

THE CALLER

APRIL 2010

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Sunday Morning Schedule
Informal Service—8:00 AM
Contemporary Service—10:15 AM
Traditional Service—10:30 AM
Office Hours: Mon.; Wed. Thurs.
8:00 AM—2:00 PM
Tues. 9:00 AM—12:00 Noon

From the Pastor's PC . . .

'Extravagant Generosity'



'Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations' by Richard Schnase is a book which has helped to revitalize congregations. I recommend this book for your reading.

The five practices are the focus for our Northwest District's Took Kit for Ministry workshop which is to be held on April the 10th. Each of the five practices will be highlighted by one of the congregations of our district during the opening session.

Schnase writes, 'First century communities, the Methodists of the 1700s, faith mentors, and models of Christian living today-all have discovered a truth as sure as gravity, that generosity enlarges the soul, realigns priorities, connects people to the Body of Christ, and strengthens congregations to fulfill Christian ministries.' (Page 106).

Generosity includes the giving of our time, our gifts, and resources. The underlying principle of extravagant generosity is that as we learn to give away, we will learn to rely less on our possessions, abilities, and achievements and to rely wholly on God.

Rev. Robert Wilt, Jr., our superintendent, asked the Cornwall Church to talk about and represent the fifth practice, 'Extravagant Generosity' during the upcoming workshop. I consider this to be a privilege for us to be selected as a representative of this focus. It got me thinking. We have done an excellent job of communicating our mission to our District Superintendent. I have also been thinking about how much we have grown in our support of missions.

Looking back over our financial reports since 2003, we have increased our support of the General fund, the giving to missions and of course to reducing and paying off our debt. I am pleased because we have maintained a good balance as we have supported our ministries, building, and staff growth through the General Fund as we expanded our mission support. We have also grown in the numbers of persons who are actively involved in mission work. There are more volunteers who serve in local ministries such as the LCCM noon meal, building the Habitat houses, and serving at our Gretna Glen Camp in a variety of ways. We have seen a growing number of persons going on mission trips to West Virginia, Mississippi, and this year, to Tanzania.

We have truly become a church which practices extravagant generosity. As we do give more, we continue to receive God's blessings. 'You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity.' (2 Corinthians 9:11)

We're on the Web:
www.cornwallchurch.org

We Need Your Help With Our Local Mission

We are having a Retreat/Work Weekend at Gretna Glen April 30th -May 2nd. Everyone, both young and old, is invited to come out and pitch in – we welcome people of all skill levels and would appreciate any time that you can give to the camp during the weekend. Childcare will be provided during the work sessions. The youth group will be spending the night on Friday and helping with camp chores on Saturday. The camp has offered us the use of the camping facilities for anyone that would like to spend the night on Friday or Saturday (a separate sign-up sheet will be placed in the bulletin to ensure that enough food and lodging facilities will be available).

On Saturday, following dinner, the Praise Team is scheduled to perform and will be returning to the camp on Sunday morning for a Worship Service. Everyone is encouraged come out and enjoy the Gretna Glen community.



Tanzania Mission - No Turning Back Now

African Dinner Scheduled for April 17

It seems hardly possible that it is five short months until a team of sixteen Cornwall UM Church short-term missionaries will venture half way around the world to build a counseling center for the people of western Tanzania. It seemed almost an impossible dream over a year ago when we started this adventure but now it is a reality with a few more substantial hurdles to conquer. The Family Life Counseling Center will be a beacon of hope and a symbol of Christ's love to the residents who live near Nassa, Tanzania. It will be the realization of a dream for Lucas and Limi Ndaru who lived and worshipped among us with their family for eight years before returning to their homeland in 2007.

By the time you receive this month's caller we should have raised over \$50,000 in building materials and labor funds as well as about 75% of the travel expense money needed for the team. We have now sent deposits to guarantee the air fares, ground transportation and lodging/food necessary to move and sustain the team during our stay. Team members are busy arranging for inoculations, travel documents and learning a little Swahili. The preparations will just get more hectic as the time gets closer.

Be sure to watch for more information on our April 17 African dinner and drama. Your continued prayers and financial support are coveted. We still have about \$20,000 to procure in order to reach our goal and receive the wonderful challenge gift of \$50,000 in memory of long-time member and friend Howard Gallop. This will be enough resources to complete the project which is now well underway.

