

Messiah United Methodist Church

Taneytown, Maryland

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# MESSIAH'S Saddle Bags

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JANUARY/FEBRUARY/MARCH 2010

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## PASTOR'S MESSAGE

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Happy New Year to all of you. The new year always brings a promise of a new beginning and a fresh start. The Lord can and will do new and creative things in both our lives and that of our church. We find in Revelation 21: 5: "And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.'" Let us pray that God will bring renewal and revival to our church along with church growth and more effective ministry and outreach to our community.

I want to thank those in the church who gave me such a generous Christmas gift of cash. With some more money that was given to me after church I discovered that it totaled \$650. I was overwhelmed by this expression of love and support. I am honored to serve as your pastor. Let us work together to develop a new vision for the new year and organize ourselves to achieve this vision.

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## HONORING OF LESLIE GABLER AFTER FOURTEEN YEARS OF SERVICE AS OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

At our Choir Cantata members of both the Chancel Choir and the Joyful Noise Choirs presented Leslie with gifts of appreciation. On December 27th the pastor announced that a collection was being taken up to

purchase a parting gift for our creative and gifted Music Director. Cancellation of church due to a snow blizzard on December 20th prevented the collection of sufficient funds to purchase her gift in time for the presentation. The gift was presented later, but it was announced on December 27th. The pastor offered prayers of thanksgiving on December 27th for Leslie's devoted service to our church community as evidenced in the choir cantatas, musical dramas, children musicals, and direction of the Chancel Choir, Joyful Noise Choir, Children's Choir, and Merry Methodist Women's Choir. She brought much creativity to her programs and demonstrated great skill in playing the organ and directing. Many went up and gave Leslie hugs on her last Sunday. That Sunday Leslie directed the Children's Musical Drama at 9:00 AM and the Chancel Choir and Joyful Noise Choir at the 10: 15 AM service.

Previously on the Second Sunday of Advent, Linda Warehime made the following announcement to the church: "The members of the Staff Parish Relations Committee would like to take this time to let all members and friends of the congregation know that as of December 31st 2009 Leslie Gabler has decided to step down as music director of Messiah. The committee has granted her a 6 month leave of absence with the right to reapply at that time.

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## ANN E. BRADLEY, OUR NEW CHOIR DIRECTOR

Ann has had much experience directing choirs. Besides directing children and youth choirs from 1996–2008 at the Cathedral of the Resurrection at the Life in Jesus Community of the Charismatic Episcopal Church, she also directed the adult choir of 23 members for approximately two years, and also sang in that choir and directed it when the regular director was not available. The Life in Jesus Community outside of Libertytown, Maryland recently disbanded. However for some decades it provided a rich liturgical and community life with three worship services each day. Ann was part of this religious community for twenty-five years. She plays piano and guitar, but she does not feel comfortable both playing and directing. Students have come to her for both guitar and voice lessons.

I talked to some who knew her in music ministry. They indicated that Ann is gifted in directing, and has a great knowledge of music. She can pull out gifts of others that she is directing. Many in the choir did not recognize that they had musical gifts until she encouraged them. She made choir directing more of a worship experience of giving back to the Lord. She knows vocal exercises such as singing scales to help the choir strengthen their voices for a particular song or to overcome weaknesses. She can even teach those tone deaf how to sing. She made musical exercises fun for the children, perhaps because she is used to working with children, since Ann and her husband Mark have six children.

Her Christian faith is very strong, and she is vocal about her faith. She prays about every thing. She knows the seasons of the church year and corresponding music. She has conducted classical music, Anglican chants, hymns, and praise worship.

A resident of the Homewood Retirement Community of Frederick and a member of Linganore United Methodist Church, indicated that Ann has had a paid position at the Homewood Retirement Community for six months. She has weekly choir rehearsals there and directs one Sunday a month. Therefore Ann was hired as our director with the understanding that she would need to be

ing you the congregation for your love, prayers and support in helping us move forward in finding a new person to direct the music ministry for Messiah. While the committee is seeking a replacement for this position it would be helpful and greatly appreciated if anyone blessed with the gift and talent of music would help our church continue to have a strong music ministry.

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THE STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE let it be known to Leslie that she could have the six month leave of absence, and she could reapply for the position if it were still vacant. However, the church could not go without music for six months and would have to look for a new director if one could be found. It realized that most applicants might not be interested in a position that would only last six months.

