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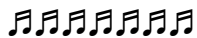
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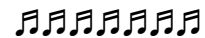
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It is a wonderful donation of postage, office supplies and volunteer time.
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UNITED CHURCHES SUNDAY *



Happy United Churches Sunday to us!
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What great ministry we do together!
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Please join us in celebrating United Churches Ministry on May 26, 2013. We don't always take time to realize that United Churches Ministries reach well over 150,000 people every year throughout the county with our hard working staff and over 500 volunteers. These numbers include the work of our Shepherd of the Streets Program, Food Pantry, Fuel Bank, 816 Nursing Home and Prison Worship Services over the year, weekly Footsteps to Follow column in the newspaper, daily phone devotion line, ecumenical events - worship services and educational opportunities, campus ministry, collections for the hungry and needy in our world, and even this newsletter you are reading! It also includes our News and Views radio show that ends May 26th after 62 years (see page 2).

Please join us throughout the year in celebrating these 67 years of ministry together in our county. There are endless possibilities, some of which include...

- Using our brochures & envelopes to help your congregation be aware of, pray for, and support United Churches. (They are available from our office)
- Sponsor a fund raiser for our ministry this year.
- Plan something special this year (2013-14) to recognize the 25th Anniversary of our Shepherd Ministry.
- Keep the ministries of your sister congregations in prayer as well as the ministries we do together.
- Do something at least once a month to be involved with the ecumenical community.
- Get to know members of other congregations at our 3rd Annual United Churches Golf Tournament on September 27 (details on page 4).
- Invite Gwen, Morris, Gail, or Sharon to come to your congregation to tell about this ministry we do together.
- Discover things to celebrate that the congregations in our community are doing.

I am sure you can come up with additional ways you can celebrate our ecumenical life together and insure that it continues to be vibrant and Spirit led!

Visit us at the following web site - www.uclc.org

DIAL - A - DEVOTION *

Have you called yet?

The number is 322-5762.

It's available 24 hours a day.



Devotions are three minutes or less, change weekdays and once on the weekend, and are designed to lift your spirits and help you to have "A Closer Walk with God." The devotionists this summer include:

5/13-19 Rev. Ken Wagner-Pizza 5/20-26 Rev. Gwen Bernstine
 5/27-6/2 Rev. Danesta Whaley 6/3-9 Ms. Patricia Jenkins
 6/10-16 Ms. Amber Shuman 6/17-23 Fr. Dan Kovalak
 6/24-30 Rev. Gwen Bernstine 7/1-7 Pastors Jim & Kathy Behrens
 7/8-14 Rev. Margaret Balliet 7/15-21 Ms. Sandy Grier
 7/2-28 Rev. Gwen Bernstine 7/29-8/4 Pastors Jim & Kathy Behrens
 8/5-11 Rev. Margaret Balliet 8/12-18 Ms. Amber Shuman
 8/19-25 Rev. Danesta Whaley 8/26-9/1 Fr. Dan Kovalak
 9/2-8 Pastors Jim & Kathy Behrens 9/9-15 Rev. Margaret Balliet

Listen today and tell others about this ministry!

BROADCASTING CHANGE

Religious News and Views Show: Broadcasting has been an important part of what United Churches has done since the very beginning (1946). We were providing devotionals daily for several radio stations including WRAK beginning in 1946.

Then in 1951 the "Religious News Program" began, airing on WRAK, first on Sunday afternoons, and later on Saturday evenings before moving to Sunday mornings. Now known as "Religious News and Views" it is usually recorded by one and sometimes two people, with a different broadcaster every month for the past 62 years.



The last broadcast of the fifteen minute Religious News and Views over WRAK will be Sunday, May 26, 2013. Mr. Ken Sawyer has been the person at the station who has provided all the technical assistance and encouragement in the 21 years I have been here at United Churches. He will be retiring at the end of May.

I want to thank Ken for all his help and also all of the broadcasters. This year they include Dr. Jim Behrens, Mr. Bill Hague, Rev. Danesta Whaley, Dr. Rob Manzinger, Rev. Margaret Balliet, Rev. Robert Lauver, Rev. Lois Yeagle-Hungerford, Rev. Ken Wagner-Pizza, Rabbi Shaul Rapoport, and myself, Rev. Gwen Bernstine.

