



# WORSHIP SERVICE HELPERS

## June

### Greeters

June 6	Jan & Lee Gottschall
June 13	Lois & Elmer Swanger
June 20	Nancy & Jim Williams
June 27	Georgie & Jenny Hillard

### First Time Visitor

June 6	Jim Young
June 13	Tom Kline
June 20	Bill Nuss
June 27	Bob Kidder

### Money Counters

June 6, 13, 20	Rick & Debbie Harris and Pat Fenton
June 27	Nancy & Jim Williams and Pat Weaver

### Tape Ministry Visitor

June 6	BJ Holderman
June 13	Ric Rowland
June 20	Bob Kidder
June 27	BJ Wurst

### Sound System Team

June 6	Vinnie Scalamogna* Roger Wurst**
June 13	Rick Edmiston* Mark Whitfield**
June 20	Shawn Kopp* Evan Rowland**
June 27	Ron Taverno* Wayne Zweig**

### Acolytes

June 6	Courtney Mullins*	Cody Goss**
June 13	Ben Jones*	Tom Kondash**
June 20	Bill Corbett*	Kevin Spotts**
June 27	Stacey Fornicola*	Matt McChesney**

### Ushers

Barbara Derzak and Patricia Kidder\*  
Rik & Becky Harris\*\*

### Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday	8:30 – 3:00
Friday	8:30 – Noon
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Parsonage phone:	238-1630
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Church phone:	237-3549

### Weddings



Meghan Smith and Jordan Pieniazek were married on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Jordan serves in the Military and is being shipped out very soon to serve in Iraq.

### Kids at Kamp:

Please keep these Mt. Nittany young people in prayer while they are away:

#### June 20-26 @ Greene Hills

Jayne Michael – Counselor  
Courtney Mullins, Michelle Edmiston,  
Bill Corbett, Ashley Richards,  
Stacey Fornicola

#### June 27 – July 3

Norman Harris

(\*9:00 service    \*\*10:30 service)

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## EDUCATION NOTES

It's going to be a BLAST!! Join us for another fabulous VBS when Lava Lava Island erupts with Jesus' love on July 11. Lava Lava is open to children ages 3 (by July 1) through those just finished with 5th grade. Parents and grandparents are encouraged to help -the volunteer sheet has your choices. If you aren't sure what you'd like to do, let us know! Here are the areas we particularly need help with:

**Staff Babysitters:** Our staff has to be on the island early -so we have about 20 children to care for on the playground from 5:50-6:20 every night.

**Kitchen help:** The amazing snacks and alternative choices need to be prepared every night, fresh! Kari Corbett and Allie DeCapria are Lava Lava Luau leaders, but we need a few able hands each night to prepare 90+ snacks.

**Decorating:** On July 10 we'll begin setting up - and the more people, the better. If you can't come set up, make us some palm trees or cut out leaves, or make us a vine. Use your imagination!

**Prayer:** VBS is a major outreach program of the church. Pray for our leaders to be blessed, for our children to be awed, for Jesus' love to flow down and surround Mt Nittany as we become an island of His Word. VBS isn't about a week - it's about eternity!

If you've already volunteered to donate items, look for a postcard by late June with specific instructions about your gift. Remember, no substitutions! Crew Chiefs and Assistant Crew Chiefs will receive information about the orientation meetings in late June, as well.

**THANK YOU! THANK YOU!** To our wonderful year-long teachers: Nicole Fornicola, Patty DeCapria and Rik Harris. Please express your appreciation to them for their hard work and dedication. Thank you also to our most constant Power Xpress leaders: Pam Rosick, Lori Williams, Jennifer Boucher, Phyllis Field and Brenda Harpster. We also thank the numerous parents who stepped forward to help in classes. And what about our youth team! WOW! Take the time to thank: Susan and Jerry Park, Phyllis Field, Kathy Mulberger and Jackie Michael, Randy Riesterer and Vinnie Scalamogna, Bob Jones, Brenda Harpster, Jayme Michael, Jess Mulberger, and Ben and Carrie Feldmeyer. Last, but certainly not least, congratulations to the children who practiced their discipleship and brought friends with them - we met a lot of wonderful children this year!

As part of our Safe Sanctuaries program, we are hosting an Adult/Child/Infant Heartsaver's CPR and First Aid course on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> from 8 until 4 P.M. The all-day class includes a mask and book for complete certification. Mt. Nittany staff and volunteers will have their registration fee paid by the church. Other interested adults pay only \$35. Drinks and snacks will be provided; please bring a lunch. This is an excellent opportunity for caregivers, scout leaders, youth workers and teachers, and is open to everyone!

