

WORSHIP SERVICE HELPERS

MAY

Greeters

May 2 Ben & Carrie Feldmeyer
May 9 Kim Knepp & BJ Holderman
May 16 Allen & Betty Wolford
May 23 Bob & Darla Franks
May 30 Bill & Karen Kelly

Money Counters

Jim & Nancy Williams and Pat Weaver

Sound System Team

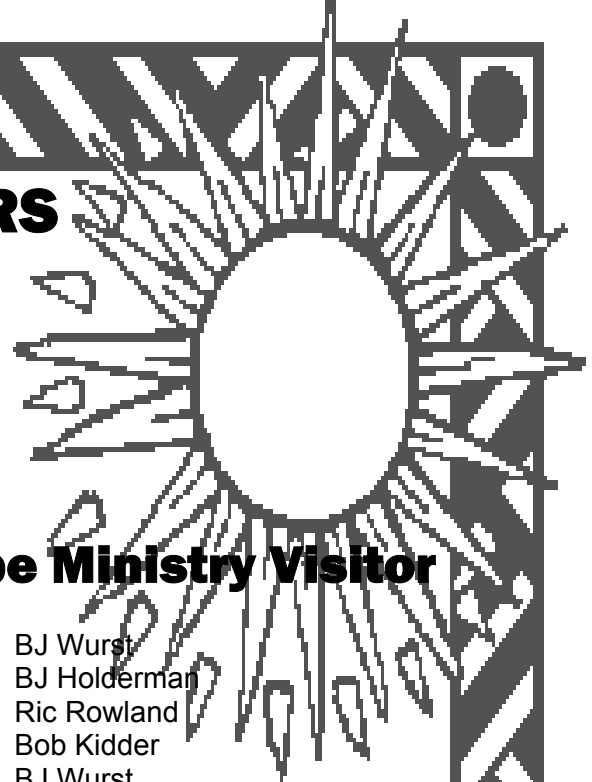
May 2 Vinnie Scalamogna*
Roger Wurst**
7 P.M. Concert - Shawn Kopp
May 9 Rick Edmiston* Mark Whitfield**
May 16 Consecration Sunday - Chip Crawford
May 23 Ryan Spotts* Wayne Zweig**
May 30 Allen Bonsell* Jim Young**

Ushers

Emily & Paul Gregory*
Kim Clouser and Audrey Clouser**

First Time Visitor

Bob Kidder



Tape Ministry Visitor

May 2 BJ Wurst
May 9 BJ Holderman
May 16 Ric Rowland
May 23 Bob Kidder
May 30 BJ Wurst

Acolytes

May 2 Alex Vavreck* Stacey Fornicola**
May 9 Julia Wilkinson* Matt McChesney**
May 16 Ryan Mullins* Kevin Spotts**
May 23 Bill Corbett* Alex Rowland**
May 30 Kristin Bergman* Andrew Park**

NEW E-MAIL for Rev:

revmeh@pennswoods.net

NEW OFFICE HOURS:

Mon: 8:30 – 3:00
Tue: 8:30 – 3:00
Wed: 8:30 – 3:00 (closed a.m. during
Disciple Class)
Thurs: 8:30 – 3:00
Fri: 8:30 - NOON

(*9:00 service **10:30 service)



EDUCATION NEWS

Our last Sunday of elementary and preschool classes will be May 30. Beginning in June (even though SCASD will still be in session), we start our Jr. Church program. Children in preschool through 2nd grade will be dismissed after the children's moment during second service for some lesson time in the FLC.

These are more informal lessons and give our year-long teaching staff a chance to plan for VBS and enjoy a break from lesson preparations. The sign-up sheet for Jr. Church is posted on the narthex bulletin board; parents of our students are encouraged to choose a Sunday to lead., but all adults are asked to help. Youth 12 and older are welcome to sign up to help. We have the materials and can answer all your questions! It's fun!



Lava Lava Island registration/volunteer materials are included in this month's newsletter. We need lots of help to make our tropical island fabulous! Thematic decorations are appreciated, as are monetary donations, and gifts of your time – be a crew chief, or a preschool helper; work in the LavaLava Luau or come and help decorate! We have most of the raw materials – now we need some raw talent!! Youth are encouraged to help, too.

Lava Lava Island is open to children age 3 -12 (with our 12 year-olds getting some "top-of-the-heap" perks) and will run Sunday, July 11 through Thursday July 15 from 6:30-8:30 every evening. Friends are MOST welcome to attend! Preschool registration is limited to the first 30 children – last year we did fill up!

