

THE CALLER

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Cornwall UMC

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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

\$50,000 Challenge Grant for Tanzania Mission Project

Memorial Gift for Howard Gallop Memorial Financial Counseling Center

A great opportunity has presented itself to Cornwall United Methodist Church that will allow us to complete the Family Life Counseling Center and memorialize a man who committed years of his life to the ministry of finance at Cornwall United Methodist Church. James Gallop, brother to the late Howard Gallop (husband of Gloria) has issued a \$50,000 challenge to the people of Cornwall United Methodist Church. Jim Gallop's challenge is very simple - "Raise your \$70,000 Stage One goal for the Tanzania Mission project by May 1, 2010 and I will give you the additional \$50,000 to name the financial counseling center for my brother Howard and complete the project".

When we first entered into the Tanzania project it was obviously a big challenge to raise the necessary funds now to complete the building. The original estimate for this project was about \$180,000. We made some decisions to stage the project, use local contractors and eliminate some of the architectural consulting fees. We felt that would reduce the total cost to about \$120,000. The general feeling was that we could not raise that much money in one year's time so we might have to make some fundamental changes in the building and leave the whole second floor for a later stage of completion.

Now the opportunity is within grasp if we can continue to move along the path we have been taking. Our goal for building and materials fundraising is \$50,000 by January 1. At this writing December 14, 2009 we are over \$40,000. We can make this goal of \$70,000 and see the project to completion. Howard Gallop would be very proud of this astounding generosity and vision. Your prayer, financial and time support is essential over this next four months.

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



From the Pastor's PC . . . What Are We Looking For?



Our Advent/Christmas Series asked the question, 'Who Are We Waiting For?' As we begin the New Year we ask, 'What Are We Looking For?' I have a little story to tell you.

I recently attended a birthday party for one of the folk from the church. As the birthday celebrant introduced me to a friend, she said, 'This is my pastor. He's the one who lets me do things.' I just smiled and said that I have learned to recognize gifts in people and then trust God as I try to get out of the way. What I meant by that is to say that as we get to know one another, we can see where God has placed gifts in each other. As Pastor, I see my responsibility as one who identifies gifts, encourages, helps, and then sets others free to be ministers in God's name. Oh, and I almost forgot, celebrate what God is doing. That is really what this invitation to the birthday party was all about. Those gathered celebrated the uniqueness of this person and the gifts she brings to others.

One of the strengths of Cornwall Church is the people who are part of our community of faith. We each bring our giftedness to share with each other. This is how we minister to each other and serve each other. We see this in various ways.

Here is a good example. It has been a blessing to see how many people have given significant time and energy to help spruce up our parsonage and church building for the recent Cornwall Iron Furnace Tour of Homes. Our church and parsonage were a part of the tour. Those who organized, decorated, painted, repaired flooring, worked with electrical fixtures, gave tours, cooked and baked for the luncheon, and those who cleaned up for the busy day ahead each contributed to the success of the event. This is just one example of how many servants we have at our church.

We are continuing to learn how to recognize the call to serve which God places on each of us and to experience what it means to be Christ's servants in ministry. We are growing as servants, ministers, and missionaries for Christ. This is why we moved my article for this edition of the Caller from the front page. We are giving this 'front page' space to highlight a very significant mission that we are spear heading in 2010. As the excitement grows for our mission teams work in building The Family Life Counseling Center in Nassau, Tanzania, I want you to recognize that you are a part of what is happening half-way around the world.

You may not be going on the trip. You may not have been able to support the trip financially. (You still have plenty of time to help out in this way!) But everything that you and I do to support the ministry of the church through our prayers, giving, encouraging, and serving help to build up this body so that we can reach outside of ourselves in order to serve the



STAFF NEWS

Luke Ferguson has joined our church staff as the Director of Youth Ministry. Look for his article of introduction in this edition of the Caller. Luke began leading the youth ministry in mid December. He plans to spend the majority of his time getting to know the students, parents, and our church family in his first few months. We are very excited to have him as a part of our ministry team.

