



The Spirit

of Deer Park United Methodist Church

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open hearts
open minds
open doors



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**Saturday,
November 19**

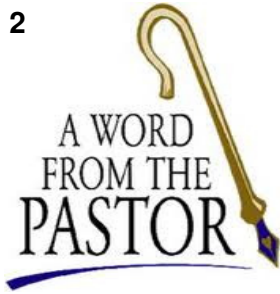
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**8:00 AM
to
3:00 PM**

Christmas

BAZAAR

**Saturday,
December 3
7AM - 1PM**



Advent is that time when we look forward to the coming of Jesus Christ. The First Sunday of Advent is considered to be the beginning of the church year. Because the word advent means *arrival* and because it comes right before the Christmas season, we think of Advent as preparation for the coming of the Christ child. And it is. *But Advent is above all about the end of time.* Its primary focus is on what is popularly known as “the second coming.” In his book on the church calendar, Laurence Stookey says that Advent is both the end and the beginning. Advent is about both the past and the future. The Christian spiritual writer Henri Nouwen, in his book entitled *The Genesee Diary*, describes Advent this way:

The Expectation of Advent is anchored in the event of God’s incarnation. The more I come in touch with what happened in the past, the more I come in touch with what is to come. The Gospel not only reminds me of what took place but also of what will take place. In the contemplation of Christ’s second coming, I can discover the signs of his second coming. By looking back in meditation, I can look forward in expectation. By . . . conserving the memory of Christ’s birth, I can progress to the fulfillment of his kingdom.

My hope and prayer is that as Advent approaches, you will have many opportunities to deepen your memory of God’s great deeds and will look forward in freedom and confidence to what God holds for us in the future.

Blessings and peace during the upcoming Advent season.

Your sister and servant in Christ,

Mary Jo Sims

TRUSTEES REPORT

The Trustees would like to thank each and everyone who through their talents or their donations have helped with the expenses of keeping our church property in excellent condition. We also want to thank the United Methodist Women for their suggestion and generous donation that have allowed us to replace the stove in the kitchen that was in service since 1975 and really needed replacement. The Lord has surely blessed us all!



IN GOD WE TRUST!

Your trustees: Herb Shipley, Don Rhine, Terry Caudill, Wilma Welling, Gary Saylor, John Walker, Kate Gorsuch, Neil Upton and Bill Aldridge Sr.

If you haven't used it in a year,
chances are you won't need it!

Bring it for the



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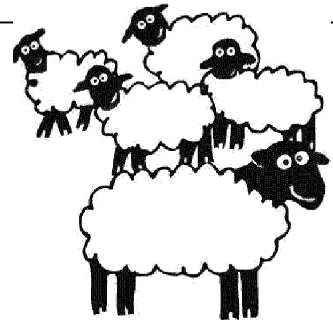
Bring your rummage (including clothing items) to the church social hall on Friday, November 18th, 9:00 AM to ???, or call Kate: 410-876-2745

Feed My Sheep

Members of Deer Park Church served our Eldersburg neighbors a lunch meal at Wesley Freedom United Methodist on Thursday, September 22. Our commitment is to serve the fourth Thursday of every other month.

The United Methodist Women of Deer Park sponsored the September meal. UMW members came to help and serve, too. We give thanks for all the helping hands (22 hands/11 people) from Deer Park Church who came to help serve.

Because the Thanksgiving holiday is a fourth Thursday, we will not serve a lunch in November. Please mark your calendars for the next lunch on January 26, 2012. Come, help, serve, and feel the Spirit of the Lord touch your heart in a special way!



THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Wednesday, November 23

7:30 PM

You are encouraged to bring a non-perishable
food donation for Carroll Food Sunday

Rockin' the Overflow Room! – There are now three cozy rocking chairs located in the Sanctuary Observation/Overflow Room. These may be used by anyone whose child becomes restless or just needs some “TLC” during a worship service. The area has soft lighting, and speakers ensure that the service may be heard (ask an usher if you'd like help). **We welcome all of God's children.**

Name that face! – On Communion Sunday, the first Sunday of every month, we will be encouraged to wear our name tags. God knows your name...but does your neighbor or the visitor who shows up? “It's a friendly thing to do!”

