

September & October Newsletter 2015

The United Methodist Church of the
Abundant Harvest
Sowing God's Love, Sharing News of Christ, Growing God's Kingdom



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Pastor Chris' Corner

²⁴“Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. ²⁵Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock. ²⁶But anyone who hears my teaching and doesn't obey it is foolish, like a person who builds a house on sand. ²⁷When the rains and floods come and the winds beat against that house, it will collapse with a mighty crash.” - **Matthew 7:24-27**

As I sit down to write this note, I keep thinking about our time together. We are moving into our third autumn season together, a time when church traditionally gets back into full swing for the coming year, and I am struck by how quickly time seems to pass by. I have gotten to know so many great people. We have worked on, and witnessed, many new and exciting things. Yet, at the same time, we have worked hard to honor our traditions, our faith, and all those wonderful saints who have come before. Again, the time goes so quickly. Just as we call recall those saints, who have fulfilled their earthly mission and gone onto their heavenly reward, I only need to look into the mirror to be reminded of the limits of my own time. It is during these times a sense of urgency is kindled in me; a time when I think about our purpose and the source, and foundation, of our purpose.

Many people see us as a place where we meet friends and grow closer to God. Other people see us as a place where we reach out into our community to help make a difference. Some people see us as a place where we learn more about God and how to grow as Christians.

I see our church as all of these things, but for me I have mainly seen us as a place where we are intentional about welcoming those who don't have a church home, especially the un-churched, the nominally churched, or the de-churched. Many people in our society today have never had a church family, attended church only a few times in their life, or have drifted away for one reason or another. It is with this vision we try to be intentional about being welcoming in so many different ways. From our bulletins, to our screens, to the words I use during my sermons, we try to make sure that people, whether seeking or growing in God feel comfortable.

This doesn't mean we aren't here for the people who have been here the longest. On the contrary, we count on them to share as part of this heart of love. There are many ways for those who are experienced with church to be involved, grow through studies, and learning through the weekly message. I am personally grateful to serve alongside you.

We are a growing church; growing as disciples and as disciple makers. As long as there are people seeking God, or seeking to grow in God, I pray our church will continue to be a place where God is found. God is, after all, our source and our foundation.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rev. Christopher R. Wylie". The ink is dark and the handwriting is fluid and personal.

Pastor Chris

Upcoming Sermons and New Sermon Series

9.6 - Rest From Your Labor

As we celebrate Labor Day, it's Important to remember our true source of rest. Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." – **Matthew 11:28-30**

9.13 – My Children's Faith

God has a special place in his heart for children and as adults we are called to help them grow in faith. Whether you are a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, or just someone who cares about children as the future of our church, scripture has a lot to offer on this topic.

Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. – **Proverbs 22:6**

New Sermon Series – Abundant Harvest

When the churches of Knowlesville and Millville decided to join together more formally, we prayed for a name that would reflect who we are as a Christian Community. Whether you've been here a long time, a little while, or you're new today, we'll explore what an abundant harvest means for all of us together.

9.20 - Sowing God's Love

Jesus said, love of God and neighbor come before anything else. The Apostle Paul said, if you don't have love you have nothing. Love is the basis for all we do.

³⁷Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." – **Matthew 22:37-40**

9.27 – Sharing News of Christ

Jesus makes it very clear we are called to share news of Him. What does this look like?

¹⁸Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." – **Matthew 28:18-20**

10.4 – Growing God's Kingdom

We can grow individually and we can grow collectively. This is not a one or the other call, it's both. By properly planting and tending to the seeds in our care, God can do great things in us and through us.

³Jesus told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹Whoever has ears, let them hear." – **Matthew 13:3-9**





Finance Report Millville

Bring the whole tithe¹ into the storehouse,² that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates³ of heaven and pour out⁴ so much blessing⁵ that you will not have room enough for it.

Malachi 3:10⁶

Yearly budget needs/breakdown

Total \$\$ needed to meet budget in 2015: \$67,715

Total donations YTD: \$29,408 (7/1/2015)

Collections needed weekly : \$1,300

Average weekly giving: \$ 1,131.00

Weekly amount needed for remainder of year to catch up: \$1,500

Monthly amount owed to our Conference: \$ 1,864

Annual:

\$9,444 Shared Ministries

\$12,080 Direct billing

\$2713 Carried over from 2014

Where we stand:

We have paid \$1000 to Conference on 2014 carry over amount.

