

# UNITED CHURCHES' NEWS

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*Happy United Churches Sunday to us!  
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What great ministry we do together!  
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## UNITED CHURCHES SUNDAY \*



**P**lease join us in celebrating United Churches Ministry on June 19, 2011. It is amazing to realize that United Churches Ministries reach well over 150,000 people every year throughout the county with six hard working staff and over 500 volunteers. These numbers include the work of our Shepherd of the Streets Program, Food Pantry, Fuel Bank, weekly Nursing Home and Prison Worship Services, weekly Footsteps to Follow column in the newspaper, weekly News and Views radio show, daily phone devotion line, ecumenical worship services, programs and 5seminars, campus ministry, collections for the hungry and needy in our world, and even this newsletter that you are reading!

Please join us throughout the year in celebrating these 65 years of ministry together in our county. There are endless possibilities, some of which include...

- Using our new brochures and envelopes to help your congregation be aware of, pray for, and support United Churches. (They are available by contacting our office)

- Be part of our 2011 Challenge by providing an additional donation to United Churches this year.
- Celebrate our rich heritage as you enjoy our Amazing Grace Tour on Saturday, August 6 (see page 8).
- Keeping our ministries in prayer and your 180 sister congregations who make our work possible.
- Volunteer sixty-five hours this year through United Churches (that's about 1 ¼ hours/week).
- Help your congregation provide 65 - bags of food, college study bags, CWS kits, or Shepherd hygiene items.
- Have 6 members of your congregation represented at United Churches events this year like... Ecumenical Lunch, Pre Lenten Service, Annual Assembly, Hunger Awareness, Church Women United, Seminars...
- Support our First Annual United Churches Golf Tournament on September 20 (see page 4).
- Invite Gwen, Morris, Gail, or Sharon to come to your congregation to share about our ministry.

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!

**EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES \***

**Caring for the Caregiver**  
That's a big job for congregations!  
Almost everybody is a caregiver.



This morning seminar is designed to help clergy and church leaders find new ways to care for caregivers. The Keynote Speakers will be **Dr. Alexander Nesbitt, Barbara Natel and Rev. John Charnock**. Three professionals who work with caregivers during some of the most trying times will share their expertise with us. This interactive training will also include a panel to discuss community resources. It will be held on Wednesday, June 1 at Mater Dolorosa Parish Hall. Registration and light breakfast will begin at 7:30 and the seminar will finish at noon. The cost is \$10. CEU's will be available for clergy, nurses and social workers. Register with us at 322-1110 or [uclc@sunlink.net](mailto:uclc@sunlink.net).

**Pennsylvania State Pastors' Conference** theme will be "Practical and Practiced Awe: Reclaiming the Joy and Wonder of Our Call". It will feature the following keynote speakers...

- **Anabel C. Proffitt**
- **John A Berntsen**

Skilled leaders will present engaging workshops on a variety of topics aimed at enhancing pastoral ministry. You'll also be able to enjoy special interest luncheons, Worship, fellowship and so much more when we gather at the Holiday Inn Harisburg East. Reserve November 14-16, 2011 on your calendar and plan to attend.

**WEDNESDAY ECUMENICAL LUNCH \***

**J**oin us from 12 to 1 p.m. for the Wednesday Noon Ecumenical Lunch Program. Enjoy 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 p.m.

**MAY:**

- 11- **Rev. Ann Runnels**, Pastor, Nisbet United Methodist Church, "**Freedom House Women's Center**"
- 18- **Rev. Kevin and Mrs. Irene Brophy**, Pastor, Salladasburg United Methodist Church, "**Paul in Greece**"
- 25- **Rev. Aden Wertz**, Pastor, Pine Street United Methodist Church, "**The Music of Aden**"

**JULY: SUMMER PICNIC**

- 13- **Mr. Robert Kane**, Chairman, Historic Architecture Review Board and Curator of The Rowley House Museum, "**Local Historic Preservation**"

