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**Community Church**

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**Church Web Page Address: www.ShareChristWithOthers.org**

**Worship Services**

- **Saturday Evenings – 6:00 p.m.- Contemporary Worship Service**
- **Sunday Mornings – 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.**
- **Sunday School – 9:45 a.m.**



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## STAYING FOCUSED...

### **A New Day at Community Church” -or- “Back to the Future”**

As of July 1<sup>st</sup> this year Community Church will have a fulltime Associate Pastor. Rev. Dr. Rich Phipps has been appointed by Bishop Bickerton to serve with us here at Community Church. Rich is currently serving at Homestead Park United Methodist in Munhall, PA where he has led that congregation for 9 years. Rich is married to Marsha and they have three children. McKenna, 12, Abby, 9, and Matthew, 11 months. Rich is a native of Butler, PA and Marsha’s home was Georgia.

Rich has shown himself to be a gifted servant-leader, his passions in ministry include preaching and seeing people grow in faithful discipleship. It will be our great joy to have Rich as a part of our team and to see how God will use him in the continued growth of our congregation and our witness to the community around us.

With the appointment of Rich we are going “back to the future”. Many of you well remember that for many years Community Church had a fulltime associate pastor. Rev. David Janz served in this capacity from 1994 to 1999, then Rev. Chris Livermore was appointed to Community and served until 2004. From 2004 until August 2006, Rev. Ron Geisler was our associate, and then Ron left our church and joined with another denomination in order to become a “church planter”.

When Ron left we were found ourselves outside the normal rhythm of appointment making in our conference and as a church, we agreed not to ask for another associate right then. While we waited for the usual schedule of appointment-making, I felt led to share a vision I had to see the church become more lay-driven, to encourage every member to find their place of service to Christ through Community Church. In sharing that vision, we decided to add several part-time staff positions to strengthen our broad based ministries. These staff members were brought on board to develop our Music Program, our Christian Education Program, our Member Care and Member Connecting Ministries and our Pastoral Care. At that time I stated that I thought we could carry on for 3 years without an associate pastor.

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During this time our church has continued to grow and the areas of ministry under the care of the new staff members have flourished. We have been faithful to preach and teach stewardship each year, lifting up our need to respond to God with our Time, Talent and Treasure. We continue to pay down the mortgage on schedule, maintain existing ministries as well as develop many new ones. All that being said, the sheer size of Community Church presents a daunting pastoral challenge. The 3 years without an associate I envisioned has been labor intensive and we are now at 3 years and six months and counting. I believe it is time to have another fulltime pastor help lead, share vision, train, exhort and care for our 1,570 members.

Our Bishop and Superintendent have been most helpful and understanding of our circumstance. They have listened to us and have worked carefully with us in our United Methodist process to make it possible to identify a pastor with the specific gifts and demonstrated skills that will complement our current ministries as well as develop new ministries that will help lead Community Church into a vibrant future in our region.

Our Staff Parish-Relations Committee (SPRC) has done faithful work in their role of representing our church in this process of discernment. They have met twice with Rev. Phipps and unanimously endorse his appointment to our church.

We do have a few challenges to meet before Rich and his family join us. Housing is a question as the parsonage that previous associates have lived in is currently where Frank Audia, our Director of Youth Ministries lives with his family. We will need to consider all the possibilities that best serve our church and the families involved. Office space for another staff member presents a challenge and we will need to look creatively at our space to provide good space for the entire staff. We will all work in good faith, believing God has led us to this point and trusting that God will lead us through these decisions as well.

So, with the appointment of Rich Phipps, come July 1<sup>st</sup> a “New Day at Community Church” will arrive, but that new day is literally “Back to the Future”; God’s future!

