

## ON STEWARSHIP

Christian stewardship is a way of living that recognizes that everything belongs to God. Every resource that we have been blessed with must be used for God's glory and the common good. The Apostle Paul instructs the Corinthian church in 1 Corinthians 16:2 "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." Paul commanded equal sacrifice of every person committed to the church of God. The collection he took supported the work of spreading the gospel and providing for the poor.



Stewardship is often associated with the words "tithe," "generosity," and "money." That is not wrong, but stewardship means much more than simply giving time, talent, and treasure. Stewardship demands a way of life that encourages virtue and total commitment to live for Jesus and to the building up of the Kingdom of God.

When Jesus saw the widow putting her "two pennies" in the Temple treasury, He told His disciples, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living" (Mk. 12:43-44). And that is what God expects from us, our whole living.

God gave us life and the gift of eternal life. He created us for Himself, and He wants our total person. (Mt. 19:16-24). How we use the resources in our control expresses our gift of self to God. Stewardship does not mean just giving generous gifts from our possessions. Stewardship means that we recognize God owns it all! We have been entrusted with the goods of the earth, yet we own nothing. How can we give what we do not own? Rather, we must make those resources we do not need available to others. We have an obligation to provide for ourselves and our families. But the reality is we must recognize that most of us in this country have opportunities and resources at our disposal that other people will never have.

In a next few months, Marshallton United Methodist Church will embark on a stewardship campaign. As your pastor, I am encouraging you to prepare yourself for this by praying without ceasing about giving as the Lord has prospered you for the building up of God's Kingdom through the work of our local church. God has plans to prosper the Kingdom work in this place. And God has invited all of us to become totally sold out for the sake of the Kingdom which brings good news to the poor, recovery of sight to the spiritually blind, and freedom for those who are oppressed. Who wouldn't want to give their whole selves to that?

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Joe

## ELEVATOR REPORT



We are sure you are all pleased that the elevator is currently operational. However, we have incurred considerable expense. The following items had to be addressed and corrected to maintain function ability.

- 1) State & County Inspections (revealed hydraulic fluid in shaft)
- 2) Arranged for shaft to be pumped clear and all liquid containing hydraulic oil be disposed of environmentally – there were ten 55-gallon drums.
- 3) Shaft cleaned, washed with special material, treated with material to absorb liquid and packed cylinders.
- 4) Checked shaft within 7 days, found more water. However, no oil. Repacked cylinders again and dried pit.
- 5) Installed float on sump pump to prevent it from shutting off by human error. Pump will shut off if there is any oil in the water.

This shaft is exposed to springs as are many parts of the church. Therefore, monitoring is required for water infusion.

The problems have been corrected. We have a maintenance review contract in place which covers quarterly inspections and annual certifications by New Castle County and Elevator Inspector (which are required). Does not cover repairs.

However, the \$3,820 we had in the Elevator Maintenance Fund has been expended:

Reimburse church – Inspection Fees (2012 and 2013)	\$ 300
4/16/14 – Trouble call	130
6/3/14 – Check pit (for oil)	50
6/10/14 – Hydraulic oil – power washed	520
6/16/14 – Pump our pit and dispose	1,680
6/20/14 – New Castle County Compliance – 2014	<u>\$ 150</u>
	\$ 2,830
We have two open invoices which total	282
Contract is \$\$80/qtr. – Annual	<u>\$ 320</u>
	\$ 3,432

This is a long report, but the congregation “bought and paid” for its elevator. The Trustees have carried an account of \$3,830 maintenance and this arithmetic shows we only have \$398 left in Elevator Maintenance.

Please pray about this increasing cost that will inevitably be on our horizon. The church is not prepared to undertake this expense. Perhaps we should have not discontinued our Elevator Maintenance contributions. Our elevator is critical to this church.

Betty Tull



I have already exhausted your patience with the Elevator Report. However, I just want to touch base with you and highlight other areas.

