August 10, daughter of James and Amy Frankovich

Luke John Everitt, August 17, son of Mark and Rebecca Everitt

MARRIAGE

Amanda Withelder and Brian Reynolds, June 6

DEATH

Jonathan Albaugh, June 14

Neva Oeschger, July 18

Thomas Smith, August 5

Chad Forshey, August 18

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mark and De'Lisa Aronson

2810 Dutton Mill RD
Aston PA 19014-2732

Anita DePrinzio

263 Glen Riddle RD #232
Media PA 19063-5810

Marian Erle

504 Meadowlark TER
Glen Mills PA 19342-3341

Mark, Rebecca, Ethan and Luke Everitt

1124 Belvedere DR
Garnet Valley PA 19061-1523

Louise Miles

2310 Bridgewater RD
Aston PA 19014-2941

Angel Food Ministry

Angel Food Ministry (AFM) will be coming to Mount Hope Church in October. This ministry was started by Pastor Joe and Linda Wingo in 1994 to provide food for friends and neighbors who were struggling financially. Today, AFM has expanded and is a non-profit, non-denominational organization providing

food relief to more than 500,000 families each month. In the midst of rising prices, AFM has made it possible for the people to lower their grocery bills tremendously. It is a special blessing to the elderly and those on a fixed income. Angel Food Ministry is a Hand up.....not a Hand out.

Here's a little about how this ministry works:

The food is available in a quantity that can fit into a medium-sized box for \$30. Each month's menu is different than the previous month and consists of both fresh and frozen items with an average retail value of approximately \$60. You can go online at www.angelfoodministries.com to access the current month's menu. (continued on page 8)

A Stewardship Challenge to "Catch Up"!!

September 28th is "Catch Up Sunday"

This is a challenge to the Church Family to join me as servants of Christ to "CATCH UP" on our giving following summer vacations, so that we enter this Fall season with a strong financial base. September 28th has been designated as "Catch Up Sun-

day." I am going to give an additional \$50.00 above my regular giving on "Catch Up Sunday."

Will you join me in giving an additional \$50.00 on September 28th, "Catch Up Sunday"? If 200 of you will join me, we would receive an additional \$10,000 in the of-

fering on this Sunday. I am reminded that God is our source and that He supplies all of our needs through His riches in glory by Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19). As you join with me in accepting this challenge, may you be blessed with the "Open Windows" blessing promised in Malachi 5: 6-12. *Pastor McGill*

Grandparents Day: September 14th

So you think Grandparents' Day is just a Hallmark and florist promotion? That is not true!

Each generation of Americans includes a few strong-willed individuals who formulate ideas and persist in making them realities. They figuratively move mountains and change the courses of rivers to attain their goals.

In 1970, a West Virginia housewife, Marian Lucille Herndon McQuade, initiated a campaign to set aside a special day just for grandparents. "After working all day on the farm, Grandma would walk off to visit elderly people of the community," she recalls. "Often I would tag along. I never forgot talking with those delightful people. That's where my love and respect for oldsters started."

Through concerted efforts on the part of civic, business, church, and politi-

cal leaders, her campaign expanded statewide. The first Grandparents Day was proclaimed on May 27, 1973 in West Virginia by Governor Archie Moore. But that was only the beginning. With the help of U.S. Senators Robert Byrd and Jennings Randolph, it became a national observance. In 1978, five years after its West Virginia inception, the United States Congress passed legislation proclaiming the first Sunday after Labor Day as **National Grandparents Day**. The proclamation was signed by President Jimmy Carter. The date was shifted to September for several reasons – among them that May's calendar is crowded and Fall symbolizes the 'autumn years' of life.

The statute's preamble cites the day's purpose as: "...to honor grandparents, to give grandparents an opportunity to show love for their children's children, and to help children become aware of

strength, information, and guidance older people can offer."

