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From the Pastors

Investment of Passion

At Muddy Creek Church in 2015, through the Development Team, we are engaging the congregation around six questions. They are:

How can we foster a *Culture of Invitation*?

How can we foster an *Investment of Passion*?

How can we foster a *Sense of Belonging*?

How can we foster a *Life of Faith*?

How can we foster *Generosity*?

How can we foster a *Culture of Joy*?

In March, jelly bean invitation bags were distributed to the congregation to invite friends, neighbors and family to the Easter Egg Hunt, Good Friday, and Easter services. The congregation, with a true sense of a Culture of Invitation, responded marvelously by inviting many, many people!

This summer, the congregation is invited to participate in serving activities that will promote an *Investment of Passion*. Simply put, whenever we as Christians put our faith into action in helping others, especially those in great need, then we are investing our passions as well as our energies in the work of God. There is an old saying, "What the hands do, the heart learns". In other words, whenever our hands and selves become involved serving and helping, the passions of our heart become ignited and we want to do it more!

As with all the areas of emphasis listed above, there is a wonderful amount of *Investment of Passion* already at Muddy Creek. Social ministry, volunteering, service projects, helping at the Community Meal and many acts of kindness abound! But, as a congregation, we can develop it even more! To that end, you are invited to invest your passions in one or more of two opportunities.

The first is in the latter part of June (the exact date will be announced very soon). We have

the opportunity to go as a church, and invite our friends and neighbors as well, to pack food at the GAIN Warehouse in Mt. Joy. GAIN (Global Action Network) distributes tons of food in North America and all around the world to hungry and disadvantaged people, and we will help pack this food at the Mt. Joy warehouse. There are ways for all ages and all physical capabilities to be involved. Watch the bulletin and Facebook for the date and learn how you can be involved!

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the gift
of which
God is in
you
2 Tim 1:6

The second will be on Saturday, September 12. As part of our denomination's yearly "God's Work, Our Hands" weekend, Muddy Creek and friends are invited to participate as a group in Lancaster County United Way's "Day of Caring". Joining together with over 1,500 other volunteers from the county, our teams will be assigned to help and serve at a specific site in the county. It may involve painting a house for an elderly person, or cleaning a yard, or it could be at any one of dozens of sites!

As your hands serve in these or in any other way, we pray that your passions may continue to be ignited and invested in the work of God!

May 2015

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Special points of interest:

- *Vacation Bible School*
- *Yard Sale*
- *Summer Worship*
- *Book Club*
- *Summer Youth Events*
- *Calendar*

Upcoming Events

Muddy Creek Yard Sale

Saturday June 13
7:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
(Rain Date June 27)



You won't want to miss this opportunity for some great bargains in the Muddy Creek Grove! This is also a great chance to have a stand of your own at no cost. All that is asked is that you bring a donation of non-perishable foods (no dented cans or expired items please) to give to the local food bank. If you have questions or would like to reserve a spot, contact Kim Eshelman at 717-336-2583 or kesh@dejazzd.com. Registration deadline is June 6, 2015. People from the church and the community are invited to have a stand and attend the event. Muddy Creek Choir will also have a food stand with donations going to the organ fund.

Ladies' Night Out



Covered Dish
In the Grove
Friday June 5
6 p.m.

All ladies are invited to enjoy the Muddy Creek Grove over dinner. Please bring a covered dish and your own place setting. In the event of rain, we will meet inside the church. Friends invited too!

Sign up on the clipboards at the church exits.

Questions: contact Pat Brendle at 799-2591 or pattib@ptd.net.

Join in Prayer

The Social Ministry Committee invites you to join others across the country in prayer on May 7. This is a day to pray for our government, our schools, our community, our churches, and our families that we may be places of grace, wisdom, justice, kindness, and compassion for all. The theme is "Hear Our Cry". Pamphlets will be made available near the mailboxes at church.



Summer Sundays At Muddy Creek

Beginning Sunday, May 24 we will utilize our summer schedule. This year we will add an 8:00 a.m. service in the hopes that this will give another option for worship this summer. The summer schedule will continue through September 6. Children's messages will be offered at both services. Outdoor worship will be held on the third Sunday in August when we have the church picnic.