WEDNESDAY NOON ECUMENICAL LUNCHES*

Join us Wednesdays for lunch and a program. The lunch line opens about 11:45 a.m. and you are always assured of a tasty \$6 lunch, warm ecumenical fellowship and a thoughtful program designed to enrich your life mentally, physically, spiritually and socially.

The parking is free in the Pine Street lot north of the church from 11 to 1:30. No reservations are necessary, but a call United Churches 322-1110 or 419-1464 if you are not a regular attender will help our caterer know how much food to prepare. Laity, clergy and people of all ages are welcome!

MAY:

- 15- **Mr. Phil and Mrs. Gail Landers**, Long Term Disaster Relief, "*Celebrating Families Being Back In Their Homes after Tropical Storm Lee*"
 22- **The Rev. Larry Leland**, Pastor, Faith United Methodist Church, Montoursville. "*Finding Living Water*"
 29- **The Rev. J. Morris Smith, Th.D.**, Shepherd of the Streets: "*Celebrating Twenty-five Years of Ministry!*"

MID-SUMMER PROGRAM**JULY:**

- 24- **Mr. Carl and Mrs. Opal Schlappi**, Area Musicians, "*Old Time Gospel Music*" ... come sing along!

This is a ministry that everyone in our congregations and community is welcome to participate in. Make plans to join us and bring a friend!

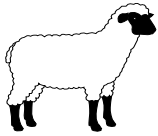
HELP NEEDED FOR 2013 WORSHIP SERVICES*

We still have a few vacancies in our Worship Schedule this year and need your help. It's a big job - over 800 services We can't do it without you. Throughout the year we always have vacancies that occur so we'd appreciate those who are willing to fill in or be on stand-by. **Please** contact us at uclc@sunlink.net or 322-1110.

The Nursing Home Vacancies are as follows....

- Sycamore Manor - Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.
 June 5 July 3
 November 6 November 27
 Pre Release Center - Women - Sunday at 3:30
 (must be female clergy)
 October 20
 Presbyterian Home Thursdays at 11
 September 5





SHEPHERD OF THE STREETS*

J. Morris Smith, Th. D.,

Contact at: 322-6538 or shepherd@uclc.org

WHEN THERE IS NO VISION

Where there is no vision, the people perish. (KJV)

Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint. (NIV)

Where there is no prophecy, the people cast off restraint. (NRSV)

Without prophecy, the people are demoralized. (NAB)

-Proverbs 29:18

Vision: Chazown (Hb.) = mental vision, dream.
Perish: Para (Hb.) = to loosen.

Where there is no ability to see a goal, to have a dream, to understand a purpose...where one is void of intention, purpose, plan for life, a person can be lost in the clutter and wreckage of past generations. A child would assume that the example of living imposed by birth and culture is all there is to life. Poverty of vision, the ability to see beyond the present, is a major cause for the loss of principle, ethic, dignity, morality, intellectual acumen, or moral compass.

Perhaps there is no greater poverty than lack of good example. History is full of good teachers or coaches or neighbors who have trumped the lack of parental example with inspirational and challenging pedagogy, influence, and motivation. I remember a teacher of my youth telling me, "Morris, you can be whatever you set your mind to be, you have the potential to make real anything you dream." And that came from a person who I admired and esteemed.

If one is raised without a sense of oughtness, there is no bridge from what is known to what is better. The basis for decision, plan, and action is most often unrestrained emotionally, demoralized of proper intent, retarded as to emotional support, apathetic in attempt, feeble in dynamic, and absurd in light of the circumstances.

Lack of proper example retards the development of prudence (right reasoning), justice (sense of right), fortitude (moral strength), temperance (moderation of passions and appetites). These are recognized as the "cardinal virtues". Cardinal comes from *cardinalis*, Latin for "principle" (the first part, *cardo* (hinge), that on which something turns). If a person has no mental vision or dream for personal future, there can be little development of virtue. "Where there is no vision, the people are demoralized."

