

THE CALLER

SEPTEMBER 2009



From the Pastor's PC . . .

Cornwall UMC
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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

Life is a Bowl of Tomatoes?

I feel like the Tom Hanks character in the movie, 'Forest Gump.' Gump says, 'Life is like a bowl of chocolates. You never know what you are going to get.' Well, life is like tomato sauce.

For Judy and me, the making of tomato sauce begins in the fall. We spread leaves and manure and then till the garden. Then we wait. In the spring, we till, plant, place the cages and wait and hope. We watch for any insects which might be a problem and treat them. We hope for proper sun and warmth. When the rain is insufficient, we use the rainwater which we capture and store in a 55 gallon drum. It's fun to look out the window and see the plants maturing and the fruit beginning to emerge. When the fruit ripens, we pick (or harvest as I like to call it) and then the kitchen work begins.

In the summer of 2008, our 12 tomato plants produced many tomatoes. We canned 50 quarts of sauce, 50 pints of tomatoes, and enjoyed many others on salads. This year, our yield looks like it will be about half of what we enjoyed last year. We went through the same preparations as last year, we planted the same

number of plants, we watered and fertilized, we hoped. Life is like making tomato sauce.

We have our part to play in life. We work hard, make preparations. We learn from others and from our own mistakes. We do our part. We follow our dreams. But sometimes, things happen which are beyond our control. The spring is too hot or too wet. Some of us have had difficult starts to our lives. A 'crisis event' occurs and our plans must be adjusted. In 2007, a severe thunderstorm knocked the flowers off of our butternut squash. The otherwise healthy looking plants had a very low yield. It is important for us to learn to grieve our losses and to keep a broad perspective of our lives.

There are many passages of scripture which speak to the ebb and flow of our lives and God's promises to help and strengthen us throughout. The well known poem found in Ecclesiastes 3 speaks of 'a time for every matter under heaven.' Read this passage now (Ecclesiastes is located after Psalms and Proverbs in the Old Testament.) Take note of verses 9-15 which speak of God's overall providence in the world.

I pray that you will find God's peace in this season of your life.

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

Tanzania Mission Team and Supporters to Meet September 13

An initial meeting has been scheduled for people interested in traveling to Tanzania next August to build the Family Life Counseling Center. Those supporting that effort in any way are also welcome to attend. We will be meeting at 12:00 noon on Sunday, September 13 after church and plan to get pizzas so be sure to let Bob Ladd (jbobladd@ptd.net or 273-7090) know that you are coming. There will be a freewill offering to cover lunch expenses. We will be having guests from outside the church family who are interested in going with us as well.

We are hoping to link up with Lucas and Limi on Skype during the meeting so we can hear from them as well. This will be an informational session and an opportunity to ask questions. We can discuss travel, lodging, health and financial issues. We will look at the plans for the building and Mark Stone can give you some ideas about how you might help with completing this project.

We are progressing nicely with fundraising and we hope to be able to announce that we have reached and surpassed our \$5000 matching gift goal for July and August soon. Don't rule out going if the only reason is financial. We will discuss personal support-raising ideas and some scholarship support that may be available as well. If you cannot make this meeting but would like to go on the trip make sure you are on the update e-mail list by giving the information to Bob Ladd.

Golden Cross Sunday

GOLDEN CROSS Society (also called Health and Welfare Sunday) offerings are used for health and welfare ministries in the annual conference.

Our East Pennsylvania Conference is fortunate to have five essential institutional ministries available for improving the lives of all ages through their work serving our church communities. Cornwall Manor Retirement community, the Methodist Home for Children, the Meth-

odist Hospital, Simpson Senior Services and Wesley Enhanced Living are the hands of the Church, touching the lives of many individuals and families each year. They help improve and transform lives through their work with the aging, infirm and sick, as well as for children with a variety of disabilities and challenges, whether physical, emotional, mental, or spiritual. Our Conference has set up the annual Golden Cross Offering to give church members and churches

the opportunity to support these very worthy Health and Welfare ministries of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference. The Golden Cross offering provides care and services at each institutional ministry for some of our most vulnerable populations in Pennsylvania. Please give generously to this worth while mission by placing your offering in your church envelope and mark "Golden Cross" along with the amount. Thank you for your support.

Health Center

It's hard to believe it's been one year since the reading program at Cornwall Manor Health Center was instituted. In September, 2008, Joan Benner, Sue Brimmer, Alyssa Doster, Linda Fretz, Gayle Kohl and Redith Snoberger started reading to the residents in M1 and M2 of the health center on Thursday mornings. Besides reading in the health center, Karen Trovinger, who joined us in January, has a poetry reading program in Corson Hall. Alyssa has taken some time off to care for her new baby but hopes to join us again. Representing the Church of the Good Shepherd is Michael Bermes. Michael works at the VA but had worked in a nursing home for 18 years. So far we have had one luncheon to discuss books to read and books that have been read. I'm planning for another luncheon soon. If this activity interests you, please call Gayle Kohl at 273-2937 or e-mail at hilde10@comcast.net.