Regardless of the choice of activity chosen to do with your grandparent, the idea is to honor grandparents and to cultivate bonding with their grandchildren. Part of the bonding process is familiarizing young people with ancestral lines. Mrs. McQuade stresses it is not necessary to spend a lot of money to have a rewarding day.

Everyone is a grandchild and can be involved in the observance of this day – a time to discover one's roots and learn patience, understanding and appreciation for the elderly. Grandparents Day is the perfect time to enhance communication between the generations.

Today this event, begun by only a few, is observed by millions throughout the United States.

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Education News

Sunday School Teacher Recognition

We at Mount Hope would like to recognize the efforts of some special people on Sunday, September 7th at the 9:30 service. It is a time when we say thanks for all of the effort put forth by teachers throughout the year. Please help us encourage our volunteers on that day!

Regular Sunday School Schedule Resumes September 7

All teachers and students, please come to the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m. for about 10-15 minutes. Teachers and students will be seated in the front pews by current age/grade. The pews will be labeled.

After teachers are recognized, groups will be dismissed to their new Sunday school rooms. All students

will report to their new classrooms.

Sunday School Room Assignments

The following rooms are assigned for the start of the new Sunday school year on September 7. If you have not been attending Sunday school, this is a good time to begin. If you would like more information, please contact Kathy Simonds at 610-558-3253.

Children and Youth:

- ◆ Nursery: Rm 100
- ◆ Ages 2 & 3: Rm 103
- ◆ Ages 4 & 5: Rm 101
- ◆ Kindergarten & 1st Grade – Rm 208
- ◆ 2nd/3rd Grades: Rm 211
- ◆ 4th/5th Grades: Rm 214
- ◆ 6th - 8th Grades: Rm 6
- ◆ 9th - 12th Grades: Rm 2

Adult Classes:

- ◆ Co-Weds – Lounge

- ◆ Merri-Weds – Room 113 (left of the stage in Habbersett Hall)
- ◆ Pairs & Spares – Fellowship Hall
- ◆ Supporting Sisters – Room 213
- ◆ Willing Workers – Room 106

Junior Church Resumes

Junior Church will meet again beginning Sunday, September 7th. This ministry, provided by Laura Dutton and helpers, allows young children (too old for nursery but too young to sit through the whole worship service) to leave the 11:00 service and go to their own lesson and crafts. Laura is always grateful for volunteers to help with Junior Church. Please call her at 610.494.1477.

Acolyte Recognition

kneeling rails. All of this is intended for a time of fun and fellowship as we can look back upon the principles and practices that forged the Methodist church as we know it today.

Pastor Phil

A Visit from the Past

On October 12, anniversary Sunday, we will host Peyton Dixon a long-time actor who has performed throughout the country. He will be portraying the character of "Simon Blessing" who is a licensed

Methodist preacher from the late 1700's. We will hear what it was like to be part of the Methodist movement in the 18th century as well as his opinions of our modern conveniences like organs and

Note' Able Notes

I think everyone will agree that our new organ sounds wonderful! We still need everyone's help to eliminate this debt once and for all. There is only \$9,344.60 needed to reach our goal of \$60,000 for

the third manual. Your contribution to this wonderful instrument is providing a legacy for generations of Mount Hope Church worshippers to come. Envelopes are still available in the pews racks. You can "sponsor" a note

with your donation of \$100 or more, \$50 or \$25, or in any amount that you want to give. Please consider your participation in this project prayerfully.

Sharon Kope

Thank You

Thanks to the Busy Beavers and all of Marian and my friends for their visits and their kindness to us and the prayers and concern for us through Marian's illness

and her passing on to be with our Lord. Thank you, too, for your generous memorial donations to the church.

She loved her Church Family one and all. Her

church days were all in Mount Hope her whole life. Thank you one and all for everything. God bless,

Paul Titter and family

New Members Class

Saturday, September 20th from 9 a.m. to noon. Call the church office to register (610.459.0248).