Grace & Peace,

Pastor John

**MARCH**

Sundays	9:30 a.m.	Disciple 3
	9:30 a.m.	KC <sup>3</sup> rehearsal
	10:00 a.m.	Women's Emmaus Group (Son Catchers)
	2:00 p.m.	Passion Play Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	Community Ringers rehearsal
Mondays	8:30 p.m.	AA's Open meeting
	1:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Bible Basics Study
Tuesdays	6:30 p.m.	ALPHA
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Wednesdays	6:30 p.m.	Disciple 2
	7:00 p.m.	Disciple 1
	7:00 p.m.	Financial Peace University
	7:30 p.m.	Taizé Service
Thursdays	9:00 a.m.	Busy Hands Sewing Group
	11:00 a.m.	Stroke Support Group
	7:00 p.m.	"A Life That Matters" Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Chancel choir rehearsal
Fridays	7:00 p.m.	Youth Worship (grades 7-12)
		Lenten Lunch & Dinners
1st & 3rd Sundays	6:00 p.m.	UMKids & Faithweavers
1st & 3rd Mondays	7:00 p.m.	Soaring Eagles
2nd & 4th Mondays	9:30 a.m.	Mom's Circle

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Monday	March 1	7:00 p.m.	Finance meeting
Tuesday	March 2	12:00 p.m.	Super Seniors
Wednesday	March 3	7:00 p.m.	Trustees
Monday	March 8	7:00 p.m.	United Methodist Women
Sunday	March 14	9:30 a.m. – 1p.m.	Second Sunday Brunch Buffet
Monday	March 15	6:30 p.m.	Ark Council
		7:00 p.m.	Dartball
Wednesday	March 17	9:00 a.m.	Life Line Screening
Wednesday	March 24	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Saturday	March 27	8:00 p.m.	Passion Play "More Than Just A Man"
Sunday	March 28	8:00 p.m.	Passion Play "More Than Just A Man"
Monday	March 29	7:00 p.m.	Finance meeting



**Camping at Allegheny, Jumonville and Wesley Woods**  
**Summer 2010**

Sunday March 7<sup>th</sup> is our "Camp Promotion" from 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. in the MMR. Parents, and children first grade through high school, are invited to come and enjoy a taste of camping. There will be singing, a special guest speaker, an explanation of our Community scholarship resources, brochures and forms. You are all welcome to attend this special Sunday school session. Don't forget – s'mores and snacks will be served!



**"Galactic Praise"**  
**June 14-18, 2010**  
**Community UMC**

Daily morning vacation Bible school begins on Monday June 14<sup>th</sup>. Make plans now to register your children, preschool through third, and students in fourth and fifth grades. You as parents and grandparents are so very important to this ministry. You can help us as a volunteer in many ways. Please contact our directors to find the right place for you to serve.

We strive for the highest quality of teaching and learning, and insist on safety first. We comply with our "Safe Sanctuaries" policy. A training session will soon be set for training all our staff, crew leaders, and all who work with children and youth. Safe Sanctuaries training is mandatory every five years.

Our registration limit is 250 students. Our registration deadline is May 31<sup>st</sup>. We are looking forward to a meaningful, exciting week of learning lessons from the Bible.

## MARCH SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY ACOLYTE SCHEDULE - Contact Michelle Yakubisin 724-744-3312

Mar. 7	8:30	Justin Moser & Meara Rundle	11:00	Alyssa Higgins & Zachary Tusay
Mar. 14	8:30	Girl Scouts	11:00	Girl Scouts
Mar. 21	8:30	Shanna Ciongoli & Stephanie Hilderhoff	11:00	Jared Phillips & Grant Phillips
Mar. 28	8:30	Adam Power & Michael Yakubisin	11:00	Nick Pasek & Zachary Tusay

### LITURGISTS - Contact Judy Newport - 724-744-4995

Mar. 7	8:30	Laurel Shirley	11:00	Sandy Wessel
Mar. 14	8:30	Girl Scouts & Boy Scouts	11:00	Girl Scouts & Boy Scouts
Mar. 21	8:30	John Toellner	11:00	Jack Cycak
Mar. 28	8:30	Pat Watson	11:00	Tad Somes

