



SEPTEMBER 2011

WHITE CLAY CREEK *MESSENGER*

Presbyterian Church (USA)

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Signs of Hope

Hi Church:

It has been an eventful summer! One of the things that made it eventful was the denominational rulings that came out in June. The first ruling changed the denomination's ordination standards. Before, if you were not "chaste in singleness and faithful in marriage between a man and woman," you were automatically disqualified from leadership in the church, today that decision is up to each local church and presbytery. It is no longer a foregone conclusion.

The second change has to do with our form of government. This may come as a shock to you (It definitely shocked me): We have a new form of government. "What does that mean?" I can be honest when I say: "I don't know." No one knows, yet. I attended a seminar lead by one of the two writers of the new polity and he couldn't explain how the new form works. The intent was to create a church that was more "permissive" and less "regulatory." We are still trying to understand what that means. When we know we will let you know.

White Clay has historically been a strong orthodox and biblically centered congregation. It has understood scripture as interpreted by the universal church for the past 2000+ years. The change in ordination standards involves a reinterpretation of scripture. It is a clear divergence from the Reformed understanding of the Bible.



Knowing this change alone may cause many to question their relationship with the denomination and perhaps even with White Clay due to guilt by association, the session of the church decided to communicate these changes with you through a series of cottage meetings that were held during the summer months.

You will receive a summary of what we heard you say via these cottage meetings in the mail. They provide a good snapshot of where we are at as a congregation in response to the above changes. Deciding issues on an individual basis is easy. I can do it in a moment's notice because I know what I believe on certain issues. Deciding issues as a church takes time because it involves a lot of people who represent a lot of differing contexts. We vary in where we are in our journey with God, our understanding of the Bible and the passages that address this moral issue, and we vary in our focus.

Let me illustrate this last one. In everyone's body are two types of cells: red corpuscles and white corpuscle. Both are needed for the body to live. White corpuscles fight off infection. Red corpuscles bring oxygen to the body and enable it to thrive. The red ones give life and energy while the white ones stave off infection. In the church there

are white corpuscle believers and red corpuscle believers. Some of us are focused on fighting off infection, while others are focused on bringing new life to the body. White corpuscle Christians focus on purity and red corpuscle Christians focus on “making disciples.” Both are needed in the church. Both serve an important role and are to exist simultaneously without fighting one another. If they do, the body will certainly die.

Do you understand the analogy? We are a diverse congregation and we need to respect that and do everything we can to live in harmony together, respecting the differing roles each play in the body. Scripture is very clear on this issue. Whatever we do we need to “keep the unity through the bond of peace” until we all come to “like-mindedness” in our faith. (See I Corinthians 12, Hebrews 12:14; Ephesians 4:3, 11-13)

“So where do we go from here?” That’s the question everyone is asking and I will tell you. The clear direction is to discover our options and the cost of each. Jesus himself said in Luke 14 that no builder begins a building project without knowing the cost beforehand and no king goes to battle unless he knows the number of troops he’ll need to win the battle. It’s the wise thing to do. Towards that end the session created a five-person taskforce to study the options - their cost, goals of, pros and cons etc. The session also asked me to contact a collection of churches who have already responded to the denomination to hear what their experience was.

Further, I attended the “Fellowship of Presbyterians” Gathering that met this past week in Minneapolis. 1900+ concerned church leaders representing nearly 900 churches from all 50 states showed up to talk together and envision the future. There is strength in number and I believe this gathering may indeed be the beginning of something historic, on par with the Reformation and the emergence of new churches with passion to spread the gospel. Time will tell but we are definitely not alone.

Here’s what I heard that gives me hope for the future of the church. The goals of “The Fellowship of Presbyterians” (from here on I’ll refer to it as TFP) are to be a new body of like-minded Presbyterians who are theologically clear and hold to certain essentials that are theologically orthodox, reformed, evangelical and morally sound. It’s an association of churches who feel the need for something beyond “winning the next vote” at the GA level. A political win will do nothing but leave us embroiled in endless controversy. The last 33 years has taught us this!

TFP believes what marks people is not a denomination but Jesus Christ. We need to connect people to Jesus, and the best vehicle for that is the local church. It has always been the local church. So the focus for this group is the local church and empowering it to be all that God created it to be. The group does not want to make tactical change but adaptive change to the current context in which we live.

“How do we do that?” Many options were discussed that I will be taking to the Taskforce, who will then discuss and bring recommendations to the session. You will be kept informed as well.