Wednesday Night Devotionals

Our Wednesday Night Devotionals will begin again on August 27 at 6:30 p.m. in Habbersett Hall. Please plan to attend as Pastor Phil will begin a study of the book of Judges.

Annual Craft Show

Mount Hope Church's Annual Craft Show will be held on Saturday, September 20th, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Contact Kathy Simonds at 610-558-3253 if you are interested in renting a table for \$25.00.

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New Bishop and District Superintendent

Our newly elected bishop, Peggy Johnson, has been assigned to The Philadelphia Area of The United Methodist Church beginning September 1, 2008.

Bishop Johnson, 54, pastor of Christ United Methodist Church of the Deaf in Baltimore MD, was elected July 17 by jurisdictional conference

delegates. On Sept. 1, she will become one of nine active bishops in the Northeastern Jurisdiction, which includes 13 annual (regional) conferences from Maine to West Virginia.

Bishop Johnson has been actively involved in the United Methodist Congress of the Deaf since 1988 and has supported a deaf ministry effort in Zim-

babwe through her conference. Since 1995, she has been an adjunct faculty member at Wesley Theological Seminary.

The Rev. Dr. Christopher J. Kurien, former Northwest District Superintendent, assumes the responsibilities of Rev. Susan May as the new Southeast District Superintendent.

Children's Center News

Our September Bible Verse: *"A friend loves at all times."* Proverbs 17:17

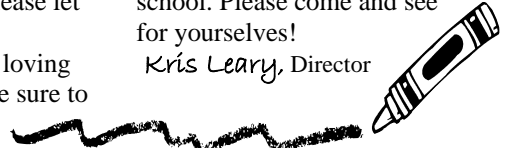
We've been busy enjoying our summer program and having fun learning about creation, Noah, loving our neighbor, and the loaves and the fishes (not to mention nutrition, plants and bugs)! We've been hard at work preparing for another

exciting year, including our Children's Chapel, our weekly Spanish and music and movement classes as well as our trips to our library. We also offer optional computer and handwriting classes. We will be taking our CPR classes on September 3rd, if you are interested please let me know.

Our wonderful, loving teachers and staff are sure to

make this another exceptional school year. We do still have some openings in our afternoon pre-kindergarten class, so if you know anyone interested, please call, 610-559-0442. As always we welcome visitors to see, hear, and feel the love that happens in our school. Please come and see for yourselves!

Kris Leary, Director



What's New In the Library

Here is a quick overview of some of the many new items we've collected during the summer. *The Shack*, by William P. Young, tells the story of a man whose daughter is abducted and how God confronts him about his grief. *The Edge of Recall*, by Kristen Heitzman, involves a landscape architect who becomes involved in a mystery when she's reconstructing a labyrinth. *Ever Present Danger*, by Kathy Herman, follows a young woman who witnessed a crime and it's cover-up and what happens when it comes to light ten years later. *Dawn's Light*, by

Terri Blackstock, is the final entry of her Restoration Series, and *Storm*, by Bill Bright, is the third novel in his Great Awakening series.

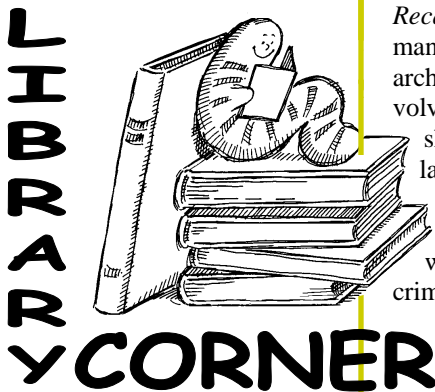
Our new family DVDs are *Ace of Hearts*, the story of how a police dog helps a family come together; *Moon-dance Alexander*, about a teenager's gaining confidence when she gets to follow her dream of riding and showing a horse. Both of these are based on true stories. We have *Big River Rescue*, the newest VeggieTales, and two new animated Bible stories called Friends and Heroes.

