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Monthly Newsletter

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OF MISSION AND MINIS-
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EACH

MONTH!!!!

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CHRISTMAS ACROSTIC

Using the letters of the word "Christmas," worshippers on December 26th shared words that they are hoping to carry into the New Year.

Here is the beautiful poetry of Church of the Redeemer!

C caring conversation charitable choices centered community

Christ consciousness calm courage cherish climate
cheerful clear compassion

H happy hearts humble harmony helpful home hear hope

healthful hilarity

R reflect respect rejoice right release reassure remember remain

rock righteousness

I imagination involved inspire initiative innovative innocence

intelligence inspiration

S safe salvation share Spirit sure sympathy simple sweet sensitive
star

T tender truth trusting time thankful thought traditions together

tranquility thrills

M mirthful mystery merry memories maybe mindfulness mercy

A amazing awareness adaptability awake authority artistic apology

S summon Spirit simple seeking soul smile sharing sweet

sing strength

Healthy Notes – Your Heart & Health

The Bible makes many references to the heart – over 600 according to the Vine's Dictionary. God's acceptance of man is based on the whole heart (Psalm 9:1, Proverbs, 3:5), God knows the secrets of the heart (Psalm 44:20-21), and God's law must be in our heart (Psalm 37:27-31). Man is taught to keep his heart (Proverbs 4:23), and to be pure of heart (Matthew 5:8, 2 Timothy 2:22). Our very existence is meant to mirror the love that God has shown us through the life, death, and resurrection of His Son. When we care for ourselves and for those we love, we can give our very best in return to Him.

February is American Heart Month and also includes Valentine's Day. Just as we associate a valentine with love, we sometimes automatically associate cardiovascular disease strictly with diseases of the heart. However, cardiovascular disease can affect just one blood vessel, a group of vessels, an organ (such as the heart), or the entire body. Sometimes, one problem will lead to another and another, becoming chronic and progressive. This might lead to a heart attack, stroke, heart failure, or kidney failure. Some more examples are congestive heart failure, peripheral artery disease, and venous blood clots.

It is possible to reduce your risk of cardiovascular disease – by eliminating the risk factors you can control, and managing the risk factors you cannot control. These include:

Eliminating all tobacco products

Controlling blood pressure and salt intake

Controlling weight

Controlling cholesterol

Ask your physician how to develop a regular exercise program?

If diabetic, controlling your blood sugar level

Committing your health and lifestyle choices to the Lord, and asking for His strength in making and keeping your healthy changes.

We are beginning our Lenten journey. Let us use this time to reflect upon and prepare our hearts....to emotionally, physically, and spiritually....give our very best to Him.

Message was written, shared and adapted from Debbie Best RN,BSW,MHA

by Patti Jo Hibshman RN, Faith Community Nurse

USHER CAPTAIN FOR FEBRUARY –ALAN MCLIN (533-5977)

- February 6 Greeter –Richard and Shirley Conrad
 Ushers –Lorna Davis and Virginia Fleck
 Acolyte –Haleigh Yeingst
 Deacon on Duty –Sharon Thomas
- February 13 Greeter –Miriam Worley and Jane Gallozzi
 Ushers –Lois and Jack Wood
 Acolyte –Austin Yeingst
 Deacon on Duty –Sharon Shaffer
- February 20 Greeter –The Davis Family
 Ushers –Pam and Kevin Mongold
 Acolyte –Ray Villafane
 Deacon on Duty –Sharon Thomas
- February 27 Greeter –Phil and Becki Masters
 Ushers –Carl and Kemmy Himmelberger
 Acolyte –Carissa Marrocco
 Deacon on Duty –Sharon Shaffer

USHER CAPTAIN FOR MARCH –HENRY WAGNER (838-0580)

- March 6 Greeter –The Bickelman Family
 Ushers –Richard and Shirley Conrad
 Acolyte –Jacob McCorkel
 Deacon on Duty –Sharon Thomas
- March 13 Greeter –The Marrocco Family
 Ushers –Alan McLin and Emmanuel Scharpf
 Acolyte –Brittany Scharpf
 Deacon on Duty –Sharon Shaffer
- March 20 Greeter –The Charles Shaffer Family
 Ushers –Becky LaFountain and Lorna Davis
 Acolyte –Rachel Bickelman
 Deacon on Duty –Sharon Thomas
- March 27 Greeter –Richard and Shirley Conrad
 Ushers –Bill and Audrey Baker
 Acolyte –Dante Marrocco
 Deacon on Duty –Sharon Shaffer

Important Message to Greeters and ushers

If you are scheduled to usher or greet on a particular Sunday and you are not available **PLEASE CONTACT** the usher captain (not the church office) for that month as soon as possible so that he can find a replacement for you. Usher Captains—please let the church office know of the change so that postcard reminders may be sent to the appropriate people. Ushers and greeters, plan to arrive at 9AM the Sunday you are to serve.

