

Shepherd's Journal

Humor For The Hard Times

On a Mother's Day morning, two young children told their mother to stay in bed. As she lay there looking forward to being brought breakfast in bed, the smell of bacon floated up from the kitchen.

Finally, the children called her to come downstairs. She found them both sitting at the table eating bacon and eggs.

"As a surprise for Mother's Day," one explained, "we decided to cook our own breakfast."

—via Rev. Karl R. Kraft
Glassboro (NJ) UMC

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Church of the Good Shepherd - Pastor's Ponderings

"Jesus didn't tell the world to go to church. He told the church to go to the world."

We will have several opportunities to follow Jesus in the coming months:

Saturday, May 12—Kids' Day 9:30am—12:30pm

Last month we had about 30 kids and their parents come for a day of joy and love. This month mothers will get special treatment, too.

Saturday--Sunday, May 19-20—Change the World

On this weekend, we will join thousands of other United Methodist churches who will serve their communities with projects that will make a difference. We will be caring for God's creatures, God's creation, and God's people. Join us!

Monday-Friday, June 18-22—Vacation Bible School

Every year our church hosts an incredible adventure in learning about God's love and God's word.

Saturday, July 21—Community Block Party

Imagine free food, live music, and all sorts of special events for kids and families. We want to make an impact.

We gather to worship and go out to serve. On Sunday, we sang "He Touched Me." Now we have opportunities to touch others. Will you reach out?

See you in church.

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May Birthdays

May 02

Emily Moon

May 03

Kara Rigg

Xavier Brown

Luke Hawranick

May 05

Ally Bolyard

Melissa

McBee-Anderson

May 07

Jill Sturm

May 10

Catherine Bean

May 11

Patrick Reneau

Patty Marshall

May 12

Wilma Warne

Duretha Mayle

Tina Rucker

Olga Hawranick

May 13

Frank Parsons

May 15

Johnathan Stevens

Valarie Pauley Leach

May 18

Shelley Elsey

Jeanna Nestor

May 19

Paul Faulkner

Cody Lambert

May 20

Bert Coffman

Wesley Findley

May 21

Matt McDaniel

Tori Wood

May 22

Garrett Faulkner

Cheryl Lambert

May 23

Jaunita Lambert

May 26

Billy Wood

May 28

Stephanie Adlington

May 30

Bobbie Sue Clark

Cathy McDaniel



May Anniversaries

May 6th

Evan and Crystal Bays

May 11th

Bob and Tina Rucker

May 12th

Carl and Cindy Steenstra

May 24th


Ruth and Walter Breedlove

Chuck and Wynne Proudfoot

May 29th

Mark & Adrienne Kunce

Happy Anniversary



The deer started to get in the car with her to get another apple.

Spotlight on the Flock

Conversations with Carla

This month is a little different. My mother, Leah Powell, interviewed me. (She did the interview and then I got to type it.) I was born in Clarksburg, at St. Joseph's Hospital. My parents are Carl and Leah Powell. Dad died in 1998. I have a brother Brian and his wife Peggy who live in Fairmont; they have two children, Megan and Jarryd. My sister Kim lives in Grafton and has two children, Leah and Rickey. The best thing about my childhood was that I always knew that I was loved.

Two special memories from my childhood come to mind. My grandmother lived in Parkersburg, and my grandma lived in Elizabeth. When we went to visit them we traveled old Route 50. We would stop at a grocery store in Pennsboro for a snack or lunch. Dad would buy bread, something for a sandwich, bananas, chips and chocolate milk. We all drank from the same quart of chocolate milk and none of us became sick. One time on our way home we stopped at North Bend Park and Mom gave an apple to a deer. The car door was open and Mom was the only one in the car. The deer started to get in the car with her to get another apple. The deer's head was all the way in the car. She started yelling at Dad to help her and he told her to give it another apple. She told him she didn't have any more; he told her that he didn't

know what to do. Everyone except Mom was laughing really hard.

I grew up in Fairmont and went to Butcher School, White School, Miller Junior High (I was in the integrated class at that school), and Fairmont Senior High School. I earned a Bachelor of Arts in Education, specializing in Home Economics at Fairmont State College. I also have a Master's in Vocational, Technical and Adult Education from Marshall University. I have two master's degrees from WVU, one in Communication Studies and another degree in Special Education. We moved to Grafton in 1982 when Dad was transferred here. Mom and I have a cat named Bobbin.

My first paying jobs were delivering newspapers, mowing grass and cleaning houses. My paper route was an evening route so I delivered the papers after school. My dachshund went with me sometimes and he always wanted to leave a paper at everyone's house. I can't imagine how many steps that little dog took on the paper route. My brother also had a paper route. I was spoiled though, because on the weekends the papers went out in the mornings. Dad would drive Brian around on both routes to deliver the papers and I got to sleep in.