Anour new non-fiction includes *Have a New Kid by Friday*, by Dr. Kevin Leman.

Does your child have an attitude, or some behavior problems? Dr. Leman has a simple answer for you. *Letter to a Grieving Heart*, by Billy Sprague, is a collection of short pieces that aim to bring comfort to the hurting. In *Leadership Gold*, John Maxwell collects all he has learned in 40 years of studying and teaching about leadership, and Lee Strobel's newest book, *The Case for the Real Jesus*, answers the current challenges being made about who He is and was.

All this and much more all the way upstairs at the library!

Lynn Ward, Librarian





Notes from the Music Department

Have you heard the call? Have you been listening for the call? Well, we're calling you now ... so PLEASE pick up! All choirs will be reconvening in the month of September and we need YOU!

Choir is made up of volunteers, not professionals, ranging in age from 3 to 99. You don't have to be able to read music. The only requirement is to have a love for music, thus sharing God's word through song.

The Sanctuary Choir rehearses on Thursdays from 7 – 9 pm. They will begin the 2008-2009 season on September 4 in the choir room. They sing every week at the 11 a.m. service, present a Christmas Cantata and Spring Musical, and other special music during the various seasons of the year.

The J.O.Y. Singers (*Just Older Youth*) rehearse the Wednesday before they sing at the 8:15 a.m. service the third Sunday of the month. They will begin their 2008-2009 season on September 17, starting at 7:15 p.m. in Habbersett Hall. Their

repertoire includes the "oldies, but goodies"!!

Handbell Opportunities
You are invited to join the HANDBELL/CHIME Choirs!!!

Bell/Chime Calendar:

- ◆ **Genesis Ringers**
Wednesday 6:30 – 7:30, beginning Sept. 10.
- ◆ **Bells of Hope**
Wednesday 7:30 – 9:00 beginning Sept. 10
- ◆ **Hope Chimes**
Sunday 5:30 – 6:30 beginning Sept. 21)

Bells of Hope – Adults and college students who would like the musical challenge of ringing handbells. This choir rings 4 octaves of handbells and 3 octaves of handchimes once every 4-6 weeks alternating between the 8:15 and 11:00 A.M. worship services. There will also be opportunities to minister in surrounding communities, festivals and workshops. Rehearsals are every **Wednesday 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. in Handbell Room 104 beginning on Wednesday, September 10th.**

Genesis Ringers – consist of **Middle School and High School students.** This choir

will ring in worship services, Christmas Eve, and community outreach opportunities. Rehearsals will be every **Wednesday 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. beginning on September 10th in Room 104.**

Hope Chimes & Boom-wackers! – **NEW!!!!** Elementary students in grades 3-5 who would like to ring handchimes and boom-wackers will rehearse on **Sunday 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. beginning on September 21st in Room 104**

Please contact Mrs. McIntyre, Director @ Ehandbell@comcast.net or 610.494-3697.

Commitment to a choir seems like an overwhelming time constraint. When you think of the commitments God has made for us, one rehearsal and a Sunday morning worship service is not much.

Please contact Sharon Kope (610-892-9607 or skkope1@yahoo.com) or Eileen McIntyre (610-494-3697 or Ehandbell@comcast.net) with any questions.

Fisher's Corner Development

The owners of the property on the southeast corner of Concord and Convent Roads continue to apply for variances in order to build a dormitory. It will have 21 rooms, 4 students per room, to be used by Neumann College. Parking and traffic

congestion (making an already-difficult intersection dangerous) and protection of Mount Hope property are among the many concerns that must be addressed.

All church members, even if you aren't an Aston resident, please stay in-

formed about the status of this property by calling the Township Building or logging on to the Aston Township website for notices of upcoming meetings. If you can, please attend the commissioners' public meetings to express your concerns.

Blood DRIVE

Monday- September 29th to 1:30-7:30 pm.

