



FEBRUARY 2016

The Mustard Seed

Planting the Seeds of Faith

Pastor Kevin's perspective...

In the Gospel of Mathew, Jesus tells his disciples that they need to go & make disciples of the world. The question that we are left with is: how do we make disciples? To figure out how to make a disciple, we have to start by figuring out what a disciple should do. The quick answer is: a disciple follows the teaching of Jesus. However, even the disciples that lived while Jesus was alive had a hard time figuring out exactly what they needed to do.

It is important to have practical ways of living out our own spiritual lives to make a disciple, & I think this is one of the most important areas of growth for any disciple. To help facilitate this, I am offering small group sessions starting this month to work through the book *Five Practices of Faithful Living* that have been offered by Bishop Robert Schnase, Bishop of the Missouri Conference of the UMC, to review practices that are essential for our growth in Christ. The five topics the small group will revolve around are receiving God's love, loving God in return, growing in grace, loving & serving others, & the grace of giving.

Since everyone seems to have different schedules, these groups will be offered at different times, different days, & even in different ways throughout this year. The groups will start with a 7 week daytime group that will meet on at 9am on Wednesday mornings, starting February 10th. The hope is that additional evening small groups can added at a time that works for many. In addition, if enough people are interested, the possibility of an overnight Friday into Saturday afternoon retreat can be discussed.

I hope that by offering many options, a majority of people in both congregations will be able to attend one of the small groups so that we can work together to make disciples of Jesus Christ, & make ourselves more deeply committed disciples in the process.

Blessings and Shalom,

Pastor Kevin



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HUNTERSVILLE NEWS

Did you ever wonder where the term "News" came from? I looked it up & it's been around for about 1,000 years in one language or another, but what is more interesting to me is long before that news was being spread in many ways, especially by word of mouth. Now, did you ever play "gossip" when you were a kid & found passing a little piece of "news" from one to another changed dramatically by the time it reached the end of the line? I can only imagine how news changed when it went from one caravan or from one city to another relying on "word of mouth" for truth & accuracy. No wonder there was so much animosity between civilizations way back when... they never got the straight story! Aren't you glad with all the instant methods of spreading "news" now there's so much more peace in the world? Yeah, right!!! I'm waiting for the next wagon train.

And now, some news, as accurately as I can relate it from what I was told.....

Congratulations to our own John Neiswender for being named the interim pastor at the Trout Run UMC for at least the next six months. God has spoken to John many times & he answered by getting his lay minister credentials & practicing them on both our churches, & doing it very well I might say. We will miss him here, but we're so glad he has already begun a journey that we all know he loves with so many possibilities for the future. God speed, John, we're sure you'll be successful & gratified.

Prayers need to go out for Charlie Hall, Faye Simcox, & Galen Delker. Galen had a bad fall & injured himself, but you can't keep a good man down! He was right back at it very soon after the accident.

The weeks of heavy rains were the true test of our new sanctuary roof & according to those whose job it is to report on such things, not a leak was to be found. Good news, but expected.

I'm told the "Cantata" at the Heilman UM Church December 13th was a real success. Participants from several churches in the area were there & the audience was large. So our own Lori Neiswender has planned an Easter Cantata for Huntersville on March 13th at 7pm, practices being held every Wednesday at 7pm. If anyone who wishes to be a part of it you may contact Lori .

The Pidcoe family, minus Russ, is be heading for Florida & Disney World soon. This is sure to be a great time for all of them as evidenced by the excitement & enthusiasm from all of those going. And Jennifer was recently told she ranked 15th in the State in the 200 meter race. Congratulations, Jen! This is just the beginning! Also, Megan Weber, a freshman starter on the South Williamsport Lady Mountie basketball team, was high scorer last week with 15 points, also just the beginning of a long line of big nights. Kira Russell, granddaughter of Carol & Ray Bower, will be graduating high school soon & is already searching for a pre-med school. I'm told the Universities of Penn, Pitt & North Carolina are high on her list, & we wish her much success as she continues her educational journey.

And remember to be a part of our HUMC Consignment Sale on March 19, 9am -4pm. For more info please call Lori Neiswender at (570) 435-0508.

In closing, my friend Lukie told me he caught a 30 pound catfish yesterday. I asked, "Were there any witnesses?" he said, "Yep, otherwise it would have weighed 50 pounds!" (& he ain't kiddin'!)

Till next time, may God Bless you richly,

Carl Schlappi, Huntersville Newsguy



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED!

Not the question that a good Christian should be asking, right?