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

**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 devotionalists this summer include:

5/9-15 Pastors **Dorothy Anderson** 5/16-22 **Rev. Kathleen Ehram**  
5/23-29 **Rev. Gwen Bernstine** 5/30-6/5 **Revs. Jim/Kathy Behrens**  
6/6-12 **Rev. Danesta Whaley** 6/13-19 **Mrs. Dorothy Wagner**  
6/20-26 **Rev. Kathleen Ehram** 6/27-7/3 **Rev. Gwen Bernstine**  
7/4-10 **Revs. Jim/Kathy Behrens** 7/11-17 **Rev. Georgianna Welch**  
7/18-24 **Rev. Kathleen Ehram** 7/25-31 **Rev. Gwen Bernstine**  
8/1-7 **Revs. Jim/Kathy Behrens** 8/8-14 **Rev. Danesta Whaley**  
8/15-21 **Rev. Kathleen Ehram** 8/22-28 **Mrs. Sandy Grier**  
8/29-9/4 **Rev. Gwen Bernstine** 9/5-11 **Revs. Jim/Kathy Behrens**  
9/12-18 **Rev. Nessie Whaley** 9/19-25 **Rev. Kathleen Ehram**

Listen today, and share this number with others!

It's a great way to have a closer walk with God.

Business cards are available at our office  
for this devotion line ministry.

**September 20, 2011 is our....****1<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL UNITED CHURCHES  
GOLF TOURNAMENT \***

**W**e continue to look for golfers, sponsors, and items we can give as door prizes for our upcoming golf tournament. This can be a large fund raiser contributing to the goal of \$45,000 for the 2011 UCLC commitment. Yet, it will only work if you help us.

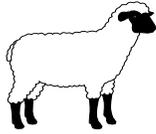
Pastors, we need you to assign a contact person and have that person get in touch with Ken Weiss at [kweiss1213@hotmail.com](mailto:kweiss1213@hotmail.com) or 323-6325. Perhaps someone reading this will volunteer to be a church contact person!

We are also looking for a special item (a nice piece of jewelry or a special painting) that we can raffle off at our tournament. If you know of someone in your church who would be willing to donate such an item, please let us know.



Sponsorships are starting to come in. Sanders Mortuary has agreed to be our tournament sponsor! Thrivent Financial has also agreed to a major sponsorship. We are still looking for Prize Sponsors (\$200 each) as well as Hole sponsors (\$100 each) and we are starting to collect church sponsorships (\$50 each). We also need door prizes, snacks, hot dogs, buns, soda, and bottles of water.

It is a best ball tournament, which makes it fun for even those of us who don't play very well. Start talking it up and send us your reservation for a foursome. We can only accept the first 50 or so foursomes so don't be too late.



## SHEPHERD OF THE STREETS\*

**J. Morris Smith, Th. D.**

**Contact at: 322-6538**

### PRAY FOR ME

As Shepherd of the Streets, I hear this request many times a day. We have a prayer-jar in the office where people can leave a prayer request to be prayed over daily. Asking for prayer calls one to lean heavily upon God's grace, mercy, and love.

This newsletter article finds us in a financial crisis with no recovery in sight, a few days removed from the terrible onslaught of devastating winds, floods, and fires that have impoverished many of our neighbors (and my fellow-Texans), and daily existing with anxieties produced by an ever-changing "modern" and uncertain world.

We see more preoccupation with science than preference for sanctification, more evidence of greed than grace, more acts of selfishness than sacrifice, more regret for wrong-doing than shame, more presumptuousness than prayer, more desire for titillation than search for truth, more conformity to lower standards than striving for excellence, more pride than integrity.

I see how these things have caused decay of the godliness that prompted our founding fathers and mothers to seek God and His righteousness. They knew that what must be governed is the heart of man and they knew that only God could do that. They knew that when a life is not lived consistent with the truths, values, and virtues it believes, it puts the greatest strain on the nobility of man.

People also ask me "how should I pray?" Too often prayer is prompted by what has happened, instead of what caused it to happen. Too often prayer is made to change results, instead of the wisdom to make the changes that are necessary. Without the wisdom of God, one can only make changes to accommodate instead of initiate dynamics that create. The original lie of Satan is still tempting people to lean on their own understanding, to assume that they have the wisdom to be like God (Gen. 3:1-5).

It is a lie that a lie can become truth if given enough time. That is like saying we can change God's perfect will and reform His wisdom. That is like saying that God is passé...humanism is the answer.