### SUNDAY GREETERS - Contact Sandy Wessel 724-744-3754

Mar. 7	8:30	Marian & Bob Weightman and Rene & Kevin Rourke
	11:00	Judy & Jay Newport and James Veitch
Mar. 14	8:30	Girl Scouts & Boy Scouts
	11:00	Girl Scouts & Boy Scouts
Mar. 21	8:30	Eleanor Wergin & Deanna Bacco and Joanne Parson
	11:00	Mindy & Richard Serembo and Sandy & John Steele
Mar. 28	8:30	Karen & John Colley and Kristin & Chris Colley
	11:00	Amy & Ed Pleins and Madeline Rainey & James Veitch

### SUNDAY KIDS KINGDOM - Contact Bettina DiMatteo 724-861-9387

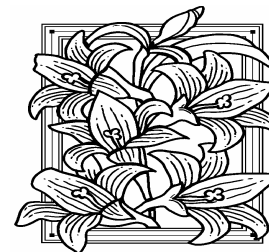
Mar. 7	8:30	Michelle Watson and Christy Keenan	11:00	Melinda Gilmore
Mar. 14	8:30	Jackie or Harry Hoover & Kara Forsyth	11:00	Rich Hollerman
Mar. 21	8:30	Donna Blasi and Brian Coiner	11:00	Lisa Rager & Amy Pleins
Mar. 28	8:30	Janine Glunt	11:00	Tiffanie Rupp

### SATURDAY GREETERS - Contact Sandy Wessel 724-744-3754

Mar. 6	Mona & Jack Cycak and Jennifer & John Wally
Mar. 13	Donna & Earl Anger and Danna & Ed Burmeister
Mar. 20	Nancy & Bob Fawcett and Michael Fleming
Mar. 27	Theresa & Zach Grunberg and Laurie Haldeman

### SATURDAY KIDS WORSHIP

Mar. 6	Sue Keller	Mar. 20	Michelle Devlin
Mar. 13	Jessica Yates	Mar. 27	Janice Vandenberg



## EASTER FLOWERS – 2010

_____ Easter Lilies	_____ Hyacinths	_____ Tulips	_____ Daffodils	_____ Mums
\$6.50 ea.	\$5.50 ea.	\$5.50 ea.	\$5.50 ea.	\$5.75 ea.

Please indicate the number wanted of each plant.

Please make checks payable to: CUMC FLOWER FUND. No orders accepted without payment.  
Place payment with order form in the offering plate or leave in the church office.

***NO orders taken after MARCH 22<sup>nd</sup>***

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

### Births

- ◇ Congratulations to the following families on the births of children and grandchildren:  
T.J. and Rachel Greenier on the birth of a son Brecken Michael.  
Proud grandparents are Tim and Jamie Greenier.
- ◇ Katie and Bob Alcorn on the birth of a daughter, Jaydin Elizabeth. Proud grandparents are Bob and Linda Riley.
- ◇ Joni and Rob Hilty on the birth of a daughter, Grace Marie. Proud Grandma is Pam Hilty

### Deaths

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Peggy, Maggie and RJ Jackson and Family on the death of Peggy's husband and Maggie and RJ's father, Pete Jackson.



### Change of Address

Harry & Elaine Stevick  
904 1st Street  
N. Huntingdon, PA 15642

Gwen Meneghini  
124 Farnsworth Drive  
Delmont, PA 15626

Kelly Addleman  
107 Edgewater Village  
Apt. 2  
Latrobe, PA 15650

EM3 SIMMONS MATTHEW G  
PO BOX 22A  
SUBBASE NEW LONDON  
GROTON CT 06349

### Remove

Robert "Pete" Jackson - death



## NEWS FROM THE ARK

### **PLAYGROUP**

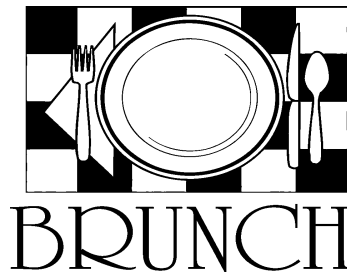
Playgroup classes have been having lots of fun in the multi-ministry room throwing foam balls through different shapes and running with their friends. We are looking forward to making spring art. Goodbye to winter and hello to spring!!

