

CONLEY'S



CONNECTIONS

DECEMBER 2009

CHURCH CONFERENCE APPROVES MORTGAGE

On Sunday, November 22, 2009 we gathered as a church to vote on the securing of a mortgage in order to complete the new church building. After a presentation by Transition Team chairman, Ed Perry, there was a time for questions followed by the call for the vote. Voting was done by paper ballot. The results were 94 in favor of securing the loan, 14 against with 6 abstentions. Complete minutes from the meeting can be found on the website.

CELEBRATE ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Advent Bible Study

Tuesdays Nov 24, Dec 1, 8, 15, 22
9:00 AM and/ or 7:00 PM

Caroling

Saturday, December 5, 2:00PM at Nursing Homes,
Sunday, December 13, 2:00 PM to shut-ins

Open House at the Parsonage

Sunday, December 6 from 12:00 - 4:00 PM

Christmas Program in the Sanctuary

Saturday, December 12
4:30 PM & 6:30 PM

Light refreshments in between performances

Living Nativity

Friday, December 18 & Saturday, December 19
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Fun- Raising Carol Sing

Sunday, December 20 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Christmas Eve Services

5:00 PM 7:00 PM 8:30 PM 11:00 PM



FROM THE PASTOR:

From Hope to Joy: Advent, to Christmas, to Epiphany. (from “Calendar-Christ’s Time for the Church” by Laurence Hull Stookey)

Christians confess and proclaim that “the Word became flesh and dwelt among us” (*John 1:14*). This is the great message of the incarnation, that Jesus Christ was born into human history in the fullness of time for the salvation of the world. This is what we seek to celebrate, to proclaim, and to manifest to all people during this particular season of the church calendar.

During Advent (*the 4 Sundays before Christmas*) we sing, “Come thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set thy people free.”

During the 12 days of Christmas (*Dec 25-Jan 5*) we join with the herald angels and sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

Epiphany (*Jan 6*), is “the manifestation” or “the appearance” of Jesus. It encourages us to behold the light shining in darkness; the Root of Jesse; David’s Son to whom we sing, “O Morning Star, how fair and bright, You beam forth in truth and light!”

The story these calendar days can tell us is one of “good tidings and great joy”—for the Messiah has come. It is a time of wonder. It is a time to remember that “God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life” (*John 3:16*). These days leading to Christmas remind us that God loves us and wants to be present with us.

And so I encourage you, take time this “Holy-day Season” to examine and strengthen your faith commitment to Jesus.

I trust you will have a blessed Advent Season.

Merry Christ-mas!
Love,

Pastor Mike

PRAYER POINTS:

“God calls us to come home for Christmas. God calls us to come back from all those places where we have settled for less than the fullness of life promised to us in Christ. God calls us back from all the ambitions and possessions we have pursued, thinking they would satisfy us. God calls us to let go of any bitterness and resistance to forgive that block the light of love from warming us. . . . God calls us to come home and rest, to be embraced by one who loves us as we are. God offers us a place where we are fully known and also fully accepted.” Mary Lou Redding

While We Wait from the Upper Room Advent study *The Uncluttered Heart*

GIRLS NIGHT OUT

“All Doved Up”

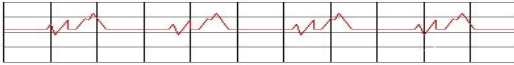
Our delicious Dove Chocolate party netted GNO \$200.00 plus an additional \$205.00 in products to be raffled at our December 4 auction.

Thanks to our demonstrator, Eileen Marx, who generously donated part of her earnings for the night and to all of you purchased goodies.

Our **annual auction** will be **Friday, Dec. 4, 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM**; at the Pot Nets Lakeside Clubhouse. Doors will open at 6:15 PM. This is our biggest fund raising event of the year and proceeds benefit many needy women in Sussex County. Please contact Barbara Moxey to sign up.

The Board of Girls Night Out wishes each and everyone of you a Merry and Blessed Christmas and a Healthy and Blessed New Year.