After advertising in a number of newspapers and asking various college music departments to post signs indicating that we were looking for both a choir director and/or a pianist or organist, we had a number of responses. No one was found who could both play organ and direct the choir. As a result, we had to hire two people instead of one, as we had previously been doing. We were pleased to have found Ann E. Bradley as our new Choir Director, and Aaron Burns as our new pianist, who were both able to start on January 1, 2010. The Staff Parish Relations Committee hired them on December 27th as they are empowered to do in the Discipline of the United Methodist Church. Ann and Aaron were introduced at our morning worship on January 3, and Ann gave a testimony concerning her faith and her calling by God to Music Ministry. Aaron will share concerning his faith and calling to music ministry on January 10th. Let me now share some information about them.

away the second Sunday of the month, but she will have rehearsed with our choir and will have Aaron ready to play and lead them on that Sunday. Full of energy, enthusiasm, and joy, Ann was able to take the choir at Homewood much further so they could do more difficult anthems than they were able to originally. There have been good reviews by the people in that congregation.

Ann received her Bachelor's of Science degree in Special Education (K-12) and in Elementary Education (K-6) from the University of Maryland, College Park, graduating *Magna Cum Laude*, and her Master's of Science degree in Deaf Education from McDaniel College, graduating *Summa Cum Laude*. She was administrator and founder of the Life in Jesus Home School, 1993-2008 where she wrote and taught general music curricula for grades Kindergarten through 12. Also Ann served as a special education resource room teacher for the Frederick County Department of Education from 1981-1990. We welcome this multi-talented person to our church staff and thank God for sending her our way.

Ann E. Bradley, Choir Director

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yeldarbem@yahoo.com

She uses the email of her husband Mark Bradley.

### AARON BURNS, OUR NEW PIANIST

We were not able to find a trained organist, since very few people are studying organ these days, but we were delighted to find a piano student at McDaniel College who was interested in our job. He has known our new choir director all of his life, and has been trained by her. He will be able to play our keyboard with the organ sound. However, piano is definitely his instrument.

Aaron is a classically trained pianist who has been studying piano for thirteen years. He has extensive experience with classical music, church music, and some experience (one year) with jazz piano.

He lived in the Life in Jesus Community for twenty years and was extensively involved in the religious music and worship program there. He was very involved in the youth ministry. His experience at the Life in Jesus Community was heavily Christ-centered

Aaron has performed extensively in solo recitals during his elementary, middle, and high school education as both a classical pianist and church pianist. During college, he performed in classical solo recitals, jazz ensemble recitals, and collaborative/chamber ensembles. He has played in master classes with such pianists as Ernest Ragogini and John Salmon, and spent time with these pianists to improve his knowledge, performance, and technique. In high school, Aaron had the opportunity to work with a visiting group from the Yong Siew Toh conservatory in Taiwan. He performed and was critiqued, and also critiqued other performers.

In the summer of 2009 Aaron worked with the McDaniel orchestra camp led by Lynn Fleming. Aaron worked as assistant piano instructor to Dr. David Kreider, Professor of Music at McDaniel College and Music Director at the Ascension Episcopal Church in Westminster. He spent time teaching half-hour lessons and also helped students to improve practice habits by conducting one-on-one practice sessions. He also performed collaborative and solo pieces in a workshop for the piano students.

From 1996 till 2005 Aaron studied with classically trained pianist Joan MacDonald. She received a bachelor's degree in music from Western Maryland College. She was also a church pianist and organist at the Cathedral of the Resurrection. She has extensive experience with the piano and organ, as well as in the field of religious music composition. From 2005 to present Aaron studied with Dr. David Kreider. Dr. Kreider received his bachelor's and master's degrees in piano performance at the Peabody Conservatory. He received his doctorate in piano performance from Catholic University in D.C. He presented a debut recital in Carnegie Hall, NY and has performed extensively both in the U.S., and internationally.

Aaron intends to pursue a master's degree in piano performance and wants to perform music professionally when he has finished with his education.

Besides having interests and talents in music, Aaron played football at McDaniel College for two years and has finished his final season. He also has taken fencing lessons and martial arts in Frederick. He was involved in the Knights of the Cross Youth program where young

men progressed from pages, to squires, to knights. This involved athletic and spiritual development. In the Youth Group at Life in Jesus Community he handed out food to the needy, went caroling, went on a mission trip to help hurricane victims in New Orleans after Katrina. He has been baptized and confirmed. He has two older brothers. He is a member of *Beta Alpha Chi*, the Music Honor Society at McDaniel College. Aaron's family lives in Finksburg, but he has an apartment room in Westminster to be close to McDaniel College.