We owe to the Conference \$12,474.14 YTD

Why are we behind?? Fuel bills and insurance premiums that needed to be paid in the first Quarter, along with decreased giving year to date

All other bills are up to date

We will be keeping you updated on a regular basis

We will be having more fund raisers than usual in the near future

Please pray about your giving and help participate in our fundraisers

Did You Know Facts!

- ◆ Even though Millville and Knowlesville are joined, our finances are separate
- ◆ Your giving is tax deductible
- ◆ An extra \$1 each week will provide one special event advertising fee
- ◆ An extra \$2 each week will pay for 1 month of phone/internet service
- ◆ An extra \$5 each week will pay for one electric bill next winter
- ◆ You can designate how you want your money spent!

However, once designated it **CANNOT** be used for anything else, so if everyone designates monies for "education" and we have an electric bill we can't pay, special permission must be sought from the Administrative Board to use that money.



Knowlesville Finances

\$71,000 2015 Annual Budget

- 5,950 Behind On Shared Ministries

Our Fundraisers Account For Approx. 40% Of Our Income.

Based On Our Budget:

- We Need \$1366 A Week Without Fundraisers
- \$850 A Week With Fundraisers

Based On 30 Giving Units:

- We Need Approx. \$28.00 Per Unit Per Week To Meet Our Budget With The Fundraisers.
- We were able to pay all our basic bills through August, plus \$3796 to the conference for pastor benefits and medical.
- We have approximately \$1200 in the handicap fund, with about \$20,000 more to go.

Our Sunday offerings have been low for the summer months, please pray and give as you are able to keep the word of the Lord going in our church.

Thanks,

Finance Committee

Beef Booth News

Thanks to Dawn S., Melynda B., Glen & Brenda Busch, Dona S., Kester & Linda Baker, and Lisa Boyle and all the additional crew members for manning the beef booth.

Also thanks to the kitchen crew who prepared the food and transported it. We have enough beef left over for the Apple Fest. Had our follow up meeting -- Suggestion using electric roasters for the beef.

We made approximately \$8000 at the beef booth.

Our money intake was slightly lower this year, could have been the lower crowds or higher price of the sandwich. (beef prices were a lot higher this year) **But we still did great!**

Millville Trustees are meeting - Sunday, September 13.

We are currently getting estimates for roof replacement and a few other repairs that need done. Thank you to Cathy Rosenberg for the beautifully painted front door!!



Millville Junior Church

Starting September 13, 2015

In addition to our playroom nursery service provided during church for children through 3 yrs old, we will be starting a new, exciting Jr Church program for 4-10 year olds during the service, after our Children's Moment.

We will provide a time for songs, scripture, prayer and giving: to mimic adult church, but at an age appropriate level.

Adult volunteers are needed to make this successful. The material is all printed, organized and laid out in a weekly format: all the preparation you need is done! All you will need to do is provide the guidance (and maybe push the > button on the CD player, but I'm sure one of the students would be glad to help with that, too!)) Please see Robyn or Paula if interested in helping!

Many hands make light work!

A new year of Sunday School at Millville will be starting on September 13th!!

The first Sunday will be a casual get to know everyone again time, and parents/grandparents are welcome to stay. We will be starting with a unit on the Ten Commandments

New this year will be a separate time and area just for the 3-4 year olds using toddler Bibles and age appropriate materials. We are so excited to be growing and having this need.

If anyone is interested in donating snacks, juice boxes, crayons, construction paper or craft supplies, please see Paula.



Adult Sunday School classes will also resume on September 13th. We meet in the fellowship hall. All are welcome to attend. Any questions, please contact Char Smith.



Breakfast Buffet at Knowlesville Fellowship Hall

Our buffets have had a pretty good turnout. All of the food items are donated, so if you can help us out with the following it would be greatly appreciated.

Eggs, orange juice, apple juice, pancake mix, hash browns, quick bread mix, sausage, bacon. Watch for the buy 2 get 3 free deals at tops markets.

The cost of the meal is free will donation and all proceeds go towards the handicap fund. Our next breakfasts are :

September 19 - 8 to 9:30 with the Soup/Chowder & Rummage Sale following November 21 from 8:00 to 10:30 am



Chowder, Soup, Rummage and Bake Sale - Saturday September 19 from 9 to 4

sponsored by United Methodist Women

Bring donations for the rummage sale to the fellowship hall any time after the Chicken BBQ. Soup and Chowder will be for sale in quart and gallon sizes and enjoy a bowl of soup and sandwich for lunch. Baked goods will be available for purchase.