Morals (L *moralis*, of manner or custom) set right and proper boundaries for human thought, speech, and actions. Is it any wonder that when no proper vision is set before a child, there is little or no restraint to actions, decisions, thoughts and speech.

This poverty transcends all other poverties. We find

this want of vision among the wealthy and the destitute, the educated and the ignorant, the saved and the lost. In our world we are privy to those who succumb to greed, sexual passion, covetousness, and pride. We see evil acted out in a world rejecting God, love, faith, and hope. We see anger overwhelming the conscience, emotion winning over spiritual realities, and truth discarded for sentiment.

At Shepherd of the Streets we have many opportunities daily to challenge many who have no vision, no dream, no revelation to challenge the intent of God for any human.

25 Years of Shepherd of the Streets History



One way congregations have been involved in helping people coming to the Office is to provide personal hygiene items. In the early years kits were assembled in shoe boxes containing small sized items, and made for men, women and children.

Now we keep items on shelves in the office, and put a kit together in a zip-lock bag or provide items for which the person is in need. The list of hygiene items are:

Regular sizes please....

Deodorant	Toothpaste and Toothbrushes
Soap	Shaving Cream and Razors
Tissues	Shampoo and Conditioner
Toilet Paper	Women's Hygiene Products
Combs	Blankets/Sheets/Pillowcases
Nail Clippers	Towels and Wash Cloths
Baby Diapers, Wipes, Shampoo, Powder, Oil, Q-Tips	

Thank you for your loving gifts, of hygiene items, bedding and baby needs you generously donate and drop off at our Shepherd office at 669 Center Street, Williamsport. Your support of United Churches' Shepherd of the Streets Ministry is very important. Budgetary gifts pay salaries, and expenses to keep the doors open so they can be available for those most in need in our community, and can advocate on their behalf when necessary.

United Churches 3rd Annual Golf Tournament*

Ken Weiss at 321-9555 or

E-mail: kweiss1213@gmail.com

Save the date: Friday Sept. 27



Since this will be our last newsletter until September, I want to be sure you have all the information about our Golf Tournament at White Deer Golf Course. Our first two years showed us just how much support there is for UCLC. However, we need to do so much more.

The NEED... Several years ago we had to cut our employees salaries by 20%. We changed their work schedule from 5 days a week to 4. Anyone who knows our wonderful employees knows that they already work way too many hours. They still are, just for less money. After our first tournament we were able to give them back some of that cut but they are still behind where they were 3 years ago. This is just not right! We want to get them all back to full salaries. As the economy struggles, giving went down a bit but the needs of our county increased. More work - less money - we had to do something! So we started to have this (and other) fund raisers. It has proven to be a winner with a profit of over \$8,000 each of the first two years. But we need MORE. Our goal for 2013 is to raise \$10,000 and we CAN DO IT. But we can do it only with your help.

The Tournament... is Friday Sept. 27. It starts at 9am at White Deer Challenge Course. For a donation of \$80 (one of the lowest fees for tournaments in our county) our golfers get a round of golf, a golf cart, lunch after playing, a number of free gifts, and each golfer gets a door prize. We moved to a Friday so there is no conflict with any leagues.

Our Sponsors... have a range of sponsorship levels and will be recognized as a sponsor in what has turned into one of the largest tournaments of year. Most sponsors happily come back year after year. We have major sponsors, meal sponsors, hole sponsors (each level gets a sign displaying their company or personal name out on the course). We also have church sponsors (just \$50) which can be given by the church, a group within a church, or even an individual who simply would like to see their church on this list as a supporter of United Churches. What we need now from you are more sponsors and golfers. People can contact me, Ken Weiss, for details. We also need door prizes - gift certificates to local stores, small gifts worth between \$10 and \$50, anything a golfer might enjoy.

We also have a wonderful raffle this year with top prizes of a \$900 gift certificate to golfsmith.com, another painting from Ron Beach, and a huge painting of a wonderful winter scene of a church on top of a snow covered hill.

There are lots of other prizes waiting to be won and you don't have to be present to win. A donation of \$5 or 5 tickets for \$20 is all you need to have the chance to win. Someone you know should be selling the tickets, if not, check with the United Churches office or let me know.

