

Pastor's Message

Do you feel forgiven? You know, excused for any faults you may have or offenses you may have committed. Do you feel forgiven? You know, pardoned for any wrong doing or relief from any debt that may have occurred because of it. Do you feel forgiven? Many of us do not realize how emotionally and spiritually important forgiving or being forgiven really is in our lives. Think about it. Most of us can name quickly when we have been wronged in some way or another. What happens when someone wrongs you? Do you let them know? Do you get so angry that you could spit nails? Do you keep it bottled up inside until one day you explode? Do you walk away never to speak to them again? Do you forgive them? What do you do? What happens to you in each of the situations? How does hanging onto the wrong impact your life? What happens when you let it go?

While we usually can easily name when we are or have been wronged in some way, it can be much more challenging for us to recognize and own up to ways that we may have hurt another person. An example of this can be seen in Luke 7:36-8:3, where Jesus is dining at the home of Simon the Pharisee. A woman of so called "ill repute" crashes the party and bathes Jesus' feet with her tears and wipes them with her hair. She then kisses his feet and anoints them with oil. Throughout the entire time all Simon can think about is to doubt that Jesus is a great prophet because he permits such a thing to happen. Simon does not see his own failures as a host. Jesus uses the moment to teach about and demonstrate the power of forgiveness. "Go in peace," Jesus says to the woman when all is said in done.

Peace. Peace with God and peace with one another is what we receive when we forgive and are forgiven--a life enriching peace. In Christ, each and every one of us is immensely forgiven for the ways we have chosen to separate ourselves from God and one another. May we respond to God's peace by pouring out our very selves in grateful discipleship of the one who makes it all possible.

Worship News

Summer Worship Schedule! June 20th through September 5th

8:30 a.m. Traditional (Chapel)

9:30 a.m. Garden of Eatin' Fellowship

10:00 a.m. Celebration Worship (Chapel)

***Childcare is available throughout the morning**

Garden of Eatin'

During the summer months we have a weekly time of fellowship in front of the Chapel between services. It is an excellent opportunity for early and late service folk to meet, greet and catch up with one another. You can be a part of making this time a success by signing up to bring snacks, etc.

Questions? Call Wendy Stubenhofer



Congratulations to our
Bensalem UMC
Man of the Year!!
Ken Vansant

Senior Youth Group News

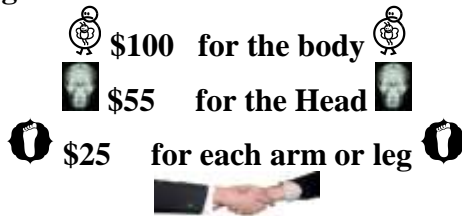
Sponsor a Youth

(or at least part of one)

for the Red Bird Mission Trip

The trip costs \$255 *Here's how to sponsor:*

There are card-board cutouts of people at the back of both the chapel and the sanctuary. Help cover them with colorful attire by contributing:



Please put your money in an envelope with your name on it and give the envelope to Pastor Mary or Robin Allen. The Youth thank you in advance for your support!

"Out to Lunch"—Senior's Group



Seniors Let's do Lunch!



The *July Seniors Out To Lunch* is at

Suburban Diner

(at the corner of Bustleton and Street Road)

on **July 21st at 11:30 am.**

Any Questions? Dan Daily is the contact person.

A THANK YOU

I would like to say "thank you so very much" for all the prayers, telephone calls and get well cards during my recovery from the car accident on May 4th. I'm getting close to being "ready for prime time", and am sincerely thankful for our church family and their get well wishes.

Thanks - Carol Lowry.

Prayer Ministry

Chapel Open for Prayer
Monday Evenings from 6:30-7:30

Bensalem United Methodist Church Missions

Matthew 26:35-40 – “For I was hungry and you fed me; I was thirsty and you gave me water; I was a stranger and you invited me into your homes; naked and you clothed me; sick and in prison, and you visited me. Then these righteous ones will reply, “Sir, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you anything to drink? Or a stranger, and help you? Or naked, and clothed you? When did we ever see you sick or in prison, and visit you? And I, the King, will tell them, When you did it to these my brothers you were doing it to me.”

We are all called to spread the word of God, and to do good works in his name. One need not travel to a foreign country to be a missionary, for not all are called to travel to exotic lands to do so. There are mission opportunities right where you live, with in your family, neighborhood, county or state.

BUMC sponsors 2 missionaries. Contributing to the Mission envelopes enables BUMC to continue supporting these missionaries.

Reverend Sally Wisner-Ott of Lancaster, Pa.

