

## After VBS, a boy sees God

Kitty Katzell of Medford, NJ, tells the story of a little boy who was zigzagging his way home from Vacation Bible School one beautiful summer day.

He found a caterpillar and a fluffy milkweed pod, and blew out all the filler. He saw a bird's nest in a tree and a swan in a pond. He picked up a worm and thought of going fishing.

A neighbor watched his zigzag path, greeted him, and asked him what he was doing.

"I've been to Vacation Bible School," the boy replied.

"Good for you," the neighbor said. "If you tell me where God is, I'll give you this quarter."

"I'll give you a dollar, Mister, if you can tell me where God ain't," the boy replied.



## Church of the Good Shepherd Pastor's Ponderings

### *Russia Schedule*

*Wednesday, June 15—Arrive 5am, rent apartment, register with government. Meet with Pastor Katya to plan. Evening prayer meeting (praying for those with dependencies).*

*Thursday, June 16—Visitation. Prepare food for choir practice. Prayer and singing. Walk along river, praying for city.*

*Friday, June 17—Visit nursing home, handicapped center. Panel discussion, gifts, singing. Evangelism walk in village—blessing for engaged couple, 9-year old commits to Christ, elderly woman asks for healing prayer. Team members have supper in homes of church members.*

*Saturday, June 18—Preparations for Vacation Bible School in afternoon. 3-hour VBS. Church ser-*

*vice—Bert preaching. Meal together.*

*Sunday, June 19—Leadership retreat led by Bert at Igor's dacha (9-8) Training, small groups, baptisms, meals, worship.*

*Monday, June 20—Meeting with building contractors, prayer on site. Young adult Bible study (led by Bert) in village.*

*Tuesday, June 21—Homeless shelter (prayers for salvation), meeting at Cultural Center with team from Georgia/North Carolina. Purchasing gifts for ministry.*

*Wednesday, June 22—Visitation, retreat follow-up, buying food for evening celebration. Bible study with church members, saying goodbye.*

*Thursday, June 23—Depart 5am*

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## COMING EVENTS FOR JULY

### July 4

Church Office Closed

### July 11

Trustees Meeting 7:30

### July 19

Finance Committee

Meeting 6:30

Administrative Council

Meeting 7:30



## July Birthdays

### July 1

Ryan Wood

### July 12

Leah Powell

### July 25

Kristen Weaver

### July 2

Trevor Smith  
Keith Sinsel  
Peter Brown

### July 15

Debbie Kines

### July 26

Courtnei Moats  
Robert Riggs

### July 3

Judy Dawson  
Marik Chambers  
Julie Lipscomb Knight

### July 16

Harry White

### July 27

Charlotte Williams

### July 20

Muriel Bean

### July 29

Susan Sinsel

### July 23

Mark Stewart

### July 31st

Dave Barlow

### July 6

Julie Reneau  
Mick Elsey

## July Anniversaries

### July 1

Don & Linda Sapp  
Herb & Janet Losh

### July 24

Michael & Elena Hawran-  
ick

### July 6

Catherine & Tim Brown

### July 25

Richard & Wilma Warne

### July 9

Bev & Louie Gerard

### July 28

Scott & Shelley Elsey

### July 14

Dennis & Judy Dawson

### July 30

Kelly & Jim Brown II

### July 16

Janie & Mike Skinner

### July 31

Paul & Julie Reneau





## Spotlight on the Flock

### Conversations with Carla

*"We were asked how was our church taking care of business?"*

Pastor Bert and I attended The United Methodist Church West Virginia Annual Conference, held at West Virginia Wesleyan College in Buckhannon on June 8 – 11, 2011. The theme of the conference this year was Our Varied Gifts – United By Christ The Lord of All. Bishop Lyght was ill and could not attend the conference. Retired Bishop William Boyd Grove presided over the 2011 Annual Conference. The conference seemed to have a very subdued atmosphere since Bishop Lyght was not in attendance.

At the conference this year delegates were elected to attend next year's General and Jurisdictional Conferences. The General Conference will be held in Tampa, Florida in April and Jurisdictional Conference will be held in Charleston, West Virginia in July 2012. We were told that in Charleston they will be needing people to drive to the airport and pick people up, act as host and hostess to get people to the correct places at the conference and

several other jobs. They would also like to have handmade prayer shawls to give to all of the delegates that attend the conference. It took several votes to get everyone elected that would attend the conference. You vote for the number of delegates that you still have to elect at the time of the vote. If someone votes for too many people or not enough people the ballot is thrown out. Clergy and laity vote separately. The clergy select from a list of all the clergy that are part of the annual conference. I thought that their list looked overwhelming. Some members of both clergy and laity excused themselves from running so that someone could be elected. Between elections we viewed new commercials for the United Methodist Church. Bishop Grove told us that they needed to be doing something to keep us from leaving between votes.

