

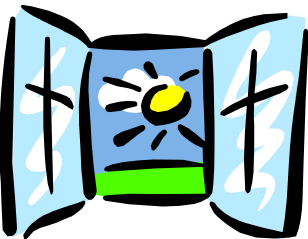
First Edition

JULY/AUGUST, 2011

Dates to Remember

- 7/8: Reading Phillies game
- 7/24: Financial Roundtable presentations
- 7/27: FIRE mtg.
- 7/30: Electrical Scrap Recycling Event
- 8/7: Communion
- 8/10: FIRE mtg.
- 8/17: FIRE mtg.
- 8/24: FIRE mtg.
- 9/1: Church Learning registrations due!
- 9/4: Communion
- 9/8: Leisures' OC trip

Check Monthly Planner for other events & times!



Worship Schedule at First Church

- Sunday Worship at 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Nursery care and children's sermons at both services.
- Summer Fun for children ages 3-5 at 10:00 a.m.
- Summer Choir: rehearsal at 9:30; anthem at the 10 a.m. worship service

July/August Worship Schedule

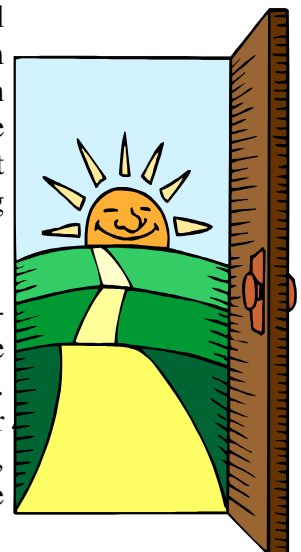
Sunday, July 24th, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.: Our summer series of messages on the Lord's Prayer continues with a discussion of "Give Us Our Daily Bread" (Matthew 6:11). We are now almost half-way through the prayer, and only now does the focus turn to our own needs. Bread plays a significant role in many of the stories about Jesus. What do we learn about how God provides for us as we see what Jesus teaches about bread? Join us following either service this morning for a presentation and discussion of our church's financial picture.

Sunday, July 31st, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.: The next petition of the Lord's Prayer, "Forgive Us Our Debts" (Matthew 6:12), leads us into a discussion of the relationship between God's forgiveness of us and our forgiveness of others. How does Jesus' parable of the two debtors in Matthew 18:23-35 help us to understand God's forgiveness—and our own?

Sunday, August 7, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.: "Lead Us Not into Temptation" the Lord's Prayer continues in Matthew 6:13. Temptation seems to follow us wherever we go—it comes from both internal and external sources. This morning we will consider what we learn about our relationship with God in the ways we deal with temptation. And we will be fed for our journey of faith as we gather at the **Communion table**.

Sunday, August 14, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.: The final phrase of the Lord's Prayer, "For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever," is not found in scripture; it did not come into common usage until the 17th century. Nevertheless, it is a powerful statement of hope and confidence in Jesus Christ, and a fitting way to end our sermon series on this timeless prayer.

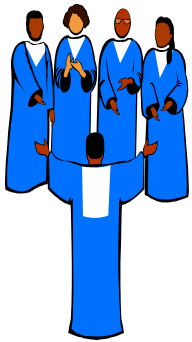
Sunday, August 21, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.: Each Sunday this summer we have sung some of your favorite hymns. We conclude the summer with pastors' picks. This morning we will learn the story behind Pastor Dick's favorite hymn, based on childhood memories, "The Lord's My Shepherd." This lovely setting of the 23rd Psalm is sure to inspire our hearts and souls.



[July/August Worship Schedule continued from page 1]

Sunday, August 28, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.: Pastor Amy will preach on one of her favorite hymns, “Hope of the World.” Learn about the great theologian and professor Georgia Harkness, and the hymn she wrote for the World Council of Churches, calling the church to be faithful to the Gospel of Christ.

Sunday, September 4, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.: Pastor Eva’s pick of hymns is “Be Thou My Vision. This morning she tells us why this ancient Irish hymn speaks to her, and what its message can mean for us. And we will invite Christ to be our vision and our wisdom as we share in the **sacrament of Communion**.