Two worship services now on 5th Sundays...and every Sunday...at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. – We are moving toward revamping the early service to include more contemporary music, life-relevant messages, and relaxing atmosphere so that those who are currently non-churched or nominally churched may feel welcomed and affirmed as they seek a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. Current members also will now have a choice now between a nontraditional and a more traditional (11:00 a.m.) service.

New small group studies – Sundays, 9:45 AM

- **“Enough”** (written by Adam Hamilton), an invitation to discover the Bible's wisdom on prudent financial planning. Find the keys to experiencing contentment, overcoming fear, and discovering joy through simplicity and generosity. Class taught by Pastor Mary Jo, October 16—November 13, meeting in the Sunday School Hall (last door on right).
- **Advent study:** Starting November 20 and running thru December 11, there will be an Advent Study, *The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem*. The study retraces the steps of the story of Jesus' nativity. A variety of our adult Sunday school leaders will lead the class.

Lay Eucharistic Ministry – DPUMC began its Lay Eucharistic Ministry program in October 2011. It is an extension of the congregation's outreach to the sick or home-bound who no longer are able to attend the worship service. The sacrament of Holy Communion is received by the Lay Ministers and then shared with those they visit. The Lay Ministers will be making their visits on the same day as Communion is received in church. It is a time to greet, visit, share the Gospel, and reach out to the community. There were ten people trained to become Eucharistic Ministers in the first session. If you are interested in becoming a Lay Eucharistic Minister, please contact ~~Ann Boyles (at 410-861-9179) or Pastor Mary Jo Simms. Also, if you know of~~ someone who would like to receive Communion in their home or residence, please let Ann or Pastor Mary Jo know.



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**Saturday
November
12, 2011**

**In the Deer Park UMC Social Hall
Presented by the Methodist Men of
Deer Park UMC and Zion at Shipley UMC
All you can eat!
Adults \$7.00 • Ages 12 and under \$3.00**



**Spaghetti with marinara sauce
Spaghetti with meat balls
Garden salad
Italian bread
Beverages
Desserts available at the Bake Table**

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Nearly New Room – It is not too early to do some fall cleaning and put aside any household items to donate to the Nearly New Room for the Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, December 3, 2011. If you have any items you wish to donate you can contact Kathie Browning 410-840-0668 or Kathy Browning 410-840-8980 to get more information on when the items can be brought to the church and where they can be placed. You can also contact either one if you need to have items picked up. Let the cleaning begin!



Deer Park Craft Room – During our Christmas Bazaar on 12/3 please stop by the Deer Park **Craft Room**. There will be an assortment of quality homemade craft items for sale at bargain prices. Are you on a tight budget for the holidays or just looking for a great buy? Then this is the place for you!!! Holiday ornaments for \$1.00 are just one of our amazing deals.

We are in need of homemade crafts to sell in the **craft room** at our Christmas Bazaar on December 3rd. In the past, I've received a variety of items (jewelry, woodworking, knitting, candles, hand-painted items, etc.) which have worked out great! Our craft room has always been a popular place for shoppers. This room is a *Deer Park Room* and is only possible because of each of you!! For questions contact Julie Keller @ (410) 751-7814

You Can Help!





Christmas Bazaar—December 3, 2011

7am---1pm

Put this date on your calendar!!

The Christmas Bazaar is fast approaching. There is a lot to be done to get ready!!

There will be a pancake breakfast from 7 to 10:30a.m. from the UMMen and Deer Park Lions

Lunch will be provided from 11:30a.m. to 1:00p.m.

The Bazaar includes: a Craft Room, a Book Room, Nearly New Room, the Drawing, a Greenery Room, a Bake Table, and many vendors, as well.

After November 1st, please put items for the Drawing (worth \$10 or more) in the overflow room, marked as such; items for the Nearly New Room, in the conference room, against the walls, and under tables; books for the Book Room downstairs and labeled as such.

Tuesday, November 15: This will be the final planning meeting for the Bazaar, in the conference room at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome!!

Please put November 26 on your calendar to help decorate the sanctuary and church for the Bazaar. (Saturday after Thanksgiving at 9:30 a.m.)

On Tuesday, November 29, we will be moving tables and chairs from Sunday School rooms, and other tables, to get ready for the Bazaar.

