

The Circuit Writer

Mt. Jackson United Methodist Church



An Invitation from Pastor Ken!!!!

You are invited to join me in a Christian formation exercise. The exercise is based on the text of Romans 12. For seven days I will begin each day with the Romans 12 text and will ask God to bring an application of the text alive to me that day. At the end of each day, I will reflect on my experience of the application and give thanks to God. I will begin my seven day journey on Monday, June 8th. Please accept this invitation and let the Word of God come alive to you making use of your own morning and evening devotions!! I look forward to hearing from those of you who take the challenge!

Respect & Prayers!
Pastor Ken

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*Happy June &  
Beginning of July  
Birthdays!*

*6/12 Howard Hackenbracht  
6/18 Richard Orndorff  
6/19 Larry Ambrose  
6/19 Betty Luse  
6/19 Jane Thomas  
6/20 Rose Shaffer  
6/20 Melissa Driver Hilliard  
6/21 Lloyd Neff  
6/27 Emily Rexrode  
7/3 Shirley Bock*



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*We will have a Card Shower for Rose Shaffer
For her 90th Birthday on June 20th!
250 Orkney Drive, Mt. Jackson, VA 22842*

United Methodist Men News

May 20, 2009



The United Methodist Men of the Mt. Jackson United Methodist Charge met at 6:30 PM, Wednesday, May 20th, 2009 in the church social hall. Attending were 18 members, 3 guests (Steve Williams, J. C. Wine, and Bill Decker); 2 students (Troy Hackenbracht and Brendon DeWitt), and the evening's speaker, Brian Ososky.

The invocation was given by Pastor Ken.

Following a delicious roast beef dinner served by the women of the church, the meeting was called to order by the President, Steve Forster.

President Steve presented a devotional from *The Upper Room* entitled "God is Our Rock and Refuge in Trying Times" by Walter Morris of Missouri based on Psalm 62. Steve also read selected scriptures from Psalms.

The minutes of the April 15, 2009 meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer reported a balance of \$1,857.91.

OLD BUSINESS

- Fellowship breakfast: eight men indicated they will attend the next fellowship breakfast on June 7th at 8 am.
- Sign-up sheets for head usher and devotions were circulated. Devotions are now covered with exception of one month. Head Ushers are still needed.
- President Steve reported on the district spring rally which 5 of our members attended. It was an informative meeting with a good speaker.
- Mike Showalter reported there are plenty of raffle tickets still available to raise money for the mission trip at \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Mike also reported on a possible project for the mission trip, a house near Woodstock needing repairs.
- President Steve reviewed the program schedule for the rest of the year and thanked all who participated in the Mother's Day service.

NEW BUSINESS

- Plans for the lawn party set for May 30th were reviewed. Members are to meet at 3 PM to set up tables. Pies, cakes and ice cream are needed. Any member having an ice cream freezer is asked to make homemade ice cream.

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- The President presented a letter from the United Methodist Foundation asking for a \$100.00 donation for Boy Scout Scouting. Howard Hackenbracht stated he was not aware of any UM funding to their Council. After discussion, it was the consensus of the group any donation should be given locally to our own scouts, but the matter will be discussed again at the next meeting.

PROGRAM

Bob Luse introduced Mr. Brian Ososky, Executive Director of the Shenandoah Valley Travel Association, who presented a very interesting and informative program on the organization, function, and operation of the association which is composed of large and small businesses serving the tourist industry in the Shenandoah Valley. The members are located from Harper's Ferry in the north and as far south as Roanoke. Tourism is second only to agriculture in importance economically in Virginia and a very big business in the Shenandoah Valley. The Travel Association works hard to bring tourists into the Valley and help them find attractions once they are here.

There being no other business, Pastor Ken gave the benediction, the members sang the doxology, and the President declared the meeting adjourned.

Ken Hackenbracht
Secretary

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***Scholarship Awards***



The Scholarship Committee is so proud to announce that we were able to give scholarships for the upcoming academic year to three young people who are working toward a post-high school degree.

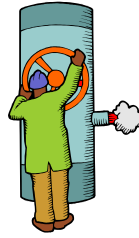
Josh Joseph will be heading to James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA for his Junior year of study. Sarah Rowling is enrolled at Blue Ridge Community College in Weyers Cave for her Freshman year. And another Freshman, Tracey Swope, will be attending Shenandoah University in Winchester, VA.