Aaron Burns, pianist

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Westminster, MD 21157

Parents' address: 2757 Piedmont Hollow Drive,  
Finksburg, MD 21048

cell 240 285 3635

ambo26@mcdaniel.edu

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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Chancel Choir Practice, Wednesday nights, 8:00–9:30 PM

Joyful Noise Choir Practice, after Church each Sunday

United Methodist Men's Meeting, first Monday of each month at 7:30 PM

United Methodist Women's Meeting, third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM

Prayer and Bible Study on Prayer, each Tuesday at 7:00 PM led by Pastor Art Thomas

Wednesday Bible Study on the Prison Epistles taught by Beth Shank, 7:00 PM

Church Council Meeting, second Monday at 7:15 PM

Caring and Sharing Ministries, third Monday at area churches at 7:00 PM

Finance Committee, fourth Monday, 7:00 PM

Epiphany Sunday, January 3

Baptism of Christ Sunday, January 10

Bishop John Schol has asked us to renew our baptismal and membership vows on this Sunday. This will incorporate changes adopted by the General

Conference of the United Methodist Church which call upon each of us to witness for Christ. The emphasis on faith sharing had been lacking in the earlier vows. Hopefully this will be a time of rededicating our lives to Christ.

Rock Youth Conference in Ocean City, January 22–24.  
Guest Speaker Stephen Gallaher

Many of our youth and adults will be attending the Rock Conference again this year. Keep them in your prayers.

Transfiguration of Christ Sunday, February 14

Ash Wednesday Service, February 17, 2010, 7:30 PM.



*Ash Wednesday*

Come to receive the imposition of ashes, repent of your sins, burn your sin cards, listen to the choir, and receive Holy Communion. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the forty days of Lent.

Planning Retreat with the Rev. William Chaney,  
Saturday, February 27

We plan to meet from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM in the fellowship hall of our church. Rev. Chaney is Messiah's Disciplex Guide from the Baltimore-Washington Conference.

Emerging Church Conference led by Brian MacLaren at The Ecumenical Institute of Theology in Baltimore, Monday, March 15

Passover Seder Led by Stephen Katz of Jews for Jesus at Messiah Church, Wednesday, March 24, 7:00 PM.

We shall learn about the symbolism of the Jewish Passover and its fulfillment in the passion and death of Christ. We shall see the items of the Passover meal, but we will not eat the Passover meal. There may be special music also provided. This is sponsored by the Messiah United Methodist Church Mission Committee. For more details contact Valerie Thompson and Tess Koeppen.



Palm and Passion Sunday, March 28

Come for our 10:15 AM worship service with the waving of palm branches, marching down the aisles, the observance of the Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and the remembrance of the Passion and Death of Jesus.

Maundy Thursday, April 1

Come for our 7:30 PM service of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, foot washing of a few selected individuals in imitation of our Lord's example, the stripping of the altar, the veneration of the Holy Cross, and some service yet to be determined such as the Extinguishing of Lights as well as an anthem by the Choir and Passion Hymns. This service remembers the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples and looks in advance to his passion and crucifixion.



Good Friday, April 2, the Caring and Sharing Ministries Seven Last Words of Jesus Service

We shall journey from church to church to hear preaching on the Seven Last Words given by different area pastors. This will take place from 12 noon until 3:00 PM. The schedule as to where each of the words will be preached is not yet available. Our Choir will be responsible for providing a soloist or worship team and leadership with hymn singing when the area churches show up at our church marching behind the processional cross.

Easter, April 4

Children's Easter Musical Drama at 9:00 AM

Easter Worship Service with a sermon on the resurrection, Easter anthems, and Holy Communion.

Come and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the grave and our hope of everlasting life and the reality of the Risen Christ in our daily lives.

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## Christmas Cantata Reception Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who participated in hospitality and sharing for the Christmas Cantata dessert reception.

—CHRISTIE PIAVIS

## Staff Parish Relations Committee

*(Linda's words from the Second Sunday of Advent Service)*

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—LINDA WAREHEIM,

STAFF PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIR

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## United Methodist Men

During the Christmas season, UMM "adopted" two families—a single mother, and a family without medical insurance where the wife has chronic pain and needs an MRI.