I worked as a substitute teacher for four years and have taught in

Preston County for twenty-seven years. I worked as a home economics teacher for ten years. At that time I received a reduction in force letter and went back to school to work on a special education degree.

Mom said that hard times make us stronger. The hardest thing ever to happen to me was when my father died. I didn't realize how much he spoiled me until after he died. Another hard time was when Mom was getting her chemotherapy treatments. It was also really hard when I lost my job. I don't know how people get through these hard times without the support of their church and friends. So many people in this church really helped us and lifted us up when Mom was getting her chemo treatments.

Mom said that she knows that God is a big part of my life. I grew up at Central United Methodist Church in Fairmont. I attended that church for forty years and taught Sunday School for twenty-five years. I remember really feeling a sense of pride when I started to read hymns in the hymnal—that was when I knew I really was learning how to read. When I was in the third grade the church gave me a Bible. We had a wonderful minister, Ottis Linger, who told us that someday he wanted to

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CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATE

NAMES

BIRTHDAY

ANNIVERSARY

MAILING ADDRESS

DIRECTIONS (EG., FIRST DRIVEWAY ON THE RIGHT PAST GOOD SHEPHERD CHURCH)

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Please update your family information and return to the church office. Thank you for your help in keeping our records up to date.

Thank You

To My Church Family:

Thank you for all the kind words, cards, thoughts, and prayers. I have been overwhelmed by the many acts of Christian love including the prayer blanket and two huge baskets of goodies.

Your continued love and support for both Arnold and me is greatly appreciated.

Beverly Kuhl



Dear friends at the Church of the Good Shepherd,

Thank you for the lovely yellow tulips and basket of cookies. You made Easter a special event. We'll plant the bulbs and enjoy the tulips each spring.

Carl and Cindy Steenstra

MISSION TRIPS FOR 2012



The West Virginia Annual Conference is sponsoring several mission trips this year.

Haiti (earthquake recovery)	Holy Land (Bethlehem olive harvest)
New York (flood recovery)	England & Wales (John Wesley tour)
Japan (earthquake recovery)	Native American Site
Pennsylvania (flood recovery)	Peru
Missouri (tornado recovery)	Guatemala
Oak Hill, WV (housing repair)	Cuba
Burlington, WV (children's home)	Hungary
Beckley, WV (children's home)	South Africa

For dates, cost, and additional information, contact Pastor Bert.

SPEED BUMP

by Dave Coverly



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CONFIRMATION CLASS

All youth who are in seventh grade or above are invited to join Confirmation Class, meeting in May. This provides an opportunity to explore your relationship with God and to be confirmed as a member of the church. Contact Pastor Bert for information.



GRADUATES

If you or someone you know is graduating from high school, college or graduate school this year, please let us know so that everyone can be recognized on Graduation Sunday, May 27th.

Upcoming Events & Announcements

Thank You

A special thank you to all who made a donation to Walk-A-Mile For Missions.

Taylor County United Methodist Churches collected on Sunday, April 22nd, the wonderful amount of \$1,516.74.

A Blessed Thank You
Linda Adlington



May 6

12:00 Covered Dish Dinner
3:00 District Conference

May 8

11:30 Circle 4 meeting at Jerry's Restaurant
Carpool from church @ 11:00

May 12

9:30am—12:30pm Kids' Day

May 13

10:45 Mother's Day Service

Happy
Mother's
Day

May 15

5:00 Nurture Committee Meeting
7:30 Administrative Council Meeting

May 22

7:00 Taylor County Parish - Warren UMC

May 27

10:45 Recognition of Graduates
Memorial Weekend



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"Remember not only to say the right thing in the right place, but far more difficult still to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment."

—Benjamin Franklin

NU-2-U Volunteers Needed

NU-2-U will now be open on the first Saturday of every month from 9:00am to 12:00pm. Volunteers are needed to cover this time period. If you are interested in volunteering to help out the NU-2-U shop please contact Linda Sapp at 304-612-1276

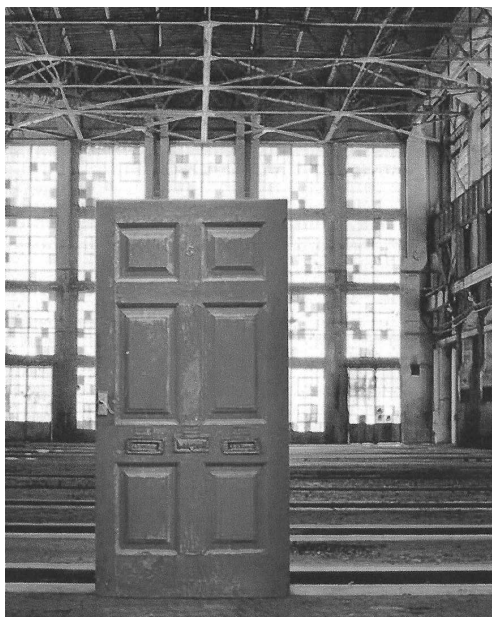
CHANGE THE WORLD

What if church wasn't just about Sunday, but also about the other days of the week?