HEARTBEAT OF HEALTH



Delaware Launches 2-1-1 Phone Service Statewide 2-1-1 Connects Delawareans with Health & Human Service Providers

Please promote and encourage your constituents to call **2-1-1** which is now available to refer Delawareans to appropriate Health and Human Service Providers who can assist with a wide range of non-emergency issues. The **2-1-1** service links callers to service providers who can assist with such issues as rent assistance, food banks, affordable housing, health resources, mental health resources, child care, after school programs, care for senior citizens, financial assistance, legal assistance, job training programs and much more. **2-1-1** is an easy to remember number answered by staff trained to assess callers' needs quickly and refer them to the most appropriate assistance. **2-1-1** is available 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM, Monday-Friday.

The **2-1-1** service is offered by Delaware Helpline Inc. with support from the United Way of Delaware, and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which is administered in Delaware by first State Community Action. The **2-1-1** service is a natural outgrowth of the Delaware Helpline information and referral service, which has been in operation since 1996. The new **2-1-1** number, which is similar to services offered in other parts of the country, is an easy to remember number that connects callers to sources of help. **2-1-1** staff is bilingual and can help callers in English or Spanish. **IMPORTANT: 2-1-1 is not a replacement for 9-1-1. Remember to use 9-1-1 for life and death emergencies.**

The time frame to enroll in the Medicare Prescription Drug Program or renew your prescriptions is **Nov 15 – Dec 31**. Call **ElderInfo at 1-800-336-9500** for more information.

On November 24, in conjunction with the Dagsboro Church of Christ the Health Ministries Team distributed **38 Thanksgiving Dinners** to those in need in our area.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

If you enjoy Christmas Caroling, please join Health Ministries this year. We will be caroling on two separate dates:

Saturday, December 5 at 2:00 PM

Sunday, December 13 at 2:00 PM

December 5 is designated for caroling in nursing homes. Pizza will be served in Fellowship Hall at 1:00 PM before caroling.

December 13 is designated for caroling to shut-ins. Please arrive at 1:00 PM for a special treat from Pastor and Ann Hurley.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

CONLEY'S CHOIR PERFORMS AT LIGHT OF HOPE GOSPEL CONCERT

Congratulations to all 13 choirs and groups who participated in the Light of Hope Gospel Concert at Bethel UMC on November 13, 2009 The concert was a benefit to raise money for cancer victims in Sussex County.

Conley's choir received a standing ovation for their joyful singing to the Lord made more meaningful by the reason we did it. Thanks to Bevann and Neal Kubala for putting the program together and thanks for the invitation. We look forward to supporting this cause in the future.

**I will praise thee, oh Lord my God, with all my heart and I will glorify thy name for evermore.
Psalms 86:12**

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FUNDRAISING REPORTS

Thrifty Yard Sales Shows Great Promise for the Future

Even the worst of the worst weather could not keep the bargain hunters away from good deals, good hot dogs and Chile and and our tasty baked goods.

What a great success we had; with the first sale bringing in \$2138.00, the second \$1769.00. This certainly has set the pace for a profitable future. Weather permitting, we will continue to hold the Thrifty sales at the pavilion, during the winter.. Dates to be announced. We will begin accepting donations again January 10, 2010.

Heartfelt appreciation goes out to all who helped make this a huge success, the UMM, UMW, all who prepared baked goods, worked long, hard hours to set it up, worked the sales, and to all who donated the items to sell, The outreach of this little white Chapel is just one of the many raindrops it takes to fill the bucket.

The amount raised at **Bob Evans** was **\$143.00**. This amount was 15% of our total from the hours of 11:00 am until 7:00 pm.

Hope to see you all at **ACCENTS on We Wednesday December 9, from 5:30 til 7:30 pm** where 10% our total purchases will be donated back to the new building fund.

Friends and Family Discount cards are still available. Now offered at 2 for \$15. These make great stocking stuffers.

We are still taking orders for **Christian Jewelry**. This beautiful gold and silver jewelry is hand-crafted with love. See Pat Short or Wendy Schmitt.

