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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Traditional Service
10:30am
Casual Service
8:15am
Church School
9:30am

MONDAY 7:00pm
Circle of Grace (1st Mon)
Nurture (2nd Mon) Jan., Mar.,
May, July, Sept., Nov.
Outreach (2nd Mon) Feb., Apr.,
June, Aug., Oct., Dec.
Trustees (3rd Mon)
AD Council (4th Mon)

TUESDAY
Crafts 10:00am
Ruth Circle 1:00pm (1st Tue)
Women's Prayer group 7:00pm
Bell Choir practice 7:00pm

WEDNESDAY
Choir Practice 7:00pm

Pastor's Desk

Time to plan, look ahead, start something new.... it's September! This time of year feels more like the beginning of a new year than January. School starts again with new clothes, new grades, new teachers, new friends. Our church is "back to business" after a relaxed summer schedule. Fellowship Hours begin again. Bible Studies are planned. And of course there's Church Conference and all of its important work like leadership, budgeting, and celebration of ministries. What does this season of the church year have to offer? Keep reading the rest of *The Courier* for more information about these events!

If you're part of the leadership of the church, be prepared for a September meeting. Finance Committee and Lay Leadership join the Trustees, Nurture, and Ad. Council this month. We have lots to do. Please plan to join us!

Our Sanctuary Choir and Bell Choir return to practice and worship. New members are most welcome!

We return to the study of Scripture. All are welcome as we explore God's will using Adam Hamilton's book and video "Why? Making Sense of God's Will".

We continue to offer monthly outreach meals to our community. We have now decided to give away a toiletry type item each month to our meal guests.

Fellowship Hour resumes. This month with a UMW Circle of Grace book sale.

Join us as we worship, study, celebrate, serve, and love Jesus Christ together!

~Pastor Suzanne

**A DEVOTIONAL WRITTEN FROM THE PEN
OF LAY LEADER, HARRY BLACK FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER**

Please read: Ephesians 4:1-16 - My, doesn't time go so fast? Another month, another devotional. I want you to be thinking about unity, one body, one Spirit, bound together in love and harmony and peace in Christ Jesus to build the kingdom of God and his holy church. We are all called by God to be instruments of his love and show fruits that will make others come to Christ and be in his everlasting arm.

Recently I was visiting Lancaster and the Amish Country. They live in a community a little different than ours but yet that bond of people join together in unity to uphold each other and to help one another when disaster happens. They are there to love, help, and support each other. When one suffers they all suffer. Too often in our community we forget those suffering who need our love and support. We forget we are in unity of love and support of those in need. We are in the bondage of God's love to help all people. Some are to be Apostles, Teachers, Preachers, Evangelists, or just bear the fruits of God's love in a troubled world.

Scripture tells us to, "Go Ye into all the world and make followers of Christ". Gifts that are given us are to be used in unity to build up the body of Christ that others might see Christ in you. Have you really examined your life? What gifts do you have that will produce fruit to help others and lead them to salvation? For me and my house I am going to live in unity, in love, in light that others will see the right direction to live.

Thought for the month: What community do you live in? One that is all for me, selfish, unforgiving, no love, no joy, no peace or a community that is built on God's love, fruit that produces to build the Kingdom of God in unity and truth.

In Christian Love,
Harry Black, Lay leader

Liturgist schedule:

October 2011

02	Ellen Davis	264-0195
09	Bill Sappington	261-9135
16	Carol Osen	263-4546
23	Vicki Wagner	729-7270
30	Alice Baer	385-0453

November 2011

06	Vicki Wagner	729-7270
13	John Thierwechter	264-7415
20	Jane Armstrong	264-5668
27	Clarence Trump	352-9560

December 2011

04	Bill Sappington	264-1926
11	Roxanna Bolyard	263-5519
18	Harry Black	264-9294
24 (C. Eve)	Cindy Edwards	263-6232
25	John Davis	264-0195

January 2012

01	Alice Baer	385-0453
08	Clarence Trump	352-9560
15	Roxanna Bolyard	263-5519
22	John Osen	263-4546
29	Rob Barnett	264-1926

If you are unable to be liturgist on the Sunday that you are scheduled, please find a replacement or exchange with another person on the schedule. **Please notify the church office with any changes.**

If you have a pastoral need, want to meet with the Pastor, or know of someone is in need of a visit, please contact Pastor Suzanne directly. With HIPAA regulations, it is often difficult for pastors to get information from hospitals or nursing homes. Pastor Suzanne can be reached at 263-9071 (parsonage) or 677-8453 (home in Buchanan Valley), by email at selliott@susumc.org or at the office at 263-2364. All three of the phone numbers have voice mail where you can leave a message. If you have an urgent need, please call both of the home numbers to receive the most prompt response.