Please see Linda Baker if you would like to donate a baked item.

Craft Class night on Friday September 25

We will be making animals for the shoe boxes

We will supply the fabric, stuffing & thread. Just bring your sewing machine and enthusiasm. A light supper will be served at 5:30 and sewing at 6pm - 8pm. If you can't sew we will need people to stuff the animals once sewn. So something to do for everyone!



Apple Fest (October 17) Events:

Apple Butter Making - Friday October 2

Apple peeling will begin at 9am with a pot luck lunch. Please see Glenn Busch if you would like to help with the making the butter. It is stirred all night, so be prepared to be at the hall overnight. A breakfast will be provided for the helpers on Saturday morning.

Pies Making - October 13 to October 16

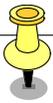
On September 6 there will be an ingredient list for donations, at the back of the church. Items needed are flour, sugar, Crisco, eggs, cornstarch, gallon bags, margarine, cinnamon. Deadline for bringing items (except eggs) is **September 27** and eggs needed by **October 11th**

Pie assembly schedule :

Tuesday **Oct. 13**, 8-4 Dough rolling , Wed **Oct 14** Dough rolling and apple peeling, Thurs. **Oct. 15** Dough rolling, apple peeling and baking of a few pies 8-4, Fri. **Oct 16** Baking of the pies 6am until done. Any amount of time that you can help is greatly appreciated.

New this year at the Apple Fest we will be having Bible based Children's Carnival games. We need volunteers to run the games and also a pop up canopy if you have one we could use for the day or to volunteer please see Kester Baker.





Mystery Boxes - It's that time again!

We will be collecting items for our mystery boxes between now and October 1st. Any gently used item that is appropriate for infants to age 100. Clothing must be new for example socks, hats etc. Examples of items are books, bric-a-brac, for home, garden, garage, toys and holidays & don't forget the pets! We will also need boxes of many sizes. (shoe, boot, large cereal boxes) gift tags and wrap, gift bags, newspaper and tape.

On October 12 & 13 we will be needing wrappers. No you don't have to sing.... just wrap packages. Stay an hour or bring a bag lunch and stay all day. Usually we do between 300-400 packages. That's 300 to 400 smiles we can bring to all who purchase these "Mystery Boxes" Items can be dropped of at the Knowlesville Fellowship Hall on **Friday and Saturday 9-4**. For more information call Lorraine @ 798-4179



Thank you, Mystery Box Committee



ARC Halloween Dance - Saturday, October 24

Everyone is invited to join us. Wear your costume and enjoy some music and treats. Time is 6-9pm Cost is \$3.00 per person or \$10.00 a family.

Shoebboxes

We are beginning to collect shoebboxes of any size and items to fill them for the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebboxes. Now is a great time to start buying these items as they are on sale during back to school. All items can be dropped of at either church. Included in this newsletter are patterns for a Bunny and Bear to make stuffed animals. It only takes a small amount of fabric and time to make a child smile. Please help make these if you can.



We will be having a box packing party on November 8 at Millville at noon.

UMW News

The UMW is on a mission for the Rainbow preschool. We will be collecting the following supplies and delivering them in September.

Children's music CD's, Child's CD player, Little Tykes fishing pole w/fish, Barnyard Bingo, Luck ducks game, Velcro (sticky), hole punchers, fat pencils, Q-tips/cotton balls, kitchen timers, clothes (size 2-6), dolls that identify their body parts, hand towels, wash clothes, puzzles (6-10 pieces), bags of play sand, balls of different sizes, candy land board game, Mr. bucket, aqua fresh for kids, koosh balls, counting cubes, wiggle eyes, tacky glue, food coloring, colored pencils, fisker scissors, tissue paper, pot holders, beach towels, clear contact paper, small notebooks, tape (all kinds), white rice, bean bag chairs, train set, pegs/peg board, pretzels, cereal, feathers, smocks, blow horns, crazy straws, balloons, tag boards, canned fruits, juice, silverware, shaving cream, water color books, baby wipes, batteries all sizes, corn starch, multicultural dolls, sand paper, shape sorters, brown lunch bags, sponges, tricycles, kleenex, dish soap.