We give a special word of thanks to Crystal Troxell for her two plus years of leadership in our youth ministry. She has been very faithful in providing leadership until the time of Luke's hiring. She plans to continue as a volunteer in the ministry. Thanks Crystal for your continued service!

A Message From Our New Youth Director

My family and I are so excited to be here at Cornwall United Methodist Church. We have been so warmly welcomed by all. I am certain that teenagers and their parents are wondering, "Just what is this guy all about?" So what can I tell you about myself that is beyond my resume? Since I was a child the passion of my life has been to serve the Lord. It all started when my pastor asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up. I responded that I would like to be a cop or a preacher. He told me that I should be a preacher. It is so comical now to recall that conversation, but that day the Spirit put a seed in a little boys' heart. Soon after I was lining up my stuffed animals and preaching the gospel to them in my room. As I grew, various people gave me opportunities to preach and to be involved in serving Jesus. And so my path has brought me to Cornwall. With all of my heart I want to be used by God. It is my hope that as the students and I look into the word of God and worship the Lord that He will move in our hearts and we will come nearer to Him. I know that we are going to have a lot of fun. I know that we are going to do a lot of things together. I pray that we become more devoted to Jesus. I hope that in the same way that God used so many people to touch my life He will use me here.

Sincerely,

Luke Ferguson



Church News & Happenings



Women's Monday Afternoon Bible Study

Join us at 1PM on Mondays in the parsonage for an informal time of Bible Study and lively discussions pertaining to our topic. We will be beginning a new study Jan.4th. We are in the process of choosing a book of the Bible for study. We will post the title of our study in the Dec.27th Sunday bulletin or you can view it online at www.corwallchurch.org on the church calendar. We will have our last meeting of 2009 next Mon the 21st of Dec. then be on Christmas break until Jan 4th. 2010. Looking forward to seeing new faces!!

Nametag Help Wanted

I am looking for people willing to learn how to print and tack nametags on the boards so I have coverage when I go on vacation. It doesn't take more than an hour. If you are at all familiar with basic Word or Word Perfect on the computer you will easily learn how to do nametags. If interested, contact Marcia Riegle @ 273-1953 or mrriegle@msn.com

SAFE SANCTUARY

Safe Sanctuary is the term which we use to describe our policy for those who work with children and youth in our church. The Eastern Penna. Conference of the United Methodist Church has guidelines which inform our policy. Every adult who supervises our children or youth must attend a Safe Sanctuary training event. In addition, each adult must have two background checks completed. The background checks are to be renewed every three years. We have a committee at CUMC which oversees the policy and procedures.

The next training event is on Sunday, January the 10th at 9:00 AM. If you are interested in working in our children's ministry, including as a nursery attendant or in the youth ministry and have not been a part of the Safe Sanctuary training, please call the church office. If you have received the training and it is time for a renewal of your background checks, you will be notified of the meeting.

Our desire is to maintain a safe place for our children, youth, and those who teach and supervise them.

SOUPer Supper

Friday, January 29th, 6:15 pm



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

Reserve Friday evening, January 29th, for our winter Friendship Connection. Bring your favorite SOUP or a dessert to share. This will be a covered dish event because of the chance of cancellation due to the unpredictability of the weather at this time of year.

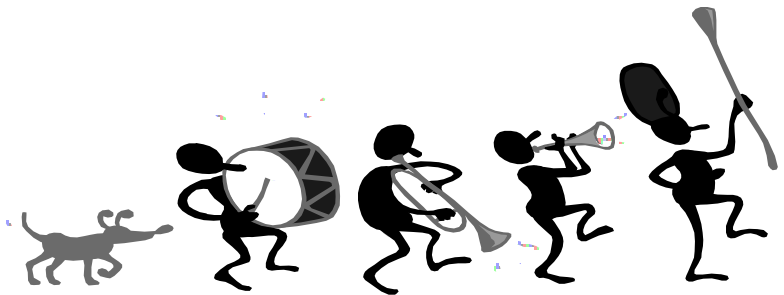
Needed: ENTERTAINERS (all ages and types of talent)

Can you sing, can you dance, can you play the kazoo (or something else)?