- The **summer choir** continues each week, giving you an opportunity to be a part of the choir any week that you are interested.
- **Summer Fun**, Christian education for children ages 2 through 5th grade, is offered each Sunday during the 10:00 service, and there is child-care for infants at both services.
- The **Lemonade Stand** following the 10:00 service gives you an opportunity to share in fellowship and help our children raise money for the Capital Campaign.



PRAYER CONCERNS

FOR HEALING: Alan Evans; Alex Steele; Alice Cress; Alice Welsh; Ashley Reed; Audrey Grainer; Barb Nagle; Bill MacDade; Bill Sadler; Bob Arters; Bobby Steininger; Brenda McFarland; Dan Moore; David Hughes; Debbie Bochnak; Donna Young; Fred Guthan; Gabby Vogel; Gary Mills; George Allen; Geraldine Brower; Gregg Downs; Helen Vaughan; Jack Mars; Jack Shenkle; Jerry Harrison; Jinny MacLelland; Linda Miller; Lisa Priebe; Little Leo; Mary Matkevich; Mildred Poet; Melissa Montgomery; Millie Vircsik; Minnie Thacker; Rev. Robert Young; Thelma; Nancy Pittock; Paul Sebastian; Pauline Harding; Todd McGown; Vladimir & Linda Dobrischkin.

FOR COMFORT IN GRIEF: Betty Siipple and Kay Henzie upon the death of Debra Siipple Bochnak.

SAFETY FOR THOSE SERVING IN AFGHANISTAN: Steven Ross, friend of Pastor Eva.

SAFETY FOR THOSE SERVING IN IRAQ: Brian Ferguson

DEPLOYED TO MEDITERRANEAN: James Foster, Libby Shaw’s fiancé.

BIRTH: Elaina Faith Miller, daughter of Angela Miller & granddaughter of Gwen Miller

SPECIAL PERSONS

July 3rd – *Lewis Favinger*

August 7th – *Hank Slater*

July 10th – *Pauline Harding*

August 14th – *Helen Vaughan*

July 17th – *Jerry Harrison*

August 21st – *Millie Vircsik*

July 24th – *William Richards*

August 28th – *Gerry Brower*

July 31st – *Jack Shenkle*



From the Pastor...

BE STILL...

Be still, and know that I am God.

Psalm 46:10



No e-mail, no IM, no games.
 No texting, no TV, no tweets.
 No talk, no travel, no phone.
 No sports, no music, no books.
 No visits, no shopping, no plans.



Just stillness and quiet and calm.
 Now I hear you, God.

-Diana Derringer-

How quickly our days fill with things to do and places to go and errands to complete. Even the lazy days of summer become a time to catch up on all those things that were left undone when we were getting the kids off to school in the morning and supervising homework in the evening and rushing off to yet another committee meeting. So when is the time to slow down and make room for God? In fact the thought of time spent in quiet solitude sometimes seems completely foreign to our way of life. Kristin Evans writes about the importance we place on convenience in our society—from fast food to instant answers to devotionals on the go. But when it comes to our relationship to God, she continues, there is no such thing as spiritual fast food. There's no substitute for the nourishment that comes from sitting alone with God in silent prayer, in reflection on scripture. *

So how do we find those moments to embrace the silence, to escape the noise and busyness that fills our days? Maybe you could turn the radio off sometimes when you are in the car. Or fast from television for an hour or an evening. Step outside, away from family and friends for a few minutes, or stop by the church on your way past sometimes and sit quietly in a pew remembering God in this place of worship. Or get up early some days or stay up late just to embrace a bit of silence. These suggestions from *Time Away: A Guide for Personal Retreat* by Ben Johnson and Paul Lang can help you create the space to remember that God is ever present and desires our trust and love. And maybe when you make space for God, you will find that the clutter that sometimes blocks your view will disappear. You will see which commitments and responsibilities that seem so important to you are actually keeping you from what matters most. Maybe as you spend time with God you will be able to lay some of your burdens at God's feet instead of continuing to carry them on your own shoulders.