- 1) Investigating insurance quote for possible reduction in premiums.
- 2) Working with contractor on widening entrance.
- 3) Altar modification.
- 4) Water problem in parking lot along wall. We have a team headed by an engineer, Larry Hughes, who is a member of our church working on this problem. We anticipate major alterations.
- 5) We have had a Risk Control review – awaiting report.
- 6) Still trying to get the door handle fixed. Sorry for inconvenience.
- 7) Exploring LED sign – Very cost prohibitive.
- 8) We will have the Life Screening Program at our church on October 21<sup>st</sup>. Look for publicity.
- 9) ELEVATOR – Just fooling – no more reporting in this “*Chatter*”.

Betty Tull,  
President



We had a real “sing along with Mitch” in our congregation. She had the fantastic idea to invite our congregation to what she termed “An Old Fashioned Hymn Sing”. When she made the mistake of addressing this out loud, she was told, “Good idea, take it and run with it”.

Of course, Mary Jane Graham (our “Mitch”) had to add her own special touch. As a good Methodist, she arranged a covered-dish supper to precede the Hymn Sing.

We had a great turn out, good food, good fellowship, great music and Carol Caward outdid herself as moderator. Mary Jane, you may start making preparations for your next hymn sing at any time. Thank you for a wonderful evening had by all.



# MUMS

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July 16, 2014

### MUMS Corner

Hello everyone. My name is Tashia Charles. I am the new director for MUMS. I have worked in child care for over 15 years. I am thrilled to be working here with such a great staff. I am looking forward to getting to know you all and following in the great footsteps that was set before me.

Well, summer has started with a blast of thunder showers. We have been able to get out and enjoy this warm weather. The children are enjoying water days which are on Tuesday and Wednesday. I would like to acknowledge our new staff and staff that are leaving. Bridget Hudson is an intern in the toddler room and Nancie Bertollo will be the after-care teacher. We would like to wish Lauren Temple all the best on her new journey; her last day with us was July 17, 2014. So let's keep them all in our prayers!

Currently we are full for the school year which is a nice blessing. We are in process of getting things ready for the school. Have a great summer and remember to keep MUMS in your prayers.

God Bless  
Miss Tashia



## YOUTH GROUP AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Is it really mid-July? The summer is going far too quickly! The children's worship is lots of fun! By planting bean seeds, the children have learned how the seeds we plant, through our words and deeds can grow into something good...if the seeds themselves are good. We also learned what happens if we don't let God "hold our string," when we tried kite flying...just like the kite tugs at the string...we tug sometimes...but if we pull too hard...we can come crashing to the ground. We learned that before we know Jesus...we are as ordinary as a glass of water....but with Jesus in our hearts, and the FREE gift of the Holy Spirit...we are bubblier than a glass of Sprite! We also looked at a plain rock...and a rock with crystals growing on it....and talked about being changed persons...like Saul!

Our Children's Worship will continue all summer long. Held during our 9:00 AM worship, the children's worship is open to children from toddler through grade 5. We normally have a Bible lesson and a craft...and lots of fun! We may even venture outside from time to time, weather permitting!!! The children return to the Sanctuary in time to have Communion with their families.



"Wilderness Escape," this year's Vacation Bible School, will be held the week of July 28-August 1. At this writing, we are putting the finishing touches on the event! A report will be included in next month's Chatter!

In youth group, we have not been using a curriculum during the summer weeks. Due to vacations, etc., attendance has been sporadic. We will resume a curriculum based program in the Fall.

Our June yard sale cleared \$285! I am pleased with this amount. The first half of the day was drizzly...so turnout was not good. But, when the some came out in the afternoon...things began to pick up. We are thankful for the vendors that did come...and special thanks to all those who gave their time to help! Thanks to the folks that gave cash donations to help us out, also.

We will be kicking off the fall season with a youth dance to be held on August 23. It will be FUN! Adult volunteers are needed....so stay tuned for more information!

