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“Changed, Enriched & Engaged”
Mission Statement -- Lehman Memorial United Methodist Church

“Your Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet” Psalm 119

In my discussion of the Word of God, I must make you aware that to the Bible the word of God is alive, active--a living guidance in our life! That is because the word of God is not locked in pages of a book but revealed in the life of Jesus and those who follow him in faith. In fact, John, at the end of his Gospel, tells us that his own Gospel couldn't contain everything the true word of God wants to express to us!

To the author of the Gospel of John the question to ask is not **“What is the Word of God?”** but **“Who is the Word of God?”** The “Who”, of course, to John and also to us 2,000 years later, is Jesus: **“The Word made flesh.”**

It is nothing less than shocking as to how those early Christians began to view their scriptures—they were inspired, to be sure—but they were also radically changed from a people of a Book to a people of the Word, the Way, the Truth and the Life! Those early followers of Jesus in amazing ways decided God had acted in such a new way that the old way of reading and following the Bible needed to be completely changed!

Because of Jesus, **What** was unclean such as food, types of clothing or certain animals and customs was no longer found in outward things but what came out of your life as is taught in Leviticus.

Because of Jesus, **Who** was unclean were not the sinners or the lost but the self-righteous and judgmental, the bigoted, the violent. To whom much was given, much would be required!

Because of Jesus, the **When** of holiness was changed not to a certain day or even a certain feast but to any day lived in the presence of God, lived in the mercy of God, lived extending the forgiveness of Jesus to all.

Because of Jesus, the **Language** of our faith changed from law, unclean, abomination, judgment, death to Spirit...to grace, mercy, love, joy, peace, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control.

Because of Jesus, the **Focus** of our life has changed. It is not to be upon the differences of the human race but the One God and Father/Mother of us all! We are not focused on making our religion the most important thing and our denomination a success but on the love and care of the world and its peoples!

As we approach this Christmas I hope we fall in love once again with the true **Word of God** that is Jesus Emmanuel, God with us, the Savior of the World, the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world, the Living Vine, the Good Shepherd, the Living Bread, the Water that quenches all inner thirsts, The Resurrected Ever-Living One!

Grace, Peace and Merry Christmas,
Pastor Tom



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Lehman Memorial United Methodist Church

December 2009

Tuesday, December 1

- 9:30 am Tuesday Card Club, FH
- 10:00 am Bible Study, Library
- 5:00 pm Staff Meeting, Annex
- 7:00 pm UMW Dessert Buffet and Party, FH

Wednesday, December 2

- 7:00 pm Combined Band and Vocal Rehearsal
- 7:30 pm Staff Parish Committee, Library
- 7:45 pm Combined Rehearsal- All Groups
- 8:00 pm Lehman Ringers

Thursday, December 3

- 8:00 am Men's Breakfast
- 10:00 am Contagious Joy Bible Study, Library
- 6:15 pm Carol Choir
- 6:15 pm Orff and Chime Ensemble
- 7:15 pm Chapel Choir
- 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

Friday, December 4

Saturday, December 5

- 4:00 pm Troop 81, FH

Sunday, December 6 2nd Sunday of Advent

- 8:15 am Worship Service
- 9:30 am Sunday school
- 9:30 am Cross Connection Worship Service
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 12:15 pm Baptism Instruction
- 12:30 pm Disciple Singers Rehearsal
- 3:00 pm "Night of Hope"- All Groups
- 6:00 pm Youth Bells
- 7:00 pm Youth Group

Monday, December 7

- 7:30 pm Outreach Ministry, Library
- 7:30 pm Boy Scouts, FH
- 8:00 pm Cub Pack 17 Committee, Annex

Tuesday, December 8

- 10:30 am Faith Circle – Mary Lou Frain
- 10:30 am Tabitha Circle – Alberta Jacobs
- 11:30 am Mary-Martha Circle – Silvestri's
- 6:30 pm Eunice Circle, Annex – Covered Dish
- 6:30 pm Yorkshire Green Board Mtg., Annex
- 7:00 pm Commission on Children & Youth Educ.