There were guest speakers from all over the country that talked about different kinds of evangelism. We were reminded

that the church has to make changes since the world is changing all the time. We viewed a video that showed a small community; the church was compared to the corner grocery store. The grocery store changed over the years and stayed in business. The church continued to do everything the same way that they always did things and was closed. We were asked how was our church taking care of business?

A Ministries Fair is held every year and showcases the various ministries that the Conference supports. It was very interesting to see the way that the church is involved in communities throughout the conference. Part of the Ministry Fair is the "Read Cycle Book Sale" that some of you donated books to be sold. I purchased some books that looked interesting, including one that Mom sent. I guess I should check to see what we are donating before I go somewhere. Cokesbury had a booth that included a lot of different books and other items.

They were also selling a new version of the New Testament – The Common English Bible. I purchased one for me and a few for gifts. I felt like this version was easy to understand and to read. Cokesbury also gave a report that they continue to lose money every year and have been forced to begin closing stores. We also delivered the Clean Up Buckets.

At the Ordination Service on Friday evening, two deacons and eight elders were ordained. Two deacons and six elders were commissioned as provisional members. The Conference also recognized one associate member. At the end of the service, drums were played as everyone marched out to attend a reception that honored these people and the eighteen pastors who were retiring.

I really enjoyed attending the conference and thank you for letting me represent Good Shepherd.

# ***MON-VALLEY DISTRICT JUNIOR YOUTH CAMP REGISTRATION FORM***

***WHERE: CAMP MUFFLY***

***WHEN: JULY 24-27***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Boy: \_\_\_\_\_ Girl: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Entering: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Medications that must be taken during camp: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please turn these in to nurse at registration)

Camper's Doctor's Name and Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of a medical emergency, I give permission for the CAMP STAFF to administer FIRST AID  
and to transport my child to an Area Hospital

Call me at: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIL THE TOP OF THIS FORM and FEE TO:**

Shana Shears 1809 Lafayette Circle, Fairmont, WV 26554 – any questions call 304-534-8328.

**WHO IS INVITED:** Any child who is entering 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

**WHEN:** Sunday July 24 Registration is from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. that afternoon. The camp will conclude  
Wednesday July 27 at 10:00 a.m.

**WHERE:** CAMP MUFFLY (Monongalia Co. 4-H Camp) Located off Goshen Road Exit of I-79, turn up  
Hill, bear left at the intersection, follow the road to camp on left side of the road.

**WHAT TO PACK:** Sleeping Bag, or Sheets and Blankets, Pillow, Towels, Soap, Toothpaste and  
Toothbrush, Jacket, Swimsuit, Bible, Paper and Pencil, and Flashlight! Don't Forget SILLY STRING (It  
will be collected at Registration and kept until game on Monday evening).

**COST:** \$125.00 Make checks payable to MON-VALLEY DISTRICT. Campers in need of assistance  
should have their pastor contact the Director.

\*\* We end on Wednesday morning. Campers should be picked up between 10:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

THIS YEAR SHOULD BE EXCITING. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.  
GOD BLESS, SHANA SHEARS

# MON VALLEY SENIOR YOUTH CAMP



**PLACE: CAMP MUFFLY**  
**DATES: JULY 27-30**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Boy: \_\_\_\_\_ Girl: \_\_\_\_\_ Entering Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Medications that must be taken during camp: \_\_\_\_\_  
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CALL ME AT: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mail top portion of form & fee to Rev. Bert Coffman, Rt. 4 Box 284, Grafton, WV 26354

**WHO:** Any youth entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade or above may attend

**WHEN:** Wednesday July 27th through Saturday, July 30th, 2011

**WHERE:** CAMP MUFFLY (Monongalia Co. 4-H Camp) Located off Goshen Road Exit of I-79, turn up Hill, bear left at the intersection, follow the road to camp on left side of the road.

**BRING:** Sleeping Bag, or Sheets and Blankets, pillow, towels, soap, jacket, swimsuit, Bible, paper and pencil. **DO NOT BRING: TOBACCO, ALCOHOL, DRUGS OR ELECTRONIC MEDIA (IPOD, RADIO, ETC.)**

**COST:** \$125.00 if received by July 15<sup>th</sup>. \$135.00 if received after that. Send fee with Registration Form. Make checks payable to: MON-VALLEY DISTRICT. Campers unable to pay should have their Pastors contact the Camp Director about assistance.

Registration will open at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday and camp will close at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday. Families are encouraged to attend the closing program at 7:00 p.m. You may leave a message at Camp Muffly at 284-8484.