Worship Each Summer Sunday:

8:00 a.m.—8:35 a.m. Spoken Worship

9:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m. Worship with children's church during the sermon

Sunday August 16:

8:00 a.m.—8:35 a.m. Indoor Spoken Worship

10:30 a.m.—Outdoor Worship in the grove followed by the church picnic



Summer Worship Musicians Needed

Summer is just around the corner even though the temperatures don't prove that. (Not yet anyway!) I am looking for numerous singers and players to "make a joyful for unto the Lord" for our summer services, June through August. It would be great if you could do two pieces, but if not, one would be fine. Please let me know in person or via email (ggehman@wheatonalumni.org). Thanks in advance for your musical offerings! – Greg Gehman

Upcoming Events



Summer Youth Happenings



Learn, Serve, and Have Fun!!

June (date TBA): Packing food for those in need at the GAIN warehouse in Mount Joy.

June 22-26: Volunteer as a crew leader at VBS

July 12: Tubing at Sickman's Mill on the Pequea Creek. Sign up by July 5.

August 4-6: Beach Retreat at Ocean City, Maryland. Cost is \$30. Sign up by July 12.

Muddy Creek Youth, friends, and neighbors going into 6th grade or older in the Fall of 2015 are invited! Questions: contact the pastors.



Muddy Creek Book Club

Sunday April 19, 6:30 p.m.

“The Choice”

By Nicholas Sparks

Everyone is invited to this group held at the church. Friends invited too, as we discuss this story about a man who seems to have it all. The book looks at love found and lost and the choices that we hope never to have to make.

Questions: contact leader Mim Bordner.

Vacation Bible School

June 22-26

9 a.m.-noon

Mark your calendars now for this exciting VBS coming to Muddy Creek this summer!



Sunday Morning, 9:00 a.m.

Adult Bible Study

Everyone welcome as we study the book of First John. May 17 will be the last class of this school year until we resume again in the Fall. We meet in the sanctuary.



Registration is now open!

Sign up on line at the church website or pick up a form at church in order to be a volunteer or participant. VBS is for children 3 years—completed 5th grade. Volunteers are those who have completed 6th grade in June and older.

Invite your friends or neighbors to come for all fun and learning at *Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power!*



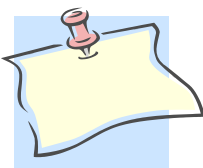
Registration Deadline May 31.



Redner's Grocery Tapes

Muddy Creek collects your receipts from groceries at Redners. When you use your Save-A-Tape card, simply bring your entire receipt the collection box in the upstairs hallway outside the offices. Gas receipts are not eligible. Redner's give us a percentage of the receipts we collect. So far this year, we have received \$175.92 that has been deposited in our Good Samaritan Fund for those in need. Thank you to those who have brought in their tapes. If you would like a Save-A-Tape card simply ask the cashier for one.

News and Notes



- Thank you for all the birthday cards.
Sincerely, Paul Shober
- Thank you to the many people who provided wonderful food for the Easter Breakfast. We had good food and fellowship for 80 people between the services on Easter.
- Thank you for the generous support of the committees and individuals who made baskets for the Spring Fling. The donated baked goods and desserts were also amazing. Centerpieces were made and donated by a member of Parish Life. And thank you especially to the entire Parish Life Committee for their hard work planning and preparing the event: Anne and Wally Nuss and Anne Brubaker (cooks), Nancy Beck (kitchen helper), baskets (Pat Brendle), Mary Ann Weber and Gloria Aseli (table settings and tickets), Audrey Noll (chair). And what a blessing to have people stay to help clean up after the event. We were able to raise over \$1200 that will be used for repairs to the grove pavilion.
- The Social Ministry Committee wishes to thank everyone who donated many items for the goodie boxes sent to college students and military members from Muddy Creek. A total of 7 boxes were sent.
- As the school year ends, the Christian Education Committee wishes to extend its thanks on behalf of the entire congregation to the faithful teachers who have served this year: Michelle Dimitris, Zinia Zwally, Michele Walzl, Lew Killian, Katie Sheffer, Peggy Leid, Audrey Noll, Nancy Beck, Russell Beck, Terri Meckley, Diane Leed, Pastor Peter, Pastor Nancy, and Greg Gehman with music.
- The choir will begin their summer break on May 24, and so we give thanks to God for the faithful members of the choir who sing each week as part of our worship this school year. We thank them for their faithfulness (even in the snow!) and the blessing they are to the congregation. Also, thank you to Greg Gehman for his leadership and music!