A UM missionary with the Board of Global Ministries, is serving as a church and community worker with LUMINA in Lancaster. LUMINA gets at the issues of poverty by strengthening and encouraging the local church in and around Lancaster in their outreach efforts. She is a native of Michigan has a BA in Social work from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo and a Master of Divinity from Eden Theological Seminary in Webster Groves, MO.

Ronald Davidson in Honduras.

A missionary with the Board of Global Ministries he is serving the UM Mission Church of Honduras as the UM Volunteer-In-Mission Coordinator. He coordinates volunteer teams from all over the

United States, such as construction teams building worship centers, education facilities, parsonages. Teams that teach VBS, sewing, knitting crocheting and crafts. Medical group that offer healthcare, dental and eye glass clinics.

Ron came from Winter Haven, FL, graduated from Campbetsville College in KY with a minor in Bible and minor in English.

Bensalem UMC Folk in Mission

The youth will be doing some missionary work at the Red Bird Mission in KY in August 2010. (Sponsor them by give them an arm or a leg/\$25.00 – give them a heads up/\$55.00 or support the whole body/\$100)

Other Mission Committee collections:

Pull tabs for Ronald McDonald House

Acme receipts for Habitat for Humanity

Small/individual size toiletry items (such as those found at hotels) for the Red Cross Shelter.

Pray for the BUMC be able to continue to support 2 missionaries.

Pray for the safety and spiritual growth of BUMC youth, as the travel and participate in a hands on missionary experience in KY.

Pray for members of the missionary committee to continue to make scripture based decisions in supporting BUMC mission projects.

BENSALEM CHRISTIAN DAY SCHOOL



We will be holding our annual **MINI SUMMER CAMP** program from June 28th through July30th.

All children ages 3-6 are welcome to attend. The registration will be for one-week intervals. Campers will attend Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. daily. The cost will be \$82.00 per week. Please phone the Day School Office (215-245-1610) to register!

Have a fun-filled summer and keep our summer camp in your prayers!
Lisa Woods Day School and “Camp” Director

United Methodist Women

No meetings in JULY and AUGUST

Mission collection for **July** will be school supplies.

(copy books, paper, pens/pencils, crayons, etc)

These items will be sent to two of our members whose family participates in a mission schools.

David Karyea's son Dave who is in school in Liberia.

Gail Kibler's sister, Judy Mitsitifer, and niece Suela are in a mission's school in Albania.

Items can be placed in the box marked "UWM" in the narthex of the Chapel or Sanctuary.

ATTN ALL READERS:

We will have a book discussion type meeting in September.

We will discuss the book "Amish Grace" by Donald Kraybill, Steven Nolt and David Weaver-Zercher

"The remarkable response of the Amish community to the horrific shooting of ten schoolgirls at Nickel Mines, Pa, in October 2006 stunned the larger world. Amish Grace tells the incredible story of the community's reaction to this senseless shooting and explores its profoundly countercultural practice of forgiveness. It's a story of forgiveness informed by deep faith, rooted in a rich history, and practiced in real life. In an American society that often resorts to revenge, it is a powerful example of the better way taught by Jesus." The UWM has one copy to share, if you are interested in reading this book and joining our September discussion please see a UWM member to borrow the book to read.

CALLING ALL KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS

The UMW will be working on a year-long project. We will be making the following items:

Hats and Scarves for the Seaman's Institute Philadelphia.

Children's sweaters for World Vision

Please see Dolores Eckman for patterns.

Donations of Yarn are being accepted for the project as well

Trustees

Opportunities to Serve

Grounds Keepers:

People willing to help mow the church grounds through out the summer months. Grab a buddy and Sign up in the Narthex today.

Chapel Beautifies:

People willing to do some scraping and painting of the Chapel exterior windows. Call Jim Stubenhofer to schedule a time to help.

Building Rental Custodians(paid position)

The Trustees are looking for a responsible, flexible, dedicated persons, who loves our church to oversee building usage during building rentals. It is not a volunteer position.

Contact any one on Trustees and they'll be happy to help you.

200TH ANNIVERSARY

Checklist

- Took part in the January prayer vigil ?
- Attended the "Variety Night " program ?
- Signed up to be a yearbook "patron " ?
- Contributed a message or ad for the yearbook ?
- Bought an Anniversary "throw" to enjoy in your home ?

The second half of the Anniversary Year begins NOW !

The datebook you received in January has the dates you need.....mark your calendar, please. Plan to attend the summer picnic suppers (details here in the Salute) and save the Fall dates now.....

OCTOBER 15 –

CHURCH FAMILY BIRTHDAY PARTY !

