

Word of Hope

MOUNT HOPE
United Methodist Church



Pastor McGill Writes. . .

Half Full or Half Empty

What are you expecting from God this summer?

“The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows).” John 10:10.

The attitude you embrace in life determines your level of success and wellbeing. If you are going to experience the abundant overflowing kind of life that Jesus talked about in John 10:10, you will need to adopt an attitude of overflow. And to have this type of attitude you must “... be made new in the attitude of your mind.” (Eph. 4:23 NIV).

Some people live life with the mentality that the glass is half empty rather

than half full. These people have a negative attitude about everything. They are always complaining about what is not right, what they don’t have, and how they will never have anything.

On the other hand, there is another group of people who always see the glass as half full. These people are thankful for what they have. And even though their cup may only be half full right now, they are expecting God to fill it up! They never dwell on the impossibilities, but on the limitless possibilities of God!

Attitude is what causes two people to hear the same sermon but come away with two different outlooks. One will be pumped up and ready to conquer anything, and the other will continue

to talk about life’s trials and why he or she can’t get ahead.

What’s attitude? It is your outlook, or the way you look at life. You can have an attitude for overflow and always expect more out of life. Or you can have a half-empty attitude that dwells on and talks about everything that has gone wrong and will continue to go wrong.

A half-empty attitude is really an attitude of unbelief. Instead of measuring your beliefs by the word of God, you are measuring them by your experiences in life—by what you can feel and see.

In James 1:17 (NKJV) we read: “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with Whom there is

Several trees in the cemetery will be pruned.

Pastor Phil and his family will be moved into the new associate parsonage. There are already a few projects underway at the new house.

The Trustees

Tidbits from Trustees

The replacement of the Chancel window is now complete. It’s clean and bright, and the deteriorating epoxy has been replaced.

The Trustees will be finishing a few projects over the summer.

A new ceiling will be

put in the organ pipe room behind the pulpit. Both pipe rooms will be painted.

The renovations to the platform where the choir pews were will be completed. Several sections of roofing above the Children’s Center and the pipe rooms will be repaired.

July and August
2007

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Special points of interest:

- ♦ **July 4th: Independence Day, office closed**
- ♦ **7th—15th: YF Mission trip**
- ♦ **8th: Communion, baptism**
- ♦ **9th: MHCC Summer Camp begins**
- ♦ **Wednesdays, July & August Devotional suppers**
- ♦ **20th—29th: EPaUMC Youth Mission trip**
- ♦ **August 5th: Communion; 4 pm: Church Picnic**
- ♦ **12th: Picnic rain date**
- ♦ **19th: Baptism**



WEDDINGS

Carah Beth McKenzie to Douglas Andrew Krech, June 9
Megan Ida Talley to Thomas Aaron Pflieger, on June 23

On June 30 *Alixandra Ward* was married to *Geoffrey Gaither* by the Rev. Kevin Readmon at Ridley Creek State Park.

DEATHS

James McClain, June 5
 Marjorie Rigby, June 7

IRA Legislation

Did You Know?

If you have an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) and are 70½ years or older, legislation passed in August 2006 can save you on your taxes even if you do not itemize deductions.

Qualified persons are allowed to transfer funds from their IRA tax-free and without penalty as long as the funds go directly to a qualifying charity (and Mount Hope UMC is a qualifying charity). This transfer can be used to satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) and can be any amount up to \$100,000. This legislation is currently in effect until December 31, 2007. For more information, contact Joe Owsley, Mount Hope UMC Treasurer, at 610-494-2054.

Noteable Notes

The "Make a 'NOTE'able Difference" campaign continues to raise funds for the new organ. It has been expanded to have three (3) manuals (keyboards) instead of two. The cost of the third manual is an ADDITIONAL \$60,000. We have already paid \$17,000 towards this from the money raised in the original "Make a

'NOTE'able Difference". This leaves approximately \$40,000 more to raise.

