

Watson town Address Service Requested

United Methodist Church
PO 1319 Eighth street Drive Box 35
Watson town, 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 Watson town United Methodist Church

November



2011

“ 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.

Talkin' to the Boss

*For where two or three are gathered in my name,
I am there among them.* - - Matthew 18:20

I want you to know that I talk with my Boss daily—it has been something I've done for a long time [and no, I don't mean Dee]. I thinking talking to the Boss is under-rated and too often neglected [myself included]. But lately I find myself spending more time with the Boss and things seem to be getting better. When's the last time you talked to the Boss?

Well, if you haven't already figured out, God is my boss. One of the things the Boss and I have been talking about is what plans he has in store for our congregation. If you didn't know, we set out on an ambitious faith journey many years ago that was discerned by our Strategic Planning Committee and bathed in prayer [talks with the Boss]. It laid out before us much of what we've accomplished from starting a second service to building a new parsonage and ultimately building a new church.

Honestly, the building of the new church became our vision—not exactly what the Boss had in mind but something that happens frequently with building projects. While we had that vision before us, we were united and passionate about taking all the necessary steps to make that happen. It was amazing the efforts we made collectively as we lived out the challenge the Boss laid out for us.

Now it is time to re-clarify what the Boss has in mind for the next several years for us. Through our conversations and the wise counsel of some of the Boss' closest friends, we have discerned that the best way to proceed is to spend time listening together for where the Boss wants us to go.

We held 5 home gatherings on Oct 16, 17, 20 and 23 and will be holding our last one Sunday November 6 during SS. It has been my experience that the Boss [God] routinely speaks through us and when we put together our thoughts, I think our direction will begin to emerge.

Tedd Brungard, David Gehrum and myself are working on a report summarizing these 6 gatherings and will present that report to the Administrative Board on Nov 10. We are planning then to brief the congregation on Nov 20-TBA.

Your homework in this process is to take time to talk with the Boss and ask the Boss to clearly show us where He wants us to be. I believe if we all join our hearts in one accord, the Boss will bless our conversation and reveal to us those key next steps.

Thanks for visiting with me and have a blessed day.

—Pastor Doug

☺ **N.O.W. Events** ☺

Saturday, November 5 - Scalloped Chicken Dinner at 4 p.m.

Sunday, November 6 - All Saints Sunday.

- Daylight Saving Time ends.

Sunday, November 20 - NHN offering.

- Community Thanksgiving Service at Trinity UCC, Watsontown @ 7 p.m.

Monday, November 21 - Decorate church.

Saturday, November 26 - Joseph's Closet, 8-11 a.m.

- Shepherd's Kitchen starting at 11 a.m.

Sunday, November 27 - 1st Sunday of Advent; Communion.

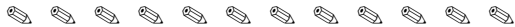


Join in Prayer Time each Sunday morning, from 7:15 to 7:35, praying for the worship service, Sunday School, and congregation; shut-ins; and anyone else in need of prayer. Location: office next to copier room in Office Suite.

We are holding Prayer Day each third Tuesday of the month.

Please join in Prayer and Fasting, if able, on Tuesday, November 15th!

"Life Hemmed in prayer will never unravel"



A great thanks to **those of our church** who walked, gave donations, and helped with the 2011 Watsontown Crop Hunger Walk. The walk raised over \$1800 with 41 walkers.

Our church raised \$615 and was represented by the following 21 walkers: Tim, LouAnn, Megan, & Emily Benfer; Linda Smith; Cassandra, Alyssa, & Dale-Curtis Mitchell; Tedd, Cassy, & Trish Brungard; Holly Jones; Patti & Casey Vanatta; Rachel Hoover, Joy Milheim; Deb StClair; Joanne Krishel; Frank Baker; Rich McSwain; and Dee Eberly.

Thanks to Veronica Irvine (EMT Bike Patrol) for safety, and Sue Markle's Girl Scout Troop 1116 (Tonia & Morgan Arnold, Ashley Conard, and Laura Kessler) for providing snacks.

➤ **Scalloped Chicken Dinner** ⚡

Saturday, November 5, 2011

Starting at 4 p.m.

1319 Eighth Street Drive

Watsontown, 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, 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.

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.



➤Quote: *A person's true wealth is the good he or she does in the world.* - Mohammed

➤Quote: *I am only one; but still I am one. I cannot do everything but still I can do something. I will not refuse to do the something I can do.* - Helen Keller

Have you done an act of kindness today?



NEWS & NOTES

CHRISTMAS CD's - GO FISH GUYS

The GO FISH GUYS from VBS are releasing a 13 track CD of your favorite Christmas Carols. If you loved them at VBS, you'll be sure to love this for the holidays - for your own enjoyment - or as a gift! Each CD is just \$5, with proceeds going to 2012 VBS. If you are interested, please see Camy Brungard.

APPLEBEES FLAPJACK FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST

Boy Scout Troop 610 is holding a fund raiser at the Applebee's in Lewisburg on Saturday, November 5th from 8-10 am. Cost is \$6 per adult and \$4 for kids 12 and under. All proceeds benefit the Troop. Tickets will be available at the door the morning of the event or you can purchase ahead of time by calling 538-3803.