Let me leave you with this encouragement. What we see right now is a crisis within our denomination. This crisis may well be the tool God uses to begin a new thing in our generation. Wouldn’t it be cool if through this movement the Boomer generation became known as the generation that produced a new Reformation fueled with a passion to reach people with the good news of Jesus Christ! Rather than going down as the selfish generation we can go down as the group that connected the Gen Xers and the Millennials to the Savior. I can only hope, but I see the signs.... Do you?

In Him,

Pastor Richard



Fellowship Event

A NEW TRADITION . . .
SAYING GOOD BYE to
the END of SUMMER
and "HELLO" to the
NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR!



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

AFTER THE 2ND SERVICE (approx. 12:30 p.m.)
BEHIND the NURTURE BUILDING

An Old-Fashioned Barbecue

A PROFESSIONAL will be preparing beef brisket for sandwiches & chicken 'smoker' style!
FELLOWSHIP will be providing grilled corn on the cob!
And EVERYONE should bring a salad or a dessert to share and a LAWN CHAIR!

Adult/Youth Volleyball Challenge Returns



START FORMING YOUR TEAMS NOW and GET YOUR PRACTICE IN!

**Don't Miss Sunday School &
Worship, then stay for
Fabulous FOOD and
*FELLOWSHIP***

QUESTIONS? CONTACT JERRY OR SHARON MEAD AT 737-3576.

DON'T MISS THIS SPECIAL DAY!

What's Happening in Christian Nurture

Our Mission: To Nurture Personal Relationships with Jesus Christ

September 2011

Sunday School is Coming!

One thing is for sure . . . there will be a class for YOU!

Start of a Challenging New Sunday School Year

SEPTEMBER 11 ❖ 9:45-10:45 a.m.

Infant Nursery

2- & 3-Year Olds (2 by 8/31)

4-Year Olds & Kindergarten

Grade 1-2

Grade 3-4

Grade 5/Junior High 6

Junior High 7-8

High School 9-12

C-YA (College-Young Adult)

Adult Bible Discovery

Adult Cornerstones

Adult Relationships, Etc.

[SEE STAFF & ROOM LISTING]

A Very Special Fellowship Time

SEPTEMBER 11 ❖ 9:45-10:45 a.m.

There is excitement in anticipation of a new Sunday School season. Bring the kids and youth to Sunday School, then come to the Fellowship Hall for great treats and beverages, fellowship with friends and newcomers, and an opportunity to hear about the fall adult classes to be offered beginning September 18, as well as other adult study opportunities. Whether you have considered attending Sunday School or not, ALL adults are urged to be a part of this special hour! You'll hear about these classes and more . . .

C-YA (College-Young Adults 18-25) – Room 203: *Peter and Paul.* Using both video segments and direct Bible study, sense the vitality, intensity, and humanity of these two men who were entrusted by Jesus to carry the Gospel into the entire world.

THE C-YA LATER CLASS WILL BE REINSTATED IF THERE IS A NEED IN 2012 OR BEYOND. THE C-YA CLASS HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO AGE 25, WHILE OLDER YOUNG ADULTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND ANY OF THE FOLLOWING STUDY OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS OF ANY AGE.

Bible Discovery – The Library: *Tradition and Wisdom.* Lessons selected from Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, and Matthew show that King Solomon asked God for the right thing: WISDOM! We should ask too because wisdom has to do with righteousness, making right choices, teaching values, discernment, an orderly life, love, happiness, harmony, prayer, and life without worry.

Cornerstones – Room 108: *The Gospel of John.* Every miracle, teaching, and reaction, John writes, has one clear purpose: to prove that Jesus is the Word, the Messiah, the Son of God. John not only leads to a saving faith in Christ but leads believers into a deeper understanding of the ultimate story of Jesus, God's Son.

Relationships, Etc. – Fellowship Hall: *Balanced & Blessed—Experiencing Marriage the Way It's Meant to Be.* Sessions that are filled with learning and laughter: Why Did We Get Married in the First Place? Why Some Marriages Work While Others Don't. Why You're So Normal, Your Mate is So Weird! How men Think and What They Need. Communication with Women is More than Roaring and Snoring! Six Steps to Help Your Marriage Go the Distance. Shake Hands and Come Out Hugging.

3-4-5 Alive!

... a ministry just for pre-All Access age girls and boys in Grades 3-4-5

EVERY SUNDAY EVENING [will follow All Access calendar for dates off]

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 18 ~ 6:00-8:00 P.M.