We need your help! One share is \$100. Dividing one share between friends makes the financial burden even less and spreads the joy of this project to a wider audience. If you can't give a WHOLE NOTE (\$100) at this time, consider a HALF NOTE (\$50) or a QUARTER NOTE

(\$25). Of course, you're more than welcome to give more than a whole note too!

Please consider your participation in this project prayerfully. If you have any questions, please speak to Dick Spitko (610.490-0521) or Sharon Kope (610.892-9607).

What's Happening?

Summer Worship

There is no change in the worship schedule at Mount Hope Church during the summer: 8:15 traditional, 9:30 contemporary (our high-energy family service) and 11:00 a.m. blend of traditional worship with praise music.

Sunday School also continues to meet at 9:30 a.m., though some of the children's classes are combined. Doing so enables our teachers to have a well-deserved break.

On Sunday, July 1, we'll take time to celebrate our heritage of independence with the presentation of the American and Chris-

tian flags by military personnel. We'll also offer prayer for our mission teams.

Sunday, July 8 will celebrate communion and baptism.

August brings communion on the 5th; be sure to return for the picnic at 4 pm. On August 12th we'll sing our favorite hymns. On the 19th we'll celebrate the sacrament of baptism.

So don't stay away just because it's summer—there's definitely a service here to suit everyone's worship preferences!

Wednesday Devotionals

Pastor Phil and Dr. Bill

Roe are teaching a study of the book of Romans, so if you are hungry for all around nourishment—good food and the word of God—plan to attend.

Give Pastor Phil a call for dinner information, then we'll see you in Habbersett Hall at 6 pm on Wednesday.

Missions

Do keep both of our mission teams in your prayers. The Mount Hope Youth Fellowship Mission Team will minister in Memphis TN and the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference Youth Mission Team in Gulfport, Mississippi.

Welcome to our New Members

Mount Hope Church is blessed to have the following individuals unite with the Church Family: Harold and Cathy Boyer, Linda Carmichael, Brian Crockett, Bridgette Denig,

Joseph and Michelle Daciw, Sean and Melissa Donovan, Jeanne Haynie, Joanne Johnston, Abby Lai, Robert and Donna Lofthouse, Patrick and Annette McCoy, Amy Mesick, Marilyn Nelson and

Jaclyn Schloegel.

Stop by the New Members Board in the Narthex to view their pictures and be sure to welcome them when you see them.

Vacation Bible School Thank You

VBS was held the week of June 18th. We had another successful year with 180 students and 80 volunteers heading to Avalanche

Ranch.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and talents and also to those who donated so many

yummy treat for our helpers.

Kathy Simonds and the Education Committee.



Children's Center News

"I am here with good news that will bring great joy to all of the people" Luke 2:10

I met with Garnet Valley and Penn Delco School Districts last month and I am assured that we are doing a great job preparing our children for Kindergarten. My youngest child is 16, and even I have a hard time believing how much our children are expected to know before they start school. Penn Delco's testing includes reading readiness (including alphabet recognition and beginning letter sounds), rhyming, and even math. Along with all of the three

R's (which I am told that the sequence is now writing, reading and arithmetic) we are teaching our children lessons about Jesus' Word. We are not daycare up here, we are giving the children a remarkable start to their education. Because of the support we receive from our Church, we are able to provide all of this for an average of \$4.25/hour during the school year, much cheaper than a "babysitter"!

We are getting ready to start our summer program and can not wait for "Christmas in July"! Along with our Bible lessons and stories, the children

will be enjoying crafts, cooking, science experiments, Spanish, computers, and snacks! This year we will add a "Handwriting without Tears" segment for our older students. Our program runs from July 9th through August 24th from 9:00AM until 12:00PM. We still have room in all of our weekly sessions except the last, which runs from August 20th through the 24th.

Hope you are having a wonderful summer, and that you take the time to come and see us or call 610-558-0442 for more information.

Kris Leary, Director



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no variation or shadow of turning."

