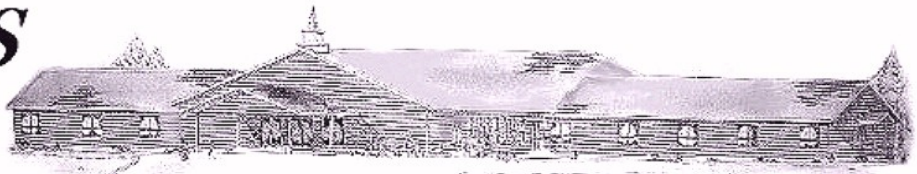
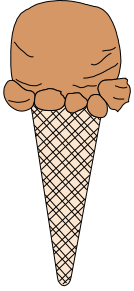


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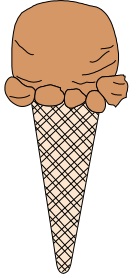
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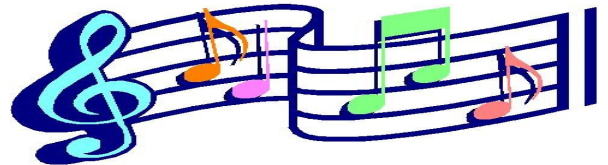
ALL YOU CAN EAT JUST \$5.00
SUNDAY, AUGUST 28
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM



SIXTH ANNUAL GOSPEL SING

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 at 3:00 PM

Join us in the sanctuary for an afternoon of wonderful gospel music presented by a bevy of talented, local musicians. Following the singing, we will adjourn to Fellowship Hall for refreshment.



BALTIMORE INNER HARBOR LUNCH CRUISE

SEPTEMBER 15, 2011

Join us for a lunch cruise at Baltimore Inner Harbor. Cost is \$99 per person, and includes round trip transportation from Conley's, snacks and cruise. The deadline for registration is September 14. Contact Iris Schade for more information. (945-4571)



GEORGETOWN FAMILY RESTAURANT

Come fill yourselves up at the Georgetown Family Restaurant, **Monday, September 19 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM**. Conley's will be receiving 10 % of the evenings proceeds. Contact Pat Short for more information.

More information on events, inside the newsletter

FROM OUR PASTOR

Why Study the Bible?

Let's Review.

Reason # 1: The Bible gives the revelation of God and God's purpose for humanity.

Reason # 2: The Bible gives us answers for the conditions of our day.

Reason # 3: The Bible is authoritative.

And (from John G. Mitchell's pamphlet "Why Study the Bible?") **Reason # 4:** The Bible meets every spiritual need of humanity. In other words, God uses His Word in people's lives. We can talk about methods of study or methods of teaching, but when people's lives are truly changed they are changed because of God's Word. As the apostle Paul says in 1 Thessalonians 1:5, "*Our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit, and with deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake.*" Paul is saying you experienced the Word ... you didn't just hear it. God's Word met your needs! It's the same today. God's Word is alive and will change your life—if you let it.

Psalm 1 says, "*Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.*" Now I know you know Jesus was a "blessed man" who meditated on God's Word "day and night." Now if the LORD found time, there is no excuse for us neglecting God's Word. After all, that's where we find the answers to life's questions.

Psalm 19 speaks even more about how the Bible meets our spiritual needs. In the first six verses we see the revelation of God in creation. Then, in verse seven through the end of the chapter, we see how the revelation of God's Word effects us. "*The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes. The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The ordinances of the LORD are sure and altogether righteous. They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, honey from the comb. By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.*"

Although God is known through creation by His creative acts, it is when we come to the Word of God that we get right down to business with God Himself. The Word is pure and clean. It opens our eyes, cleanses our lives, fills our hearts with joy, and meets every spiritual need we may have.

Much Love & Blessings,

Pastor Mike

TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

The Tuesday evening Bible Study will resume on **September 6 at 7:PM** in the library at the church. We will continue our study of Paul's letters. The first five weeks will cover a portion of Acts then Colossians, Philemon, Ephesians and Philippians. After a week's break we will continue for another 5 weeks covering 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus and the letters of James, Jude and Peter. We use the Daily Bible as a guide in a chronological study. Everyone is welcome. For more information call Ellen Walker at 684-0523

FIRST PLACE 4 HEALTH

The First Place 4 Health Summer Book Club will be meeting on Wednesday, September 14 at 7:00 PM in the church library to discuss the first six chapters of *Give God a Year, Change Your Life Forever.*

Regular First Place 4 Health groups will resume on September 22; Thursday mornings contact Betty Hudson at 945-4286 and for Thursday evenings, contact Cheryl Wood at 945-9590 so we will know how many books to order.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School for children resumes on Sunday, September 4; at 10:20 AM. Classes for children from ages 5 – 12. LEGIT youth class for ages 13 – 18. Nursery for children ages 1-4 provided at both the 8:45 and 10:30 services.

