

Word of Hope

MOUNT HOPE
United Methodist Church



Pastor McGill Writes. . .

Be Strong!

Another summer has come and gone. I trust it has given you and your family time to get away from the rush and cares of the everyday and be refreshed. With September comes the kids going back to school, sport schedules and the pressure of getting back in the groove. Two words come to mind: **Be Strong!**

These words of Paul written to the Ephesian Christians direct us to the real power source of our lives. Paul writes, "A final word: *Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all the strategies of the devil.*" (Ephesians 6: 10-11).

What would you think if you saw a traffic policeman in front of a car trying to hold it back? You'd think, he can't do that. He's no match for that car. I think there are times when we are a lot like that policeman. We try to balance all of the things that are coming at us, but we are no match for them.

Some people read Ephesians 6:10 and think that the Lord is telling them to be strong in themselves. They'll say, "Oh, pray for me that I'll be able to get through this!" But God never said a word

about our being strong in ourselves or in the power of our own ability and might.

Here is the key to being strong in overwhelming circumstances. Remember that traffic policeman who steps right in front of those cars and holds up his hand, because he knows they're going to stop for him. He doesn't have to exert any strength himself; he's strong in the authority that's been given him as evidenced by his uniform and badge.

We are recognized by the armor we wear and the sword we wield. The helmet of salvation, the breast plate of righteousness, the belt of the truth, the shoes of the preparation of the gospel of peace, the shield of faith, and the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God. (Eph 6:13-17).

That is the message the Lord is giving us through these words of Paul. He's saying, Be strong in the Lord. Be strong in the authority of His mighty power. Like the traffic policeman, we recognize the authority behind his uniform and badge as law enforcement. As believers in Jesus Christ we can stand strong in any situation knowing that God Himself is the Power, the Force behind the

authority we possess through His Word. Believers who are fully conscious of divine authority possess power that will enable them to face any enemy or situation without hesitation!

Your confession:

I am strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. I have been given authority over my domain by the Lord Jesus Christ. When situations, cares or demands on my life attempt to overwhelm me, I put on the armor of the Lord and pick up the sword of the Spirit. I hold up my hand in the Name of Jesus and say, No farther!, and the devil stops in his tracks!

If you have been away most of the summer, it is time to regroup as the church family of Mount Hope. When we come together as the church we receive new strength and are made strong in our witness of the Lord's faithfulness to us. 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 what is coming and decide to lend your support.

September 2009

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Special points of interest:

- ◆ **1st: Baptism Seminar**
- ◆ **6th: Communion**
- ◆ **9th: MHCC Back to School Night**
- ◆ **13th: Grandparents' Day, Rally Day, Baptism**
- ◆ **19th: New Member Class; Angel Food pick-up**
- ◆ **20th: Promotion Sunday, Acolyte Recognition**
- ◆ **26th: Handbell Workshop**
- ◆ **27th: Teacher Appreciation**
- ◆ **28th: Bloodmobile**



BIRTHS

Ryan Patrick Messick, May 22, son of Brad and Cheri Messick
Samantha Grace Hickey, May 26, daughter of Steven and Toni Hickey

DEATHS

Robert E. King, March 9, 2009
Lidia P. Frank, August 22, 2009

BAPTISMS

Kaylynn Rose Ertwine, July 12, daughter of Cindi Ertwine
Carleigh Mae Harrison, June 14, daughter of Daniel and Angela Harrison
Stephanie Margaret Thelen, August 2, daughter of Jesse and Bonnie Thelen

MARRIAGES

William Rennar and Fu-Mei Chuang, on August 9

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Stanley and Ruth Crockett

Emily Poole

Blood Drive

Monday, September 28th
1:30—7:30 p.m.
Habbersett Hall

Please consider giving the precious gift of life by giving your blood at the upcoming Red Cross Blood Drive. Call our Drive coordinator, Jeanna Imbesi, at 610.497.0199 or email her at ojeanna59@comcast.net to make your appointment.

Youth Director Hired

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce that Cindy Babiak has joined our staff as Youth Director. This is a part-time

position of approximately 20 hours per week. Cindy has been volunteering as a senior high youth leader here at Mount Hope and we are delighted to welcome her as she

joins our staff. She will officially begin on August 31, 2009.

Please greet Cindy when you see her Sunday mornings.

Sanctuary Choir

First Rehearsal, Thursday, September 3 at 7:00 p.m.

It's September and time for choir rehearsal to resume.

Did you know that:
 1. A church choir and choir music praise God.
 2. Choir music inspires, blesses, soothes and admonishes listeners.
 3. Music can help the congregation remember biblical concepts.