We contributed, along with UMW, toward Christmas gifts for patients at Lorien Nursing Home.

Two of our men, Bill Stonesifer and Ray Copenhaver, covered the church windows with aluminum.

In December, 2009 we again sponsored the mitten tree for Messiah.

We are currently planning our worship service at Lorien for Sunday, February 7.

All men are invited to join us at our next meeting, Monday, February 1, 7:30 PM.

—ED MILLER

## Sub Sale

For just \$4.00 each, get your choice of cold cut, ham or turkey subs. Large and small orders are welcome. All proceeds benefit the Messiah Methodist Church treasury, Taneytown, MD. Order forms are available on the table at the both front and back doors of the church. For more information or to place an order, please call sub sales coordinators Ginny Hoy at (410-751-1509) or Miki Wilson at (717-476-5846). You can also email Miki at [greeneyedwilson@yahoo.com](mailto:greeneyedwilson@yahoo.com).

### SUB SALES DATES

Orders due Jan 31, 2010      Pickup Feb 9, 2010  
Orders due Feb 28, 2010      Pickup Mar 9, 2010

Your participation is important to us and we hope that you enjoy your sub. Anyone wanting to come out and help us on pickup day to put subs together about 2:30 or when ever you can get there, that would be wonderful and very much appreciated.

Thank you and God Bless,  
MIKI & GINNY

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## Missions Committee

### Model Seder to be presented by Stephen Katz from Jews for Jesus

We are honored to have Stephen Katz present a Model Seder on March 24, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the fellowship hall at Messiah United Methodist Church on Middle St., Taneytown, MD. We were very fortunate to get a representative from Jews for Jesus to come and demonstrate a Model Seder for us, because they are very much in demand around Easter. The service takes approximately 1 hr., and a free-will offering will be taken for the on-going work of Jews for Jesus. Our church is honored to be chosen as one where this Seder will be presented. Please ask your friends and family to attend so that we will have a good showing. Stephen Katz is making many preparations and will have a long drive so he can be here at Messiah to make Easter so much more meaningful to all of us. Jesus was a Jew and we all want to learn more about His ancestry. This Model Seder will certainly give us many insights into His life and culture.

—TESS KOEPPEN

## Finance & Stewardship Committee

*On Sunday November 29, Dotty Lydard gave a short stewardship talk during the service. I felt it would be nice if those who weren't in church that day could hear it so I asked her to write it up for the newsletter. Since Dotty doesn't speak from a script, the words here are her recollection of what she said.*

—STEVE KOEPPEN, FINANCE SECRETARY

### TITHING BY DOTTY LYDARD

Malachi 3:10

*“Bring the full tithe into the storehouse so that there may be food in my house and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of Hosts, and see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing.”*

Many years ago—around 40 years—I learned that a tithe is 10%. I prayed and asked God how would I live on only 90% and He said, “Test Me. Try and see.” I did and it does work. Anything you give above 10% is a gift to Him. My old church tithed 10% of their income also. God blessed them abundantly—a church member died and left them over two million dollars. Tithing does work!!

2 Corinthians 9:6–8

*“The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good works.”*

God has abundantly blessed me over the years. He made my investments prosper greatly, and he has given me three pensions in retirement. I told God any monies I did not need after paying my bills I would give away. The Holy Spirit has been faithful to tell me to whom to give and how much. Every time the recipient would ask “How did you know I needed that?” My answer was I did not know—but God did. I am only his obedient vessel. Take the month of December in prayer and ask God if you should become a tither. Then start the new year off tithing. I promise—He will open the windows of heaven and bless you ABUNDANTLY!!

LAY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT REPORT OF MESSIAH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2010

Pastor: Dr. Arthur Dicken Thomas, Jr.