MISSION GIVING			
MISSION	JUNE 2009	YTD	2008 YTD
Ndaro	\$1,934.00	\$10,583.16	\$10,259.00
Tanzania Mission Trip	\$1,061.00	\$8,700.66	\$0.00
Camp	\$0.00	\$450.00	\$0.00
One Great Hour	\$0.00	\$1,254.50	\$1,083.00
Agape House	\$0.00	\$860.50	\$959.00
LCCM	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$0.00
Mission Support- Bob Kniley	\$289.50	\$1,183.50	\$1,471.00
Habitat	\$0.00	\$1,110.50	\$1,131.00
Griffiths	\$668.00	\$2,734.00	\$2,301.00
Heifer Project	\$0.00	\$6.00	\$0.00
Mission Project - Youth	\$0.00	\$829.50	\$2,747.34
Heart and Hand	\$414.02	\$7,002.21	\$0.00
Mission Support - Kristina Kniley	\$43.00	\$1,933.50	\$0.00
TOTALS	\$4,429.52	\$36,668.03	\$19,951.34

Habitat For Humanity work opportunities - and other ways to help:

1. Home reconstruction work day "Saturday September 5th" at the Apostle build II project 930 Church St. Lebanon from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. We need workers skilled or unskilled and also Lunch providers for the crew, age 14 is the minimum age on the jobsite. Please call Matt Pflieger @ 278-4449 or email him at matthewp@messicks.com if interested.
2. Worden St. town houses - 5 units were completed and dedicated this summer and the remaining 2 units will be completed by June 2010 - drop in at the project site 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. to work, it is located between N. 2nd Ave. and N. 3rd Ave. a couple blocks north of Lehman St.
3. Ladies Night Out - every Tuesday evening 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. - drop in at the Worden Street project to help.
4. Collect your aluminum cans, either garbage bag them at home and put them inside the garage below the church (the overhead door closest to the church) or drop them in the boxes located inside the foyer hallway - all proceeds go directly to Habitat when cans are taken to the recycler.
5. If your schedule has conflicted to help on any previously scheduled Saturday work days or would consider doing your own week-day group and would like to be contacted please call Matt Pflieger at 278-4449 or email him at matthewp@messicks.com.

New Daytime Bible Study Beginning Soon

What: "Decisions – Seeking God's Guidance"
When: Friday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30
 First meeting on Sept. 25
Where: The old stone parsonage behind the church
Who: All women are invited!

"God has given me free will, and while I appreciate His confidence in my ability to choose, there are times when I wish that He would make the decisions for me."

The Bible doesn't give us the answer to every choice we face, but it does teach us how to make wise decisions. This study will help you to learn those principles and apply them to your life.

For more info, contact Linda Fretz or the church office.

How to Talk About What You Believe

**New Sunday Morning Class
Starts September 27**

Most of us can think of 101 reasons not to share our faith.

*"I don't want to offend people."
 "I don't know what to say."*

And while it's wise to be sensitive so that we don't make a nuisance of ourselves or turn people against the good news, it's also important to share the Gospel message with others effectively. These studies will help us learn to communicate comfortably and creatively about Jesus, so that it becomes a natural and exciting way of life.

This discussion group is open to everyone – just show up at 9:00 AM any Sunday at Room #60 downstairs.

Did we Forget?

Any articles needed or wanted to be published in the local newspapers should be sent to Gayle Kohl, 218 Karinch St, Lebanon, PA 17042, e-mail at hilde10@comcast.net or phone 269-0210. Please submit all articles by the 15th of the month.

Join Cub Scouts!



When: Tuesday, September 15th @ 7:00pm
Where: Cornwall Elementary



Yearly registration and insurance: \$12.00
 Pro-rated Boys'

Boy's Life magazine \$12.00 yearly
 (optional)

Den Dues fees will be explained at the meeting

Questions?

Contact Janet Gill at 279-7831

or

janetgill76@comcast.net

Each Boy who joins will receive 2 free tickets to:



