

THE CALLER

FEBRUARY 2011

Cornwall UMC
P.O. Box 687
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James Heath, Pastor
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

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SAVE THE DATE
Annual CUMC
Spaghetti Supper
Saturday,
March 26, 2011



From the Pastor's PC . . . 'A TIME TO PLAN'



I am reminded of the writer of Ecclesiastes' words, 'There is a time and a season for every matter under heaven.' We do celebrate the ending of a great year in ministry at Cornwall UMC. It is now time to firm up plan which have been talked about for some time.

On Sunday, January 23rd, we will be sharing together as a congregation during a luncheon meeting beginning at 12:00 Noon. The trustees of the church are planning to provide information regarding three needed projects at our church. The replacement of our church bus, the painting and carpeting of the sanctuary, in addition to other renovations in this sacred space, and the refurbishing of the youth center will each be on the agenda. During this meeting, ministry leaders from the church will discuss the needs and then trustee committee representatives will discuss the costs involved. There will be time for questions and answers and for the sharing of ideas. A review of the current financial position of the church will also be provided. Please plan to attend.

'A TIME TO LOVE'

We might say that it is always a time to love, and that would be a true statement. We will begin a 5-week preaching series on the 'Five Love Languages' on Sunday, January the 23rd. This series, based on the book by Dr. Gary Chapman, will coincide with the Sunday school class based on the same book. We will explore the five love languages with which we speak and show love to others. This series will encourage us to love in ways that are better received by those with whom we live in relationship. The five love languages refer to relationships with our spouses, children, and all those with whom we have contact. Please plan to join us for this series and take this opportunity to invite a friend, co-worker, or neighbor to join us as well.

PLANNING AHEAD

Plans are being made for Cornwall UMC to host a Northwest District training event on Friday and Saturday, March 4th and 5th. The workshop is based on the book, 'Leading Beyond the Walls,' by Adam Hamilton. Leadership team members from his church, Church of the Resurrection, will lead the event. Adam Hamilton will teach during a live simulcast on Saturday.

This is an honor for us to be involved as the host church. We will need many hands to provide a warm welcome, help with set up, a luncheon, and then preparation for the church to be readied for worship on the Sunday following the workshop. Please look for more information to come.

The MISSION COMMITTEE of the Cornwall United Methodist Church

Part II of III (continued from last month)

Last month, we started our introduction to the Mission Committee. This month, we would like to introduce you to the people that serve on the committee. Following is the list of current programs that we are supporting along with the assigned "Champion" and the month of the year that they are featured:

January	<u>Missionary Sue Kolljeski</u>	Sue & Jim Brimmer
February	<u>Agape Family Shelter</u>	Kathy Snavely
March	<u>One Great Hour of Sharing / UMCOR</u>	TBD (Judy Heath, interim)
April	<u>Gretna Glen</u>	Mark & Jen Jocham
May	<u>Heart & Hand 2010</u>	Randy Stroh
June	<u>Habitat for Humanity</u>	TBD
July	<u>Campus Target / Bob Kniley</u>	Kathy Snavely
August	<u>LCCM</u>	Dawn Spangler and Karen & Ken Trovinger
September	<u>Health & Wellness / Golden Cross</u>	TBD (Judy Heath, interim)
October	<u>World Wide Communion</u>	TBD (Judy Heath, interim)
November	<u>Lucas & Limi Ndaro</u>	Bob Ladd
December	<u>InterVarsity / Kristina Raine</u> -	Kathy Snavely

Other programs that we support, but not as a monthly offering include the following:

- Family Life Counseling Center, Nassa, Tanzania** – Bob Ladd
- Angel Tree – Latino Church - TBD**
- Evangelical Theological Seminary**– Bob Ladd
- Church World Service** -Patty Pasquale
- Mission Central Hub (our local UMCOR Disaster coordination site)** - **TBD**
- Volunteers in Missions (VIM) – Support a Nurse in Bolivia**
- Conference Specials:**

- Heifer International
- Campership Funds
- Bishop's appeals:
 - Haiti Disaster
 - Chile Disaster
 - Gulf Coast Hurricane Katrina Disaster

Other Committee members not currently serving as a "Champion" include, Tonya Voris who coordinates our fund raising through the Groceries Give Back Gift Card sales and Pastor Jim.

As you can see, there are numerous areas for new members to step in. We would love to have interested individuals join the committee in order to continue to gain new perspectives and grow our programs. If you would like to discuss joining us, please call Judy Heath @ 273-3686 for more information.

Look for next month's Caller article where we will share how we finance all of these programs.