PRAYER POINTS

DO YOU LOVE HIM?

THE POEM

I KNELT TO PRAY BUT NOT FOR LONG,
I HAD TOO MUCH TO DO.
I HAD TO HURRY AND GET TO WORK
FOR BILLS WOULD SOON BE DUE.
SO I KNELT AND SAID A HURRIED PRAYER,
AND JUMPED UP OFF MY KNEES.
MY CHRISTIAN DUTY WAS NOW DONE
MY SOUL COULD REST AT EASE.
ALL DAY LONG I HAD NO TIME
TO SPREAD A WORD OF CHEER.
NO TIME TO SPEAK OF CHRIST TO FRIENDS,
THEY'D LAUGH AT ME I'D FEAR,
NO TIME, NO TIME, TOO MUCH TO DO,
THAT WAS MY CONSTANT CRY,
NO TIME TO GIVE TO SOULS IN NEED
BUT AT LAST THE TIME, THE TIME TO DIE,
I WENT BEFORE THE LORD,
I CAME, I STOOD WITH DOWNCAST EYES,
FOR IN HIS HANDS GOD HELD A BOOK
IT WAS THE BOOK OF LIFE.
GOD LOOKED INTO THE BOOK AND SAID
"YOUR NAME I CANNOT FIND.
I ONCE WAS GOING TO WRITE IT DOWN...
BUT NEVER FOUND THE TIME."

PRAYER FOCUS FOR SEPTEMBER:

"LET US FALL INTO GOD'S ARMS"

GOLDEN CHICKS

The Golden Chicks will meet on **Thursday, September 15 at 12 noon**. The cost is \$1.00. Contact Sharon Weaber (644-7125) or Sylvia Lofgren (947-4870) if you plan to attend.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The UMW will hold their annual bazaar on October 22 from 8AM to 1 PM. This year, there are tables for rent. The cost is \$25. Many local vendors are already planning to attend. If you are interested, contact Sharon Weaber (644-7125) or Barbara Moxey (947-1365). Next regular meeting, September 22.

TRUNKS FOR TREATS



SAVE THE DATE!!!!

WHEN: Monday, October 31, 2011

6 pm – 8PM

WHERE: Conley's United Methodist Church

NEW LOCATION

33106 Jolyn's Way

Lewes, DE 19958

Turn at light at Peddler's Village onto Camp Arrowhead Road –

Jolyn's Way is 1st road to right

Look for sign-up sheet in October's Newsletter

Candy bank will begin on October 1st

Contact Jean Carpenter with any questions.

645-2077

LIVING NATIVITY UPDATES

DECEMBER 16 AND 17, 2011

There will be a construction dumpster, on site, beginning late Friday, August 27. Please use this for the disposal of anything being discarded from this work area; including wood flats, fabric and other debris. We can keep it for as long as necessary but hopefully for less than one month.

Beginning workday -Saturday, August 28. After that date, your group can work at it's own pace to complete your adopted building. Target date for completing all work is October 31. This includes putting up the twinkle lights along the path.

There are still buildings available for adoption!!!!!!!!!!!!

Covered dish meal; Sunday, September 25 at 3 PM.

Contact Cheryl Wood if you will attend (945-9590)

As we move into the Second Decade of the Living Nativity, Pastor Mike and I talked about how we could extend the scope of this wonderful ministry. We have invited the congregations at Long Neck UMC, Grace UMC (Millsboro), Harmony UMC and New Zion AME churches, to join us in this year's presentation.

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Choir Director - Charlie Marshall947-0527
Thrift Store – Pat Short.....945-5566

Subscriptions to *Conley's Connections* are free; to be added to the **EMAIL** list, please contact the church office. Printed copies available in the narthex. It is published to enhance fellowship and spiritual growth.

Conley's Vision Statement

Conley's United Methodist Church aspires to be a loving, caring, Christ-centered fellowship dedicated to reaching out and bringing others to the Lord Jesus. Led by the Holy Spirit, we invite all to become disciples, transformed by Christ's love. We will be accountable to God and each other.