Wednesday, December 9

- 11:30 am Anna Circle – Lunch Out
- 11:00 am Sarah Circle –Irmgard Gravel's for lunch
- 7:00 pm "Night of Hope" – All groups
- 7:30 pm Finance Committee, Library
- 8:00 pm Lehman Ringers

Thursday, December 10

- 8:00 am Men's Breakfast
- 10:00 am Contagious Joy Bible Study & Luncheon
- 6:15 pm Combined Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 6:15 pm Orff and Chime Ensemble
- 6:30 pm Lehman Creations, Salvation Cinema
- 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 11

- Dinner and a Show Set-up

Saturday, December 12

- 9:00 am Dress Rehearsal – "Night of Hope"
- 10:00 am Grief Support Group, Library
- 6:00 pm Cross Connection Buffet Dinner, FH
- 7:00 pm Christmas Showcase, Sanctuary
- 7:30 pm "Night of Hope" Production

Sunday, December 13 3rd Sunday of Advent

- 8:15 am Worship Service
- 11:00 am Cross Connection
"Night of Hope" Christmas Musical
- 12:30 pm Lunch for Cross Connection Group
- 4:00 pm Cross Connection
"Night of Hope" Christmas Musical

Monday, December 14

- 7:30 pm Boy Scouts, FH
- 7:30 pm Susanna Wesley Circle, Beverly Felix
- 7:30 pm Property Committee

Tuesday, December 15

- 9:30 am Tuesday Card Club, FH
- 10:00:am Bible Study, Library

Wednesday, December 16

- 7:00 pm Trustees, Library

Thursday, December 17

- 8:00 am Men's Breakfast, FH
- 10:00 am **NO** Contagious Joy
- 6:15 pm Carol Choir
- 6:15 pm Orff and Chime Ensemble
- 7:00 pm Chapel Choir
- 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

Friday, December 18

Saturday December 19

- 10:00 am Combined Cross Connection Rehearsal
- 10:00 am Grief Support Group, Library
- 11:00 am Latino Ministry Christmas Luncheon, FH

Sunday, December 20 4th Sunday of Advent

- 8:15 am Worship Service
- 9:30 am Cross Connection Worship
- 9:30 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Worship Service
- 12:15 pm Disciple Singers

Monday, December 21

- 7:30 pm Boy Scouts, FH

Tuesday, December 22

Wednesday, December 23

Thursday, December 24 Christmas Eve
OFFICE CLOSSES AT NOON

12:00 pm Worship Service with Communion
12:00 pm Birthday Party for Jesus – 4 years thru 5th grade
6:00 pm Candlelight Family Worship Service
Featuring our Children's Choirs
8:00 pm Cross Connection Contemporary Service
10:00 pm Traditional Candlelight Worship Service with Communion

Friday, December 25
CHRISTMAS DAY

Saturday, December 26

Sunday, December 27
11:00 am Worship Service

Monday, December 28
7:30 pm Boy Scouts, FH

Tuesday, December 29

Wednesday, December 30

Thursday, December 31 New Year's Eve
12:00 pm Worship Service



Member News



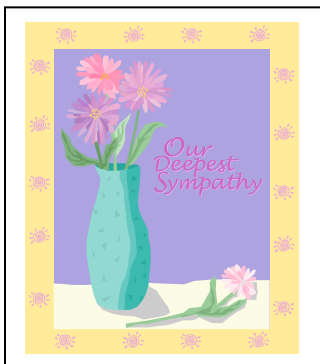
Baptism Baptized on November 15, 2009

Christopher John Ambrose, born on April 22, 2009 to John and Tina Ambrose.

Saylor Morgan Pepper, born on July 1, 2009 to Steven Pepper and Tammy Adams.

Mackenzie Logan Readman, born on September 3, 2009 to Keith and Jennifer Readman.

Lily Jayne Walker, born on August 14, 2009 to Tim and Mindy Walker.



The family of John Shurer who was called home to Our Lord on October 23, 2009.

The family of Dolores Alker who was called home to Our Lord on October 29, 2009.