So take time this summer to revel in the warmth of the sun. Listen to the breaking of the waves. Watch the fireflies winking in the grass. Search the skies and try to count the stars. "Be still...and know that I am God."

Blessings, Pastor Amy

**"Spiritual Fast Food?" by Kristen Evans in *Alive Now* (July/August, 2011)

ELECTRONIC SCRAP RECYCLING EVENT

Saturday, July 30th
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
FUMC Parking Lot

This is your opportunity to get rid of all those old computers and accessories, outmoded VCR's and telephones, outdated modems, computer games and cameras, and lots of other electronic junk and scrap metal you've had sitting around for so long. (TV's cannot be taken, and there will be \$10 charge for computer monitors.) See the flier on the bulletin board for a complete list of what will be accepted. Questions? Contact 267-221-6924 or 611metals@gmail.com.



FREE PERSONAL FINANCIAL WORKSHOPS

Wednesdays from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Exton Square Mall Community Room
(Enter lower level between Boscov's and Sears.)

August 3—Women and Money
August 10—Building a Better Credit Report
September 14—Youth: Life After High School

Presented by Open Hearth Inc.
For more information or to register (required), call 610-792-9282, ext. 201;
or email Debbie.openhearth@verizon.net

CONGRATULATIONS TO BILL SADLER...



...who was recognized as an outstanding volunteer by the Phoenixville Senior Center, where he helps at the front desk, assists with janitorial duties and setting up for events, enjoys calling Bingo, and helps the staff wherever he is needed. He also sings in the Phoenixville Choir and is passionate about Relay for Life, for which he also volunteers. And we know that Bill is one of First Church's best evangelists—he can't wait to tell folks what this church means to him.

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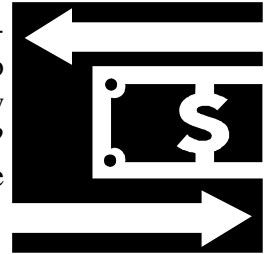
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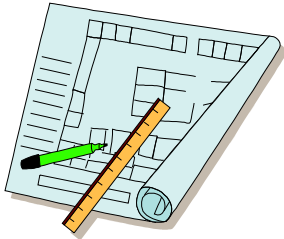
FINANCIAL ROUNDTABLE

Join us in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, July 24th, at 9:30 or 11:00 for light refreshments and a presentation and discussion of our current financial picture. Be sure to bring your questions about both giving and spending at FUMC. Want to know how our budget is determined? How your money is spent? Where we stand financially? These and many other questions will be answered by representatives of the Finance and Building Committees and the Trustees.



BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE

Thanks to your generous support of the capital campaign, we can celebrate the completion of our handicapped accessible bathrooms and the storage room, and the installation of air conditioning in Fellowship Hall. (Ask the nearly 100 participants in Vacation Bible School how much they appreciated that last feature!) The next step will be the installation of new windows in Fellowship Hall and the kitchen, hopefully by the end of the summer. All that will remain then will be the renovation of the kitchen, for which the committee has considered a number of plans. For the next several months we will continue to accumulate capital campaign funds toward that end, while placing actual construction on hold until a final decision on the kitchen design is made.



SURVEY RESULTS

On May 15th, 112 people completed a survey distributed at the end of the worship services. Another 19 people completed the survey online. Here are a few of the findings: a large majority of respondents indicated that they are pleased with worship at FUMC, with the music program and family worship getting especially high marks. When asked to name a favorite mission project, 18 people mentioned a youth mission trip. Homelessness and hunger were noted as the greatest needs in our community, and PACS got the highest number of responses as a community organization that could use our support. A number of people expressed an interest in an online discussion of a Christian education topic, and most people said that they understood the functioning of the Administrative Council and the other committees in the church. A number of people expressed their enthusiasm for the kitchen renovations, and several people noted that some of the pews need to be repaired. (You'll be happy to know that this will be done in late August.) Forty-two people said that they have joined the church website, and only fourteen indicated that they had not. In fact, the website got high praise from respondents, as did the weekly Enews. Throughout the survey there were affirmations of the church's ministry, staff, building and property, and the work of volunteers.