Work Wanted

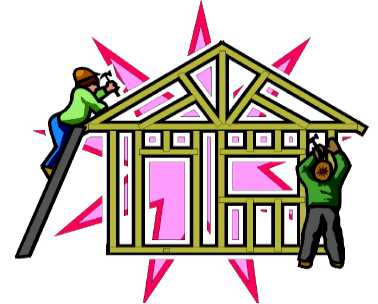
The Youth would like to help some folks with spring cleanup. We can rake leaves, trim small bushes and clean out flower beds. We would like to do a couple of these jobs for a donation to our Creation Festival/Summer camp expenses. If you are interested in having an army of teens come and help you with spring cleanup send Luke an email at loco2win2@yahoo.com or call at 673-4855.



Habitat for Humanity of Lebanon County...happenings at Cornwall Church.

Sunday May 23rd, is \$1 Dollar day at CUMC. This money will stay in Lebanon to be used for Habitat's mission. We would like to ask each person in the congregation to contribute at least \$1 to support Habitat for Humanities mission to eliminate sub standard housing, something that most days you and I take for granted. So look for a wheelbarrow, hard hat or tool bucket at one of the 3 services you attend to drop your donation. Habitat will be the June mission of the month so help kick it off with \$1 dollar day on May 23rd.

Work day scheduled: CUMC will be working on a Habitat for Humanity house Saturday June 26th, between 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM. Call Matt Pflieger at 278-4449 to volunteer for service or if you have any questions. We are in need of workers for the project as well as cooks to provide lunch for the crew.



HAVE A WILL PREPARED OR AMENDED FOR FREE (AND GET A FREE LUNCH)

Are you a new parent? Was the last time you reviewed your will during the Nixon Administration? Have your financial circumstances changed since the last time you reviewed your will? Are there new children or grandchildren in your family? If so, it's probably time to have your will reviewed.

On April 18, 2010, following the late morning services in Fellowship Hall, Mark Schappell will present a short seminar on the necessity of having a will and reasons to change your current will. Mark will also discuss the newly created endowment fund and its role in your estate planning. Anyone who attends will have the opportunity to ask questions about wills and estate planning. Mark is offering to prepare and amend wills for FREE if the will provides for a gift, bequest or devise to C.U.M.C. A light lunch will be provided at no cost. Don't miss this great opportunity for a free lunch and some free advice.

CD PLAYERS NEEDED

Do you have a spare CD player taking up space in your house? Please consider giving it to our Tape Ministry. Currently the Traditional Service is recorded on tapes and distributed to some of our shut-ins. Our current sanctuary tape recorder is no longer working. We would like to replace it with a CD recorder but some of our shut-ins do not have a CD player, hence our request. Donations can be dropped off in the church office during the week or at the sound system in the back of the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings.



Missions Of The Month: UMCOR Aide for Haiti and Chile

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) delivers hope and enhances human dignity through food, shelter, health and peace projects.

UMCOR was already in Haiti (often referred to as "the poorest of the poor" countries) trying to improve the lives of the Haitians when the devastating Earthquake struck. And UMCOR is still there working to provide immediate relief by coordinating the relief efforts along with the Methodist Church of Haiti.

In the short term, UMCOR is responding to basic needs for food and shelter.

In the weeks, months and years ahead, UMCOR will stay to provide for those who are homeless, injured, and bereft.

UMCOR's Refugee Ministry Office is responding to requests to assist Haitian medical evacuees in the United States through its Church World Service (CWS) refugee resettlement partners.

CWS in Miami and Refugee Resettlement and Immigration Services of Atlanta (RRISA) have received hundreds of medical evacuees and their accompanying caretakers since the January 12 earthquake in Haiti.

The two agencies are responsible for providing case management and for arranging housing, transportation and other essential services for the evacuees during their stay for treatment of their injuries. The earthquake that struck Chile on February 27, with its ensuing, devastating tsunamis, was the strongest to hit the region in 50 years and the fifth strongest on record.

When the earthquake struck Chile, killing hundreds and impacting millions, UMCOR sent an emergency grant to its relief partners in Chile in response to the 8.8 magnitude earthquake that rocked the South American country.

The grant will help the Methodist Church of Chile (IMECH) and its relief arm, the Methodist Humanitarian Action Team (EMAH), conduct needs assessments and bring food and clean water to survivors.

