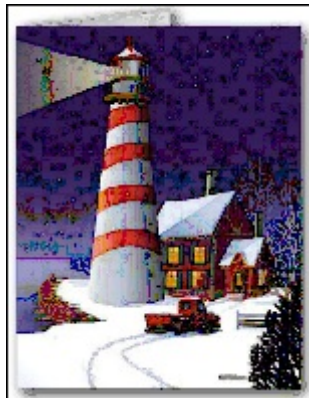


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The Beacon

Newsletter of the Watsonstown United Methodist Church

January 2012



Worship Services

8:00 AM Praise Service

9:00 AM Small Talk

9:15 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Traditional

“ A Lighthouse Community Committed To Christ”

Transforming strangers into Friends;

Worshiping 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.

Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us. – Hebrews 12:1

Yesterday

As I write—just days before Christmas, I am astounded at the witness of WUMC in 2011. We continue to grow with 12 new members in 2011 and 16 enrolled in our current Confirmation class. HHPS continues strong, JAM continues to shape lives, Shepherd's Kitchen & Joseph's closet provide practical help to those most in need. Indeed your witness in ministry has never been stronger and we give thanks.

We also have seen strong leadership in 2011—we thank Dale Chomas for serving as Lay Leader, Chris Shirley as PPRC Chair, and the entire leadership team who has grown stronger, been on retreat together and are working hard to meet the challenges of our church. We also recognize Mari Psarakis for her ministry with our youth. They each are moving in new directions in 2012 but we thank them for their dedication and leadership—what a powerful witness they were!!

Today

While our witness in ministry and leadership remain strong, we have struggled and persevered as we seek to balance the financial needs with weekly contributions. If you have not turned in your Christmas Offering, it's not too late—please help us meet our shortfall and start 2012 stronger. Please continue to keep your church, the ministries and leaders in your daily prayers.

Tomorrow

I look forward to welcoming these new leaders as we go into 2012:

David Gehrum, Lay Leader; Tam Chomas, PPRC Chair; and Dale Chomas, Endowment Chair. These key folks joined a dedicated team and will work hard to ensure our future grows brighter and stronger.

As we continue the race before us, I'm excited that we will be launching 40 Days in the Word [DITW] on January 8 with a church-wide emphasis in both worship and small group. Please sign-up for a small group on the easel when you enter the gym and see Tedd Brungard if you have any questions.

Dee and I will be taking an extended vacation as we begin the new year. We recognize that we need a Sabbath break to renew ourselves both physically and spiritually. It will be a time for us to reflect and ask God where he is leading us and WUMC as we begin 2012. We covet your prayers as we take this time apart with each other and God. Refreshed and refocused, we look forward to returning to you in a few weeks.

May God truly bless you and may you and your family have a blessed and Happy New Year. Thanks for visiting with me. - - **Pastor Doug**

WUMC NEWS

ANOTHER “40 DAYS” FROM RICK WARREN!

The presents are unwrapped, the feast eaten, and although we keep finding stray tinsel here and there, we know: Christmas has passed, and January is here. There won't be any winter blues around here! We will be too busy with our 40-day spiritual journey. Popular author Rick Warren has a new series: “**40 Days in the Word**”. This journey will include a sermon series, as well as small group to reinforce and discuss. This format was very successful at WUMC in 2005 when we participated in Rick Warren's “40 Days of Purpose”. Everyone is encouraged to participate in small group. No one should miss the chance to experience this type of study – many from 2005 can tell you small group can build friendship bonds that have the strength of Christ. Please check out the easel in the back of the church. You will find information as well as an area to sign up. Don't wait! We are ordering materials soon, so we ask that you sign up as soon as possible. If you would like to know more, or are willing to lead one of the small groups, please contact Tedd Brungard at 538-3094 or email teddb@windstream.net.

WUMC MEATLOAF DINNER JANUARY 7

Come out and enjoy our monthly community dinner here at WUMC on January 7 starting at 4pm. Cost for adults is \$8.00, children ages 5-12 is \$4.00, and children ages 4 and under are FREE! Children's menu and take-outs are available. Thank you to Mary Farley and Jodi Geiger for organizing these dinners every month. Also a big THANK YOU to all volunteers who faithfully come out to help prepare the food, set up, serve, clean-up, and go out on deliveries in our community! If you would like to help with the monthly dinners please sign up in the foyer.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU - WUMC OUTREACH

Dear Gloria and all who are responsible for starting and continuing the wonderful Special Needs Dance,

The very first night that Ken and I brought Robert to the dance, all three of us fell in love! The kind people who started and care for the Special Needs Dance – you are all wonderful friends!