Any issue that a person faces must ultimately reflect on God for it to be an issue at all. The more one leans on self, the more unreasonable he is apt to be. God is "by faith, hope, and love". History has proven that all institutions die unless they are continuously being altered by an eternal God. Hebrew has a word for it... "alia"...ascension. If someone relies on science, philosophy, or even his own manipulation of theology, he will go in circles visiting the same issues over and over.

Moses, Jesus, Gandhi, Martin Luther King did not attack the injustices and wrongs of Egypt, Rome, the British

Empire, racism in the United States...the injustices and wrongs throughout history were always the same. They undermined the wrong with demonstrations of the power of truth and love. With each succeeding age these faithful applied the same thing: the wisdom of God.

People face issues of justice, morality, civility, conflict, medicine, personal freedom, religion...we must pray for and all issues seeking the wisdom and love of God. We must be consistent and constant in our prayer life showing less concern for self and more for Him, so that His Thoughts become our thoughts and His Ways become our ways.

Hear how St. Paul prayed: "that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of Him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know that is the hope that belongs to His call, what are the riches of glory in His inheritance among the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of His great might, which He worked in Christ, raising Him from the dead and seating Him at His right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come." (Eph. 1:17-21)

If we pray for the "so that's", we are not praying for the wisdom and revelation of God. If we pray for what has happened or might happen, we are praying too low. God already knows that. He wants you to know His will pertaining to it. Pray for His wisdom and strength to be yours in Christ. "Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?" (I Cor. 3:16)

We so appreciate all you who step forward to help the poor by providing hygiene items, bedding, and baby needs. We appreciate the monetary contributions to fund our general budget to keep our ministry open, and the donations for discretionary and prescription funds. The list of hygiene items (which often are depleted in the summer) are:

regular sizes please...

<i>Deodorant</i>	<i>Toothpaste and Toothbrushes</i>
<i>Soap</i>	<i>Shaving Cream and Razors</i>
<i>Tissues</i>	<i>Shampoo and Conditioner</i>
<i>Toilet Paper</i>	<i>Women's Hygiene Products</i>
<i>Combs</i>	<i>Towels and Wash Cloths</i>
<i>Baby Diaper</i>	<i>Baby Shampoo, Powder, Oil</i>
<i>Baby Q-Tips</i>	<i>Baby Wipes.</i>

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

**P** *peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. When he has said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."* (John 20:21-22) Pentecost is a time to focus on our responsibility to act for justice. What have we done and will we do to advocate for those living with hunger and poverty in our nation and the world? In these times of budget cuts are we speaking for the needs of those who have the least?

**Lycoming County Unemployment Rate Increased:** The preliminary rate of unemployment for Lycoming County for February 2011 was 8.6%.

**Local School Lunch Programs Reveal Pervasive Level of Need:** The recently released data for the 2010-11 school year for Free and Reduced Lunch programs in county schools reveals a high level of need for children.

School District	% Free Eligible	% Reduced Eligible	Total %
East Lycoming	20.7	8.2	28.9
Jersey Shore	28.6	11.7	40.3
Loyalsock	22.2	5.8	28.0
Montgomery	28.6	7.3	35.9
Montoursville	16.6	5.1	21.7
Muncy	22.1	8.7	30.8
South Williamsport	27.9	6.3	33.2
Williamsport	56.7	9.1	65.8
County Average	34.4	8.3	42.7

The Spirit of Pentecost should inspire us to say that one child is too many. Instead, 7,121 children are in need throughout the county.

**Protecting the Poor and Fiscal Responsibility as Moral Criteria of Budget Debate:** "The moral measure of this budget debate is not which party wins or which powerful interests prevail, but rather how those who are jobless, hungry, homeless or poor are treated. Their voices are too often missing in these debates, but they have the most compelling moral claim on our consciences and our common resources," wrote the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops in their April 13, 2011 letter to the U.S. House of Representatives.