If you are in grades 6-12 (or know someone in that age group) and would like to learn more about our youth group, please contact me (cell 302-545-3961 or email [sharon1960@hotmail.com](mailto:sharon1960@hotmail.com)) with any questions. Also, feel free to "like" our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/GTYMarshalltonUMC>). Also, if you are an adult, and would like to make a difference in the lives of our young members, I would love to hear from you.

God's blessings to all of you!  
Sharon



## New Opportunities at MUMC from Deacon Kymm

I wasn't sure what headline to give this hodgepodge of good stuff happening or about to happen at Marshallton UMC! Please mark your calendars and pray about how you will be involved. Contact Deacon Kymm for more information ([kymm@genesiscoaching.net](mailto:kymm@genesiscoaching.net) or [kymm.k.hockman@dupont.com](mailto:kymm.k.hockman@dupont.com)).

**Reactivate your Emmaus Involvement!** Walk to Emmaus is a short course in Christianity, but it's so much more than that! I understand many at MUMC have already attended. **August 9<sup>th</sup> there is an Emmaus Gathering**, sponsor training and pot luck dinner at Aldersgate UMC. If you have already been on a Walk to Emmaus, come and learn about sponsoring and discuss regular gatherings in this area. Bring a dish to share. If you have not been on a Walk to Emmaus and want to deepen your walk with the Lord, consider attending. You need to be sponsored, so see anyone who has attended already and they can discuss the application process with you. Pastor Joe plans to attend the **Men's Walk** this fall, so mark your calendars to pray for him **Sept 25-28<sup>th</sup>** or plan to go along! **The Women's Walk is October 16-19<sup>th</sup>**. Get your application in SOON. Chrysalis is the youth version of the Walk to Emmaus. Youth who are in 10<sup>th</sup> grade or above are eligible. Think of youth to sponsor for this fall.

**Celebrate Recovery® Bible Study will be held on Wednesday nights at MUMC this Fall.** If you are in recovery or seeking recovery from any hurt, hang-up or habit (aren't we all?), consider coming to this Bible Study. CR focuses on spiritual healing. Jesus is the Great Physician and we meet Jesus in Scripture. We will engage on a journey from learning our vulnerable areas through establishing practices to strengthen and maintain our faith. The class size will be limited, so let Deacon Kymm know if you are interested.

**Family Promise:** Or next host evenings are **August 6-7**. Watch the Sunday bulletin for our shopping needs. We always need overnights – it's the easiest job! Arrive at St. James Episcopal church at around 8 or 8:30 with a sleeping bag, get into your jammies (or any other appropriate sleeping attire), lock up the church at 10, and head off to sleep. Awake and see the families off in the morning. You'll be finished around 6:30 or 7am, so you can still make it to work on time. Let Deacon Kymm or Tom Pesickey know if you are willing to help out in this capacity.

"Walk for a Healthy Community" will be held Saturday, **September 13<sup>th</sup>** at Bellevue State Park in Wilmington. Family Promise is one of 17 participating organizations. Registration and donation information is available at [www.walkforahealthycommunity.org](http://www.walkforahealthycommunity.org). Support Family Promise - #10 on the list!

There is a Family Promise fundraising breakfast on **Tuesday October 7<sup>th</sup>**. It is an opportunity to come and hear all the wonderful things Family Promise is doing to help eliminate homelessness one family at a time in New Castle County. You'll hear from former guests, hosts, local officials, etc. Last year's event was awesome! No high pressure to give, so come on out. MUMC has a table with room for 14. See Deacon Kymm or Tom Pesickey to get your ticket.

