

# ***GOOD NEWS from Christ Church***



**510 South Central Avenue, Laurel, Delaware**



**July 2010**

***Acres of Diamonds***



## ***SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL***

Have you ever thought about what the animals might be thinking about the birth of Jesus? Well, this past Sunday, Sharlene Lewis gave us an insight to their thoughts.

Sharlene is leading Sunday School for the summer (thru August) at 9:30 in the Miracle House. Her lessons are on the Book of Luke and are for all ages. I attended her class the past two weeks and I have to say it was very enjoyable in addition to being educational. Sharlene puts on a skit in the "Acts Theater" every Sunday depicting the verses being taught that day.

If you have not been to one of her classes, I urge you to attend. And, by the way, she could also use you in one of her skits if you are so led. She is very creative and I'm certain you would find the hour worth spent.

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## ***WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES EXPANDING FOR SUMMER***

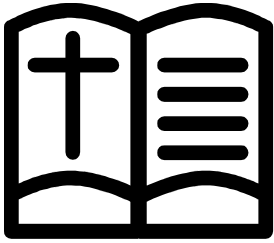
Worship Services will be held June thru September, 8:30 and 10:45 AM EVERY Sunday, including the first Sunday of the month.

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### ***OUR VISION STATEMENT***

We are a Christ-centered family of believers committed to helping people relate to God in life-changing ways.

Following Christ's example, we aspire to spread the Good News by serving one another and by sharing God's love and hope with our community.



*From  
the  
desk of  
Pastor Donna*

**Evangelism - Just Walk Across the Room**

Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you.

(Matthew 28:18-20a - The Message)

This scripture is commonly known as the Great Commission and most Christians know that they should share the Good News of God's love with others. But how exactly can we do that? We don't know exactly what to do or say. The story of our Christian journey may not seem all that remarkable to us. Let's just leave it to the "professionals".

Statistically, only 10 percent of any congregation would raise their hands if asked who has the gift of Evangelism or who does any evangelizing on a regular basis. This means there are a lot of us sitting around thinking about sharing with others about God's love. Well help is on the way.

In July, in worship and in small groups, we are going to be focusing on how we can make a difference when we Just Walk Across the Room. That's the name of the book by Bill Hybels that the series is based on and I hope you will make it a priority to be a part of it.

We will have two small group opportunities: Wednesday evenings 6:30-7:30pm starting on July 7 and Thursday mornings 9:30-10:30am starting on July 8. Sign-up sheets will be in Straughn Hall. Please join me.

Remember as we seek to know and do God's will, God equips us for each task. Something that seems impossible for us isn't when we are aligned with the power of God.. Remember God's promise "I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20b -The Message)

In Faith,

*Pastor Donna*

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

**Praise Team Practice:** Tuesday evenings, 5:30 PM

**Men of Faith Breakfast:** First Saturday of every month

**Soup Social:** Every Tuesday, 5:30 PM

**Meditation Mondays:** Beginning July 5th, 6-7 PM, Miracle House

**Evangelism Class:** Wednesdays, beginning July 7th, 6:30 PM

**Board Meeting:** July 22, Miracle House, 7:00 PM

**F.O.G. Fundraiser:** July 26, 5:00 PM, Pizzeria

**VBS:** July 16-17

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Meditation Mondays

Beginning in July and led by Pastor Donna, we will be meeting on Monday evenings from 6-7 pm in the Miracle House for prayer and meditation. It will be a time of quietness and will include guided meditation, music, and silence. Our first session will be led by Episcopal Deacon Penny Morrow. Come and take time away from the busyness of the world and rest in God's presence.

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Please notify Judy Vickers of all meetings and their times, so they will appear in the church bulletin. Deadline for these announcements is Wednesday.

Please call Judy at 875-4306 or email judy\_\_vickers@hotmail.com

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FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR:

If you are interested in placing flowers on the alter for any Sunday, please contact:

Carole Lynch  
875-3261

SCRAPBOOKING DEMO

Our Scrapbooking demo is scheduled for June 26th, 9:00 AM-Noon in Straughn Hall. If you have never done scrapbooking and are interested in learning what it is all about this is the time to find out.

We will leave the sign up sheet in Straughn Hall for any who might still be interested. There is still time to join in the fun.

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SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULED

Sharlene Lewis will be leading **Summer Sunday School** in the Miracle House beginning June 6 thru August, 9:30 AM. The topic will be **Luke**. There will be drama, music, etc. All ages are invited to join her for this exciting journey thru the Book of Luke.