## INTERFAITH MISSION

*If you don't volunteer, who will?*



Interfaith Mission helped 49 adults and 45 children in April 2004.....

- \$7,747.14 was paid out for client services for housing, fuel, utility and medical assistance to help local families.

- 4 families were provided permanent housing to end their homelessness.
- 5 families were saved from being evicted from their homes.
- 4 families were saved from having their utilities terminated.
- 2 families were provided with heating assistance.

Thanks to all who helped with the May Interfaith Mission fund-raising activities. The dinner and choral concert at Mt. Nittany UMC on May 2 was a success. The food was delicious, and guests were impressed that Mt. Nittany had so many volunteers willing to help. \$225 was raised at the Interfaith Mission Wishing Wells at the two Wal-Marts on May 8. Wal-Mart will match this.

The economy continues to have an impact on the residents of Center County. In March, the Food Bank served 610 people in 210 households, providing 1100 bags of food. 22 households came to the Food Bank twice. Since July of 2003, Housing Transitions has provided default mortgage counseling to approximately 80 families.

### Central Pennsylvania Conference Schools of Christian Mission

Once again, the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church is offering its Schools of Christian Mission at

Bucknell University from Monday, July 19 through Sunday, July 25. The topics this year are:

- Spiritual Growth Study: Concerning Prayer
- Social Issue Study: Public Education
- Geographical Study: Cuba

The purpose of the Schools is "to enable persons to understand the Christian Mission in today's world and to equip them to communicate that mission to others."

The Schools are offered on several schedules:

- Weekend schools for adults and children (start Fri. @ 3:30 P.M., end Sun. @ 3 P.M.)
- Weekday schools for adults and children (start Mon. @ 1:30 p.m., end Thurs. @ 1:30 p.m.) and youth (start Monday at 1:30, end Saturday at 10:00 a.m.)
- Sampler days (Tuesday or Saturday from 10:00 - 5:00)

New this year is a Young Adult Focus Group in which post-high school young adults will meet separately for Bible study and fellowship during the adult weekend school. Child care is available for children who have not yet entered kindergarten. More information is available in the brochure on the bulletin board in the narthex. Registration deadline is July 1.

**Food Bank needs for May/June:** Fruit Cocktail or Mixed Fruit, Canned Meats (other than Tuna or Salmon), Beef or Meatball Stew, Coffee & Tea, Lemonade & Other Iced Drink Mixes, Laundry Detergent (No super sizes please), Brown Paper Grocery Bags. Thanks to everyone who supported the Letter Carriers Food Drive on May 8th; Letter Carriers in State College collected more than 26,000 pounds of food as well as \$77 in cash and a \$25 grocery gift card for our Food Bank. Thank you for your continued support!



June 5<sup>th</sup> Car Wash at the Church from 3 - 5. Youth should arrive by 2:45 and be picked up at 5:15. Please bring old towels, buckets and sponges.

June 6<sup>th</sup> Game Night/Ice Cream Social  
6:30 in Family Life Center

Best Wishes and Farewell to Jess Mulberger. You've been an awesome leader and friend!

**Welcome** Ben and Carrie Feldmeyer - Senior High Youth Leaders starting Fall 2004.

**Confirmation Class** will begin this Fall for Middle School Youth 6<sup>th</sup> grade (or 12 years old) and up.

For those already registered for **Church Camps** - Have a wonderful experience! It is not too late to register - contact Kari Corbett 234-8681 or kcorbett62@aol.com. See you at IMPACT 2004!



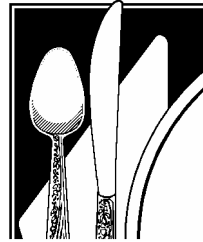
## PRESCHOOL NEWS

It is hard to believe another school year is over. We've had a wonderful time nurturing each child. Every day has been filled with new surprises, challenges and accomplishments. They have all grown so much! It's hard to say "Goodbye" now that they're ready to move on.

Our summer program is doing well. We're looking forward to making new friends while keeping some of the old. We'll be busy exploring how it's great to be me in June.

July will be busy learning about our Earth and taking care of it. August will explore diversity and have the Mt. Nittany Olympics. It's sure to be fun and enriching for all.

We still have a few spaces in our summer and fall programs for ages 2 through Kindergarten. If a child you know would like to join the fun, please call 234-3938.



## FROM THE BANQUET COMMITTEE

The Banquet Committee is sponsoring a kitchen fund-raising event sometime in June featuring Pampered Chef. This event will enable us to get some new items to be used in our kitchen for banquets and football suppers. Watch the Sunday morning bulletins for further details of this upcoming event.