Drop off donations at the fellowship hall.

Thank you, the United Methodist Women

Our next craft class will be Friday October 9th 5:30-8pm

We will be making table runners. Very easy project.

Items needed: 1/3 yard of main print and 1/2 yard of coordinating fabric each 45" wide for each runner.

We would like for you to make 2 one for you and one to donate to the craft shop. Also needed are thread, pins, sewing machine, measure tape. There will be no charge for this class, but a lite supper will be served.

Abundant Harvest Café, Pie & Gift Shop Update

**The shop has been in operation
for one year now!!!!**

We have 17 kinds of pie PLUS 4 “new pies” both available in the 9” deep dish & 6” cutie pie size.

Are you ready for a variety? **Pineapple Cream, Kiwi Lemon, Peanut butter, and Coconut Cream.** They are **\$10.00 each for 9” and \$3.50 for cutie pie.** We'll have the Pineapple Cream and Peanut butter available year round.



- Remember if you want your pie baked, call us 2 hours ahead and we will bake it for you.
- We've rearranged the shop to give it a new look.
- Have more dancing solars
- Will be ordering new LED wall art.
- We're in the process of carrying more handcrafted items.

Check us out, we are open Friday and Saturday from 9-4. Pass the work on to all your friends and family and online world.

Storekeepers,
Ruth, Linda & Dona

Amazon Smile

Amazon Smile is up and running. **You will need to go to <http://smile.amazon.com>** to select a charitable organization. Our organization is **United Methodist Church of the Abundant Harvest.**

Amazon will remember your selection and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com a 0.5% will be credited to our parsonage maintenance account.

If you go directly to the Amazon site just type in amazon smile in the search bar and go from there.

As long as amazon smile is showing in the upper left corner of the screen you're good to go.

If you have any problems or questions give me a call. @798-4483

Thanks, Ruth



UMW News

The Annual dinner was at Gordy Harpers Bazaar on Wednesday August 26.

We all had a good time eating and shopping in the little shops there. There has been some interest in going back. We are planning a lunch trip when we get closer to Christmas. We will keep you informed when more information is available. Our first meeting of the season will be Wednesday September 2 at 7pm.



BIRTHDAY'S and **ANNIVERSARIE'S**

September Birthdays

Arlene Quackenbush	2
Makenzie McGrath	9
Carol Lilly	12
Dan Dresser	13
Norm Karcher	14
Karen Rutherford	15
Jennifer Lyons	16
Ed Wright	17
Sharon Zacher	20
Betty Lou Standish	23
Joelle Brown	30

October Birthdays

Nick Heveron	1
Ryan Pask	3
Jim Panek	10
Tom Flick	13
Betty Wood	13
Robyn Watts	15
Cathy Rosenberg	15
Judy Heveron-Delikat	17
Howard Watts	26
Steve Rosenberg	28
Matt Panek	30
Fern Hickman	30

September Anniversaries

Lisa & Brian Boyle	2
Ed & Villy Wright	2
ED & Diana Pask	24
Judy & Joe Delikat	24
Bruce & Karen Rutherford	29

October Anniversaries

JT & Rachael Murray	7
Katie & Corey Miller	8
Glenn & Brenda Busch	18

If we missed your Birthday or Anniversary we are very sorry.
Please give this information to either Linda Baker or Jennelle Wylie
so that we can include it next year.

Inspiration and Daily Prayer

It has been suggested that we devote a page to our favorite Bible verses and inspirational sayings. Plus it will contain people we need to pray for. Church family and any others that need prayer.

“For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

Spiritual Exercises leads to Personal Experience with our Lord resulting in a greater Expectation of our God

(Excuses are the Enemy of Exercise)

The Habit of Words

Words can Hurt and Words can Harm but Words Harnessed by Love will both Help and Heal

For the garden of your daily living, plant three rows of peas:

1. Peace of mind
2. Peace of heart
3. Peace of soul

Plant four rows of squash:

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness

Plant four rows of Lettuce:

1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another

No garden is complete without turnips:

1. Turnip for meetings
2. Turnip for service
3. Turnip to help one another

To conclude our garden we must have Thyme:

1. Thyme for each other
2. Thyme for family
3. Thyme for friends
4. Take Thyme for Prayer

Water freely with Patience and Cultivate with Love. There is much fruit in your Garden