The family of Paul Cimillo who was called home to Our Lord on November 13, 2009.



*Homebound Member
of the Month*

Each month one of our home members is selected as home member of the month.

This gives us the opportunity to send them a card.

They miss attending church and need our love and support. You do not need to know them to send them greetings.

December Home Member

Mary Ellen Maurer
261 Countryside Circle
New Hope, PA 18938

Her birthday is January 9



Worship Schedule

Sermons for December		
"Christmas Lists From God's people"		
Dec 6th	"Malachi's Christmas List for God's People"	Malachi 3: 1-4
December 13th	"John The Baptist's Christmas List for the Bad"	Luke 3: 7-18
December 20th	"Mary's Christmas List For the World"	Luke 1: 39-55
Dec 27th	"What Do We Do with These Gifts?"	Colossians 3: 12-17

<u>Name</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Leader</u>
SUSANNA WESLEY	2 nd Monday 7:30 pm	Beverly Lawless
FAITH	2 nd Tuesday 10:30 am	Judy Selsor
MARY MARTHA	2 nd Tuesday 10:30 am	Marion Heckler
TABITHA	2 nd Tuesday 10:30 am	Alberta Jacobs
EUNICE	2 nd Tuesday 7:30 pm	Carol Meyer
SARAH	2 nd Wed. 10:30 am	Helen Chaney
ANNA	2 nd Wed. 10:30 am/7:30 pm	Sara Vollmar

Women's Circles

This month

Susanna Wesley	Monday, December 14	7:30 hosted by Beverly Felix
Faith	Tuesday, December 8	10:30 hosted by Mary Lou Frain
Mary Martha	Tuesday, December 8	11:30 at Silvestri's
Tabitha	Tuesday, December 8	10:30 hosted by Alberta Jacobs
Eunice	Tuesday, Dec. 9th at 6:30 PM at church in the Fellowship Hall for our Christmas Covered Dish and program. Please contact Carol Meyer at 215-675-3140 by Sunday, December 6 th with what you are bringing.	
Sarah	Wednesday, December 9	11:00 at Irmgard Gravel's for lunch
Anna	Wednesday, December 9 - Luncheon out	



United Methodist Women Christmas Party & Dessert Buffet will be held on Tuesday, December 1st at 7:00 PM in Fellowship Hall. All women are invited. Please bring your favorite Holiday dessert to share. Beverages will be provided. We will be caroling and celebrating the birth of Christ.

United Methodist Women Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 2nd at 7:00 PM in the Library.



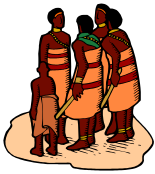
Hoagies for Henderson will be on sale after each service on Sunday, December 6th.

Discipling Commission's next meeting will be in January. Time and location to be announced.

Lehman Creations will be meeting on Thursday, Dec. 10th at 6:30 PM in downstairs in Salvation Cinema. We are still looking for people who would like to knit, crochet or sew at home. Methodist Hospital needs baby sweaters/caps/booties/blankets, Veterans Hospitals need lap robes and full afghans, and we have several sewing projects for Abington Hospital. Please call Georgi Bernard @ 215-659-1010 with any questions. We are also collecting baby food jars. No meeting on December 24th – Have a Blessed Christmas.

On Monday, January 18th, (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) and Monday, February 15th, (President's Day), Lehman Creations will be holding their "Sewvrice" Days from 9:00 Am until 3:30ish PM. Please bring a bagged lunch; beverages will be provided. Come and go as you must. We will be working on all kinds of projects, including: tying of fleece blankets, rag quilts, pillow cases for cancer patients, walker caddy bags, medical dolls, and many other projects. No experience is necessary - just a willingness to come work and have a wonderful time. If you have scissors, please bring them. We will need some "sergers". Any questions, please call Georgi Bernard (215-659-1010), Betty Leeds (215-672-5349) or Phyllis Carter (215-672-5195).

