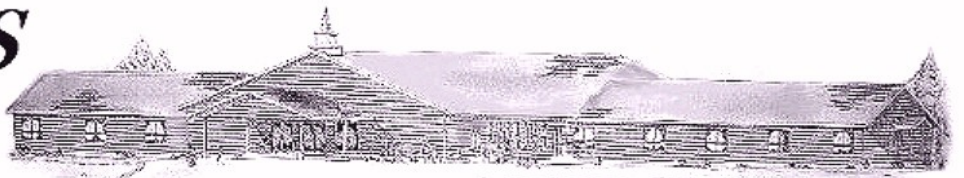


CONLEY'S



CONNECTIONS

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2011

JANUARY, INDOOR YARD SALE PAVES WAY FOR FUTURE THRIFT STORE

Pat Short, reports that the indoor yard sale held on January 29 was very successful. A total of \$2105.70 was realized from the sale. An additional \$70.25 was taken in from the sale of hot dogs and soda. This money is being donated to the Youth Group.

Thank you to the many people who donated an enumerable number of hours behind the scenes; pulling it all together and also for working on the day of the sale. Thank you to everyone who participated in various ways to ensure a successful sale. Conley's is truly blessed to have so many caring and giving people. We also want to say thank you to all the customers who came to visit and made purchases.

The former fellowship hall has been transformed into what will eventually become Conley's Community Thrift Store. Pat is asking for donations of large or small "gently used", sellable furniture, if you know of anyone needing to get rid of furniture contact Pat Short at 302-226-4221 or the church office 302-945-1881. You may also try 302-945- 5566. This number should have an answering machine attached in the near future.

Next indoor yard sale is Saturday, February 26 from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

BROKEN SPRINKLER HEAD FLOODS ADMINISTRATIVE WING

A broken sprinkler head in the supply closet of the Administrative Wing caused water damage to the floors and parts of the walls. At the time of the incident, several people were in the building. This helped minimize loss. AS of February 2, all the floors have been replaced and most other repairs have been completed. Praise God!

PELICAN GRILL FUNDRAISER SUNDAY, MARCH 27

Spaghetti and meatball dinner including salad, spaghetti and meatballs entree, dessert, non-alcoholic beverage and bread. Price is 12.00 per person which includes gratuity. There will be **50 tickets sold for 4:00 to 5:00 PM, 50 tickets sold for 5:00 to 6:00 PM and 50 tickets sold for 6:00 to 7:00 PM** Tickets are on a first come first served basis. The Pelican will give us back 15% of total sales minus the gratuity. You can purchase tickets from Pat Short. Cash if preferred but if you choose to pay by check, it is to be made out to Pat Short.

FROM THE PASTOR:

"And we know that all things work together for the good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose"

(Romans 8:28).

Life is full of unjust situations that can cause us a great deal of pain—sickness, finance, and many times in our relationships with other people. And while we may experience some hurt and pain, we don't have to let those experiences destroy our happiness. We don't have to let the devil steal our joy because of a bad happening. We can't always choose what happens to us ... but we can choose how we respond to it. Chances are, you've been hurt, but God can take your bad experience and make it work for your good.

I'm convinced that when (and if) we truly believe God's Word concerning Romans 8, God's Word will begin to prevail in our life's circumstances. The truth is, we can learn from all our experiences, including the hurtful ones, when we decide to stop wasting time being bitter.

One great way to overcome evil with good is to make sure we don't hurt others because of our pain. In fact, our experience may be the very thing that may help heal someone else who is going through a similar trial.

OK, I know, it's easier said than done. But remember, God's not expecting you to overcome apart from His grace ... *"for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure"* (Philippians 3:13).

So don't worry about past failures or present shortcomings, or difficult situations. Learn from them! Keep your joy! Expect God to take you through! For as we are obedient, God will do the work in us. Amen!

Much Love,

Pastor Mike

PRAYER POINTS

The Prayer Committee will continue to meet on the third Tuesday of each month..

Following is a prayer that was given to me years ago. It came from a friend's Sunday School Class and was written by: Greg Asimakoupoulas.