Being in a choir benefits the choir members...
 1. Singing choir music inspires and blesses singers.
 2. Participation in choir creates fellowship and camaraderie among singers.
 3. Frequent participation in church services gives singers a sense of belonging in the church.
 4. Singing produces natural

endorphins, thereby making the singer feel better.
 The Sanctuary Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings at 7 pm in the choir room. Please consider joining us. You'll receive benefits you can't put into words.
 Thank God For Music!!!!
Sharon Kope

Handbell and Chime Choirs

You are invited to join the MOUNT HOPE HANDBELL & CHIME Choirs!!!

Handbell Rehearsals:
 ♦ **Bells of Hope** –High school/college students and adults. Rehearsals are every Wednesday 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in Handbell Room 104 beginning on Wednesday, September 9th.
 The Bells of Hope choir is for those who would like the musical challenge of ringing handbells and chimes. Once a month in worship services,

this choir rings 4 octaves of handbells and 3 octaves of handchimes. There will also be opportunities to minister in and around the community, festivals and workshops.
 ♦ **Hope Youth Bells, Chimes & Boomwackers!** – NEW!!!! rehearse on Sunday 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. beginning on September 20th in Room 104 (before KFC).

This new bell choir is for students in grades 4-8 who would like to ring bells, handchimes and boomwackers.
 Please contact Mrs. McIntyre, Director at ehandbell@comcast.net or (610) 494-3697 if you are interested in ringing with either choir or attending the handbell workshop.

New Handbell Workshop for All

Saturday, September 26th 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Whether you are an experienced ringer or a new ringer you will learn new handbell techniques. You can sign up as a be-

ginner or intermediate ringer. Students and adults from all churches are welcome. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or on the form included in

the Sunday bulletins. Or you may contact Mrs. McIntyre, Handbell Choir Director, at ehandbell@comcast.net.

New Members' Class

If you would like to become a full member of

Mount Hope Church, call the office and sign up for class on

Saturday, September 19th, 9—11:30 in Habbersett Hall.



Sunday School Rally Day

Sunday, **September 13th** will be our annual Sunday School Rally Day. Classes Kindergarten through Jr. High will be

invited to Habbersett Hall at 9:30 for a special time of singing, food and Christian magician Ken Northridge. Please plan to attend this special event

and invite your friends. **September 20**—Promotion Sunday. Children/youth report to their new classrooms.

Ministry Opportunities

One of the most fulfilling ways to be in service for our Lord is by teaching others His Word. Children and youth are the future of our church and with so much outside influence we need to make sure they have what they need to make informed decisions about the

paths they take. We have two openings for either an individual or a couple who would like to share in the transformation of a young life by teaching for one hour on Sundays.

Please prayerfully consider volunteering for either of the following positions:

- ◆ 2nd and 3rd grade teachers (two openings)
 - ◆ 4th and 5th grade teacher
- You may contact Carolyn Lobb at 610-494-1267 for further information, or see her on Sunday mornings. Carolyn will be happy to help you get started.

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.



Grandparents' Day: September 13th

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 political 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."

In observance of the grandparents of the Mount Hope Church Family, we are asking children to gather pictures of their grandparents and great-grandparents. We would like to help you honor them on Grandparents' Sunday.

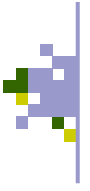
Here's a great opportunity for you to honor these special folks in your lives. Please submit your photo in an envelope to the office, to Sharon Kope or Donna Kelly, or place it in the basket in the Sanctuary.

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



Grandparents Day



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



Children's Center News

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

Our summer program is just finishing and we've been having an exciting and enjoyable time. We spent our summer learning about creation, Jonah, and loving our neighbor, not to mention our solar system and the inevitable bugs! We've begun preparing for another enjoyable

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. Our Back-to-School night will be on September 9, and school begins on September 13th.

Our wonderful, loving teachers and staff are sure to make our twentieth year another exceptional school

year! All of our classes are full this year, and I feel that is a wonderful testimony to our purpose here at Mount Hope UMC. As always we welcome visitors to see, hear and feel the love that happens in our Children's Center. Please come and see for yourselves.

Kris Leary Director



What's New In the Library

I would like to urge everyone, especially families, to take a few minutes one Sunday and come up and see what the library has available. We have DVDs and videos, and hundreds of books, both fiction and non-fiction, for all age groups. It's a great way to save money and have time together as a family, reading and watching new things every week! The library is open Sunday mornings from about 9:15-10:45, and most weekday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon. If there isn't a volunteer available, there are simple instructions for checking things out yourself.