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THE ULTIMATE BUMPER STICKER

**Honk if love Jesus,**

**Text while driving if you want to meet him**

**CRAFT MEETINGS**

Craft meetings will be held the Miracle House – watch your bulletin for future dates. This is in preparation for our Fall Bazaar to be held in October. If you would like to help please join us. If you can cut, stuff, paint, sew, we would love to have you. Below is a list of items we would like to have. If you can help us with any of them, drop them off at the church office any day between 9:00 AM and Noon.

- 11-13 oz coffee cans (Maxwell House style)
- Large jingle bells – 1 1/4" or larger
- Large regular bells – 2" or more at base
- Styrofoam balls – all sizes
- Lace – 3" – 4" or more wide (flat or gathered)
- Ribbon – 1/4" satin-all colors (can be wired)
- Santa and/or doll hair
- Felt
- Berries and picks – Fall and/or Christmas
- New L/XL sweatshirts – white, navy, black, red, green, or fall colors
- Wood donations – contact Bill or Clint Nack
- We can also use money to purchase needed supplies.

Thank you,  
Marti Seal

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**DIRECTIONS TO OUR FATHER'S HOUSE**

Make a Right onto Believehth Blvd.  
 Keep straight and go through the Green Light, which is Jesus Christ.  
 There, you must turn onto the Bridge of Faith, which is over troubled water.  
 When you get off the bride, make a Right turn and Keep Straight.  
 You are on the King's Highway – Heaven-bound.  
 Keep going for three miles; One for the Father, One for the Son, and One for the Holy Ghost.  
 Then exit off onto Grace Blvd.  
 From there, make a Right turn on Gospel Lane.  
 Keep Straight and then make another Right on Prayer Road.  
 As you go on your way, Yield Not to the traffic on Temptation Ave.  
 Also, avoid SIN STREET because it is a DEAN END.  
 Pass up Envy Drive, and Hate Avenue.  
 Also, pass Hypocrisy Street, Gossiping Lane, and Backbiting Blvd.  
 However, you have to go down Long-suffering Lane, Persecution Blvd. and Trials and Tribulations Ave.  
 But that's all right, because VICTORY Street is straight ahead.  
 AMEN!!!

F.O.G. NEWS

As many know, our annual senior prom was a great hit. The "Sock Hop" was a night to remember for all in attendance, and we would like to thank all the members of the church for their continued support. With members of our group graduating this spring, we are asking for your prayers for the following members:

- C.J. Dickerson
- Wade Dickerson
- Jamie Curtis
- Colby Watts

At our June meeting the group nominated and voted on the new officers for this year. Congratulations to Co-Presidents Jackie Watts and Toni DeVincentis, Treasurer Matt Dickerson, and Secretary Jenna Watts.

August 1st-7th is the annual Cherokee Mission trip, and we are delighted to send 4 members to serve the people living in the Cherokee Reservation. Please pray for safe travels and that many lives are touched during the week of service and fellowship. The four members from F.O.G. serving God during this week include Travis Larmore, Matt Dickerson, Jackie Watts and Toni DeVincentis. We will be selling Pampered Chef to help raise money; if you are interested, please see an F.O.G. member or advisor.

Our next meeting will be July 11th at 8:00 PM at Bryan's Bowling Center. We welcome any new members to the group that night, for a night of fun and fellowship. Again, we thank all of the church members for their continued support and prayers for our growing Young Adult Ministry.

God Bless -  
F.O.G.

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CHATTER HATTERS RED HAT GROUP:

A trip to Seaford to Bon Appetite in June was a very pleasant time spent for our Chatter Hatters with our hostess, Fran Muir. We had two guests join us; Ann Blake and Anna Bosley.

If you are interested in joining our group, just see call Shirley Sommers or Betty Ringrose. We would be happy to have you.

CAT'S MEOW

We still have a supply of the Cat's Meow plaques representing our church which have been donated to CUMC. Please see Pastor Donna if you would like to purchase one or they will be available in the church office.

They are available for \$25.00 each and the proceeds will benefit the Scholarship Fund.

May 27, 2010

Dear Members of Christ UMC,

As many of you know, three years ago I was sent out from this church to become a minister in the United Methodist Church. Christ UMC is my home church and I thank God every day for the wonderful church family that supported and continues to support me. I did not start seminary right away as many transitions were taking place in my life and I did not get a sense from God that it was the right time.