## NURSERY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

*Nursery workers need to arrive at 10:30 to receive children. Guidelines are posted in the narthex and outside the nursery door. Weeks can be traded with other volunteers if a conflict arises.*

*July 3—Julie & Paul Reneau*

*July 10— Sheryl Isner & Sandra Coltelli*

*July 17— Linda McBee & Stella Hawk*

*July 24— Tiffany Carbaugh & Judy Landers*

*July 31— Angie & Rick Hanshaw*

## PANDAMANIA THANK YOU!

*Our VBS, PandaMania, was a huge success thanks to the hard work and generosity of many people! We ministered to about 60 kids through the busy, fun-filled week.*

*Thank you to those who came to set up all the decorations on Father's Day evening, staying way into the wee hours of Monday: Michelle, Emily, and Madison Moon, Matthew Pauley, Duretha and Anie Mayle, Pam Brown, Becky Toothman, Brendan, Brighton, and Claiborne Kunce, Jim, Kelly, Mallory, and Avery Brown.*

*Thank you to those who helped tear down and put away things following our VBS presentation on Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup>: Jim, Kelly, Mallory, and Avery Brown, Rob, Duretha, Nick, and Anie Mayle, Bert and Suzanne Coffman, Bill Knotts, Jennifer and Rebecca Smihal, Dan, Katrina, and Matt Pauley, Pam Brown, Becky Toothman, Mark, Brendan, Brighton, and Claiborne Kunce. \*\*\*\*\*forgive me if I've overlooked anyone – your help is sincerely appreciated, even if I've forgotten to include you in our list. We couldn't have done it without you!\*\*\*\*\**

*Thank you to those who used their talents to bring God's Word to the kids in interesting and inspiring ways: Duretha Mayle, Michelle Moon, Jennifer Smihal, Pam Brown, Becky Toothman, Shayla Elsey, Brighton Kunce, Emily Moon, and Katrina Pauley.*

*Thank you to crew leaders who led the kids from station to station, guiding them through discussions and games and making crafts: Stella Hawk, Bill Knotts, Matt Pauley, Suzanne Coffman, Jacci Maier, Anie Mayle, Tiffanie Mitchell, Brendan Kunce, Jonathan Gilbert, McKeneze Tokarz, Hannah Gilbert, Treyann Cline, Mallory Brown, Claiborne Kunce, Madison Moon.*

*Thank you to the many members of the congregation who saved paper towel and toilet paper rolls, and two liter bottles, and who donated foods of all kinds for the kids to eat each day.*

*Thank you to the members of the congregation who gave generous monetary donations to help fund our program.*

*Thank you to the Administrative Council for granting a request for monies from the Kinter Fund, which supports programs in our church and beyond.*

*"Sky – Everything is Possible with God!" is our theme next year!*

*\*Trust in God – everything's possible – we will fly\**

*See you next year!*

## Affordable health care with humor

Dr. Scott Morris, a family practice physician and ordained Methodist minister, founded the Church Health Center in Memphis, TN, in 1987 to provide quality, affordable healthcare for working people and their families who are without health insurance.

Thanks to a broad base of financial support from the Memphis faith community and the volunteer help of doctors, nurses, dentists, and others, the Center's clinic currently cares for over 54,000 patients without relying on government funding. Modest fees are charged on a sliding scale based on income.

Dr. Morris' and the Church Health Center's focus is on prevention, and the Center provides health education with the goal of instructing patients in both spiritual and physical fitness, stressing the importance of good nutrition and regular exercise. Dr. Morris is also keenly interested in the healing power of humor.

"Efforts at health reform fail," writes Dr. Morris, because they avoid the essential questions of wellness. The starting point is off-kilter. Our health care system is built on the premise of waiting for people to break in some way and then come through our doors, where we will use our technological wizardry to fix them. That's not health care. Caring for health means attending to the things that keep you well – in body and spirit – long before you break and need the door to technology."

JN will carry more information on Dr. Morris' brilliant writings in forthcoming issues. In the meantime, you can get information on the Church Health Center and the *Church Health Reader* from its web site:

[www.churchhealthcenter.org](http://www.churchhealthcenter.org).

# THANK YOU!

*Good Shepherd Church and John Finch*

*I wanted to thank you for hosting the graduation Sunday. It became a very special part of my graduation weekend. Thank you also for the hand-made pen.*

*Valerie Barlow*

## NU-2-U NEWS

*We would like to thank everyone for their donations and time. We brought in \$377.00 in June and a total of \$1,488.66 so far this year. All of which is given to the Pastor's Fund to help those in need in our community.*

*We will be having a Before School Sale on August 5th and 6th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Donations can be brought to the church Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and on Sundays after worship services.*

## MILITARY BOXES

*The Nurture Committee is going to be sending Care Packages to our soldiers. We are currently in need of donations to cover the cost of postage. Please make sure to mark donation as Military Postage. Thank you!*

“Laughter is the beginning of prayer.”