6:00 – 6:30 p.m. ROOM 110 [main level of Nurture Building]

6:35 – 8:00 p.m. ROOM 212/213 [upper level of Nurture Building]

NOTE TO 3-4-5 PARENTS AND ANY OTHER VOLUNTEERS: DUE TO THE SUCCESS OF SUMMER DAZE, IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT 3-4-5 ALIVE! WILL GROW SIGNIFICANTLY THIS SEASON. THEREFORE, PARENTS AND ANY OTHER WCC VOLUNTEERS WILL BE ASKED TO SIGN UP FOR A FEW WEEKS (OR EVEN 1 OR 2 WEEKS) THROUGHOUT THE 2011-12 SEASON AS A HELPER ONLY. NO PREPARATION! A SIGN-UP SHEET WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE FOYER ON SEPTEMBER 18 AND 25 TO GET US STARTED.

**COME AND INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO A FUN-FILLED TIME.
BRING \$1.00 AND GET A 'MINI-MEAL' FROM THE GRILLE!**

Allison Takats, Coordinator (atakats@udel.edu); Bev McFarland, Music, etc. (bevmcfarland@wccpc.org)



A NEW CHURCH SEASON . . . WITH WEEKDAY STUDY OPPORTUNITIES!

Gospel in Life – Grace Changes Everything

Meet in the Library (Room 109) either

Wednesdays, September 14 – November 2 ~ 7:00-8:30 p.m.

or

Thursdays, September 15 – November 3 ~ 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Whether you loved “The Prodigal God” series earlier this year or you were unable to attend that series, you do not want to miss this study by the same author, Tim Keeler of NYC’s Redeemer Presbyterian Church.

In this eight-week video-based study, we will learn how to live out the Gospel in everyday life. The series opens with the theme of the city – our home now, the world that is. It closes with the theme of the eternal city – our heavenly home, the world to come. In between, we’ll look at how the Gospel changes our hearts, changes our community, and changes how we live in the world.

Pastor Richard chose this study because it fits our current context. As White Clay Creek stands up for biblical truth and the historic ethical teachings of our faith, we also want to be sure that we remain a welcoming congregation who invites everyone to hear the good news of the Gospel, which is our essential mission as a church and the crux of our vision. As the subtitle says, “Grace changes everything!”

Come and find out what a grace-centered life looks like in our modern world.

REGISTER BY E-MAILING pastrichard@wccpc.org or by signing up in The Parlor/Coffee Room.

(Of course, you may still attend at any time, but preregistering will assure enough books are available.)

**NOTICE: SUNDAY SCHOOL
FALL STAFF MEETING
ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED.**

[2s through High School staff only.]

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
6:00 (sandwiches!) – 8:30 P.M.
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Teachers: Pick up your materials on
SEPTEMBER 4 IN ROOM 110 across from the
Office). A week was 'lost' so it's urgent to
get the invitation cards sent out!

NURSERY NEWS AND INFO

A WORK DATE to clean the toys and furnishings in
our Nurseries will be held on SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 3, at 9:00 a.m. in preparation for the
fall season.

Nurture and parents appreciate all who signed
the chart and served as an Attendant during the
twelve summer Sundays. Concluding the
summer scheduling on SEPTEMBER 4 are

8:30 a.m. (on call): Brad Porter family
10:30 a.m.: Susanne Larson & Niki Vella

The fall schedule will be issued soon, with
reminders via postcards and the weekly bulletin.

Remember that the 'on-call' attendants at the
8:30 service, when arriving for worship, inform an
usher that you are an 'on-call' nursery attendant
and where you will be seated. If there's a need
for your services, an usher will inform you.

Attendants serving during the contemporary
service should report to Room 106 no later than
10:45 a.m. (beginning September 11) to greet
those leaving off children.

BB NURSERY SUPT./CONTACT BB

Kim McWatters

455-0186 / kjmcwatters@comcast.net

CONTACT KIM (see above) if you would be
willing to serve on the next schedule or be called
as an occasional sub.

Chairman Chuck Shermeyer and members of the Nurture Committee look forward to serving Christ and White Clay Creek in the new season. It is our hope and prayer that you and your family will grow as disciples and servants as you participate in the many ministry opportunities to be offered.

POST-VBS: THANKS for the HELP!

Thanks to the volunteers who came out on
August 4 to put the classroom furniture back in
place after VBS, including the HOT job of hauling
many children's chairs back to the attic.

After a week of VBS, the Resource Center looked
like a disaster zone. Thanks to those who helped
reorganize it for the Sunday School season both
on scheduled work dates and in between.

The LIBRARY and The LIBRARY MARKETPLACE

As we continue to 'slim down' the Library,
rotating batches of surplus books are displayed
the *The Library Marketplace* within *The Ministry
Marketplace* in the lower level of the Sanctuary
Building. Stop in often and TAKE AS MANY AS
YOU WISH FOR FREE (bags available on bottom
shelf). An optional offering (cash donation or
item(s) for the Deacons' food closet) is being
received, with cash offerings to go toward new
materials for the Library reference section.

