

Watsonstown Address Service Requested

United Methodist Church
PO 1319 Eighth Street Drive
PO Box 35
Watsonstown, Pa 17777

Worship Services

8:00 AM Praise Service
8:45 AM Small Talk
9:15 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Traditional



The Beacon

Newsletter of the Watsonstown United Methodist Church

December 2011

“ A Lighthouse Community Committed To Christ”

Transforming strangers into Friends;

Worshipping God through scripture, song and service;

Nurturing seekers to become believers and growing believers into disciples;

Reaching out and ministering to our neighbors near and far;

and excelling in all that we do.



The Journey

Walking the Road to Bethlehem

***Joseph also went from the town
of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea,
to the city of David called Bethlehem...***

Luke 2:4

I want to personally invite you to join us this Advent season as we look at the amazing journey that Mary and Joseph made so many years ago. I think it will be a great benefit to our congregation and community. It begins Nov 27 and ends on Christmas morning. This series is based on Adam Hamilton's newest book, *The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem*.

In this program, Adam Hamilton travels with us from Nazareth to Bethlehem in this fascinating look at the birth of Jesus Christ. Using historical information, archaeological findings, and personal reflections, Hamilton illuminates this most amazing moment in history. We follow the footsteps of Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and others, gaining insight into our own journeys with Christ.

As part of this program, our church will be offering a four-week study for adult small groups and Sunday school classes.

Here are the session topics:

1. Mary of Nazareth
2. Joseph of Bethlehem
3. Mary's Visit to Elizabeth
4. From Nazareth to Bethlehem

Three studies will be available:

- Sunday morning in my Sunday School Class
- Monday night @7pm starting Nov 28th
- Wednesday morning @10am with Dee's Bible study

There are books available if you haven't already purchased your copy or it is available at Abingdon Press or electronically if you so prefer.

There is also a nice App for those who have either an Android or iPhone—check it out today.

I hope you will join us for this special Advent journey. If you have any questions, please drop me a line at Pastor.Doug@WatsonTownUMC.org.

On behalf of our staff, Dee and myself, we wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. God Bless.

Pastor Doug

☺ **N.O.W. Events** ☺

- Saturday, December 3 - Baked Steak Dinner at 4 p.m.
- Sunday, December 4 - Musical by all choirs at 7 p.m.
- 2nd Sunday of Advent.
- Sunday, December 11 - 3rd Sunday of Advent
- Christmas Family Dinner following 10:30 worship.
- Sunday, December 18 - NHN Offering; SS Bucks.
- 4th Sunday of Advent.
- Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve
4 p.m. - Family Service
7 p.m. - Contemporary Service
11 p.m. - Traditional Service w/Communion
- Sunday, December 25 - Casual Sunday
- **One Worship service at 9 a.m.**



Join in **Prayer Time each Sunday morning**, from 7:15 to 7:35, praying for the worship service, Sunday School, and congregation; shut-ins; and anyone else in need of prayer.
Location: office next to copier room in Office Suite.

We are holding Prayer Day each third Tuesday of the month. Please join in Prayer and Fasting, if able, on Tuesday, December 20th!

“Life Hemmed in prayer will never unravel”



Melinda Pick, Employee of the Month!

Congratulations on being the November Employee of the Month at Geisinger Medical Center! Melinda is *Spine Nurse Coordinator* of the Ortho Clinic. She has been in this position for the past three years and has been employed at Geisinger for a total of 20 years. In the past she worked in the Med-Surg Unit.

Melinda is married to Brian Pick and has two children, 9-year-old twins: Tyler and Marissa. She lives in Watsonstown and is active in Watsonstown Guild, along with leadership positions here at church.

☛ **Baked Steak Dinner** ☛

Saturday, December 3, 2011
Starting at 4 p.m.

1319 Eighth Street Drive
Watsonstown, PA 1777
Phone: 538-1017

Adults: \$8, Children 5-12: \$4, and children 4 & under: free

Take-outs available and Children's Menu



☞ Upcoming Events ☜

- Saturday, January 7 - Meatloaf Dinner at 4 p.m.
- Sunday, January 8 - Communion.
- Sunday, January 15 - NHN Offering.
- Friday, January 20 - HHPS Family Dinner at 6 p.m.
- Saturday, January 28 - Shepherd's Kitchen
- Sunday, January 29 - W. Health & Rehab (*Kramm's*) 1:30 p.



☛Quote: *How rarely we weigh our neighbor in the same balance in which we weigh ourselves*

- Thomas A. Kempis

☛Quote: *If we make our goal to live a life of compassion and unconditional love, then the world will indeed become a garden where all kinds of flowers can bloom and grow.*

- Elisabeth Kibbler-Ross

Have you done an act of kindness today?