The bishops offered a framework of three moral criteria

that could guide budgetary decisions: "1. Every budget decision should be assessed by whether it protects or threatens human life and dignity. 2. A central moral measure of any budget proposal is how it affects "the least of these" (Matthew 25). The needs of those who are hungry and homeless, without work or in poverty should come first. 3. Government and other institutions have a shared responsibility to promote the common good of all, especially ordinary workers and families who struggle to live in dignity in difficult economic times." – For the full letter visit: [www.usccb.org/sdwp/2012-Budget-Letter-to-House-04-13-11.pdf](http://www.usccb.org/sdwp/2012-Budget-Letter-to-House-04-13-11.pdf)

**FOOD PANTRY \***  
**Gail Burkhart, Coordinator**  
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**O**ur United Churches/Center City Food Pantry provides a three day supply of food to those in need. This April we helped 116 families, including 151 adults, 97 children and 47 elderly for a total of 295 persons.

Currently we need some volunteers for Tuesday afternoons. We're so sorry to be losing the current volunteers, a father and adult son team who've been with us for some time now. They are relocating to the York area to be hands-on grandfather and uncle to a new little one expected in July.

We have really enjoyed these gentlemen, they always have a fresh perspective on our activities. And sometime a fresh pair of eyes is a good thing when we become jaded to some of the things we see or experience daily. It has been great to work with them. Filling those shoes will be a task.

The hours are 12:30 to 3 p.m., every other Tuesday. This is a very flexible schedule and we'll be looking too to find someone who can maybe fill in other times so that some of our other volunteers can have some well deserved vacation time. So if you think you'd like to work with us, don't let that time schedule deter you from calling us, we'd love to talk to you and really have very flexible hours. The work isn't hard and working with the clients is so interesting. Please give us a call at 570-322-1657 and let's talk!

- The items we can use over the summer months include:
- Mac-Cheese*
  - Canned Fruit*
  - Jell-O*
  - Canned Veggies*
  - Tea Bags/Coffee*
  - Ramen Noodles*
  - Pancake Mix/syrup*
  - Cakes Mixes and Frosting*
  - Powdered Drink Mixes*
  - Saltine Crackers*
  - Granola Bars*
  - Spaghetti Sauce*
  - Mustard and Ketchup*
  - Flavored Oatmeal Packets*

Thank you all for the generosity with which you bless us. We couldn't do the work that we do without your support and prayers. Have a blessed and safe summer (and don't forget us. We feed as many people in the summer as we do the rest of the year, sometimes more because the children don't get school breakfasts and lunches!!)

**CREATION CORNER***from our Christian Social Concerns Committee***Summer 2011: The Environment Outside and Inside the House for Children and Families**

**W**ith summer approaching opportunities abound outside for us to reduce our "nature deficit-disorder" (see the work by Richard Louv), and on rainy days films about the "out-of-doors" can be appropriate too.

- Kids can be inspired to "go green" by visiting websites such as [www.kidsbegreen.org](http://www.kidsbegreen.org) and [www.epa.gov/kids](http://www.epa.gov/kids).
- Ministers might learn from **Church on Earth: Grounding Your Ministry in a Sense of Place** by Jeff Wild (Augsburg Fortress, 2009).
- Families could take a look at the children's picture book about grandparents, prayer, and the wonders and enchantment of the natural world in **Grandad's Prayers of the Earth** by Douglas Wood, (Candlewick Press).
- Nature's influence on children's health and development is appreciated in the film by Camilla Rockwell, Mother Nature's Child: Growing Outdoors in the Media Age ([www.mothernaturesmovie.com](http://www.mothernaturesmovie.com)).
- The Children and Nature Network (C&NN) aims to build a movement to reconnect children and nature. See [www.childrenandnature.org](http://www.childrenandnature.org) .
- Outdoor camping sites such as that of the American Camp Association ([www.acacamps.org](http://www.acacamps.org)) and the Family Adventure Program of REI ([www.rei.com/family-adventure](http://www.rei.com/family-adventure)), or [www.outdoors.org/recreation/family](http://www.outdoors.org/recreation/family) can offer leads for outdoor camping.
- Indoor family films for a rainy day might include Furry Vengeance, starring Brandan Fraser & Brooke Shields, about what woodland creatures do when their habitat is threatened, or the effort of Colin Beaven to reduce his environmental impact in No Impact Man (also a book and blog).
- Film Festivals offer other ideas: see ReelHeart International Film Festival, Redemptive Film Festival, and the Peace on Earth Film Festival.
- When Heaven Meets Earth: How a Faithful Few Inspired Change, a film (and study guide) by Susan Emmerich, looks at an effort to improve the Chesapeake Bay. Other socially relevant films that entertain and inspire can be seen at [www.participantmedia.com](http://www.participantmedia.com) and [www.takepart.com](http://www.takepart.com) is a website on socially conscious media and issues.