Let's do it! Let's have a fun day out on the golf course while we raise \$10,000 to keep United Churches ministries going strong. 850 Worship services every year at our nursing homes, assisted living homes, and prisons; our Shepherd of the Streets program; Food Pantry; Campus Ministry at Penn College of Technology; newspaper articles; ecumenical and interfaith worship services; so much more.

FOOD PANTRY *

Gail Burkhart, Coordinator 322-1657

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School will soon be over and we will begin to have some kids visiting with us with their grandparents. It's one of my favorite times of year. They often bring us a picture they have drawn, and they also help to pick out the foods that looks good to them. So our days become a little different over the summer.



And each month seems busier as we see an increase in the volume of clients. This location is closer for many, and of course we see people who are the fallout of domestic situations, partners who may have been incarcerated, jobs that disappeared, increased water bills that soaked up the grocery allowance and the other utilities that have skyrocketed and not been planned for. These are tough times for all of us, and for families with school age children, remember that summer is a time with more stress on their food budget because their children are not getting the breakfasts and lunches they get during the school year. So that we may continue to serve the 'food insecure' of our county, the food pantry is in need of the following items this month:

Oodles of Noodles

Mac-n-cheese

Granola Bars

Tomato Soup

Chicken Noodle Soup

Chunky Soup

Canned Fruits

Tea Bags

Coffee Creamer (powdered)

Saltine Crackers

Pasta Spaghetti Sauce

Ketchup & Mustard

Especially for the kids this summer...

Microwave Popcorn

Microwave Mac-n-cheese

Powdered Drinks

Microwave Soup Cups

Many blessings to all of you this summer!

CLASSIFIED ADS:

PIANO FOR SALE: Upright piano for sale. May 19, 1900's Mark Piotrowsky picture on inside of piano. Needs a tune up. Some of the keys stick and a pedal sticks. Decent condition. \$150.00 or best offer. Must haul yourself. Piano is on wheels. Call Stacy or Jason at 570-398-2405

TABLES FOR SALE: Some brand new adjustable children's classroom tables are available. They are grey topped and can adjust from 24" to 27". The church is willing to sell them at a fraction of the cost, if another church needs them. Call Colleen Crowley, Office Manager, Crossroads Community Church, 570-398-5533.

POVERTY - A FAITH-BASED RESPONSE*
from our Christian Social Concerns Committee

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting . . . All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit . . . -Acts 2:1-2, 4. Many will celebrate Pentecost later this month. How has the Spirit of God inspired and empowered us to advocate for the elimination of hunger and poverty in our communities, nation, and the world?

Lycoming County Unemployment Rate for February 2013: The preliminary unemployment rate for the county for February 2013 was 8.9 %. Although lower than January's rate (9.6%), the February figure was the second highest in several years. Unemployment in our area is currently significantly higher than the national rate of 7.7%. This means that 5,720 individuals and their families were adversely affected by unemployment in February.

Budget Cuts: What Problems Are Ahead in Pennsylvania as of September 30: Unless the federal budget is adjusted certain cuts will occur that will adversely affect Pennsylvanians who are currently being helped by "safety net" programs.

- \$849,000 will be cut from senior meal programs
- 17,200 infants and their mothers will lose Women and Infant Children (WIC) benefits
- 2,300 children will lose their place in Head Start

1,000 Day Campaign: Essential Child Nutrition: The 1,000 days from the start of a woman's pregnancy until her child's 2nd birthday offer a unique window of opportunity to shape healthier and more prosperous futures. The right nutrition during this 1,000 day window

can have an enormous impact on a child's ability to grow, learn, and rise out of poverty. It can also have a profound effect on the long-term health, stability, and development of entire communities and nations. To learn more and to make a difference visit www.thousanddays.org.

A Place at the Table: Bread for the World's National Gathering and Lobby Day - Join persons committed to setting a place at God's abundant table for hungry and poor people at Bread for the World's 2013 National Gathering (June 8-10) and Lobby Day (June 11) in Washington, DC. Worship, learn, engage, act, and enjoy with others while witnessing for the needs of those who experience hunger and poverty. For more information visit www.bread.org/gathering.