### **PRESCHOOL**

Preschool classes will be taking a field trip to the Children's Museum on March 5th. Some of our units this month include *Celebrating Our Differences*, *Furry Friends*, *St. Patrick's Day* and *Symbols of Easter*.

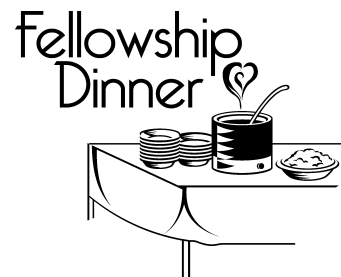
### **NOAH'S KIDS**

Hopefully Spring will be here when you are reading this! We have had enough snow to last us for a while. With spring comes the promises of good things to come. Flowers start to bring color to the world and the grass starts to be green again. March is *Green* month in Noah's Kids. We will be celebrating *St. Patrick's Day* with *Green Pancakes* and *Green Jello Snacks*. Our crafts will also be green! We hope your month is "Green" with promises.



## SECOND SUNDAY BRUNCH BUFFET

Community Church will offer a brunch buffet every second Sunday of each month. Please join us in the MMR any time between 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. as we gather to FEAST (Followers Eating And Sharing Together). Minimal fee of \$4.00 charged to help defray costs.



## SATURDAY SUPPER SOCIAL

Just so Saturday Worship does not feel left out Dinner will follow Saturday Service each second Saturday beginning March 13th.



The following letter was written to our church by Kenny Hiser who is a member at Christ Community United Methodist Church in Butler, PA. Our mission committee has provided support for his ministry in Calcutta, India. He spoke to our Sunday School on January 10th. He is a “twenty-something” young man dedicated to servanthood ministry among the Urban Asian poor.

Community UMC,

I write this letter a few days before departure. Life for the past few months has been filled with preparations. Visa applications, vaccinations, speaking at churches, and raising support. In the past few weeks the pace has quickened to saying my goodbyes, packing my stuff, and (soon) boarding a plane to finally begin my journey.

I'll spend the next month or so in the Philippines meeting my team, training, and experiencing life in the slums of Manila. Then I get to visit the team in Cambodia to learn from them and see how they live and love in the slums of Phnom Penh. My last stop before India is a few months in Bangladesh to study Bangla, bond with my team, and pray and plan for our real move into the slums.

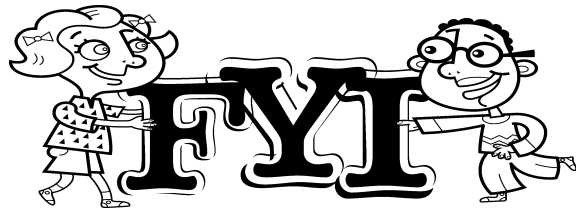
I humbly ask for your continued prayers as I make this transition. I am excited, joyful, ready, and eager to get going. I'm also sad at saying goodbyes and aware that I'm not really prepared for what God will be doing in the next few months and years. I ask for your prayers for safe travels for me and for everyone in Servants as we gather to pray, worship, celebrate, and plan, and especially for my team as we gather all together for the first time and begin to dream together about our life in the slums.

I deeply appreciate your generous support in helping me get this far. I'm so thankful for your prayers and financial support that enable me to follow where God is leading. Know that I am praying for all of you.

Grace & Peace

Kenny

PS You can always contact me at [khiser@gmail.com](mailto:khiser@gmail.com) and learn more at [www.noheroeshere.blogspot.com](http://www.noheroeshere.blogspot.com)



**CARPENTER'S APPRENTICE** is a non-profit organization which was created in 2008 for the sole purpose of serving Jesus Christ by helping to improve the living conditions of those who live in the Irwin/Penn Trafford area and cannot afford to make the repairs. Through the efforts of an all volunteer labor force, we will provide repairs that are deemed necessary for the resident to live in a safe and secure environment.