...but the truth is that being a Sunday school teacher can enrich you & your students in so many ways! The Word will come alive for you in ways you never expected. Being in faithful service to the church is rewarding & you will form bonds with the young members of our church and your commitment to them becomes proof that adults do care! When they search for Christian role models to emulate it will be your face that comes to mind for the rest of their lives!

You only need to be 5 years older than the kids you teach so we welcome volunteers of all ages. Please consider signing up to teach 3 Sunday School lessons. You do not have to invent the lessons, they are provided for you! Pray about it...is God calling you to lead & teach our youth? Please call Jane Waldman at (570) 584-5649, Sara/office or Pastor Kevin at (570) 546-2619, if so!

Making a Difference



An old man walked up a shore littered with thousands of starfish, beached & dying after a storm. A young man was picking them up & flinging them back into the ocean. "Why do you bother?" the old man scoffed. "You're not saving enough to make a difference" The young man picked up another starfish & sent it back to the water. "Made a difference to that one!" he said.



HELP NEEDED AT PTUMC!



PTUMC Trustee's are asking at least 2 or more people/families to come & help with the upkeep of Fellowship Hall each month. The ideal time each week is Friday, day or night, so that it is all clean for the weekend, & also after any event during the month you sign up for. Basic duties include wiping, dusting, dry & wet mopping, cleaning the restrooms, & stocking any paper needs. A list of exact duties, what supplies to use, & where to find the supplies, is located on the calendar board with the calendars in the office hallway that have the dates & times of all church events, so there is no guess-work involved!

The sign-up sheet is posted in Fellowship Hall so please volunteer.

Interested? Please see Pastor Kevin or call the charge office, (570) 546-2619.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES (continued)

2016 FAMILY PROMISE FOOD + VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

PTUMC is in need of a volunteer to coordinate meals, food preparation, & volunteers for the 4 weeks PTUMC will be hosting these wonderful families. The dates are February 14-21, May 1-8, August 28-September 4th, & November 13-20. If you can volunteer to coordinate the schedule for even just 1 of the weeks or all 4 weeks, please call Sara in the charge office at (570) 546-2619 or Janet Patterson at (570) 971-5637 & we will gladly show you how easy it is to make a huge difference in your community by helping others right here at our church!



FAITH FINDERS



PTUMC'S Elementary Youth Group



Faith Finders has been cancelled for February. The program is being improved, rescheduled, & re-styled, & we hope to return Spring 2016!

The Youth Ministry @PTUMC exists to reach out to elementary school children in 1st through 6th grade in both our congregation & in our community, to not only introduce them to God's love but to further their relationship with our Lord. As your child grows & their faith matures, we pray this group will stand as a strong foundation as they go out into the world to serve our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Would you like more information or to help with the growth of this important group of youngsters by becoming an adult leader or helper? Please call Sara B. Haas at (570) 546-2619 or Jane Waldman at (570) 584-5649



CHARGE MISSIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HUNTERSVILLE UMC CONSIGNMENT SALE

March 19, 2016 9 - 4pm



**GET RID OF YOUR UNWANTED,
USABLE ITEMS, MAKE MONEY, &
HELP OUR CHURCH!!!**

Set-up is Thursday, March 17th at 4pm.
Consigners have special shopping hours
on Friday, March 18th, 5pm-8pm.

The sale is open to the public Saturday,
March 19, 2016, 9am - 4pm.

Consigners earn 75% of their sale & the
remaining 25% will go back to our church.

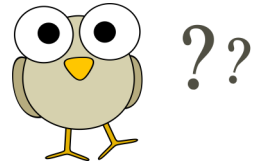
Interested in consigning or helping?

Call Lori Neiswender at (570) 435-0508

POTLUCK SUPPER & MYSTERY GUEST SPEAKER

February 7, 2016 at 5pm

Bring a dish to share
with all & come see
who the mystery
speaker is!



*"Life may be hard, but it is
also wonderful."*

Small Changes

PENNSDALE TRINITY'S "ALL YOU CAN EAT" BUFFET

The next buffet will be held:
February 24, 2016 4pm - 7pm

Menu includes:

- Roasted Pork in Pork Gravy
- Chicken Gravy & Biscuits
- Mashed Potatoes
- Golden Corn
- Cole Slaw
- Homemade desserts
- Hot & Cold Beverages



We hope you can join us!

HUMC EASTER CANTATA "THERE IS A REDEEMER"

Sunday March 13th at 7pm

Please join the wonderful
Huntersville singers as they are
led by Lori Neiswender celebrate
the joy of the Easter season with
beautiful music!



