

# The Church Mouse

Hilton United Methodist Church

March 2010

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## Pastor's Corner:

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone,  
the new has come!"*

*II Corinthians 5:17*

This month I encourage you to take note of the many ways that you can prepare spiritually for and then celebrate Easter, the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Easter is the foundation for which Christianity is based. More so than Christmas, Easter is the proclamation that God defeated death and "Christ is Risen!" Most often as Easter people, we concentrate on the event of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We focus on this past event and try to make sense of how the resurrection is or is not historically accurate.

Easter is a celebration of a magnificent mystery and mysteries aren't subject to explanation. Easter changed the world. Gene McAfee states "Christianity did not exist in the world before Easter and did afterward. The miracle of Easter is just that, a miracle. Like Jesus walking on water, Elijah's raising a widow's dead son, or Moses' parting of the Red Sea, Jesus' resurrection has a context, which is deathless love ~ aka God~ attempting again and again, to restore us to our rightful place in creation."

As we celebrate Easter we are to look forward to what we are to become, not just at the actual event of the resurrection. When we become a Christian we are to become brand new people on the *inside*. When the Holy Spirit gives us life, we are no longer the same. We are not reformed, rehabilitated, or reeducated ~ we are re-created (new creations).

Easter did not change everything . . . would that it had. Would that Pilate had repented, wars had ceased and mourning and crying was no more. That did not happen. The world went on pretty much according to schedule on Easter Monday . . . Easter Tuesday . . . Easter Wednesday. Much the same as it will after the Worship Team makes sure everyone gets the lily they ordered to take home, the choir packs up their special music, and exhausted preachers go home to take a nap.

Easter wasn't just a fact, it's a promise. It's a promise that God's Word will be the last word. It's a promise not that the best was but rather that the best is yet to be.

May we live out that promise as the people of God. May we be not simply an Easter people; may we be Easter-forward people.

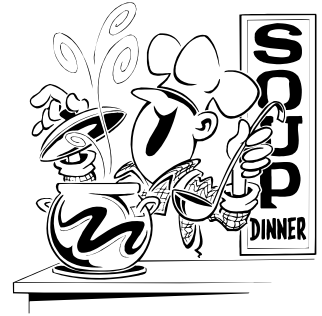
See You in Worship,

Pastor Jennifer



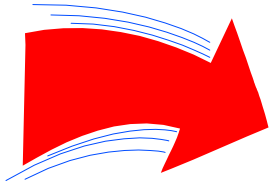
# LENTEN LUNCHEON SCHEDULE

During the month of March we will continue our Ecumenical Lenten Luncheons. These take place on Wednesdays at noon at the United Methodist Church. The lunch and speaker will finish by 1 p.m. The Hilton-Parma Clergy invite you to observe a Holy Lent with food, fellowship, and a meditation on the spiritual disciplines. The following is the schedule:



<u>Date</u>	<u>Lunch Coordinated by:</u>	<u>Speaker:</u>
March 3	Crosspoint Free Methodist/ Hilton UMC	Rev. Darlene Miency
March 10	St.Leo's RCC	Deacon Bill Lenhart
March 17	Hilton Baptist	Rev. Walter Steenson
March 24	Hilton Baptist	Rev. Myke Merrill

## Change for Missions

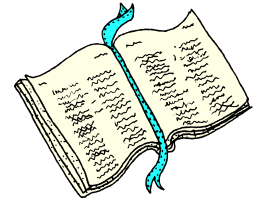


The third Sunday of the month is now going to celebrate "Change for Mission" The children's sermon on this particular Sunday will focus upon a mission that our congregation is supporting. The Mission Team will help us to learn about Cameron Street, Grace Urban Ministry, Outdoor Ministries and others that we support through them. The youth group will teach us about Flower City Work Camp and other mission projects they support. After The Word for Children, the kids will go into the congregation and collect change from the congregation. They will then take it to Jr. Church and count the change to be deposited for the particular mission. I encourage you to support mission and our children as they seek to learn how to give to others.

## Lent

As we celebrate this, the most holy season of the year, let's pray about how we can deepen our relationship with our Savior. Consider one or more of the following:

- Set aside time for Devotions and reflection
- Give of your time to the local food shelf, clothes closet, or similar activity
- Visit a friend or member of our congregation who can't or doesn't get out.
- Share your faith with someone!



## Spencerport Community Chorus



### **Spring Concert**

Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm  
Sunday March 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm



First Congregational Church - 65 Church Street, Spencerport

Refreshments following each concert

## **LENTEN SUPPER PROGRAM** **FRIDAY EVENINGS THROUGH MARCH 26**

Please join us for our Lenten Supper program on Friday evenings in the Fellowship Hall continuing through March 26. All members of the community are invited. Each evening of fellowship begins at 6:00 PM with a supper followed by a program at 7:00 PM. This year we will return to our "Soup & Sandwich" tradition for the meal. The cost of the meal is defrayed by a free will offering. Offerings received above the cost of the meals will be donated to the church's Love Fund.