**NEXT LIBRARY WORK DATE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
9:30 – 11:30 A.M.
ALL VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!!**

CHILDREN'S CHURCH/SONBEAM SINGERS

SONbeam Singers will soon resume singing and
rehearsing on second and third Sundays of each
month after being dismissed from the 11:00 a.m.
worship service. Nurture has been asked to
provide an adult helper (no preparation
required) each of those weeks. This presents an
easy opportunity for new volunteers to serve. On
SONbeam weeks only, the participants' ages will
be expanded from age 4 to Grade 5.

And, of course, on first, fourth, and fifth (when
applicable) Sundays, both a LEADER and a
HELPER will be required, with lesson materials
available in Room 104. On Children's Church
weeks, the participants will continue to be those
age 4 through Grade 2.

If you are willing to be a C.C. volunteer to either
lead a lesson on non-SONbeam weeks or be a
helper any week, contact:

SHELLY DILLON, Children's Church Coordinator
dillonrs@yahoo.com / 369-6586

PRAYERS REQUESTED

We offer prayers of rejoicing and praise for the birth of Abigail Constance Niehaus, on August 6, 2011, to parents Kurt & Anne Marie; and for the birth of Samuel Thomas Bies, born August 22, 2011 to parents, Brandon & Laura, and proud grandparents, DeeDee & Randy.

We lift up prayers of health & healing for Agnes Cooper, Marlene Porter, Jesse Walker.

We continue to pray for our troops, especially Steve Gallaher, brothers Nathan and Jonathan Hudson, Navil Heredia (*Afghanistan, friend of Heather Roemer*), Ben Crilly (*Afghanistan, friend of Bard family*),

Remember our overseas missionaries in your prayers: Mark & family (Central Asia), The Dillons (Peru), Robert Manda (Malawi)

Please be sure to let the office know if a family member is ill and/or in the hospital; or if you want someone on the prayer chain or listed on the bulletin prayer page.

NOTES & LETTERS

I want to thank you sincerely for all of your prayers when I was sick last winter. I was much more sick than I realized. Our Lord Jesus is most powerful! I credit him for my healing. May God bless all of you.

Elwood Rigby (Woody)

I would like to thank those who sent a card, called me, prayed, and showed their love and concern for me after the unexpected, middle of the night appendectomy. Apparently there is no age limit on that! June Kirk

REGULAR SCHEDULE RESUMES

Summer schedule ends Sept. 4

BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 11

8:30
TRADITIONAL

9:45
SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:00
CONTEMPORARY



J.O.Y. FELLOWSHIP

Just Older Youth ... adults of ANY age

J.O.Y. is a monthly fellowship ministry open to adults of any age. If you work during the day, take an occasional day of vacation to enJOY a trip or theater outing. Come to as many or as few activities as are of interest, and guests are welcome. Information/reservation brochures are available at J.O.Y. bulletin-board displays in the Nurture Building and The Parlor, and at the Welcome Table in the Sanctuary Building lower narthex.

**Special thanks to JENNA REED
for handling the movie showing for J.O.Y.'s August
covered dish/movie date in the Fellowship Hall.**

Upcoming trips . . .

SEPTEMBER 21 ~ RAINBOW DINNER THEATRE

All reservations for this popular trip are filled, and a waitlist has been established. Registration forms include a place to request inclusion on the waitlist (no payment required at time of listing). Already signed up and paid? J.O.Y. still needs your September registration form to arrange carpools.

OCTOBER 19 – EPHRATA CLOISTER

J.O.Y. will take a guided tour of the Cloister, an 18th century communal society rooted in religious mysticism and known for its original art and music, medieval Germanic architecture, and significant publishing center. Lunch at “The Udder Choice” soup and sandwich restaurant near the Cloister has been recommended. Registrations will begin September 21.

NOVEMBER 16 – BIRD-IN-HAND

Visit the Bake Shop and Farmer’s Market in this unique PA town, and enjoy lunch at the Bird-in-Hand Restaurant known for its smorgasbord (menu options also available). Registrations will begin October 19.

J.O.Y. OFFERING/MISSION (Optional):
Bring a nonperishable food item for our Deacons’
closet each time you participate!

MUSIC NOTES

SONbeam Singers has a new director and some important changes! Ariel Pfeil



is the new director for SONbeam Singers! Along with our very experienced and dedicated Krista Varnes, SONbeam Singers is off to a good start.

But.....there's a change! If your student is in **third, fourth or fifth grade** they are **welcome to join SONbeam Singers.** They would

leave church after the Children's sermon on the second and third Sundays for rehearsal. This gives us an opportunity for more singers and exciting music. Contact Ariel Pfeil (limbertine01@yahoo.com) for more information.