Thanks to the ongoing generosity of our congregation, we awarded each student a \$1,000.00 grant to help cover the extensive expenses for the '09-'10 year. To date, the church has generously given \$14,000.00 to students who have continued their education. We hope to be able to continue this mission for years to come!

Congratulations to Josh, Sarah, and Tracey for their academic achievements and prayers for a new year of expanding their lives with formal educational growth to help ensure successful futures!

And, Congratulations to MJUMC for reaching out to our young people, again!

Bonnie Good  
Scholarship Chair



***MJUMC Boiler Project***

As you may have heard or read, the church needs a new boiler for heating. We signed a contract to replace the current boiler for \$11,262.50. Our goal has been to raise \$4,000.00 in 2 months (April & May) to be able to do this job and have a cushion in the Building Fund for emergencies.

So...

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| \$3,435.00        | Contributions thru 5/31/09 |
| <u>\$ 745.84</u>  | Lawn party proceeds        |
| <b>\$4,180.84</b> |                            |

YEAH, we made it! Thank you! We can plan on being cozy this winter! Good job, everyone!

## *That's My Farmer—Sink Your Roots in God*

What do cows, weeds, thistles, sheep, wheat, and corn have to do with God? Just ask the MJUMC children. The MJUMC Children's Sunday School Class completed a 5 lesson series titled "That's My Farmer; Sink Your Roots in God". The series taught children four simple lessons by relating agricultural aspects of the bible to farms. These lessons were:

Live Your Life on Good Soil (Matthew 13 v 1-9)

God is Your Shepherd (Psalm 23)

Weeds of the World (Matthew 13 v 24-30)

Enjoying God's Bounty (Acts: 14 v 17)

The highlights of the event were field trips to the Estep Farm and the Ambrose Farm. Many thanks to Douglas and Tammy Estep and to Larry and Timmy Ambrose. On the field trips, the children were able to see and feed cows, goats, and cats, along with seeing tractors, crops, weeds, and much more. The field trip to the Ambrose Farm included a hay ride.

In the classroom children planted seeds in both good and bad soil; read scripture; dressed up as blind sheep; made farm crafts; and completed related exercises.

The final day of the series included a trip to Denny's to enjoy the bounty of food provided by God. Everyone ate too much! The children especially loved having one on one time with Pastor Ken over breakfast and his lesson on grits!

The course was completed by Brendon Dewitt; Emily Rexrode, Kimberly Frye, James Clark and Sam Clark.



The Hay Ride on the Ambrose Farm Was Lots of Fun



Tim Ambrose shows off his Chickens

A HUGE Thanks! to the Clarks  
for providing this outstanding program  
for our children!



Enjoying God's Bounty at Denny's



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***Church Calendar for 2009***  
***June***

**6/7 Sun. First Sunday after Pentecost, White**  
 9:45 AM Sunday School  
 11:00 AM Worship  
 2:30 PM Visitation

6/8 Mon. 8:00 PM AA, Library  
 6/9 Tues. 7:00 PM Choir Practice  
 6/10 Wed. 7:00 PM Church Council  
 6/12 Fri. 8:00 PM AA, Library  
 6/13 Sat. 12-4 Buck Hill Homeowners Assn.

**6/14 Sun. 2nd Sunday after Pentecost, Green**  
 9:45 AM Sunday School  
 11:00 AM Worship

6/15 Mon. 8:00 PM AA, Library  
 6/16 Tues. 7:00 PM Choir Practice  
 6/17 Wed. 6:30 PM UMM  
 6/19 Fri. 8:00 PM AA, Library  
 6/20 Sat. Hackenbracht Reunion

**6/21 Sun. 3rd Sunday after Pentecost, Green**  
 9:45 AM Sunday School  
 11:00 AM Worship

6/22 Mon. 8:00 PM AA, Library  
 6/23 Tues. 7:00 PM Choir Practice  
 6/26 Fri. 8:00 PM AA, Library

**6/28 Sun. 4th Sunday after Pentecost, Green**  
 9:45 AM Sunday School  
 11:00 AM Worship

6/29 Mon. 8:00 PM AA, Library  
 6/30 Tues. 7:00 PM Choir Practice

***July...***



7/2 Thurs. 7:00 PM UMW  
 7/3 Fri. 8:00 PM AA, Library  
 7/4 Sat. Fourth of July

**7/5 Sun. 5th Sunday after Pentecost, Green**  
 9:45 AM Sunday School  
 11:00 AM Worship