### **Lenten Supper Program for March 2010:**

March 5	Fun Quizzes and Games to enhance your knowledge of the Bible
March 12	Kodjo's Dream A story of life in a remote village in Togo, West Africa, and the ministry of Lakeside Presbyterian Church to provide clean water and sanitary facilities in the village
March 19	(tentative) A story of a local mission Honduras
March 26	(tentative) Puppet Ministry of Trinity Episcopal Church Talent Show

A talent show is in the offing, if there is enough interest shown by people adding their names to the Sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please sign up by Sunday, March 14.



### **THEME BASKET AUCTION**

Let your creative talents shine by creating a theme basket on a theme of your choosing. Arrange a group of gift items in a basket of any type and donate it to our auction. Silent bidding takes place during our Lenten Suppers on Friday evenings and during the Lenten Lunches Wednesdays. Bidding closes at 7:00 PM Friday March 26. High bidders will be announced during the evening program, March 26

In order to donate a basket, please sign the sign-up sheet for theme baskets that is posted on the Bulletin Board in the Narthex. Some ideas are listed on the sign-up sheet if you need a suggestion for a theme. Place your basket on a table in the Social Hall anytime during March. Be sure to fill out the heading of a bidding sheet, describing your basket and setting a minimum bid. See Debbie Comstock or Carol Bell if you have questions.

In recent years over \$500 has been raised through our theme basket auction to further the Mission of our Church. The proceeds will be shared among the Hilton-Parma Community Council of Churches, UMCOR and the budget of the Missions Team.

### **VOLUNTEER COOKS AND SERVERS NEEDED FOR LENTEN SUPPERS**

We are in need of teams to choose a menu (Soup and Sandwich), buy groceries and cook for the Lenten Suppers. Please contact Don Brumbaugh (392-7272) if you are able to help out. Members of the Missions Team will be at each supper to assist with cooking, serving and clean up.

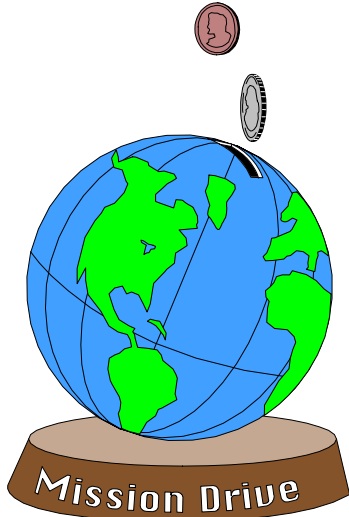
## Michala's Adventure's

Here is an update on Michala Sullivan who is serving in Americorp. Michala went to Denver in mid October and loves what she is doing. After a month of training she worked with a team with 11 other volunteers from all over the United States in the Rocky Mountains near Boulder, Colorado. They stayed in cabins at night but generally spent the daytime in a beautiful lodge and worked outdoors clearing trails, cutting trees, painting the lodge and other general camp work. She saw over 100 elk one day and survived without the Internet and cell phone.

After Christmas her team was assigned to work on Habitat houses in New Orleans, Louisiana. There are 12 volunteers living in a three-bedroom house with only one bathroom! Michala said that most of the homes near their residence are still in the same state they were right after Hurricane Katrina. They are currently building a new Habitat House and also assisting with volunteers on other houses. She was able to be a part of the parade after the New Orleans Saints won the Super Bowl and has also seen many parades and other events as part of the Mardi Gras festival. In Michala's words, the entire event has been "CRAZY!". In March she will be moving to a different assignment but doesn't know where yet.

If anyone is interested in writing to Michala, her address is

Michala Sullivan - Class 16  
AmeriCorps NCCC  
3001 S. Federal Blvd.  
Walsh Hall, Room 136  
Denver, CO 80236



## One Great Hour of Sharing

### Special Sunday Offering March 14

*And what does the LORD require of you?*

*To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.*

*Micah 6:8 (NIV)*

### **LIFE-CHANGING MINISTRY—A RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE**

Join United Methodists everywhere by participating in this special offering that supports UMCOR's vital work. Our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing lay the foundation for UMCOR to seek justice and mercy for suffering people everywhere.

Gifts to this offering underwrite UMCOR's "costs of doing business." That helps us keep our promise that 100 percent of every other gift you make to a specific UMCOR project can be spent on that project-not on home office costs.