100 percent of your donation will go to help the people of Haiti and Chile, so please give generously.

Kid's News Flash

3rd-5th Grade Youth

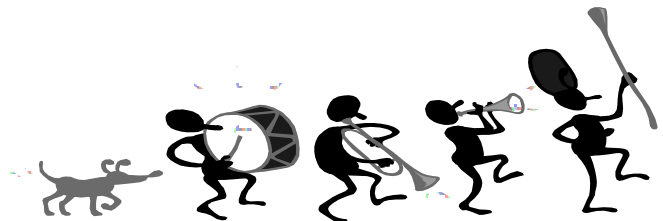
April 11th from 2:00 to 3:30 PM

Bible Presentation:

If you are in 1st grade or higher and attend our church regularly and have not received a bible from the church please let Amanda know and we will get you on a list to receive one. The actual date for the presentation is still being determined.

VBS

Our VBS dates have been set. It is a little later this year, August 8-12. In keeping with our missions trip to Tanzania we have chosen a theme based in Africa. In the coming weeks and months you will hearing more about this and we will be recruiting helpers for our week of adventure. If you would like to help out please contact Amanda Progin at 279-7901 or proginc@verizon.net.



BRUCE & KATHY GRIFFITH LEAVE MISSION SERVICE

Over three years ago our congregation opted to support Bruce & Kathy Griffith as United Methodist Missionaries through the GBGM (General Board of Global Missions of the United Methodist Church.) They had been missionaries in Afghanistan (their home for many years) but were currently on leave and serving as missionaries in residence for the GBGM, living in New York City until they could be reassigned. They returned to Afghanistan in the Spring of 2007 but due to the political situation (Christians are hated) it became too dangerous to continue to live there and they returned to the United States in the Summer of 2008.

Bruce accepted a position with the GBGM as a missionary co-trainer. Later he successfully applied for the interim position of Asst. General Secretary for Mission Services but this meant he had to take a leave of absence from mission service. This is an opportunity for him to invest his ideas and leadership skills in the aspects of missionary sending and support that have interested him over their many years away.

Upon returning, Kathy was offered a mission position as grant manager for the United Methodist Committee on Relief Health Unit (UMCOR) in association with the GBGM. The small grants they award fund grassroots health and health-related projects in communities who need assistance with HIV/AIDS, malaria, primary health and hospital care – aiming at relieving suffering from diseases and consequences of poverty. *(We are hoping that our Tanzania Counseling and Medical Center will qualify for one of these grants.)* However, all this change, anxiety, and the sadness of having to leave their home and friends in Afghanistan took a toll on her health and she needed to take a month of medical leave for a month in Spring 2009. Kathy bounced back with a renewed sense of purpose and in November traveled to Kenya to attend an international malaria conference and to visit projects funded by our United Methodist Global AIDS Fund. Kathy has since decided to resign as a missionary and become a university student, beginning in March 2010. She needs two years of full time study to complete her BA in Community and Health Psychology with the University of South Africa (distance learning).

In Kathy's words, *"Thank you all again for your love and support, please remember to pray for the people and ministries that we've shared with you over the years that they will be blessed and know God's great love for us in Jesus Christ. And may you know it too. With love and every blessing, Kathy"*

Since Bruce & Kathy are no longer in missionary service, do not make any donations for them in your offering envelopes or separately. Note that on your offering envelope the April mission designation is for CUMC missionary, **this had been changed to UMCOR Relief for Haiti & Chile.** Any donations placed in your envelope and checked for April Mission will go to this cause (details in another article in this issue.) The Mission Committee is reviewing the situation and will decide at a later date whether to add another mission family to take their place or commit to a different mission venue.

We wish Bruce and Kathy success and God's blessings as they continue to serve God with their hearts and lives.





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Return Service Requested

Upcoming Events For The Youth

April 5th - Girls Meeting Monday at 7:00 PM

**April 7 - Bowling Wednesday Meet at church at 6:00 PM and
 return at 9:00 PM for middle and high school students.
 Manheim Bowling alley.**

**April 30 - May 2nd - Youth mini retreat at Gretna Glen middle school and high
 school students.**

June 13-19 - Heart and Hand Mission Trip

June 29-July 3 - Creation Festival