September Birthdays

September 7	Jeannie Melson
September 8	Ginny Parson
September 9	Marie Collins
	Shirley Ridgell
September 10	Ron Carey
	Shirley Carey
	Faith Doran
	Debi Justice
	Klaus Pietzke
	Fritz Wahl
September 11	Bob Bossert
	Jeanne Kehrner
September 14	Don Ebner
September 16	Judy Giles
September 17	Sylvia Clemens
	Doris Donahue
	Lisa Parsons
September 18	Alex Downs
September 22	Greg Bunting

September 24
September 25

September 26
September 28

September 29

Carline Varney
Carl Bartell
Lynne Marshall
Lily Roadcap
Linda Andreassen
Fred Downs
Suzanne Leavelle
Anita Hunt

September Anniversaries

September 4
September 5
September 10, 1966
September 12, 1959
September 20, 1986
September 23,
September 25, 1954
September 27, 1969
September 30, 1990

Hugh & Helen Logan
Bob & Alverna St. John
Tom & JoAnn Boyle
Robert & Phyllis Stone
Charlie & Lynne Marshall
Bud & Kathy Straub
Charlie & Gwen Michel
John & Adela Gladwell
Bob & Winnie Oggenfuss

September At A Glance

3.....Men's Group @ 8 AM
4.....Communion @ 8:45 AM
6.....Adult Bible Study @ 7 PM
7.....Soup Kitchen 11 AM – 2 PM
Intercessory Prayer @ 6:30 PM
AD Council @ 7 PM
11..... Communion @ 10:30 AM
Membership Committee @ Noon
Gospel Sing @ 3 PM
13.....Adult Bible Study @ 7 PM
14.....Soup Kitchen 11 AM – 2 PM
Singing at Brandywine @ 2 PM
Intercessory Prayer @ 6:30 PM
15.....**Baltimore Inner Trip**
Golden Chicks @ noon
17.....Men's Group @ 8 AM
New Members Class @ 10 AM
Communion @ 6:30 PM
19.....**Georgetown Family Restaurant**
Fund raiser 4 PM – 8 PM
20.....Singing at Renaissance @ 2 PM
Adult Bible Study @ 7 PM
21.....Soup Kitchen 11 AM – 2 PM
Prayer Committee @ 1 PM
Intercessory Prayer @ 6:30 PM
22.....UMW @ 12 noon (covered dish)
23.....Girls Night Out @ 5:30 PM
24/25.....New Members Weekend
25.....Communion @ 8:45 AM
Nativity Covered Dish @ 3 PM
27.....Adult Bible Study @ 7 PM
28.....Soup Kitchen 11 AM – 2 PM
Intercessory Prayer @ 6:30 PM

CONLEY'S COMMUNITY THRIFT SHOP CORNER

WOW, where do we begin! We are so extremely blessed with all that is going on at and for Conley's.

With the Thrift running since it's reopening, July 5, we have been blessed in so many ways. First we feel the need to say that the store is not just a place where we sell things; it is a true ministry of caring, giving, receiving and feeling God's grace and being surrounded by His comfort.

We were able to assist a woman that was once homeless and now through the grace of God has been able to move into a home of her own. We were able to provide, comfort of a bed, clean linens, a microwave, dishes, and more. We also donated a huge amount of clothing, windows, suitcases and other items to Home of the Brave.

In addition, many folks who have burdens have asked for prayer on the spot, some asked to be placed on our prayer list. There are folks who come in and are so relieved to see a store in the area with nice items and very good prices that are helping them in these hard times. Our hearts as volunteers are definitely in the right place, listening for God's direction and trying our best to do his will. God is so good!!!!

Now for the administrative information, we have had a very successful month. The total brought in for the month of July was \$8235.34. The yard sale total on August 6, after giving a 25% discount on purchases to our customers brought in \$2847.98. The total for the month of August as of the 17th, is \$8104.28, with two weeks left in the month.

We continue to receive wonderful donations from Conley's folks and from the surrounding community. Due to the amount of donations coming in to the store, a decision was made for the thrift store to purchase a tractor trailer bed from Fitzgerald's to hold the overflow of furniture. This was approved by Administrative Council. The cost of the trailer was \$1700.00. Thanks to Pastor Mike for seeking out the best price for us.

The ten percent tithing amount for the month of July from the thrift shop was \$823.53. The volunteers and the charity of their choice that received \$ 208.50 each were Dale Kehrer, Kody's Kids (formerly Bear Hugs for Babies), Nancy Getta, Special Olympics of Delaware, Gwen Michel, Meals on Wheels, Pat Vogt,

Greenwood UMC, Baby Pantry. We have already received thank you letters from many of the recipients.