Other adult DVDs include:

- Manufactured Landscapes which looks at our impact on the planet via the eyes of Edward Burtynsky (Zeitgeist Films);
- Call of Life: Facing the Mass Extinction (a film by Species Alliance; [www.videoproject.com/calloflife](http://www.videoproject.com/calloflife) ;
- Beyond the Tipping Point?: A film about Climate Action and the Future ([www.beyondthetippingpoint.com](http://www.beyondthetippingpoint.com) ;
- Images: Gulf Oil and New Orleans Coverage (Braasch Photography.com) [www.worldviewofglobalwarming.org](http://www.worldviewofglobalwarming.org) ;
- Films from Our World 2.0 web magazine document responses to environmental challenges <http://our-world.unu.edu/en> ;
- Earthbound: Created and Called to Care for Creation is a six-part DVD series/study guide hosted by David Rhoads. Seraphim Communications <http://store.sera-comm.com>
- [www.JourneyoftheUniverse.com](http://www.JourneyoftheUniverse.com) explains the 50-minute HD film by that title, its companion book and 13-part educational DVD series produced by Brian Thomas Swimme and Mary Evelyn Tucker (the latter formerly chair of the Religion Department at nearby Bucknell University in Lewisburg, PA). The website [www.emerg-ingearthcommunity.org](http://www.emerg-ingearthcommunity.org) is that of Dr. Tucker and her husband Dr. John Grim (now both at Yale U.) and explains more of the film, the Forum on Religion and Ecology and the Earth Charter.
- Examining new paradigms of how interconnectedness can be lived in today's complex world are short films, other media and educational materials at [www.global-onenessproject.org](http://www.global-onenessproject.org) .

**UNITED CAMPUS MINISTRY \******Sharon Comini, Coordinator,******Contact at: 419-5376 or [ucm@ucl.org](mailto:ucm@ucl.org)***

**W**e recently gave away many study bags to students who were studying for finals, and were happy to know someone was praying for them. Thank you to all the congregations that put them together.

It's hard to believe that a whole school year is finished. That means that the summer months allow me to do planning for the fall semester. I'll be looking for churches and their pastors to lead the Wednesday evening Worship times and the Monday evening Faith Talks.

I would like to find a congregational representatives who are willing to be part of Campus Ministry planning, and be the liaison to the congregation to keep them informed about what is happening and what is needed. Anyone interested in becoming more involved, please call.

**SPECIAL EVENTS IN OUR COUNTY \***

**S**pring Luncheon, Bazaar and Bake Sale: The Salvation Army Auxiliary will hold this event on Thursday, May 26 at Pine Street United Methodist Church, 441 Pine St., Williamsport. The bazaar will begin at 11 a.m. and the lunch begins at noon., Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased at the Salvation Army, 457 Market St, Wmspt., their Thrift Stor in Pennsdale or you can call them at 326-9187 or 326-9188.

**UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR**

June 19 - United Churches (UCLC) Sunday (65<sup>th</sup> Year)

August 6 (Saturday) - Amazing Grace Tour - 10-2

September 20 (Tuesday) - UCLC Golf Tournament

October 2 (Sunday) - Life Chain at 2:30 p.m.

October 9 (Sunday) - CROP Walk at 1:30 p.m.

**SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISRY \***

**W**hat is the Cancer Survivors' Network? It is a special community created by and for survivors of cancer and caregivers. From diagnosis, cancer becomes a part of a person's and a caregiver's life experience. The Cancer Survivors' Network unites all people touched by cancer. Survivorship can be an opportunity for personal growth and renewal of spirit. No matter how cancer touches your life, there are people who can walk with you. To become involved log on to [www.cancer.org/csn](http://www.cancer.org/csn) or call 1-888-227-5445.