For your appointment, contact Jeanna Imbesi at 610-497-0199 or jeanna59@comcast.net

Summer time is slow for donors, so The Red Cross is raffling a \$50.00 gift card every day to one donor.

Anyone who comes to give blood on September 29th will have a **CHANCE TO WIN A \$50.00 GAS CARD!!!**

200th Anniversary Souvenir Book

Many people have asked if there were extra Souvenir Books that they might purchase. We do have extras so if you still have an interest - feel free to call me at 610.361-8231. They are \$5.00 each and I will be happy to make sure you get as many as you need. Thanks!

Jan Duryea, Chair, 200th Anniversary Committee



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Good Advice from Our Founder

In John Wesley's sermon entitled *The Use of Money*, Mr. Wesley states three points:

- ◆ Make all you can.
- ◆ Save all you can.
- ◆ Give all you can.

For the Christian, the neglect of any one of the three throws the formula out of balance. The Christian doctrine of stewardship affirms

that God is the Creator and Sustainer, man is but the steward over God's property.

During the summer months, Mount Hope Church has obligations that continue even through many of its members have been away for one reason or another. The third point of Mr. Wesley's sermon is especially timely as we move into September, be-

cause for the church to be able to continue its program of *service*, each member must be mindful of his/her obligation as God's steward. Many of you have been very faithful during these summer months. As you return from vacation, check to see that your giving is current so that our *service* may continue uninterrupted.

9:30 Service Celebrates 10th Anniversary

Our 9:30 a.m. high energy, family oriented worship service celebrates its 10th anniversary on September 21st.

We have seen this service develop and grow through the years. Under the current leadership of Donna Kelly and the worship band, we have been blessed by the contemporary praise music.

Make sure that September 21st is highlighted on your calendar now, and plan to come for praise and worship. Regulars at the service will be sharing what it has meant to them. Be ready to sing medleys of the favorites since the beginning.

Grandparents' Day (continued from page 2)

A note about the founder, Marian McQuade - the 76-year-old mother of 15, grandmother of 40, and great-grandmother of 3 has been vice-chairman of the West Virginia Commission on Aging delegate to the White House Conference on Aging, president of the Vocational Rehabilitation Foundation and vice president of the Nursing Home Licensing Board.

In observance of the grandparents of this congrega-

tion, we are asking you to dig through your pictures and bring them to church. We would like to recognize you for those sweet things you've always done to make parties special, graduations more significant, birthdays the "bestest ever," and just for being there in good times and bad. We are in the midst of collecting any special photos you may want to share of you and your "sweet little (or big) grankids".

Here's a great opportunity

to show off that "brag book" of our "GRAND" congregation. Please submit your photo in an envelope to the office, to Sharon Kope or Donna Kelly, or place it in the basket in the Sanctuary.

Include your name on the back of the photos so that they can be returned. If you have digital photos, email them to office@mthope.org.

We hope to be graced with many of your smiling faces!

Sharon Kope

World Communion Sunday

This coming October 5, 2008, congregations around the globe will celebrate World Communion Sunday.

But how many of us know where the celebration originated. World Communion Sunday began in 1936 in the Presbyterian Church and was adopted by the Federal Council of Churches in 1940. Since then, the celebration has grown into an international ecumenical celebration of Christian unity.

The key word for World Communion Sunday is communion or unity. It is a day when we mark the almost universal Christian practice of breaking bread with one another and remembering both the night of Jesus' be-

trayal and of Jesus' sacrifice. World Communion Sunday is a time for remembering that around the globe, in different languages, with different traditions and customs, and in various forms of liturgy, the Lord's Supper is celebrated throughout Christendom. World Communion Sunday serves two purposes: it is both a joyous and meaningful partaking in Jesus' sacred meal with his friends, and a mind-opening exposure to different Christian traditions from around the world.