Friday, December 2: deadline for set-up of various rooms for the Bazaar.

Pam Hildenbrand, chairperson

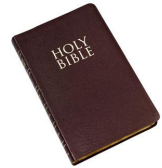
Deer Park Sisterhood

Debbie Muse, President

November 5 — “Women of the Bible” program sponsored by the United Methodist Women & the DPUMC Sisterhood. More details are included on another page of this newsletter.

New NRSV Bibles for Sanctuary:

Sincere appreciation for the response to place new Bibles in the Sanctuary. Over 75 Bibles will be purchased. Dedication of these Bibles will be during worship on a Sunday in December. Many thanks to everyone who responded.



Sisterhood Christmas Project for “*The Dove House-Hospice Care*”: The Deer Park Sisterhood has chosen to make donations to the Dove House and would like to invite the entire congregation to join in supporting the patients & families in hospice care.

In **November**, boxes will be placed in the narthex to receive **donations** including: knee length **nightgowns** for ladies, x-large solid **colored tee shirts** for men (no prints or writing, please), new small **fleece blankets**, new **skeins of wool** for making prayer shawls, new stuffed **teddy bears** (10-12 inches tall; must be new).

Food snack items for visiting families include: cake & cookie mixes, popcorn, mac & cheese cups, pudding, soup, jello, applesauce, etc.

DOVE™ brand products:

DOVE liquid soap, *DOVE* lotion, *DOVE* detergent, *DOVE* candy.

Christmas Stockings for the Board of Child Care: Stockings will be stuffed with appropriate items for girls & boys based on the age chosen by each sister. These stockings will be brought to the covered dish supper with the United Methodist Women on **Sunday, December 4, at 5pm in the Social Hall**. The stockings will be dedicated during worship on Sunday, December 18. The stockings will be delivered to the Board of Child Care in time for Christmas.

The Dove House
Carroll Hospice: *A special kind of caring . .*



You are cordially invited to help.

The Deer Park UMC Sisterhood has chosen to make donations to The Dove House for their Christmas Project. Would you please consider making a donation to support families in hospice care?

Requested clothing donations:	Knee length nightgowns for ladies X-Large solid colored tee shirts for men
Other Items:	Small fleece blankets -- new Skeins of wool for prayer shawls -- new Stuffed teddy bears, 10-12" tall -- new
Food Suggestions	Cake & cookie mixes Mac & cheese cups (Microwaveable) Pudding, jello & applesauce cups Soup, peanut butter crackers Other snack choices
Dove™ Brand Products	Dove™ liquid soap (no bar soap please) Dove™ lotion Dove™ detergent Dove™ candy
Patterns--instructions to knit or crochet a prayer shawl	Please call Ann Boyles at 410-861-9179

MITTEN TREE NEWS



Please place your donations of new gloves, mittens, scarves and hats on our mitten tree (located in the narthex) between December 4th and January 1st, 2012

All donations will be distributed locally in Carroll County. Thank you for giving the gift of warmth!

(Susan Doyle 410-848-6120)



United Methodist Women
&
The Sisterhood
of

Deer Park United Methodist Church

will sponsor lunch and the program

Women of the Bible

Naomi – Priscilla – Lydia

Esther – Woman of Samaria

Deer Park United Methodist Church will welcome a visit from these five women of the Old and New Testament telling their personal stories of God's love in their lives. Their stories, faithful to scripture, reflect the struggles, longings, joys, and delights we all experience in our walk with God.

We all have a story. Get in touch with your own story of God's Glory in your life. **Women of the Bible, Alive** is a traveling troupe that has been telling stories of Bible women for 12 years. We encourage you to attend and also check out the **Women of the Bible, Alive** website: www.womenofthebiblealive.com

Saturday, November 5, 2011 — 11am to 1:30pm
Deer Park Church Social Hall



Greetings from the Worship Team!

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The Worship Team has been working with Pastor Mary Jo in planning Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas services. We are excited to announce the following for the 2011 holiday season:

Sunday, November 6 – All Saints Day and remembrance of Veterans' Day, with communion

Thanksgiving Eve Service – Wednesday, November 23 at 7:30 p.m. Please bring a non-perishable food item for donation to Carroll County Food Sunday.