**R**egional online newspaper [www.Northcentral-Pa.com](http://www.Northcentral-Pa.com) wants to carry local church events and articles from local religious leaders. Submit your events on the web site and contact Kathy Kolb at 570-326-2888 to discuss carrying your church sermon in text, audio or video.

**YOKEFELLOW PRISON MINISTRY (YPM)**

*Rev. Danesta (Nessie) Whaley, Counil Dir. - 326-6868*

**THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL....**

**THE LABORERS ARE FEW! PRAY!**

**W**hen I think of all of the harvest....there are so many 'fields' that need tending to. Really though, the Lord provides for each one and HE is looking for those who are willing and obedient to the call.

We are thankful for every opportunity to serve the men and women incarcerated. There are so many 'prison fields' yet to harvest church! You have an opportunity to make a difference.

Our next Volunteer Training for the prison ministry will be held on **Saturday, May 21 (Armed Forces Day) from 9 am until 12Noon. Location: The Yokefellow Center, 1200 Almond St., Wmspt.**

YES! You might just desire to come and sign up - we are looking for many men and women and not just a few!

Again, there are many opportunities within the Yokefellow Prison Ministry to become a part of. If you would desire to join us that day, please call the office of Yokefellow at the above number and we will add your name. Materials will be provided.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!** Our annual Awareness Banquet will be scheduled for Friday, Sept. 23 at 6:00 p.m. This year it will be held at Pine St. United Methodist Church. We are in the planning stages and there will be more information forthcoming.

**SUPPORT:** If you would desire to make a donation to our ministry, please make checks to: Yokefellow Prison Ministry, at 1200 Almond St., Williamsport. We so appreciate your love and support.

Have a GREAT summer  
and don't stop co-laboring with HIM!

**D**O YOU HAVE A FLYING ELEPHANT IN YOUR CAR? You do, if you or any one else rides in your car unbuckled.

In a 30 mph crash, an unrestrained adult is thrown with a force of 3 ½ tons – about as much as an elephant weighs. Imagine that elephant hitting you, your friend or your child? Imagine that elephant being you!

How many times have you jumped in the car to run a quick errand and didn't buckle up? Most crashes happen close to home and at speeds under 40 miles an hour, when people are in familiar neighborhoods – the comfort zone.

So, as you make your trips to the local store, church, or a friend's house, don't take a flying elephant along for the ride.

Buckle up! Every one. Every trip. Every time. For "Flying Elephant" cards or posters, please contact the Community Traffic Safety Project at 570-433-0820 or email [comphwy@chilitech.net](mailto:comphwy@chilitech.net). All materials are FREE!

**N**EXT NEWSLETTER.....**SEPTEMBER** Our next regular newsletter will be mailed September 13<sup>th</sup>. Deadline for information is September 1. A mini-newsletter, mailed to pastors only, will be done in mid-August with information for your church's September newsletter. Have a wonderful summer!