In response to requests, we have a limited number (40) of the LavaLava soundtrack cassette tapes. If you are among the first 40 families registered, you may purchase one of these tapes BEFORE VBS at cost -- \$5.00. The music is cool, upbeat, and contemporary. The only problem is that you'll be singing this stuff for a longggggg time!! (Remember "I wanna go deep, I wanna obey," or "He's a big, big

BANQUET COMMITTEE

Just *another* reminder.....please mark items left in the refrigerator or elsewhere in the kitchen so we know whether or not to dispose of them. Also, please do not donate bags of ice. We have an ice machine, and these bags take up valuable space!

The Banquet Committee made approximately 1,585 dozen peanut butter eggs. Money is still being collected, so profit will be reported at a future date. Thanks to everyone for their help in making this another successful year!

Consecration Sunday is May 16th. One service only – at 10:00 A.M. Sign-up sheets will be available. Please be sure to sign up, as a count is needed for this event.

~ BJ Wurst

MOTHER/DAUGHTER SPRING BANQUET

This year's **Mother/Daughter Spring Banquet** is for all mothers and daughters of all ages. Even if you aren't a mother, you are a daughter -- so everyone is welcome! It will be held on Saturday, May 8, at 6:00 pm. The meal will consist of a roast beef dinner, cooked by the United Methodist Men. The prices are \$8/adults, \$4/kids ages 5-12 and, 4 and under are free. Please sign up on the clip board. Program will be fun for all ages. Make sure you come and enjoy the "clowning around!"

NURTURE & CARE COMMITTEE

We're looking for ideas for future programs or events. Any ideas? See a committee member or drop a note in the offering plate. Thanks!

THANK YOU!

I would like to submit a Thank You to all the people who helped with the 5th Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The candy and eggs along with Pastor Marian's wonderful story made for a very special Easter for many of the community's children. We were also able to share the gospel with about 1,000 people.

Without their prayers and support that would not have been possible.

~ Pastor Cheryl

YOUTH SCHEDULE

May 2 Regular Meeting (hoagie orders/money due)
May 9 NO YOUTH
May 16 Regular Meeting
May 23 Regular Meeting
May 30 NO YOUTH
June 5 Car Wash (details to follow)
June 6 Game Night
June 13 Family Game Night - Spring Creek

SPECIAL "SIGHT AND SOUND THEATRES" PRODUCTION BENEFIT FOR MISSION CENTRAL

Fantasy Tours has created a special "Sight and Sound Theatres" and Sound production benefit for Mission Central.



Save \$12.95 over full cost of "Abraham and Sarah - a Love Story," a Sight and Sound (Lancaster, PA) production including family style dinner at Hershey Farms Restaurant (5 blocks from Theatre) - June 5, 11:30 AM show (dinner seating at 2:45 PM) or 3:00 PM show (dinner seating at 6:15 PM) by signing up for these two shows.

Total cost is \$45.00 (regular price of show and dinner is \$57.95!) per person (regardless of age) and \$15.00 of each ticket price will be given to Mission Central! Checks for tickets should be made to "CPCUMC/Mission Central Benefit" and mailed to: Fantasy Tours, Attn: CPCUMC Tickets, 3434 RT # 754, Duncansville, PA 16635.

Please include your name, number of tickets and which show time, and include your return address for mailing of your tickets. Your tickets and meal coupons will be mailed to you after 5/12. Deadline for making reservations to benefit Mission Central is Saturday May 8th. You can preview details of this performance at www.bibleonstage.com. If you have any questions please call either Fantasy Tours at 1-800-523-5353 ext. 2251 or contact Mission Central at 717-766-1533, or via e-mail to: missioncentral@cpcumc.org.

RING OUT YE BELLS!

Adults and youth are invited to practice with the bell choirs this summer. No prior musical experience is

necessary. We will be meeting on alternate Sunday evenings throughout the summer. For more specific information, contact Susan Park at 234-3041.

SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC



A Sign up sheet for special music for the months of June, July and August will be in the Narthex. If you would like to provide special music, please sign up for the Sunday and the service that best suits your vacation schedule. We hope that you can sign up for both services on a given Sunday, but it is not necessary. If there is a group or individual that you would like to hear this summer, let Phyllis know so she can contact them. She will need the name of the contact person and the telephone number.