I remember, as a little girl, that one year as World Communion Sunday came around, my aunt was traveling in Europe. My father told me that on that day, as we cele-

brated communion here at home, she was also celebrating the sacrament 1000 of miles away. I've never forgotten how special that felt. To know that no matter where we were on that day, we were celebrating communion together.

World Communion Sunday is on the Christian calendar for a reason; it can and should be a time of profound Christian unity, marked by our shared celebration of the Lord's Supper. Jesus instituted the first such meal, and World Communion Sunday is a helpful way in which Christ calls us back together to celebrate the liturgy "in remembrance of me".

Sharon Kope



South Africa Mission to TLC

We want thank you for your prayers and support as we were blessed to have the opportunity to travel to South Africa to observe and help the TLC (The Love of Christ) Ministry in Johannesburg and also see for ourselves some of the work that is being done to help the street people in Durban. Bonnie and I know that God's protection and guidance were with us both before and during our trip.

After 18 hours of flying, Bonnie and I arrived in Johannesburg and were met by a South African couple, Vivian and Jo, and their 4 year old adopted daughter, Faith. We were warmly welcomed into their home to stay. Vivian, who works for the TLC ministry, took us to the ministry and introduced us to Thea Jarvis, the founder of this ministry in 1993. The Jarvis family have rescued more than 650 babies who have been abandoned or orphaned in the streets and hospitals of Johannesburg as the nation continues to be plagued by HIV/AIDS, poverty, unemployment and crime. Bonnie and I saw first hand the poverty as we traveled in the car to TLC and what the volunteer staff at TLC are doing to help take care of the precious babies and children who are innocent victims of this crisis. We met volunteers from the U.S., U.K., Germany, Australia, and local men and women who come to help

take care of the children for up to a year or two at a time. Several international volunteers have made several return visits as well.

During our time at TLC, Bonnie and I spent many hours helping to take care of the babies and young toddlers.



I especially enjoyed cuddling the newborn preemies in the special nursery as Bonnie enjoyed playing and helping the older babies and toddlers. Most of the babies are HIV positive and need round the clock medical care. At the time a few of the babies were currently waiting for the prospective adopting families to formalize the paper work. We were also put to work wherever we were needed. Bonnie scrubbed the toddler room walls as I folded "tons" of baby clothes, towels and sheets that need to be done daily. We also observed the teachers and children at the preschool on the premises. The children really enjoyed playing the little colored handbells that we brought as a gift for them to play. I was so impressed by the tender love and dedication that the workers and volunteers had for

these babies and children. It was a privilege to work with these volunteers.

During the second half of our trip Bonnie and I flew to Durban, South Africa located on the western coast along the Indian Ocean to attend the IASSW (International Association of Schools and Social Work) Bi-annual Congress. It was here where we learned about the work that social workers are doing all over the world and that the same problems of poverty (both physical and spiritual) and deprivation

that plague people all over the world. Bonnie and I met and talked to some of the street children from Durban who were participating in a special program started by some of the international social work students at the local university. This program was first implemented for the street people in India. Ingrid, a

student from Norway, shared with us what they were doing to help get the children and teenagers off the streets of Durban. I believe that God enabled us to see a bigger picture outside of our small boxes of the need for prayer and to share both physical and spiritual help to people all over the world.

As a bonus, as I traveled to and from South Africa, I sat next to two different missions teams from the U.S. that were traveling to work at different children's orphanages. It was a blessing to talk and share about our experiences and work and how God's people are serving the people of South Africa. Because of your generous donations Bonnie and I were able to donate \$700 to TLC in gifts and money. And since the Rand is worth less than the American dollar, the money is able to spread a little further. Thank you again for helping to be a part of this trip to South Africa.

In His Service,
Bonnie & Eileen McIntyre
July 2008





Annual Men's Retreat

The Men's Retreat is scheduled for Friday September 26th thru Sunday the 28th at America's Keswick, Whiting, NJ. This year's retreat theme is "God's Men Breaking Spiritual Bondage", featuring Rev. Wylie W. Johnson, pastor of Springfield Baptist Church and U. S. Army Chaplain.