200 candles to light need many hands !

OCTOBER 17 -

ANNIVERSARY WORSHIP SERVICE !

Message : The Rev. J. Val Hastings, Jr.

LUNCHEON AFTERWARD IN
FELLOWSHIP HALL.

(INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WILL SIGN UP
STARTING IN AUGUST TO RESERVE
SEATING SO THE COMMITTEE CAN PLAN)

Why not plan to be in attendance every Sunday in October
so all can be part of this momentous milestone in the life
of Bensalem United Methodist Church ?

SUMMER SUPPERS

Wednesday, July 14th at *Lori and Mike Caporale's* home

Wednesday, August 18th at *Pat and Jim Cielinski's* home

Plan now to meet for a casual evening of food, fun and fellowship. Eat, swim and chat with your church family members united in honor of our 200th anniversary. All are welcome: bring children, friends and family. The pools will be open.

Please bring along a food contribution to share with others, and please be generous. We will enjoy a variety of salads, fruits, dips and snacks along with sandwiches, chicken, casseroles, etc. Large posters to sign up are in the entrance to the chapel.

In the event of heavy rain, picnics will be held on the following evenings: Thursday, July 15th and Thursday, July 19th, 2010. Feel free to call Anne Drybala with any questions or concerns. Hope to see you all there at both events!

A Look Back into BUMC History

Young Adults 1945-1947

1. Youth Fellowship will be invited to join Young Adults on Supper Conference Night. They will bring designated food, help with work and be courteous during the service.
2. Oyster supper planned for Oct. 12, 1946 was called off because of the lard shortage.
3. A grievous committee was set up, as a good many people don't like to get up and express their opinions. Doris Yeagle, Larry Turton and Howard Cole will serve on the committee.

Special Anniversary Congregational Gift

A NEW OUTDOOR SIGN

The present sign has been in place since the main sanctuary was built. It needs to be replaced with a brighter, more eye-catching style that will make the church more recognizable to the community.

HERE'S THE IDEA!

Could you, as an individual or family, contribute **200** bills or coins in whatever denomination you choose to give as a birthday present to the church?

Younger folks - collect 200 pennies? 200 dimes?

Older Folks - 200 quarters? 200 dollar bills? 200 5 dollar bills?

Costs and styles will be shared with the congregation as they are received. Our goal would be to have the funds collected by the end of this anniversary year, with the sign erected in the spring.

Website

www.bensalem-umc.org

To post to the website contact Wendy Torchio at
w759t@yahoo.com

Bulletin Beads

**Handcrafted from the
Sunday Worship Bulletins**



**Bensalem United Methodist Church
1810 ~ 2010
Bensalem, Pennsylvania**

Jocelyn and Janelle Vansant have taken old bulletins and turned them into jewelry beads. They have then taken the beads and made them into bracelets, necklaces and crosses. The “Bulletin Bead” jewelry can be purchased from them using the order form found in this month’s Salute. Mail your order to Jocelyn Vansant.

All proceeds for this project go toward our 200th Anniversary Celebration.



**All Hands On Deck!
High Seas Expedition: Exploring
the Mighty Love of God**

Monday to Friday, August 2 to 6,
2010

9AM to Noon

Get ready for the voyage of a lifetime. Plan now to join us this summer as we set sail for VBS fun. Kids will explore and experience the awesome power of God’s Word. Chatter the Chipmunk will return to our VBS for a week of excitement and adventure on the High Seas. We will visit with Paul as he travels around the Mediterranean.

High Seas Expedition is filled with extraordinary Bible-learning experiences: Bible Point crafts, team-building games, incredible music, and tasty treats – activities that help faith flow into real life. Kids will discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life – something Group calls God sightings. Kids will also participate in our Kids Connect mission project.

Bring your life jacket and sunscreen; there's some bad weather in the forecast, maybe a ship wreck or two. Please call **Dawn Cridland or Pastor Mary at 215-245-1215** if you have questions or would like more information about VBS.

Growth and Outreach

REACH OUT TO THE COMMUNITY AROUND US !

The Growth and Outreach has planned two activities during the summer that will need the help of the congregation.

Sunday July 11 – spend an hour with the committee as they distribute free bottles of water to folks outside the stores in the local malls.

Saturday August 21 – from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
free water ice will be given out in the driveway in front of the Chapel along with fliers giving information about BUMC

Also available – bright, colorful “door hangers” that have information about BUMC. See Connie Kurtiz if you would be willing to put them out around your neighborhood or at houses in the church community. Take a walk on a pleasant summer evening to be an ambassador for BUMC !