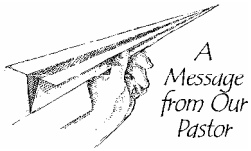
## THANK YOU!

We would like to share a HUGE thank you to everyone that volunteered their time and faith in helping Miss Nicole with our preschool Sunday School class. We had a lot of fun getting to be around different people of the Church, and we hope that you had an enjoyable time visiting with us. We hope that you can volunteer and see us next year, and help teach us the wonderful things God has done for us. Until then, God Bless You All, and thank you once again!

Lauren, Makayla, Victoria, Colton, Kristen, William, Edward, Robin, Hannah B., Hannah F. and David

## STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Join us for a strawberry festival on June 26<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 P.M. in the Family Life Center. More details will follow in upcoming bulletins.



- **What if...?**  
God couldn't take the time to bless us today

because we could not take the time to thank Him yesterday...

- **What if...?**  
God decided to stop leading us tomorrow because we didn't follow him today...
- **What if...?**  
God didn't walk with us today because we failed to recognize it as his day...
- **What if...?**  
We never saw another flower bloom because we grumbled when God sent the rain.....
- **What if...?**  
God stopped loving and caring for us because we failed to love and care for others....
- **What if...?**  
God took away the Bible tomorrow, because we would not read it today...
- **What if...?**  
God took away his message because we failed to listen to his messenger...
- **What if...?**  
God didn't send His only begotten Son because he wanted us to be prepared to pay the price of sin...
- **What if...?**  
The door to the church was closed because we did not open the door of our hearts...
- **What if...?**  
God would not hear us today because we would not listen to Him yesterday.....
- **What if...?**  
God answered our prayers the way we answer his call to service...
- **What if...?**  
God met our needs the way we give Him our lives...
- **What if...?**  
We failed to pass the gospel on....

See you in church!  
Rev

## Consecration Sunday!

What a wonderful day it was. The Rev. Dr. Ed Zeiders moved and challenged us with his message "*When Yes Means Yes.*" It was a blessing to all of us, but especially meaningful to Meghan Smith and Jordan Pieniasek, to whom Ed dedicated his message. (Meghan and Jordan said "yes" to each other as they were married the following day!) Following the worship service, we enjoyed a meal of roast beef that was cooked and served by the folks at St. Paul's UM Church. At the end of our luncheon, Jim Young reported that 72 Faith Promise cards had been turned in and 60 of those had dollar amounts listed. The total promised was over \$106,000 and included promises for current expenses, benevolence and building fund.

Some folks have asked "Is that good?" My first answer is "YES!" Yes, that is good because any time we prayerfully consider what we are giving to God is good! Any time we step out and make a promise in faith, it is good!

The real question that is being asked is, "Is it an increase?" Then I have to admit, I don't know. I can't answer that. It has been three years since the last Consecration Sunday and this is the first time we have combined current expense, benevolence and building fund in our faith promise.

I can tell you this: 72 Faith promises represent 72 *giving units*. A giving unit may be an individual, a couple or a family so it probably represents about 125 people (which is slightly over half of our average attendance). It represents about 1/3 of our projected 2004 budget. I believe this is a solid response. These Faith Promises will under gird our ministry at Mt. Nittany. I also believe that those who may not have turned in a faith promise card have and/or will prayerfully consider their giving and continue in their support of our ministry here.

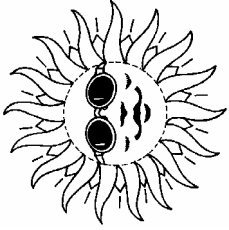
I *know* God is faithful and He will bless and honor our efforts as we all step out in faith, prepared to grow spiritually as we yield ourselves to Him.



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**JUNE 2004 NEWSLETTER**

## Mission Focus for June United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Celebrate World Refugee Day: June 20 2004 Theme: *Rebuilding Lives in Safety and Dignity*

Each year June 20 is World Refugee Day. This year the theme of World Refugee Day is "A Place to Call Home: Rebuilding Lives in Safety and Dignity." It looks at the challenges and hopes that accompany refugees in their search for a new home through voluntary repatriation, local integration or resettlement. World Refugee Day was first internationally celebrated in 2001. Previously many countries had observed a refugee day.

The plight of people driven from their homelands by violence, oppression, and natural disaster presents a compelling challenge to United Methodists. Deeply concerned about this human suffering, UMCOR serves the church as its agency of refugee service. When faced with a refugee emergency, UMCOR immediately provides food, shelter, medicine, and other essentials for survival. It then begins to address the long-term needs of refugees in the places where they have settled and to plan for their return home when that becomes possible. In recent years, UMCOR has been able to help with repatriation of refugees from such countries as El Salvador, Guatemala, Liberia, and Mozambique.