Even though Ken can no longer be attending in person, we are certain he will always be a part of these special evenings. We are thankful for those experiences when he was surrounded by friends, enjoying all the joy and love that the dances provide. Robert and I wish to keep Ken's memory alive by contributing in his memory.

*We love you all-
Robert and Jean Anderson*

SCHEDULE REMINDER:

Please remember that, like Christmas, New Year's Day 2012 falls on a Sunday. We will hold just one service that morning at 10:30 am. Sunday School begins at 9:15am.

PASTOR'S VACATION

Please note that Pastor Doug and Dee will be away throughout January. We hope that their vacation allows them plenty of rest, and downtime while they enjoy God, family, and each other. We wish you both the best vacation possible and pray that you stay well, experience much joy, and return refreshed and recharged!

HOLY COMMUNION will be observed on January 8th at both the 8am and 10:30am services.

COUPLES 4 CHRIST NEWS

Couples 4 Christ will be beginning a new Sunday School series on January 8. We will be offering a small group session on the Rick Warren "40 Days in the World" series. If you can't make the evening sessions that are available and would like to still take part in a small group session during the Sunday School Hour, we would love to have you join us! Please sign up in the back of the gym so we can be sure to have enough materials. Ty and Catherine Zimmerman will be leading this small group session in their Sunday School Room, otherwise known as the "Choir Room."

SHEPHERD'S COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Shepherd's Community Kitchen will be serving another FREE lunch on Saturday, January 28th. Serving will start at 11:00am. If you want to help with this ministry please see the sign up sheet in the foyer or contact Linda Smith at 538-9373 or the church office at 538-1017. **Thank you to Linda Smith for taking care of this wonderful ministry!**

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

Updates from the office include that Catherine Zimmerman is the church's Administrative Assistant. She can be reached on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8:30-11:30am. We would also like to update you on the new office volunteers who have joined us. We would like to thank Dee Eberly for volunteering her time on Monday mornings, and Shirley Nugent for volunteering her time on Friday mornings. Shirley comes to us from Dr. Dale and Tam Chomas's dental office. We also have Angie Smith helping with our monthly newsletters. All emails and important information should be emailed to catherine@watsontownumc.org. If you have any questions please call the church office at 538-1017.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON JANUARY 2ND DUE TO THE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY. If you need immediate assistance on those days or any time the office is closed during the pastor's vacation you may contact Sue Byers, Parish Visitor at 538-1841 or Tam Chomas, PPRC Chair at 412-5201.

ACOLYTES NEEDED

Thank you to everyone who signed up to help in the Acolyte ministry. You will receive a call soon to set up your time and instructions. If you have any questions please contact Cheryl Loudenslager. If you wish to be removed from the rotation list please contact Cheryl as she is just getting to know the families here at the WUMC. Thank you for signing up. There is still room for more! Just have a Parent/Guardian sign you up with your contact information. You need to be in the 3rd grade and above.

NURSERY HELP NEEDED

A nursery is available for children ages 4 and younger located in Room #5 in the Sunday School wing for both the 8:00am and the 10:30am services. We are also looking for volunteers that can help at both services. If you have a child 4 years old or younger, or if you would enjoy this ministry, please consider signing up on the schedule in the foyer. Please see Cheryl Loudenslager for more details. Thank you!

Happy Harbor Preschool

We discussed "What Christmas is!" We did this through class discussion, books, and bible stories. We sang Christmas Carols, talked about giving to others, made special gifts for our families, and had an ornament exchange between the students. We also asked the children what they wanted for Christmas this year.

The month ended with our Christmas Party. Students visited with Santa, did crafts, played games, and had a snack (cookies and milk of course!). Students brought in hats/mittens/scarves to be donated to other children through the Watsontown Police Department.

As we leave for Christmas Break, we say Goodbye to Miss Ellen in the Junior Classroom. Ellen will be starting a full time day shift position that will no longer work with the preschool schedule. We are pleased to announce that Wendy Anderson will be joining HHP staff in January when we return. Wendy comes to us with 2 years experience working in a 3 year old preschool classroom in Camp Hill.