Council and Committee Highlights

Christian Education Committee

- VBS will be 9 a.m.—noon June 22—26 at Muddy Creek. There will be a lunch in the grove on the last day. Volunteer crew leaders and site leaders are needed. Those going into 6th grade and older, and adults are encouraged to volunteer.

Evangelism Committee

- Plans are well underway for the yard sale in June. The committee is also redoing postcards with information about Muddy Creek.

Development Team

- In order to foster an investment of passion in service, members of the committee will form teams to serve at the GAIN Warehouse Packing Event in June. Congregation members will be invited to join the team. Each team will have a goal of inviting one non-member of Muddy Creek to be part of this service opportunity.
- In order to help explain and promote the GAIN event, a short promotional video will be shown on Sunday morning.
- The congregation will be encouraged to participate in the United Way Day of Caring in September as our way of participating in the ELCA Gods' Work Our Hands Day.

Parish Life Committee

- 80 people attended the Easter Breakfast, and many people donated food for the event.
- 70 people attended the Spring Fling with over \$1200 raised for the grove pavilion. The event and venue were such a success so that the Reamstown Fire Hall was reserved for next year's Spring Fling to be held on Saturday April 9, 2016.
- Muddy Creek Book Club and the Ladies' Night Out Events continue to be well supported and attended.

May Birthdays

1	Michael Brossman	17	Ada Mohn
2	Deborah Duca		Robert Nolt
	Dylan Merklinger	18	David Becker
4	Mary Beck	20	Christopher Schnader
	Lisa Strickland		Mark Ebersole
5	Nora Busser	21	Dennis Buffenmyer
	Marian Weinhold		Michael Leid
	Christy Miller	24	Alexis Muscavage
6	Kevin Seidel	25	Chad Sweitzer
8	Randall Leid	26	David Sensenig
9	Kenneth Stover		Timothy Brower
	Phil Weaver	27	Marian Blaylock
10	Walter Buohl		Philip Ramsey
11	Pauline Brendle		Kirt Weinhold
	Ralph Bearinger	28	Seth Shober
12	Michelle Dimitris	29	Dylan Leed
	Brooke Stephens	30	Yvonne Weaver
13	Deborah Geisel		Kayla Witmer
14	Jarred Zimmerman	31	Brooke Brossman
16	Betty Ramsey		



A Special Happy Birthday to our "Over-Eighty" Members!!

May 11, 1924	A. Pauline Brendle 8 South Reamstown Rd. P. O. Box 207 Reamstown, PA 17567
May 11, 1930	Ralph Bearinger 726 North Fifth St. Denver, PA 17517
May 16, 1927	Betty Ramsey 234 Muddy Creek Church Rd. Denver, PA 17517
May 17, 1927	Ada Mohn 127 E. Church St. Stevens, PA 17578
May 27, 1930	Marian Blaylock 133 Westbrook Drive Ephrata, PA 17522

Brenda & Friends Tours

May 16, 2015 - Old Newcastle, Delaware

May 30, 2015—Washington D.C. Monument Cruise

June 6, 2015—1 Day Mystery Trip

June 9, 2015—"Josiah for President" and buffet at Bird-in Hand

August 1-5, 2015—Kentucky Trip

August 8, 2015—"Steam into History" train ride to Hanover Junction and more.

August 22, 2015—"South Pacific" and buffet meal at Allenbury Playhouse

August 29, 2015—"A Day in Gettysburg"

For more info contact Brenda at 336-6886 or bergerb@dejazzd.com. More info also on the hallway table outside church office.

Worship Helpers

Coffee Ministry

May

3	still needed
10	Millie Shober and Kathleen Ebling
17	still needed
24	Pat Brendle
31	still needed

Bulletin Folders

May

7	Brenda and John Shreiner
14	Kathleen Ebling and Charmaine Wenrich
21	Judy Dengler and Peggy Leid
28	Barbara and Jim Youndt

June

4	Carl and Joanne Schenskie
11	Mickey Jones and Jill Youndt
18	Janet and Charles Frantz, Pat Artz
25	Linda Berger and Nancy Beck

Lay Readers

May

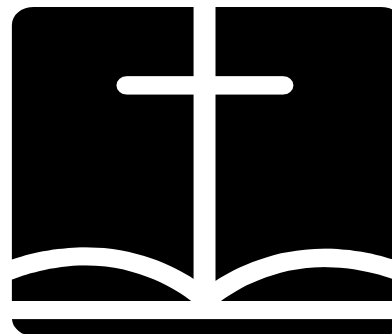
3	Brenda Berger
10	Marjorie Cloud
17	Hollie Kemper
24	John Schutter
31	Brad Rauch

Communion Asst.