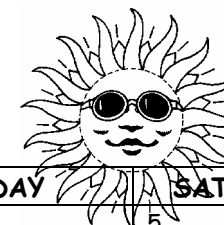
Congregations that reach out to refugees and immigrants in a spirit of welcome and sharing find their own lives enriched and their understanding of the world broadened. They gain a deeper insight into the biblical command, "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it" (Hebrews 13:2).


United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) began in 1940 to respond to the needs of human suffering worldwide through partner agencies and ecumenical networks. In 1972 UMCOR became an institutional unit of the church and part of the General Board of Global Ministries. UMCOR assists people in need in the areas of emergency response, hunger and poverty, and refugees and immigration. UMCOR also supports Advance projects around the world. Most of these projects are run primarily by those who will benefit from them. UMCOR responds to situations where the people themselves have identified a need, have developed a plan for addressing that need, and are working to improve the quality of life in their community.

Our goal is \$1,000.00. Your contributions can be placed in the regular worship offering or in the special can located at the entrance to the sanctuary. For more information about UMCOR and Refugees/Immigration, go to their web page at <http://gbmb-umc.org/umcor/>.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Office Closed 10 A.M. Dist. Cmt. on Ordained Ministry - Brd. Rm. 4:30 recital rehearsal 6:30 H. Springs - FLC 7:00 Ad Council -Brd Rm.	2 Noon - 1:30 Final Disciple class for morning group 7:00 H. Springs-Brd. Rm. 7:30 Choir picnic at Georgie's	3 Dr.Alloway-Mt.NittanyRm. 6:30 recital rehearsal 7:00 Banquet Committee meeting - Counting Rm.	4 Dr. Alloway - Mt. Nittany Rm. 6:00 recital rehearsal	5 11 A.M. wedding 3-5 Youth Car Wash
6 <b>Peace with Justice</b> <b>Trinity Sunday</b> Graduate Recognition Fellowship Hour Choir Concert at both services 1-5 p.m. Final Disciple class for evening group 3-5 p.m. Piano Recital 6:30 Youth Game Night & Ice Cream Social - FLC	7	8 6:30 H. Springs - Sanct. 6:30 Preschool graduation in FLC	9 7:00 H. Springs -Brd. Rm. 7:30 Sanctuary Choir	10 Dr.Alloway-Mt.NittanyRm.  <p style="text-align: center;">ANNUAL</p>	11 Dr. Alloway - Mt. Nittany Rm.  <p style="text-align: center;">CONFERENCE</p>	12
13 Noon - Nancy Goff ordination dinner-FLC, then 2:30-5 Open House	14	15 6:30 Girl Scout bridging ceremony - FLC	16 7:00 H. Springs -Brd. Rm.	17 Dr.Alloway-Mt.NittanyRm.	18 Dr. Alloway - Mt. Nittany Rm.	19 All Day Safe Sanctuaries First Aid Training - FLC
20 <b>FATHER'S DAY</b>	21	22 9-4:30 Centre Co. United Way - FLC 6:30 H. Springs-FLC 7:00 VBS leader's mtg. - Counting Rm.	23 7:00 H. Springs -Brd. Rm.	24 Dr.Alloway-Mt.NittanyRm. Johnstone/Thomas rehearsal	25 Dr.Alloway - Mt. Nittany Rm. 4:00 Johnstone/Thomas wedding 5:30 Brinkmiller / Brown rehearsal	26 2:00 Brinkmiller & Brown wedding 6:00 Strawberry Festival - FLC
27 Noon - 8 FLC reserved	28 7:00 Trustees - Brd Rm.	29 6:30 H. Springs-FLC	30 7:00 H. Springs -Brd. Rm.			

♥Cub Scouts - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 6 P.M. **upstairs or FLC, as available**  
 ♥Healing Springs Youth Fellowship Tuesdays at 6:30 P.M. (except 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday) in **FLC**  
 ♥Healing Springs Bible Study Wednesdays at 7 P.M. in Board Rm.  
 ♥Brownies/Juniors - Thursdays at 3 P.M. in **FLC**

♥Girl Scout Troop 1190 - 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 6:30 P.M. **upstairs**  
 ♥Boy Scout Troop 367 - Thursdays at 7 P.M. in **FLC**

NOTE: **Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts/Brownie & Jr. Scouts do not typically meet during June/July/August**

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