- ⇒ A Pastor refers a recipient in need of necessary home repairs to The Carpenter's Apprentice
- ⇒ The Carpenter's Apprentice determines the scope and cost of the work and if it fits within our abilities
- ⇒ The Pastor determines how the costs will be divided between the recipient and the Church

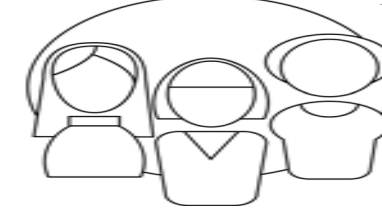
If you are aware of someone in the Irwin/Penn Trafford area who is in need of repairs which are necessary to live in a safe and secure environment and cannot afford to make them themselves, please contact your Pastor.

**SCOUT SUNDAY** - CUMC will once again recognize Scouts on March 14th - Scout Sunday. Scouts will serve as greeters, liturgists, ushers, and will lead the congregation in a flag ceremony. Any girl or boy that wishes to participate, please contact Bev Yakubisin at 724-744-3312 with the following information: Scout Name and 8:30 or 11:00 worship participant.

**EASTER FAMILY OUTREACH** - During this Lenten season, instead of GIVING UP something, would you be willing TO DO something for someone else? The Outreach program is again preparing to supply food to families in our community. We would like you to become involved. All we ask is a little of your time to do additional shopping, then, deliver the groceries to one family. To volunteer, sign up on the sheet located on the table at the church entrance or on the bulletin board by the lower entrance. The distribution of the names and groceries will be Thursday, March 25, 2010 between 6 and 7 p.m. If you personally know of a family that could use some help, or have any questions, please contact the church office (724-744-3413) or Jim and Sybil Kunkelmann (724-744-3223). THANK YOU!

**FREE INCOME TAX SERVICE** will again be offered for taxpayers in this area who have low and moderate incomes. This assistance will come from IRS trained volunteer tax councilors who will help in the preparation of Federal and State income tax returns, and for those who qualify, PA Property Tax/Rent Rebate Forms. Tax payers are asked to bring a copy of 2008's Federal and State returns along with all of their 2009 tax records, their property tax receipts, and if they bought a new automobile after February 16th 2009, a document showing their state sales tax paid. This service will be offered at the North Huntingdon Townhouse every Tuesday and Thursday from February 2nd to April 15th, 2010. We are also at the St. Regis RC Church in Trafford on alternating Mondays beginning February 1st. The hours at each facility will be from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

## Women's Group



## UMW NEWS

Sometimes simple words say it best. Thank you, each of you, who have been so faithful and willing to help with the funeral dinners. You may have set up the tables/took them down, baked cakes, called for desserts, helped with the cooking, served or helped with clean up. It is only because of your willingness to help that we have been able to provide this ministry. May God bless and watch over each of you.

*Funeral Dinner committee of the United Methodist Women*

## RADA

You still have time to purchase Rada ware for those Easter family get togethers. Rada knives and accessories are useful and not expensive for the quality of the products. Please consider ordering to help us with our Mission Program. If there is anything in particular that you would like to have, please contact Carolyn Evans at 724-744-2548.



### SEMINAR BEING OFFERED

The Penn Trafford Police Department is sponsoring an upcoming seminar which should be a great interest to parents of children and teenagers:

Topic: Internet Awareness and Cyber Harassment - This seminar is for adults only  
 Date: Thursday, March 18, 2010  
 Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
 Site: Penn Township Police Department  
 Presenters: Sgt. Augustine Deguffroy and Officer John Dunlap, Penn-Trafford School District School Resource Officer.  
 Summary: Review accessing chat rooms that may be used by juveniles. State methods that could be used to prevent internet crimes. Review cyberbullying and its ramifications.  
 To register: Contact Sgt. Deguffroy by phone 724-863-1119 Ext. 170 or email [adeguffroy@penntwp.org](mailto:adeguffroy@penntwp.org)

### LIFE LINE SCREENING

Life Line Screening will once again be at CUMC on Wednesday, March 17th. Pre-registration is required 1-800-679-5192, source code ISC6323. The following testing will be offered:

- ◆ Stroke/Carotid Artery Screening
- ◆ Heart Rhythm Screening (Atrial Fibrillation)
- ◆ Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening
- ◆ Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening
- ◆ Osteoporosis Screening

### LENTEN LUNCHEAS AND DINNERS

It's that time again! Lunch and Dinner served every Friday during Lent beginning February 19th through March 26th.

