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God's Love Has Been Poured into Our Hearts

Special points of interest:

- In this Easter Season when we celebrate the power of Jesus' resurrection, how joyous to celebrate the newness of life all around us.
- May we trust in God who works miracles every day.

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These glorious days of spring have been long awaited by all of us. The robins are back, the flowers are in bloom, and if you look closely enough the trees are beginning to bud. In this Easter season when we celebrate the power of Jesus' resurrection, how joyous to celebrate the newness of life all around us.

Yet in many ways this has been a difficult spring. Flooding has been a problem for many of our area residents. Our church family has been struggling with the news of many of our beloved members having ill health. It's difficult to accept that so many are so ill at the same time.

I think it is important that we maintain a healthy spiritual perspective. Though life isn't fair, God is merciful and just. God will

help us all through the most difficult of times. We must remember that ultimately the resurrection is the story of God taking our trials and forming them into triumphs.

Though none of us like to suffer, the Apostle Paul reminds us that suffering can strengthen us in the faith and bring us closer to God and closer to one another. The Apostle wrote the following thoughts in Romans: "*Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.*

And not only that, but we also boast in our suffering,

knowing that suffering produces hope and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. "

I pray that each of us will abound in hope, because we have a God who loves us, and who will never abandon us. As this Easter season approaches the day of Pentecost on May 15, may you experience the outpouring of God's love and Spirit in your life. May we trust in a God who works miracles every day. May we live life with the rich assurance that God's Holy Spirit is with us equipping us to live life to the fullest. May the grace and peace of Jesus Christ be yours.

In Christ's Service,
Pastor Anne



**ATTENTION
ALL
MEN !!!!**

Calling all men of our church to join us for coffee and donuts at 9 am on Sunday, May 15th for devotions and to discuss possible meetings and activities for United Methodist Men. All the men of our church are encouraged to attend.

Mission News

The Missions Committee is asking all church members to save quarters to support our conference ministry in Haiti. The quarters will be collected on June 22 in church. If you prefer, cash or checks can be received at any time. Make checks payable to Waverly UMC and print "Haiti" on the memo line. Please remember the urgency of spreading the gospel in Haiti. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

The Missions Committee is also selling United Methodist T-shirts for \$9.00 and sweatshirts for \$15.00. Please show pride in your church and purchase one of these fine shirts. They're available in small, medium, large and x-large.

Mission Minute....

United Methodists have donated \$32.4 million for South Asia tsunami relief.



This new total which includes gifts received from late December through the end of March was announced by Roland Fernandes, treasurer of the Board of Global Ministries, at the start of the board's April 11-14 spring meeting.

"The tremendous outpouring of gifts received through *The Advance* for Tsunami Relief has been unprecedented both in terms of the amounts and the volume of gifts received," Fernandes reported. *The Advance* is the denomination's outlet for voluntary or "second-mile" giving.

United Methodist began to respond soon after the December 26 earthquake and tsunami devastated parts of several South Asia nations, including Indonesia, Sri Lanka and India, leaving hundreds of thousands of people dead or missing.

Besides dispatching emergency relief supplies and medicine, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is organizing projects for long-term rehabilitation with a variety of partners, including Methodist in Indonesia and Sri Lanka and Church World Service.

Bishop Edward Paup of Seattle, UMCOR's president, said the agency is thankful for the outpouring of care and concern by church members. "While receipts have significantly surpassed responses to previous catastrophes, they offer again the faithful desire of United Methodists to stand with those who are hurting and in need," he said.

The option of online giving was promoted for the tsunami relief. Of the total through March, \$1.9 million was received through online gifts, Fernandes reported. He added, "We are working on moving to online giving for the entire *Advance*."

The Bridge of the Penn-York Valley Churches

Thank you to our church family for your support of this ministry. Because of the giving of church folks and individuals we have been able to renew writing vouchers for heat, water, electricity and rent needs.

Please remember to save your hotel/motel toiletries from your summer vacation for the Kids-at-Risk program.

Also, there is a great need for sweatpants (new or gently used) in kids sizes 6/8 and 8/10.

We are always looking for bed frames and other furniture dona-

tions for our Helping Hands Furniture Ministry. The faithful men who pick-up and deliver this furniture are looking for help. Anybody interested? You don't need a truck. If you have one, that would be great.

Contact Peg Wanck (888-4292) for pickup or leave your donations in the back of the sanctuary.

Alethia Class

The Alethia Class has a new project taking place on May 21st. We are planning a "Trash-to-Treasure Sale" from 10 am to 3 pm.

All women of the church are invited to the May 11 banquet at 6 pm at Lefty's



for dinner and good entertainment. Tickets are available from the church office, Alethia or Women's Society group leaders.