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			1 Women's Bible Study 6:45 PM	2	3 Worship Team Rehearsal 6:30 PM Chancel Choir	4 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM Little Angels 10:00 AM	5
6 14th Sunday af- ter Pentecost	7 LABOR DAY	8 Women's Bible Study 6:45 PM	9 Missions Meet- ing 7:00 PM Finance Meeting 7:00 PM	10 Worship Team Rehearsal 6:30 PM Chancel Choir	11 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM Little Angels 10:00 AM	12 Gerhart/Perini Wedding	
13 15th Sunday af- ter Pentecost	14 Women's Bible Study 1:00 PM COM Meeting 7:00 PM	15 Women's Bible Study 6:45 PM SPRC 7:00 PM	16 Odd Wednesday Care Group 6:30 PM	17 Worship Team Rehearsal 6:30 PM Chancel Choir	18 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM Little Angels 10:00 AM	19 Rock Of Joy	
20 WELCOME BACK SUNDAY/PANCAKE BREAKFAST 9:00AM Youth Group 6:30 PM	21 Women's Bible Study 1:00 PM Ad. Board Meet- ing 7:00 PM	22 Women's Bible Study 6:45 PM	23 Trustee Meeting 7:00 PM	24 Worship Team Rehearsal 6:30 PM Chancel Choir	25 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM Little Angels 10:00 AM	26	
27 17th Sunday af- ter Pentecost	28 Women's Bible Study 1:00 PM	29 Women's Bible Study 6:45 PM	30				

Kid's News Flash

Scrapping for kids

October 17, 2009 at the Campbelltown Fire Hall

From 8am to 8pm

Cost \$45 per person

Deadline is September 30 at 3:30pm

Contact information

Maranda from Stationery at the Palmyra Wal-Mart 717-838-0800, Monday thru Friday 7am to 4pm

Or email

Scrapping4kids@yahoo.com

All the money will go to CMN, Children's Miracle Network

Included in price is your meals, breakfast...lunch...dinner and snacks and drinks

You bring your supplies to scrapbook all day long!!!

Art Exhibition

There will be an exhibition of religious art that Lebanon Valley Council on the Arts is putting together for the month of November. The exhibition which will be held in the gallery space of the Lebanon campus of HACC is to be called "Visions" and is open to artists of any denomination whose work is inspired by their faith. The show will have its opening reception from 5:00 - 8:00 PM on Friday, November 6th during the First Friday ArtWalk.

Work should be brought to the Arts Council's offices at 734 Willow Street, Lebanon between 10 AM and Noon on Saturday, October 31st and picked up there during the same times on Saturday, 28th of November. Entries need to be suitably framed and strung with picture wire so that they may be secured by our hanging system. The show will be judged by popular vote and a \$100 prize awarded to the "Best of Show". Work should be for sale and any sales during the month minus the Arts Council's commission (35% non-member and 25% Member) will go to the artist. Each artist may enter up to four pieces for which an entry fee of \$10 per work will be due.

Lebanon Valley Council on the Arts will try to show all the entries it receives in the Galleries at HACC however if there is overflow, pictures will be exhibited in the Council's auxiliary gallery space at 734 Willow Street. In the case of a work not being shown for any reason, the artist's fee will be refunded.

For further information contact Seamus Carmichael at seamuscarmichael@aim.com or (717)272-0929.



Church News & Happenings

Welcome Back Sunday

Each fall, CUMC has a Sunday where we 'Welcome Back' those who have been out of the routine of attending worship each week. This year's Welcome Back Sunday will be September the 20th. A pancake breakfast will be served at 9:00. A brief presentation on our updated web site will be made at 9:30.

New Pew Cushion

The sanctuary has needed some "sprucing up" for quite a while, but those needs kept getting pushed to the back burner until we paid off the mortgage. But now the time has come! We have recently formed a **Sanctuary Committee** to determine what is needed and to obtain cost estimates. Improvements will include pew cushions, painting and wall repair, carpeting, window cleaning and stained glass window evaluation/repairs. We plan to begin making most of these changes in 2010, but we're not waiting to replace those uncomfortable pew cushions!

We are currently in the process of researching several suppliers to compare products, quality and value. Memorial funds have been set aside for this purpose so that we don't need to use any money from the general fund to pay for these. Our hope is that we can have the new pew cushions in place before Christmas.



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Return Service Requested

EDWARD BUCHER, JR

Ed came to Cornwall Church after moving to Cornwall Manor. He is not a member but has attended regularly since moving here and is on our shut-in list.

Ed was born and raised in Harrisburg and graduated from William Penn High School. Ed tells the story that he graduated last in his class and when he received his diploma his classmates cheered. He did not attend school regularly and he and his buddies flipped coins to see if they should attend. If the right side of the coin didn't come up, they would do it one out of three. Ed needed to get a C on a book report to graduate. He sped read the book and answered the questions and got his C.

After graduation, Ed attended and graduated from the Stinson School of Aviation in New York City. His specialty was mechanics. He joined the Air Force in 1940 and received his basic training in San Antonio. He was assigned to the European theater and traveled to Europe on the Queen Mary. There were 60,000 troops on the ship. Ed says he ate chocolate bars for the five days it took to make the crossing. He was stationed in Burtonwood England and was assigned to inspect aircraft returning from combat. When he was discharged from the Air Force, he worked for the Air Force as a civilian in Dayton Ohio.

Ed married Dee Dee Snyder who was a cheer leader at John Harris High School. They were married for 40 years when she passed away.

Ed is now in the Health Center at Cornwall Manor.