Offering gifts over and above those used to cover administrative costs are channeled where they're most needed. UMCOR's specialized ministries responding in disaster, fighting hunger, alleviating poverty, providing relief supplies around the world, and offering hospitality to immigrants and refugees all assist the most vulnerable people whose need is greatest.

## Sunday School Update

Children's Sunday School continues to hum along. We are between PowerXpress units, and have been learning about some of the major Old Testament stories with our friends Bob & Larry, from VeggiesTales. To date, we have explored the story of Jonah, the Good Samaritan, and Josh & The Big Wall (Jericho). The kids have enjoyed meaningful discussions about following God's commands and helping others.

We are looking into borrowing PowerXpress unit materials from some of the area churches, in an effort to keep curriculum costs down.

We currently have a need for Sunday School volunteers. This is for very short term assignments (1 SS Class). Please prayerfully consider volunteering and sharing your gifts for one Sunday morning. At present, Dan Van Vleck has been teaching the children's Sunday School each week. If you feel called to teach Sunday School for one morning (or more), please call Dan Van Vleck @ 392-5744. When you volunteer, materials will be arranged for you, and you will receive the lesson during the week prior to the Sunday you will be teaching.

Stay tuned for coming announcements and Sunday School news!

## Vacation Bible School 2010 – Group's High Seas Expedition

Join us July 19-23, 2010 for a **High Seas Expedition – Exploring the Mighty Love of God!** Come along as we learn how God's word is true, comforting, surprising, life-changing, and for everyone. Once again we will be using the online registration process, which should be available to start using in early May 2010. Get your spyglasses ready, and keep an eye out for volunteer and donation opportunities. If you would like to volunteer to lead, or help lead a VBS Station, please call Dan Van Vleck @ 392-5744 to see what is available to you. You can start helping out now, by praying for HUMC's High Seas Expedition preparations and planning. Additional information is forthcoming! See you this summer!



## Worship

**Easter flowers for the altar:** We are again planning on decorating our Altar for Easter with Flowers. Order Blanks will be on the Narthex table starting Sunday March 7<sup>th</sup>. Orders must be in to Pat Van Vleck by March 21. You may order a plant of Tulips, Hyacinths, Lilies or Daffodils. The cost is \$7.50 per plant.



**Tuesday March 30:** Bob Comstock will be showing the movie “**The Passion of the Christ**” at 7 PM

**Wednesday, March 31: Seder Meal:** There will a Seder Meal sponsored by Rev. Myke Merrill. More information will be in the bulletin as we get closer to the date.

**Thursday, April 1: Maundy Service:** Thursday, April 1 at 7:00 PM here at HUMC. The Baptist Church family has been invited to join us.

**Friday, April 2: Good Friday Service:** 7:00 PM at the Baptist Church on Lake Ave, Hilton.

### **Sunday, April 4: Easter Sunday**

**Sunrise Service**—Time and Place will be announced in the bulletin, or call the church office during Holy Week.

**Easter Celebration** - 10:00 AM Service at Hilton United Methodist Church

## Noah's Preschool

*Education is freedom.  
- Andre Gide*

### DECEMBER ...

The Preschoolers had lots of fun making Christmas decorations for Noah's and their homes! Noah's annual Christmas Party was fun! Pastor Jen read the Christmas Story, Santa visited, and punch and cookies were enjoyed by all!



### JANUARY ...

The Preschoolers learned about winter. The Ark Room (3's) started to learn to cut. The Rainbow Room (4's & 5's) started the alphabet and are learning each letter in Sign Language. January would not be January, with out PJ Day; the preschoolers watched the Clifford movie. Also, we had our Super Bowl Party!

### FEBRUARY ...

The Ground Hog saw his shadow and we had little children ground hogs leaving Noah's; the Preschoolers made ground hog hats. The children made Valentine's for their parents and Noah's had a party for Valentine's Day.

Noah's Staff would like to thank HUMC for their swiftness in fixing the Ark Room. **A BIG THANKS** to all that helped!

# \$ Finance Report \$

February 2010

An amazing thing about this congregation is that when there is a need you come thru regardless if it's for a need in the church or an emergency somewhere in the world.

Thru February 14<sup>th</sup>, you have provided roughly \$42,000 towards our needed annual income of \$223,000. That is roughly a fifth of our anticipated annual need thru the first 7 weeks of 2010.

On top of our anticipated need you have also come thru with roughly \$1400 towards the Haiti Emergency. This cash is already in the hands of UMCOR.