CHARGE MISSIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

A “waggly tail” kind of big thank you to all who attended the Pot Luck Supper held here at PTUMC on Sunday, January 10th! It was a wonderful experience & the variety of food was delicious. Our guest speaker, Stephanie Knier with her service dog, Jake, delivered a moving & informative program. All attendees are still in awe.



The difficulties of life are intended to make us better, not bitter.

Anonymous

CONGRATULATIONS!



We are so pleased to announce that Lori Neiswender is the new webmaster for the charge website!

HUNTERSVILLE EASTER CONTATA PRACTICES

Practices are scheduled Wednesday nights at 7pm at HUMC.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

DEADLINE: Sunday, February 14th

Do you have important church or charge information or a special announcement for March's newsletter?

Please give submissions to Sara in the charge office. If the deadline is not met then the submission will have to go into March's Newsletter instead (if still applicable).

Thank you for your cooperation!



PICTURES NEEDED FOR CHARGE WEBSITE



Lori Neiswender is currently looking for pictures from/of events at both Huntersville & Pennsdales Trinity to add to the site. Please make sure there is permission granted to take & post the pictures from everyone involved. Thank you for sharing!

The pictures can be sent via email to Lori at lori.neiswender@gmail.com.



CELEBRATIONS & INVITATION

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



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|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 2 – Julie Witmer (P) | 12 – Susan Scott (P) |
| 6 – Ronnie Campbell (P) | 13 – Kathy Anderson (P) |
| 7 – Edith Gilbert (P) | 18 – Ruth Hayhurst (P) |
| 7 - Kendra Smith (H) | 20 – Jamison Thomas (P) |
| 8 – Hannah Page (P) | 21 – Jennifer Renee Pidcoe (H) |
| 8 – Joshua Fry (P) | 22 – Mary Ann Ott (P) |
| 9 – Deborah Mezick (H) | 24 – Joshua Gochbauer (P) |
| 10 – Jeanette Colburn (P) | 25 – Trey Smith (H) |
| 10 – Roderick Fry (P) | 26 – Mary Rall (P) |
| 10 – Stella Teter (P) | 26 – Alice Faus (H) |
| 11 – Aaron Kerstetter (P) | |



FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 13 – Woodrow & Ruth Fry (P)

YOU ARE INVITED TO A SUPER BOWL PARTY!

Super Bowl Sunday, February 7th

Hosted by: John & Lori Neiswender

Address: 780 Dutchtown Road, Muncy, (570) 435-0508

Come as you wish! Game kick-off is at 3:30

Please bring a dish to share, supper to be served about 5pm

Come join in the fun!



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WEIS GIFT CARD OPPORTUNITY



Pennsdale Trinity UMC has teamed up with Weis Markets to bring you a phenomenal deal! For every \$50 Gift Card purchased from **Virginia Bitler (570) 584-4524**, you can earn your gas rewards (10 points for every \$50 spent) AND earn money for our church missions! Weis gift cards can be used at any Weis Markets location without any surcharges to purchase your groceries as well as purchase gift cards to just about anywhere you can imagine to use as gifts for family, friends, teachers, bosses, secretaries, co-workers...just about anyone you can think of!

UPDATED LIST of all gift cards stocked regularly at Muncy & Montoursville Weis:

Aeropostale	Cheesecake Factory	iTunes	Petco
Advanced Auto Parts	Chilli's	JC Penny	Petsmart
Amazon	Coldstone Creamery	Jo-Ann Fabrics	P.F. Chang's
Amazon Kindle	Cracker Barrel	Kindlefire	Playstation
Amazon Toys	Dave & Buster's	Kohl's	Pottery Barn
Amazon Video game	DICK'S	Lane Bryant	Red Robin
AMC Theaters	Disney	Little Caesar's	Regal Cinemas
American Eagle	Dominos	LL Bean	Ruby Tuesday
Applebees	Ebay	Longhorn Steakhouse	Sears
Babies "R" Us	Express	LOWES	Sephora
Banana Republic	Facebook	Macy's Marshall's	Southwest
Barnes & Noble	Fandango	Michael's crafts	Spafinder
Bass Pro Shop	Finish line	Nike	Staples
Bath & Body Works	Footlocker	Nintendoshop	Starbucks
Best Buy	Forever 21	Nordstrom	Stubhub
Bob Evans	Friendly's	Old Navy	Subway
Bonefish Grill	GAP	Olive Garden	Target
Bon Ton	Gamestop	Quiznos	Texas Roadhouse
Boscovs	GNC	Red Lobster	TGI Fridays
Build-a-Bear	Goodle	Outback	The Children's Place
Burger King	Gymboree	PacSun	Ticketmaster
Cabela's	Home Depot	Panera Bread	Toys R Us
Carnival	HOSS'S Restaurant	Papa John's	Xbox
Carrabba's Italian	Ihop	Payless	Zappos.com
Carter's/Oshkosh			



PLEASE CONTACT VIRGINIA BITLER TO BUY YOUR WEIS GIFT CARDS!