OUR PRAYER FOR YOU

EVEN THOUGH WE WERE NOT SURE
EXACTLY WHAT TO SAY
WE TALKED TO GOD AND SPOKE YOUR NAME
AND PRAYED FOR YOU TODAY. WE ASKED THE
LORD TO GIVE YOU STRENGTH,
TO CALM YOU OF YOUR STRESS.
TO FREE YOU FROM THE THINGS YOU FEAR
AND BATHE YOUR MIND WITH REST.
WE ASKED THE LORD TO HELP YOU
IN THE UPHILL DAYS TO COME,
WE ASKED OUR GRACIOUS, LOVING GOD
TO COMPLETE WHAT HE'S BEGUN.
HE WHISPERED IN THE QUIET
AND FILLED OUR HEARTS WITH PEACE
HE SAID THAT YOU ARE DEEPLY LOVED.
THAT HIS GRACE WILL NEVER CEASE.

SENT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT YOU ARE CLOSE AT
HEART IN OUR PRAYERS. HE WHO LOVED YOU
FIRST, AND LOVES YOU MOST, HOLDS YOU OH SO
SWEETLY IN HIS ARMS.

PRAYER POINTS:

1. As your alarm goes off, repeat the Psalm: "This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it." Commit to living in gratitude for the day.
2. When your phone rings let it remind you of life's blessings....every time it rings, recall something good in your life and say a brief prayer of thanks. If its been "one of those days," say thanks anyway, because sometimes we learn the most from life's challenges.
3. As you pump gas, visualize God's spirit flowing into you, filling you with enough holy energy to do God's will for the rest of the day What is that will? In every religion it is the same: We are called to love one another!
4. Take time to appreciate the bounty and beauty of nature that is always present in our lives. Sometimes we are too pre-occupied to even see the beauty that is around us.
5. In order to live a more spiritual life we should break it into bite-sized pieces. An ancient spiritual master, the writer of the Tao, said it well: "The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step." The first 4 ideas show us how we can take steps to heighten our spiritual consciousness and slowly begin to grow in our relationship with our God.

(taken from WOMAN'S DAY 11/16/99)

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN & FUND RAISING

PIZZA TOWER

For the months of January, February and March; Pizza Tower will donate 10% of your total check, eat in or take out, to the building fund. Please place your receipt in the labeled box located in the Narthex at church.

RESTAURANT FUND-RAISER

PLEASE keep your eyes and ears open for a possible restaurant fund-raiser coming up in February. I am waiting for the restaurant to confirm.

COOKBOOKS

You may still purchase cook books by contacting Cheryl Wood 945-9590, Diane Spalding 945-7846 or Kathy Gurschick 945-5442. Books cost \$10.00 each. The total profits continue to rise.

BRICKS

What a wonderful way to honor, remember, or give a gift to someone by placing a brick around our beautiful new church building. Placing an order is so easy and you may do so by contacting Gwen Michel at 947-1155. This is something that will continue to be available.

JEWELRY

February and Valentine's Day is right around the corner and jewelry sales are still happening. If interested, please call Jean Carpenter at any time to place an order at 302-645-2997.

SAFEWAY AND FOODLION MVP CARDS

Shop the tenth of each month at Food Lion and the reward dollars will double on Food Lion Brands. Safeway shopping is still giving us a quarterly give back check. If you have not yet supplied us with your shopping card number, you may contact Pat Short at 302-226-4221, or fill out the form on the clip board in Fellowship Hall.

CONLEY'S APPAREL

We are continuing to take orders for Conley's apparel. Please remember we need to have a minimum number of orders placed before we can actually present the order to the merchant. Please bear in mind that this may make ordering for a special occasion difficult.

GIRLS NIGHT OUT

BUSY, BUSY, BUSY!

With so many activities and all the preparations being made for so many upcoming functions at Conley's, instead of a February date, GNO has decided to hold off until March to do our next invite. We will give you a hint, it will be a St. Patty's Day theme. Wonder what that will entail? For sure we will ask you to wear your favorite green, but you will have to wait for your invitation to come either by mail or email to find out what else we have in store for you. Hold the date: March 18 at 5:30 PM in fellowship hall.

We once again want to thank you for what you have done in so many ways to make GNO so successful. I know with all this snow, it is hard to think about warmer weather, but just keep counting down the days and before you know it, you will be back into the sandals and shorts, so until then, stay warm and stay safe!!!!