Mission Trip To Kenya



Pastor Tom and Jo Hovis will be traveling with four others to participate in a mission trip to the Christians in Kenya. Pastor Tom will be teaching local pastors and Jo Hovis will be working with the children and women in the school and helping with health clinics. The state department still does not advise Americans to go to Kenya so please keep Jo and Tom in your prayers. We expect to be very safe surrounded by the Christian community the whole time we are there. There will be a dinner held on January 23rd to help raise funds for the trip.



Please take Note!
Baptism Date Changed For February

The tradition at Lehman is to have baptisms the third Sunday of each month. This February the season of Lent begins on the third Sunday. Because Lent begins with such solemn themes, I felt it would be more appropriate to share the joy of baptism on the second Sunday of February--February 14 which is Valentine's day. What a beautiful day to celebrate the fruit of a couple's love! I will be in Kenya on a mission trip but Pastor Nancy will perform the baptisms in my absence. --Pastor Tom



Lehman Cookbooks - If you need one, please see Betty Leeds or Georgi Bernard. Cost is still \$10.00 which benefits the Henderson Mission Team.

Need a Pollyanna, stocking stuffer or Hostess gift? Baked Potato Bags @ \$5.00 or a Lehman Cookbook at \$10.00 are excellent gifts and will support the Henderson Mission Team. We have a supply at the church, please see Betty Leeds or Georgi Bernard.

Outreach Committee

Are you looking for a way to become involved at church? Looking for a way to help others? Looking for a way to meet new people? Maybe the Outreach Committee is right for you! We are growing in our ministries and therefore in our need of members and volunteers. The Outreach Committee takes care of the Food Pantry, Personal Pantry, Not Home Alone Thanksgiving Dinner, Angel Tree, Mission Support, and Christian Education Mission opportunities. We meet the first Monday evening of each month where we share ideas and coordinate projects. We also use this time to work on the food pantry and other projects. If you would like more information or have an idea to share, please contact any member of the Outreach Committee: Phyllis Carter (chair), Betty Leeds, Georgi Bernard, Sandra Young, Diann Ward, Marion Heckler, Betsy Preston, Barbara Kropp, Susan Katano, and Emkje Stanwick (sorry if anybody was missed).



CHECK IT OUT!

We now have beautiful new room signs in the children's Sunday school department. We thank Charnelle McLay for designing them and Evelyn Fetterman for doing all of the sewing. Come downstairs and check it out.

NEW MISSION PROJECT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Pastor Tom and Jo Hovis will be traveling to Kenya in February to do mission work. They will be working with an organization called Acts 6. One of the ongoing projects that this organization focuses on is trying to make sure that the children in Kenya get an education. They are in need of some basic items that we take for granted. From now through January 11th we will be collecting traditional blue ink pens and marble composition books that will be sent to Kenya to help with this endeavor. Please place these items on the mission table at the bottom of the steps. Thank you for your support of this and all of our mission projects.



CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE AT CAMP INNABAH
712 Pughtown Rd.,
Spring City, PA.
December 5, 2009, 2-5 pm
(snow date Dec 6th)
Cost 5:00 a person
Crafts, appetizers, cookie decorating,
Candy cane hunt, tree trimming
For more information call
610-469-6111

*****ATTENTION PARENTS*****

If any health concerns for your child arise or change during the year, please contact Joanne in the church office so that we can keep our records updated. This is especially important when concerning food allergies.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL - DON'T FORGET!

Tom Bare will be our guest teacher in the month of December. His topics will be:
Dec. 6 - "What is a Christian Patriot?"
Dec. 13 - "How We Got the Bible"
Dec. 20 - "What the Bible is All About"

ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, WE WILL BE HAVING A TREAT OF COOKIES AND HOT COCOA DURING OUR ROTATION LESSON. IF YOU CAN DONATE COOKIES, PLEASE CONTACT SUE HAUGH OR MARYANNE GASSER



WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Special thanks to the following people who worked hard on these special projects:
TRUNK OR TREAT- Adrienne Fletcher, Jennifer Diffley

ADVENT WORKSHOP- Kate Kirsch, Tammy DeLuca, Kay Campeau, Janel Leitner, Jennifer Diffley, Christie Traub, and Mindy Walker.