2015 END OF YEAR GIFT CARDS STATISTICS

SOLD \$18,595.00
PTUMC PROFIT \$ 929.75



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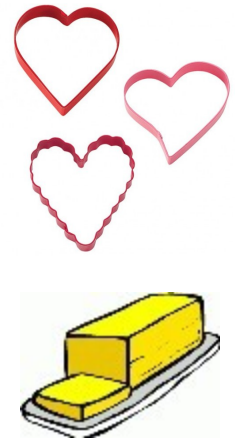
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MAKE AT HOME VALENTINE TREATS!



What You Need:

Rice Krispies cereal & stick of real butter
Valentine-themed cookie cutters
("X" & "O" or heart shaped cookie cutters)
Red food coloring (optional)
Wax paper



1. Follow the recipe for making Rice Krispie treats found on the cereal box. Add food coloring at this stage, if you want it.
2. Cover a baking tray with sheet of wax paper. Put all of the mixture onto the wax paper & flatten it out with a greased spatula for easy cutting
4. Create designs using cookie cutters & put tray into the refrigerator until set.
5. Share with family & friends!

***VARIATION: you can substitute Fruity Pebbles
& leave out the food coloring***



LENTEN FELLOWSHIP & WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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FEBRUARY'S WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

9am at Pennsdale Trinity UMC

10:30 at Huntersville UMC

February 7th

2 Corinthians 3:12 through 4:2

*Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is
Freedom*

February 10th - Ash Wednesday

7pm service at Pennsdale Trinity UMC

LENT February 14th
through March 24th
Pastor Kevin begins his
series:

*Cross Words: the words of
Jesus from the Cross*



February 14th LENT

Luke 23:32-39 (CEB)

Forgiveness

February 21st LENT

Luke 23:34-43

*What followers of Christ offer to those far
away from God*

February 28th LENT

John 19: 25-27

The community Christ offers us



CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE

Thursday evenings, 7pm

Pennsdale Trinity UMC now has a Contemporary Worship Service led by Pastor Kevin on Thursday evenings at 7pm! Come see how much fun we have celebrating our Lord through upbeat Christian songs & fellowship!

LENTEN FELLOWSHIP

Lenten fellowship begins at PTUMC on February 14th at the 10am worship service & ends March 20th at HUMC's 10:30am service.

If you would like to sign up to help at PTUMC, the sheet is on the pedestal outside of the sanctuary along with the monthly sign-up sheets for ushers, greeters, Children's Moment, & acolyte.

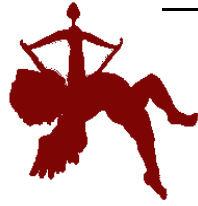
ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE @PTUMC

February 10th at 7PM

Please join us on this special day for your ash blessing symbolizing the death of Christ as well as a plea to God for mercy, compassion, pardon & forgiveness for our sins. Lent is a time to correct our faults & become true disciples of our Lord.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Trustees (P) 7pm	2	3 Choir (P) 7pm Cantata practice (H) 7pm	4 7pm PTUMC Contemporary Worship Service	5	6 Men's Breakfast 8am (P)
7 Holy Communion	8 Ad Board (P) 7pm	9	10 Ash Wednesday Service 7pm (P) Cantata practice (H) 7pm	11 7pm PTUMC Contemporary Worship Service	12	13 United Methodist Women 8am (P)
14 LENT begins Family Promise week _ _ _ _	15 Trustees (H) 6:30pm	16	17 <u>Choir (P) 7pm</u> (P) Worship <u>Committee 6pm</u> <u>Cantata practice</u> (H) 7pm	18 7pm PTUMC Contemporary Worship Service	19	20
21 World Thank Offering	22 Ad Board (H) 7pm (rescheduled event)	23	24 ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET 4PM—7PM <u>Cantata practice</u> (H) 7pm	25 7pm PTUMC Contemporary Worship Service	26	27
28	29					

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