ALTAR GUILD for February is Patti Hibshman and Becky La-Fountain

Our next communion service will be held February 6, 2011

REMEMBER OUR SHUT INS

A CARD OR PHONE CALL WILL MAKE THEM SMILE AND WILL WARM YOUR HEART.

Ken and Sue Lawyer
 107 Mill Street, Apt 7J
 Middletown, PA 17057
 717-944-0110

Helen Bigley
 1134 Cord Drive
 Hummelstown, PA 17036

Winifred Brezina
 342 Messiah Circle
 Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
 717-791-0243

Libby Yeagley
 Twin Oaks Nursing Home
 Room 121, 2880 Horseshoe Pike
 Palmyra, PA 17078-9039

Footprints in the
 sands of time are
NOT made sitting
 down.

It is never wise to let
 any piece of electronic
 equipment know that
 you are in a hurry.



Birthdays

- February 4-Fred Marrocco
- 5-Kati Ferriss
- 7-Libby Yeagley
- 12-Cathy Clark Boyer
- 14-Jack Wood
- 15-Jeffrey Shaffer
- 15-Ann Bickelman
- 18-Patti Hibshman
- 23-Gerald Worley
- 24-Charles Shaffer, Jr.
- 27-Daniel Juhala

Baptism Birthdays
February 2-Ethel Curran

Anniversaries
February 4-Harris (1995)
20-Bailey



Don't forget to sign the sheet on the bulletin board if you wish to sponsor an issue of the Contact newsletter in the new year.

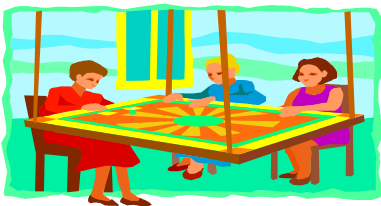
Ready Ringers will practice Monday evenings at 6PM throughout the new school year.

Saturday's Market

As of January 1, 2011, Lydia Villafane will no longer be having a booth at Saturday's Market. Please do not leave things for her. Instead items should be placed in the end classroom or taken to Blue Mountain Thrift Store in Palmyra.

Thank you to all who helped to decorate the church for Advent in November and again thanks to those who helped take decorations down in January. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

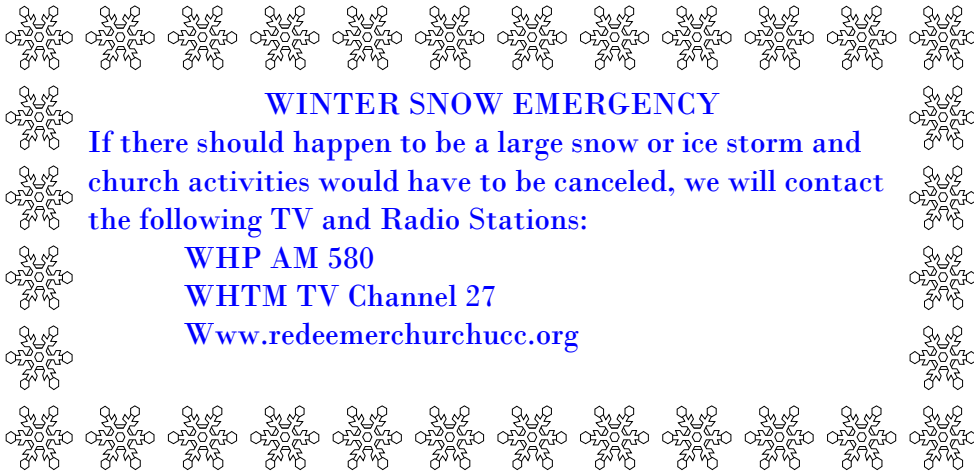
Church of the Redeemer Craft Group will again be meeting the third Thursday of each month. The times will remain the same as other years, 10AM in the morning and 7 PM in the evening. Come out and fellowship with your church friends as you work on specific items either for yourself or as a group. See you there!