Thank You Notes

To the Church Congregation,

Your donations from Neighbors Helping Neighbors are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generous gifts, which helps many families.

Watsontown United Methodist Church,

We can not thank you enough for reaching out with Christian Kindness for the sponsorship of the Chuck Rinehart Benefit. Without your generosity, this would not have been made possible. We truly appreciate the Christian example you have set forth.

Many Thanks,
Friends & Family of Chuck Rinehart

A Thank you to all that helped with November's Monthly Dinner. I hope I have everyone's name, Tedd and Trish Brungard, Betty Carvell, Catherine Zimmerman, Mary Ann and Larry Bachman, Deb St. Clair, Bob Bachman, Monique and Drew Tompkins, Dee Eberly, Pastor Doug Eberly, Marge Malloy, Edie Moyer, Gloria Persun, Linda and Ashley Lloyd, Mim Bower, Charlotte and Russ McClintock, Janice Lofton, Terri and David Mincemoyer, Terri Castle, Sam and Michelle Cashdollar, Gene Farley and David Lugo. Dinner was a sell out! Thanks to all who support the dinners- it's a nice evening out, with good company and good food.

Joseph's Closet Thanks

A big Thanks goes out to all who helped with Joseph's Clost in November. We served at least 50 individuals. The left over coat will be given to Neighbors Helping Neighbors so that our abundance can go out and help meet the needs of more. This is a quarterly mission project and the next one will be Feb. 25th. It takes a lot of labor to set up & tear down so if you can help the Friday before it would be greatly appreciated. A thank you goes to Carl & sandy Pick for organizing the underwear room and to all who donated socks & underwear.

Shepherd's Kitchen

If you have never helped at Shepherd's Community Kitchens free meals, you are missing some fun. Please come and help us set up, work, tear down and clean up and you will be blessed. If you can't help in person, please help by donating a few food items we need each month. Look for the poster in the back of the church to sing up.

Our next meal will be on Christmas Eve day starting at 11AM.

Sunday School Teachers needed for grades 5th and 6th or the High School Class, please contact Mary Farley. It is so rewarding to teach, share and listen to our youth! We have a great bunch of Kids! Also, need names for those interested in being on a Sunday School sub list. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

Rainbow Christian Store no longer will be able to offer 30 day credit accounts. All purchases must be paid for with cash, check or credit card at time of purchase. Thank you for your understanding in this turbulent financial time.

Watson town United Methodist Church

Thank you for the gracious reception given to me and my wife on Sunday November 20, 2011 when I was privileged to Present the Gideon ministry in your Church. It was a joy to be part of your worship service.

I could feel the witness of the Spirit in the congregation. All offerings given will be used to distribute scriptures. As a result, we pray that many precious souls will come to Jesus.

Thank you for your prayerful support of this ministry. My thanks again to you for the privilege of representing the Gideons in your church.

Sincerely Yours,
Norman Reich

WITH JOY we are pleased to report that 10 of the Bibles placed with offerings from WUMC were given in memory of our much-missed Susan Marie Markle.

"The Journey"

The Journey is a book by Adam Hamilton. It will give us all a different aspect / view of what Christmas is really all about. Pastor Doug will be using the material for his Advent Season Sermon Series.

There is a companion small group study and want all to know that they are invited to participate.

You may participate in the following ways. Pastor Doug's Sunday School class will be starting the discussions Sunday, 11/27/2011 through 12/18/11. On Monday evenings 11/28/2011 through Monday 12/19/2011 starting @ 7:00 pm there will be another small group meeting lead by Pastor Doug. Dee is also doing the study on Wednesday mornings. Please let Pastor Doug, Dee, or Tedd Brungard know if you have any questions regarding this opportunity. If you are interested in leading your own small group - please speak or contact Tedd Brungard, 538-3094 or teddb@windstream.net

WUMC Annual Christmas Party

Sunday, December 11, following 10:30 Worship Service. NOW Committee will provide soup and those attending are asked to bring a covered dish to share (salads, desserts, fruit, veggie trays, etc...). There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer, so NOW can have an estimate of how many we are serving as well as what food will be served. Entertainment will be: Each Sunday School Class is asked to prepare a skit, song, game, etc.. Presentations will be judged as well as prizes also given! Each class is also asked to provide a judge for the judging panel.

Happy Harbor Preschool

The Senior class focused this month on what we are thankful for and giving God thanks and praise for it. We also talked about Owls, Pilgrims & Indians, Manners, and Food & Nutrition.

The Junior class spent the month learning Nursery Rhymes. Daily they focused on a new nursery rhyme, read a book, listen to it in music, and made a craft to go with it.