Become a Hunger Study Volunteer: Feeding America and its network of member food banks, including Central Pennsylvania Food Bank, are seeking volunteers to facilitate a nationwide study of hunger. Volunteers will engage with individuals receiving food assistance in the local community, contribute to invaluable research on national hunger, and help to effect positive change in their communities. For more information, please contact: Matt Hess at 717-564-1700 or mhess@central-pafoodbank.org.

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor." (Luke 4:18)

Newsletter Publication: This will be final hard copy newsletter to go out until September. To continue to get news and information and alerts over the summer *please give us your e-mail address*. This is also a great way to save postage and trees! Let Gwen know today at director@uclc.org. You'll get the newsletter in full color via an adobe pdf file!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- September Newsletter Information needed by August 29.
- CROP Walk - Sunday, October 13
- United Churches Annual Assembly-Tuesday, November 19

CREATION CORNER

from our Christian Social Concerns Committee

World Environment Day, June 5: Think, Eat, Save
Sustainable Consumption is the theme for the United Nations Environment Program World Environment Day, held each year on June 5. This provides a "teachable moment" for many reading this column.

As we acquire more than we need, and produce much waste as we do, we consume natural resources at an unsustainable pace. A "tipping point" is reached where the quality of our air and water is threatened. Dangerous low levels of non-renewable resources can result, and the environment becomes degraded. The poorest world populations are especially impacted.

The massive loss of biodiversity magnifies the worsening scenario, with current extinction rates of birds, mammals and amphibians rising.

The future of a high quality of life, our own well-being, is being compromised. The way we use and dispose of the products we own and consume needs to be changed, so that future generations may have access to their fair share of resources.

Transitioning to more sustainable activities and lifestyles is our task. An especially valuable A-Z guide to simple steps to easily green your daily routine and make good eco-behavior habits is found at www.unep.org/wed/A-Z/ Other topics include food waste facts, harmful substances, resource efficiency, ecosystem management, disasters and conflicts, environmental governance, climate change, and ideas for how local actions can promote the goal of sustainable consumption that in turn can reshape our future.

Related to this topic, is a new book by U.N. Messenger of Peace, anthropologist/primatologist Jane Goodall. In her *Seeds of Hope: Wisdom and Wonder from the World of Plants* (Grand Central, 384 pages) she shares her love of the botanical world, a different topic from her well-known study of chimpanzees (she's written more than 20 books for adults and children).

Without plants there would be no animals, no insects, fish, birds, mammals, no humans. They clean water, air and soil. And trees store CO₂, thus slowing down global warming. Threats to plants include human population growth, destruction of habitats, modern agriculture, over-collection and climate change.

As she studies the plant kingdom she seeks to protect it, and as she shares her sense of wonder of the "Green Kingdom", she inspires others to love the natural world.

UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY

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Looking Back

As I look back on the last year, I can't but think about how much growth I have seen in the students, especially the students that are ready to graduate. I look at Colin, who came by our table at kick off as a very shy, quiet freshman. He took a guess on our candy jar, and won it. We invited him to our Faith Talks and he has been coming ever since. He has gone on two mission trips with us, and over the past four years, he has grown to be a leader. I have had the pleasure of working with him on several service projects. He had served as treasurer for United Campus Ministry (UCM), and is now ready to graduate with a degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology. He has said that UCM had helped him grow in his faith and share his faith with others. He isn't that quiet freshman anymore. He has grown into a leader. He is a fine young man who knows the Lord.

I have seen another student grow in her faith as well. Victoria is pursuing a degree in Human Services, while also working full time. She has also gone with us on two mission trips and I have seen her faith stretched. She and her husband are expecting their first child soon and I am so happy for them.