**Free Tutoring at MUMC to Start this Fall.** In partnership with Project CrossRoad®, MUMC will be supporting the delivery of a life skills curriculum in Stanton Middle School. By doing so, the school administration will allow some advertising for a free tutoring program at MUMC. The hope is to invite nearby youth of middle school age into our facility and make friends. Maybe they will stay for Youth Group? Maybe they will find us a friendly church and come back on Sunday? Or maybe we'll simply do a good thing by helping them out. **We need tutors.** If you can help a middle school youth with general homework completion in any subject, and are willing to spend an hour at MUMC on Sunday afternoons, let Sharon O'Connor or Deacon Kymm know. We anticipate beginning **October 5<sup>th</sup> from 3-4pm.**

**Final Mission Trip to Crisfield for hurricane Sandy relief:** We will be heading back to Crisfield **October 12-16<sup>th</sup>**. If you have the desire to help those devastated by the storm, and want to have fun doing some light

physical labor together, see Deacon Kymm. There is only a \$40 deposit required and scholarships are available. Can we get a team together to go? I'm shooting for a team of at least 6-7 to make it a "go".  
*Whew! There's a lot going on! We certainly are "doers of the Word". Find your fit and jump right in! Contact Deacon Kymm at [kymm.k.hockman@dupont.com](mailto:kymm.k.hockman@dupont.com) or [Kymm@GenesisCoaching.net](mailto:Kymm@GenesisCoaching.net).*



## MISSIONS REPORT - AUGUST 2014

### CAMP PECOMETH

Many know we pledged \$1500/year for 3 years to help Camp PECOMETH pay off their loan for furnishing the beautiful new Retreat Center at the camp. We so appreciate all the contributions that have been made so far, and wanted to let all know that we were able to pay our first year commitment and are right on track in 2014 to reach our goal for this current year. If we continue with \$1/person/month, we should be able to continue to fulfill this pledge.

**Camp PECOMETH Roof Offering:** A special one-time offering was requested from United Methodist Congregations all across our Conference to help pay for a new roof on the Dining Hall at the Camp.

Once again, the generous people of our congregation gave a total of \$1,913.00. This was a great offering, and will help Camp PECOMETH immensely toward paying for this much-needed new roof.

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### MISSION ENVELOPES GUIDELINES AND USAGE

Aside from the Tithes and Offerings envelopes there presently are three envelopes in usage by the congregation. These other three envelopes are for Missions giving. The following page shows all three of the envelopes to be used for Missions giving.

The first envelope labeled Mission Offering is generally used for Global Missions, such as, Mulungwishi Seminary and COLOMBIA. You can see, however, on the reverse side of this envelope that it may be marked "To be used for \_\_\_\_\_." This enables one to designate the contents of the envelope for something other than Global missions. One also may annotate the memo line on ones check to designate the giving to something other than Global Missions.

The second envelope currently is labeled FRP and permits directing the contents to local missions such as Family Relief Programs both internal and external, Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets, the Pastor's Discretionary fund, and other local needs as determined by the Church Council.

The third mission envelope is labeled Camp PECOMETH Campaign. It is intended exclusively for our fund-raising effort to purchase furnishings for the beautiful, new Retreat Center (for all ages) at Camp PECOMETH, the United Methodist Church Camp of our Conference. That program is described above. When we reach our goal of \$4500(targeted for the end of the calendar year 2015) on this campaign we will discontinue the use of these envelopes.

When new mission projects are initiated, specific instructions will be provided on how to designate, or not to designate, any giving to any such newly initiated mission.

In the future, the Missions team and the Church Council will be exploring possible changes to the envelopes, the processes, and methods of accepting and dispersing missions giving.

In His Service,

The Missions Team



**CAMP PECOMETH – DIANE FREEBERY**

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### **A VISIT TO BARRETT'S CHAPEL – JULY 10<sup>TH</sup>**



The happy group pictured above: Homer, Betty, Elaine, Lorena, Kappy, Peggy, Barbara, Robbie, Pastor Joe, Edith, Rowena and Mary Jane

Barratt's Chapel is a trip well worth your time. Few of us know the history. Barratt's Chapel is the "Cradle of Methodism". It is the oldest Methodist building in the entire United States and you can honestly feel some of the pride and feeling from over 200 years when this was a focal point for worship (Note Pastor Joe at the pulpit).

Maybe we can talk Mary Jane into another trip for those who missed it.