Thank you also, to Garry Pfeil and Doug Pfeil for reorganizing the "Keys to the Kingdom" computer room.

THERE IS NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR SPIRIT CLUB ON DECEMBER 27, 2009



"Journey To Bethlehem"

December 24th during the noon service.

All children are invited

(Children under 4 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.)

We will begin our journey in fellowship hall. Our tour guides will then lead us to Bethlehem in search of baby Jesus. Along the way we will see some of the sights, hear the sounds, and meet some of the characters who were there on that first Christmas. We will conclude our journey back in fellowship hall with a party as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Please bring a non perishable food item for the food pantry as a birthday gift to Jesus. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help, please contact Sue Haugh.

LEHMAN YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

We had a couple of big events in October: Friday night, October 23rd saw us at Shady Brook Farms for the Haunted Hayride; we were fortunate with the rain holding off until our drive home. We got a little wet, but we also had a great time with some of our youth even getting up for some "Scareioke"; they did a rendition of a Jonas Brothers song (guess who was leading that group?). The following week we had our second annual Trick or Treat Lock-In and even though we only got to get in a little trick or treating (because of the rain) we still had a great lock-in.



Coming up in December is our Christmas party with Aldersgate, Tournament of Games, Lehman's presentation of "Night of Hope", and hopefully a lot of family time during the Holidays. January 8th we are heading down to Ocean City Maryland for the 2010 OC Youth Rally with this year's event being billed as "Pyromaniac", but don't worry, there will be no "fire making" training--rather it centers around being on fire for Christ. Please keep us in your prayers always, but especially January 8th - 10th as we travel to Ocean City, Maryland and back.

We wish you all a very warm Christmas season filled with Peace, Love, Joy and Purpose!

With Love and Peace,

Harry and Joyce Barnhurst

LYM December 2009 Schedule

- December 5th :** Aldersgate Christmas Party: 11am - 1pm  **Service Alert**
(meet at the Church at 10:30am)
- December 6th :** Tournament of Games 7pm - 8:30pm
- December 12th:** Cross Connection "Dinner and a Show"
"A Night of Hope" Volunteer Opportunities:  **Service Alert**
- December 13th:** Cross Connection Christmas Program. Show times: 11am and 4pm
- December 20th :** Youth Group 7pm - 8:30pm "The Birth of Our Savior"
- December 28th: and January 3rd** Family Time--NO YOUTH GROUP.

**January 8th – 10th OC Rally, Ocean City Md. **
Leaving Church January 8th promptly at 4pm.****



Any questions contact Harry / Joyce Barnhurst 215.672.7665 or barnhurst@verizon.net

**Bring youth in to connect, grow and celebrate;
send youth out to share and serve.**

The First Christmas

(as told by the 4 year old class)

A long, long time ago Jesus came. Mary and Joseph were his parents. He was born in a stable because there were no hospitals. The shepherds came. Three Wise Men came to visit him. They brought presents - a train, "animals", a donkey, sheep and a camel. They brought trophies, horses and big hands with the number "1" on them.

The End



Lehman Christian Preschool December 2009

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! The downstairs and all our classrooms are ready for this spectacular holiday. The four year olds will explore their senses as we show them how the Christmas season is the perfect season to taste, touch, smell, see and hear all the wonderful aspects of this holiday! The three year olds will "journey to Bethlehem" and find a surprise waiting for them in the manger. The two year olds will read stories and sing songs that help them to understand that Christmas is actually a very special day for a very special baby!

Each of the classrooms will also have a visit from Santa during their classroom Christmas party. Our Annual Christmas Show that our four years do will be held on December 18th at 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary. Please feel free to come out and join us for some holiday fun. The preschool will also be collecting toys during December for children at St. Christopher's Hospital. The toys will be distributed to those children who enter the hospital during the holiday season. The preschool children learn how great it feels to give to others.

As 2009 comes to an end we would just like to thank everyone who has helped to make our preschool what it is today! The preschool offers a safe Christian environment where children can come and play, learn, love & worship in a safe and trusting environment. We look forward to the New Year and all the new promises that it holds. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year. God Bless!