As a final meeting until September we will be

having a picnic at the church on June 21st at 6 pm.

I've learned that it is just as important to forget a wrong as it is to remember a kindness.

—Anonymous

Youth News

Youth Invited to Annual Conference

All youth in our church are invited to a special youth group on May 1, at 6 pm. Amy Whitney will present a program on alcohol awareness. Other area youth groups have been invited. Refreshments will be served.

My **Grace**
is sufficient for you, for
my **power**
is made perfect
in **w e a k n e s s .**

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All youth who have completed grades 8-12 are invited to attend the Annual Conference at the University of Scranton in Scranton, PA from June 3-4.

Youth will enjoy a Friday evening dinner theater followed by snacks, dancing and being together.

At 11 pm, there will be a twister tournament followed by worship at midnight with lights out at 1 am.

On Saturday, youth will join in the Annual Conference and in the afternoon do a mission project in Scranton.

Youth are invited to have pizza with the Bishop at 5:30 pm followed by a service celebrating Confirmation and Ordination. We will depart from home at 8 pm.

Please call Pastor Anne (565-8650) if you would like to go. All youth will be sleeping on the floor at the Long Center Gym. Cost: \$5.00. Deadline for registering is May 15.

Youth Retreat at Sky Lake

We also invite youth of our church to go to Sky Lake for an overnight retreat on Friday, June 17. We will enjoy a get-a-way into the woods to worship, hike, swim and grow closer to God and each other. ***This event is just for our own youth group.*** The cost is \$15.00 per person. Please let Pastor Anne know by June 12, if you would like to attend.

Openings for Student Forum (College Students)...

Student Forum 2005, a leadership development conference, will be held May 26-29 at Millsaps College in Jackson, Mississippi. This year's theme is "Thy Kingdom Come: Becoming the Body of Christ."

The event is sponsored by the United Methodist Student Movement and will offer workshops, community service opportunities, discussion, worship and networking with other students from around the country and abroad.

Any undergraduate is eligible to attend. Financial assistance is available to cover the \$175 registration fee and a portion of the travel costs.

Interested student should contact, Rev. Cheryl Cavalari at 570-696-2582 or css10@psu.edu.

Focus on Communion Stewards

Being a **Communion Steward** is an opportunity to provide a service to your church. In our church this task is handled by teams of two. There are six teams, each one covering only two months of the year. The team's responsibility is to provide the communion elements and



set up for the main service on the first Sunday of each month.

Currently the teams are Cindy & Dick Stevens, Cornelia & David Cannavino, Linda & David Griffith, Jane & Bill Lane, Loretta Benninger & MaryLou Sorensen and Beverly & Larry Ward.

If this is something that you would like to be involved in, contact Larry Ward or the church office.

May/June Birthdays and Anniversaries

May Birthdays

- 1 Frank Roney III; Kelly Westover; Kiley Hatch; Theresa Cron
- 2 Tanner Burt
- 3 John Griffith
- 4 David Correll
- 6 Doris House
- 8 Marge Keiffer; Carol Lemmon; Kathy Mack
- 12 Ron Chandler
- 14 Wilson Elston; Paul Tompkins; Cori Lasco
- 16 Frances Ackley
- 17 Audrey Warner
- 18 Ed Keene
- 19 Jeff Dusek; Cornelia Cannavino
- 22 Phil Beard; Camryn Burlingame
- 23 Catherine Canfield
- 24 Connie Henson
- 26 Marcella Howard
- 28 Barbara Piccotti

May Anniversaries

- 3 Jodi & Steven Austin

- 10 Cyndi & Calvin Bird
- 14 Jacqueline & Glenn Stolicker

June Birthdays

- 1 Ruth Phillips; Krystinna Keuhn
- 5 All Engelbert
- 6 Sylvia Robinson
- 7 Daniel Rumsey
- 8 Diane Geiger
- 9 Alice Tetreault; Kathy Shaw; Erika Morales

- 17 Katheryn Evans
- 18 Kathy Cron; June Keuhn
- 19 James Edward Satterly; Dustin Yost; Rachel Lasco
- 21 Charlotte Johnson; Polly Wilson
- 27 Marcus Beard; Charlotte Tompkins; Matthew Walters
- 28 Jonathan Canfield; Chuck Stout; Arianna Westover
- 29 Ruby Petrey; Jennifer Shay
- 30 Marjory Forrest

June Anniversaries

- 9 Cornelia & David Cannavino
- 10 Dorothy & Gene Huckle
- 12 Floy & Dick Reynolds
- 15 Theresa & Don Cron
- 16 Dorla & Robert Johnson
- 21 Beverly & Lloyd Correll; Carol & Mark Lemmon
- 23 Alice & Ron Chandler
- 28 Robin & Todd Blauvelt
- 30 Dorothy & Al Engelbert; Diane & John Lacey; Gail & Don Rockwell



Our Church Family

Baptisms

- February 27 Alexis Diane Daniels
- April 17 Griffin David Jacobson
Phoenix Olivia Jacobson

Deaths

- February 23 Donald R. Dunning
- March 6 Floyd R. Collins

- March 15 Frederike 'Fritzie' Lyons
- April 20 Frances O'Toole

Weddings

- February 12 Keith Wilbur
& Brenda Bakley

Please note: On Monday mornings from 9-10:30 am, all calls will go to the answering machine.