—Reinhold Niebuhr

“Three-fourths of the earth’s surface is water, and one-fourth is land. It is quite clear that the good Lord intended us to spend triple the amount of time fishing as taking care of the lawn.”

—Chuck Clark

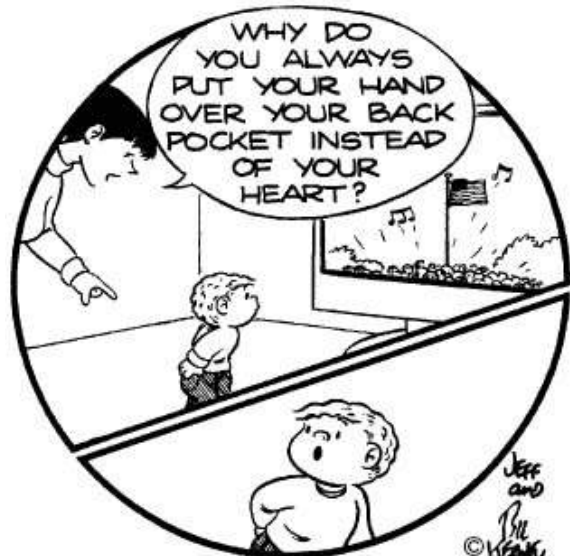
Blooper in the bulletin of an Episcopal church in Massachusetts:

“In the absence of the Rector, the Curate will take care of all pastoral cuties.”

Posted by JN Facebook fan:

“I got a package the other day, but when it arrived it was all damp. I complained at the Post Office, and they said it must have postage dew.”

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bill & Jeff Keane



“Grandma always pats me there and says, ‘Bless your little heart.’”

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# CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD UNITED METHODIST

## SUMMARY OF GENERAL FUND TRANSACTIONS FOR 2011

MONTH	BEGINNING BALANCE	OPERATING RECEIPTS	WAGES & BENEFITS	DISBURSEMENTS CHURCH OFFICE & PROGRAM EXPENSES	FAIR SHARE UTILITIES & OTHER	ENDING BALANCE
JAN 2011	\$5,098.36	\$12,333.93	\$9,194.52	\$674.10	\$4,361.70	\$3,201.97
FEB 2011	\$3,201.97	\$14,574.82	\$10,082.74	\$83.61	\$2,599.38	\$5,011.06
MAR 2011	\$5,011.06	\$13,723.25	\$9,807.82	\$1,798.18	\$6,461.99	\$666.32
APR 2011	\$666.32	\$14,452.50	\$9,832.88	\$1,238.07	\$3,475.25	\$572.62
MAY 2011	\$572.62	\$16,352.92	\$10,449.59	\$761.94	\$4,168.53	\$1,545.48
JUNE 2011	\$1,545.48	\$10,988.00	\$9,545.74	\$720.58	\$1,050.44	\$1,216.72
JULY 2011	\$1,216.72					

2011 ANNUAL CASH FLOW	
YEAR-TO-DATE TOTALS	COLLECTION
	\$82,425.42
	-
	58,913.29
	SPENT
	5,276.48
	86,307.06
	22,117.29
	(3,881.64)

ACTUAL GIVING	106	ACTUAL WAGES & BENEFITS	106	ACTUAL TOTAL EXPENSES	106	TOTAL FAIR SHARE WV CONFERENCE PAYMENTS	\$6,000.00
# of Weeks	26	\$21.38	26	\$31.32	26		106
AVERAGE PER WEEK	\$29.91						26
							\$2.18

2011

SUMMARY OF GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES - JUNE 30, 2011

To The Congregation of Good Shepherd

We began 2011 with a cash balance of \$ 5,098.36 in the Fund.

The Sunday collections for the year to date are \$ 82,425.42 for a total of \$ 87,523.78.

\$	5,098.36
\$	<u>82,425.42</u>
\$	<u>87,523.78</u>

Expenses for the year to date are:

Wages & Benefits \$ 58,913.29

Church Office & Program Expenses \$ 5,276.48

Fair Share, Utilities & Other \$ 22,117.29

\$	<u>86,307.06</u>
\$	1,216.72

The General Fund ending balance June 30, 2011 was

\$ 1,216.72

Included in the Paid Fair Share, Utilities & other Expenses above are:

WV Conference Fair Share 11.1% \$6,000.00

Mon-Valley District Fair Share 100% \$ 480.00

\$	<u>6,480.00</u>
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The General Fund did borrow \$2,000.00 to make these payments in June, 2011.

Your Chairperson of Finance



Arnold Kuhl

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