Camy Brungard,
Preschool Coordinator

GOD'S BLESSING TO ALL IN 2012!

OPENINGS AVAILABLE

Happy Harbor Preschool has 7 openings available for immediate class placement. If you know any families with a child 3-5 years of age, please pass along my name and phone number.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL –

Mark those calendars now before planning your summer vacation, for: **Vacation Bible School**. We are pleased to announce that we will be doing the newest ***Go Fish*** program – ***PRAISE*** on July 8th – 12th with a closing program on July 15th.

Questions: contact Camy Brungard at 538-1017.

8th STREET NEWS

The 8th Street Disciples said Goodbye to 2011 with more events and fun!

Coming in January:

A busy schedule is planned for the beginning of 2012. So far, the group has the following on tap:

For The Calendar:

Sunday, January 8th – Due date for Girls Gathering For God paperwork – if you would like to attend this Feb 3rd & 4th event, and have not received a form, please see Patti at the church or give her a call. More info follows below....

Sunday, January 22nd – Sandwich Orders are due – please have them handed in today!

Group will be ushers at late service

Meeting will follow the worship service

For Fun:

Winter Jam will be Friday, January 27th. Our 8th Street youth will be heading to State College for an evening of performances by popular Christian rock musicians. The total cost is \$15 per person, which covers a bag lunch & drink, help with the cost of gas, and cover the \$0 needed to get into concerts. The group plans to leave directly after school and return home approximately midnight. Seating is limited, so all 8th Street Disciples are asked to let a leader know if you plan to attend as soon as possible.

Girls Gathering For God 2012 is going to be February 3rd– 4th.

This overnight event is open to all young ladies from 7th grade up to 12th grade. Those going will leave for Bellefonte Friday about 4:30 PM and return Saturday at 3 PM. Drivers are needed for this event! Please consider helping out – we don't want anyone to be left out because they don't have a ride. If you can help with transportation, please let Patti V. know as soon as possible.

For Fundraising:

Bag Lunches:

The next morning after Winter Jam, Saturday, January 28th, they will meet bright and early at 7 am to make sandwiches and assemble bag lunches.

8th Street Disciple Tee Shirts!

In the near future the youth group will be selling 8th Street Disciple T-Shirts to the congregation. Show your pride in our youth – and help keep their program strong and full of fun and spiritual events! Watch for more details to come...

Upcoming.....

Eagles Mere Tobaggan Run – look for details!

☉ N.O.W. Events ☉

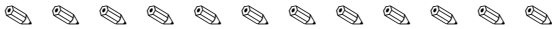
Sunday, January 1 - **One Service at 10:30 am**
- Sunday School at 9:15 am
Saturday, January 7 - Meatloaf Dinner at 4 pm
Sunday, January 8 - Communion - Pew
Sunday, January 15 - NHN Offering.
Friday, January 20 - HHPs Family Dinner at 6 pm
Saturday, January 28 - Shepherd's Kitchen @ 11
Sunday, January 29 - W. Health & Rehab (Kramm's) @ 1:30 pm



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, January 17th!

"Life Hemmed in prayer will never unravel"



A great thanks to all those who attended the Christmas Party on December 11th! The food was delicious and such a variety! The entertainment was super! The Sunday School Classes performed skits, songs, and a variety of acts! Thanks to the effort given to make us laugh and spend quality time together!! Hope more can join us next year! Appreciation to Melinda Pick and Faith Hoover for organizing the program and the food! Melinda - you make a great Emcee!!!

A great thanks to our youth for the many ways they help with all the ministries of the church. They are super representatives of giving and reaching out to others! Let the youth know you appreciate them and all they do! Keep supporting the Eight Street Disciples in their endeavors to be in ministry!

Meatloaf Dinner

Saturday, January 7, 2012
Starting at 4 p.m.

1319 Eighth Street Drive
Watson, 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, February 4 - Baked Ham Dinner - 4 pm
Sunday, February 5 - Souper Bowl Offering [Proceeds to Elijah Bowl]
Sunday, February 19 - NHN Offering
Wednesday, February 22 - Ash Wednesday
Saturday, February 25 - Shepherd's Kitchen
Sunday, February 26 - First Sunday of Lent; - Communion.



☛Quote: *Do not wait for leaders; do it alone, person to person.* - Mother Teresa

☛Quote: *The perfume of sandalwood, the scent of rosebay and jasmine, travel only as far as the wind. But the fragrance of goodness travels with us through all the worlds. Like garlands woven from a heap of flowers, fashion your life as a garland of beautiful deeds.* - the Buddha

Have you done an act of kindness today?