"Joseph, From the Pit to the Palace" rescheduled for November 13.

The play "Joseph" will be presented by students in Grades 3-8 on November 13 in the sanctuary at about 1:30 p.m. There will be a light luncheon for the congregation prepared by the students in Fellowship Hall before the play. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend this fun and "stomping" way to learn how God helped Joseph in the land of Egypt.

Worship Choir/Handbell Choir Kick-off Dinner If you are interested in joining the Worship Choir or Handbell Choir, please join us for dinner on September 15 at 6:30 p.m. at Bev McFarland's house. Invitations are on the pianos in the Ministry Marketplace or the Music room in the Nurture Building. Questions? Contact Bev McFarland (bevmcfarland@wccpc.org) We REALLY want you to come!



Join the Choir...
You'll Be Glad You Did!

"Joseph" - If you are in grades 3-8, come join us for the play "Joseph!" We are learning how to play "Stomp" instruments, sing and act as we tell the story of Joseph. First rehearsal and pizza party is Sunday, September 11, 5:00-7:00. Join in the fun!

Drama Team - Did you see the human video on Mission Sunday? Do you remember the hand mimes and skits which enhance worship? Would you like to make a short-term commitment to act in even just one skit? Contact Cathy Atkinson (mcatkinson@comcast.net) for more information.

Arts Ministry Rehearsals Begin

Worship Choir

Thursday evenings 7:15-8:30 p.m. Music Room
Director: Bev McFarland (bevmcfarland@wccpc.org.)
Ages: high school-adult Rehearsals begin 9/15

Handbell Choir

Thursday evenings 6:30-7:30 p.m. Coffee Room
Director: Carol Olson (teach.206@verizon.net)
Ages: high school-adult Rehearsals begin 9/22

Drama Team as needed

Director: Cathy Atkinson (mcatkinson@comcast.net)

Praise Team

Thursday evenings 8:00-9:00 p.m. Sanctuary
Coordinator: Nancy Aupperle (aup1@aol.com)
Ages: high school-adult Rehearsals begin 9/15

3-4-5 Alive Music

Sunday evenings 6:00-6:30 p.m. Music Room
Director: Bev McFarland (bevmcfarland@wccpc.org.)
Grades 3-5 Music begins 9/18

SONbeam Singers

Second and Third Sunday mornings
SONbeam Room
Director: Ariel Pfeil (limbertine01@aol.com)
Age 4-Grade 5 Rehearsals begin 9/11

Anchors Aweigh

Sundays after 11:00 service Sanctuary
Coordinator: Andrew Shermeyer (acsherm@ud.edu)
Ages: high school-young adult Rehearsals begin 9/18



OFFICE NOTES

Please note that neither pastor is in the office on Fridays

*Bev is out of the office Sept. 4-10
Pastor Richard is out Sept. 7-11*



DEADLINE:
Newsletter Articles
OCTOBER 2

LAST CALL for DIRECTORY UPDATES

An updated Church Directory will be prepared mid-September. Please check the current green Directory dated October 2010 AND the listing of known corrections appearing in this MESSENGER, and INFORM THE CHURCH OFFICE (wccpc@wccpc.org / 737-2100) BY MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, of additional changes.

- Want your Email added or corrected?
- Want to add a cell phone number?
- Are you a regular visitor to WCC nd would like to be included?

Let's have the Directory as accurate as possible so we may stay connected!

Changes to green directory dated Oct 31 2010
Bold are new since last Messenger.

AUSTIN, LESLIE; removed from roll

BIES, BRANDON & Laura; new baby – Samuel

BJORNSEN, ARLENE; 4 Kings Grant Rd; Hockessin DE 19707

BLAKEMORE, DARREN; 217 Wheatfield Way; York PA 17403

BREVOORT, PAM; pkna127@gmail.com

CAIN, NANCY; 4 Hearn Place; Newark DE 19711

DAUGHERTY, ALICE & LEW; 3636 -16th St, Apt A701; Washington DC 20010-4127

DRAPER, MILT; lowberd@comcast.net

DUCK, JUDY; 367-4686 cell

FERNANDEZ, MATT & Brooke; 1116 Coyne Place; Wilmington, DE 19805; 302-593-2582

GALLAHER, STEVEN & Ashley; TRANSFERRED 1200 Grays Chapel Rd.; Southside TN 37171

GOODENOUGH, SUSAN; new email: suzie@wccpc.org

GRIFFITH, RUTH; transferred

HARTING, LAWRENCE; 27 Park Dr; Newark DE 19713

HOBAN, MARILYN & JIM; new members; 127 Bunting Dr; Wilmington DE 19808-1969; (Limestone Hills); 239-7596; Marilyn email:

msh42751@verizon.net; James email: hoban3rd@verizon.net

IRONS, BETH & GAVIN; new members; 37 Hillcroft Rd; Newark, DE 19711 (Windy Hills); 584-7589; ironsfour@verizon.net