Call, or see Sue Brimmer, (273-6224) by Sunday, January 10th, if you would like to be a performer at our SOUPer Supper.

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

Kid's News Flash



3rd-5th Grade Youth

On January 10 from 2-4pm we will be meeting at church to play games and have a lot of fun together. This will be a recurring event each month...the second Sunday unless it is a holiday.

First Communion

On February 28, 2010, children in 2nd grade and up are invited to attend a First Communion Class. Pastor Jim will be teaching the children the purpose and importance of this sacred event we participate in. They will be making their own bread to break and then partake in the process of communion. Please let Amanda Progin know if your child will be attending.

Mission of the Month

GRETNA GLEN



Happy New Year! As the New Year begins, so marks the beginning of the 51st year of camping at Gretna Glen - our Mission of the Month for January. Many members of our congregation and community may not realize that Gretna Glen offers 230 acres of fun - all in our own backyard!! In 2009, Gretna Glen hosted 1,596 summer campers, hosted over 250 non-summer events, including the American Cancer Society's children's patient camp and the Muscular Dystrophy Association camp and welcomed over 9,000 guests to this scenic retreat. All this was accomplished with only five full time and one part-time staff members and the blessing of 186 volunteers that gave unselfishly of their time and talents to help the campers to share the joy of knowing and following Jesus Christ. In order to help Gretna Glen continue to grow and educate campers, both young and old, we ask that you help support their staff through prayers, introducing your children to the many available camps and volunteering of your time. The camp is in need of volunteers at all levels - counselors, kitchen & maintenance help, craft people & support with clerical work in the office. The camp needs approximately 300 people to successfully run the camp as a volunteer based program. Throughout the spring and summer we will be organizing work days at the camp which will consist of basic maintenance and clean-up. Since this mission is literally in our backyard, we would also like to have Cornwall UMC sponsor a week of camp - offering them a minimum of 12 volunteers during a week over the summer. There is a place for everyone at Gretna Glen - the curriculum for the camps is already in place so we would be offering them support services to guarantee a successful week of fun, team building and education. As the parent of a young camper and a regular volunteer, I ask that you take the time to come out and visit the camp, meet the staff and see for yourself the beauty and peace that Gretna Glen has to offer our church and families. Not only is Gretna Glen our January mission, but it is a valuable opportunity for us to help encourage our youth to find their place in the future of our church.

If you have any questions regarding the camp or volunteer services, here is the camp information

Gretna Glen Camp & Retreat Center

87 Old Mine Road

Lebanon, PA 17042

717-273-6525

camp@gretnaglen.org

www.gretnaglen.org

Anyone interested in participating in spring clean-up days can also contact us for more information.

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Return Service Requested

Announcements & Upcoming Events For The Youth

- Beginning in 2010 there is a format change to the youth meetings:
 - 8th grade students will be allowed to attend the Sr. High meeting and most Sr. High events
 - 9th grade students will be allowed to attend the Jr. High meeting and most Jr. High events

These students are welcome to choose one group to attend or may come to both groups.
- Jr. High retreat at **Gretna Glen** January 15th-17th
 - Tentatively we will depart from C.U.M.C. @ 5:00 Friday and return @ 3:00 Sunday
 - Cost is \$95.00 per student
 - Also, No Jr. High meeting on the 17th
- Sr. High night out **Winter Jam 2010** Christian music's largest annual tour featuring **Third Day** and **Newsboys**
 - When: Thursday January 28th *Special note: this will be a late night.*
 - Where: Sovereign Performing Arts Ctr Reading PA
 - Cost: **\$6.00!!**