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 \$123 per person will

be defrayed by our fundraisers: instead, cost will be about \$60 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. This cost will include all Saturday meals and available facilities. Don't miss out on this great event!!

For information and registration contact Chris Bergeman 610-485-7117. Please register by Friday September 12th, to assure your reservations.

The Word of Hope Online

Each month, the *Word of Hope* is posted to the Church's web site, www.mthope.org. If you would prefer to receive a link to it via the internet instead of a copy through the mail, please email the church office (office@mthope.org).

In the interest of saving on postage, paper and copier clicks, we appreciate the many members who have already signed up.

An add benefit: you'll be receiving all the news while they are still current events!

Angel Food Ministry (continued from page 2)

Generally, one box of food assists in feeding a family of four for about one week or a single senior citizen for almost a month. The food is all the same high quality one could purchase at a grocery store. There are no second-hand items, no damaged or out-dated goods, no dented cans without labels, no day-old breads and no produce that is almost too ripe.

A new choice of food for individuals or seniors will be available starting in September. This choice is called "The Senior Box" and will cost \$25. It will consist of ten individual meals, fully cooked and labeled, complete with heating instructions— just heat and serve. Each meal has no added sodium, is low in fat, and is nutritionally balanced for seniors with 3 oz. of protein, two vegetables or fruit, and a starch.

Also offered are specialty boxes such as steaks, chicken and pork at various prices from \$16 to \$20. Many participants in this bonus program appreciate the expanded choices.

Additionally, there is no limit to the number of units or bonus foods an individual can receive, and there are no ap-

plications to complete or qualifications to which participants must adhere. Angel Food Ministries also participates in the U.S. Food Stamp program, using the Off-Line Food Stamp Voucher system.

It's both a Bargain and a Blessing!

The training for AFM is happening right now at Mount Hope in August and September. We will be taking our first orders for October distribution, the second week in September (dates will be announced). I am excited that we have over 20 people from Mount Hope who have volunteered to help, but there are still many volunteer opportunities available and as this ministry grows, more will be needed. You do not need any special skills, there is a position for anyone to help!!!

Please see the list below of volunteer positions:

Registration and Reorder

Clerks- Greeters with a warm and friendly welcome, joyful, enthusiastic.

Packers and Sorters – People who can hand out and keep track of items that goes into each order.

Runner Positions/Boxers- Help the elderly or physically disabled

with their food. Help with moving boxes.

Transportation Team- Drive a truck or van to the main site; need a valid driver's license. Physically able to lift and load items. Possibly a need to deliver the groceries.

Prayer Partners- Willing to pray for the ministry and for the financial needs and salvation of individuals utilizing this ministry. Also willing to meet and counsel (share the Word) with anyone in the community.

Marketing Team – Distribute flyers to senior center, posters, submit articles to news media...

Team Leaders – People to supervise groups in various tasks.

This AFM will open doors for those at Mount Hope to show others of God's awesome love. This ministry will provide an avenue for Mount Hope Church to be the best that God is calling us to be with this explosive ministry. It will allow us opportunities to come to know those in our community and tell them about the love of Jesus Christ. If you feel led to volunteer and be a part of this exciting ministry, please call the church office or e-mail Sue Keeley, sussyrn@yahoo.com.