LOEFFLER, KELLY (FERNANDEZ); TRANSFERRED 611 South St; Easton MD 21601; 302-593-2500

MAUCHER, HARRY; new member; 16 Grosvenor Ct; Wilmington DE 19804 (Village of Hershey Run); 354-7227; hmaucher2@netzero.net

NIEHAUS, ANNE MARIE & KURT; new baby- Abigail

PEARSON, MICHELLE BARD; 508 Woodhill; Newark, NY 14513 (please note : New York, not Delaware)

PERRY, DORIS; 3 Moss Court, Newark DE 19711

REAMER, DAWN McCARTY; now Dawn McCarty (dropped Reamer)

REITER, LISA; 205 Testaverde Rd; Newark DE 19702

SCHLINGLOFF, JOYCE; 757-3551 cell (no landline)
TOMPKINS, TEDDY; 780 Jolly Ave. apt F6; Clarkston GA 30021

WILSON, LORNA; 388 Stafford Dr., Newark DE 19711

STEPHEN MINISTRY 2011

Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.
Matthew 11:28

Are you going through a difficult time in your life that you would like someone to talk to? Someone who won't judge you or tell you how to fix your life? It can be difficult to find someone you can trust. A Stephen Minister is someone you can trust to walk beside you, read scripture, listen and pray with you.

There are three easy steps:

1. *Listen and care for your friend in your own relationship.*
2. *Ask your friend for permission to share his or her need with a Stephen Minister. Be sure to tell your friend that all information will be kept confidential.*
3. *Once permission is given, share her or his need as promptly as possible with a Stephen leader*

Your Stephen Ministers: we are growing in discipleship as we seek to minister God's love.

Jerry Mead

Paul LaManna

Julie Dufaj

Melissa Espinal

Charlie Jones

Deb Takats

Sharon Mead

Bev Wirtz

Bev Lamenzo

Are you in need of a Stephen Minister? For more information contact: Pastor Jody: pastorjody@wccpc.org
Jill Casula: jcasula55@verizon.net

LAY LEADERS

Sept. 4	Randi Cirillo
Sept. 11	Debbie Takats
Sept. 18	Jen Porter
Sept. 25	Nicole Coady

MEN'S RETREAT

October 7-9, 2011 at Black Rock

We are excited to have Jimmy Davis, a full time evangelist and musician, as our speaker this year (learn more about Jimmy at www.idea.info). Invite your friends or family. We will begin registration in September. Please contact John Bard (998-7072) or Bill Hall (738-0451) if you would like more information.

WOMEN'S CORNER



Ladies You are invited join us on third Monday, **Sept 19**, in the WCCPC library for a time of prayer, learning & discussion at **7 pm** concluding by 8:30.

SUNSHINE CIRCLE resumes Sept. 20 at 12noon meeting at the home of Carol Olson. Diane Cook has the lesson (#5). For more information, contact Carol Olson (731-0533).

NIMBLE THIMBLES resumes Sept. 12 continuing on the 2nd & 4th Mondays at 9:30 am in 212-213. A great time of fellowship, sewing, knitting, etc. to help those in need. Contact Bev Lamenzo 737-5575 for more information

The **WOMEN'S BIBLE FELLOWSHIP** is a small group that meets 2ND and last Tuesdays from 7:15- 9:00 p.m. in Nurture Building Room 108. Come regularly or when you can. Contact Susanne at 737-6748 / susanne429@comcast.net or just come with your Bible on SEPTEMBER 13 and 27.

GIRLS' NIGHT OUT at SANDY COVE

"Twist of Faith"

The story Behind Auntie Anne's Pretzels

The final 2011 G.N.O. at Sandy Cove in North East, MD, is THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 6:45-9:15 p.m. Be inspired by Anne Beiler who went from an 8th-grade Amish education to founding Auntie Anne's, Inc., the world's largest mall-based pretzel franchise. Anne's story is more than the saga of building a successful business; it's a personal journey of faith and forgiveness. Cost is \$32, which includes a buffet dinner and the program. Register at www.sandycove.org or call (800) 234-COVE. But first check with Susanne (737-6748) as sometimes a reserved spot is available from our regular Girls' Night Out foursome.

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS DINNER
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, at 6:00 P.M.
RESERVE the DATE NOW . . .
It's a highlight of the Advent season.
Registrations will begin October 30.



Reminder: the **WOMEN'S RETREAT** will be held **MAY 4-6, 2012 AT BLACK ROCK**. Please plan to join us!