FUTURE PCC YOUTH EVENTS

- March 4-6 Spring Event
- April 1-3-PCC Confirmation Retreat
- All Three Events at Hartman Center
- June 10-12 Annual Meeting

The 2011 FLOWER CHART is posted in the church foyer. Sign up today if you wish to sponsor flowers in honor of or in memory of a loved one. What a gracious way to remember someone who is dear to you and at the same time share God's beauty with your church family.




WINTER SNOW EMERGENCY

If there should happen to be a large snow or ice storm and church activities would have to be canceled, we will contact the following TV and Radio Stations:

- WHP AM 580
- WHTM TV Channel 27
- [Www.redeemerchurchucc.org](http://www.redeemerchurchucc.org)

The Millersburg Ministerium will be hosting the 1st Annual March Madness 5k run/walk and kids 1 mile run/walk on Sunday March 6, 2011 at 2pm sharp. Registration will be hosted at Trinity United Church of Christ, 235 Center Street, Millersburg. Volunteers are needed for registration, road marshals and soup preparers. Social time after the run will be held in the social hall of Trinity UCC. Donations of chicken corn soup/bottled water are needed along with any other light snacks, chips, pretzels. All proceeds from this event will benefit the Millersburg Ministerium. To obtain an application, you may call 439-0060 or email Julia.hoffman@comcast.net.



Church of the Redeemer is responsible the 3rd Thursday in March of helping at the food kitchen. Five people are needed to help with the various tasks necessary to get the food ready for delivery. Men who are willing to help are extremely appreciated for lifting various large items.

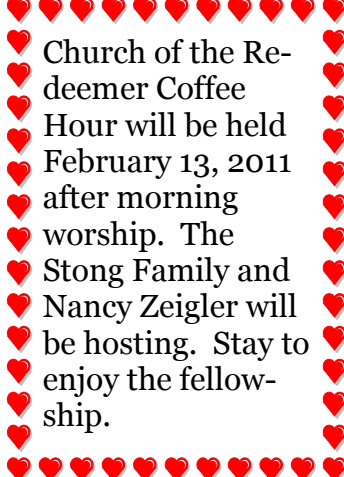
Hospice of Central Pennsylvania is preparing for their semi-annual volunteer training program which starts February 17, 2011. They are looking for special caring, compassionate volunteers to become part of their patient care team. Volunteers must be healthy and mature, comfortable around death and loss, and be good listeners to those who are dying or grieving. They offer 33 hours of extensive training to prepare them for this challenging service. All completed applications are due by February 4, 2011.



February
 6—open
 13—Masters
 20—open
 27—open

Lancaster Theological Seminary Important Dates

- Youth Discover Days**
Feb. 19 and March 5
Previously Confirmation Days, introduce youth to Lancaster Theological Seminary
- Girls and God**
March 24-26 –Retreat weekend led by Dr. Anabel Proffitt and Dr. Julia O’Brien
- Youth Events**
April 9 and May 7
First Youth Event in NC in April
11th Spring Youth Event in May



Church of the Redeemer Coffee Hour will be held February 13, 2011 after morning worship. The Stong Family and Nancy Zeigler will be hosting. Stay to enjoy the fellowship.

We have Giant Gift Cards

Giant Foods has offered non-profit organizations an opportunity to raise money by selling gift cards at face value and keeping 5% of each dollar sold. Here's how it works:

You need groceries this week, so when you come to church you

Buy gift cards from us (a variety of \$ denominations will be available.) You take the gift cards with you and redeem them at Giant while grocery shopping. It's that easy!

Gift cards will be available for purchase on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of

each month. Profits from the sale of grocery cards will benefit Redeemer UCC's general fund.



Reminder!

Please inform us if you have a new address, phone number or email account so we can keep our mailing lists updated.

SH! It's A SURPRISE

Winnie Brezina will be turning 98 on March 15, 2011. We would like to surprise her with a card shower. Her address is: 342 Messiah Circle, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

If you are using the building after hours, please make sure that all lights are out and doors are locked when you leave.

THANK YOU!

We are still collecting postage stamps for the Brethren Home. Just clip off the stamps from the right hand corner. Put them in the basket in the narthex of the church.