SHEPHERD'S COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Thank you to everyone who lent a hand at the Shepherd's Community Kitchen October 29th. Please don't forget that this month November 26th at 11 am. We will hold the Shepherd's Kitchen's free meal after the Joseph's Closet at 8am-11am. Joseph's Closet is held quarterly on the mornings of the soup kitchen. Joseph's Closet is free childrens clothing of New or Like New Clothing- cleaned laundered and in excellent shape that is ready to share with other families in the area. If you have items to donate, remember not to bring them to the church until the week prior to Saturday, November 26th, the day of the events. For more info, or to help out, please contact Linda Smith @ 538-9373 or Arin Watson @ 428-5762.

GUIDING LIGHTS SUNDAY SCHOOL - NEW PROGRAM!

The Guiding Lights adult SS class, led by Camy Brungard, is starting the series, "Becoming More Than Just a Good Bible Study "Girl".

Are you tired of just going through the motions of the Christian life? Do you feel a tug at your heart to live completely for God - but you don't know what the next step is? This study will help you to:

- Build personal, 2-way, conversations with God
- Study the Bible and experience life change for yourself
- Cultivate greater authenticity and depth in your relationships
- Make disappointments work for you, not against you
- Find incredible joy as you live for your faith everyday!

CONFIRMATION CLASS 2012 Confirmation classes begins Sunday, November 6 at 5 PM. The students and parents decided on the day and time of future meetings. If you have a child in 7th or 8th grade who hasn't completed Confirmation, and you missed this first meeting, please contact Pastor Doug. The office phone is 538-1017.

Happy Harbor Preschool News

The month of October was an exciting month for the children. We had class pictures taken, apple taste testing, cleaned out pumpkins, and our Halloween Party. I always find it interesting to see the children's reactions to cleaning out a pumpkin.

One of the highlights of the month was going to the Warrior Run Fire Department for a tour. The children got to look at all the different equipment, climb inside a fire truck & ambulance, watch a firefighter get dressed into his protective clothing, and ask questions.

We are working our way through the alphabet and are up to the letter "E". We have also worked on color recognition this month and will be starting on shapes next! Our sensory table was birdseed. Have you ever "played" in birdseed before? Well, the children are loving it, except for when they have to pick it up off the floor at the end of the day! We ended the month with a Halloween party, where we did our own version of Trick or Treating. We have parents stand behind classroom doors and the children walk up and down the hallway knocking on the doors and saying "Trick or Treat".

We completed our Dalo's Pizza Fundraiser. We made \$1,600.00 PROFIT! That takes our Playground Fund to \$ 9,660.

HIGHEST SELLER: Gabi P - 85 Pizzas!

Top Seller in each class: Justice, Gavin, Ashleigh, and Kayleigh
These 5 students will be treated to lunch out with their teachers.

The piece of Playground Equipment we are looking at cost approx. \$ 9,000 (on sale) plus installation, cement & mulch so we are getting close !

Thank you to Gunzy's for letting us borrow your truck to pick-up the pizzas. Also thanks for Ellen, Ronda & Krista for helping with unloading & distribution.

Opening are still available for children 3 & 4 years of age. Please share our contact information.

JOB OPENING : It is with great sadness that we announce Miss Ellen will be leaving Happy Harbor Preschool to pursue a new endeavor. Happy Harbor Preschool is accepting applications for a part-time position. This will be followed up by an interview process and hands-on class time. It is our goal to have a new staff member hired before we leave for Christmas Break with the new teacher spending a week shadowing Miss Ellen in the classroom. Interested persons should contact the church office for an application.

Applications will be accepted until November 10, 2011

Camy Brungard
Preschool Coordinator
538-3094

*Note to Happy Harbor Preschool Board Members, we will have a preschool board meeting on Monday, November 21 at 6:30 pm.

Benefit Dinner for the Markle Family

SPAGHETTI DINNER



November 12
2 PM- 7 PM



Watsontown United Methodist Church
1319 8th St. Drive

Menu:

Pickled Cabbage, Spaghetti, Italian Bread, Dessert & Beverage
Cost: FREE WILL OFFERING

As many of you know, Sue & Jeff have been undergoing many medical procedures. Sue has given with her whole heart to both the Watsontown United Methodist Church and the Girl Scouts. She has reached out and helped others in their time of need and now it is our turn to give back to the family. Money from this dinner and other benefits that are in the works will be given to the Markle family to cover the growing medical bills and daily household needs.

A benefit dinner will be held on Nov. 12 to help compensate for the medical cost that have/will be endured. How can you help?

- Prayer - For everyone who has and will help those in need
- Donations- See display in back in gym
- Volunteer - Help will be needed for the meal (advertising, table setting, food prep, cooking, serving, clean-up, etc.)
- Attend - Plan on coming that evening for the meal
- Share - let others know the details so they can come for dinner
- Prayer- For the Markle Family & Physicians

Contacts: Camy Brungard & Dee Neamand