Income thru 1/14/2010:

Offerings	\$32,584	\$30,653	Pledges
		\$83	Initial
		\$375	Apportionments and Missions
		\$1	Worship Donation
		\$100	Loose Plate
		\$1,372	Haiti Emergency
Building Fund	\$1,957		
Sunday School / Bible Study	\$180		
Transfers from Groups	\$494	\$344	UMW
		\$150	Craft Group
Gifts, Grants, Memorials, Bequests	\$788	\$333	Conference Grants
		\$30	Ron Barnard - Endowment Fund
		\$245	Ron LaBorie - Endowment Fund
		\$180	William Coffee - Endowment Fund
Outreach	\$709	\$4	Cameron Community Ministries
		\$705	Love Fund
Other Operating Income	\$4,869		
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$41,581</b>		

Report by Ed Earnhart, Chairman Finance/Stewardship



## News from Nurture

Thanks to everyone who participated in our Valentine's Day Bowling! We had six full lanes and lots of laughs. Some of us even got to bowl with the kids and use the bumpers. God is good! Stay tuned for our next events.

**Caring Ministries:** We're going to be gathering a team of people who are led to visit members of the congregation – people who are ill, shut-in, new parents, those who are grieving, or just going through a tough time. We will provide training and are using a book "Lay Pastoral Care Giving" by Timothy M. Farabaugh. If you are interested, please see Bob Comstock or Pastor Jennifer.

*"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.'*

*Matthew 25:37-40, NIV*

<b>Volunteers For March 2010</b>				
	<b><u>Greeters</u></b>		<b><u>Lay Liturgists</u></b>	
7	Don & Lucy Brumbaugh	7	Steve Clark	
14	Bill & Sparky Hess	14	Bethany Gary	
21	Bob & Debby Comstock	21	Abby Van Vleck	
28	Kae Chojnowski & Linda Walker	28	Ann Hurlimann	
	<b><u>Ushers</u></b>		<b><u>Acolytes</u></b>	
7	# 1 – Ed Holenbeck	7	James Brumbaugh	
14	# 2 – Jim Lee	14	Noah Cole	
21	# 3 – Will Rickman	21	Rebecca Brumbaugh	
28	# 4 – Ernie McKenzie	28	Bethany Gary	
	<b><u>Coffee Hour</u></b>			
7	Don & Lucy Brumbaugh			
14	Sparky Hess & Val Brackley			
21	Kathy Blackburn			
28	** we need help with this date – if you are			
	available please see Janet LaBorie			
7	<b><u>Communion Servers:</u> Bob &amp; Debby Comstock; Bill &amp; Sparky Hess;</b>			
	Steve & Darlene Clark			

## **March Anniversaries**

March 14, 1959      Bill & Sparky Hess      51 years  
 March 29, 1947      Allan & Bernice Blossom      63 years

## **March Birthdays**

1	Lynn Heglund	6	Troy Davis	22	Ernie McKenzie
	Sparky Hess	7	Brian Hurliman	23	
2	Dave Bird	8	Craig Henry	27	
	Gary Boyd	11	Gloria Hamm	28	Peggy Cacci
	Sarah Hilderbrandt	13	Nick Mucci		Wayne Miller
	Dee Parker	14	Evan Fish		Dave Smalley
	Beverly Thompson	15	Leora Wood	30	James Brumbaugh
3	Becca List	16	Nick Earnhart		Carol Confer
	George Mosier		Declan Helmer		Amanda Phillips
5	Ron Gary	18	Barb Gorton		
		21	Bryant Mahon		



May there always be work for your hands to do;  
 may your purse always hold a coin or two;  
 may the sun always shine on your windowpane;  
 may a rainbow be certain to follow each rain;  
 may the hand of a friend always be near you;  
 may God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

*An Irish Blessing*



# **EGG HUNT**

**MARCH 28, 2010 12:30**

**FELLOWSHIP HALL HILTON UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH**

**UP TO 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

**Please come and search for some eggs. Besides the egg hunt, the children will decorate their bags, color an egg, and play some games.**

Organized by the Hilton United Methodist Youth

## **YOUTH NEWS**

On February 5-7 we had 10 youth attend Snow Camp at the Circle C Camp in Develan NY. The youth enjoyed rock climbing, lazer quest, games, ping pong, pool, tubing down the snow hill, four square and dodge ball.

We also had several chapel messages. The main message was “are you on the right path?” Get out your map and look at it. Where is it leading you.

The youth enjoyed the camp and are looking forward to going back next year. Thank you to Lucy Brumbaugh, Billy List and Ron Gary for helping me get the youth there and home.

We had another pancake breakfast in February and brought in \$145. We still are calculating the expenses. Thanks for your support. Remember the youth are having a pancake breakfast every third Sunday of the month. Next month it will be on March 21 and our special will be banana pancakes. Look forward to seeing you all there.

Don't forget that Flower City Work Camp is coming up in April. If you haven't yet decided how you can help with work camp, please see Darlene and she will help you decide how you can help.



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Reaching out to you,  
And the World**

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