## *ICE CREAM FESTIVAL*

**Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup> - 5:30 – 7:00 pm**

**Make Your Own Sundae!**

**Delicious Homemade Cakes**

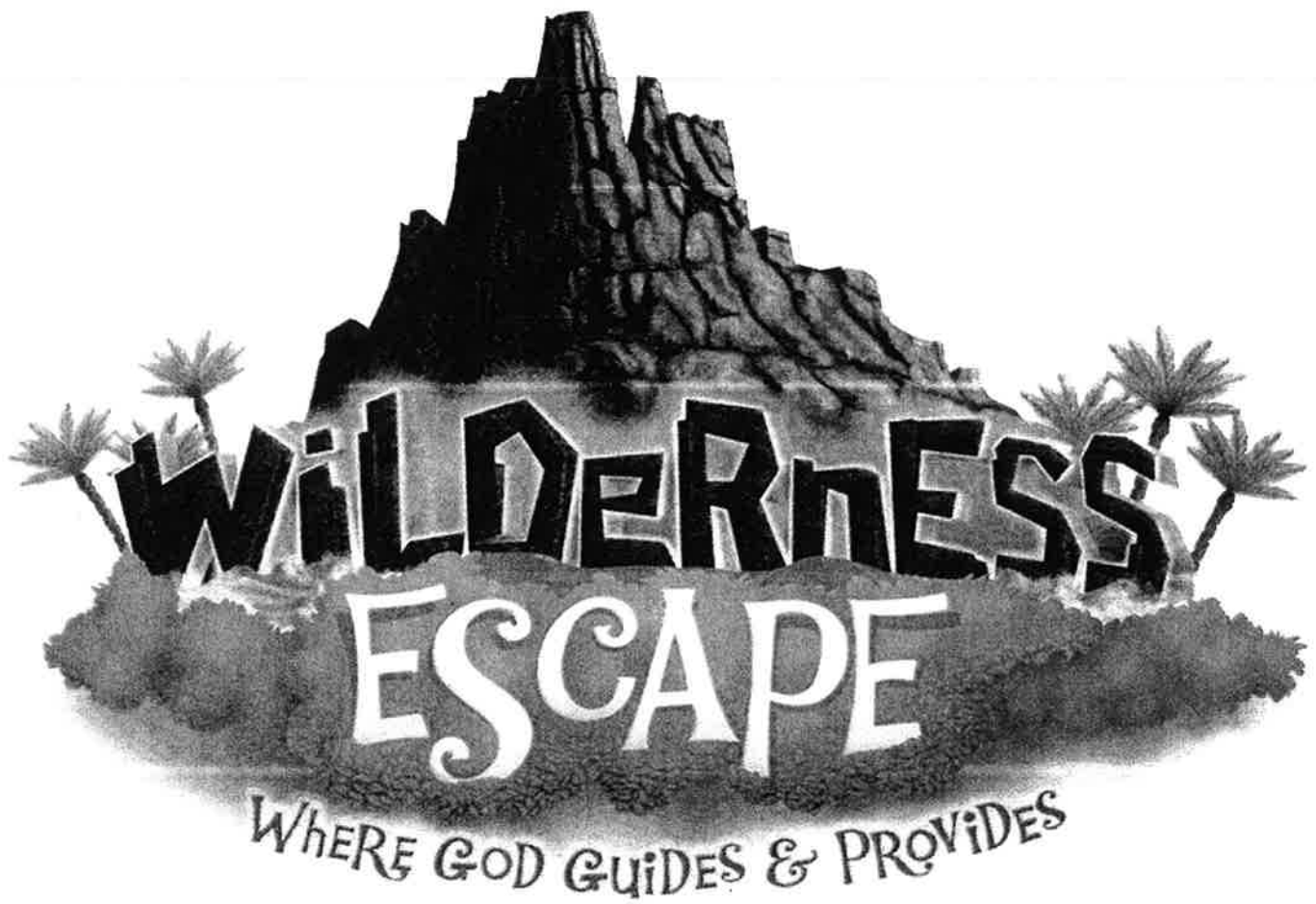
**Variety of Toppings**

**Adults \$6.00, Ages 6 – 12 - \$2.00**

**Children under 5 - FREE**

**Marshallton United Methodist Church**





**A VBS ADVENTURE**

**Marshallton United Methodist Church**

**JULY 28 – AUGUST 1, 2014**

**6:00PM – 8:30PM NIGHTLY**

**CHILDREN OF ALL AGES WELCOME!!**

**LITE DINNER PROVIDED**

**PLEASE CONTACT SHARON O'CONNOR AT 302-545-3961 OR**

**[SHARON1960@HOTMAIL.COM](mailto:SHARON1960@HOTMAIL.COM) WITH QUESTIONS.**



*DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR AUGUST, 2014*

*GOD'S WORD: SHOWING US HOW TO LIVE*

<b>Day</b>	<b>Book</b>	<b>Chapter</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Book</b>	<b>Chapter</b>
1	Galatians	5:1-13	17	2 Thessalonians	3:1-18
2	Galatians	6:1-18	18	1 Timothy	1:1-20
3	Ephesians	4:17-32	19	1 Timothy	2:1-15
4	Ephesians	5:1-20	20	1 Timothy	3:1-16
5	Ephesians	6:10-24	21	1 Timothy	4:1-16
6	Philippians	1:1-30	22	1 Timothy	5:1-25
7	Philippians	2:1-30	23	1 Timothy	6:3-21
8	Philippians	3:1-21	24	2 Timothy	1:1-18
9	Philippians	4:1-23	25	2 Timothy	2:1-26
10	1Thessalonians	1:1-10	26	2 Timothy	3:1-19
11	1Thessalonians	2:1-16	27	2 Timothy	3:10-4:8
12	1Thessalonians	2:17-3:13	28	Titus	1:1-16
13	1Thessalonians	4:1-18	29	Titus	2:1-15
14	1Thessalonians	5:1-28	30	Titus	3:1-15