Worth Quoting: "The Phillies won and they're going to the Serious World!"

Dylan (age 3)

Outreach Mission Statement:

We will work hard to share God's love with local and global communities ~ through mission, outreach and education.

***The Joy of Giving to Others!***

Another Lehman tradition is in full swing! Our congregation has always been very generous in helping to provide Christmas for local families in need. If you're not familiar with how things go – here's how it works: go to Fellowship Hall after any service and look for the tree filled with angels, pick an angel – it will be marked with boy/girl and an age, a member of the Outreach Committee will give you all the information regarding your “angel” including their wish list, and then you get to shop!

All gifts need to be turned into the office by December 13th. It is very important that they are unwrapped and in a sturdy gift bag marked with your angel's number.

Some angel tree hints:

You do not have to provide everything on the list – you can let us know that you will only be buying certain items and we will essentially split that angel.

If you don't like to shop – you can always make a donation to this project by providing cash or store gift cards.

We welcome anything that might be considered stocking stuffers including crayons, coloring books, socks, perfume, Chapstick, mittens, candy, batteries or small toys. Many of these items can be purchased at the dollar store and are used to fill in our gift bags.

This year we are also asking for wrapping paper, tissue paper, gift bags & bows because some parents like to wrap the gifts for Christmas morning.

Rummage Sale Update

Another successful sale has come and gone and we are thrilled to announce we made almost \$5000! THANK YOU to all who donated and participated! Our special table honoring Chris Swanson & Ruth Spalding made over \$100, which was donated to the American Cancer Society. The Rummage Sale Committee also chose to donate money to the Love Fund in their honor. Proceeds have been used to purchase new folding chairs and fund other church projects. Items from the sale were also donated to local animal shelters, Wayne Hall, Neighborhood Services, and the Christian Education Department. Books from the sale were donated to the Sunday school mission project supporting literacy for Native Americans and to our own church library. Local organizations such as NGA and the Latino League were able to find many things to help their members as well. We were also thrilled to be able to sell the “outdated” computer equipment from Keys to the Kingdom ~ recycling at its finest! Some \$ has been put into reserves for emergency situations and mission trips. Thanks again to all of wonderful volunteers!

WE WANT TO HELP

Do you know a family that may benefit from one of our ministries? Maybe we could add their children to our Angel Tree or supply items from our Food Pantry. Please give the pastors or any member of the Outreach Committee the information – it will be kept in confidence. LET US HELP!

LEHMAN FOOD & PERSONAL PANTRY

Our generous congregation has been keeping our food pantry stocked well BUT we are always in need of what we call our standards: tuna, peanut butter, canned fruit, canned vegetables, soups and cereals. The personal pantry is also going well and we have been able to help several families with cleaning and bathing supplies. If you would like to donate items to the personal pantry, they can be left on the Care & Share table in the narthex just like food donations. At this time, we are in need of diapers, wipes, and tampons. Please remember that cash and gift card donations are always appreciated too ~ we use them to purchase perishable and emergency supplies.

United Methodist Women and Outreach Commission are still collecting the following items:

- ACME Tapes – UMW Mission Budget. **These tapes are needed down to and including the total. Please cut off everything after the total; it's not needed.**
- Soda tabs for Kidney Dialysis patients – go to Ronald McDonald House
- Used stamps and postcards – go to Methodist Hospital
- Used cell phones – go to Secure the Call Foundation
- Campbell Soup and other product UPC Codes – Henderson Settlement
- Food, Paper Goods & Personal Items – Lehman Food Pantry, BuxMont, Frankford Ministries
- Size 1 diapers to Lakeside Pregnancy Center

It only takes a few minutes to “save” some of these items but they make a huge difference in another’s life...don’t forget to continue or start at any time. And, before you dispose of some bigger items – furniture, baby items – please call – we may know of someone who will have a home for them. Please leave the smaller items at the Care & Share table. Thanks for all your help.