We had our annual Thanksgiving Gathering with the children. We divide the children into two groups. The Junior Class portrayed Pilgrims & the Senior Class portrayed the Indians. Each group made items for our Thanksgiving Feast, headbands, and an Indian corn craft. We then join together in one room and brought our prepared food with us. The children then sat together as Native Americans and Pilgrims and enjoy a feast of Turkey Sandwiches, fruit salad, carrot sticks, cheese cubes, pumpkin pudding and drink.

The students were taught the forever known game of Duck, Duck, Goose. Teaching this game to 3-5 year olds is a challenge to start, but once they get the hang of it they do love it.

We had our first book swap of the year. Students (and adults) brought some gently used books with them and traded them for different gently used books.

There was a Happy Harbor Preschool Board meeting this month. We welcomed the following parents to their board positions: Nici Edinger, Lorri Bruckhart, Dawn King, & Susan Ravert.

The list of volunteers and persons giving donations is getting to be so long every month. So I wish to give a HUGE THANK YOU to all who gave of their time and/or made a donation during the month of November to Happy Harbor Preschool.

There still are 2 openings in the Junior class and 3 openings in the Senior class. If you know anyone interested, please have them give me a call.

Camy Brungard,
Preschool Coordinator
538-3094

HHP Board Meeting
11/28/11 @ 6:30pm



December 2nd Ronnie Wertz
P.O. Box 65
Allenwood, Pa 17810



2nd Theodore Bender 3rd Darla Barefoot
700 8th Street Dr. 2760 Whitmoyer Rd.
Watsontown, PA 17777 Watsontown, PA 17777

4th Christian Shirley 5th Todd Hiller
417 Elm Street 84 Hiller Lane
Watsontown, PA 17777 Allenwood, PA 17810

7th Hunter Confair 9th Tina Emery
313 Dickson Ave. 8 Foresman Drive
Watsontown, PA 17777 New Columbia, PA 17857

9th Ken Persun 9th Gene Vanatta
42 Persun Lane 15350 State Route 405
Watsontown, PA 17777 Watsontown, PA 17777

9th Janine Sullivan 12th Daniel Weaver
810 Ash Street 17696 Russel Road
Watsontown, Pa 17777 Allenwood, Pa 17810

12th Shawn Weaver 13th Mark Arnold
17696 Russell Road 3 Albatross Drive
Allenwood, Pa 17810 Watsontown, Pa 17777

14th Cassandra Mitchell 14th John Markle
1545 Turbot Ave 122 center Street
Watsontown, PA 17777 Milton, Pa 17847

15th Peggy Hiller
84 Hiller Lane
Allenwood, PA 17810

17th Makenzie Psarakis 17th Madison Psarakis
316 Fritz Station Rd 316 Fritz Station Road
Montgomery, PA 17752 Montgomery, PA 17752

17th Cheyenne Snyder 18th Louise Cronrath
733 South Hill Road 604 Frederick Drive
New Columbia, PA 17856 Watsontown, PA 17777

19th Ashley Conard 21st Mary V. Johnson
505 Liberty Street 122 East First Street
Watsontown, Pa 17777 Watsontown, PA 17777

21st Evelyn Shutt 22nd Taylor Hontz
1290 Vincent Avenue 201 East 8th. Street
Watsontown, Pa 17777 Watsontown, PA 17777

23rd Ed Byers 24th Bucky Allis
62 Bridge Avenue 914 Main Street
Allenwood, Pa 17810 Watsontown, Pa 17777

25th Camy Brungard 29th Mark Blackwell
105 Berkeley Drive 325 Vincent Avenue
Watsontown, Pa 17777 Watsontown, PA 17777



December Anniversaries

4th Cyndi & Max Farley 7th Deb & John StClair
27 Max Road 9295 State Route 54
Allenwood, PA 17810 Watsontown, PA 17777

12th Tammy & Scott Jones 24th Sandy & Carl Pick
369 Willow Road 12 West Third Street
Watsontown, PA 17777 Watsontown, PA 17777

31st Evelyn & Rob Shutt
1290 Vincent Avenue
Watsontown, PA 17777



*Your word is a lamp to my feet,
and a light for my path.*

Psalm 119:105

Coming Jan 8, 2012

Join us and congregations around the world as we spend 40 Days in the Word. This is Saddleback's latest release and sure to touch the hearts and minds of many. Our 40 Days will focus to

Love the Word
Learn the Word
Live the Word

This will be a church-wide endeavor as we all focus on this theme in

- Morning Worship
- Small Groups
- Sunday School.

So get ready by praying that God will bless this campaign by

- drawing us together,
- inspiring worship
- and taking us deeper into his Word.

Watch for more details and sign-up
for small group in the coming weeks.