PSALM 100: The youth praise band, Psalm 100, would like to encourage serious, musical youth and adults to join us Sundays at 4:30 P.M. to sing and play contemporary Christian hymns and praise songs. We will meet from now until May 23rd, take a summer respite, and resume in August. The group, which began practices in January, currently consists of three guitarists, a bass player, drummer, percussionist, and two soloists. The band is working on songs that can be played at contemporary style services in the fall. In addition, the band accompanies Youth Sunday service and Contemporary Choir. ♪

We are also planning a trip to hear the Christian band, Lost and Found, in Wheeling, WV in November. It is our goal to be able to spread the Gospel through public performances in Lemont next summer and perhaps in a coffeehouse setting as we improve. ♪ ~ Phyllis Field, Music Director

UNITED METHODIST MEN

The Men will be serving the Mother/Daughter Spring Banquet on May 8th at 6:00 P.M. This will serve as our May meeting. April's meeting consisted of a work night in which the Sanctuary chandeliers were cleaned.



THANK YOU! ♥♥

This is a note of appreciation to Phyllis Dreibelbis for her hard work in coordinating the altar flower arrangements each Sunday, and the Christmas

and Easter flowers. We loved the addition of calla lilies this year. Her hard work is greatly appreciated!



INTERFAITH MISSION

If you don't volunteer, who will?

Interfaith Mission helped 106 adults and 76 children in March 2004.....

- \$9,350.20 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.
- 10 families were saved from being evicted from their homes.
- 2 families were saved from having their utilities terminated.
- 11 families were provided with heating assistance.
- 109 pieces of furniture were given out to clients.

You may be seeing more of the Interfaith Mission Wishing Wells around town. Interfaith Mission will be using the wells to increase awareness of the organization and raise funds to assist clients outside of the traditional holiday bell ringing. Mount Nittany UMC will be staffing the wells at the Benner Pike Wal-Mart on Saturday, May 8. Interfaith Mission's Development and Fund Raising Committee is exploring this and other ways to lessen the gap between client emergency needs and Interfaith Mission resources. For more information, contact Barbara Sherlock at 466-2271.

Centre County United Way's Trash to Treasure sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 29 at Beaver Stadium. This recycling sale offers items donated by Penn State residence hall students at the end of spring semester. In 2003 Trash to Treasure kept 70 tons of discarded items out of the landfill and raised \$38,000 for local United Way agencies. Volunteers are needed from May 10 to May 30 to help set up, sort, work on the day of the sale, and clean up. If your group can help, contact Jen at jen@artistic.com or 238-8283.

OUTREACH & WITNESS

Mt. Nittany's Outreach & Witness Committee will meet on Tues., May 11 at 7:00 p.m. The role of the

committee is to plan, carry out, and evaluate Mount Nittany's outreach ministries. For more information, contact Barbara Sherlock at 466-2271.

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 Friday at 3:30 p.m., end Sunday at 3:00 p.m.)
- Weekday schools for adults and children (start Monday at 1:30 p.m., end Thursday at 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.

Thanks to everyone who supported **HouseWalk** on April 18 this year. There were over 150 walkers, including Chip Crawford from Mount Nittany UMC. Over \$25,000 was raised for Tri-County Habitat for Humanity.

PRESCHOOL NEWS

We have been busy watching spring burst forth all around us. We are enjoying warmer days, green grass, and growing flowers. We will be watching our caterpillars grow and change. The miracle of new life is all around us! We will be busy in May preparing for Mother's



Day and our Tea Parties. It's a great way to thank our mothers for all their love and care. We hope all of you have a wonderful Mother's Day! It's hard to believe that the school year is winding down. It's not too late to join us for summer fun! Please call Bonnie Spotts at 234-3938 for information.

Pastor's Corner



Flames of Pentecost

To symbolize the flames of Pentecost, we are asking Church members to purchase red geraniums for the Sanctuary on May 30. The may be designated in honor or in memory of someone special. Following services on May 30, the geraniums will be planted outside the church to give a bright & beautiful welcome to all. Cost is \$2.00. Forms will be in the bulletin May 9th, 16th & 23rd, or call the church office at 237-3549.