Sunday, November 27 – First Sunday in Advent

Sunday, December 11 – The Disciple Club will present a skit at the 8:30 a.m. service only.

Christmas Cantata – Sunday, December 18 at both 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Brunch will be served between the services.

Christmas Eve – Saturday, December 24

- 5:00 p.m. Family Service with glow sticks for the children
- 7:00 p.m. Traditional Service with glow sticks for the children and candles for the adults
- 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

Christmas Day – Sunday, December 25 – A Service of Lessons and Carols (one service at 10:00 a.m.)

Cindy Davis for the Worship Team

*Christmas is not just a
season or a holiday...
it's a birthday!*



DEER PARK UMC LAY LEADERSHIP

**Effective January 1, 2012 (As presented to and approved
at the Annual Charge Conference in October 11, 2011)**

Church Council

Chairperson: Jay Beigel and Skip Boyles

Recording Secretary: Gena Gruenzinger

Lay Leader: Tom Keller

Lay Member to Annual Conference: N/A

Finance Chair: Kim Jordan

Treasurer: Madeline Jones

Financial Secretary: Ruth Myers

SPRC Chair: Susan Doyle

Trustee Chair: Bill Aldridge, Sr.

UMM President: Tom Keller

UMW President: Lynn Spencer

United Methodist Youth Representative: N/A

Committee on Pastor Parish Relations or Staff Parish Relation (PPRC/SPRC)

Pastor: Mary Jo Sims

Class of 2012 Nancy Baker, John Walker, Susan Doyle

Class of 2013 Charles Spencer, Kathie Browning, Mike Aldridge

Class of 2014 Kara Pereira, Nick Strong, Robin Miller

Board of Trustees

Class of 2012 Wilma Welling, Bill Aldridge, Sr., Neil Upton

Class of 2013 Terry Caudill, Kate Gorsuch, Herb Shipley

Class of 2014 Gary Saylor, Gil Muse, Pam Hildenbrand

Committee on Lay Leadership

Chair: Mary Jo Sims Vice-chair: Jay Beigel

Class of 2012 Jay Beigel, Dotty Doyle, Laura Bledsoe

Class of 2013 Gary Saylor, John Moxley, Richard Baker

Class of 2014 Steve Hildenbrand, Anne Boyles, Kelley Strong

Age-Level, Family, and Specialized Ministries Coordinators

Coordinator Children's Ministries: Dawn Walker

Coordinator of Youth Ministries: N/A

Coordinator of Adult Ministries: N/A

Coordinator of Family Ministries: N/A

Church School Superintendent and Small Group Coordinator

Superintendent of Church School/Sunday School: N/A

Coordinator, Health & Welfare Ministries: N/A

Coordinator, Communications: George Grimm

DEER PARK UNITED METHODIST
CHOIR OF EXUBERANT SINGERS
will perform

Celebrate His Name!

Proclaim His Birth!

A Joyful Christmas Acclamation

On Sunday, December 18, 2011
Both Worship Services: 8:30 & 11AM
Deer Park Sanctuary

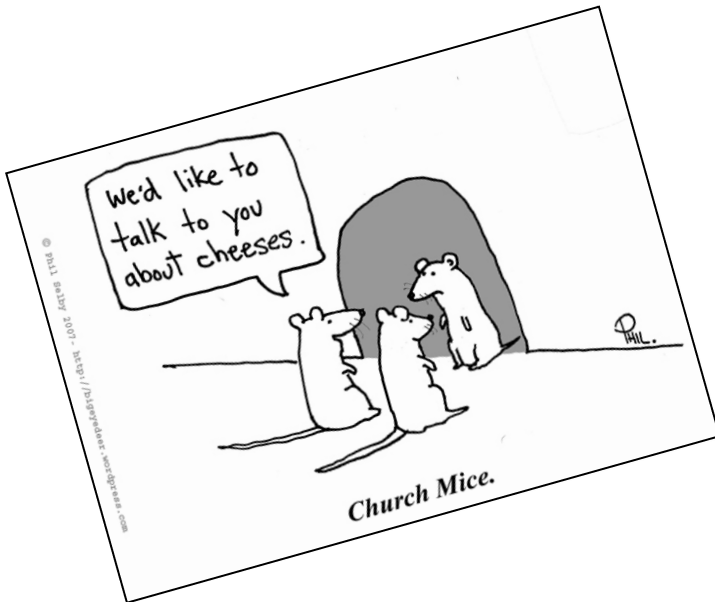
Directed by:

Larissa Rotniskaya

Jesus is a man of many names, and each one has special significance in understanding who He is. In this cantata, we examine several of the names of Christ and what they convey in the Christmas story.