Another thanks to: Our Public Dinner Kitchen Crew, headed by Mary Farley and Jodi Geiger! They labor each month to serve a quality dinner at a very reasonable price. Please support these dinners in whatever way you are able!

Kudos, also to Shepherd's Kitchen Crew, headed by Linda Smith, as they reach out to the community with delicious meals and great hospitality!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

3rd Rich Gardner
110 East 9th St.
Watsontown, PA 17777

4th LouAnn Benfer
155 Washington St.
Milton, PA 17847

4th Ralph Haas
26 Liberty Square
Watsontown, PA 17777

6th Susan Byers
Bridge Avenue
Allenwood, PA 17810

7th Robert Bachman
236 Seagrave Drive
Watsontown, PA 17777

7th Sarah Getgen
621 Shakespeare Ave
Milton, PA 17847

9th Charlotte McClintock
1039 Elm Street
Watsontown, PA 17777

11th Carl & Sandy Pick
Celebrate the same day!
12 West Third Street
Watsontown, PA 17777

12th Tyler Emery
8 Foresman Drive
New Columbia, PA 17856

12th Brendan Geiger
1255 Turbot Ave
Watsontown, PA 17777

13th Larry Bachman
734 Fisher Drive
Watsontown, PA 17777

16th Jodi Bohart
500 Hullcrest Blvd.
Muncy, PA 17756

16th Tim Benfer
155 Washington St.
Milton, PA 17847

18th Nicholas Cashdollar
220 Mungo Ave.
Sunbury, PA 17801

19th Alexander Phillips
145 Pawling Road
Lewisburg, PA 17837

22nd Alexis Ramos
810 Ash Street
Watsontown, PA 17777

25th Charlie Milheim
801 Milheim Road
Watsontown, PA 17777

26th Craig Hoffman
16742 SR 405
Watsontown, PA 17777

26th Bill Bryan
5 Meadowvale Drive
Watsontown, PA 17777

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

1st Russ & Charlotte McClintock
1039 Elm Street
Watsontown, PA 17777

9th Mark & Diana Burrows
25 Starlite Lane
Watsontown, PA 17777

10th Pastor Doug & Dee Eberly
1315 Eighth St. Drive
Watsontown, PA 17777

10th Ty & Catherine Zimmerman
210 Spring Lake Crest
Watsontown, PA 17777

18th Joe & Marge Malloy
445 Warrior Run Blvd.
Turbotville, PA 17772

26th Donna & Joe Cerrone
2867 State Route 44
Allenwood, PA 17810-9727

JANUARY

JANUARY VOLUNTEERS	1	8	15	22	29
8:00 AM Service					
Greeters	Judy Marshall	Arnold Family	Ruch Family	Marge Malloy	Tompkins family
Sound Tech	Gene Farley	Gene Farley	Gene Farley	Gene Farley	Gene Farley
Power Point	Emily Benfer	Emily Benfer	Emily Benfer	Emily Benfer	Emily Benfer
Ushers	Mary Farley Group	Mary Farley Group	Mary Farley Group	Mary Farley Group	Mary Farley Group
Nursery	Emerys	Loudenslaugers	Zimmermans	Cerrones	Looudenslagers
10:30 AM Service					
Acolyte	TBA	Jessica Hudson	Nicole Hoover	Cheyenne Snyder	Rebecca Fetterolf
Greeters	Judy Marshall	Tam Chomas	Janet Mincemoyer	Janet Mincemoyer	Tam Chomas
Worship Leader	Sue Byers	Charlotte McClintock	Linda Smith	Tam Chomas	Tedd Brungard
Ushers	The Mitchell Family	8th Street Disciples	Alicia & Alyssa Mitchell , Veronica Irvine & Ashley Conrad	8th Street Disciples	Michele & Samantha Cashdollar, Veronica Irvine & Ashley Conrad
Sound Tech	Russ McClintock	Russ McClintock	Russ McClintock	Russ McClintock	Russ McClintock
Power Point	Cassy Brungard	Cassy Brungard	Cassy Brungard	Cassy Brungard	Cassy Brungard
Children's Word	Dave Gehrum	Cheryl Loudenslager	Linda Smith	Lynn Maynard	Arin Watson