Feeling overwhelmed by all that goes on at the start of a new school year? Discover how simplifying

and slowing down can rejuvenate relationships and replenish souls in *Not So Fast*, by Ann Kroeker. She includes inspiring stories from families who have made the change—so you know you can too!

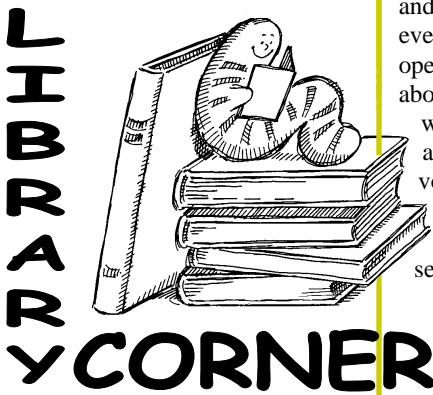
"Just get by." Those words have gotten Maggie Roberts through ten long, hard years after a tragic accident sent her to prison in *Breaking Free*, by Lauraine Snelling. Maggie finds new purpose in a program to train retired racehorses, working with a beautiful, but abused, horse.

Sisterchicks in Wooden Shoes, by Robin Jones Gunn, takes us to the Netherlands with Summer Finley after she receives an "abnormal" medical test result. The emotional tailspin this throws her into prompts her of fulfill a life-

long dream of meeting her best friend and pen pal since fourth grade. Noelle VanZandt, face-to-face. *Stand-In Groom*, by Kaye Dacus, introduces us to Anne Hawthorne, a professional wedding planner. When she first meets the handsome Englishman, George Laurence, she wonders if God has finally answered her prayers for a husband. Then she finds out he is a client and engaged to someone else. But is he really who he seems to be?

I continue to add to the NOOMA DVD collection by Rob Bell, as they are published. These are 12-14 minute lessons that illuminate a Biblical truth, often in unusual and thought-provoking ways. They are perfect for sparking discussion in a class or bible study, as well as individual use.

Lynn Ward, Library Coordinator





World Communion Sunday, October 4

Rev. McGill writes:

Often we take for granted the special days celebrated by the Church. We forget their significance and the reason for their being on the calendar. World Communion Sunday is one of those special days that has a deep significance for Christians all over the world.

Sharon Kope has written an article highlighting the deep meaning of World Communion and why every Christian should plan to partake of the sacrament on this Sunday. If you missed her article we have reprinted it for your benefit. May it bless you as the significance of this celebration of the sacrament blessed her then and still does today. Please continue to read:

“This coming October 4, 2009, 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 com-munion 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’ betrayal 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 celebrated communion here at home, she was also celebrating the sacrament thousands 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

“For some years now I have read through the Bible twice every year. If you picture the Bible to be a mighty tree and every word a little branch, I have shaken every one of these branches because I wanted to know what it was and what it meant.”

~ Martin Luther

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!

The Coming Glorious Church (continued from the back page)

eternity. While I don’t believe that this is speaking of human perfection, I do believe there is a maturity of function, without jealousy, that will develop as His pres-

ence becomes more manifest. We need to embrace this as possible because He said it is.

*Day 129 of A Life of Miracles
A 365-day guide to prayer*

and miracles

*By Bill Johnson,
Pastor, Bethel Church
Redding CA*

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Angel Food Ministries



Don’t forget to order your Angel Food! Log onto their web site or stop by the church for September’s menu and to order your meals.

See the calendar on page 7 for the order dates.



GROWING UP FAST!


In September, Monarch butterflies migrate to warmer climates. In God's wonderful design, these butterflies have gone through an amazing transformation. This craft will remind you of the ongoing transformation that God has planned for you, too.

What you need:

- Clear, one-gallon zipper baggie (with no writing)
- Colored tissue paper
- Scissors
- Wooden, one-piece clothespin
- Pipe cleaner
- Black permanent marker
- Glue and wiggly eyes (optional)
- Magnet tape

What you do:

1. Turn the baggie inside out and rub it on your head to create static cling. Then turn the baggie right-side-out again.
2. Cut tissue paper into 2" x 2" squares.
3. Fill the baggie with tissue squares.
4. Press excess air out of the bag and zip it. Lay the baggie on its side (this will form the butterfly's wings) so the zipper is at the top.
5. Pinch the baggie with the clothespin so it divides the baggie into two equal parts to create the butterfly's head and body.
6. Thread the pipe cleaner through the hole atop the clothespin to form the antennae.
7. With a permanent marker, write "Romans 12:2" on the bottom half of the clothespin.
8. Draw on eyes (or glue on wiggly eyes).
9. Attach a strip of magnet tape to the back of the clothespin. Then display the butterfly on your refrigerator.