However, that has changed. As of this fall I will be attending Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C. as a Student Pastor. Most of you remember the previous pastor was a Student-Pastor when he arrived and I will be sort of following in his footsteps. I will attend seminary 3 days a week and be home to be a pastor the other days. This will be a joyful but busy time.

Since the cost of this education is more than I can handle alone, I am humbly asking for assistance from anyone who feels led to help. I realize times are tough and not everyone has anything to spare in the way of financial aid. I am receiving help from Trinity and from a few scholarships and grants but it will not be enough to cover all the expenses. Please pray for me in this journey either way as we all know prayer is the most powerful tool Christians have in this life. God will provide and I firmly believe it!

If you desire to help, please send your donations to Trinity UMC, c/o Sherry Shockley, 17249 Phillips Hill Rd., Laurel, DE 19956. She will record the donations so I can send notes of "thanks," deposit them into one account and send them together from that account. Please make the checks out to Trinity UMC. If you would prefer to send your donation directly to the school, please contact me (875-4741) for my student ID number so it can go to my account.

Thank you for your love, prayers and consideration as I go forth to learn more about how to be a minister for God to His people.

God bless you abundantly,

Rev. Julie A. Lewis

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***THE LIGHTER SIDE***

A raisin is a grape that's had too many worries!

Success is getting up just one more time than you fall

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Dear Friend,

Welcome to Hero Headquarters, where kids join forces with God! Hero Headquarters kids will participate in the large-group excitement of Hero HQ, experience God's word at amazing Bible heroes, create service, or craft projects at Power Projects, enjoy super snacks and read about real-life kid heroes at Super Snacks, and play great games at Action Games! Through it all, they will learn that with God's power they can make a difference in the lives of people around them.

The superheroes at Hero Headquarters will help kids learn what it means to be a hero for God. Kids will be introduced to unnamed Bible Heroes who were not super or powerful, yet their small acts were used by God to do wonderful things. Kids will be challenged to be heroes who do the unexpected, take action, step out in faith, save the day and stand for truth.

VBS begins Friday night, July 16, 2010 at 5:00 PM for a family dinner, followed by our first session of Hero Headquarters from 6:00-8:00PM . Saturday, July 17, 2010 from 9:30AM-1:00PM ... Snacks will be provided Your kids won't want to miss this exciting, challenging, super-fun VBS program!

**CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
510 S. CENTRAL STREET,  
LAUREL, DE**

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GODDIE PACKAGE FOR RICK BROWN

We are putting together a Goodie Package to send Rick Brown and are collecting the following:

- Tastycakes-Butterscotch & Chocolate
- Peanut Butter
- Twizzlers-Cherry & Strawberry
- JIF Peanut Butter
- Mounds & Hershey Candy Bars (no nuts)
- Nutella Spread
- Poptarts-Brown Sugar & Cinnamon
- Cherry

If you would like to contribute please drop your items in the box in Straughn Hall.

Thank you

Newly assigned officers to a naval air station are quite often "adopted" by a family. One such young officer, a lieutenant commander, kid of became an uncle to a family's only four-year-old daughter.

One Sunday, he asked her what she had learned in Sunday School. She said she had learned all about the ten commanders, and that they were always broke.

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*Do not ask the Lord to guide your footsteps if you are not willing to move your feet.*



**LUKE 15:3-4**

(Look up this verse and fill in the blanks)

And he \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ unto them, saying, What \_\_\_\_\_ of you, having an hundred \_\_\_\_\_, if he \_\_\_\_\_ one Of them, \_\_\_\_\_ not leave the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_, and go \_\_\_\_\_ that which is lost, until he \_\_\_\_\_ it?

(Answers on Page 10)

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**WORD SEARCH**

(Find the hidden words in the list)

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**KINGS**

**TRUTH**

**PEACE**

**JUDGES**

**ALTAR**

**QUEEN**

**HEART**

**DEVIL**

**HAPPY**  
**BIRTHDAY:**



- July 1 Glena Larmore
- 3 Steven Vickers
- 4 Lil Rubino
- Bill Sommers
- Betty Wilkins
- 7 Bill Whaley
- 10 Joe Elliott, Jr.
- 12 Tommy Dykes
- 14 Yvette Siegel
- 15 Chelsea Eline
- 16 Bill Fischbeck
- 17 Betty Dickerson
- Angela Guy
- 19 Harriett Smith
- 22 Scott Costleigh
- 23 David Elzey
- 24 Dauna Hearn
- 25 Ann Blake
- 26 Carole Lynch
- 27 Allison Lowe
- 29 John H. Benson
- Bernice Brittingham