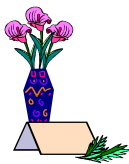
Please keep in prayer our members who are homebound, in nursing care facilities or in prison:

- Green Ridge Village:** Lois Fisler.
- Home:** Gene Armel, Alice Foreman, Denzil & Sara Marks, Elizabeth Shively, Clarence Neil.
- Manor Care:** Betty & Hugh Woods, Bob Ryder.
- Menno Haven:** Dottie Daniels, Rose Needy.
- Penn Hall:** Alverta Foreback, Orpha Querry.
- SCF Mahanoy:** Andy Scatena.
- Shook Home:** Clarence & Jean Gipe



Happy Birthday!

- 1 – Carol Black
- 5 – Barb Jones
- John Thierwechter
- 6 – Alex Burkard
- 8 – Lucille Sappington
- 10 – Shirley Barkdoll
- 11 – Brenda McElwee
- 12 – Lizz Barnett
- 14 – Pastor Suzanne Elliott
- 15 – Christopher Elliott
- 17 – Edna M. Geiman
- John Wingert, Jr.
- 18 – Donna Harvill
- 19 – James Kirker
- 21 – Belva Foreman
- 23 – Lee Hipkiss
- 27 – Nancy Haar
- 28 – Donna Harlacher



Happy Anniversary !

- 7 – Robert & Donna Walter
- 13 – Steve & Deanna Harris
- Barry & Annette Sheeder
- 25 – John & Kathryn Minor

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR SEPTEMBER

USHERS

- Head Usher: Donna Harvill
- Ushers: Donna Harlacher, Heidi Hawbaker
Linda Thierwechter, Roxanna Bolyard

LITURGISTS

- 4th Belva Foreman
- 11th Robert Mooshian
- 18th Heidi Hawbaker
- 25th John Osen

GREETERS

Loyal Daughter's Class

ACOLYTES

- 4th Meghan Davis
- 11th Kaitlyn Hawbaker
- 18th Laurie Elliott
- 25th Meghan Davis

NURSERY

- 4th John & Linda Thierwechter
- 11th Cheryl Miller
- 18th Isabelle Armstrong
- 25th Kathleen Mooshian

WAYSIDE PULPIT

Lowell Mower

FLOWER DELIVERY

Donna Harlacher

Circle of Grace will meet Thursday, September 8 at 7:00pm.



Recipe for the wonderful unleavened bread the adults enjoyed during VBS, thanks to Tracy Burkard.

Olive Oil Matzo

2 cups flour

½ teaspoon salt

1/3 cup olive oil

Sea salt, optional

1. Heat oven to 500 degrees. Put flour, salt and olive oil in a food processor. Once machine is on, add 1/2 cup water. Continue to run machine until dough forms a firm ball, rides around on blade and is not at all sticky. (If you prefer, whisk together the water and oil and add this to machine all at once.)
2. Cut dough into 12 small balls — this is easiest if you cut the ball in half, then half again, then into thirds — and flatten each into a 3- to 4-inch patty. On a well-floured surface, use a rolling pin to roll each patty into a 6- to 8-inch circle. The shapes can be irregular, but dough should be so thin you can almost see through it.
3. Put dough on ungreased cookie sheets, sprinkle with sea salt if you like, and bake for about 2 to 3 minutes, keeping a very close eye on breads — they can burn very quickly. Once they begin to puff up and brown, flip and cook for another minute or so on second side. Repeat with all the dough and let cool completely.

Yield: 12 servings.



BOOK SALE

The evening circle of the United Methodist Women invite you to participate in our fall fund raising activity. We are having a “Church Family Book Sale”. Anyone wishing to donate books for the sale (we are unable to accept text books or encyclopedia sets) simply drop off your books at the church. There will be boxes outside the fellowship hall for your gifts. We are also accepting CDs and DVDs. The book sale will be held **Sunday, September 4** in the hall during and after the Fellowship Hour. (books & food – what could be better?) So everyone take a long look at that crowded bookcase. It’s time to recycle and pass on fun to others! It’s also time to find great bargains and new books to read! THANK YOU for helping us get started! Any questions, contact Cindy Edwards or Roxanna Bolyard.



Trustee Wish List

- * Power wash the parsonage
- * Restain the deck
- * Landscaping for the parsonage - needs weed & feed
- * Shelves are needed for the kitchen
- * Office needs an air conditioner

The wish list has shrunk!! Many thanks to those who have taken on a project. If you have the time and skill and wish to help, please see Pastor Suzanne or Roxanna Bolyard.

Find us on Facebook at “Park Avenue UMC”. Hit the “Like” button to receive information and inspiration from your church.