Friendship Connection
SOUPer Supper
Saturday, February 26th, 6:00 PM

It may be cold outside but we guarantee it will be warm inside when we dish up a hearty bowl of soup, enjoyable entertainment, and a heaping helping of fun and fellowship with friends.

Reserve Saturday evening, February 26th, for our winter Friendship Connection. Bring your favorite SOUP (ready to eat) or a dessert to share. Salad will be provided. This is a covered dish event because of the chance of cancellation due to the unpredictability of the weather.

Our evening entertainment will feature Bryan Stevenson. There's more to Bryan than what you see on Sunday morning. In addition to teaching guitar, he has his own recording studio (Studio 121 West), he performs professionally most Friday evenings, and he composes some of his own music (vocal & instrumental). Don't miss this opportunity to hear him on a different note. Come and enjoy, you won't be disappointed.

Don't worry if you no longer cook or bake there is always enough to go around. Bus transportation will be provided for our Cornwall Manor residents at 5:45 PM.

Volunteers Needed to Serve L.C.C.M. Noon Meal

Each month Cornwall Church cooks and serves one of the free noon meals at Lebanon County Christian Ministries. Approximately 8-10 people are needed in order to keep things running smoothly. We have some very dedicated members of our team but new faces are always welcome (no experience necessary). It is a very rewarding experience and we have fun in the process.

A new sign-up poster for the first 6 months of 2011 is located on the wall above the grocery cart in the link for the following dates:

Tuesday, February 8th
 Tuesday, March 8th

Tuesday, April 12th
 Tuesday, May 10th

Thursday, June 9th

Especially needed are volunteers for our next serving date: Thursday, January 6th. Please add your name to one or more of the dates listed. Call Sue Brimmer (273-6224) if you have any questions or just want to know how it all works.

Men's Group Resumes

Bravehearts, the Cornwall Church men's group, will begin a new study on Sunday, February 13, 2011. This will be centered on the book "Integrity" by Dr. Henry Cloud. This book focuses on the six essential qualities that determine your success in business. Dr. Cloud subtitles his book "The Courage to Meet the Demands of Reality".

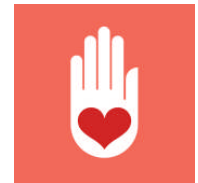
You will learn about the kind of character that creates and maintains trust; is able to see and face reality; works in a way that brings results; embraces negative realities and solves them; causes growth and increase; and achieves transcendence and meaning in life. That kind of man has integrity.

The study will last six weeks, as we cover a different quality each week. This is an ideal time for men who have not experienced the group, to come and join us. Although purchase of the book is not required, it would be highly recommended. It is certainly worth reading before the discussion begins!

The men will be meeting on six consecutive Sunday's at the Parsonage, at 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Refreshments will be provided. For more information contact Jay Darrell at 639-1575, or jdarrell@gshleb.org.

Heart & Hand Mission Trip

The Heart & Hand Mission trip to West Virginia is scheduled for Sunday, June 19th thru Friday, June 24th. Anyone interested in going on the trip, contact Randy Stroh at 269-3115.



The Café (Caring And Fellowship Every-week)

The CAFÉ is open each Sunday from 8:30 AM to 9:45 AM for a light breakfast in the Youth Area downstairs. We offer a variety of breakfast items, changing each week. Whether you're coming or going, check us out. All proceeds will directly benefit the youth mission fund.

Groceries Give Back

We're off to a great start for the New Year. As of the first week of 2011, we have reached over \$61,140.00 in grocery and gas card sales. Our earnings to date are \$2,757.00. Your purchase of these cards will help fund several mission projects for our church. You are making a difference! While they last, we still have \$10 grocery cards for Foodland and Weis. Stop by the table to purchase your grocery or gas cards after service or the church office Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon. Thank you for your continued support.



Stewardship Pledge Updates

Jim Brimmer

Here I am, in the middle of January, putting together the current figures for the 2011 financial commitments. Last year, commitments totaled \$213,029. To date for 2011, we have commitments of \$200,713. It is not too late to submit your commitment. You may do so at any time.

Over all, almost everyone who submitted a commitment, held the same level for 2011 as for 2010. In today's economic conditions, that in itself is actually remarkable. I have no reason to believe that total giving will drop by the decrease in pledges. We always have ups and downs of commitments, but total giving always seems to increase slightly.

Now that the new year has begun, if you have not yet submitted a commitment, you may do so by either emailing me at jbrimmer@lmf.net, calling me at (717) 273-6224, or dropping a note to me in the offering plate or U.S. mail to the church. Hope to hear from you soon.