What if church wasn't just a place we go, but something we do. A menu of adventure. An active verb. Instead of a noun. What if church wasn't just a building, but thousands of doors. Each of them opening up to a different concept or experience of church. So that whoever knocks might find a journey to call their own.

What if church was the way church was in the beginning? Outbound. Unbound. Active. The first social network. Human beings from completely different places, united by common purpose, experience and belief. Creating real solutions for their daily lives. What if

church looked at itself with seekers' eyes? Recognizing that even the small-



est step through one of our doors is an act of courage, a moment of vulnerabil-

ity. That solving a secular need can lead to spiritual interaction. That social relationships can offer opportunities for discussions of faith, and provide inspiration for discovery. And that for a skeptical world, actions often do speak louder than words.

What if church was more of an out-of-church experience? An opportunity to prove what we say we believe, with our lives. Then, perhaps, Sunday could be a day of rest and reflection on all that we had accomplished Monday through Saturday.

What if we rethink church? Not in terms of what it is, but what it could be. And what if we can convince the world to do the same?

You cannot do everything, but you can do something.

One community, one person, one choice could be the catalyst needed to change the world. We want to change the world as we rethink church, and we want you to join the conversation.

In 2012, people in churches and communities worldwide will focus on serving others and leaning what it means to be, go, and do, but we cannot change the world alone. Come and be counted, because even though there is power in numbers, one person making one simple choice could make all the difference.

May 19-20, 2012

Be. Go. Do.

Good Shepherd will be serving our community and our world with several projects on May 19-20.

Come Join us.

Saints on Safari

By Carol Rowe

We have had a very gentle week, with few responsibilities, no requirements and a very short list of measurable accomplishments. I began to feel guilty, because I could not account for much progress in my list of "shoulds".

Then I remembered a recent article on burnout, geared toward clergy, who typically invest many more hours supposedly doing their jobs than caring for themselves. But it could, in reality, apply to anyone who thinks that his/her profession, job, or care-giving position takes precedence over personal care.

We are taught from childhood to be unselfish, giving, sharing, helping members of our families, the groups to which we belong, society, the world. Too seldom are we taught to take time simply to be good to ourselves.

This is the month that we celebrate motherhood. Way too often, we hold mothers to impossible standards of self-giving love. We blame defective mothering for our own short-comings and failures to be(come) what we think we should be.

As a therapist, I often told my clients that it was time to grow up, to

give to themselves the caregiving that they believed they had not experienced in earlier times. Jesus tells us to love God with all that we are and have, and to love others, AS WE LOVE OURSELVES.

Remember that every safari includes times of rest as well as times of self-stretching. On your personal journey through life, please take the time to rest in the love of the One who gave himself for you. You are precious. You are worthy of the God who died so you can live. Love God, love others, and do not forget to love you!

Spotlight on the Flock (continued from page 3)

see our Bibles worn out from reading. I still have that Bible and it is showing definite signs of wear. At Good Shepherd I am the chair of the Nurture Committee. Some of the most important things that we do are the prayer blankets and sending things to the "Outer Flock."

My favorite food is Grape Nuts with fresh peaches. I also love a peach crisp that is in a restaurant at the Amish Country in Ohio. I am so partial to chocolate. Some of my hobbies are knitting, quilting, sewing (I learned to sew by watching Mom sew when I was little), making baskets and reading. I like to read Christian fiction, since it usually leaves you feeling good. I also like reading books by Debbie Macomber and devotion books.

Stella Hawk encouraged me to

make chemotherapy hats to donate to the local hospitals. I usually use Shirley Shay's basic knitted hat pattern. One time I thought it would be nice if I could make fleece hats with the Flying WV. Mom told me that I would never be allowed to make the hats. I received permission to make as many hats as I wanted to one time. I finally got to tell my mother, "I told you so!" We made 115 hats and donated them to Ruby, Mon General, Fairmont General, and Dr. Beall's office. We were able to deliver the hats on Martin Luther King Day one year to the day that Mom finished her chemo.

At Good Shepherd I know that this church is full of people that would help Mom or me if we needed anything. I know this because of help we received when Dad died and when

Mom was sick. We are really blessed by our friends in this church.

My favorite Bible verse is Philippians 4:7 – "And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." I heard this verse in my head when I went to bed the morning that my father died. I didn't know that it was a Bible verse until we received a sympathy card with that verse. Joy Butcher-Winfrey told me that God was talking to me. I have learned that some things are very hard to understand but with God's help we eventually find peace with whatever we face.