Blessings,
Pat Short, President, GNO

FOOD PANTRY

The Men's Group at Conley's has opened a food pantry. In order to keep the pantry stocked, **the first Sunday of every month will be Food Bank Sunday.**

Pastor Mike suggests providing "a meal" such as Mac & Cheese, Spaghetti & Sauce, Dinty Moore Stew. All foods should be non-perishable. Cash donations will also be accepted. These will be used to purchase food cards for local stores.

JOIN CONLEY'S PADDLERS

Join us in exploring God's glorious creation from a canoe or kayak. If you have a canoe or kayak, or would like to help paddle, please consider joining this group.

We will go on canoe and kayak trips somewhere in Delmarva, in the spring, summer and fall every 1-2 months (weather permitting).

Contact Bob Marx, cell: 302-258-7277, e-mail: MissionNews@Hughes.Net

THRIFTY YARD SALE CORNER

Due to the Christmas and New Year holidays, some of the paper work needed to actually open the Thrift Store, did not get processed. There are certain processes that need to be followed in sequence. We will not, however, let a little thing like that stop us from having some sales. We will be having indoor /outdoor yard sales periodically until we get the go ahead to open the store.

The first sale was held Saturday January 29 from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM at the old fellowship hall. **Total profit realized from the sale was \$2105.70** Much hard work went into preparing for the sale and thanks go to out to the many people who helped.

We will continue to seek help in many area's in order to make the sales a successful part of the income for Conley's, the missions that we support and to help people and organizations within the community. Please contact Pat Short at 302-226-4221 if you are interested in helping in any way. Some of the jobs will be as cashiers, sorters, pricing and tagging, to name a few.

We thank you and appreciate all your donations. Please continue to support us in this way. We do want to remind you that we are not able to sell items that are broken and are not usable and we cannot sell clothes that are soiled, stained, torn or that are missing buttons, or have broken zippers etc. We want to keep our reputation at Conley's, untarnished, professional, caring and loving.

At this time, we have two stoves and at least one refrigerator, possible two, for sale. The stoves were purchased about two and one half years ago and have hardly been used. The one refrigerator is a bit older but is in good working condition. Please contact Pat Short if you are interested or know of someone who may need any of these appliances.

We will be accepting clothes in the near future but just not at this time. We are in the process of sorting all the clothing we currently have. We are looking for some lightly used furniture to sell, as well as linens and good costume jewelry. With that being said and done, please feel free to stop by and visit us. Days and hours of operation will be announced when we get the approval to open up as a store. Until then.....come yard selling with us. You know the saying, "someone else's "cast-offs" could become your treasure".

Donations are now being accepted for the Thrift Store. However, you must call Pat Short to make arrangements for drop-off at the store.

God Bless you all for your continued support!!!!

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Spiritual Program Director Wendy Schmitt... .	644-0510 or Schmitt.j-w@comcast.net
Lay Leader	
Jean Unruh	945-7732
Associate Lay Leaders	
Bob Marx.....	875-0182
Ed Perry.....	945-0731
Kathy Gurschick.....	945-5442
Cemetery - John Gladwell	644-8939
Choir Director - Charlie Marshall	947-0527
Subscriptions to <i>Conley's Connections</i> are free; to be added to the mailing list, please contact the church office. It is published to enhance fellowship and spiritual growth.	

<p align="center">Conley's Vision Statement</p> <p>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.</p>

HELP WANTED

We need your time (not your money)

Help Conley's save money by donating your time to clean the church. Using volunteers to clean the church allows us to reduce our expenses, and make more funds available for our programs and missions. You will be able to store up treasure in Heaven, while enjoying fellowship with other members (and your mileage is tax deductible).

Assignments are on a rotating monthly schedule. You can contact Eileen Marx for information

Home: 875-0182; Cell: 302-362-9641;
e-mail: EBM8155@MSN.com.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

February 1	Carol Roberts
February 2	John Kehrer
February 3	Peggy Carmine Mary Vercoe
February 4	Eileen Marx Ruth McIlvain
February 5	Eleanor Travis
February 6	Louise McGinniss
February 7	Jocelyn Robinson
February 8	Allison Hedley
February 9	Joe Ellis, Jr.
February 12	Bob Shipe Betty Walsh
February 13	Jack Birney Della Zimmerman
February 15	Scherrie Barry
February 16	Rosie Schmitt
February 17	George Walsh
February 19	Ann Hurley Kas Smith Kathy Straub
February 21	Haylee Cain
February 23	Carole Harbaugh
February 24	Scott Allen
February 29	Paul Collins Laura Hill Daniel Zeigler