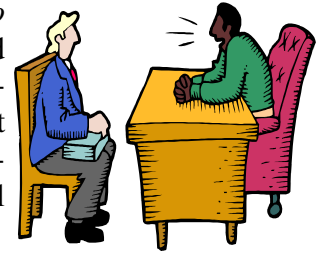
It must be noted that 85% of respondents took the survey after a worship service. This means that they were present for worship, and thus are likely to be fairly active in the church. This could lead to answers reflecting satisfaction with the church. Perhaps we will need to find a way to survey those who were *not* present; possibly their absence means that they have experienced *dissatisfaction* with the church and have felt that it was not meeting their needs.



In the coming weeks and months, the work areas and committees of our church will be looking closely at the results to determine how they can respond to the observations and suggestions made by those who took the survey.

RESOURCES FOR JOB SEEKERS

The Chester County Workforce Investment Board (WIB) has developed a *Road to Employment* initiative to assist those who are unemployed and underemployed through several programs and activities to aid job-seekers in obtaining new employment. All services are **FREE** to job-seekers unless otherwise noted. Visit www.chesco.org/JobSeekerToolkit for more information, including local education and employment resources, information and referral agencies, and financial assistance programs.



YOU ARE INVITED TO FRIENDSHIP WITH A RESIDENT OF ST. PETER'S PLACE OR EPISCOPAL HOUSE



Members and friends of the religious communities of Phoenixville are invited to be linked with seniors whose families and support live at a distance or who are otherwise alone, simply for the purpose of friendship, joy and life. If you'd like to connect with one of these persons, please see Pastor Dick for more information.

“Ocean City or Bust”

Warren Sellers has graciously invited the Leisures group down to his vacation spot at Ocean City, NJ, again this fall. The “day at the shore” will take place on Thursday, September 8th. We will rent a van and charge a minimal fee for transportation (\$20/round trip). Departure from the church will be at 9:00 a.m. and we will return between 8:00-9:00 p.m. The day includes, weather permitting, a brown-bag lunch or eating at one of the many places nearby, a stroll on the boardwalk or the beach, games, conversation and plenty of laughter & good fellowship.



A delicious dinner will conclude the day’s activities before the trip home (Cost: \$20-25). Enjoy this fun-filled day with some of your best friends from the congregation. Look for details in the September newsletter and for the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the church office. For questions or details, contact Dot Wood.

Missions Committee Update

The Missions Committee finished up the Spring with two events for very special causes. On May 22nd we held a Pancake breakfast to benefit FUMC’s mission team to Camp Love in Mississippi. This event raised \$323.00 to help defray the costs for this trip.

In July, Linda Dobrischkin and Sara Bergstresser are set to deliver a camp scholarship to the Challenge Camp at Camp Innabah. This scholarship, which is given in memory of Eleanor Weiser, will enable a special needs child to attend this camp. We have raised money through the foodless breakfast, the Allebachs’ Egypt presentation, and the Pentecost offering so that we would be able to present a full scholarship to Camp Innabah. We would like to thank the congregation for their support for all of our projects.



From the Youth Director

“WOW! I completed my first year as Youth Director!”



Me! A former bookkeeper, a stay-at-home mom, what was I thinking! Well, I found out leading the youth of our congregation isn't about what you know, it's what's in your heart. It's about a passion for youth and a passion for faith in Jesus Christ and that isn't learned in on the job or in textbooks! So, I realized, I had that and I had one foot in the door, Yahoo!

My journey began with reading youth journals and magazines, talking to anyone who would listen; I even went to some youth conferences and read a lot of books, soon realizing that I can throw out all the programs and organized events and activities and I would have to concentrate on building relationships with our youth. I think I did that.