May 3	Courtney Zwally
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Greeters

May 3	Carol and Roy Becker
June 7	Phil Ramsey



Money Counters

May

3	Dean Lutz, David and June Sloat
10	Nancy and Sid Hurst, Jane Wenger
17	Lori and Mike Martin, Josephine Martin
24	Linda and Tim Fritz, David Sensenig
31	Gail and Ted Bare

June

7	Jeanette and Mike Leid, Phil Weaver
14	Connie and Rick Harding, Diane Leed
21	Marie and Walter Buohl, John Schutter
28	Gloria Aseli, Brenda Berger, Audrey Noll

Altar Guild

May

Connie Harding and Diane Leed

June

Sid and Nancy Hurst

Ushers

May

3	Group #1
10	Group #5
17	Group #5
24	Group #5
31	Group #5

June

7	Group #8
14	Group #2
21	Group #8
28	Group #8

Worship Helpers

Acolytes

May

3	Will Meckley
10	Courtney Zwally
17	Haley Leed
24	Tyler Cloud
31	Natalie Sukanik

Nursery

(10:15 unless noted)

May

3	8 a.m. Don and Nora Busser
	10:15 a.m. Michele Walzl, Brenda Shreiner
10	Jill Youndt, Brandon Walzl
17	Connie and Rick Harding
24	Mike and Wendy Sheaffer
31	Peggy Lied and Katie Sheffer

Congratulations



Marriage: Phil Weaver and Molly Miller were married in Michigan on March 14, 2015



Our Sympathy

Marlene Boose passed away on April 4, 2015 at the age of 78.

Upcoming Events

- May 17, Sunday—Last Day of Sunday School
- May 24, Sunday—First Day of Summer Worship Schedule (8:00 and 9:00 worship)
- June 5—7, Synod Assembly at Messiah College
- June 5, 6:30 p.m.—Ladies' Night Out in the Grove
- June 13, 7:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Muddy Creek Yard Sale (Rain Date 6/27)
- June 22-26, 9 a.m. –noon Vacation Bible School at Muddy Creek
- July 12, 11:15 a.m.—Tubing at Sickman's Mill
- August 6—8, Youth Beach Trip
- August 18, 10:30 a.m.—Outdoor Worship and Church Picnic
- September 13, Fall Schedule Resumes

Attendance Report

	Worship	Sunday School
Mar. 29	181	50
Apr. 5	306	no classes
Apr. 12	137	35
Apr. 19	171	28

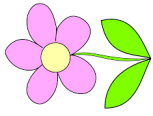
Giving Report

	Received	Actual Expenses
March 2015	\$45,282.14	\$52,035.19

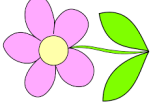
JUNE/JULY NEWSLETTER ARTICLE SUBMISSION DEADLINE: May 24, 2015

May Office Hours

Admin. Asst.: Tues. & Thurs. 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
 Pastors: Monday 9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.
 Tuesday 8:30 a.m.—10:30 am
 Thursday 9:00 a.m.– 11:00 a.m.
 Additional hours by appointment and at various times throughout the week



May 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 8 a.m. Spoken Worship 9 a.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Mandatory Reporter Meeting 10:15 a.m. Worship		5	6	7	8	9
10 8 a.m. Spoken Worship 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship 10:15 a.m. Kristal Bells Play in Church	11	12 6:30 p.m. Prayer Shawls at Yvonne's 7:00 p.m. Property Committee	13 6 p.m. Development Team 7 p.m. Church Council	14 7 p.m. Cluster Ascension Worship @Swamp 7 p.m. Cemetery Board	15	16
17 8 a.m. Spoken Worship 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Worship 6:30 p.m. Book Club	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Summer Schedule Begins 8 a.m. Spoken Worship 9 a.m. Worship	25 Office Closed	26 6:30 Prayer Shawls at Yvonne's	27	28 6 p.m. Evangelism Meeting	29	30
31 8 a.m. Spoken Worship 9 a.m. Worship 10 a.m. VBS Volunteer Training	Notes: The Sisters of Sobriety meet every Thursday at the Church.					