Mark your calendar - Come & worship
Invite friends, family & neighbors
"O Come Let Us Adore Him"





at the Parsonage

684 Brandy Lane,

Westminster 21157

Sunday, December 11

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Serving God with Water on Saturday, October 1

We are told to go out into the world to do good works and spread the word of God. Deer Park Church had that opportunity when we handed out water to athletes, families, & friends who attended the football games held on the Deer Park Recreation Fields. It was a cold and rainy day, but many smiles prevailed when a bottle of water was handed to them. An insulated "water cozy" was given with the bottle which was imprinted with our church's information and a Bible verse about water.

At first folks were not sure they knew what to think about us, though we told them the water was free? We took bottles around to the adults & children watching on the side. Some folks came over to our table to speak with us and everyone was very appreciative.

If you would like to be part of this **"water ministry"** – either in funding the purchase of water & the insulated cozy, or coming to the park to help, please speak with Pastor Mary Jo or contact Ruth Myers: 410-386-0888, email remyers66@yahoo.com



Christmas Eve Poinsettias

If you are interested in purchasing poinsettias for \$11.00 each, you may have one or more placed at the front of the sanctuary in memory of or in honor of a friend or beloved family member. The name of the friend or loved one will appear in the Christmas Eve service bulletin.

Please use the form in the Sunday bulletin and include it with your check made payable to Deer Park UM Church. Give these to Ruth Shipley, or mail to her at: 3304 Sykesville Road, Westminster MD 22157-8252



SIGN UP FOR SIGNS!

Here is a service opportunity that does not require a lot of time, but does require timeliness. Our two outdoor church signs need to be changed as events change or we put up new “sayings.” We are looking for people--ideally at least two people, or a family group--to sign up for two months at a time to change the lettering on these signs as needed. You will be provided with the list of changes and the date by which they need to be posted. Our church administrative assistant, Cindy Saylor, can help you “learn the ropes.” Please contact Cindy Saylor or Joy Grimm (sign coordinator for the Worship Team) if you can help with this small but important service.

CHURCH SIGN “SAYINGS”

Have you ever noticed catchy, spiritually based phrases on church signs as you travel around? If you'd like to suggest a “saying” for our signs at Deer Park UMC, just put it in writing to the attention of Joy Grimm either by e-mail (joyg1@comcast.net) or leave it in the Worship Team box in the church office.



United
Methodist
Women

UMW Happenings

October 24 Our regular meeting at 1pm at the church. It will be our pledge meeting led by Lynn Spencer

Nov. 5 We will co-sponsor "Women of The Bible" from 11:00am. to 1:30pm.

Nov. 19 Rummage Sale at the Church, please volunteer to help Kate Gorsusch

Nov. 28 Regular meeting at the Church 1:00pm

Dec. 3 Staff the Plant Room at the Church Bazaar - Ruth Shipley would like as many volunteers and plant donations as possible.

We hope that you will joins us for any of the events. See you there!!!!!!!!!!



Sunday, December 18th
For January —February issue

I would like to say "Thank you" to all who are making suggestions and giving information for the web site. Put the information in the holder in the church office or mail it to webeditor@deerparkumc.net. Yes, your editor oversees that as well as the newsletter! The numbers of those looking at the site are increasing. I hope that you, as members, are taking advantage of the information there..

Blessings to all,

George





Hour of Prayer Wednesday Evenings 6:00 to 7:00 PM

Prayer Circle gathers at 6:30pm

"May the Lord smile on you" Numbers 6:25

What Makes God Smile?

The smile of God is the goal of your life.

God smiles when we love him supremely.

God smiles when we trust him completely.

God smiles when we obey him wholeheartedly.

God smiles when we praise and thank him continually.

God smiles when we use our abilities.