- Aug. 1 Robert Goodman, Sr.
- 3 James Gschwandtner
- 4 Janice Whaley
- 6 Tom Henry
- 7 Judith Bailey
- 8 Tanner Tiritilli
- Martha Windsor
- 14 Linda Pugh
- 15 Mary Catherine Brittingham
- Deanna Brown
- Julie Lewis
- Steve A. Muir

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**POWER POINT/SOUND BOARD:**

We could still use some help with the power point and sound board. Please contact Jeff Dulis or Clint Nack if you are interested.

No experience is necessary and commitment can be just one Sunday a month.

**HAPPY**  
**ANNIVERSARY:**



- July 2 M/M Tom Wright
- 11 M/M Thomas Dykes, Jr.
- 12 M/M Bill Sommers
- 26 M/M Clint Nack
- 28 M/M Phil Pugh
- 31 M/M George Bradley

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**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION:**

F.O.G. is collecting Campbell Soup labels and Box Tops for Education to donate to North Laurel and Dunbar Elementary Schools. Collection box is in Straughn Hall with a list of items that are eligible.

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**LAY VISITATION TEAM:**

The Lay Visitation Team needs a few more people to visit the sick, the bereaved and many of those on our prayer list. We also need some help to take Holy Communion to those in nursing homes or our home-bound.

Come be "the hands and feet of Christ".

Call Janet Walker at 875-7677 or 229-8177.

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Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord." and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

**PRAVER LIST AND HOMEBOUND:**

**Prayer List:** Sarah Bayley & Family, Timothy Bozman, Bernice Brittingham, Jay Brittingham, Ricky Brown, Deane Brubaker, Placida Cano, Lisa Carlton, David & Nancy Cordrey, Bobby Daigle, Reva Dickerson, Marie Dickerson, Marlene Dulis, Myra Elzey, Frances Farlow, Bill Fischbeck, Alana Foskey, Richard Foster, Gloria Frazier, Pastor Don Hagen, Calvin Hearn, Chip Hicks, Mary Lou Higgins, Anna Joyner, Scott Kemberling, Betty King & Family, Alice Layton, Richard Layton, Terry Layton, Richard Lemin, Rose Lemin, Robert Lemin, David \* Kathy Lester, Adam Lewis, Ethel Littleton, Elaine Lynch, Dot Murphy, Conner Nibblett, Doris Osborn Family, Cathy Parker, Donna Parker, The Porches' Family, Shirley Prettyman, Audrey Russell, Gina Shears, Jeff Turpin, Chelsea Marie Vogel, Ruth Walker, Alfred Walls, Frances Wheatley, Janice & John Whitby, Betty & Carl Wilkins, Karen Wilkins, Mary Wood, Tom Wright, Our Troops & Families, Unspoken request

**Nursing Home Residents:**

Jackie Fooks, Arvalene Hitchens, Margeurite Lloyd, Martha Windsor

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**WEB SITE FOR CUMC:**

We have a new web site:

[www.christumclaurel.org](http://www.christumclaurel.org).

Be sure to check it out and see what is happening at our church.

Pastor: Pastor Donna Hinkle  
Editor: Betty Ringrose  
Staff: Fran Muir  
Shirley Sommers  
Joanne Brittingham  
Historian: Bruce Farrelly

**Answers to Luke 15:3-4**

And he spake this parable unto them, saying, What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?

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**NEW ADDRESSES**

Please note the following addresses for our young men in the service. Cards or notes are always welcomed by these young men.

Deanna & Bill Nack's son:

AB Glen R. Brown  
CBC DET 1, 345 TRS  
480 West Road  
Port Hueneme, CA 93043

Care Package:  
AB Glen R. Brown  
Building 1184C  
Port Hueneme, CA 93044

Julie Lewis' son:

AB Lewis, Adam C.  
323TRS/FLT 443 (Dorm A-8),  
PSC 3  
1320 Truemper St., Unit 369522  
Lackland AFB, TX 78236- 6095

**Church Phone Numbers**

Church . . . . . 875-4233  
FAX . . . . . 875-8201

**Pastor's Phone Numbers**

Parsonage . . . . . 280-6254  
Pastor's Cell . . . . . 228-6193

**WEB PAGE**

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