September 2008 Calendar of Events

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Every Sunday: Worship at 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School for all ages</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Labor Day Office Closed</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 10:00 AM Staff Mtg (L) 11:00 AM Prayer (L) 7:00 PM Baptism Sem (L) 7:00 PM Evangelism (L)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:00 AM CPR Training (L) 9:00 AM Library Open 6:30 PM Devo Dessert (HH) 7:00 PM Trustees (L)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 7:00 PM 930 Reh (S) 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir (216) 7:00 PM SPR (L)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open</p>	<p>6</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Communion Promotion Sunday Teacher Appreciation Blood Pressure Screening (HH) 9:15 AM- 10:15 am. Library open</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:00 AM MHCC begins 9:00 AM Library Open 4:00 PM WOH Online (Ofc)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 11:00 AM Prayer (L) 7:00 PM Ad Bd (HH)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 9:30 AM Staff Mtg (L) 6:30 PM Devo Dessert (HH) 6:30 PM Education (L) 6:30 PM Genesis Ringers (104) 7:00 PM 930 Reh (S) 7:30 PM Bells of Hope (104)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 11:00 AM Busy Beavers (Kit) 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir (216)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open</p>	<p>13</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Grandparents Day 9:15 AM- 10:15 am. Library open 5:30 PM YF Fall Kick-Off (Gar, HH)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 7:00 PM Bibl Sdy (Loughurst)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 11:00 AM Prayer (L)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 9:30 AM Staff Mtg (L) 6:30 PM Devo Dessert (HH) 6:30 PM Genesis Ringers (104) 7:15 PM J.O.Y. Singers Reh (103) 7:30 PM Bells of Hope (104)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8:30 AM WOH Meeting (HH) 9:00 AM Library Open 7:00 PM 930 Reh (S) 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir (216)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 6:00 PM Linewic z/Mooney Wd Reh (S)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:00 AM New Members class (L) 4:00 PM Linewic z/Mooney Wd (S)</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Health & Welfare/Golden Cross Acolyte Recognition 930 Worship 10th Anniversary 9:15 AM- 10:15 am. Library open 5:30 PM Hope Chimes & Boomwackers (104) 6:30 PM KFC (FH) 6:30 PM YF SrHi (2,6)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 11:00 AM Prayer (L) 7:00 PM Worship Com (L)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 9:30 AM Staff Mtg (L) 12:00 PM Sexual Harassment Policy Review (HH) 6:30 PM Devo Dessert (HH) 6:30 PM Genesis Ringers (104) 7:00 PM 930 Reh (S) 7:00 PM Finance (L) 7:30 PM Bells of Hope (104)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir (216)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open</p>	<p>27</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Men's Retreat (Keswick)</p>
<p>28</p> <p>Catch-up Sunday Baptism 9:15 AM- 10:15 am. Library open 5:30 PM Hope Chimes & Boomwackers (104) 6:30 PM KFC (FH) 6:30 PM YF SrHi (2,6)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Men's Retreat (Keswick)</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open</p> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>BLOOD DRIVE</p> </div>	<p>30</p> <p>9:00 AM Library Open 11:00 AM Prayer (L)</p>	<p>Community Events: Sundays—6:00 p.m. Cub Den # 1 (101) Monday, Sept. 29—1:30 p.m. Red Cross Bloodmobile (HH) Tuesdays – 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop # 292 (FH) 8:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous (FH) Thursdays – 6:00 pm AA (FH) 3rd Friday – 7:00 pm Pack 77 meetings (FH)</p>			



October 12th: 201st Anniversary Sunday

This Sunday will be a Sunday of praise and jubilation. As we begin a new frontier of ministry at Mount Hope Church. Just think, you and I have the distinct privilege of being on the frontier of a new phase in history at Mount Hope as we celebrate 201 years of teaching and preaching the love of Jesus!

Your presence on this Anniversary Sunday is important because you are a

member of this unique group of people that has followed in the footsteps of Aaron Mattson in proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the ministry of Mount Hope United Methodist Church. Plan now to be in worship to declare your faith in Christ, and that this Gospel of the Good News of Jesus will not grow dim on your watch.! Let us be found faithful in our ser-

vice to the Master!

Begin now to invite family, friends and neighbors to come with you to CH_RCH on October 12th.

Oops! We're counting on *U!* Plan now to attend and watch the Sunday *Messenger* for the exciting details.

Pastor McGill