What God looks at is the attitude of our heart. God is looking for people willing to live for the pleasure of God. Won't you make pleasing God the goal of your life? Pray on these



On All Saints Sunday, November 6, 2011...

We remembered our loved ones who have gone to be with the Lord during the past year. We also honored our veterans, past and present, for their service to our country.



Veteran's Day

Friday,
November
11, 2011

Jesus said,

"Whoever welcomes a child welcomes me." Matthew 18:5



GOD'S DISCIPLE CLUB

God's Disciple Club

Join us for crafts, games and friendship – the club is open to all children over the age of 6.

We meet during the 8:30AM service after the Children's Message.

We will be performing a short skit called "The Christmas Gift" and it's presented from the animals - in the stable where Christ was born – point of view on Sunday, December 11th during the 8:30AM service and we invite everyone to come and see us. If you have any questions please contact Nancy Baker, Club Coordinator at 410-552-5413



FOOD SUNDAY

In the Spirit of the Holidays, let's give thanks that we are able to share our blessings with those less fortunate than ourselves. In these difficult times, many of our neighbors are victims of unemployment, illness, disabilities or other dire circumstances. We can help these folks by adding "FOOD SUNDAY" to our grocery shopping lists and bringing one or two non-perishable food items to the shopping cart in the Church Narthex. We will do the rest. Let's "MAKE A DIFFERENCE" in people's lives and make their holidays a little nicer. Your gifts are greatly appreciated.

Happy Holidays. *Chuck Spencer*



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES Deer Park United Methodist Church

Fall/Winter 2011

*Train children in the right way,
and when old, they will not stray.*
Proverbs 22:6

Sunday School

Come join us every Sunday morning — September through June from 9:45 am to 10:45 am. Classes available for ages 3 and up; age appropriate curriculum from Cokesbury, a United Methodist Publishing House. Classes are taught by Safe Sanctuary certified teachers.

Worship

We eagerly welcome children to all our worship services. Both of our Sunday morning services include a Children's Message.

Family Christmas Eve Service — December 24 at 5:00 PM



Children's Sunday School Party Sunday, December 18th



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Money Matters



What's New?

Over the past few months, we at Deer Park UMC, have witnessed several new changes. The most obvious and welcomed is our new Pastor, Reverend Dr. Mary Jo Sims. After a long wait, her appointment has come as a welcome relief. Pastor Mary Jo has presented a number of new initiatives, all aimed at growing and enhancing our worship services. Financially speaking, since her arrival, attendance and contributions have increased. Discussions about how to attract more families with young children have taken place, so we may see new ideas being implemented over the coming year. But don't expect sweeping changes to be made. Those who have been attending Deer Park UMC for years, even generations, and have been faithful, are also a major consideration. You are the backbone of our Church, having provided the stability and support we have needed.

We have not been publishing weekly financial statements in the bulletin, which has raised some questions. Often, this report would reflect a deficit, and it was believed that this would have a chilling effect on first-time visitors. Another new financial item is the inclusion of a Benevolence line item in our budget. For the first time, we have listed those causes that we so generously support (Missions, Carroll Co. Food Sunday, Shepherd's Staff, Blankets, Nomads, etc.) in our budget with a financial goal. Soon the budget will be published for all to review. As always, if anyone in the congregation has any questions or concerns about our finances, I encourage you to contact me with your thoughts.

Kim Jordan, Finance Chair
 Telephone 410-876-9830,
 E-mail: jodankm1229@comcast.net



SUPPORT FOR THE TROOPS - Remember them in your prayers. Please consider sending a card to these soldiers: Bryan is Louise & Bill Stonesifer's grandson, Jason is a friend of the Saylor & Muse families. Both boys are currently home on leave and will be returning after the Labor Day weekend. Both have expressed their gratitude and appreciation for the prayers, cards and packages.