Prayer Shawl & Prayer Blanket Ministry – Pastor Nancy has reported that she is receiving prayer shawls. These can be knit or crochet – they should be 18” to 22” wide and be about 68” to 72” long of washable and dryable materials. Any scarf or afghan pattern can be altered for this size. Please remember while making them, we are praying for the person that will receive it. Please attach a small note or card for the person who will receive it and give directly to Pastor Nancy. Patterns are available in Fellowship Hall. We also have had a request from Methodist Hospital for prayer shawls.

The 2010 dates for the Henderson Mission Trip are July 11th through the 17th. If you are interested in going, please talk with Betty Leeds or Georgi Bernard. Sign-ups will be held on Sunday, January 10th.

From the Congregation:

“I want to give my thanks to the pastors and all who came to visit my husband, John, while he was in the hospital. Thank you for the love and comfort shown to me by your prayers, cards and visits. Thank you to Pastor Nancy for the wonderful Memorial Service performed and the delicious luncheon prepared by the Contagious Joy women of the church. May God bless you.” --**Ginger Shurer and Family**



Reading the Bible Again for the First Time

How can I read the Bible again - for the first time? This is what Marcus Borg, author of the book, challenges us to do in a 10-week study of Scripture that will begin on January 10th at 10:45 AM. Borg traces his personal spiritual journey, describing for us how he moved from a child-like belief in the stories of the Bible to a powerful and dynamic relationship with the Bible as a sacred text, brimming with meaning and guidance. This study will lead you on an adventure unlike any other - to engage the Bible, wrestle with its meaning, explore its mysteries, and understand its relevance. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lois Beck at lois.r.beck@comcast.net.

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a night of HOPE



A Multimedia Christmas Worship Experience

Saturday, **DECEMBER 12th, 7:30pm**
Sunday, **DECEMBER 13th, 11am & 4pm**

Free Admission • Everyone Invited

Gourmet Dinner Buffet, **DEC. 12th, 6pm**
Call 215-675-2110 For Dinner Tickets or More Information.

Restore Your Hope This Christmas.

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Have you ever really struggled in your life? Have you ever felt like life has turned against you? Have you ever given up hope?

We cordially invite you to “A Night of Hope,” our 2009 Christmas Worship Experience. This exciting multimedia worship program is sure to help bring our hearts back to the focus of Christmas: the hope that the birth of Jesus Christ brings and love through the stories of one another.

This special seasonal worship celebration takes place on Saturday, December 12 at 7:30 PM and again on Sunday, December 13 at 11:00AM and 4:00PM. The production features over 90 servants in our worship team, praise choir, carol choir, chapel choir, orchestra combo, and technical team.

If you are looking for a complete night on the town, join us Saturday night for “Dinner and a Show!” This gourmet buffet features delectable entrée’s, side dishes and desserts making for a perfect night out. Tickets for the dinner are \$15 for adults, \$7 for children under 13 and free for children under 5. You can purchase tickets for the dinner by calling Beverly in our church office at 215-675-2110.

We hope that you’ll take time to join us for this exciting worship opportunity. This year, stop and re-discover the hope that Christ gives us during this blessed holiday season. Even through the trials of job loss, death, personal struggles, depression, diseases, whatever life puts forth, Jesus gives us hope that we can live again.

See You There!

--Jared

LAMPLIGHTER DEADLINE

All submissions should be placed in the Lamplighter box in the main office, or sent electronically to lissj@comcast.net by the 12th of each month for the following month's Lamplighter. (For example, December 12th for January). If your submission is not received by the 12th, there is a chance that your item will not appear in the following edition due to space and time requirements. Thank you for your cooperation!



We'd like to produce an email directory of church members. If you'd like to be a part of the directory, please send your name and email address to lissj@comcast.net

Please send this information even if you think the church (via your circle or other groups you may belong to) has your email address. Thank you!

If you would like to save the church money, save paper and the environment and receive your Lamplighter via email, please send your request to: lissj@comcast.net

If you have moved or changed your phone number, please call the Church office at 215-675-2110 so we can update our records!

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LEADERSHIP TEAM

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Director of Christian Education
Pastor of Latino Ministries
Parish Nurse
Youth Directors
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