I have seen friendships formed through UCM that I know will last. They have been through a lot together, and the Lord has put all of us together for a reason. We had shared together, prayed together, laughed together and cried together. We read the Bible and talked about our futures. We worked side by side on mission trips, and shared Jesus with the homeless. Even though the students are going separate ways, they can always look back at their time at Penn College and UCM and see that the Lord had brought us all together for this brief time to share and learn and grow. God has big plans for our students and they will do well, for the Lord is always with them.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." -Jeremiah 29:11

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EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AREA

Clothing and Toys for Syrian Refugees: Clothing, toys, blankets and sheets are currently being collected for Syrian refugees. The priority is clothing for children, but adult clothing is also needed. Please remember when selecting clothing that they will be needing sweaters and jackets soon. Also remember that women do not wear “revealing” clothing, in their society. So do not send women’s shorts, sleeveless or short sleeve dresses and tops, or anything with a short skirt.

Donated items should be packed in sturdy boxes and labeled as to contents (for example: used clothing for women size medium). All items need to be clean and in good condition. Boxes can be dropped off at Dr. Rajjoub’s home, 1100 Campbell St., Williamsport. Please stack them by the garage, in inclement weather put them on the porch.

Healthy Families/EMS Expo will be held on May 18th from 10:00-2:00 at the South Williamsport Recreational Area. This event is done with many partners, and churches groups and agencies in our community who promote health/healthy living. Be part of the day.

Discover Missions ~ Meet & Eat will be held Saturday, May 18, 2013 from 5 - 7pm at Calvary Baptist Church, corner of Washington Boulevard and Packer Street, Williamsport. This event will focus primarily on Haiti and efforts that people in the Williamsport area are involved in to help with recovery from the January 12, 2010 earthquake. Special focus will be on...

- The Christian Light School in Port au Prince which is a long-term project of some area folk. The school was damaged in the quake and is still under repair.
- Short-term-trip teams (7-10 days) going from our area several times a year. Some teams construct rubble homes for earthquake survivors. (google "haiti rubble homes") Find out about costs and dates and hear others' experiences. All ages can be put to good use and will be blessed by the spirit of the Haitian churches!

These are ecumenical projects; people from many churches will report and learn from each other about Haiti and other short-term service opportunities elsewhere. The event will include a meal. Bring with your favorite dessert to share. RSVP: bornagain1@com-cast.net or ltorney@windstream.net. A free will offering will be received.

Lasagna Dinner: Family Promise Fundraiser : In celebration of their 180th Anniversary First Presbyterian Church, 102 East Third Street, Williamsport will host a fundraising Lasagna Dinner for Family Promise of Lycoming County on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th. Dinner includes Lasagna, Salad, Italian Bread and Vanilla Ice Cream with Chocolate Sauce for \$12.00. Please call the church office at 326-3706 and leave your name and number

attending with the secretary or the answering machine.

Free Clothing Ministry: Daniel's Closet continues to be open the 4th Saturday morning of the month. The date this month is May 25 from 9-11 am at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1101 Washington Blvd., Williamsport. They offer free clothing for children, women and men. They set up on Thursday, May 22, from 5-6 pm. You may drop off clean, SEASONAL clothing at the basement entrance on Washington Blvd. at that time. They are always in need of baby and children's clothing.

YOKEFELLOW PRISON MINISTRY (YPM)

Rev. Danesta (Nessie) Whaley,

North Central Regional Director - 326-6868

For I know the plans I have for you.....plans to do you good! - Jeremiah 29 vs. 11.

Isn't it wonderful to know that our Lord indeed has a plan for our lives? The plans HE has for each of us can be realized as we go forward with the doors HE opens.

As we walked through one of the doors, our Awareness banquet was a huge success on April 23. Thank you to all who supported us in one way or another. There were approximately 117 in attendance as we enjoyed fellowship with one another and listened to great testimonies of what the Lord has done through HIS grace. Judge Marc Lovecchio, our keynote speaker reminded us that we must see one another through Jesus' eyes... so true. We are grateful for the open doors into the prisons to help make a difference in the lives of people. Two women shared their testimonies of how their lives were touched and changed by the love shown to them through volunteers who took the time to go into the prison to bring about change.