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

February 6,	1971	Bill & Suzanne Leavelle
February 14,	1996	Alan & Ellen Walker
	1953	Harry & Della Zimmerman
	1993	Robert & Rebecca Rollins
February 16,	1957	Alvin & Joy Demarest
February 22,		John & Debi Justice
February 25		Mike & Deb Fecik

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 1	Marge Bowen
March 4	Leon Ware
March 8	Patty Faucett Pat McCormick
March 11	Barbara Bossert Joan Swaim Harry Vercoe
March 12	Jackie Chesley
March 13	John Eaton Pat Short
March 15	Ruth Spencer Jean Wilson
March 16	Alverna St. John
March 17	Marvin Jester
March 19	Hugh Logan
March 20	Catherine Quinn Moran Edna Spath Tina Vent
March 21	Betty Fetzko Debby Smith Sharon Weaber
March 22	John Crenshaw Josh Trout
March 24	Kyle Dalton
March 25	Sandy Shipe Dorothy Smith
March 26	Bob Dobak
March 27	Gilda Britland Neal Kubala Bill Roberts
March 30	Heinz Bothmann Tina Downs Virginia Griffith

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

March 4, 1995	Richard & Carole Harbaugh
March 4,	Klaus & Karin Pietzke
March 8, 1969	Bill & Scherrie Barry
March 12, 1971	Dan & Jean Carpenter
March 16, 1956	Bill & Sally Doak
March 21, 1989	Heinz & Anne Bothmann
March 21, 1976	Jerry & Susan Tshudy
March 22, 1947	Paul & Marie Collins
March 23,	Bob & Elsie Dobak
March 31, 1956	Ron & Shirley Carey

FEBRUARY AT A GLANCE

- 2 Soup Kitchen.....11 AM – 2 PM
- 2 Intercessory Prayer.....6:30 PM
- 2 Ad Council.....7 PM

- 4 Disciples.....7 – 8 PM

- 5 Men's Breakfast.....8 AM
- 5 Ladies Tea.....2 PM

- 6 Communion.....10:30 AM

- 8 Bible Stories for Adults..... 7 PM

- 9 Soup Kitchen.....11 AM – 2 PM
- 9 Intercessory Prayer.....6:30 PM

- 10 First Place 4 Health..... 8:30 AM & 5:45 PM

- 12 Communion.....6:30PM

- 13 Membership Committee..... 1 PM
- 13 Pot Luck and Hymn Sing..... 3 PM

- 15 Bible Stories for Adults.....7 PM

- 16 Soup Kitchen.....11 AM – 2 PM
- 16 Singing at Brandywine.....2 PM
- 16 Intercessory Prayer.....6:30 PM

- 17 First Place 4 Health.....8:30 AM & 5:45 PM

- 19 Men's Breakfast.....8 AM
- 19 New Members' Class.....10 AM

- 20 Communion.....8:45 AM

- 22 Singing at Renaissance.....2 PM
- 22 Bible Stories for Adults7 PM

- 23 Soup Kitchen.....11 AM – 2 PM
- 23 Intercessory Prayer.....6:30 PM

- 24 First Place 4 Health.....8:30 AM & 5:45 PM

- 26 YARD SALE.....9 AM – 3 PM

- 26 New Members Join.....6:30 PM

- 27 Communion.....10:30 AM
- 27 New Members Join.....8:45 & 10:30 AM

MARCH AT A GLANCE

- 1 Bible Stories for Adults.....7 PM

- 2 Intercessory Prayer.....6:30 PM
- 2 Ad Council.....7PM

- 3 First Place 4 Health.....8:30 AM & 5:45 PM

- 4 Disciples.....7 – 8 PM

- 5 Men's Breakfast.....8 AM
- 5 Communion.....6:30 PM

- 6 FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

- 9 ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE.... 7AM & 7PM
- 9 Soup Kitchen.....11 AM – 2 PM
- 9 Intercessory Prayer.....6:30 PM