15	2 Thessalonians	1:1-12	31	Hebrews	13:1-25
16	2 Thessalonians	2:1-17			



<i>AUGUST</i>			<i>SEPTEMBER</i>		
1	Kenneth Weber	20	Roosevelt Rowsey	1	Karen Dallas
3	Lorena Evans	22	Doris Garcia		Lisa Johnson
4	Linda Lowe		Anne Thomas		Heather Lowe
	Shirley Glanden		Bob Warner, Jr.	5	Ronald Iacono
6	Scott Howell	23	Jamie Doughten	7	Jennifer Binkley
	Sharon Shivery		Judi Enright	9	Greg Schock
7	Dianne Clark		Andrea Lenker		Win Matthews
8	Lorraine Valente	25	Barbara Cox	12	Debbie Tjaden
11	Lester W. Carlisle, Jr.	26	Gabriel Jackson		
15	Saxon Iacono		Jean Sellers		
16	Jenny Ferguson	27	Sharon France		
18	Mark Edwards		Wayne White		
	Brian Kirk	28	Donald Cain		
	Eric Poad	29	Jane Tull		
19	Luara Bullock	30	Rowena Snyder		
	Caitlyn Ashley	31	Edward Jackson		
20	Evelyn Bramble		Deena Stackhouse		
	Shelby Records		John Thomas		



*HAPPY ANNIVERSARY*

<b>AUGUST</b>			<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
3	Wally & JoAnne Mergenthaler	29	Edward & Ruth Jackson	3	Joseph & Karen Swientochowski
8	John & Jenny Ferguson	31	Shirley & Warren Glanden	13	Joe & Fran Johns
17	Bob & Marcy Tull			14	Jean & Homer Lutton
20	Tom & June Pesikay				

# AUGUST, 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>JULY 28</b> WILDERNESS ESCAPE VBS	JULY 29 WILDERNESS ESCAPE VBS	JULY 30 WILDERNESS ESCAPE VBS	JULY 31 WILDERNESS ESCAPE VBS	AUGUST 1 WILDERNESS ESCAPE VBS	2
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