The menus are as follows:



#### LUNCH

\*\*\*TAKE OUT ONLY\*\*\*

Fish 'n Chips  
(Fish sandwich & Fresh Cut French Fries)

Place your order by calling:  
724-744-7072

Beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Order pick-up from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



#### DINNER

Fried Fish  
 Baked Fish  
 Baked Chicken  
 Crab Cakes  
 Fresh-Cut French Fries  
 Macaroni & Cheese  
 Haluska  
 Green Beans  
 Tossed Salad  
 Coleslaw  
 Applesauce



All Meals include:

Entrée, 1 Hot Side, 1 Cold Side, Dessert and Drink

Dinners served from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



## Good Grief Corner

### “Death of a Child”

Children aren’t supposed to die. It breaks all the rules of nature. Ever since we were kids ourselves, we were told you get old and then you died. The death of a child isn’t just a test of the human spirit, but a test of any marriage, of one’s faith, and of a parent’s basic survival strength.

It is a death so jarring it can take years to recover - a journey that is often frightening, painful, overwhelming and sometimes very lonely. The questions, “Why?”, “How can this be?”, “How could a loving God let this happen?” are commonplace. There can be numbness, disbelief, anger and a rage that can explode at the unfairness of it all. We feel cheated; we were barely able to say hello before saying good-bye.

We question our identity as parents after all, isn’t it a parent’s job to keep our children safe? Then, as if our identity isn’t shaken enough, someone asks, “How many children do you have?” The truth is, there is no “right” or “wrong” answer to that question. It depends on what’s comfortable for you.

Grief over the death of a child may affect a couple’s relationship. Many marriages end in divorce following the death of a child. On the other hand, many marriages are strengthened by pulling together through the adversity.

It is often true that each parent will grieve very differently. Each has had a different relationship with that child - different hopes, dreams and aspirations.

Years following the death of a child, the visual image most parents hold is the age of the child when death occurred. However, most bereaved parents will continue to play the “aging game” in their head. They’ll try to figure out what the child would be doing today If: He would have been starting school this year - getting a driver’s license - picking out a tux for the prom . . . . .

To cope, we must find our way through the dense cold fog that has descended upon our world. We must be gentle with ourselves, yet we must recognize and accept that life is not suddenly going to return to the “normal” it was before death. Coping takes on many forms; talking, crying, constructive anger, praying and sometimes just plain holding on to whatever we can find to get us through the day.

Healing after this kind of death is hard. It takes lots of time, lots of support. But remember, there is hope. There is tomorrow. There is healing.

**Next month:** Suggestions for comfort and coping.

## God’s Devotional

KINDNESS IS A LANGUAGE WHICH THE DEAF  
CAN HEAR AND THE BLIND CAN SEE.

“For His merciful kindness is great toward us: and the  
truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise ye the Lord!”

- Psalm 117:2

“I often have thought that we are a little old fashioned here in the Ozark Hills.” writes Laurel Ingalls Wilder in Little House in the Ozarks. “Now I know we are because we had a ‘working’ in our neighborhood this winter. That is a blessed, old-fashioned way of helping out a neighbor.”

“While the winter was warm, still it has been much too cold to be without firewood; and this neighbor, badly crippled with rheumatism, was not able to get up his winter’s wood. So the men of the neighborhood gathered together one morning and dropped in on him. With cross-cut saws and axes, they took possession of his wood lot - by night there was enough wood ready - to last the test of the winter.

“The women did their part, too. All morning they kept arriving with well-filled baskets, and at noon a long table was filled with a country neighborhood dinner . . . . When the dishes were washed, they sewed, knit, crochet and talked for the rest of the afternoon. It was a regular old-fashioned good time and we all went home with the feeling expressed by a newcomer when he said, ‘Don’t you know I’m proud to live in a neighborhood like this where they turn out and help one another when it’s needed.’”