There is a lot of hard work done by the volunteers at our community thrift shop, but at the end of the day, when you reflect on all the goodness it supplies, it is without a doubt a reward of blessings and goodness.

Please continue your prayers for continued accomplishments and success of the store and for us to continue to be a blessing to so many in various, tremendous ways.

If you are interested in volunteering, stop by and talk to us, or just stop by and see what all your gifts and talents are doing for the good of our community.

Don't forget that an easy way to help us out is to donate paper towels and toilet tissue.

GIRL'S NIGHT OUT

Welcome Back

Join us on Friday, September 23 for a taste of Mexico. Wear your best Mexican attire. We will be serving up tacos, rice, dessert and beverage. Cost is \$8.00, and we'll gather at 5:30 PM. Look for your reservation form in the mail soon.

MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group meets at 8:00 AM, on the first and third Saturdays of each month, for breakfast and a time of Christian fellowship.

They sponsor a food pantry and would like to thank you for your continued, generous donations of non-perishable foods on the first weekend of each month.

SOUP KITCHEN

Do you have a few hours to spare of Wednesdays? The soup kitchen is looking for a some volunteers to work on a regular basis, usually one Wednesday a month or as a substitute who could be called upon when they need an extra pair of hands. Donations of soup are welcomed too!!

Contact Jean Clayton (945-4335) or Edna Spath (945-3026) if you can help.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN & FUND RAISING

Variety Show

Hoping you can join us on Friday evening October 28 at 6:30 PM for a hit parade style variety show. We'll stroll down memory lane with favorite songs from the 40's, 50's, 60's and 70's, moving toward the year 2000. While a few may actually sing, using their own amazing talents, most of the performers will be lip singing and putting their own twist on some acts such as, The Andrew Sisters, performing to Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy, White Sports Coat and a Pink Carnation, portrayal of the Platters and The Great Pretender, Pastor Fred Duncan, aka Elvis, just to name a few.

It will be a very fun evening as we sit and reminisce of "our oh so sweet" younger days.

The cost of the tickets will be \$15.00 per person and the performances will be followed by a dessert and finger food buffet. You may purchase tickets from Pat Short, Jean Unruh, and Sharon Weaber.

Gospel Sing

Some of the performers joining us, in singing Praise to God on September 11 are , Lori Jones, Cathy Gorman, Christina and Don Gaul, Linda Chantler, John O'Day, Pastor Mike Hurley and his wife Ann, Gregg Fuller, with many more local talent folks.

A free will offering will be taken to benefit the Home of the Brave. A time of fellowship and finger foods will follow the performance.

Baltimore Inner Harbor Trip

Lunch cruise at the Baltimore Inner Harbor takes place on Thursday, September 15. The cutoff for registration is September 14. The cost of the trip is \$99. Contact Iris Schade (945-4571) for more information.

Georgetown Family Restaurant

Join us for dinner on Monday September 19 between the hours of 4 PM and 8 PM. Conley's will receive 10 % of the evenings proceeds. Contact Pat Short (226-4221) for more information.

Ice Cream Social

Join us on Sunday, August 28 between 2 and 4 PM for a sweet time! Vanilla, chocolate and strawberry ice cream with your choice of toppings and mix ins. Homemade chocolate ganache sauce and homemade caramel topping. Just \$5 will get you All You Can Eat.

ONGOING FUNDRAISERS:

COOK BOOKS: \$10.00 each. Contact Cheryl Wood, Diane Spalding or Kathy Gurschick by calling the church office at 945-1881.

JEWELRY: Please contact Jean Carpenter at any time, for any occasion at 645-2997. See the new Jesus in My Heart piece. Display case located in the narthex.

SAFeway AND FOOD LION: We will continue to take your grocery card numbers for the giveback program for our church. There is a clip board in the fellowship hall that you may place your information on and it will be noted for our benefit.

BRICKS: Did you know that this is a continuous item that can be ordered at any time ? If you have not had the opportunity to walk around the outside of the church, please take the time to do so and see how beautiful it looks and how you too can be part of this landscaping effort while honoring, remembering or giving a gift to someone by placing an order. Contact Gwen Michel at 947-1155. Cost of shipping and handling will now be added to your brick order. **A brick order form can be picked up at the church office or in the welcome room in the narthex.**

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