Be transformed

It's the beginning of a new school year, and you'll be growing and changing every day. Below is an important lesson that God wants you to remember.

Color in the letter boxes that have an asterisk (*).
Then write the letters that are left on the lines below to finish Romans 12:2.

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"Do not _____ any longer to the _____ of this _____, but be _____ by the _____ of your _____. Then you will be able to _____ and _____ what _____ will is — his good, _____ and _____ will." *Romans 12:2, NIV*

Answers: conform, pattern, world, transformed, renewing, mind, rest, approve, God's, pleasing, perfect



September 2009 Calendar of Events

This Update Printed: Wednesday, August 26, 2009

| 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>1 9:00 AM Library Open 7:00 PM Baptism Sem (L)</p> | <p>2 9:30 AM Staff Mtg (L) 1:30 PM Education (L) 6:30 PM 9:30 Reh (S) 7:00 PM Trustees (L)</p> | <p>3 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir (216)</p> | <p>4</p> | <p>5</p> |
| | | <p>6 Communion Blood Pressure Screening (HH) 9:00 AM Angel Food orders (HH) 9:15 AM - 10:45 a.m. Library open 10:30 AM Angel Food orders (HH)</p> | <p>7 Labor Day Office Closed 1:00 PM Bibl Stdy (Longhurst)</p> | <p>8 9:00 AM Library Open 4:00 PM WOH Dine (Ofc) 7:00 PM Ad Bd (HH)</p> | <p>9 9:30 AM Staff Mtg (L) 1:00 PM Angel Food order (HH) 5:30 PM Angel Food orders (HH) 7:00 PM Bells of Hope (104) 7:00 PM MHCC Back to School Night (S)</p> | <p>10 10:00 AM MHCC Classroom Visits 11:00 AM Busy Beavers (Kit) 6:30 PM 9:30 Reh (S) 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir (216)</p> |
| <p>13 Grandparents Day Baptism 9:00 AM Angel Food orders (HH) 9:15 AM - 10:45 a.m. Library open 9:30 AM Rally Day (HH) 10:30 AM Angel Food orders (HH) 3:30 PM Choir Picnic (Kopet)</p> | <p>14 10:00 AM Angel Food Order (HH)</p> | <p>15 9:00 AM Library Open 7:00 PM SPR (L)</p> | <p>16 9:30 AM Staff Mtg (L) 6:30 PM 9:30 Reh (S) 7:00 PM Bells of Hope (104)</p> | <p>17 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir (216)</p> | <p>18</p> | <p>19 9:00 AM New Member Class (HH) 9:30 AM Angel Food pick-up (HH)</p> |
| <p>20 Promotion Sunday Acolyte Recognition 9:15 AM - 10:45 a.m. Library open 5:30 PM Hope Youth Bells (104) 5:30 PM YF Fall Kick-Off (Gar, HH)</p> | <p>21 1:00 PM Bibl Stdy (Longhurst)</p> | <p>22 9:00 AM Library Open 7:00 PM Worship Com (L)</p> | <p>23 9:30 AM Staff Mtg (L) 12:00 PM Sexual Harassment Policy Review (HH) 6:30 PM 9:30 Reh (S) 7:00 PM Finance (L) 7:00 PM Bells of Hope (104)</p> | <p>24 8:30 AM WOH Meeting (HH) 7:00 PM Sanctuary Choir (216)</p> | <p>25</p> | <p>26 9:30 AM Handbell Workshop (HH, 104) 1:00 PM YF Lost & Found Concert (Allentown)</p> |
| <p>27 Teacher Appreciation Christian Education Sunday 9:15 AM - 10:45 a.m. Library open 5:30 PM Hope Youth Bells (104) 6:30 PM KFC (HH) 6:30 PM YF SrHi (2,6)</p> | <p>28 1:30 PM Bloodmobile (HH)</p> | <p>29 9:00 AM Library Open</p> | <p>30 9:30 AM Staff Mtg (L) 6:30 PM 9:30 Reh (S) 7:00 PM Bells of Hope (104)</p> | <p>Community Events: Sundays— 6:00 p.m. Cub Den 1 (101) 6:00 p.m. Webelows (103) Tuesdays – 8:30 pm AA (FH) Thursdays – 6:00 pm AA (FH) 3rd Friday – 6:30 pm Pack 77 meetings (FH)</p> | | |



The Coming Glorious Church—Unity of the Faith

.... *Love and Faith are the two essentials of Christian life.*

The unity of the faith is the faith that works through love, is mentioned in Galatians 5:6. Love and faith are the two essentials of the Christian life.