MISSION NEWS



White Clay Creek Presbyterian Church
a host congregation

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the many volunteers

who helped out with our Family Promise host week! With the impending hurricane, we had to prepare for all scenarios and we are grateful for the flexibility and willingness of so many to help out. We had a wonderful group of guests this week and there was a lot of laughter and fun. Our next host week is Thanksgiving week! If you're in town, please think about ways that you can help in this important ministry.

Don't forget to support Family Promise Box City event! See the article in the Messenger.

Newark Empowerment Center (NEC)

Volunteers Needed

Description of the NEC

In cooperation with the Friendship House, the Newark Empowerment Center provides assistance to the homeless in the Newark Delaware area. For the NEC, homeless is defined as anyone who doesn't have control over their surroundings: living on the street, in transitory housing, with friends or family, or in transitional housing. The NEC works with those in need to alleviate their current hardships and to help them prepare for the future. Marc Marcus, Assistant Executive Director - Friendship House, states "We're not just an organization that divvies out money for an electric bill over here and money for that over there. We're really an organization that sits down and talks with you."

Volunteers Needed

The NEC is open Monday-Friday from 1pm-4pm. It is located in Newark United Methodist Church on Main Street. Volunteers are needed to provide hospitality while clients wait to speak with a staff member. Please let us know if you can volunteer 1 day a month. Give it a try one time at least. NEC's website is www.udel.edu/fhnec. Please contact Kim McWatters at 455-0186 to if you are interested or would like to discuss further.



Cardboard Box City – Give Up Your Bed For A Night!

Will you join hundreds of Family Promise supporters and sleep out for a cause?

What: Each participant raises at least \$100 in contributions and sleeps overnight in a cardboard box “home” as a resident of our Box City, in order to raise awareness of homeless families in our community.

When: Friday, September 30 @ 6pm to Saturday, October 1 @ 7am. Note: if you can't spend the night you can register and leave at 10:30pm.

Where: Hockessin United Methodist Church

Sign Up: Go to www.familypromisede.org and click on the link in the top right corner. Print and mail in the registration form. The \$20 registration fee (for your t-shirt & food) can be paid via check or on the website (Paypal). Sign up by September 19th!

Other Information:

- Bring supplies (duct tapes, markers, etc.) for the Box Decorating Contest! Prizes for best individual and best group!
- Start looking for your box now. Be creative. The homeless have to fend for themselves. Your box is not provided! “Like” us (Family Promise of Northern New Castle County) on Facebook and start sharing ideas of where to find boxes!
- Local musician Ray Seemans and Loris Citro will be singing and playing for us. They both performed at previous WCC Coffeehouse Concerts!

Go to www.familypromisede.org for more information. You can also contact Kim McWatters at kjmcwatters@comcast.net or 302-455-1086 with any questions. Thanks for your support!

Clothing Drive



Let's clean out your closets! Gently used clothing may be left in the blue nursery **Oct. 2-Oct. 9.**

MEN'S ATHLETIC FOOTWEAR NEEDED

Rafiki Village is in need of gently used or new athletic footwear (sneakers, soccer shoes) in sizes 10-12, especially 12. Kathy Johnson will transport them to Ghana when she goes there in Oct. If you have a pair to give, contact Kathy at bettykjebush@aol.com

OTHER RAFIKI NEWS

Dear Rafiki Prayer Groups,

It is always a privilege to share what is going on at the Home Office with those of you who are faithfully praying for Rafiki. We so appreciate your support.

Our trip to Ghana, Liberia, and Nigeria in West Africa last month was wonderful. We felt the trip was very productive and encouraging to the ROS. Our meetings with the church and government officials were very fruitful. It was wonderful to see the children in all three countries and see how well they are doing academically as was shown by their musical, literary, and artistic abilities in the programs they performed for us.

We are looking forward to adding two new staff members in September. They will be a great addition here at Home Office and much needed.

We are continuing to work on the curriculum. We have many volunteers who are our level writers in the various subject matters. How we appreciate what they are doing.

Have you ever served as one of our MiniMissionaries? I would love for you to prayerfully consider this possibility. When our MiniMissionaries return from serving, they are excited and can't say enough about their experiences serving in one of our ten Villages. We will be having a Missions training 30 September – 1 October.

On a personal note, Bob and I have a new great-grandson born to our grandson, Jay and his wife Ashley, on August 8 in Hawaii. His name is Peyton Asher Cook. We are thankful to God for this new little life.

As always, we are so thankful for your prayers on behalf of Rafiki. You are a big part of this ministry and are much appreciated.