If you have received Jesus as your Lord and Savior, God is your heavenly Father, and He is going to take care of you. He will meet all of your needs according to His riches in glory, not according to your own might or strength.

This verse in James and many others show us the character of God. However, without the right knowledge of God, we can't receive from Him or experience the overflow of His blessings. In other words, to receive from God generously, you have to know Him as One Who gives gener-

ously.

Psalm 145:16 says about God, "You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing" (NIV). To have faith and confidence in God, we have to know Who it is that we are dealing with. We have to see Him for Who He really is—a giver, and a generous giver at that!

All of us have been waiting for the summer season and vacation with anticipation. I am expecting and believing that this summer will bring for you a glass overflowing with God's generous blessing of spiritual, mental and physical refreshing from His generous

storehouse.

I am also believing that as the Mount Hope Church family we will be generous in our giving and faithful in our attendance to keep the many ministries and improvements to the church building moving forward this summer in a capacity of overflow! I look forward to this because we are a generous Church Family who have been blessed by our generous heavenly Father!!

I also look forward with you to a blessed summer knowing that with God, all things are possible!

Pastor McGill

"Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase. Just take the first step."

~ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
1929—1968

What's New In the Library

We have a fantastic new series in the library -- four books by Joel Rosenberg. Their advertising calls them "heart-pounding political thrillers with eerily prophetic overtones" and they are that and more. The first, *The Last Jihad* was actually written before 9/11, but takes us through events that bring back memories of that day. In addition to being a great read, there is lots of background information that

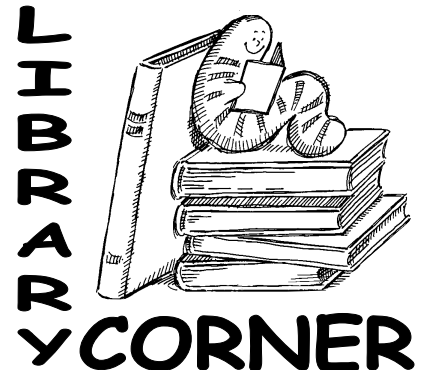
can help you make sense of the politics in the Middle East. The other books are *The Last Days*, *The Exzekiel Option*, and *The Copper Scroll* -- read them in order! There is also a non-fiction book by the same author, *Epicenter*, in which he explains how he interprets world events to come up with the stories he's written.

There are many new books in the children's section, too -- you don't have to spend the

summer re-reading the same old things!

We are making one change to our check-out procedure -- everything in the library can be borrowed for two weeks, including DVDs and videos. I hope this will make keeping track of what's due a little easier. Have a great summer!


Lynn Ward
Librarian





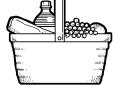
July 2007 Calendar of Events

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Teach me
your way
O LORD,
& I will
walk in
your truth...
Psalm 86:11

Evolution by Pastor Phil

Here is an illustration of an honest atheist. He says that he knows how foolish it is to believe in evolution; however he can not bring himself to the point of the other alternative, believing in God. This is a challenge to all of us when we are faced with Biblical truth vs. what we want to do. How often I have justified my wrong actions all the while knowing Biblical truth. My prayer is that all of us would be willing to obey God even in the difficult times.

Harvard's Nobel prize winning biologist Dr. George Wald opened a picture window of understanding into the great creation-evolution debate when he said:

"There are only two possible explanations as to how life arose: Spontaneous generation arising to evolution or a supernatural creative act of God...There is no other possibility. Spontaneous generation [a now discarded theory that living organisms can arise from nonlife matter] was scientifically disproved 120



years ago by Louis Pasteur and others, but that just leaves us with only one other possibility ...that life came as a supernatural act of creation by God, but I can't accept that philosophy because I do not want to believe in God. Therefore I choose to believe in that which I know is scientifically impossible, spontaneous generation leading to evolution."