Faith comes from the Word, specifically, “*a Word freshly spoken.*” Faith is what pleases God. It is active trust in Him as Abba [Daddy or Papa] Father. He alone is the source of such faith. It comes as the result of Him speaking to His peo-


ple. Unity of the faith means we will hear His voice together, and demonstrate great exploits. It is a lifestyle - as in having *unity in our ideas about faith.* The exploits of the present and coming revival will surpass all the accomplishments of the church in all history combined.

The church will receive a fresh revelation of Jesus, especially through the book of Revelation. That revelation will launch the church into a transformation unlike any experienced in a previous age. ***As we see Him, we become like Him!*** The coming increase in revelation of Jesus will be measurable through

new dimensions of worship - corporate throne room experiences.

Olympic athletes never get to the games by gifting alone. It’s the powerful combination of a gift brought to its full potential through discipline. That is the picture of the Church becoming a mature man. It is singular, meaning we all function together as one. All its members will work in perfect coordination and harmony, complementing each other’s function and gift, according to the directions given by the head. This was not a promise to be fulfilled in

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Lead a life
worthy of the calling ...
making every effort
to maintain the unity
of the **Spirit** in
the bond of **peace.**
Ephesians 4:1-3

Mount Hope Youth

Kick-Off Issue

September 2009

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Karl Babiak

Dan Vickers

FALL KICKOFF!!!

Sunday September 20th Mount Hope Youth and KFC will be having their annual Fall Kickoff to start the 2009-2010 year. The theme is “Wacky Sports” which comes from the joke: When was the first baseball game played? Answer: According to the Bible it was Genesis 1:1 “In the *Big Inning* God created the Heavens

and the Earth.” The evening will feature fun sport games and prizes as well as sports foods such as hot dogs, popcorn, peanuts, and a keg of birch beer.

Students will be asked to bring a plain white t-shirt to the event that will be painted with their teams insignia.

The evening will culminate with a time of

reflection as our Mount Hope Youth leaders will be presenting to our youth a skit that is relevant and challenging regarding pressures faced by today’s teens.

Please plan to attend and bring your friends to the fun filled, uplifting event. And pray for our Youth Group, leaders and teens that this year God and His word will impact them in a special way!

Youth Bible Studies

The “Fuzzie Slippers” girls, and the Boys “Muddy Boots” Bible Studies will begin in mid-October. Please watch for details concerning this important ministry. Returning will be Lynne Bigas and Linda Schmitt to lead the Girls study, and Karl Babiak and Dan Vickers with the boys.

September 2009

Schedule of Events

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 NO YF/KFC | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 No YF/KFC | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 Kickoff | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26Concert |
| 27YF/KFC | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | |
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September 6, 13th—No YF or KFC

September 20th—Fall Kick OFF Meet at the Bus Garage at 5pm.

September 26th—Lost and Found Concert in Allentown. Meet at the Bus Garage at 1pm.

September 27th—YF and KFC

MEET our New Youth Director

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce that Mount Hope Church member Cindy Babiak has joined our staff as Youth Director. This is a part-time position of approximately 20 hours per week. Cindy will be responsible for the direction of the youth ministry of Mount Hope. This includes the planning and coordination of weekly fellowship for KFC and Youth Fellowship for junior and senior high age students. She will also plan and coordinate the youth activities and programs for summer events and youth mission trips. We look forward to a Holy Spirit-led direction in our youth activities and programs.

Cindy has a real love for our youth here at Mount Hope, serving as a senior high youth leader for the past eight years and as a youth mission team leader for the past four years. She is a Registered Nurse, currently employed at Crozer-Chester Medical Center, working three twelve-hour shifts, which offers flexibility for her to handle another position. Her nursing background is a real plus for her in giving her special skills in recognizing and helping youth to work through stressful areas in their every day lives. To develop her expertise in youth ministry, Cindy will be taking course work in Youth Ministry at Eastern University. Her goal is to become a Local Pastor in the United Methodist Church.

Cindy and her husband Karl have three young adults in their family, Daniel, Joseph and Melissa. If you have not had the opportunity to meet Cindy and her family, please take time to greet and welcome her to the staff of Mount Hope Church.