

Fellowship Report



From the Pastor

Traditions in Question

? What if Vacation Bible School 2011 ?
actually looked like us
instead of “Any Church” UMC?



And **what if** Our Summer Program:

- ◇ Fit the demographics and profile of our church
- ◇ Had programming spread out over the whole summer
- ◇ Was inclusive and allowed *all* members to participate
- ◇ Was freed from the usual one-week VBS “sprint”
- ◇ Opened the door for building new relationships
- ◇ Focused on the long-term and our church’s future



Our goals:

- 1. To Make Disciples for Christ**
- 2. Deeper church family relationships**
- 3. Building new relationships with our community**
- 4. Making room in our congregation for new people**

and **what if** there were ministries for adults *and* children:

- ◇ Park nature walks
- ◇ Playground Bible Fun
- ◇ Summer Easter Egg Hunt
- ◇ Storytelling
- ◇ Music and movies
- ◇ Quilting
- ◇ Liturgical Dance
- ◇ Sanctuary Prayer
- ◇ Adult Bible Study
- ◇ Adult Prayer and Witness
- ◇ Coffee Klatch hang out

and **what if VBS** lasted all summer long so that everyone got a chance to participate and contribute ?

And so that our neighbors have more opportunities to informally meet us ?

Stay tuned!

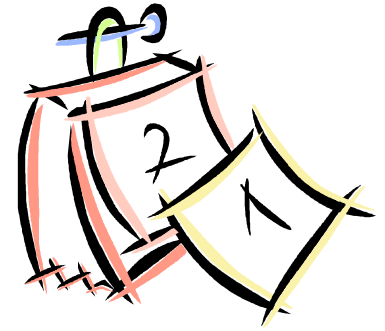
- Pastor Joyce

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Upcoming Events

at Valley Forge United Methodist Church



- February 2 Bible Study (Scottie DeMartinis) 7:30 p.m.
- February 3 Sanctuary Choir Practice, 6:30 p.m.
- February 6 Sunday School, 9 a.m., Fellowship, 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.
- February 9 Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.
- February 10 Sanctuary Choir Practice, 6:30 p.m.
Bell Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m.
- February 13 Sunday School, 9 a.m., Fellowship, 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.
UMW Valentine Tea and Luncheon, noon
- February 16 Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.
- February 17 Sanctuary Choir Practice, 6:30 p.m.
Bell Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m.
- February 19 Men's Group Meeting, 9 a.m.
- February 20 Sunday School, 9 a.m., Fellowship, 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship, 10:30 p.m.
Fellowship/Hospitality Committee, 11:45 a.m.
- February 23 Bible Study, 7:30 p.m.
- February 24 Sanctuary Choir Practice, 6:30 p.m.
Bell Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m.
- February 27 Sunday School, 9 a.m., Fellowship, 10 a.m.
Sunday Worship, 10:30 p.m.
Mission/Outreach Committee, 11:45 a.m.
- February 28 Administrative Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

For any of you wanting to send cards to
Sondra Thomson,
 following is her address:
1056 Balfour Circle
Phoenixville, PA 19460
 Please call before you visit at
610-933-0667.



February Lectionary

February 6—Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany

Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12) Psalm 112:1-10
 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16) Matthew 5:13-20

February 13—Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 119:1-8
 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Matthew 5:21-37

February 20—Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 Psalm 119:33-40
 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23 Matthew 5:38-48

February 27—Eighth Sunday After the Epiphany

Isaiah 49:8-16A Psalm 131 or Psalm 62:5-12
 1 Corinthians 4:1-5 Matthew 6:24-34

UMW at Valley Forge UMC

Our **Valentine English-Country Tea and Luncheon** will be held on **Sunday, February 13**. A variety of teas will be served along with lunch. Reservations are required for the Tea. The cost is \$25 (includes gratuity) and \$19 for children. We need "the count" ten days before the event, so call by February 3 if you are interested.

If you have questions about the Tea, please contact **Patty Davis at 610-917-3363**.

On **March 9th** we will meet at the **G Lodge for breakfast**. Hope to see you then.



Missions and Outreach:

Please continue to pray for our **Mission Team** going to **Haiti** this coming weekend (February 5): **Liz, Michelle and Richard**.

Thanks to all who have donated items to PACS. We will be continuing to help PACS because the need is ongoing. Some suggestions for what you can pick up at the store are tuna, soups, juices, Chef-Boy-R-Dee items, jelly, macaroni and cheese, apple sauce, canned fruit, just to name a few. Supermarkets have many of these items on sale from time to time and that's a good opportunity to pick up an extra item or two to help someone less fortunate. All donations are appreciated.

Fundraiser for PACS in early April; **Jerry Blavett**-well-known DJ is the host. More information to follow.

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Note from the Pastor

I want to extend a joyous and heartfelt

<<<<< Thank You!!! >>>>>

to our **entire church family** for making the 2010 Christmas Eve at Valley Forge United Methodist Church delightful, meaningful and memorable. We proved that Valley Forge is fully aware that Jesus is the reason for the season!

So many of you worked tirelessly and so creatively to transform the shed, the fellowship hall space, the sanctuary, and the parking lot for a grand celebration. And it was grand! Everyone's contribution made a difference.

I want to express my personal gratitude to the children and youth, and all those who captured the vision and literally ran with it for all three Christmas Eve events.

I am still hearing rave reviews from members, friends and guests about their unforgettably illuminating experiences that evening. So again, keep doing what you do in praise and glory to the honor of God, because He is ever so worthy!

Pastor Joyce

"I want to grow as a Christian disciple, but I need some guidance."

If you have recently felt this way, the

LAITY RETREAT

is an opportunity for you to explore new ways of sharing God's grace. This "Spirituality in Transition" event will be held in our very own neighborhood at the **National Christian Conference Center** on Friday and Saturday, February 11-12.

What could be more convenient?

Please contact the church office at **610-783-7888** for registration details.

Lovye Oesterlin contacted us just this week to let us know that her friend

Leroy Brown

passed away on January 31.

There will be a memorial service

for Mr. Brown at the

Wayne Presbyterian Church,

125 Lancaster Avenue

at 1:30 p.m. on February 12, 2011.