My favorite hymns are "As the Deer" and "Amazing Grace." Both of these hymns tell me that you have to have God's grace in your life to survive.

MON-VALLEY DISTRICT JUNIOR YOUTH CAMP

REGISTRATION FORM - 2012

WHERE: CAMP MUFLY**WHEN: JULY 22-25, 2012**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Home Church: _____

Email: _____

Boy: _____ Girl: _____ Age: _____ Grade Entering: _____

Allergies: _____

Medications that must be taken during camp: _____

(Please turn these in to nurse at registration)

Camper's Doctor's Name and Phone: _____

In case of a medical emergency, I give permission for the CAMP STAFF to administer FIRST AID and to transport my child to an Area Hospital

Call me at: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____

MAIL THE TOP OF THIS FORM and FEE TO:

Shona Shears, 1809 Lafayette Circle, Fairmont, WV 26554 – any questions call 304-816-2361 or email: sshears68@aol.com.

WHO IS INVITED: Any child who is entering 3rd grade through 6th grade.**WHEN:** Sunday July 22 Registration is from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. that afternoon. The camp will conclude Wednesday July 25 at 10:00 a.m.**WHERE:** CAMP MUFLY (Monongalia Co. 4-H Camp) Located off Goshen Road Exit of I-79, turn up hill, bear left at the intersection, follow the road to camp on left side of the road.**WHAT TO PACK:** Sleeping Bag, or Sheets and Blankets, Pillow, Towels, Soap, Toothpaste and Toothbrush, Jacket, Swimsuit, Bible, Paper and Pencil, and Flashlight! Don't Forget SILLY STRING (It will be collected at Registration and kept until game on Monday evening). All campers must wear closed toe shoes except at pool times for safety reasons.**COST:** \$125.00 Make checks payable to MON-VALLEY DISTRICT. Campers in need of assistance should have their pastor contact the Director.

** We end on Wednesday morning. Campers should be picked up between 10:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.



MON VALLEY SENIOR YOUTH CAMP

PLACE: CAMP MUFFLY
DATES: JULY 25-28, 2012



Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Home Church: _____

Email: _____

Boy: _____ Girl: _____ Entering Grade: _____

Allergies: _____

Medications that must be taken during camp: _____
(Please turn these in to nurse at registration)

Camper's Doctor's Name and Phone: _____

In case of a medical emergency, I give permission for the CAMP STAFF to administer FIRST AID and to transport my child to an Area Hospital

CALL ME AT: _____

Signature of parent or Guardian: _____

Mail top portion of form & fee to Rev. Bert Coffman, Rt. 4 Box 284, Grafton, WV 26354

If you have questions or need more information call 304-265-5643 or email
revbert@aol.com

WHO: Any youth entering 7th grade or above may attend

WHEN: Wednesday July 25th through Saturday, July 28th, 2012

WHERE: CAMP MUFFLY (Monongalia Co. 4-H Camp) is located off Goshen Road Exit of I-79, turn up hill, bear left at the intersection, follow the road to camp on left side of the road.

BRING: Sleeping Bag, or Sheets and Blankets, pillow, towels, soap, jacket, swimsuit, Bible, paper and pencil. **DO NOT BRING: TOBACCO, ALCOHOL, DRUGS OR ELECTRONIC MEDIA (IPOD, RADIO, ETC.)**

COST: \$125.00 if received by July 15th. \$135.00 if received after that. Send fee with Registration Form. Make checks payable to: MONVALLEY DISTRICT. Campers unable to pay should have their Pastors contact the Camp Director about assistance.

Registration will open at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday and camp will close at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday. Families are encouraged to attend the closing program at 7:00 p.m. You may leave a message at Camp Muffly at 284-8484.

FINANCIALS



2012

SUMMARY OF GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES - MARCH 31, 2012

To The Congregation of Good Shepherd

We began 2012 with a cash balance of \$ 8,462.23 in the Fund.

The Sunday collections for the year to date are \$ 45,807.70 for a total of \$ 54,269.93

\$	8,462.23
\$	45,807.70
\$	<u>54,269.93</u>

Expenses for the year to date are;

Wages & Benefits \$ 29,750.34

Church Office & Program Expenses \$ 3,751.14

Fair Share, Utilities & Other \$ 15,361.05

\$ 48,863.13

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The General Fund ending balance March 31, 2012 was

\$ 5,386.80

\$ 5,386.80

Included in the Paid Fair Share, Utilities & other Expenses above are;

WV Conference Fair Share 17% \$6,000.00

Mon-Valley District Fair Share 100% \$ 535.00

\$ 6,535.00

Your Chairperson of Finance

Arnold Kuhl
Arnold Kuhl

Covered Dish Dinner

Sunday, May 6th

12:00pm

In Fellowship Hall

Bring a covered dish to share and enjoy good food,
good friends, and great fellowship!!!

See you there,
The Nurture Committee



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