On Sunday mornings, there's nothing more rewarding than spontaneously talking to the youth about a problem, or things going on in their lives. It's the small “mini-moments” that have come to mean the most to us. It's the trust, the routine, the openness and non-judgmental interactions that sparked the FIRE of the youth group. Sunday evenings, we kicked off our shoes, put up our feet, had some interactive Bible lessons, talked about our lives, played games, and we did this all under the watchful eye of Jesus Christ. Simple as it seems, it's not, and I know that I still have a lot to learn and teach about living our faith. I liked when I read Chap Clark's book, “When Kids Hurt” – he says “Every child needs authentic, intimate relationships with adults; relationships with adults who sincerely care, that is the primary need.” I knew after reading this that I chose the right path.

With that said, I thank you all for being patient with me, for trusting me, for the hope you have maintained throughout the year, and for believing that I could be the one to help our youth live their daily lives with Jesus Christ as their ultimate mentor. I also thank Carissa who was always beside me, learning with me, supporting me, teaching me and giving me the fuel I needed keep the FIRE going.



I'm sure our second year will be as rewarding as the first!

Live creatively, friends. If someone falls into sin, forgivingly restore him, saving your critical comments for yourself.

You might be needing forgiveness before the day's out. Stoop down and reach out to those who are oppressed.

Share their burdens and so complete Christ's law. If you think you are too good for that, you are badly deceived.

Make a careful exploration of who you are and the work you have been given, and then sink yourself into that.

Don't be impressed with yourself. Don't compare yourself with others. Each of you must take responsibility for doing the creative best you can with your own life. ~Galatians 6:1-5

[“The Message”, Eugene H. Peterson]

*Blessings,
Cheryl*



FIRE (YOUTH GROUP) NEWS

We will be holding mid-week FIRE Meetings this summer! Bring your lunch and chill. We will meet in the HS Youth Room at 10 a.m., play some games, chill out, and if it's nice eat lunch outside. Bring some game ideas, lesson ideas, too!
And, you are not allowed to say "I'm Bored!"

Tentative meeting dates are:
July 20, July 27th, August 10th, August 17th, and August 24th-
an RSVP will be required for these meetings, please mark your calendars!

Stay tuned for upcoming plans for: TyeDye Fundraiser, GaGa/Pool Party at the Cini's, School Supply Service Project, 30 Hour Famine, Inherit the Mirth Fundraiser, etc.

A reminder for our youth ages 14 and up: With your parent's permission and a signed waiver you may be able to help our Good Works Ministry. Call Mrs. Cini and she'll tell you all about it! The next scheduled Good Works day is August 13th. Don't miss this opportunity to serve our local community.

Plans for September and October lessons are being made. September we will be discussing where our youth group can fit into the worship service. Yes, you can be a Lay Reader, a Greeter, Collect the Offering, an Usher, etc. We will also be doing a series by Dave Ramsay, "Generation Change", it talks about money, tithing and the Bible.

Oh,Oh, before I forget, enjoy every moment of the summer, don't think too hard, just about the things I mentioned above! ~Mrs. Cini

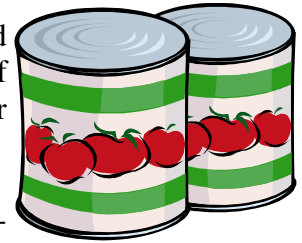


CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Thoughts on the Ethical Food Pantry

When contributing to the PACS food pantry for our less fortunate brothers and sisters remember to provide not simply calories but healthy nourishment. Healthy foods contribute to one's well-being and nourish bodies. As we seek to nourish souls let's also seek to cultivate healthy people. I encourage you to donate from the following:

Canned Foods: minimally processed foods, i.e. one ingredient on the label, canned in water, or in their own juice. Also, large cans of cooked beans, large cans of diced or stewed tomatoes, tomato sauce (no added ingredients), canned corn or pumpkin, peanut butter (no oils or sugar added).



Milks: 32 or 64 oz. cartons of unsweetened soy and rice milks, low in fat and calcium rich.



Dry Bagged: whole and minimally processed staples from the base of the Food Guide Pyramid: e.g. brown or white rice; and dry beans like red, pink, black, chickpeas, navy, lentils, etc.; corn grits, steel cut or rolled oats, buckwheat or groats, barley, quinoa; plain pasta made from wheat, and include gluten free pasta from rice, corn, or quinoa.