Sincerely

Rosemary Jensen
President

RAFIKI VILLAGE GHANA

Rafiki Village

Updates

The Rafiki Home Office staff joined us for an energetic three and one-half day visit. The Home Office staff toured the senior secondary school and science block under construction which was exciting for all of us. Key meetings were held with old friends of Rafiki, and we met a few new friends who want to work with us here in Ghana.

Praises:

- We are thankful to God for ten years of ministry in Ghana and for the general good health of everyone.
- Chris Moyer, Rafiki director of facilities, was generally pleased with the construction of the senior secondary school and helped the builder with some challenges.
- Our three MiniMissionaries were a great help in the preprimary and primary classes.
- The Ministry of Education is reviewing the Rafiki biblical worldview curriculum for use in the church schools in Ghana.
- The weather in Ghana has been unseasonably and delightfully cool for an extended time.
- Individuals and local churches continue to bless us with visits and donations on a regular basis.

Prayer Requests:

Please pray for:

- The architect's directions for the builder to be carried out as drawn on the plans.
- Funds to become available for the purchase of roofing material for twelve cottages and four gazebos that need new roofs.
- God to continue to bring more MiniMissionaries and ROS to work with Rafiki in Africa.
- The Ministry of Education to approve our curriculum for use in the church schools.
- The appropriate district office to register a parcel of land that is in the process of being obtained to expand our Village.
- God to give our ROS team the strength, wisdom, joy, and unity we need to glorify Him.

Rafiki ChildCare Program

Updates

We welcomed our Home Office staff with a "Hymn Sing" focused on the songs in the Book of Isaiah. Each cottage led the singing of their favorite hymn. Our seven oldest children described their memories of coming to Rafiki in 2001. As we enjoyed the first anniversary of ten years in Ghana, our first two children, Afua and Efe, were honored. These girls are now eleven years old and in class five. Our seven oldest are teenagers and in the tenth grade! We invite you to come and celebrate "Ten Years" with us!!!

Praises:

- God has provided a great harvest from our farm: eggplant, watermelon, maize, cabbage, cassava, onions, green and hot peppers, and cucumbers.

- MiniMissionaries Cheryl, Morgan, and Rebekah were S.T.A.R. (Story Time at Rafiki) leaders every afternoon at 4 p.m. when they read books to Rafiki Mothers and children, cottage by cottage.
- We have enjoyed weeks of cool, cloudy weather. We all wear jackets!

Prayer Requests:

Please pray for:

- God to grow the love between each Rafiki parent and his/her children.
- Our continued perseverance in obtaining national health card renewals and birth certificates.
- God to provide health and safe travel for Rafiki parents since road travel is hazardous here.
- God honoring celebrations during our Village's tenth year in Ghana!
- Qualified, mature women to apply for the position of Rafiki Mother.

Rafiki Education Program

Updates

We are full of thanksgiving for God's awesome answers to prayer. After nearly three months of waiting, we received the results of our oldest students' Basic Education Certificate Exams (BECE). All the students passed every subject; but not only that, many of them achieved excellent scores! We are very proud of them and they are exceedingly grateful for your prayers on their behalf as they diligently studied for the exams. Another answer to prayer was the initial inspection of our senior secondary school, which coincided with the Home Office's visit to Ghana. The inspectors were helpful and encouraging and we trust that once all the paperwork is complete, we will have our provisional license for the school.

Praises:

- The senior secondary registration process is now underway.
- We had 100% passing scores on the BECE.
- We have a new teacher for preprimary just as a teacher is leaving to pursue a different career.

Prayer requests:

Please pray for:

- Good health and stamina for all our teachers.
- New preprimary teachers to make a commitment to the work so that we have fewer turnovers in our staff.
- Wisdom for the Education director to complete government paperwork in an accurate and timely manner.
- Good relations with the local, regional, and national government ministries.
- All students to come to a saving faith in Christ Jesus and be transformed by the Holy Spirit.



Calling Levi is a family band of two sisters and their husbands. Their music is described as Adult Contemporary Christian / Inspirational & is reaching audiences of all ages. Last year alone the group traveled over 200 days lifting up the name of Christ and pointing others to Him. Their sole desire is to magnify Christ through heartfelt music and testimony. Although they place special importance on excellence in their concerts, their hearts are sincere and their worship genuine. They have toured throughout the country and the world playing in churches, schools and festival stages ministering with Jars of Clay, Tenth Avenue North, Phillips, Craig & Dean and many others.

Mark your calendar for
Sunday, September 25 at 6:00 PM!

**Calling Levi is coming to
Presbyterian Church of the Covenant.**

A love offering will be accepted.

Check out Calling Levi on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and iTunes.

Contact Kim Matyger with questions at kim13180@mac.com
or 302-584-5197.

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