Ministry Night

We've never done this before! so let's give it a try! On Sunday evening, May 23rd at 7:30, we will have a grand meeting of those who are interested in expanding the ministry of Mount Nittany. It will be an evening of brainstorming, exploring and planning! Some ideas that will be explored are: small groups, support groups, ministry to the homebound, recreation, United Methodist Women, prayer ministry, gardening/landscaping, art & decorating projects and many more.... Everyone is welcome!! Remember, **May 23rd, 7:30 in the Family Life Center! Don't Miss It!**

Consecration Sunday A Time to Celebrate

A time to celebrate what? God's abundant blessings to us! As Christians, we believe that all we have is a gift from God. It is a privilege and a blessing to use these gifts – our time, our talent, and our resources – for the Glory of God. Scripture tells us that God desires that we return a tenth to him of what he gives us. In Malachi 3:10, God challenges us: "Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house, and **put me to the test, says the Lord of host, and see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing**

blessing." Christian giving is a spiritual discipline and a way we show our love for God and our trust in his promises. On Sunday, May 16th, we will celebrate consecration Sunday with one worship service at 10:00 a.m. Rev. Edwin Zeiders, President of United Seminary in Dayton, OH will be our guest speaker. (If you've ever heard Ed preach, you know we'll be blessed in our worship together.) Following the worship service, St. Paul's congregation will serve our meal in the Family Life Center. Everyone is invited to attend the meal. There is no charge. Menu and details will be in the bulletin soon.

The 6th Annual Empty Bowls Meal

The Empty Bowls Project is an international grass roots project to fight hunger. Local potters create ceramic bowls, then serve a simple meal of soup and bread donated by local restaurants and bakeries. Guests at the meal give a donation for the meal in return for the chance to choose a handmade bowl from the hundreds available. At the end of the meal guests keep the bowl as a reminder of hunger issues.

Locally, State College Area High School art students joined by local potters have participated in this project for the past six years to raise funds for the State College Area Food Bank and Meals on Wheels programs. Donations and support for the meal come from many local restaurants, food providers and businesses. Thanks to the success of our local Empty Bowls meals, the State College Area Food Bank and State College Area Meals-on-Wheels have each received a check for \$5,000.00 for the past three years. Cumulative donations over the past five years total \$18,750.

The **6th annual Empty Bowls Meal** will be held on Thursday **May 13th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** at the State College Area High School South Building, 650 Westerly Parkway in State College. A donation of **\$10** entitles the ticket holder to a meal and the choice of one ceramic bowl. Children age 10 and under eat for free. Donations for a bowl for children age 10 and under are based on age (\$1 for each year of age up to 10 years). Please note: **only 1,000 tickets will be sold**, so plan to purchase your tickets in advance at the following locations:

- **State College Area High School South Building, Main Office, 650 Westerly Parkway**
- **State College Area Food Bank, St. Andrew's Church, corner of S. Fraser & W. Foster Ave. (HOURS: Mondays**

from 1 to 6 p.m., Wednesdays & Fridays
from 1 to 4 p.m.)

- **State College Area Meals-On-Wheels,
Grace Lutheran Church, 205 S. Garner
St. (HOURS: Monday-Wednesday-Friday,
8 to 11 a.m.**

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MAY 2004 NEWSLETTER



Mission Focus for May United Methodist Homes

Read some of the quotes from some children who reside in the United Methodist Home for Children. “ ...I am thankful for three meals a day, I am thankful for a warm place to sleep, I am thankful for the shelter because without it, I would be living on the streets.” -Age 16. “ ...the Daron shelter has changed me a lot. I feel I am a much better person now then when I was when I came here. I don’t know where I would be without them.” - Age 15. “...Since I have been here, I have found out what life is all about.” - Age 15. “...in that time I found more love and encouragement than most people find in a lifetime..” Age 11.



Now read some testimonials from adults whom once lived in the UM home. “ My stay at the home allowed me to experience so many things which contributed to my becoming a fruitful, productive member of society. I learned how to get along in a very diverse community... I learned many good traits which include fairness, perseverance, discipline, teamwork and so many others. ” –Steven Latshaw “ ...Coming to the home was the best thing to happen to me. I had dedicated caring people to take care of me, stability, and advantages I would not have had otherwise...” - Raydel Goldsboro “....They helped me pick up the pieces of my broken life and put them back together in a way that enabled my to become whole..” Susan Barnes.

The UM homes provide care, compassion, love, support, encouragement, hope and skills that make differences in peoples lives. These homes provide shelter for children ages 8-18 from over 20 Pennsylvania counties. Your support will help these children become productive, loving, compassionate adults.

Along with the children’s home, there are 5 UM benevolent homes for older adults. These homes provide love and care to the elderly who otherwise may be alone and without a place to call home.

Please make a difference in the life of a child or older adult. Your contribution can help enrich and bless these persons. Our goal this year is \$600.00. You can place any donations on the regular worship offering or in the cans at the back of the sanctuary.