Please continue to keep Yokefellowship in your prayers as we go through more open doors this summer. If you are interested in becoming involved, here are a few ways:

- ▶ Pray for us
- ▶ Donate Bibles (Life Recovery Bibles for Lycoming Co.)
- ▶ Hand-outs for prisons (Christian tracts, magazines, etc.)
- ▶ In-prison ministry volunteer (various times/ days)
- ▶ Office help
- ▶ Maintenance help at our building (1200 Almond St.)
- ▶ Postage for letters (approximately 10/15 monthly)
- ▶ Lead/partake of Aftercare Bible studies (at our facility)
- ▶ Financial contributions
- ▶ Board members (to be actively involved on our board with fresh ideas/insights) – generally once/month

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS & CAMPS AROUND OUR COUNTY

DATE	PLACE	THEME	DETAILS
June 10-14	Messiah Lutheran Church, South Williamsport Corner of West Sourthern Ave & S. Howard St.	God's Big Backyard: Under the Stars!	9 a.m. - Noon Age 4 - Grade 6
June 10-14	First United Methodist Church, Williamsport Christian Life Center, 601 Market St (Pre-Register)	Creative Arts Camp (Cost \$50) Art, Cooking, Drama, Video...	9 am - 2 pm Grades 3-8
June 17-21	Love Unlimited & First Baptist Church, Williamsport Corner of West Fourth and Elmira Streets	TBA	5:30 - 8 p.m. Age 4 - Grade 6
June 17 - 21	Pine Street United Methodist Church, Williamsport 441 Pine Street	Everywhere Fun Fair - Where God's World Comes Together	6:15 - 8:30 Age 3 - Grade 6
June 17-21	First United Methodist Church, Williamsport Christian Life Center, 601 Market St. (Pre-Register)	Sean Walker's Basketball Camp (Cost \$20)	9-11 a.m. Grade 3-5
June 17-21	First United Methodist Church, Williamsport Christian Life Center, 601 Market St (Pre-Register)	Sean Walker's Basketball Camp (Cost \$20)	1-3 p.m. Grade 6-8
June 23-27	Church of the Savior, Lutheran, Williamsport 522 North Grier St (Corner of Memorial Ave & Grier)	Go Tell It On the Mountain	6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Age 3 - Grade 5 and Special Ed.
June 23-27	Salladasburg United Methodist Church 310 Main Street, Salladasburg	TBA	6:30 - 8 p.m. Grade K-5
July 8-12	First United Methodist Church, Williamsport Christian Life Center, 601 Market St (Pre-Register)	Kingdom Rock (Cost - Free)	9 a.m. - noon Age 3 - Grade 4
July 14-18	At: Trinity United Methodist Church, Williamsport 1971 Lycoming Creek Road Combines Trinity, Third St. & Duboistown Cong.	Kindgom Rock, Where Kids Stand Strong For God	6 - 8:30 p.m.
July 15-19	First United Methodist Church, Williamsport Christian Life Center, 601 Market St (Pre-Register)	Basketball Camp (Cost \$20)	9-10:30 K-2nd Grade
July 15-19	First United Methodist Church, Williamsport Christian Life Center, 601 Market St (Pre-Register)	Basketball Camp (Cost \$20)	10:50 am - 1 pm Grades 3-5
July 28-Aug 1	St. John's Newberry United Methodist Church 2101 Newberry Street, Williamsport	Everywhere Fun Fair	6-8:30 p.m. Age 4 - Grade 6
July 29-August 2 Closing program Sunday	Avis United Methodist Church 215 Prospect Avenue, Avis	TBA	6 - 8:30 p.m.
August 25-28	Church of the Savior Lutheran, Williamsport 522 N. Grier St., (Corner of Memorial Ave & Grier)	Go Tell It On the Mountain	7-9 p.m. Adults

Drama Club for Teens: I just heard this weekend about Center Stage, which is presenting a Summer Drama Club. Center Stage's Mission Statement says that they are dedicated to bring Awesomeness of Fun while inspiring teens to express their creative and artistic abilities in acting, improve & singing. You may want to check it out.

A drama graduate of the North Carolina School of the Arts is to be leading & directing. This is something new, fresh and interesting. They plan to embark on different art forms with performances in poetry, plays, movement pieces and more! They expect to even have an opportunity to performing in the community. The program got started in mid-May, but I am told that it is not too late to contact Terrell Calloway at Niceguy.tc@gmail.com or 714-408-3447.