- 10 First Place 4 Health.....8:30AM & 5:45 PM

- 13 Communion.....8:45 AM
- 13 SCRABBLE SUPPER at the Unruh's... 5 PM

- 15 Prayer Committee.....3 PM
- 15 Bible Stories for Adults.....7 PM

- 16 Soup Kitchen.....11 AM – 2 PM
- 16 Intercessory Prayer.....6:30PM

- 17 GOLDEN CHICKS.....12 noon – 2PM
- 17 First Place 4 Health.....8:30 AM & 5:45 PM

- 18 GNO St. Patrick's Dinner.....5:30 PM

- 19 Men's Breakfast.....8 AM

- 20 Communion.....10:30 AM

- 22 Bible Stories for Adults.....7 PM

- 23 Soup Kitchen.....11 AM – 2 PM
- 23 Intercessory Prayer.....6:30 PM

- 24 First Place 4 Health.....8:30AM & 5:45PM

- 26 Communion.....6:30 PM

- 27 PELICAN GRILL FUNDRAISER

- 29 Bible Stories for Adults.....7 PM

- 30 Soup Kitchen.....11 AM – 2 PM
- 30 Intercessory Prayer.....6:30 PM

- 31 First Place 4 Health.....8:30AM & 5:45 PM

MINUTE FOR MISSION

JESUS STILL RAISES THE "DEAD"!!

Many thanks to all who've been praying for us. Ken got test results the night before -- he'd had amoebas, causing intestinal distress and dehydration. So, he was fasting before he went to the pharmacy, in order to take the medicine on an empty stomach, as prescribed.

There was a gas leak while he was in the shower, but he didn't smell it until he opened the curtain. He opened the window and drank water, thinking he was mostly just dehydrated, but it was too late. Apparently the rest of the office bathroom was full of LP gas. He was about to call out to Pastor Ovidio, but lost all strength and consciousness. He only remembers feeling a deep peace and a soft light covering him.

Construction workers "just happened" to arrive while Ken was on the floor, in the gas for about 40 min. All together there were six witnesses. One of the workers, an Ashaninka Christian named Juan, told Ovidio, "I feel a great peace from God; someone's spirit is leaving his body." Ovi ran to the bathroom and miraculously found the door unlocked. They carried Ken out, his body stiff and cold, without pulse or breath. But God's hand was still on him, and His Spirit and your accumulated treasure of prayers were certainly with him!

Pastor's wife, Eli, put her hands on Ken's chest and commanded, "In the Name of Jesus, heart, start pumping! She pushed just once and Ken started to breathe. In the ER, they said he could remain a vegetable from being in the gas so long, but soon he awoke and recovered fully within 8 hours! Then he started telling the astounded doctors and nurses about Jesus. Two of them came back in the morning to get Ken's card so they could come to church, (which, by the way is growing, and we're adding 200 sq. feet of concrete floor space as I write this.)

In 22 hours, Ken was out of the hospital with absolutely no pain and no ill effects. Two days later, he swam for an hour, feeling better than he had in a long time. Praise God that He still heals and raises the dead!

Ken & Cathy Metz

Conley's United Methodist Church
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OR CURRENT RESIDENT

When To Come To Church

Saturdays at 6:30 p.m.
Sundays at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Radio show on Cat Country 105.9 FM
Sundays at 7:30 a.m.
Intercessory Prayer - Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Education

Sunday School
9:00 AM - Adults and Youth (13 - 18)
10:20 AM - All ages

Weekday Adult Bible Studies

Tuesdays at 7 PM bible Stories for Adults
Thursdays 8:30 AM & 5:45 PM First Place 4 Health
Thursdays at 10:15 AM Proverbs

Fellowship Groups

Disciples - (ages 9-12) Feb 4 & Mar 4 at 7:00 PM
Soup Kitchen Each Wednesday 11:00 - 2:00
Men's Group-breakfast meetings at 8:00 a.m. 1st & 3rd
Saturday of the months
UM Women - Fourth Thursday of each month
Singing:
at Brandywine Wednesday, Feb 16 @ 2 PM
at Renaissance Tuesday, Feb. 22 @ 2PM
Contact Adela Gladwell

Community Groups Meeting at Conley's

Women's AIAnon - Thursdays at 10 AM
Back Bay Strummers - Thursdays at 7:00 PM

Administration

AdCouncil- Wednesday, Feb 2 & March 2
6:30PM for prayer 7:00PM for business
Prayer Committee - Third Tuesday of every Month
Worship Committee - Wednesday, Feb 9 @ 7 PM