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS AROUND OUR COUNTY**

DATE	PLACE	THEME	DETAILS
June 12-15	Trinity Assembly of God 332 Loyalsock Avenue, Montoursville	"PandaMania" - Where God is Wild about You	6 - 8:30 p.m. Ages 5 - 12
June 13-17	Messiah Lutheran Church Corner of Howard St. & West Southern Ave., S. Wmspt.	Big Jungle Adventure	9 a.m. - Noon Age 4 by 6/5 to grade 6
June 13-17	Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church 100 Walnut St., Montoursville	Hometown Nazareth: Exploring What Life Was Like When Jesus Was a Kid	9 a.m. - Noon Grades K - 5
June 13-17	First United Methodist Church, 601 Market St., Wmspt. Register online through June 6 <sup>th</sup> at <a href="http://www.firstchurch.cc">www.firstchurch.cc</a>	Creative Arts Camp Cost - \$30	Grades 5-8 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
June 15	Christ UMC and Trinity ELCA, Main Street, Hughesville Hughesville Community - A One Day Event	God's Green Pasture Based on Psalm 100	8:30 - 3:30 w/lunch Age 4 - Grade 6
June 19-23	Salladasburg United Methodist Church 310 Main Street, Salladasburg	Gadget Garage	6:30 - 8 p.m. Grades K - 6
June 20-24	First United Methodist Church 603 South Market Street, Muncy	"PandaMania" - Where God is Wild about You	6:00 - 8:30 p.m. Age 4 - Grade 6
June 20-24	Pine Street United Methodist Church 441 Pine Street, Williamsport	Shake It Up Café - Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe	6:15 - 8:30 p.m. Pre K - Middle School
June 20-24	St. John's - Newberry United Methodist Church 2101 Newberry Street, Williamsport	Shake It Up Café - Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe - Cost \$1	9:30 - Noon Age 4 - Grade 6
June 20-24	First United Methodist Church, 601 Market St., Wmspt. Register online through June 13 <sup>th</sup> at <a href="http://www.firstchurch.cc">www.firstchurch.cc</a>	Basketball Camp Cost - \$10 Leader: Mr. Mike Lundy	Grades K-2 9 - 10:30 a.m.
June 20-24	First United Methodist Church, 601 Market St., Wmspt. Register online through June 13 <sup>th</sup> at <a href="http://www.firstchurch.cc">www.firstchurch.cc</a>	Basketball Camp Cost \$15 Leader: Mr. Mike Lundy	Grades 3 - 5 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
June 26-30	Church of the Savior 522 Grier Street, Williamsport	Big Jungle Adventure	Age 3 - Grade 5 & Special Ed., 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
July 10-15	Trinity United Methodist Church 1971 Lycoming Creek Road, Williamsport	"PandaMania" - Where God is Wild about You	6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Ages 3-12
July 11-15	Cogan House Christian Church 3782 Cogan House Road, Trout Run	"PandaMania" - Where God is Wild about You	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
July 11-15	First United Methodist Church, 601 Market St, Wmspt Register online through July 4 <sup>th</sup> at <a href="http://www.firstchurch.cc">www.firstchurch.cc</a>	"PandaMania" - Where God is Wild about You	Age 3 - Grades 5 9 a.m. - Noon
July 17-20	Jersey Shore Assembly of God Main Street, Antesfort	PowerUp Kids Week: PandaMania 6 p.m. registration	Age 3 - Grade 6 6:15 - 8:30 p.m.
July 18-22	Trout Run United Methodist Church 78 Creamery Road, Trout Run	Treasure Seekers	6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Pre-school to Adults
July 24-28	Fairlawn Community Church 353 Pleasant Hill Road, Cogan Station	Son Surf Beach Bash	6 - 8 p.m. Age 2 - Grade 5
July 24-28	St. Michael's Lutheran Church, Quiggleville 1877 St. Michael's Road, Cogan Station	Hobo	6 - 8:30 p.m. All Ages
July 25-29	Light and Life Chapel 1680 Four Mile Drive, Williamsport	Take It In ... Live It Out	6 - 8:30 p.m. Pre-K - Grade 5
July 25-29	Avis United Methodist Church 215 Prospect Avenue, Avia	High Seas Expedition	5:30 - 8 p.m. Ages 4 - 12
August 8-11	Church of the Savior 522 Grier Street, Williamsport	Big Jungle Adventure	Adults 7 - 9 p.m.

## The Amazing Grace Tour

Saturday August 6, 2011

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Join us in visiting some of our beautiful houses of worship in the Williamsport area this year.

### Included in the tour of each house of worship

- Music
- Architecture
- Stained Glass Windows
- History
- Refreshments



### HOUSES OF WORSHIP INCLUDED IN THE 2011 TOUR

1. New Covenant United Church of Christ – 202 East Third Street
2. St. Mark Lutheran Church, 142 Market Street
3. Salvation Army – 457 Market Street
4. St. Boniface Catholic Church – 326 Washington Boulevard
5. Holy Cross Orthodox Church, 1725 Holy Cross Lane (NOTE: Open for tour 11 am)

Cost per ticket: \$10

### Proceeds to fund programs for:

- The Shepherd of the Street Ministry of United Churches
- The Salvation Army

### Ticket Sales:

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The Salvation Army (326-9188)

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