Bryan Rausch
 Task Force Cornhuskers
 443rd MP Company
 APO AE09354

SGT. Ferguson, Jason
 1729th FS MAINT
 CO/749 CSSB
 COB ADDER
 APO AE 09331

SPIRITUAL / EMOTIONAL SUPPORT

Please pick a caring act, and select as many people you feel are manageable to: **oSend Card oTelephone Call oTake Food oVisit oPray**

Congregational Concerns:

- Michelle** - Pastor's niece passed away on Friday, October 14, 2011. Please pray for the entire family at this difficult time.
- Dorothy Wheeler** - Dorothy is at Long View Nursing Home for rehabilitation after her knee surgery. Please pray for her complete speedy recovery.
- Bill Welling** - Bill is having some health issues. Please pray for Wilma and Bill at this difficult time.
- Esther Trazkovich** - Esther fell on Monday and had to have stitches in her arm from elbow to wrist. Please pray for her speedy recovery.
- Marge Muse** - Gil Muse's mother, Marge passed away on September 15, 2011. Please pray for the entire Muse family at this difficult time.
- Ruth Niner** - Ruth is having health issues. Please pray for her.
- Karen Miserandino** - Karen is in the hospital. Please continue praying for her. Cards of encouragement can be placed in the basket that's in the church office.
- Alyson Ferguson** - Alyson is still having health concerns. Please pray for her speedy complete recovery. Cards of encouragement can be sent to 1265 Campus Ct., Westminster, MD 21157.
- Arlene Ridgely** - Arlene is back in the hospital. Please pray for her speedy complete recovery. Cards of encouragement can be sent to 1265 Campus Ct., Westminster, MD 21157.
- Alexis** - Madeline Jones' great granddaughter. Please continue praying for her and her family.
- The True Family** - Please keep the Barnes and True families in your prayers.

Remember our Elders at Home or in Nursing Care Facilities

At Home

Irma Kuhn

John Hall

Charlene Hill

Dale Bates

Nursing Care Facilities

Arlene Beard, Cozy Care Assisted Living, 12803 Boxwood Ct.,
Union Bridge, MD 21791

Margaret Mathias, Bonds Forrest Assisted Living,
2261 Old Westminster Pike, Finksburg, MD 21048, 410-840-4626.

Madeline Hiatt, Lorien of Taneytown, 100 Antrim Blvd, Room 18A,
Taneytown, MD 21787

Edna Bollinger, The Woods of Sun Valley Assisted Living,
3830 Baker Rd., Westminster, MD 21157

NOTE - If you have any Prayers, Concerns, or changes for the persons listed in the bulletin, please contact Pam Hildenbrand. **THANK YOU.**

Some thoughts about our website....

10 Reasons Why Your Church Should Have a Website

June 23, 2011 in [Communications, Technology](#)

Your church needs a website. It's that simple. This media-driven world may be a bewildering place, and a church website may seem complicated and expensive. But still, every church needs a website. Here's why.

- 1.** A church website brings people to your church. If someone wants to find a church in your area, how are they going to find it? If your first answer is, "check the Yellow Pages" you're wrong. Most people go straight to Google.
- 2.** A church website connects people. Fellowship takes place even when people aren't physically together. Church websites give members a way to interact and fellowship throughout the week. This kind of interaction helps build unity.
- 3.** A church website organizes church events. Church websites help people stay up to date with your church's events—from softball games to Sunday services.
- 4.** A church website answers questions about the church. People have all kinds of questions about churches. Music? Nursery? Denomination? Bible version? How can you answer all these questions? Two words: church website.
- 5.** A church website is the church's testimony. Within seconds of accessing your church website, a person forms opinions about your church—for better or worse. A good website is a great way to communicate a good testimony.
- 6.** A church website broadcasts your message globally. Instantly—without buying a ticket, experiencing jet lag, or eating airline food, your church can reach as far as Europe, Asia, or Africa. Regardless of its size, your church can spread its message worldwide.
- 7.** A church website saves you money on advertising. Any pastor wants the biggest bang for the buck when it comes to church marketing. Church websites are way more visible and far less expensive than any other form of church advertising.
- 8.** A church website stores your media. A church website gives you a digital media library. Storing sermon recordings online is a great way to increase the longevity and reach of sermons.
- 9.** A church website increases your church's income. People pay their bills online, invest their money online, and read their bank statements online. Can they also give to their church online? With a church website, yes.
- 10.** A church website gives your church the relevance necessary to communicate today. This generation has witnessed the launch of the digital age. Creating a church website is the primary means of jumping on the information superhighway and reaching our generation for Christ.





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