Prayer Chain Update!

In an effort to become more efficient, and in turn more effective as a Prayer Chain we will be implementing an automated phone system for the Prayer Chain. We will have Prayer Chain Messengers who will be trained to make the initial phone call and deliver a clear, concise message which will be sent to all those on the Prayer Chain. After they leave the message the system will place a phone call to everyone one on the Prayer Chain. The system will continue to place phone calls until everyone has been contacted. It will deliver messages between the hours of 8:00AM and 8:00 PM.

If you have been a part of the Prayer chain in the past you most likely have already been contacted. If you wish to be a part of the new Prayer Chain please call the church office and leave a message.

For the time being, if you have a request for the prayer chain, please call the Church office Monday – Thursday, 9:00 AM-1:00PM. If you have a request after office hours, please call Bryan Stevenson (717)383-1669 and leave a brief but detailed message. The prayer chain request will go out in a timely manner.

SNACK HELP WANTED

Do you & your family enjoy the snacks & drinks that are available in the "Link" on Sunday mornings?
If you do, would you please consider providing them on occasion?

There is a sign-up list by the table.

We ask for 8 - 10 dozen cookies, a bag of pretzels, a gallon of lemonade and a gallon of ice tea.

The snacks need to be here BEFORE 8:00AM on Sunday morning
in order for the Hostess to set up the table.

From the Finance Corner – an update:

I need first of all to share a huge thank you with all of you! This is an amazing congregation, and you again responded in wonderful ways to the requests late in the year. As you probably know, by the fall of 2010 we had developed a budget shortfall of more than \$40,000. Part of this was due to project expenses when we converted our old oil heating system to a more efficient natural gas system, and part related to some lower-than-anticipated giving. There were a couple of really amazing giving undays in November and December, and we had higher-than-normal giving on several Sundays. We also significantly limited spending in the final months of the year. Ultimately, we reduced the deficit to less than \$10,000, but we aren't completely sure of a final number yet. Certainly we ended in a far better position because of your generosity, so – thank you for your amazing response!

If we do end the year with a small deficit, you may wonder how that works. There is a “fund balance”, which is a savings account of sorts. Frankly, that fund balance is the only way we can continue operations during times of the year when giving does not meet current spending needs. This is frequently the case during the summer. Overall, it would appear that when we look at the last four years of history, we will be at just about the same level of fund balance that we had at the beginning of that period (end of 2006). Some years up, some years down – overall, holding our own, maybe even adding a bit to the balance. Considering where the economy has been, that is very encouraging!

Let's take a minute to put that in perspective. We paid off the mortgage, allowing us to completely rework the budget and eliminate what used to be a \$60,000 plus line item for principal and interest expense so we could be more intentional about ministry-related spending. We took on support of multiple missionaries and have grown our support for them to amazing levels. The seed of an idea to build a counseling center in Tanzania grew into full funding for the project and a life-changing mission trip from many of our members. We have done multiple US missions trips, to both West Virginia and Mississippi, to make a difference in the lives of many. When one of our members felt called to go to Haiti after the earthquake, we raised all the support in just three weeks – and had to tell folks to **stop** giving! Plus we support many other ministries, both local and global, with both time and financial support. I don't know about you, but I spell amazing C-U-M-C!

As we look to the future, we still have some financial challenges to work through. There are a number of projects we want....well; really **need** to do in and around our church. While we are doing many things with missions, there is so much more we would like to do. And the annual budget does grow over time, as our need for staff salaries and benefits, church maintenance and utilities, local ministry, and conference related expenses increase. The 2011 budget is balanced, but could be a stretch in some areas, depending on what kinds of trends we see in future income. Making all of this work, and finding the proper balance, takes all of us working together. Please pray with those of us in leadership positions, that we would be faithful stewards of all God has entrusted to us, and would continue to listen as the Spirit leads us in the direction we are to follow Christ. In all we do, may we fulfill the mission of the church and faithfully provide ways for others to grow closer to Christ through the ministry of this church.

