

New Danville Newsletter

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Therefore anyone who is in Christ is a new
creation; the old has gone, the new
has come!

2 Corinthians 5:17



Sewing Circle

Four ladies met on Wednesday, December 1 and knotted six comforters.

~Lois Garber

SMILE

“Joy to the World the Lord has come!” The month of December started out with caroling to the folks at Oak Leaf Manor. It was a good morning of singing, sharing some Christmas readings and talking to some of the residents there.

The following week was the last morning of our prayer study lead by Audrey Kanagy. We focused on Matthew 6:13, “Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil.” We talked about how Satan loves to get a foothold in our lives and how we can use the Word of God to combat the sin that can so easily come. Audrey commented that “when a verse speaks to you—take notice—and obey!” We need to submit to God’s rescue and give up our control.

The last morning before our Christmas break was our annual brunch—a fun morning with special holiday foods and relaxed conversation. The challenge was given to look for Christ in our celebrations this year. He is the reason for the season!

~Ruth Ann Stoner

WHO AM I ?

How many siblings do you have?

One older sister

Favorite food.

Anything Italian

Favorite Bible verse.

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:5-6

Favorite song.

There are so many wonderful, inspirational songs it is hard to pick just one; but, "This Is My Father's World" has been one of my favorites since I first learned it at summer camp over 50 years ago.

Your first job.

Secretary - taking shorthand and transcribing on a typewriter

What can always be found in my refrigerator?

Milk and eggs

What do you do for fun?

Being outdoors enjoying nature and wildlife in all seasons.

Support my active family in their many varied pursuits.

Play table games and jigsaw puzzles.

Hobbies

Cross-country skiing, hiking, biking, hunting, bird/animal watching, cooking/baking, writing, gardening, and wildflowers.

Where would you like to go if you could travel?

Any place where there are mountains - maybe Switzerland or Norway.

One of your most embarrassing moments.

Setting my menu on fire at a fancy restaurant in Baltimore.

People may be surprised to know that

I was in my high school band four years and can't read a note of music. (I was a fire-twirling majorette.)

I walk two miles every morning before breakfast and deliver newspapers to the door for three of my elderly neighbors.

My unfulfilled ambition.

To hold my grandchildren.

One thing I've learned in life.

Each day is a gift and we are not guaranteed a tomorrow; therefore, "Seize the day!"

What do you like most about church?

Joining together in unity with fellow believers to study, praise, and worship God.

Youth Group

During December the youth group had a Bible study the first week. We also had a cookie baking contest for Christmas. That was a lot of fun and we had lots of really good cookies. We were planning to have a Christmas party too but that got snowed out. It was a disappointment but the events that we did have were a lot of fun.

~Michael Sollenberger

MY DREAM FOR OUR CONGREGATION IN 2010 IS:

.. that we would boldly and honestly share our lives and stories with each other, embracing the gifts that God has given each of us, both when we meet together for worship and as we minister to others.

~ Laura Metzler

... to lay aside our own agendas and allow God's spirit to move among us.

~Shirley Garber

...a growing and active next generation.

~Trent Hess

... That we would be able to look past our differences and be united for the sake of furthering Christ's Kingdom here on earth.

~Jay & Kristen Lehman

That we continue to grow in grace and unity as a church.

~Martin and Sandi

Prayer Quotes



By: Martha Thomas

"When He walked upon this earth, Jesus voluntarily agreed to live in dependence upon the Father as an example of how we are to live. So if Jesus Christ, with all His power and perfection, made PRAYER a priority in His life, then where ought PRAYER to fit in your life and in mine? (David Jeremiak)

"PRAYER is the gymnasium of the soul."
(Samuel Zwemer)



Bits and Pieces

--Lyle Ressler ran the Philadelphia Marathon on November 22 in a time of 3 hours and 4 minutes which qualified him to run the Boston Marathon. A marathon is 26.2 miles. He was 5th in his age group.

--Emily Horst designed the cover for this month's newsletter.

--The identity of "who am I?" is Shirley Warfel.

Upcoming Events

February 4 District clothes packing at Ephrata



Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends,

I am writing with only a few more days left in 2009. It is during this time of the year that we begin to remember the past and look to the future. We consider what we have accomplished and what is yet to be done. We count down the days to important dates like, birthday's anniversaries and vacations. Below you will find a countdown of important dates in the coming year.

As of Dec. 21, 2009 there are:

- 58 days until Wednesday, February 17th – Lent begins
- 83 days until Sunday, March 14th – Day Light Saving time begins
- 90 days until Sunday, March 21st – First day of spring.
- 103 days until Sunday, April 4th – Easter
- 139 days until Sunday, May 9th – Mother's day
- 181 days until Sunday, June 20th -- Father's day
- 182 days until Monday, June 21st – First day of Summer
- 268 days until Saturday, September 18th – My birthday
- 275 days until Thursday, September 23rd – First day of Autumn
- 339 days until Thursday, November 25th -- Thanksgiving
- 364 days until Tuesday, December, 21st – First day of Winter
- 368 days until Saturday, December 25th – Christmas

Though days and years come and go with swiftness and it won't be long until 2010 is a distant memory, we look to the one who holds time in His hand our Heavenly Father the creator of all. Though we do not know if next year will continue to allow us religious freedom or if the plans we have made will come to fruition, we do know that our peace and foundation is built on the shed blood of Jesus Christ. We believe that because of how

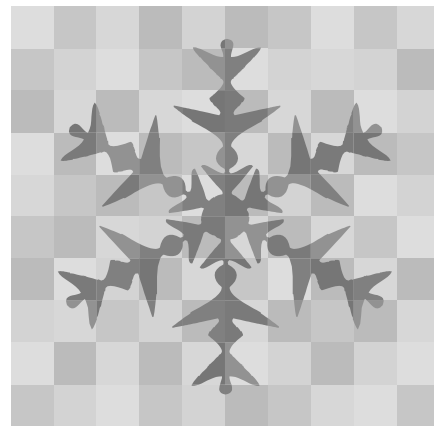
Christ has redeemed our lives that nothing that this world places in our way can destroy or alter our eternal reward.

Listen the writings of Paul found in Romans 5:1-5 – *Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.*

As we continue to journey into God's preferred future for us as individuals and as a congregation may the challenges and changes of the coming days bring us peace, hope and perseverance and may our character be refined into the likeness of our Savior.

Blessings,

Curtiss



Seek and Find

BOOKS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

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MATTHEW
ACTS
EPHESIANS
TIMOTHY
JAMES
JOHN
GALATIANS

MARK
ROMANS
PHILIPPIANS
TITUS
PETER
THESSALONIANS
HEBREWS

LUKE
CORINTHIANS
COLOSSIANS
PHILEMON
JUDE
REVELATION

January 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Martha Harnish
3 Soup and Bread Meal After church	4 Ministry team mtg. @ 7 p.m.	5 SMILE 9:15-11:00	6 Sewing circle 9:30-4:00 Nellie Irvin	7 Kathy Schrock Denise Dahlberg	8 Mike Sollenberger	9 Cameron Harnish
10 Ethan Dahlberg Ann Risser Catherine Gerlach	11	12 SMILE 9:15-11:00 John Graybill	13 Prayer mtg. 7pm	14	15	16 Mission Team Leaves for Haiti
17	18	19 SMILE 9:15-11:00	20	21	22	23
24 Martha Hartman 31 Jean Bitzer Ryan Brenneman	25 Emily Hess	26 SMILE 9:15-11:00 Mission Team Returns from Haiti	27 Prayer mtg. 7pm	28	29	30