Also remember Mondays is Pastor Anne's study day and she won't be in the office. Please call her at home only in an emergency.

Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

Special Sunday Services During May and June

May 8th—**United Methodist Women’s Sunday.** The Sunday School children will sing in honor of Mother’s Day.

May 15th—**Pentecost Sunday.** Marcus Beard and Clint Deskins will be confirmed. Please wear your United Methodist T-shirt to church.



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June 5th—**Youth Sunday.** The Senior High Youth Group will lead the service at 11 am

June 12th—**Children’s Day** at 11 am.

June 19th—**Father’s Day.** We will resume our summer schedule at 8:15 and 10 am.

Our 2005 graduates are:

- Sam Ackland
- Travis Curren
- Emily Henson
- Kyle Holland
- Jeremy Johnson
- Matt Lemmon
- Courtney Stevens
- Ashley Watkins
- Kristine Young

Congratulations to all !!

A Thank You to my Church Family

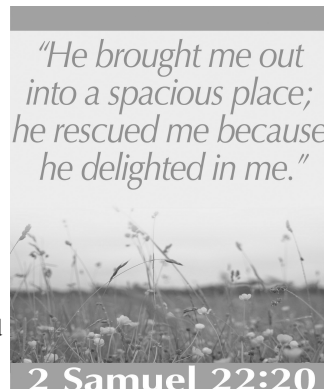
Thank you from the bottom of my heart...

☺ For: Scads of cards each containing a prayer of get well wishes and encouragement. Thank you to the Sunday School children who made cards for me. They were beautiful.

☺ For: All the prayers you have prayed on my behalf.

☺ For: Visits at the hospital, nursing facility and my home, phone calls to say, “Hello, how are you doing?”

☺ For: Floral gifts which warmed my heart and put *Spring* into my heart. I needed *Spring* and its Hope.



☺ For: Food that you shared with me and my family.

As Easter People we are to reach out and be a part of a strong Christian community who teach, share, break bread together, and pray for one another. Jesus is smiling on you all as He sees the great love you give to others.

God bless you and yours,

Dorla Johnson

“Equipped for Every Good Work”

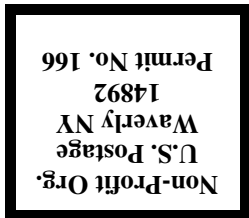
Please set aside the following Tuesday evenings this summer —

July 12, 19, 26, August 2 and 9, as we explore the book: “Equipped for Every Good Work— Building the Spirit-gifted Church.”



Discover your spiritual gifts and how and when to use them. Also, learn more about your spiritual type (How you best learn about God?) and live out your faith.

We will also explore in what settings each of us are best suited for ministry. Come discover how to grow in faith and how to live out your life with passion and purpose.



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Lectionary

May 1, 2005

Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:8-20
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

May 8, 2005 (Mother's Day)

Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
I Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

May 15, 2005 (Pentecost)

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
John 7:37-39

May 22, 2005

Genesis 1:1-2:4a
Psalm 8
2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Matthew 28:16-20

May 29, 2005

Genesis 6:9-22
Psalm 46
Romans 1:16-17; 3:22b-28 (29-31)
Matthew 7:21-29

June 5, 2005

Genesis 12:1-9
Psalm 33:1-12
Romans 4:13-25
Mathew 9:9-13, 18-26

June 12, 2005

Genesis 18:1-15
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35-10:8

June 19, 2005 (Father's Day)

Genesis 21:8-21
Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17
Romans 6:1b -11
Matthew 10:24-39

June 26, 2005

Genesis 22:1-14
Psalm 13
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42

Chicken & Rib Barbecue

The monthly chicken and rib barbecue dinners were started in April. The dinners are provided on the second Friday of each month, April thru Sept. Gene Huckle gets the fire started at 6 am and by noon everything is ready for a great meal. We have eat-ins, take-outs and deliveries.

The meals are the responsibility of the Methodist Men, but several dedicated ladies lend their talents to make these successful. All profits from the barbecues go directly to the church for benevolences.

If you would like to help out with this mission and really have a good time doing it, contact Larry Ward or the church office.

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