LOOKING AHEAD AT IMPORTANT COMMUNITY DATES

February 8—Consistory Meeting @ COR
 February 13—Coffee Hour @ COR
 February 17—Hospice Semi Annual Volunteer Training Program
 February 19—Youth Discover Days @Lanc. Theol. Seminary
 February 20 —Pharmacists Meeting @COR 6:30PM
 March 5—Youth Discover Days @ Lanc. Theol. Seminary
 March 4-6 —Youth Spring Event
 March 6 —Millersburg Ministerium 1st Annual March Madness 5 k run/walk
 March 9—Ash Wednesday
 March 13—Daylight Saving Time Begins
 March 17 —COR helping at food kitchen
 March 20—Pharmacists Meeting @ COR 6:30 PM
 March 24-26—Girls Retreat weekend @ Lanc. Theol. Seminary
 March 27—Coffee hour at COR after worship
 March 31—Helping Hands donation sheet due

United Church of Christ Homes has begun planning for their next Helping Hands Dinner and Auction which will be held May 7, 2011 at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg East.

You can support our event by:

Gathering items relating to a specific theme and make a gift basket to be auctioned

Serve on the Special Events committee (contact Victoria at 717-303-1502 if you are interested)

Attend the May 7, 2011 Helping Hands Dinner and Auction to be held at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg East

\$75 per person (\$40 Charitable gift)

5:30 p.m. Silent Auction and Social Time

7:00 p.m. Dinner followed by Live Auction

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.....Melody Beattie

You are writing a gospel, A chapter each day,
 By deeds that you do, By words that you say.
 Men read what you write, whether faithless or true,
 Say, what is the gospel according to you?



The youth of Church of the Redeemer has undertaken the responsibility of sponsoring three young people under the Child Sponsorship Program of Global Ministries.

The first young lady is in Mt. Selinda Home. Her name is Mtetwa Nyaradzo and she is from Zimbabwe. Mtetwa is 16. She was born November 15, 1993. She attends Rimbi Preaching Point. Both of her parents are deceased. Her mother died in 2000 and her father died in 2006. She is in good health. The second young lady is in Sonada Refugee Camp and her name is Sangay Dolma. Sangay was born June 23, 1999. She has two older sisters and one younger sister. Her father is Nima Wangdi and her mother is Tsering Dolma. She is an average child whose health is not always good. She is from Mustang (Nepal) and she needs sponsorship to continue her studies because of her poor family background. Her favorite subjects are Tibetan and English.

The young man is in Mt. Olivet Boys Home and his name is Moses Cole. Moses is 12 years old. His birthday is November 23, 1998. Moses father is Charles Cole and his mother is Andrea Dixon. Moses is an average child who needs help in reading and spelling. He is a very mannerly boy. His dream is to be the best that he can be. His favorite color is green and his favorite food is chicken and rice. He wants to be in the military when he grows up. All the children live in very rural areas.

OUR SYMPATHY TO: the David Stong family on the recent death of Dave's mother. May God truly comfort and sustain the family during these difficult days.

Financial Facts for January

We are pleased to report to you that we ended the month of December with all of our financial benevolences paid. We praise the Lord for each one of you who made this commitment possible.

But January brings a who new outlook for the 2011 year. Even though we strive to control expenses, we are faced with increases in monthly billings for insurance, electric, water, sewer, trash, and gas. We pray that each of you will commit your offerings sacrificially to the Lord for we know that He will bless you abundantly above all that we could ask or think. We praise God for each and every one of you.

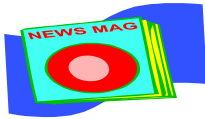
"Hope fills the afflicted soul with such inward joy and consolation, that it can laugh while tears are in the eye, sigh and sing all in a breath; it is call 'the rejoicing of hope'." Hebrews 3:6
 —William Gurnall

Lebanon Valley College invites you to an evening of worship with Aaron Gillespie on February 2, 2011 at 7 PM, at Miller Chapel, 101 N. College Avenue, Annville, PA 17003. The cost for tickets is \$5.00. For more information call 717-867-6135 or visit www.lvc.edu. Tickets are available at iTickets.com.

DO YOU HAVE TOO MANY MAGAZINES AROUND THE HOUSE? DON'T THROW THEM AWAY!