Nuts and seeds: raw or dry roasted nuts, e.g. almonds, walnuts, cashews, pistachios. Inspect the label and avoid nuts roasted in oils with added salt and sugars which makes them a very high calorie item.

Condiments: condiments are essential when using the above foods as well as fresh or frozen produce, to prepare savory meals. Many condiments come in plastic or tin containers: e.g. garlic paste, olives, capers, lemon juice, roasted red peppers, black pepper, and ground oregano, parsley, dill, mustard, ginger, cumin...

Minimize donations of the following foods. Factory processed foods come bagged, boxed, and packaged for easy handling, and they might be essential for people without access to a kitchen, but read the labels for fillers like flour, sugar, corn syrup, oils, artificial flavors, colors, and preservatives. Most of these items - breads, boxed cereals, and pastries; instant soups and potatoes; canned pasta, sweet pork and beans, syrup canned fruit, and sweet drinks or juices - supply empty calories, rob us of nutrients and are associated with heartburn, promote high sugar, high cholesterol, obesity, and heart disease.



Please donate mindfully as we share God's love through Phoenixville Area Community Services Food Pantry. And perhaps consider stocking your own pantry the same way!



Vacation Bible School Report: Pandamania “Where God is Wild About You.”



I am *wild* about our VBS Volunteers! Thank you, to all of you who participated in making this another super Vacation Bible School. Thanks to all who donated food, cash or both. And it could not have been such a success without these folks . . .

Our “Pandarific” Station Leaders:	Jeanne Brostowicz	Wild Bible Adventures
	Karla Rush	Chadder’s Movie Mania
	Debbie Kuhn	Crazy Crafts
	Sean Leary	Bamboo Blast Games
	Marianne Malloy	Panda Preschool Director

Opening and Closing Assembly Songs and Skits: Gwen Miller, Dave Bretzius and Becca Rush

Panda Crew Leaders: Laura Piland, Sally Doyle, Trina and John Allen, Jeanne Thompson, Dave Bretzius, Paige Ferguson and Kristin Bonshock

Panda Preschool Aides: Lori Joyce, Carla Davison, Cathy Yeagle, Becca Rush, Susan Piland

Panda Crazy Crafts Assistants: Kathleen Montgomery, Xandra Coleman, Jean Bouchelle, Pastor Dick, Emily Thompson, Phyllis Tyler, and Helen Martin

Wild Bible Adventurers: Rachel Brostowicz, Xandra Coleman, Ed Hook, Pastor Dick

Bamboo Blast Games Assistants: Trey Piland, Aniqua Coleman, Kendrick Coker

Kitchen Crew: Laura Piland, Sara Bergstresser, LeeAnn Leary, Beth Hook and Connie DeFlavia

Registration: Betty Moore and Judy Schofield

VBS Spotlight Photographer: Marc Pochet

Stepped in to help wherever needed: Pastor Amy, Pastor Dick, Jean Bouchelle, Helen Martin

Decorating Support: Cheryl Cini, Jane Hulse, Marianne Malloy, Gwen Miller

Margie of Shallis Services, who cleaned up after us!

Thank You to the families of our congregation and community for bringing your children to participate in PandaMania. I hope that the experience of learning that “God Is Wild About Us” will stick with these beautiful children and that their families will be blessed.

From the Pastor of Christian Education

'It's summertime and the living is easy' . . . well maybe not easy but different as we enjoy summer activities and times of vacation, which made me think about the word vacation and its etymology.

According to *Etymology Online* the word vacation was coined in late 14 century, meaning "freedom or release" (from some activity or occupation), from Old French, *vacation*, from Latin, *vacationem* (nom. *vacatio*) "leisure, a being free from duty," from *vacare* "be empty, free, or at leisure" (from L. *vanus* "idle, empty,"). Or meaning "formal suspension of activity" (in ref. to schools, courts, etc.) is recorded from mid-15century. Also in the U.S. the equivalent of what in Britain is called a *holiday*, from Old English, *haligdæg* "holy day; Sabbath."

