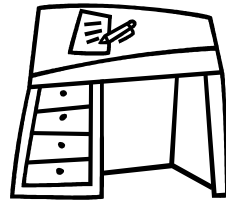


Hi - Lights

April/May 2012

From the Pastor's Desk



Below is a story that our Bishop Tom Bickerton shared with Pastors as we prepared to attend the Bishop's day on the Washington District.

"Last summer I had the privilege of traveling to Zimbabwe to be part of a joint Clergy/Lay Training School sponsored by the Western Pennsylvania and Baltimore-Washington Annual Conferences. During one session of that school, a Zimbabwean pastor stood and told this story. It seems that this pastor had such a good worship experience at one of his churches that he was running late for the next service on his charge. In Zimbabwe, few pastors have a car at their disposal. But this man did. And, as is typical for anyone in the human family who has a car at her/his disposal, traveling at an excessive speed to make up for lost time is a logical solution.

As the pastor was speeding down the highway to his next destination he was pulled

over by a police car that was monitoring the road. When the two policemen approached the car they inquired of the pastor why he was traveling so fast. His answer: "I am late for church!" But the policemen didn't believe him. Pleading his case, the man explained that he was a pastor. But the policemen didn't believe him. Asking him to get out of his car, the policemen finally became convinced of his story when the man pulled down his sweater to reveal his clerical collar.

The pastor made a simple inquiry of the police officers. "Why didn't you believe me?" he asked. Their reply was simple: "You didn't have anyone in the car with you." You see, in Zimbabwe people believe that if you are going to church you need to be taking people with you so that others can hear the good news of God's love. For these two police officers it seemed incompatible that a person late for

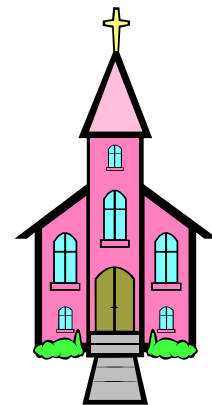
church, let alone a pastor, would be going to worship alone."

If two secular police officers believe that Christians should be taking others to church, then why don't we?

Each of us have been called to make disciples. *Matthew 28:*¹⁹ *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*²⁰ *and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

Let each of us,

**BRING SOMEONE TO
CHURCH !**



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Just some notes



From the church records:

Wedding

Thomas Hurrell &
Suzanne Tush

Membership as of 3-26-12: 373

Memorials received since last newsletter:

Arthur Breitinger

...Congregation of Pine Run
UMC

William Ulmer

...John Kreutzer
...Cheryl McMahon

Jean Jackson

...Bill & Jennifer Lewis



January Finances

Receipts	\$18,666.78
Disbursements	<u>\$21,189.99</u>
Balance	- \$ 2,523.21

February Finances

Receipts	\$16,121.62
Disbursements	<u>\$11,637.39</u>
Balance	\$ 4,484.23



Celebration of Women
Sunday, May 6th



Please come and celebrate the women in the bible by attending our "Celebration of Women" on May 6th. Our own personal chef, Brett Smith, will prepare a delicious meal with the help of the men of the church. Several of the women from the church will be entertaining us but we need a few more talented women to help fill out our play bill. If you want to entertain us, please get in touch with Sue Rowan (412-758-8625) or Kathy Ackerman.

Come and join us on May 6th at 3 pm. Tickets are \$9.00 for Adults; \$5.00 for children 12-5; and Free for children under 5. You all come and have a great time with us!!

Vacation Bible School August 5-9

LOOK UP! LOOK UP!



See the beauty in the "SKY" and remember all things are possible with God. Although it's still cold and wintry outside Children's Ministries is thinking about Vacation Bible School. Our theme this year is "SKY". We are excited about the adventures to come, and hope each of you will be able to help in some way. If you have a broken umbrella with ripped cloth or broken spokes we can use them. Bring them to church and we will recycle them for our project. Thanks!

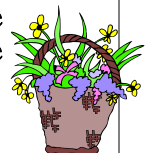


**Apple Dumpling Sale
on Election Day, April 24th
from 9 am to 3 pm.**

**You can enjoy a fresh baked
apple dumpling for \$4.00 or you
can purchase frozen ones.
This is a Children's Ministries
project.**

**Plant sale
for Mother's Day**

Children's Ministries will be selling hanging baskets for Mother's Day. More information will be available soon. Please check the bulletin.





April Worship

April 1—Palm/Passion Sunday

10:45 am service only
(no communion)

April 8—Easter Sunday

April 15—Second Sunday of Easter

April 22—Third Sunday of Easter (Native American Ministries Sunday)

April 29—Fourth Sunday of Easter

May Worship



May 6—Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 & 10:45 am services
(communion at the rail)

May 13—Sixth Sunday of Easter (Festival of the Christian Home/Mother's Day)

May 20—Seventh Sunday of Easter (Ascension Sunday)

May 27—Pentecost
(Memorial Sunday)

Graduates...



If you or someone you know is graduating from high school, college, or a technical school, please let the church office (412-233-4006) know so that we can acknowledge all graduates for 2012 that are a part of Pine Run. We will be recognizing graduates during the worship service on June 3.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES



April 1 PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

April 5 MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE

at 7 pm

April 6 GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE @ Pine Run at 12 pm



Come celebrate
the Resurrection



EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE

April 8 @ 10:45 am

Senior Saturday Dates

{for those 55 & older}

**April 14th
and May 12th**

Lunch is served at 12 pm
Entertainment is at 1 pm
\$5.00 donation
Please make a reservation!

A Huge Thank You...



Thanks to all who helped with the painting of Fellowship Hall—the volunteer painters, preparers, donaters, and kitchen helpers. The Trustees really appreciated all your help. The people of Pine Run always answer "the call"! We aren't finished—there is more work to be done.

Will you answer "the call"??

A special "thank you" to Sherwin Williams for donating the paint.



Confirmation Sunday June 24th

On Sunday, June 24th at the 10:45 am worship service, *Brittany Graham, Cassie Jenkins and Jordan March* will be confirmed. They have been attending Confirmation Classes. Be sure you are here to support our newest members of the church and please keep them in your prayers.



Western Pennsylvania
Annual Conference at
Grove City College
June 7th-10th



2012 Altar Flower Dates

Dates available are: May 6; September 23; October 7; December 9 and 30. If you are interested in sponsoring flowers, please call the church office (412-233-4006). Cost is \$20.00.

2012 Bulletin Cover Dates

Dates available are: July 22; September 30; October 7; November 4; December 24 (11 pm service) and 30. If you are interested in sponsoring bulletin covers, please call the church office (412-233-4006). Cost is \$11.00.

Mission Project Flood Bucket Kits

The United Methodist Women are still collecting items for flood buckets. There are slips on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall for items needed. Please take a slip and return it with your items and place them in the bucket provided. The buckets will be taken to Annual Conference in June.

See you in church

Our Creed as developed by the Spirituality Focus Group...

“Because everyone is deserving of grace as is given by God to each of us,
Because everyone is deserving of encouragement that is a Gift of the Spirit,
We at Pine Run are committed to love one another in faithfulness to God’s calling”
This is our covenant at Pine Run.



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