May 2004

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 9-5 Healing Springs outside plant/bake sale
2 4:00 P.M. VBS planning mtg. 4:30 Quilting Group Psalm 100 rehearsal 5 P.M. Interfaith Mission meal 5:30 Special Interest groups Youth bells 6:30 Adult bells Youth Groups 7 P.M. Interfaith Mission Choral Concert	3 6-8 Cub Scouts – upstairs	4 6:30 Healing Springs Youth Fellowship – FLC 7 Ad Council – Brd. Rm.	5 9:00 Disciple Class 7:30 Sanct. Choir	6 Nat'l Day of Prayer 10–8 Dr. Alloway – Mt. Nittany Rm. 10-Noon Preschool Mother's Day tea party 1:00 Kerry Benninghoff-FLC 3:00 Brownies/Jrs.- FLC 6:30 GS – upstairs Disciple Class 7:00 Boy Scouts - FLC	7 10-7 Healing Springs plant sale 10-Noon Preschool Mother's Day tea party 1-8 Dr. Alloway – Mt. Nittany Rm.	8 9-5 Healing Springs plant sale Noon – FLC reserved 6:00 Mother/Daughter Spring Banquet – FLC (served by the UMM)
9 MOTHER'S DAY 4:30 Psalm 100 rehearsal Quilting Group 6:30 Adult bells NO YOUTH GROUPS	10 6-8 Cub Scouts - upstairs	11 8:30-Noon District Ministerium - FLC 6:30 Healing Springs Youth Fellowship – FLC 7:00 Outreach and Witness – Counting Rm.	12 9:00 Disciple Class 7:30 Sanct. Choir	13 MARIANNA'S HOAGIES delivered today 10-8 Dr. Alloway – Mt. Nittany Rm. 3:00 Brownies/Jrs. – FLC 6:30 Disciple Class 7:00 Boy Scouts - FLC	14 1-8 Dr. Alloway – Mt. Nittany Rm.	15
16 10:00 – Consecration Sunday Service 4:30 Psalm 100 rehearsal Quilting Group 5:30 – FLC reserved Special Interest groups Youth bells 6:30 Adult bells Youth groups	17	18	19 9:00 Disciple Class Noon – IHC - FLC 7:30 Sanct. Choir	20 10-8 Dr. Alloway – Mt. Nittany Rm. 6:30 GS – upstairs Disciple Class 7:00 Boy Scouts - FLC	21 1-8 Dr. Alloway – Mt. Nittany Rm.	22
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30 PENTECOST FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY 4:30 Quilting Group 6:30 Adult bells NO YOUTH GROUPS 	31 MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED – Office Closed					

♥Cub Scouts - 1st, 2nd & 4th Mondays at 6 P.M. **upstairs or FLC, as available**

♥Healing Springs Youth Fellowship Tuesdays at 6:30 P.M. (except 3rd Tuesday) in **FLC**






♥Brownies/Juniors - Thursdays at 3 P.M. in **FLC**

♥Girl Scout Troop 1190 – 1st & 3rd Thursdays at 6:30 P.M. **upstairs**

♥Boy Scout Troop 367 - Thursdays at 7 P.M. in **FLC**

Send a LETTER to a Friend

Materials you'll need:

-  Paper
-  Something to write with – pencil, pen, crayon or marker
-  Scissors
-  Envelope
-  First Class stamp – 37¢

Spiral Letter

Write a letter to a special friend. Make the letter fun by writing in a spiral. Start at the top corner of your paper and rotate the paper as you write. Your words will spiral into the center of the page.

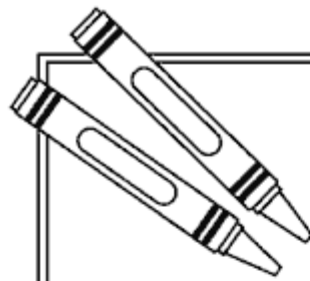
Dear Susie, I hope you are doing well. You are my best friend. I want to visit you soon. Love, Pat! Happy Friendship Day!



Puzzle Letter

Draw and color a picture of you and your friend. Sign your name and then cut your picture into 6 or 8 pieces. Don't make the pieces too small or it will be hard for your friend to put them together.

Put your letter or puzzle pieces in the envelope. Address the envelope, put the stamp on and mail it to your friend or deliver it in person.



Just for KIDS

Friendship Day Is This Month!

Friendship Day is the first Friday in May. It's important to choose your friends wisely. There are Proverbs in the Bible about friends.

Use the code to fill in the blanks and read Proverbs 22:11.

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Answer: He who loves a pure heart and whose speech is gracious will have the king for his friend.