But for me the summer is the time to plan for the coming program year, thinking about educating our congregation and community. There are some things that I know we need: Bible studies and studies that challenge and enrich our journey together; studies that enlighten us about who God is and how we are to live as followers of Jesus.

And that's where that last bit of the etymology definition caught my attention, Holy day or Sabbath. Back to the online word site and I find, from the Old English *sabat* "Saturday," observed by the Jews as a day of rest, from Latin *sabbatum*, from Greek *sabbaton*, from Hebrew *shabbath*, properly meaning "day of rest," from *shabath* "God rested." From the seventh day of the week, it began to be applied in the early 15th century to the first day (Sunday), a change completed during the Reformation. So Sunday, in reformed Protestant thought, is to be a day of rest along with freedom or release from our usual routine and work.

Hmm . . . That isn't what I observe. Gone are the days when the family had breakfast together, dressed for church, came to Sunday school and worship and perhaps went home to have a big Sunday dinner with family or friends.

What I do see is families hustling their children in the doors of the church for Sunday school or worship and heading out to get them some lunch before the afternoon sports commitments or other activities begin. I see fewer and fewer adults coming for Sunday school because they work on Sunday or want to relax at home, read the paper, or go out to brunch. No judgments here, simply observation. (There are Sundays when I would be delighted to stay in bed late, read a paper and go out to brunch with my husband!) Some come faithfully to worship but don't come to Sunday school.

I'm left in a quandary as I think about Christian Education for the coming program year. The same old, same old isn't working and things need to change. So I invite you to think with me. What do you *really* want? What will help you in your faith journey? When can you commit to participating? I would really like to hear from you, from all age levels, and I ask you to be honest. Please respond in person, by phone, via email or in the comments box on the website under my blog. Also check out the wall by the Chapel where you can write suggestions and comments.

As I pray for guidance and begin the planning process with our education councils, I trust God will lead us together to grow in faith and truly bless our efforts in seeking, sharing and showing God's love.



With you on the journey,

Pastor Eva



Summer Fun Continues in August

Children ages 2 to fifth grade can participate during the 10:45 worship following the Children's Message.



Registration Form for Education Programs 2011-2012

Every September we invite you to fill out a registration form. This year, in part to the strong response from VBS online registrations, we will offer it online as well as in paper form. Watch the FUMC website and e-news for the form. Let's use our technology to save paper and keep information up to date! For those of you who do it "old school" here is the registration form to fill out and return to me. Please return before September 1, 2011.



Church Learning Registration Form for Children and Youth 2011-12

All families with children ages 2 through High School need to fill out a form.

Family Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

Parent Name(s) _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

<u>Student Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Grade: Fall 2011</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Known Allergies (Give child's name and allergy info)

Name _____	Allergy _____
Name _____	Allergy _____
Name _____	Allergy _____

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Confidential Information (Children/Youth Form continued)

Family Doctor _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Insurance Co. _____

Policy Number _____

Name on Policy _____

Physical Limitations _____

I authorize you to call my doctor or provide transportation to an emergency room if I cannot be reached in an emergency.

Name and Date signed _____ Date _____

Adult Church Learning Registration 2011-2012

Family Name _____

First Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Class Interest at this time – check all that apply as we may offer at other than Sunday times

- Discussion
 Social Justice and Action topics
 Bible Study and Prayer
 Coffee on the Corner
 Seeking the Sacred in Everyday Living
 Managing Finances
 Book Discussion
 Weekly news topic

Volunteer Opportunities for Sunday Mornings

We need adults to help as they are able. See Pastor Eva for Safe Sanctuary Clearance forms. Adults and youth over 18 must have clearances.

_____ Class Shepherd to an age level group. K -5th grade Indicate grade level _____

_____ Big Group Leader – leads large group assembly with prepared resources

Indicate area of interest Craft Drama Cooking Computer Games Music Video

_____ Rover (monitors hallways during Sunday morning programming)

Indicate preferred month(s) Sept Oct Nov Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May

_____ Nursery Care second adult for infants Sunday mornings 9:30 – 10:30 AM

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