## God’s Daily Answer

“God affirms us, making us a sure thing  
in Christ, putting his yes within us. By  
His Spirit He has stamped us with His  
eternal pledge - a sure beginning of what  
He is destined to complete”

You need insurance when you don’t  
have assurance. Without the assurance  
that other drivers will obey the traffic  
laws, you need car insurance. Without the  
assurance that a fire won’t ignite in your  
home, you need homeowners insurance.  
You purchase insurance, just in case.

But, when it comes to God, there is no  
need for a back-up plan. You have the  
assurance that God will never fail. Read  
the stories of Abraham and Moses in the  
old testament. Take note of how God  
never failed to come through - even when  
those who promised faithfully to follow  
Him did not.

When you give your life to God, you  
can rest assured - your future is secure.

“What a wonderful thing it is to be sure of  
our faith!”

~ G. F. Handel ~

## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Scott & Cindy Anderson  
560 Old State Route 66  
Greensburg, PA 15601  
724-836-4086  
Child: Troy Alexander

Linda Brentzel  
3335 Fawnway Dr.  
Murrysville, PA 15668  
412-607-6811  
Husband: Daniel  
Children: Andy & Ali

Stephen & Brooke Jackowski  
100 Dunrobin Lane  
Irwin, PA 15642  
724-433-6792  
Children: Nicolette, Stephen, Lindsey & Sammi

Susan Nebinski  
24 Lincoln Avenue  
N. Irwin, PA 15642  
412-780-0576  
Child: Jacob

Bob Nichols  
2513 Vancouver Street  
Grapeville, PA 15634  
724-527-6807  
Wife: Mary

Ronda Nichols  
408 Summit Street  
Jeannette, PA 15644  
724-875-4787  
Husband: Robert  
Child: Olivia

Hollee Russell  
108 Duncan Street  
Jeannette, PA 15644  
724-744-7892  
Husband: Steven

Mike, Wendy & Michael Tusay  
2841 Guffey Road  
N. Huntingdon, PA 15642  
724-864-1762  
Children: Michael & Zachary

Jennifer Vereb  
2510 Coulterville Road  
McKeesport, PA 15131  
724-708-9269  
Child: Amanda

Chris & Amber Watson  
102 Watt Road  
Jeannette, PA 15644  
724-331-3780  
Child: Jack

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# Worship Corner

## Every Wednesday in Lent!!!! OUR PRAYER GATHERING using **TAIZÉ** Chants

Join us for this meditative and introspective service. We read Scripture, sing songs, pray for others and experience a time of silence to worship and praise the One who came to save us.

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>!**

**7:30PM**

## PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Join us as we celebrate the Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem

### Saturday Evening Worship at 6PM

Duane Carter will lead worship together with our Saturday Evening Worship Team.

### Sunday Morning Worship 8:30 & 11

Our Chancel Choir will lead the Procession with Palms followed by KC<sup>3</sup> and our children.

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## Stephen Ministry Moment -- Referring

It is my pleasure to announce that we have recently commissioned 13 Stephen Ministers in our congregation. Stephen Ministers are individuals who have been trained to meet with and care for those who are hurting. Stephen Ministers meet one to one, for about an hour a week with someone in need. Their meetings are confidential and the caring relationship will last for as long as needed. Our new Stephen Ministers are Becky Brammell, Betty Byerly, Jamie Caruso, Rich Hollerman, Amy Keddie, Peggy Lupher, Lori Madiera, Mark Pasek, Jim Patterson, Lisa Rager, Judy Ryaby, Karen Smith, and I, Elizabeth Somes.

We need your help to locate -- or refer -- those in our church and community who are hurting and could benefit from Stephen Ministry. Stephen Ministers routinely help those who are: experiencing a crisis, in need of chronic care, need follow-up care and those anticipating a change. Examples of each are:

- ◇ Crisis care: Death of a loved one, loss of job, accident
- ◇ Chronic Care: someone dealing with a chronic illness or someone caring for another with a chronic illness
- ◇ Follow-up care: divorce, recovery from illness or surgery
- ◇ Preventative: before the birth of a child, planned retirement or upcoming “empty nest”

If you or someone you know is experiencing pain or stress as result of any of these experiences or others, perhaps you or they could benefit from meeting with a Stephen Minister.