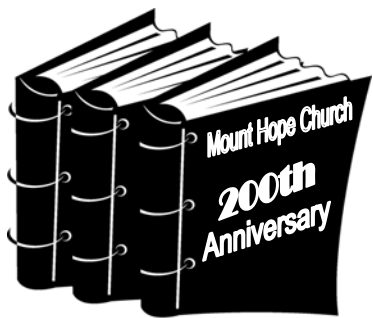
From "*Faith Training*" by Dr. Joe White, p, 243

MOUNT HOPE 200TH ANNIVERSARY

NEWSLETTER - July 2007

"200 YEARS OF HOPE"

We're working on an Anniversary Souvenir Book that will be given to each family at the end of this year. There is considerable expense so we are asking for your help by purchasing a space on a "patron page". A poster with ideas for patron page "ads" is on display in the Narthex.



Our Souvenir Book will contain several of these pages; the cost is minimal. Please review the poster and plan to participate. For information, call Jan Duryea at 610-361-8231.



Mark you calendars now and plan to come to the Mount Hope Church Family Picnic on Sunday, August 5th, from 4 to 8 pm. Bring your family for lots of fun, games, supper and vespers!

ALL food and beverages will be provided. DON'T MISS IT! Details in the Messenger & www.mthope.org.

REFLECTIONS... Interviews by Irma Taylor

Memories from Irametta Howard Hopkins. Irametta joined Mount Hope on April 21, 1935

I recall my father (Omer Howard) being the Sunday School Superintendent for many years and my sister (Iris) and I played the banjo and mandolin. Pastor Jeffrey was like an uncle to us and Rev. B.W. Shea was another family favorite, as well as Pastor Truax.

Jodie Young, Iramettas' daughter, helped her mother recall some of the stories and told about her father., Bill Hopkins fixing many things at the Church and felt it was his job to keep the Cross in the tower in good condition because it was used by the Philadelphia Airport as a beacon. One winter night during an ice storm, Judie held the ladder for him to climb up on the slate roof to fix it. The airport had called to tell us the light was out.

Bill shoveled the Church parking lot after a snow storm because he did not believe in canceling services.

Jodie was 13 when she got Bill to paint the old coal bin in the basement, which she used for her first Sunday School class. It took a lot of persuading to get Mr. Habbersett to allow them to do it.

More "Reflections" on the next page

Memories from Judy King Conner. Judy joined Mount Hope on April 1, 1945

I remember the beauty of the old church with its dark wood and such a cozy feeling with all the beautiful windows and how the doors behind the altar went down to the basement to form one large room between the Church and classrooms.

The big turkey dinners the older ladies worked on all day down in the basement and then the teenagers came from school to help serve. Miriam (McKinley) Butt and I used to come from West Chester to help serve.

All the teachers I have had who taught us so much starting with Mrs. Josh Habberset, Sally Wright, Mrs. Bergey, Beryl Patterson and now Liz Anderson.

“TidBits From Our Past”Continued from the June issue

Late 1960's – Sunday School enrollment was at 1080 in 1967. Sunday School buses were used as classrooms.

February 3, 1964 – quarterly conference authorized the formation of a building committee. Fred Dury, Jr. was named chairman.

September 1964 – Reverend Eppehimer challenged the congregation to pay the remaining mortgage on the sanctuary.

January 3, 1965 – mortgage was burned.

September 25, 1966 – congregation voted to approve the plans for the new education building.

February 2, 1967 – Carl Bergsten of the Board of Missions Finance Department inaugurated the \$500,000 finance campaign.

May 12, 1968 – ground breaking for the new education building. Main part of the church erected in 1896 was razed. The bell tower and portions of the front and side walls were left intact.

April 27, 1969 – cornerstone laid for education building.

During construction of the education building, Sunday School classes were held in homes throughout the township as well as the buses. Vacation Bible School was held in the bus garage, the parsonage and in the Chester Heights Camp Meeting grounds. The men's class met in an old trackless trolley.