We received identical thank you notes from Maranatha, one dated July 19 and addressed to the Senior Bible Class and another dated August 2 and addressed to Bible Class School:

Thank You

We at Maranatha Food Pantry are very appreciative of your generous donation of food. This allows us to continue to assist those with needed food. With the current economy and the number of families having great difficulty purchasing food due to lay-offs and cut backs in their work hours, it is a blessing for us to be able to provide our service to them. In the recent months we have seen a large increase in the families needing assistance.

Our food pantry is only open the first three weeks of each month on Tuesday and Thursday between the hours of 8:15 and 11:15am for a total of 18 hours per month. During these hours we feed between 600 and 1000 individuals and sign up an average of 3 new families each day.

We have our pantry set up the same as your major grocery stores. This enables the individuals to take a grocery cart and pick the food they want instead of us giving them a box of food they may or may not like or want.

In closing, we greatly appreciate your very generous donation.

May God Bless you,
Natalie Newcomer,
Founder



Free Dinner Schedule and Menu

September 24th

Turkey casserole

Salad

Pies

Toiletry Item – Toilet Paper

October 22nd

Ham & scalloped potatoes

Applesauce, rolls, cake

Toiletry item – Toothpaste & Toothbrush
for adults & children

November 19th

Chicken-a-la-King with biscuits

Peas

Fruit cocktail & pudding

Toiletry item – Laundry Detergent

December 17th

Roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy

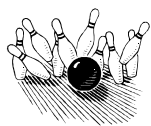
Corn

Jello & Christmas Cookies

Toiletry item – Shampoo & Soap

Please take note of the following Committees who have important work to do during their September meetings:

- Finance Committee - **Tuesday, September 13 at 7:00pm**
- Lay Leadership Committee (Nominations) - **Thursday, September 15 at 7:00pm**



Park Avenue Bowling Team begins a New Season

The five member bowling team begins a new season on **September 1**. They are a part of the Inter-Church League that bowls every **Thursday at 6:30** at Lincoln Lanes from September through April. We wish them the very best!



After their summer vacation, the Sanctuary Choir and the Bell Choir will resume practice in order to enrich our 10:30am worship. You are invited to join the music ministry of our church! New members are always welcome but this is the beginning of a new season.... the perfect time to join us! Call Darlene Clippinger for more information (263-5257).

The **Sanctuary Choir** meets on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:00pm and sings weekly. The **Bell Choir** meets on Tuesdays from 7:00-8:00 and plays once a month on a date determined by the Pastor and Director.

The Sanctuary Choir will resume rehearsals on **Wednesday, September 7** and return to worship on September 18. The Bell Choir will resume rehearsals on **Tuesday, September 20** and play on September 25.

Tis the Season... for Church Conference planning!
Mark your calendars for our fall Church Conference: **Sunday, October 16** with dinner at **5:00pm**, location TBA

Kudos to the Park Avenue Softball Team



Park Avenue's Softball Team ended their 2011 season with a record of 5-10. They made it to the playoffs but lost both games. Thanks to those faithful supporters (families of players and Ann and John Barnes) who cheered our guys on through the heat of the summer.

Sign up for the Fall Bible Study!

All are welcome for a 4 week study using Adam Hamilton's book and discussion video
"Why? Making Sense of God's Will"

We will discuss such questions as: Where is God when the innocent suffer? Where is God when my prayers go unanswered? Why is God's will so hard to understand? Identical sessions will be offered.

During the day:

Wednesdays September 28, October 5,
12, 19 from 10:00-11:30am

Evenings:

Thursdays September 29, October 6, 13,
20 from 6:30-8:00pm

Supper Clubs September – December 2011

The first name in each group will be responsible for convening the first time.

After that, the group can decide. These groups will convene in September, October, November and December.

Group 1 “Busy Buddies”

Jean & Harry Black	
Debbie & Michael Bentz	
Barb Jones	
Mildred Powell	
Donna Harlacher	
Phyllis Logan	

Group 2 “Bumble Bees”

Bud & Lois Wingert	
Pastor Suzanne & Rick Elliott	
Dixie Elliott	
Maxine Linton	
Marlin & Esther Pisle	

Group 3 “Honey Bees”

Nancy & Jake Yeager	
Robert & Kathleen Mooshian	
Jane Armstrong	
Emily Patterson	
John & Ann Barnes	
Katherine Martin	

Group 4 “Jolly Gophers”

Ellen Davis	
Lee & Susan Hipkiss	
Doris Mickey	
John & Carol Osen	
Nancy Haar	
Cheryl Miller	
Roxanna Bolyard	

If you have been missed or wish to join a group please get in touch with Doris Mickey. It is a lot of fun!