Lay Leader: Ray Copenhaver  
Choir Director: Ann Bradley; Pianist: Aaron Burns  
Sexton: Marilyn Stonesifer

Chair of the Church Council: Mary Buzby  
Lay Member of Conference: Dick Lowry; no alternate  
Chair of Staff-Parish Relations Committee: Christie Piavis

**Staff-Parish Relations Committee 258.2**

Dick Lowry, by virtue of being lay member  
Ray Copenhaver, by virtue of being lay leader  
2010 Linda Warehime  
2011 Joyce Green  
2012 Andy Herring

Donna Smith  
Christie Piavis (chair)  
Miki Wilson

Diane Kicas  
Paul Lynch  
Mary Buzby

**Finance Committee 258.4**

Finance Chair: Brenda Clapsaddle

Treasurer: Ed Miller

Financial Secretary: Karl Warehime

Members: pastor lay member of conference lay leader  
Chair, Church Council chair, SPPR trustee, representative  
Chair of Stewardship

**Trustees 2524**

2010 Jeff Black Brenda Clapsaddle Bill Stonesifer (co-chair)  
2011 Walt Green Ray Copenhaver (chair)  
2012 Karl Warehime Peggy James (secretary) Bob Rock  
Pastor, ex officio

**Cemetery Trustees**

2010 Diane Kicas (secretary) Bob Rock Ray Copenhaver (chair)  
2011 Earl Luhn Bill Stonesifer (treasurer) Larry Smith  
2012 Brenda Clapsaddle Walt Green

**Church Council 251.5**

Chairperson: Mary Buzby

Vice-chairperson: Jonathan Shoaf

Treasurer: Ed Miller

Secretary: Jan Hatkin,  
Brenda Miller, Christie Piavis (substitutes)

**At Large Members of the Church Council**

2010 Dotty Lydard Betty Copenhaver Myra Lookingbill  
2011 Brenda Hyman Brenda Clapsaddle Cheryl Hoehn  
2012 Brenda Miller Bob Rock

**Members of Church Council by Virtue of Their Office**

lay leader Chair of SPPR Chair, Finance Committee  
church treasurer lay member UMW repr or president  
education chair trustees chair evangelism chair  
church & society chair worship chair UMM repr  
pastor UMY representative secretary, Church Council

**Committee on Lay Leadership/Nominations and Personnel 258.**

2010 Jonathan Shoaf Mary Buzby Christie Piavis  
2011 Jane King Lois Ann Smith Vonnie Herring  
2012 Brenda Clapsaddle Ed Herring Donna Smith  
Rev. Art Thomas (chair) lay leader

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**ROCK 2010 "The Light Knight"**

The youth of Messiah will be attending Rock 2010 on January 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. Our guest speaker will be Stephen Gallaher. We are will be staying at the Quality Inn on Coastal Hwy. We are very excited and looking forward to the trip. Those attending will be: Kelly and Chloe Stitely; Christie and Megan Piavis; Alex and Sam Herring; Linda, Dick, Brian, and Rachel Lowry; Linda and Karl Warehime; Anna Marie Badiang; Miki and Michelle Wilson; Chris Weibe; Eli Hyman; and Holly South. May your prayers be with us and our youth.

**More Youth News**

➡ As a youth group, we have been sending money to help support a child through Child Fund International. I have received updated information on the child. His name is Ellington Bruno Lima Da Silva. He is 12 years old, and lives in Brazil with his grandparents Jose and Maria, and an aunt. He is in school and is healthy at this time. He wants to be a police officer when he grows up. If anyone would be interested in sending him a letter I will get you the address. This information and his picture will be posted on the bulletin board at the church.

## Committees Based on Service Areas

### Worship Committee

Lois Ann Smith (chair), Art Thomas, Ann Bradley, Aaron Burns, Marilyn Stonesifer, Ginny Hoy, Linda Warehime, Ellen Weant, Walt Green, Earl Luhn

**Communion Stewards:** Ellen Weant, Joyce Iglehart, Betty Copenhaver

**Scheduler of cross bearers, acolytes, and greeters**

**Head Ushers:** Earl Luhn and Walt Green

**Ushers:** Earl Luhn, Walt Green, Bob Rock, Paul Lynch, Bill Stonesifer, Larry Smith, Ike Iglehart, Dick Lowry, Rudy Morton, Tim Krouse, Earl Keller, Bill Hoy, Bryan Lowry, Jonathan Shoaf

Every fifth Sunday of the quarter representatives of the United Methodist Women will usher

### Education Committee

**Chair:** Kelly Stitely **Assistant Chair:** Bridget Herring

**Sunday School Superintendent:** Marilyn Stonesifer

Age Level Coordinators

**United Methodist Youth:** Kelly Stitely, Miki Wilson, Christie Piavis

**Children's Ministries:** Kelly Stitely

**Family:** Kelly Stitely, Lisa Forney

**Puppet Ministry:** Dick Lowry, Linda Gilbert, Bryan Lowry, Rachel Lowry, Matt Piavis, Megan Piavis

**Adult Ministries Coordinator:** Bob Rock and Diane Kicas

Teachers (not included above)