Keep looking for the upcoming fund raisers to be announced in the near future and thank you for all your support as we work together to build the new home of Conley's UMC family.

"We praise and thank you Father (that you are at work in us) in all circumstances. .. You have chosen to bless us and adopt us as your children, according to the good pleasure of your will....."
I Thessalonian 5:18 Ephesians 1: 5-6

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Subscriptions to *Conley's Connections* are free; to be added to the mailing list, please contact the church office. 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.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

Photo dates for the 2010 edition of the church directory are for :

December
Monday 21 & Tuesday 22

January
Thursday 21, Friday 22, Saturday 23

To set up an appointment, call **Wendy Schmitt**
or
on line at www.signup.olanmills.com

GOLDEN CHICKS

On November 19, the Golden chicks met for lunch and were then joined by the UMW for a fashion show. T was a day of fun and fellowship. Fashions were supplied by All Saints thrift Shop. With Marilyn Mutter as Emcee and Pat Short as coordinator, everything ran smoothly. We had 7 great models and some very fashionable outfits. The outfits were offered at half price.

The Golden Chicks meet every other month. The groups is for all single women, widows, divorced or women with husbands in a nursing home.\$1.00 Our next meeting is Jan. 17, 2010 at 12 noon. The entertainment will be the Back Bay Strummers.

Thanks to all our volunteers, we couldn't do it without you.

Contacts: Sharon Weaber 644-7125 or Sylvia Lofgren 947-4870.

Blessings,
Sharon Weaber

LIVING NATIVITY

The ninth presentation of "A Journey To Bethlehem" will be held on Friday, December 18 and Saturday, December 19 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM .

If you haven't signed up to participate yet, there is still time. The town is very sparsely populated at this time, and there are a few speaking parts remaining.

If you volunteered to help with construction, building and putting up path lights, we need your help on **Saturday December 5**. After the Men's Group breakfast, we will adjourn to the nativity site to open up the buildings and put up the path lights.

A light supper will be provided on Friday night and beverages and snacks on Saturday night.

We need you, to help us tell the good news to all the world.



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- December 3 Micah Crenshaw
- December 4 Dominic Crenshaw
- December 6 Jean Minsker
- December 9 Mary Lou Dickson
Ann Reese
- December 12 Walt McGinniss
Elaine Perry
- December 13 Sue Barry
Bob Marker
Danielle Moore
- December 16 Jean McElwee
Jeanne Quinn
George Spillane
Arlene Watt
- December 17 John Gladwell
- December 18 Betty Hudson
Bill Schade
Jim Wolfe
- December 19 Dot Ellis
- December 21 Myra McCormick
Linda Wildasin
- December 22 Annie Dant
- December 24 Les Rittle
Alan Walker
- December 30 Joy Bartell



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- December 2, 1995 Richard & Doris Donahue
- December 8, 1961 Walt & Louise McGinniss
- December 21, 1968 Marty & Jackie Moody
- December 28, 1957 Lew & Sharon Weaber
- December 29, 1945 Jim & Eileen Dusek

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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.
Prayer & Praise - Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
Communion schedule for December:

Thursday December 24 at

5:00PM 7:00 PM 8:30 PM and 11:00 PM

Educations

Sunday School
9:00 AM - Adults
10:20 AM - multiple classes for adults
10:30 AM – classes for children
Advent Bible Study- Tuesdays 9 AM and/or 7 PM

Fellowship Groups

Soup Kitchen Each Wednesday 11:00 – 2:00
Men's Group—breakfast meetings at 8:00 a.m.
1st & 3rd Saturday of the month
UM Women Fourth Thursday of the month
Singing at Brandywine Thursday, Dec.10 @ 2 PM
at Renaissance Tuesday, Dec.15 @ 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
Alcoholics Anonymous—Saturdays at 2:00 PM

Administration

AdCouncil- Wednesday, December 2
6:30PM for prayer 7:00PM for business

Charge Conference Thursday, Dec. 10 at 7:00 PM