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central PA is collecting magazines, catalogues, and any glossy paper to be recycled for cash. Money earned will help support the Ronald McDonald House of Hershey. Magazines and glossy paper can be deposited in the green containers at:

Ronald McDonald House	McDonald's Restaurant
745 West Governor Road	745 East Cumberland
Hershey	St., Lebanon



UCC Homes challenges churches in our area to send at least two couples to attend their annual Helping Hands Dinner and Auction on May 7, 2011 at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg East. Also please consider donating an auction item such as a theme gift basket. Or serve on the Special Events Committee (contact Victor at 717-303-1502 if interested) and lastly attend the banquet. Cost is \$75.00 (\$40 charitable gift). Silent Auction and Social time 5:30 p.m.; 7:15 p.m. dinner

BLUE MOUNTAIN THRIFT STORE

Donations of clothing, household items, furniture, etc. to be sold or re-donated to persons in need, or

volunteering your time to help at the store. The address is 1251 E. Main Street, Annville, PA 17002. They are located in the Antique Depot behind Marty's Music. Trucks are available to pick up any donations you may have. Call them at 717-867-1595 if you have donations to be picked up. **AT PRESENT WE CANNOT ACCEPT CHILDREN'S CLOTHING, TOYS, STUFFED ANIMALS, AND CHILDREN'S BOOKS.**

**CHRISTIAN CHURCHES UNITED
WINTER OVERNIGHT OUTREACH**

A committee has been meeting to plan the annual winter overnight outreach, providing emergency shelter for men and women on the streets. The downtown churches coordinate, volunteers from the tri-county participate at two locations. Men will be housed at Susquehanna Harbor and the women at the YWCA, both in Harrisburg. Volunteers are always needed to stay overnight. The Outreach begins on Wednesday, December 1 and runs every night until March 31. For more info, please call CCU, 230-9550. Monetary donations are always appreciated for the cleaning of the blankets and white athletic socks are also needed.

BETHESDA MISSION NEEDS Please drop off all donations anytime at 611 Reily Street, Harrisburg, PA.

Men's Shelter:

4 large First Aid kits
50 inch flat screen TV for exercise room
Classroom TV and Cart for Chapel Services
Long Johns (pants and shirts large sizes)
Deodorant
12 Pizza pans

Medical Clinic

Multivitamins
Topical pain reliever for toothaches (orajel)
Natural tears
Foam ear plugs
Ear Wax Remover drops (Debrox)
Hemorrhoid topical remedies

Transitional Living

Floor buffing machine, security system
Installed, Lshaped or Ushaped desk
2 drawer lateral file cabinet

Women & Children's Shelter

Twin comforters
Bowls
Silverware
Drinking glasses
Plastic drinking cups
Towels, washcloths
Pillows
Crib Sheets
Dish detergent
Liquid hand soap
Sanitizer
Paper Towels
Matching Corelle dishes

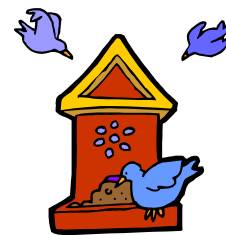
Youth Center








Coffee House supplies
DVD player for classroom
WII games
Playstation 2 games
Appropriate DVD's
Ball Rack holder, Shampooer

Food Services

Pancake mix
Butter
Coffee
Cereal
Pork Loin, Beef
Sausage, bacon, ground beef
Ketchup, Mayonnaise
Milk, Juice
#10 cans of vegetables & fruits
Salad dressings
Latex gloves
Youth Center Continued
Espresso machine
Board games
Xbox games
Worship CD's
Small microwave
Posterboard

FEBRUARY, 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>1 Voices of Palmyra</p> <p>WW AA</p>	<p>2 Choir 7PM Bells 8:30PM Aaron Gillespie @ LVC 7PM</p>  <p>Groundhog Day</p> <p>WW AA</p>	<p>3</p> <p>WW AA OA</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> 
<p>6Worship 9:15AM SS 10:45AM Giant Food Cards Communion</p>	<p>7Ready Ringers 6PM</p> <p>OA WW</p>	<p>8Consistory Mtg. Voices of Palmyra</p> <p>WW AA</p>	<p>9Choir 7PM Bells 8:30PM</p> <p>WW AA</p>	<p>10</p> <p>WW AA OA</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12Lincoln's Birth- day</p> 
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<p>27Worship 9:15AM SS 10:45AM</p>	<p>28Ready Ringers 6PM</p> <p>OA WW</p>				