Referring someone for Stephen Ministry is easy. First, there are cards available in the pews and at the Welcome Center with information about Stephen Ministry. Feel free to take these and pass them along to your family, friends and neighbors. Second, there is a Stephen Ministry bulletin board located near the restroom on the second floor of the church outside the Sanctuary. Additional brochures are located there as well as short forms you can complete asking someone to contact you. Next, make contact with your friend or family member to secure verbal permission for someone from the church to contact them. You may say something like this:

*“I know that losing your job must be really tough. Well, I would like to tell you about a program in our church for people who are dealing with tough times. It is called Stephen Ministry. Someone will meet with you on regular basis just to listen and help you through this time. If you are agreeable, I will give the church your name and telephone number and someone will contact you. Is that okay?”*

At this point, you will need to call Pastor John or me to refer your friend. You will pass along the contact information and describe the basic situation (example: my friend lost his job). We will then contact your friend and make arrangements.

It is important to remember, *you do not have to be a member* of Community Church to meet with a Stephen Minister or to refer someone for Stephen Ministry but, it is important to please gain the referred person’s permission before passing along their contact information to Pastor John or myself.

“Carry one another's burdens; in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:2

## One Month to Live

Have you heard the song from Tim McGraw, “Live Like You Were Dying?” Did you know there is a book and a church-wide campaign based on this idea? Prepare yourself because beginning just after Easter our church will be studying together what it would be like to have just, “one month to live” or to “live like you were dying.”

Read about the New York Times bestselling book by Kerry and Chris Shook “One Month to Live”... With eye-opening insights and soul-inspiring truths, **One Month to Live** challenges readers to embrace the life God has entrusted to them and to live it out moment by moment with wholehearted authenticity, honesty and integrity.

*Each of **One Month to Live's** 30 chapters—one for every day in a life-changing month—offers fresh strategies for overcoming habits that mire Christians in mediocrity. These strategies come to life through uplifting make-it-count moments, inspiring quotations, colorful true stories and questions for reflection. Readers examine how they can live passionately, love completely, learn humbly, and leave boldly to create a legacy that endures for generations after they're gone.*

*Through this life-changing journey, readers learn to embrace their own mortality and live their lives more fully—with no regrets.*

We invite, encourage and ask that EVERY member of our congregation make plans to be a part of this church-wide campaign from children to adults to study, pray and think together what we would change if we had only one month to live.

Books for *daily devotional* reading will be available at a slightly discounted rate through the church. In *home study groups* will be forming soon.

Campaign Dates **April and May 2010**

Contact Elizabeth Somes at extension 204 if you have any questions.

*Elizabeth Somes*

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## **HOLY THURSDAY**

**April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010 at 7:00PM**

We will remember Jesus' last hours before being taken to the Cross with a very moving and reflective service with Communion. Our Chancel Choir will sing "Song of Remembrance."

## **GOOD FRIDAY**

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 at 12:00 NOON**

A somber service in remembrance of God's mighty act of salvation in Christ Jesus' death on the Cross.

## **COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 at 7:30PM**

**Denmark Manor UCC**

Short reflections will be given by the Pastors of the Penn-Trafford Ministerium on "The Seven Last Words of Christ." Several pastors will share a reflection that evening.

## **HE IS RISEN!!!**

**Easter Services at Community Church, April 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>,  
2010**

Saturday Evening 6PM in the MMR – Contemporary

Sunday Morning

8:00 AM in the MMR – Traditional—1/2 hour earlier than usual

9:30 AM in the MMR – Traditional

11 AM in the MMR – Contemporary

11 AM in the Sanctuary - Traditional

# *Music & Creative Arts News*

**Community Church Testament Players**

*presents*

**MORE** *than just a man*

A DRAMATIC EASTER MUSICAL

**SATURDAY, MARCH 27<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 PM**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 28<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 PM**

*Godspeed,  
John*