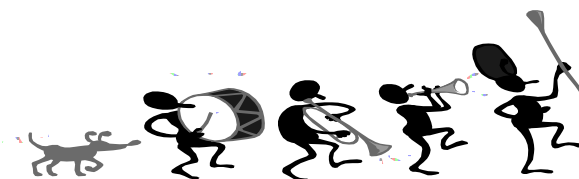
Women's Spiritual Day Out
"A Closer Walk and Girlfriend Talk"
Save the date: April 9th, 2011 8:30AM to 4PM

We are excitedly planning a wonderful day for women to socialize with other women and be refreshed in the Lord. A wonderful guest speaker, Rev. Priscilla Williams will help us explore ways to communicate with God more closely and see others and one's self from a new perspective. We will have 4-6 choices of interest groups both in the morning and the afternoon. We have everything from an intro to Zumba or tips for better photos to creative journaling or a study in Proverbs. Of course a women's day out wouldn't be complete without eating....we are planning some fun snacks and a special luncheon you will be sure to enjoy. We will end the day with a special concert by Kerensa Gray who is a professional vocalist who, competing with 1500 other artists in 2009, won the 20th annual Baltimore Billie Holiday competition. A whole day of fun and rejuvenation for only \$20!! While you're with us having a great time, we suggest planning a special day for the kids with Dad or the grandparents as child care will not be provided. Anyone with budget constraints, please call Judy Walton 270-7251 regarding scholarships. Be looking for our display with registration forms coming soon. Please use this as an opportunity to invite any friends or relatives to join us.



By Marcia Riegler

Kid's News Flash



Thank you!!

We want to thank everyone who was involved with our children's Christmas Eve program. It's so neat to watch the children in their costumes and to hear their thoughts as we retell the story of Jesus' birth. Thank you to all of the adult and children who were involved.

Help Wanted/Needed

I am looking for several people who would like to get a little more involved with our Children's Ministry. There are many activities that take place throughout the year for the children that need to have someone organize and run. Here is a sampling of some of the activities. If something catches your attention please contact Amanda Progin at 279-7901 and I will give you more information.

- *VBS - We have a team in place but can always use other willing individuals to make it a success.
- *Christmas Caroling
- *Youth Group for 3-5 graders
- *Monthly Activity Planner

First Communion

If your child is in 1st grade or higher and would like to attend our First Communion class please contact Amanda (proginc@verizon.net or 279-7901). The date has not been set yet but we are looking at sometime in March.

During this class, which will last about 2 hours on a Sunday afternoon you and your children will learn the significance of participating in Holy Communion. We will partake in communion after baking the bread and learning some interesting things from Pastor Jim.

Lebanon County Christian Ministries (LCCM)

Mark Thursday, February 24th, on your calendar as a day to take your family and friends to Friendly's Family Restaurant, 1701 Quentin Road, Lebanon, to raise funds for LCCM; Friendly's will donate 15% of every purchase made between 5:00 PM and 8:00 PM to LCCM, no coupon needed.

Looking Ahead:

Although it is only February, Spring and the Lenten Season are just around the corner, April 2nd is the annual Lenten Breakfast, sponsored by LCCM, at the Lebanon Fairgrounds. This year's speaker is Michael Sigman, President of The Evangelical Theological Seminary. We have had the pleasure of hearing him bring a message here at Cornwall on a Sunday morning this past year.

Make a note on your calendar of this date. Look for a reminder of this event and ticket information in the March Caller. Announcements of the Breakfast will also be made at a later date.

January to October 2010
Total approximate pounds of food donated by CUMC
25, 638 pounds
Your individual donations helped make this possible.

Thank you

A thank you note was received from the Boyer family for the meals and prayers during Doug's illness and death.

Volunteers Needed for Middle School Youth Meeting

What makes a good youth group volunteer? Many people shy away from youth ministry because they don't feel qualified for one reason or another. The truth is, that many different types of people can do well in youth ministry. Sometimes we tend to think that only very young and athletic people can relate to our youth, nothing could be farther from the truth. Our youth ministry is a relationship focused ministry. The one necessary quality for a youth volunteer is someone who can build relationships. I am looking for one or two individuals who will be willing to commit to youth meeting regularly on Sunday night. The middle school youth program is growing and we need more volunteers. All that I ask from youth volunteers is that they care about the students and desire to help them grow closer to Jesus. We play a lot of silly games and do crazy activities. The purpose of all that we do is to grow in Christ. Volunteers should come to youth meeting looking for opportunities to talk with youth about their week and the things going on in their life and hopefully have advice and direction when the youth need it. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer leader in the middle school program please contact me at 717-304-6535. Every volunteer should be aware that all children and youth ministries at CUMC require an extensive background check and should be willing to submit to this background check.



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Return Service Requested

**Youth schedule for February:
The Super Bowl of Baby Food Party: Feb 6 at 5:00 PM
Youth Sunday Practice: Feb 16 6-8 PM
Youth Sunday Practice: Feb 26 5-8 PM
Youth Sunday Traditional Feb 27
Youth Sunday Contemporary March 6**

No Sr High meeting on Feb 16 (Youth Sunday Practice)