Ray Copenhaver, Pastor Art Thomas, Christie Piavis (substitute), Linda Warehime, Kelly Stitely, Lisa Forney, Beth Shank, Bessie Walter

**Junior Church:** Amy Miller

**Nursery Coordinator:** Amy Miller

**Pastor:** Art Thomas

### Church and Society/Missions Committee

Valerie Thompson (chair), Paul Lynch, Joyce Green, Ellen Weant, Tess Koeppen

**United Methodist Men President:** Dick Lowry

**United Methodist Women President:** Brenda Clapsaddle

**United Methodist Youth Representative**

### Evangelism Committee

Jane King (chair), Dotty Lydard (assistant chair), Dick Lowry, Linda Gilbert, Bryan Lowry, Ellen Weant, Rev. Art Thomas

**Caring and Sharing Representative:** Ellen Weant

**Prayer Chain:** Joyce Green and Jimmie Lou Gardiner

**Communications**

Wilma Rosenberger (editor of *The Saddlebags* Newsletter)

Assembling Newsletter:

**Church Secretary:** Brenda Miller

**Records and History Committee**

Christie Piavis (chair), Matt Piavis, Megan Piavis, Rev. Art Thomas

**Membership Secretary:** Art Thomas

**Coffee Hour Coordinator**

**Membership Audit Committee**

Art Thomas, Lois Ann Smith, Marilyn Stonesifer, Ray and Betty Copenhaver, Brenda Clapsaddle

**Funeral Meals Coordinator:** Lois Ann Smith and Margie Zent

**Sub sales:** Ginny Hoy and Miki Wilson

**Lay Speakers:** Christie Piavis, Mary Buzby

**Safe Sanctuary Committee:**

Lisa Forney (chair), Karl Warehime, Linda Warehime, Pastor Art Thomas

**Caring and Sharing:** Ellen Weant

**Health and Welfare Representative:** Marilyn Stonesifer

**Board of Child Care Representative:** Kelly Stitely

**Hospitality Coordinator:** Dotty Lydard

☞→ We have sodas and water for sale in refrigerator downstairs for a small price or donation. There is a tin on counter marked youth. Thank you for your support.

☞→ There are a few up coming events we are looking at for the youth group and our Church families. There is a Church night for the Hershey Bears with group rates on March 7th 2010. More information to follow in the Sunday bulletins.

☞→ Did you know that 25,000 kids under age 5 will die today... most of them because of hunger, poverty, and disease; 13,000 of those kids will die just from hunger related causes—that's

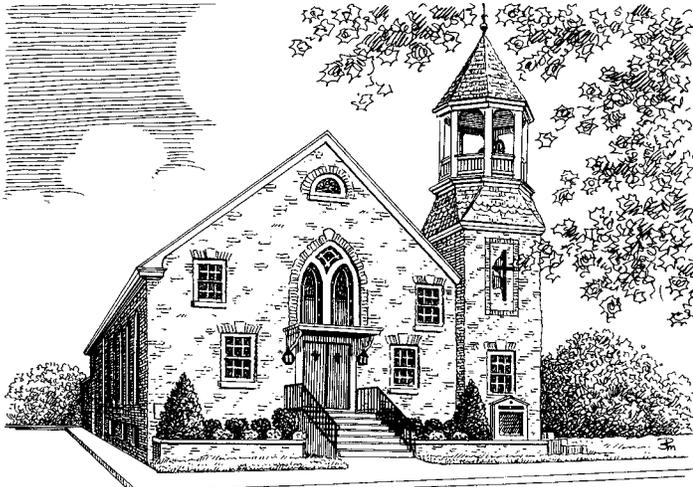
one child every seven seconds! But it doesn't have to be this way. World hunger is totally, absolutely, 100% preventable. The Youth Group is going to do our part, and take the challenge of fasting for 30 hours to raise money to help save lives through World Vision. Every \$30.00 can feed and care for a child for a month. The dates of April 23-24 are on the schedule, with more information to come. This will be a time for our youth to raise money for those in need, and to bring them closer to Jesus, and to unite them with each other.

☞→ Please keep our youth group in your thoughts and prayers.

Thanks for all of your support, Kelly & Miki

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Let your steadfast love,  
O LORD, be upon us, even as we  
hope in you.

